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St. Giles and All Saints. Orsett
St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan

August 2023



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SERVICES – August 2023

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Tuesday 1 st August	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 3 rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 4 th		No Edward Bear Toddler Group	
		9-11.30am Oasis Café in Orsett Church	
Saturday 5 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		4pm Forest Church
Sunday 6th August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 7 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 8 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		7.30pm Holy Communion Service
Thursday 10 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 11 th		No Edward Bear Toddler Group	
		9-11.30am Oasis Café in Orsett Church	
Saturday 12 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 13th August <i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i>			8.45 CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 14 th		7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 15 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 17 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 18 th		No Edward Bear Toddler Group	
		9-11.30am Oasis Café in Orsett Church	
Saturday 19 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 20th August <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service 4pm Refresh Service		
Monday 21 st			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 22 nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	12 noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 24 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 25 th		No Edward Bear Toddler Group	
		9-11.30am Oasis Café in Orsett Church	
Saturday 26 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 27th August <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 28 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 29 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 31 st			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 1 st September		No Edward Bear Toddler Group	
		9-11.30am Oasis Café in Orsett Church	
Saturday 2 nd Orsett Show	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	No Forest Church		
Sunday 3rd September <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i> Back to School Sunday			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Monday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments

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Rector's Reflections

I recently went for a walk at Bradwell on Sea, where the Chapel of St Peter on the Wall has stood for many years, since St Cedd brought Christianity to this part of the world.

The spreading of the Christian faith in this country began 1300 years ago when there were people working in Ireland and Scotland, spreading the good news of the Gospel.

In Ireland, Patrick established many monasteries and from there Columba went to Iona, a very small island off the West Coast of Scotland, to establish a monastery and other Christian centres. From Columba's monastery, a man called Aidan was sent from Iona to set up a monastery at Lindisfarne in the North-East, where Anglo-Saxon boys could be trained to become priests and missionaries. It was here that Cedd and his brothers learnt to read and write in Latin, and were trained to teach others about the Christian faith.

The four brothers were all ordained as priests and two of them, Cedd and Chad, later went on to become bishops. Cedd's first mission was to the Midlands and he was later sent to the East Saxons, (Essex.)

St Peter's Chapel, originally built of wood as a place of Christian Worship when Cedd arrived in 653, was quickly made more permanent with stone from the nearby fort. It is now a Grade 1 listed building and is a special place visited by many people each year and is host to an annual Diocesan Pilgrimage every July. It is one of those places which can be described as 'thin,' where the distance between heaven and earth seems minimal and where God feels almost tangible.

If you have any spare time, I would recommend a visit to the Chapel. It is open every day, and there are services on Sunday evenings at 6pm throughout July and August.

The car park is approximately 850m from the Chapel so there is a short walk to get there. There are many other walks at Bradwell on Sea and next to the Chapel is the Othona Community which was founded in 1946 as a way of providing a safe place for people of different faiths, backgrounds and cultures to meet, following World War 2. And Othona continues to thrive as a place of faith where people of all ages and backgrounds come together to worship, study and play. I have a few leaflets with details of their programme if anyone is interested or you can find out more by going to www.othonaessex.org.uk

Jesus often took himself off to a quiet place to spend time with God in prayer. It is important that, as Christians, we all take some time to recharge our batteries, to be with God, to pray and to listen and I encourage you, this summer, to do that. If you need any ideas as to how you might best do this, I am very happy to chat with you.

I hope to see you around.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



HORNDON'S CHURCHWARDEN'S REFLECTIONS FOR JULY

Hello all

I write this on the 18th July to catch the final printing so much of what will happen in the Parish has still to transpire.

I am sorry to say that our Cream Tea has had to be cancelled owing to unforeseen circumstances. We will be back next summer with a bumper tea party.

Congratulations to two of our congregation, Roy and Angela Jones on their recent marriage. We wish you many years of happiness.

Recently we had a confirmation service at Orsett with The Bishop of Chelmsford presiding. There were four candidates from our parish, Katie, Kelly, Lorraine and Taylor. God, Bless you all.

Our Curate Moji left us for pastures new in July to be nearer her family in Darlington. After the service, she was presented with gifts and of course the obligatory buffet was had. God speed, Moji

Our community Police Officer will be at the Church on Saturday 23rd September 10.30-11.30. If you have any worries do not hesitate to come along and have a chat.

On Saturday 30th September from 10-12 we will be holding a Book and Bacon Roll morning in the church. Please come along and enjoy a tasty roll and a browse of our large selection of books.

And finally, don't forget a lift to any of the churches on a Sunday is always available with just a phone call, this also applies to Tuesday and Saturday open church.

God Bless

Sonia Ward



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8.00pm – 9.00pm

Friday:

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Corringham SS17 7NB
11.15am-12.10pm
12.20pm-13.15pm

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Weddings

21st July

Angela Sheridan & Roy Jones

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Baptisms

23rd July

Madeleine Louise Grace Perrett

(B)

Taylor Wahl

(B)

Lorraine Smeethe

(B)

Kelly Allingham

(B)

Funerals

28th July

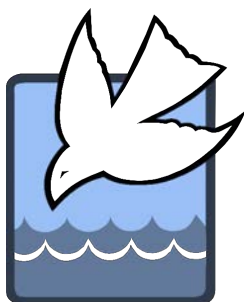
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please contact: Revd Sue Mann: 01375 891254
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Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a baptism at:

Any of our churches in the parish, please contact:
Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485
c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk



Baptism Preparation

If you would like to have your child baptised
in one of the churches in the parish,
the preparation session in August
will be Monday 14th at 7.30pm
in Orsett Church.

No booking is required.

ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



We were hoping to use this month's article to write about our Summer Fete, however, the weather took an unseasonal turn for the worse and we made the difficult decision to cancel it. With thunder storms and high winds predicted it was felt that it would be unsafe for everyone concerned, both for organisers and attendees.

But do not fear, if you have the urge to rummage through some bric-a-brac, have a go on a tombola, chance your luck on pick-a-lolly or decorate a suncatcher, these will be available on a Friday morning during the Oasis Café. The ladies that run the Oasis Café have a well-deserved rest during the school holidays but this year we have decided to keep this going through the summer and it will be moved to St Giles & All Saints church building. Please do come along for refreshments and a chat, we will be open from 9am until 11.30am every Friday up to and including 1st September.

The end of June is a busy period for schools and by the time you read this each of our church schools will have had their leavers' services in their relevant church. This year we have been able to present every child leaving Year 6 with a Good News Bible. This has been possible with the help of various generous donations and grants: Lord Wharton's Charity, Orsett Charities, Zion Chapel and an anonymous donor. We would like to extend our huge thanks to all those who have helped to make this possible.

As we move in to what is traditionally the family holiday season we wish everyone a safe and sunny summer whatever you are doing or wherever you are going.

God Bless

Christine and David Mortimer



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Senior Steward: Mr Graham Hodgson.

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HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL

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1, Victoria Road, Stanford-le-Hope
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each month except in December.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

August 1st	For the Parish of Orsett, Bulphan & Horndon-on-the-Hill
August 2nd	For those whose holidays have had to be cancelled this month
August 3rd	For humanitarian organisations here and abroad
August 4th	For those living in Baker Street in Orsett
August 5th	For Reverend Sue and Reverend Max
August 6th	For those living in The Spinney in Orsett
August 7th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
August 8th	For our own personal needs
August 9th	For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan
August 10th	For those living in Mill Lane, Horndon
August 11th	For our Parochial Church Council
August 12th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
August 13th	For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett
August 14th	For St Luke's Hospice & all carers
August 15th	For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan
August 16th	For physicians, health care professionals and the front line workers
August 17th	For those in crisis of faith
August 18th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
August 19th	For those living in the High Road in Horndon
August 20th	For the work of Chelmsford Cathedral
August 21st	For those living in Penn Close in Orsett
August 22nd	For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon
August 23rd	For those living in Church Road in Bulphan
August 24th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
August 25th	For those living in Victoria Road, Horndon
August 26th	For our twin dioceses in Romania, Sweden, Kenya & Trinidad & Tobago
August 27th	For those living on Doesgate Lane, Bulphan
August 28th	For those living on Rectory Road, Orsett
August 29th	For those living on Orsett Road, Orsett
August 30th	For our friends and neighbours
August 31st	For family living abroad

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine

Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near
O king of night and day?

More safe am I within thy hand
Than if a host did round me stand.
— *St Columba*



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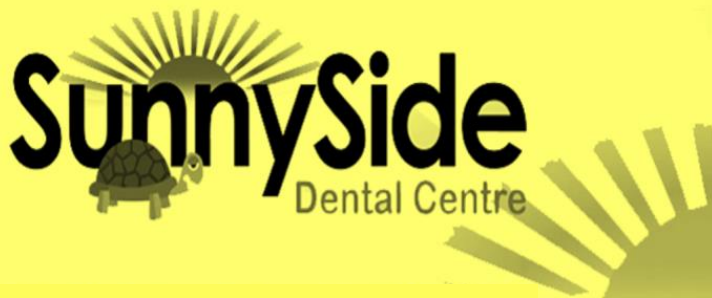
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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

The months of June and July were very busy, as usual in the Parish with events held in the Churches of Horndon, Bulphan and Orsett.

Here, in Bulphan, the cream tea held in the Church grounds and Parish room was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to all who supported this and other events throughout the Parish. Thanks also to all volunteers who made sure that these events were so successful.

All of these events held in our three Churches in the Parish help to raise much needed funds for the work of the Church so again a huge thank you to all who attend and all who make these events so successful.

Our three Churches have been awarded Fair trade status. The award is given when a range of Fair Trade teas, coffees and sugar are used by the Churches. Fair Trade goods mean that the people who plant and tend the crops get fair pay for their toil. Please check out Fair Trade items and think seriously of using them yourself at home.

The Churchwardens have all attended Archdeacons Visitation services where we all made formal declarations to be admitted as your Churchwardens for another year. Bev and I attended a service at All Saints in Maldon High Street. It is a lovely Church in the centre of the town.

Archdeacon Canon Mike Power took the service and reminded us all of Bishop Guli's "Travelling well together" approach where emphasis is placed on Awareness of grace", Valuing the small, the vulnerable and the marginal and five other "frames". For the full details look at the Diocese of Chelmsford website.

We said a fond farewell to Moji on 23rd July with some drinks and nibbles after the ten o'clock service at Bulphan. We thank Moji for her ministry, her prayers, her friendship and her help. Moji's time with us has passed so quickly that it seems as if she was with us for only a few weeks. We wish Moji, Yemi and their family all the very best for their future.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer whether you are travelling abroad for your holiday or you're planning on staying at home.

God Bless

Alastair



Camino Frances A Pilgrim's Talk

On Saturday 12th August at 7pm,
in St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett

You are invited to come listen to Sue's stories and
adventures from her recent pilgrimage.

We will be serving refreshments and two
different types of Spanish cakes. There is
no charge for this event but a donation
towards refreshments would be
appreciated.

There will also be a raffle in aid of
Sue's two charities,
Cure Parkinson and the
MND Association.



The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Bat Spotting Evening

Friday 22nd September

Food and activities from 5pm

A short talk about bats from 6pm, followed by a
guided walk around the churchyard, starting at dusk
when bats come out to forage.

With the aid of bat detectors and torches we hope to see and hear a
variety of species.

Venue: St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett

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1 Corinthians 12:27 'All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it'.

Dear All,

The end of June saw our annual sports day. The children were a credit to themselves and the school and showed real team spirit as they competed in their house colours. The sun was shining as the parents watched from the mounds, having enjoyed a picnic lunch with their children before the racing began. Another successful day at Horndon!



School production

We were pleased to hold our end of year school production last week. There is a great deal of work that goes into these performances, probably far more backstage operations than you would imagine. The children had rehearsed and rehearsed in the lead up to the live performances. The singing this year was incredible and the acting from the year 6 pupils was so convincing; I am sure we will see some of their names up in lights in years to come.

Just a year to get ready for the next one!

Wall Art on Nursery wall

You may remember at the end of the previous school year we were fortunate enough to be offered the expertise of the art students from St Clere's school who created some great murals in our playground area. They returned last week and have created and incredible mural depicting the life cycle of the butterfly. This has been painted onto a wall in the nursery outside area that had previously been covered in graffiti. We hope you will agree that the result is amazing.



Horndon school wish you all a long and restful summer break. See you in September.

D. Bradley

Mrs D Bradley
Head of School



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August

Colouring



Solomon builds a temple



Mothers' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU)



This year the CDMU members' event for Mary Sumner Day will be on Wednesday 9th August at St Nicholas Church, Witham. Coffee will be available from 10.30am for the service to start at 11am followed by themed prayer stations aiming to finish no later than 2pm. Drinks will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. St Nicholas is an easy 5min walk from Witham mainline station.

Summer of Hope 2023



This year to raise money for the Summer of Hope campaign our Diocesan President, Maxine, has set herself the challenge to visit every branch in the diocese. She has already been busy visiting branches and leaving pom poms across the diocese and has already raised more than £150 in sponsorship for the Summer of Hope campaign. If you would like to sponsor Maxine contact treasurer@muchelmsford.org.uk or you can donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/page/maxine-paul-1687445214184>

Fundraising Concert – 7 October

TWO LADS and a LAPTOP

On 7th October, the cello and piano electronics duo Two Lads and a Laptop will be performing at Emmanuel Church Billericay. They tell us they are “two musicians, armed with various strings, things and a laptop, on a mission to spread love, joy and peace through music!” Using popular show tunes, A Million Dreams explores the ‘rags to riches’ narrative and then turns it on its head. True wealth, true riches are not to be found through our dreams, but through our heart’s response to a loving God. All proceeds will go to support our diocesan project, English for Women. Tickets can be ordered online at www.revpackman.com Live at Emmanuel: Two Lads and a Laptop! Tickets are priced at £15 (plus £1 platform fee for online orders).

The Burundi Report



Mary Sumner House have recently launched the Burundi report about the long-term impacts of the Mothers' Union Literacy and Financial Education Programme in Burundi over the last 20 years. It is an amazing and inspiring read. The summary and full report are available here <https://www.mothersunion.org/burundireport>

Orsett Traditional Recipe Book – 1984

Summer days hopefully mean Salad Days and Picnics so why not try Eira Pink's recipe for Sausage and Butter Bean Salad. Maybe you remember Eira who for many years lived in Maltings Lane with her husband Freddie and their two daughters? Enjoy the long lazy days of summer and stay safe.

Sausage and Butter Bean Salad

1lb pork sausages	1 lettuce
1 large can of butter beans	2 tomatoes cut in wedges
French dressing	

Cook sausages, and allow to cool. Add the drained butter beans to dressing and toss lightly. Arrange the lettuce on a flat serving dish, with the beans in the centre, and the sausages around them. Garnish with the tomato wedges.

Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact

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Update from Orsett C of E Primary School



I cannot believe another year is over. As I sit and write this, school has finished for the year however many of the teachers are busy already preparing their classrooms for next year and we have a holiday club running. School life at Orsett never seems to stop! Most of the last few weeks has all been about our Year 6s as they prepare to leave us. Here are some of their highlights over the last few weeks.

PGL

At the beginning of June, I had the honour and privilege of taking our Year 6s on residential to PGL at Windmill Hill near Battle. The children went away from Monday – Friday and took part in a range of adventurous activities such as raft building, climbing, abseiling, archery and many more! They were super well behaved and a credit to the school. I think they thoroughly enjoyed the week. We are off again in September with our New Year 6s!



Aladdin Trouble!

Year 6 also treated us to a wonderful production of Aladdin in their final weeks of school. The scenery was spectacular, and the children sang beautifully. It was just the 33 children of Year 6 who performed but you would have thought there was a whole school singing!

Some of our children are definitely destined for the stage and screen! They wholeheartedly threw themselves into the performance!

It really was an evening to remember!



Leavers Service at St Giles

Our Leavers service at St Giles was on Tuesday 18th July. Rev Sue led a service for us where we gave thanks for the children's time at Orsett and looked ahead to a new start for them. We talked about how Orsett has been their bubble but that they will always take a piece of Orsett with them, that they will never be able to unlearn what we have taught them and to hold the values Orsett has given them close to their heart.



On Thursday we had a balloon release (using all eco-friendly products) and a wonderful Leavers worship which entailed the children sharing their memories of Orsett and singing us a song which had everyone in tears! It was a very emotional day.

I'd like to wish all our Year 6s good luck as they leave us and join their new secondary schools. As always their journeys will continue and we will welcome new children in September but we will always remember how special each and every Year 6 was to us and wish them all the very best on their adventures ahead.



Have a wonderful Summer everyone. We are looking forward to a new start in September and continuing to make memories for all of our children!



Until next time!

Mrs G Smith – Head teacher





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FAMOUS PERSON IN AUGUST

T. E. Lawrence of Arabia

by Ben Johnson



Thomas (T) Edward (E) Lawrence, more popularly known as Lawrence of Arabia, was born at Tremadoc in North Wales. But Lawrence was not actually his name at all! He was in fact the son of Thomas Chapman, later to become Sir Thomas Chapman.

The Chapmans were Irish Protestant landed gentry. Thomas had escaped a reportedly tyrannical wife and had run away with his daughter's governess, Sarah Judder. Thomas and Sarah assumed the surname "Lawrence" and had five sons together, of whom the second was T. E., born on 15th August 1888.

T. E. learned to read at a very early age by listening to and copying his elder brother. By the tender age of four he was reading both newspapers and books, and started studying Latin when he was just six. He entered Oxford City High School at the age of eight, where he developed an interest in literature, archaeology and architecture.

As a boy, he was already developing into somewhat of a complex character. He taught himself survival skills, endurance and self-denial; he gave up eating meat for years and practiced sleep deprivation. He developed his body by frequently riding his bicycle in excess of a hundred miles a day and practiced with the gun, eventually becoming a crack shot.

He won a Welsh scholarship to the modern history school of Jesus College, Oxford, in 1907 and selected as his final year thesis "The Influence of the Crusades on European Military Architecture". In 1909 as research for this, he had walked most of the nine hundred miles between Palestine and Syria studying the crusader castles in between.

His efforts were rewarded with a First Class Honours degree in Modern History and he was awarded a bursary to fund four years of travel. During this time he undertook several expeditions throughout the Middle East, where he lived among Arab people and developed an understanding of and liking for their culture, language, food and clothing. His reputation as an expert in Arab affairs was already beginning to be established.

After the start of World War I in 1914, Lawrence obtained a commission into the War Office and was sent as part of the British Intelligence Service to Cairo in Egypt to work in the Arab Bureau as an interpreter and mapmaker. At that time Egypt was a British protectorate and was at the front line in a war that had broken out against the Ottoman Empire. The Arabs were in revolt against the Turkish occupiers who were then ruling the Arab Middle East. He eventually became a liaison officer between the British and the Arabs and was advisor to Prince Faisal, who was leading the Arab uprising against the Turks.

Lawrence gained Faisal's confidence and helped him organise the Arab tribes into an effective guerrilla fighting force. The forces under his command finally defeated the Turks and brought most of the area south of Aqaba under Arab-British control. It was Lawrence himself who recognised the strategic importance of capturing the port of Aqaba on the southern tip of Palestine.

Now the Arabs had a port in Palestine through which the Royal Navy could transport men and munitions. A camel-cavalry corps was subsequently formed that would harass the Turkish flank as General Allenby's Egypt-based army invaded Palestine and marched on to Syria.

Lawrence was subsequently promoted to the rank of Major in 1917, and then to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1918.

It was however a young American showman, Lowell Thomas, who invented "Lawrence of Arabia" and made him into one of the world's first media stars. Thomas had raised enough money to send himself and a cameraman to the Middle East in search of a story with romance and colour that he could sell. Almost immediately on arrival in the Middle East, Thomas found his man. At first even Thomas questioned the exotic tales that Lawrence relayed. But together Lawrence and Thomas would concoct a story that would take the world by storm. Using the photos as lantern slides, Thomas created a show that broke box office records across the globe. In London alone, more than a million people came to see it. To an audience depressed for years by the hopeless slaughter caused by the trench warfare of WWI, Lowell Thomas brought to them a hero in gleaming white robes who rode to victory on a camel, a warrior-prince of the desert.

The celebrity status brought about by the show propelled T. E. into the political limelight.

After the war Lawrence worked in support of independence for the Arab states at the Versailles Peace Conference. He also served as adviser to Winston Churchill at the Colonial Office on Middle Eastern affairs, and it was during this time that he began to write about his adventures which were eventually published in 1935 under the title *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*.

Lawrence resigned from the Colonial Office in July 1922 and seeking a life of obscurity, entered the ranks of the Royal Air Force under the assumed name John Hume Ross. He was discharged the following January when a press release revealed his true identity.

In March 1923 he joined the Royal Tank Corps as a private. Shortly after this he re-joined the Royal Air Force where he remained as Aircraftman Shaw until he retired from the service in February 1935, at the age of forty-six. He retired to his country cottage, Clouds Hill at Bovington, Dorset.

Just a few months into his retirement he was involved in a motorcycle accident, when he swerved to avoid two boys on bicycles, and died some days later on 19th May 1935 from head injuries. But such was the persona that had been created that several rumours surrounded his death, including one that he had committed suicide, yet another conspiracy theory blamed the authorities. Such is the end it appears, for many folk heroes.



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Whether at home or away on holiday we pray that all readers of Hobnob may find refreshment over the summer season. The services for August are as follows:

August 6 th	6:30 pm	David Raj
August 13 th	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
August 20 th	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
August 27 th	6:30 pm	Maureen Mc Pherson

We have handwashing facilities and sanitising units readily available and ask those attending to be sensitive to others in observing social distancing.

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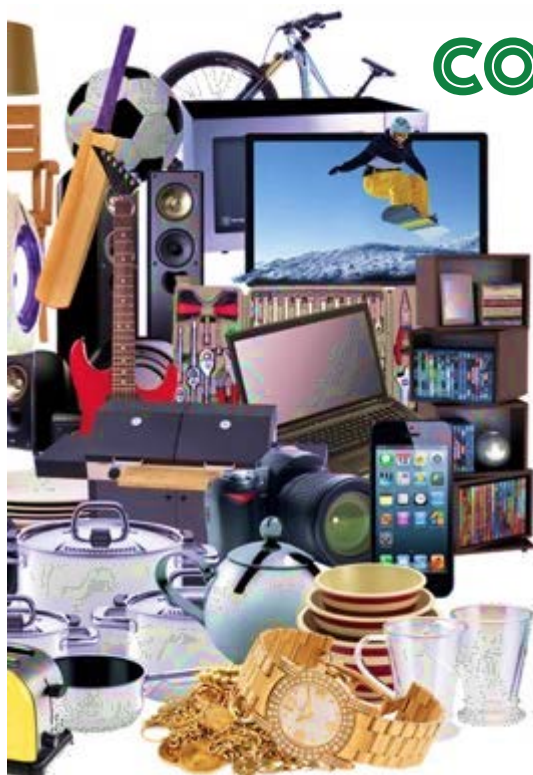


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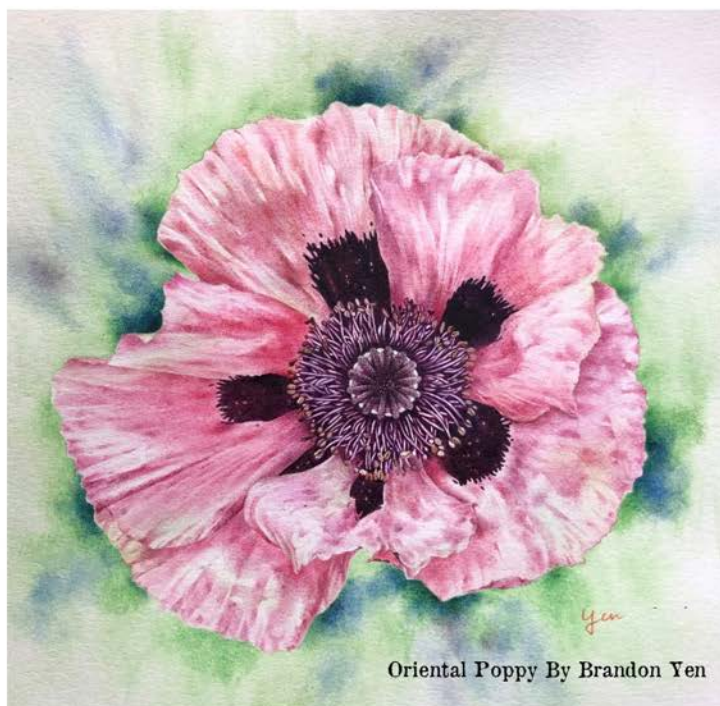


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ORSETT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



As usual we have been planning outings for our ladies. This month we have had two smashing days out.

On Friday 7th July we met at Coalhouse Fort for a bit of fun. Ladies were asked to bring a picnic and a chair and take part in some games. This even included welly throwing.

As you can see the weather was in our favour and ideal for the venue.

Sharon Larsen had arranged a meal at The Bull in Corringham for just a few days later and many of our ladies went along. By all accounts everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to further events in the coming months.



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There is a lot of skepticism about the effectiveness of our individual efforts to combat climate change or social injustice. This is partly due to media reports about companies **greenwashing** by over-stating or falsely claiming environmental benefits of their operations and/or products. Who can we trust?

Unfortunately, such reports have a detrimental effect deterring some people from taking even the smallest of actions. However, few can honestly deny that:

- we no longer have to regularly pull over to clean our windscreens of squished insects when we go on long car journeys.
- the increasing number of extreme weather events is a reality: at the time of writing (20.07.23) southern Europe is experiencing an unusually prolonged heatwave; a work colleague of mine has recently returned from the Arctic Circle where temperatures on one day reached 14degC instead of the expected maximum 10degC.
- the gap between the rich and the poor is getting wider both globally and within the UK (as confirmed by the United Nations and the Office for National Statistics respectively).

If we all committed to disposing our rubbish responsibly and each passing person picked up one item from a litter strewn footpath/beach/park, it would soon look much cleaner. Similarly, if all of us unite together, we can each make an impact on a wider scale, locally, nationally, and globally.

Corporately, as a church, we are called to lead by example in such matters. As individual Christians, who make up the corporate body, we also called, to be stewards, to take responsibility for God's creation ... ***The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. (Genesis: 2:15 NIV)*** ... and to speak for those who have no voice ... ***Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. (Proverbs 31:8-9 NIV)***

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Why not?

A personal view by Philip Mann
Ecology & Social Justice Action Group



Bulphan WI

At our July meeting we had an interesting and thought provoking presentation from Chief Superintendent Jenny Barnett, who is the West Essex Area Commander, which includes Thurrock. She spoke about how the women in her family had influenced her life, 'difference', resilience and the life lessons she has learnt. She answered members questions and stayed for most of the meeting.

Presentations were made to member Carol Davis. A certificate to mark 50 years of being a WI member, some flowers to mark her recent 80th birthday, and, following her decision to stand down from the committee, an engraved vase to thank her for over 31 years' service.

After welcome refreshments, the raffle was drawn, great to see our speaker win a prize.

Current President Janet McCheyne read out retiring President Jan Curtis's thank you card for the garden voucher gift. Outings in July to St Luke's hospice and the Seafarers' Mission in Tilbury had been enjoyed by members.

Next meeting of Bulphan WI is on Wednesday 9 August at the village from 7.30 pm, when we will be making rag wreaths. If you'd like to come along and visit, first visit is free, please contact Lesley on 01375 403633 for information.



WOOLMARKET MUSIC

Woolmarket Music welcomed Mosaic Choir to the church for their July concert. The choir performed a varied programme of songs and medleys ranging from The Everley Brothers to the shows "Oliver" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". There was an element of audience participation too! Indeed, the reception was as warm as the Saturday evening.



It was the last meeting of this season but we have a full programme of concerts for the next year, the first of which will be on Wednesday September 13th in the Woolmarket when, after a short AGM at 7.30pm, Benjamin Carnell will be entertaining us with his brilliant cello playing.

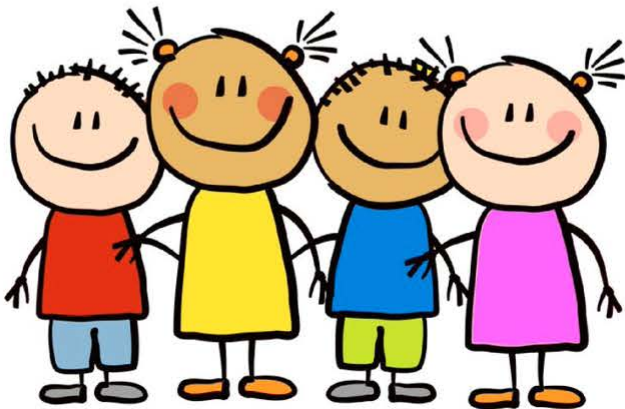
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