

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**

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home; on weekdays by visiting our Facebook page
@HOBNOBChurches and on Sundays by following the
link: hobnob.org.uk/watch**

During the Corona Virus pandemic there will be no printed version of the Hobnob

Bulphan WI made a part of their own history this month, for the first time since their formation they had a virtual monthly meeting. Members donned their party clothes, had a glass or cup of their favourite tipple to hand and joined together to celebrate the 91st anniversary of our fab WI.

The meeting started as always with the singing of Jerusalem, followed by a catch up from everyone, candles were lit, and Happy Birthday was sung, no handwashing this time and a toast made. Members then had the opportunity to pass on tips, ideas and information that might be useful while cocooning – the WI prefer that word to isolating.

We enjoyed it so much that rather than wait until our usual monthly meeting date in May we're having an extra meeting in April, when hopefully more members can join in, this will also be open to visitors so do get in touch if you'd like to take part.

Members that couldn't make the virtual meeting were asked to take pictures of themselves in their party outfit, raising a toast to our WI, all of these along with those taken of virtual meeting will be projected on the hall screen when we are next able to meet in person.

Updates about future meetings along with this year's programme, information, photographs and much more can be found on Facebook at Bulphan Women's Institute and on Twitter @bulphanwi or contact Secretary Janet McCheyne on 07752836902

Jan Curtis President



Former Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams caused a ripple when he told us all to get out into the wet now and again. If Eco Church is to mean anything, it should start with our everyday existence. Here are some practical tips for transforming your personal lifestyle.



Changing our personal lifestyles is essential if we're to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength – and love our neighbours as ourselves.

'We all need to make a complete, radical and honest audit of our lifestyles, their impact on the poor and on the planet,' said A Rocha UK founder Dave Bookless, 'and ask God to pinpoint where we should start making changes.'

In his book Planetwise (IVP), Dave admitted this has been a slow, ongoing process in his own family. But they've simply tried to put their faith into practice, and sought to make changes as they've become aware of issues.

'Because we're a family,' he said, 'it's been a process of joint discussion and decisions, with our children playing a full part – sometimes challenging us to go faster, and at other times reluctant to give up their favourite luxuries.'

As a result of his journey, Dave set up an initiative called Living Lightly, which continues today on the A Rocha UK website. Planet-saving tips are shared on a range of lifestyle issues – from church to workplace and garden to travel.



Measure your Footprint

Each of us has a 'carbon footprint' which represents how we live and the lifestyle choices we make. Why not take a few minutes to calculate your footprint, and think about ways you could start to reduce it? Climate Stewards' carbon footprint calculator 'Footprintr' asks a few simple questions about your travel, household bills, food and waste, and then invites you to see whether your shopping, leisure and holidays mean that you are more of a 'Low Carbon Lucy' or a Carbon-Hungry Harry' - or somewhere in between!

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>