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Rector's Reflections

Happy New Year!

I hope that, despite Tier 4 restrictions, you were able to experience something of the light of Christ this Christmas. And I am sure that we are all joining together to pray that 2021 will see the light at the end of the tunnel with regard to the Covid-19 pandemic which swept across the world in 2020.

One piece of exciting news we received at the end of 2020 was that a new Bishop of Chelmsford has been appointed, Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani. We look forward to Bishop Guli beginning her ministry amongst us later in the year. Currently serving as the first Bishop of Loughborough, she is married to Lee, a priest in the Church of England, and they have three children, the eldest in his final year at university and twins studying for their GCSEs.

Bishop Guli was born in Iran and moved here in 1980, following the Iranian Revolution and her brother's resultant murder. Originally with refugee status, she has lived here for 40 years and begun her working life at the BBC World Service Radio before being ordained.

When asked in an interview by Bishop Peter about what sort of Bishop we can expect, Bishop Guli reflected upon some of the words of St Ignatius: 'Bishops are best when they are silent...' By this she was conveying her desire to be a 'listening' bishop; a bishop who gathers the stories of the people and who prays for wisdom and compassion as she seeks to respond.

Bishop Peter also asked Bishop Guli what her priorities are. Although she doesn't come with a grand plan, she expressed 3 broad areas of focus.

1. For the Church to become more outward facing:

- to challenge the unjust structures in society and to be prepared to meet Christ in the unexpected places.
- to become less anxious and to sit light to internal differences and to think and speak well of one another.
- to become more diverse so that all are welcome and for us all to be open to the possibility of being changed so that, together, we can be transformed by Christ.

2. Commitment to the wellbeing of clergy and lay leaders so that they can cultivate communities where all of God's people can flourish.

3. Commitment to safeguarding.

In her spare time, Bishop Guli enjoys music, being with family, walking and relaxing with friends. In response to Bishop Peter's last question about which football team she supports, she correctly answered by saying that whilst she has been a lifelong supporter of Leicester, she looks forward to being a West Ham Supporter!

You can hear this interview and find out some more about Bishop Guli by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/our-new-bishop>

As we excitedly await the opportunity to meet Bishop Guli, please do pray for her, her husband, Lee, and their children, Gabriel, Eleanor and Simeon as they prepare for this new chapter in their lives.

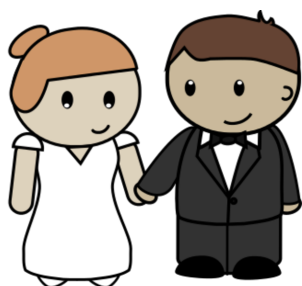
With love and prayers,

Sue



THE BENEFICE REGISTERS

There are no events in the registers this month



Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at:
Orsett, Bulphan or Horndon churches,
please contact: Revd Sue Mann: 01375 891254
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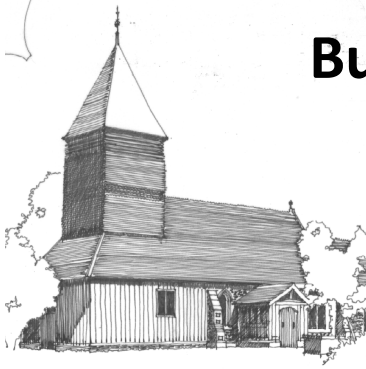
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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

It is difficult to imagine a Christmas more disappointing for so many, except perhaps during WWII, where the prospect of extreme food rationing and the uncertainty of the safety of loved ones away and fighting a war impacted greatly on families. I know from my own experiences of those times, always feeling hungry and not seeing my Dad for the first time until I was three years old. At least today there is no rationing and where there is food shortage those wonderful Food Banks provide a very necessary service for families in difficulty and hardship. But can we remember that we are celebrating just for one day, the birth of Christ and the hope that he brings. Feasting and getting together with family or friends can be postponed and perhaps if circumstance allow, Easter might provide a suitable alternative.

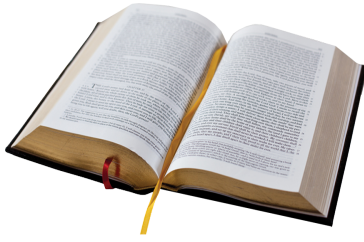
As many will be aware, all Christmas services in our church buildings were cancelled and were replaced with online or Facebook services, it seemed the right thing to do despite Government guidelines allowing churches to open but in the same breath telling everyone to stay at home. Our clergy and churchwardens felt that it would be irresponsible to put people's health and wellbeing at risk by going ahead with the planned services.

Reverend Sue and Reverend Max had carefully planned Covid safe services before we moved into tier four and the mutated virus appeared. This involved much detailed planning and hard work, as it happened all in vain, nonetheless, we were well served with online services from Sue and Max and I would like to thank them for this. I would also like to thank Thomas Mann whose technology skills brought us these services via social media.

Sunday 13th December was the last opportunity for a service in Bulphan and this was in the form of an outdoor service with glow-sticks in lieu of our usual Christingle. It was cold and damp that evening, but no one seemed to mind but rather enjoyed very different and socially distanced service.

The best news ever for the New Year is that vaccine injections are being rolled-out and even though we will still have to keep vigilant and remain careful, it does bring hope for a safer and more comfortable time ahead.

With every good wish for 2021



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 22d	For those suffering from financial problems
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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www.zhm100.wix.com/zionhallmission

Happy New Year. We look back at the difficulties of 2020 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

We start 2021 very much in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic but are grateful that we are still permitted and able to meet. As from the restart of services in October we are trying to continue to have a service every week, but until we can re-establish a full contingent of visiting preachers, the last service in each month will be organised nearer that date. Please see our notice board for further information. Planned services for January are as follows:

We offer a warm welcome to all at our services

January 3 rd	6:30 pm	Evening Service
January 10 th	6:30 pm	Communion Service
January 17 th	6:30 pm	Evening Service
January 24 th	6:30 pm	Evening Service
January 31 st	To be confirmed	

We have a small building and Covid – 19 distancing measures means that capacity is limited to a congregation of 9-13 depending on whether attendees are in bubbles. Please let the Secretary know if you are planning on coming to our services and for the last Sunday of each month also please call to confirm that there will a service going ahead.

In common with other places of worship:

- Face coverings are to be worn at all times
- Observe social distancing at all times
- Please sanitise your hands upon entering and leaving the building
- For 'track and trace' purposes please sign in on the sheet provided

Handwashing facilities are available in the vestry

For any information on our church or any of our services contact the secretary:
Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522 or 07786 110413

FAMOUS PERSON IN JANUARY

BARBARA HEPWORTH



In full, **Dame Jocelyn Barbara Hepworth**, (born January 10, 1903, Wakefield, Yorkshire, England—died May 20, 1975, St. Ives, Cornwall), sculptor whose works were among the earliest abstract sculptures produced in England. Her lyrical forms and feeling for material made her one of the most influential sculptors of the mid-20th century.

Fascinated from early childhood with natural forms and textures, Hepworth decided at age 15 to become a sculptor. In 1919 she enrolled in the Leeds School of Art, where she befriended fellow student Henry Moore. Their lifelong friendship and reciprocal influence were important factors in the parallel development of their careers.

Hepworth's earliest works were naturalistic with simplified features. Purely formal elements gradually gained greater importance for her until, by the early 1930s, her sculpture was entirely abstract. Works such as *Reclining Figure* (1932) resemble rounded biomorphic forms and natural stones; they seem to be the fruit of long weathering instead of the hard work with a chisel they actually represent. In 1933 Hepworth married (her second husband; the first was the sculptor John Skeaping) the English abstract painter Ben Nicholson, under whose influence she began to make severe, geometric pieces with straight edges and immaculate surfaces.

As Hepworth's sculpture matured during the late 1930s and '40s, she concentrated on the problem of the counterplay between mass and space. Pieces such as *Wave* (1943–44) became increasingly open, hollowed out, and perforated, so that the interior space is as important as the mass surrounding it. Her practice, increasingly frequent in her mature pieces, of painting the works' concave interiors further heightened this effect, while she accented and defined the sculptural voids by stretching strings taut across their openings.

During the 1950s Hepworth produced an experimental series called Groups, clusters of small anthropomorphic forms in marble so thin that their translucence creates a magical sense of inner life. In the next decade she was commissioned to do a number of sculptures approximately 20 feet (6 metres) high. Among the more successful of her works in this gigantic format is the geometric Four-Square (Walk Through) (1966).

Hepworth was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1965. A Pictorial Autobiography was published in 1970 and reissued in 1993. She died in a fire in her home at St. Ives, Cornwall, in 1975; her home was preserved as the Barbara Hepworth Home and Sculpture Garden and is run by the Tate St. Ives, a branch of the Tate galleries.



ORSETT EDWARD BEAR TODDLER GROUP

“Phew” groaned Edward Bear, “there’s a song I’ve heard that says I wish it could be Christmas every day; peace and goodwill is marvellous but two days of festive fare is too much, I’m stuffed! I hope all my friends had a happy time even though they couldn’t be with all members of their lovely families.”

Edward Bear thought the best bits about Christmas were the meaningful services that could be watched on Facebook and YouTube, telling the incredible story of the very first Christmas, the day of Jesus’ birth. Edward Bear can’t wait to hear what happens next..... Of course, the Wise Men are still to arrive – they’re still on their journey and will arrive at Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night) on 6 Jan.



Edward Bear enjoyed the Mothers’ Union Nine Lessons and Carols, which was on Facebook and YouTube, and was very surprised to see Lucy, Di’s daughter taking part by reading one of the Di’s favourite bible passage (John 1:1-14).



There was much fun and laughter after the service on Christmas Day when Edward Bear joined Di and Lucy on the Benefice Zoom call! He particularly enjoyed singing along when Janet played her accordion.



After the Christmas Day service, Edward Bear helped Di and Lucy open their presents, although the Cellotape did get stuck on his paws ... He loved two of the books that had been recommended and thinks lots of his friends would like them too:

- Away in a Manger illustrated by Jean Claude, based on the famous children’s carol; and
- ABC Prayers (illustrated prayers for each letter of the alphabet) written by Myriam Baudic, illustrated by Camille Bernard.

God Bless

Edward Bear, Di, Gill, and Sandra

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

New Year & Epiphany



Pictures
for young
and old



WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE



MOTHERS' UNION

Chelmsford Diocesan Mothers' Union AGM and Council Meeting

It was great that the previously scheduled meeting was able to go ahead on Tuesday 15 December and, due to the pandemic restrictions, the meeting was held using Zoom with nearly 40 members attending. Those at the meeting were able to watch a pre-recorded address from Bishop Peter which was an inspiring call to all of us to continue our work within the diocese and in particular to step up as we enter election year. The website now has the full text of the address available to view – please follow the link below. It is well worth a read as we consider how we can step forward together in faith as a diocese in 2021.

[Chelmsford Mothers' Union blog: The Bishop's Challenge \(muchelmsford.org.uk\)](https://muchelmsford.org.uk/)

Some key points to note for 2021:

- 2021 Membership fees have increased to £29.50 for Diocesan members and need to be paid by 31 January.
- Families First magazine will cease after the last edition this year and will be replaced in 2021 by the new membership magazine – CONNECTED. There will be two copies a year which will be delivered to every member. All members should have received the new Prayer Diary for 2021 and advised that in following years this will be circulated with the new magazine.
- The MU theme for 2021 will be 'Re-Building Hope and Confidence' and Mary Sumner House will focus on four key campaigns next year:
 1. Make a Mother's Day. Between the 8th and 14th March, there will be seven days of prayers and meditations.
 2. Summer of Hope. 100 years since Mary Sumner died.
 3. Global Day. In 2021, MSH will be marking it in a big way around domestic abuse.
 4. Christmas – appeal and Carol Concert.

Lord, as I consider Mary, how you stayed with her, carried and protected her; I see that you do the same for me every moment of every day. You're here beside me – sitting, walking, laughing, crying – you, Lord; my constant companion and friend. You've put people along my way, given me safe place to stay. Thank you for my blessings, Lord. Amen

Mothers' Union Nine Lessons and Carols – Did you join in?



On Thursday 17 December, the Mothers' Union Nine Lessons and Carols was broadcast on the Mothers' Union Facebook page and YouTube channel –and if you watched then you probably recognized one of the members ... it was Di's daughter, Lucy! The service is still available now and is a truly special way to mark the end of the vastly different year that has been 2020!

No More 1 in 3 Global Day



Our Global Day was an online protest focusing on the horrendous statistic that globally 1 in 3 women will experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. Our [online protest video](#) which many of you contributed images to was released at the beginning of December on a Saturday morning. The video itself was shared hundreds of times on social media and achieved over 13,000 views on Twitter, which is four times more than our most successful digital content to date. The Cup of Tea Reflection can be [watched again here](#), and the service can be watched by [following this link here](#)



The Big Give Christmas Challenge Success

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Big Give Christmas Appeal, which raised an incredible £66,400 during the seven day giving window, making this Christmas a truly special one for women in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Staying connected through Midday Prayers



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Our UK members who don't have access to the internet at home will still be able to hear our midday prayers thanks to the Church of England's Daily Hope line. Just call 0800 804 8044 from a UK mobile or landline and press option 4, then option 8.

Midday Prayers continue from Monday - Saturday on the public Mothers' Union [Facebook page](#). Thousands have viewed these already, but for those interested and not aware, feel free to watch and comment.

Loving Lord, as we take the first steps along the path of this New Year, we rejoice in the fact that you will be our constant companion through the ups and downs of all that lies ahead. We rejoice in your promise to never leave or forsake us. Amen.

Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact

2020 Quiz

But no mention of viruses, leaving the EU or US elections

1. Which half of a comedy duo who went on the play Lee Mack's dad in 'Not Going Out', died in 2020
2. In February, which European country became the first to make all public transport free of charge
3. Who was the Welsh musician who died in 2020, who along with his group had his best known hits in the 60's with 'Somebody Help Me' and 'Keep on Running'
4. In which US state did a mysterious silver monolith appear, deep in the desert
5. Actor, Ben Cross, who died in August was perhaps best known for portraying Olympic athlete Harold Abrahams in which film
6. Which Exeter based regional airline went into administration in March 2020
7. Who was the hard hitting West Indian batsman who died in July, who was, along with Frank Worrell and Clyde Walcott known as 'The Three W's' of the West Indies team in the 1950s
8. A drama series aired in April based on the play Quiz, charts the story of which convicted game show cheat
9. Which British war film, starring George MacKay and Dean-Charles Chapman collected ten Oscar nominations following its January 2020 release
10. In October, New Caledonia had a referendum and decided not to become independent from which country
11. Peter Green passed away in July. With which group did he find fame in the 1960s
12. Which non-league Merseyside football team were handed a plum 3rd round FA Cup tie when they were drawn against Tottenham Hotspur
13. Which Italian club did the late Diego Maradona lead, to their first Serie A title in 1986-87
14. Which high street chain announced plans for a £20 per month coffee subscription service in September
15. Which private company became the first to launch a rocket carrying humans into space

NEW YEAR WORDSEARCH

Fireworks
Countdown
Party
January
Eve
Calendar
Midnight
Resolution
Year
Celebration
Revelry
Auld Lang Syne
Champagne
Streamers
Remembering
Big Ben
Coal

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Bulphan WI

Members and guests donned their best festive attire for our December meeting along with decorations galore it certainly set the mood for the speaker whose talk was entitled 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas', we heard about traditions of Christmas past, how decorations have moved on from home made paper chains, finishing with an amusing poem about using up the turkey.

Our Meeting in a bag contained a craft kit which members could make into a bird, along with some treats, a themed quiz, and a Christmas card with each member's name on it to show we are still united even if we can't all meet together.

January's meeting will test our culinary skills with a cook-a-long, or in my case a watch-a-long, where Carol an expert from Alpha Bake will instruct us in the art of making a raspberry cream tart while telling us about her career in the industry.

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

Jan Curtis

President



ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings around the Benefice this month in the past

1820 Kentish Weekly Post
Tues 8th

Farmer slug killer

A farmer, at Horndon, Essex, lately destroyed the slugs on his wheat by spreading 100 acres with cabbage leaves, and employing about 30 people to collect the slugs from them; by which means he gathered 15 bushels (140 gallons) a day. A Surrey farmer suggested he would have been better off using ducks kept without food for a day.

1828 Yorkshire Gazette
Sat 25th

Book published

Price Six Shillings

THE INSPIRATION of the HOLY SCRIPTURES, proved by the evident completion of many very important prophecies

By the Rev THOS WILKINSON, B.D. Rector of Bulvan, Essex

London : published by Messrs. Rivington, St. Paul's Churchyard and Waterloo Place; Longman, Hurst and Co; Sherwood and Co., Paternoster Row, and J.M. Richardson, Royal Exchange

1863 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 30th

New Harmonium

A new harmonium, with seven stops, has been placed in the parish church of Bulphan, as a substitute for the old barrel organ, formerly used. The instrument which is of a superior description, was supplied by Mr Dace of Chelmsford, and purchased by subscription among the principal inhabitants, headed by the rector, the Rev C.W. Parker.

1878 Chelmsford Chronicle
Fri 25th

Parish Magazine

With the present year comes to life the "Orsett parish magazine", a periodical with a monthly issues which will be devoted to tales, sketches and poetry, of an instructive and wholesome character and to useful local information. At a very moderate subscription of 1d per month it

should command a large circulation.

1892 Essex Newsman - Sat 30th

Influenza outbreak

Owing probably to its elevated position the neighbouring village of Horndon on the Hill, invariably enjoys a good health record and up to the present it has been almost, if not quite, free from the prevailing complaint.

It appears from this report than Horndon was suffering less than the rest of the local area. There were outbreaks of influenza across large parts of the world from 1889 to 1895.

1903 Grays & Tilbury Gazette
Sat 17th

Christmas Tea

The Christmas tea in connection with the Band of Hope took place on Monday and was a very enjoyable function. It was followed on Wednesday by Mrs A.W. Kerly's annual tea to the members of the Girls' Needlework Party.

1908 Grays & Tilbury Gazette Sat 18th

Flagpole

It is proposed to provide a flag staff and flag at St Mary's day school, Bulphan as a testimonial to the late Miss Earl who for several years rendered great service in the parish

Portraits presented

Portraits of the late Rev W.L. Ramsay, sometime principal of the Diocesan School at Orsett, and Mr S. Newcome, for many years Churchwarden, have been presented to the parish and hung in the vestry

1917 Chelmsford Chronicle Fri 19th

Ray Tyrell funeral

The funeral took place on Friday of Mr Ray Tyrell, who passed away at Mount House at the age of 77 years. Mr Tyrell was held in high esteem. Although a Non-conformist he took great interest in the restoration of the Parish

Church, in the provision of the new churchyard and the enlargement of the church school. He was a generous friend to the poor and rendered valuable service in many capacities. He leaves a widow and one son Mr Walter Tyrell.

1932 Essex Newsman - Sat 2nd

Mr AW Kerly - Will (extract)

Mr A.W. Kerly of Horndon on the Hill left:- £100 to the Parish Council of Horndon on the Hill in augmentation of Mrs Baker's Coal Charity; £100 to his chauffeur Frank Barber and £5 for each completed period of 2 years from the date of this Will; £100 to his gardener Albert Hearl and £4 for each completed period of 2 years from the date of this Will; £20 to Dorothy Hammond, formerly in his service; £5 for each period of six months' service to every man and maidservant not otherwise mentioned; £75 and an annuity of £30 to his cowman William Hearl "who has faithfully served me for upwards of 33 years"; £20 to Mrs Berry, and if in his service at his death, one month's wages for each year of service. He also directed the the trustees to make arrangements for the repair and maintenance of the lych gate "which I have erected at Horndon on the Hill Churchyard in the memory of my dear wife, and I commend this gate and the porch of the church restored by me to the care of my neices and nephews who benefit under my will", and he also directed that his body should be cremated, and the casket of ashes deposited next to those of his wife in the churchyard. Total value of will £38,424 (c.£2½ million today)

1937 Essex Newsman
Sat 23rd

BAG OF HALF-CROWNS Alleged counterfeit

William Green (32), and Lilian Green (33) his wife both of Mount House, Horndon on the Hill, were

charged before A.W. Boatman Esq, at Grays on Wednesday, together with William Carr (38), whose address was given as Canning Town, with being in possession of two moulds and other articles for the purpose of making counfeit half-crowns. Their daughter Mabel had been found in Grays with 16 half-crowns individually wrapped. *Half crowns (2½ shillings) would have a value of around £8 today.*

1943 Daily Record - Tues 12th

Onions Victory

Sixty year old James Mason of Orsett, Essex, one of Britain's biggest onion growers claims he has won his two years' battle with the Ministry of Food.

His objection was that the Ministry wanted to dispose of his crop to pickle factories and wholesalers instead of to the Services and people most in need of vegetables.

Yesterday he showed a Daily Record reporter a letter from the Ministry of Food asking him to supply onions to the Navy.

1968 Birmingham Daily Post Sat 13th

Orsett Hall for sale

Sir John Whitmore aged 30, a former racing driver, is to sell his £1,500,000, Orsett Hall estate at Grays, Essex and will live abroad with his Swedish born wife and model and a dress designer and their baby daughter.

Birth, Marriage & Death

Birth

1849 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 19th

13th inst at Orsett House the wife of George Maconachie of a daughter

Marriage

1815 Suffolk Chronicle - Sat 28th

Thursday se'night at Horndon on the Hill, Joseph Squier, Esq of Bulphan, son of William Squier, Esq of East Horndon, to Miss Mary Westwood, eldest daughter of the late Mr Samuel Westwood, of Horndon

1840 Essex Standard

Fri 31st

On the 23rd inst, at Orsett, Mr H.F. Hodson, of Romford, to Jane, eldest daughter of Mr Philip Carter, of Orsett

1844 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 26th

17th inst at St Luke's, Norwood, by the Rev Forster George Simpson, the Rev James Trevitt, of Horndon on the Hill of this county, to Mary, daughter of Mt Richard Simpson, Elm Grove, Norwood.

1893 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 13th

VINCENT - HILL - on the 12th inst at the Parish Church, Billericay, by the Rev E.G. Darby, Sydney, youngest son of John Goldsmith Vincent, of Horndon on the Hill, to Millicent Hagan, only daughter of John Hill, Brentwood

Deaths

1832 Essex Standard

Fri 20th

18th inst Miss Radley, of Horndon on the Hill

1837 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 20th

16th inst much respected and deeply lamented by her family and friends, Susannah, second daughter of Mr Fordham, of Horndon on the Hill, aged 23 years.

1841 Essex Standard

Fri 8th

January 1st, at Orsett, Mr Thomas Clifford, aged 87, master tailor in that place for 55 years

1842 Essex Herald

Fri 14th

On Friday, the 7th inst, in his 47th year, highly respected, Mr James Ramplee, landlord of The George Inn, Orsett

1846 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 30th

Jan 27th Mr Charles Wright, Schoolmaster of Orsett

Jan 27th suddenly, Mr Jackson, Governor of the Orsett Union House

1852 The Sun (London)

Sat 10th

On the 6th inst, at the Rectory, Bulphan, aged 30, Elizabeth, the wife of the Rev. Thomas Mills

1868 Chelmsford Chronicle

Fri 24th

ALLWORTH - 13th inst at White Crofts, Orsett, Essex, Miss Allworth, in her 76th year

1895 Essex Newsman - Sat 19th

On 11th William Rule, aged 68 died by choking at the Harrow public house. There were several witnesses including the landlord who testified to his sobriety at the time.

Situations Vacant

1848 Essex Herald - Tues 18th

WANTED In a Clergyman's Family A good PLAIN COOK who understands the dairy and bakery; she must not be less than 16 years of age, and will be requested to assist in washing, which is all done at home - Wages £14. Apply by letter to Y.H.S., Post Office, Orsett, Romford

1890 Essex Chronicle - Fri 31st

GENERAL SERVANT (good) WANTED - Apply Mrs Harry Squire, Noke Hall, Bulvan, Romford

SERVANTS: WANTED, for clergyman's family. TWO Young SERVANTS, one as Cook, the other House and Parlour-maid; one can be taught - Address, W.G.L, Bulvan Rectory, Romford

To Let

1836 Morning Advertiser -

Tues 26th

TO PUBLICANS and

TAVERN KEEPERS

To be LET a regular Road PUBLIC HOUSE situate in Orsett, in Essex, only four miles across from Gravesend doing an excellent trade and capable of improvement - the present occupier having taken a farm is desirous of retiring from the business. Further particulars may be known by application to Samuel Saxby, on the Premises, at The Swan Inn. The coming in about £150 - NB A butcher's shop can be had with the above if thought proper.

Bulphan's Outdoor Glowstick Service





TRY YOUR HAND AT...
making an Epiphany tart

Traditionally served at Epiphany – when the Three Kings journeyed to Jesus – this delicate dessert was the forerunner for the humble jam tart. To make one, line a 23cm dish with 225g shortcrust pastry, trimming off any excess round the edges. Use the surplus to create a six-point star (symbolising the guiding Star of Bethlehem) across the top and fill the gaps in the lattice with spoonfuls of preserve (competitive Victorian housewives used 13 varieties for a spectacular stained-glass finish). Preheat the oven to 200°C and bake for 25-30 minutes. Once cool, serve with cream, custard or both.

Recipe for January

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF BULPHAN



Church Lane. Winter 1900



Max Reed Andrews. Artesian well borer.



Drakes Farm - Bulphan Fen C.1900

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December Puzzle Page Answers

Quiz

1. Which pantomime was also the name of a character voiced by Antonio Banderas in the 'Shrek' films? **PUSS IN BOOTS**
2. Who is the author of the 1978 children's picture book 'The Snowman'?
RAYMOND BRIGGS
3. Which two books of the Bible describe the birth of Jesus? **LUKE AND MATTHEW**
4. Which star of 'The Maltese Falcon' and 'Casablanca' was born on Christmas Day in 1899?
HUMPHREY BOGART
5. In 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens, which of the ghosts does not speak to Ebenezer Scrooge? **THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME**
6. In which country was the carol 'Silent Night' written? **AUSTRIA**
7. "Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe help to make the season bright." is a line from which song? **THE CHRISTMAS SONG – NAT KING COLE**
8. In which year was the first televised Queen's Christmas speech? **1957**
9. Which biblical town's name means 'house of bread' in Hebrew? **BETHLEHEM**
10. What did Harry Potter get as a Christmas present during his first term at Hogwarts?
INVISIBILITY CLOAK
11. Which traditional Christmas plant was once so revered by early Britons that it had to be cut with a golden sickle? **MISTELTOE**
12. Which Renaissance painters were the Christmas hit amongst children in 1990? **TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES** (Leonardo, Raphael, Donatello and Michelangelo)
13. Which Christmas food could mean vision for a cockney? **MINCE PIE**
14. What Christmas item takes its name from the old French word *estincelle*, meaning spark?
TINSEL
15. From which country does the poinsettia plant originate? **MEXICO**

Christmas Song Anagrams

This warm ethics (2)	White Christmas
Flashy astronomer from Leg gel (6)	Angels From The Realms Of Glory
Sonic gas knowledge (3)	Good King Wenceslas
Thy lion hog (3)	O Holy Night
Wild renowned rant (2)	Winter Wonderland
Racy additive only sonic (5)	Once In Royal David's City
Hid healthy novelty (5)	The Holly And The Ivy
Tinsel two (3)	Let It Snow
The chalk sled (3)	Deck The Halls
Manage rain way (4)	Away In A Manger
Troubledly trim me (3)	Little Drummer Boy
Green motel dysentery germ (5)	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Kneel dottily (2)	Little Donkey
Earth shaking danger shell (5)	Hark The Herald Angels Sing
Sweet gherkin (3)	We Three Kings
Handwritten bike mile (4)	In The Bleak Midwinter
Hardy symbolic (3)	Mary's Boy Child
Lift shelter now (3)	The First Noel
Jill begs len (2)	Jingle Bells
Dug maintain petrochemical (6)	It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
Worthy jolt ode (4)	Joy To The World
Boom, twentieth hotel fell (5)	O Little Town Of Bethlehem
Where stepchild wed shah (3)	While Shepherds Watched
Deplored, he is the odder runner (5)	Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer
To wishy washy, rare crummies (6)	We Wish You A Merry Christmas
Better collision slugs (4)	Ring Out Solstice Bells
Chess extra soul (3)	The Sussex Carol