

## Editor's Note



Welcome to issue 41. It's amazing what you can learn when you go to church. I attended the 'Songs of Praise' leaving service for Rev. Stephen Northfield of Hatfield Peverel and Ulting churches, and the Bishop of Colchester, during his talk noted that at the

9.30 a.m. service on Christmas Day in 2012, Stephen had just uttered the words "let us pray," when the church was struck by a bolt of lightning! Thankfully, due to the efficiency of the lightning conductor neither the church nor any of the 26 members of the congregation were hurt. Makes you think though... But, on Boxing Day 2024, there was a fire in Langford Church! (see page 6 for more details on this).

You may also be interested to learn that, following the item in issue 40 where the new 'Lord of Ulting' was introduced, I found an old item in the *Evening Gazette* of 20<sup>th</sup> October 1999, which told of the title going under the hammer in an auction at Ironmongers' Hall in London the following month. Strutt & Parker, chartered surveyor and valuer, based in Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, handled the sale – prices for a 'Lordship' started at about £6,000. The title was being sold by the current owner, the Ulting Overseas Trust. So, it could have been you!

## And the Parish Bouquet goes to...



This time the bouquet goes to Debra Meadows and Louise Sankey. Although not churchgoers themselves, they have tirelessly helped set up and supported events run there. Our churches are, in many ways, still at the very heart of our villages, and we should all be very grateful for those who help, not only to keep them going

in these days of secularism, but also who help them bring an outreach (of whatever sort) to the local area. So, thank you ladies, for your wonderful support.

However, another bouquet must go to John Clemo who, despite having stepped down as Parish Councillor, has stood in as temporary Parish Clerk after we lost Justine. Thank you, John – very much appreciated. There is also one more bouquet to present, and that is to Kevin Gribble for keeping our wonderful church clock up to time during the all too frequent power cuts of late.

## Parish Council Meetings

Don't forget, Parish Council meetings are held on a Tuesday evening starting at 7.30 p.m. and dates for these can be found on the Parish Council website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/langford-ulting/>

## Places of Worship

### St. Giles' Church, Maldon Road, Langford

Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Heather Atkinson – 07970 197152

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – Holy Communion, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays – United Benefice Services. All services at 0930 (except United Benefice which will follow the service time of the church appointed).

**For other services see notice on church door**

### All Saints Church, Church Road Ulting

Rev. Derek Clark – 01245 380627; 07860 235778

Services of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. on the

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9 a.m. Common Worship with Holy Communion

Morning Office every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

**Everyone, of whatever persuasion, is very welcome at our services**

## Letter to the Editor...

"It is wonderful to receive the newsletter giving us past, present and future events. I was particularly interested in the flooding in Ulting Lane. I remember the flooding of the river by the Mill at Langford, but unfortunately not the year. But our lorry which delivered milk to Maldon [*for Magness & Usher – Ed*], only just managed to get through, but the return was more difficult and we had to be towed out of the flood. We had to go through Langford from Springfield because the Danbury Road was blocked near Sandon. The lorry was a Bedford 15 tonner petrol engine, one of the last petrol lorries we had, and I remember the workshop changing the engine so it could be used the next day. We didn't return the water in the engine to Langford though!" [Philip Magness, Red Lodge, Langford]

Thanks Philip, it has been lovely to get letters from our readers who like the old stories – I would be very grateful for memories that you have about our two villages that you would like to share with us.

As the newsletter is run by the Parish Council there are certain things that have to be there every issue, but there is plenty of space for your memories, so do, please, keep them coming!

## Litter Pick – 29<sup>th</sup> March

As you know, we hold a litter picking session every year to help keep our area clear from the irresponsible cast-off rubbish thrown out of vehicles or from cyclists. Every year we manage to clear a staggering amount of litter – from wine bottles and beer cans to Macdonald's wrappers and many other fast-food outlets. We will meet at the Village Hall at 10 a.m. where grabbers, bags and high-viz jackets will be provided. Please come and help us, just for a couple of hours, to keep our area clean.

## Agricultural Employment in Ulting

In 1867 a report on employment in agriculture in Ulting painted a rather bleak picture:

“In Ulting there are four owners, one of whom is resident. There is not half enough resident labour, owing to the deficient supply of cottages. There are 24 cottages, and at the rate of 3½ cottages to the 100 acres, there ought to be 40. Labourers have to be imported from the neighbouring parish of Hatfield and have to travel from 1½ to 2 miles to their work. The cottages that exist are not in first-rate order, and are deficient in sleeping accommodation. There is not believed to be one in the parish with three bedrooms. The rent ranges from 3*l.*10*s.* to 4*l.*10*s.* All of them have fair gardens; and there is about 1½ acres of allotment, but it is inconveniently situated and is not all taken up. It is let at 6*d.* per rod.

There is a parish school, not under Government, opened in 1866, taught by a mistress, attended by 35 children (on the books), not all of them belonging to the parish. The annual cost is about 35*l.*, 20*l.* of which comes from a single subscription, the widow of the late vicar. The same lady maintains and teaches a night school, which was attended last winter by from 12 to 14 scholars, principally young men.

The cultivation in these parishes is chiefly arable; the soil mixed, the larger proportion a light loam; 500 acres would be considered a large occupation. The best land lets at 2*l.*, the poorest at 20*s.* an acre. The rate of wage at present is 12*s.* a week and beer which may be reckoned as worth another 1*s.* About half the labour on the farm is done by piece work. About 4½ men is the proportion of labour for 100 acres; 35 years ago, 3½ was considered amply sufficient, and that at a time when hardly any machinery was employed. To cultivate a farm in the best way the labour would cost from 30*s.* to 35*s.* per acre in the year at the present rates.

Generally speaking, the difference in value between the labour of two men, one more skilled than the other, can only be rewarded by piece work. It would not be possible to show the employer's sense of that difference in the payment of daily wages. Mr. Foster had a man of remarkable ability as a labourer, who earned last year, single-handed, 50*l.* Work is found for able-bodied steady labourers throughout the year. They are only the shift men who are out of work in the winter time.

Female labour is not encouraged, and the land can be kept clean without it. The women generally are indisposed themselves to go out to field labour, and the young girls go out to service. In this district, there would be a boy employed to about every 70 acres. The exception is to find boys going to work at as early an age as 10, and then chiefly in the case of large families. The more usual age for boys going to work is 11 or 12...that is not to say that the labour of a boy under 10 is of no value to the farmer, but virtue of higher considerations the farmer should dispense with it. If a law should prohibit the employment of child labour under the age of 10, there would be no gain, but rather

a loss to the social condition of the neighbourhood, unless such children attended school.”

It is perhaps hard, in this day and age, to think of children as young as 10 going out to work, but certainly within living memory, children left school at 15 to go to work

## Art Show 2025

Our famous Art Show this year will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall. We are appealing for volunteers from both villages to assist with this year's show after struggling in certain areas last year. If you are able to commit to helping in the following areas, please contact Louise at [langfordandultingartshow@gmail.com](mailto:langfordandultingartshow@gmail.com) by early/mid-March:



- Assisting on picture drop off day - Sunday 6th April - 3pm - 5pm - 4 people needed;
- Serving teas, coffees & cakes - 12th & 13th April - 2 people needed both days however shifts can be split AM/PM with two on each shift;
- Selling raffle tickets both days - one person each day or split shifts if that is preferable;
- Additionally, anyone wishing to make or contribute cakes would be very much appreciated.

Funds raised by the art show contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of our lovely village hall which is there for us all to enjoy, and if we can acquire more volunteers than the minimum mentioned above that would be wonderful.

This year the Art Show will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and we do hope that even if you can't help in any of the above categories, that you will come along and support the event and enjoy the wonderful talent that we have in our local area.

## Did you know...?

That the patron of All Saints Church, Ulting is Sidney College, Cambridge. Sidney Sussex College (referred to informally as 'Sidney') is a constituent college of the University of Cambridge in England. The college was founded in 1596 under the terms of the will of Frances Sidney, Countess of Sussex (1531–1589) and named after its foundress. It was from its inception an avowedly Protestant foundation; ‘...some good and godlie moniment for the mainteynance of good learning.’

In her will, Lady Sussex left the sum of £5,000 together with some plate to found a new college at Cambridge University ‘to be called the Lady Frances Sidney Sussex College.’ Her executors, Sir John Harington and Henry Grey, 6th Earl of Kent, supervised by Archbishop John Whitgift, founded the college seven years after her death.

Its motto is ‘God preserve me from calumny’ [Libel or slander!]



## Reporting issues to Essex Highways online is now easier



Improvements have been made to Essex Highways' [Tell Us tool](#). These will make reporting issues on the roads even easier. Alongside regular safety inspections, Essex Highways relies on residents to report issues. These reports are used to understand where urgent repairs are needed. Last year, Essex Highways received over 50,000 reports from the public.

The improvements made to tool include:

- ability to report some urgent issues such as large potholes, fallen trees or flooded roads online
- an option to tell us that a known issue has got worse
- the ability to sign up to updates on an issue
- defect photos so residents can decide if the issue they wish to report is existing or new

A successful trial of reporting urgent issues online took place between February and April. During the trial, 242 online enquiries were received. Of these, 58% required emergency action.

The number of emergency issues reported during the trial increased by 84%. The trial also saw a significant reduction in the average time taken to make issues safe. This saw response times reduced by more than half.

Report a highways issue online or keep up to date on progress of repairs. So, with that in mind...

## Waterpipe breakage in Ulting Lane

On 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, it was noted that water was streaming from the verge in Ulting Lane adjacent to a large fir tree, almost at the junction of the B1019. This was reported to Essex & Suffolk Water and, amazingly, the following day a stream of vehicles closed the road off while investigations were carried out.



The result of all this is that Ulting Lane and a large part of Hatfield Road (B1019) will be closed for four weeks from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to undertake a SWAS investigation. (Surface Water Alleviation Scheme). Essex County Council has the responsibility for

reducing the risk of flooding from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses and to work closely with other organisations under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. If flooding is known to be caused by off-highway problems, or if the flooding affects areas (homes, businesses etc) off the highway, then ECC's Flood Management team will get involved. You can read more about their work, and report off-highway flooding, on the [Essex flood and water management site](#).

We are told that Essex Highways takes surface water drainage and flooding issues very seriously as they are likely to generate safety and environmental problems; a great pity then that it took them weeks when the end of Ulting Lane was flooded, back in November 2023 to even come and inspect it, let alone do anything about it. However, we are informed that "...a flood on a highway is also likely to be a symptom of a root cause elsewhere, often off-highway, so the resolution may take more than a simple intervention that removes the immediate puddling that follows after significant rain or high tides. Often, local flooding occurs during particularly heavy rain over a short period. In such circumstances, once drain and pipe capacity is exceeded, some flooding is inevitable. It is the same as pouring water into a funnel – if you pour in faster than the spout can let it out, an overflow will occur. As water runs naturally downhill, lower-lying areas may also generate puddles once run-off water can't be piped away. In such circumstances, we simply have to wait for the drains to recover. A puddle or flooded area can also be due to a simple highway defect such as a blocked gully (drain) or pipe. This type of problem can sometimes be resolved via basic maintenance, for instance, a gully cleanse when we have a team available.

Sometimes however a flooding problem is far more complex and needs a solution that in the first instance requires a thorough investigation on-site by a drainage engineer. He will identify the root cause, which may be some distance away and probably involve privately owned land; will determine a solution in broad terms, then submit an application for a SWAS investigation.

SWAS schemes which reflect the highest risk to road safety are prioritised for the limited funding available, and is in keeping with our obligation of duty of care under the Highways Act 1980. SWAS schemes can sometimes be relatively straight forward such that our delivery team can be instructed to undertake the works without any further investigations being required. In the majority of cases, though, far more planning is needed....

Schemes may also involve detailed discussions with landowners, which can take a long time. Schemes which are very complex, though, can take more than two years from initial assessment to works completion." Hopefully ours will not take that long, but four weeks having to divert through Ulting and/or Hoe Mill will be extremely trying, so we urge everyone to plan their journeys and allow enough time for the diversions and delays that will inevitably result.

## Do you believe in Angels?

### Boxing Day Fire at Langford Church

At about 12.30 p.m. on Boxing Day, 2024, a dog walker taking a stroll through St. Giles' Churchyard, noticed flames through the window by the north door, and raced off to Mill House to raise the alarm. Richard Perry, the owner, rang the fire brigade and me, and shot round to see what he could do. Not having a key, he tried to break down the door with an axe, but it was not having it. He then remembered that Colin Ashby had a key, and sent a friend to alert him. Thankfully, the Ashby's were at home and, inadequately dressed for the cold weather though they were, all rushed to get the door open, extinguish the flames, and move flammable objects from the neighbouring pews. Unfortunately, the water had been turned off and it was rain water in the watering cans outside that put out the fire, but who cares what the source was – it worked.

At the time, I was playing for the local Morris side on Hythe Quay, but the moment I heard, I was running back to my car and speeding back to Langford, breaking all speed restrictions, praying as I have never prayed before that our wonderful church would not have burned down. As Churchwarden, it is my responsibility to look after the building, and I was just so grateful that there were sharp-eyed people able to avert what could have been its destruction – something for which I would never have forgiven myself.

The Fire Brigade managed to clear the smoke (due largely to the burning of a polystyrene 'present' that had been on the windowsill as part of the Carol Service and Christmas Day decorations), and ensured that all was safe and secure.

What is not clear is how the fire started, as all the candles on the windowsill had been carefully extinguished after the Christmas Day service which ended at 10.30 a.m., so why, after almost 26 hours did one of them reignite? We may never know, but what is certain, is that there will only ever be battery operated candles on the windowsills in future.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank, with all my heart, the unknown dog walker – a real Guardian Angel if ever there was one – Richard Perry, Andy Cullen, and the entire Ashby family for their quick thinking and positive actions in preventing a greater disaster. As it is, there is fire and smoke damage to the windowsill and damage to the north door, but all of these can, and will, be fixed. In this case a 'Parish Bouquet' would be totally insufficient, and if I could give a medal to each and every one of them, I would most certainly do so – they are all heroes to me. But as dear Lottie Ashby said "We couldn't let anything happen to it – I want to get married there!"

Friends of the church have already offered to help with the clean-up and repairs to the door, and I can only say what wonderful neighbours we have in our little village, and how very grateful to them we should all be for their swift actions to prevent an utter disaster.

However... barely had we got over the shock of that, than on the evening of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, a driver, who momentarily fell asleep at the wheel, ploughed into the gates in the front fence of the church, and knocked over one of the ancient headstones. As the stone was erected in the late 1700s I'm not too sure that the person buried underneath will be too concerned about it all, but we will endeavour to have it all restored as soon as the Insurance Company allows.



Luckily, no-one was hurt, and the fence panels can, and of course, will be replaced, although it is extremely unfortunate that this fence was only renewed in early 2020.

This is not the first time that the church fence has been demolished, as on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015, a car lost control as it sped round the corner from Maldon Road to Witham Road and demolished the gate and two panels of the fence, and broke the steps leading to the War Memorial [*Newsletter Vol. 4, No. 4, Autumn 2015*]. But, as we say, at least no-one was hurt, and that really is all that matters, but please, no more shocks at the church; I don't think my heart will take any more.

### Petition for Speed Reduction through Langford – Sign up Now

As you will no doubt have seen from posters around the village, we are seeking to reduce the speed limit through the village from 40 to 30mph. Back in the 1980s we did actually achieve this, but County Hall reneged on the arrangement. However, thanks to villager Rachel Wilkinson, the fight has now resumed, so please sign the petition ([Rachel.wilkinson1309@outlook.com](mailto:Rachel.wilkinson1309@outlook.com)) or scan the poster to give your vote for a speed reduction.

### Disruption to traffic movement through our Parishes

You will have no doubt received letters from Essex Highways concerning the closure of the B1019 and the end of Ulting Lane, as notified on the previous page, but we would like to make you aware of future road closures over the summer holidays. It is proposed to close the road from the Heybridge Approach roundabout up to the old railway bridge to enable the new roundabout to be fitted 'during the school holidays to avoid too much disruption.' Sadly, this will be another major blow to our villages and will cause even more chaos and delays. Hopefully it won't take too long.



## The Blackwater and Pant Fluvial Audit and Restoration Plan



The Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust (ESRT), with help from its partners, Essex and Suffolk Water and the Environment Agency, are running a large-scale project on the rivers Pant and Blackwater in two parts. Actually, the Pant and Blackwater are the same river. The upper section is the Pant and the lower part is the Blackwater. The name changes under the Church Lane bridge at Bocking, on the outskirts of Braintree. It is not known which name came first, as historic records contradict each other, including those from the Romans and the historian Bede.

In 2023 Essex County Council and the Essex River Hub identified the Blackwater as a priority catchment for the county for both restoration and for climate change action. The whole non-tidal length of the Blackwater and Pant will be assessed as part of the fluvial audit and will fall under the restoration plan. This covers an area of 24 parish councils from Swards End to Langford as well as Braintree District Council and Witham Town Council.

A Fluvial Audit is a type of large-scale river survey formed of two parts:

1. A desk-based study that looks at historic records of the river;
2. A hydrogeomorphological survey of the whole length of the river that captures a complete picture of the watercourse's current state.

The ESRT's main partners will be helped by JBA Consulting who will conduct the fluvial audit, and it is hoped to use this project as a method of bringing together groups and individuals from across the catchment including (but not limited to) the North Essex Farm Cluster's members, parish councils, private land owners and farmers, local environmental action groups, other NGOs and local businesses. During the fluvial audit, landowners will be contacted regarding land access for the survey.

At present, environmental restoration projects across the catchment are opportunistic. The restoration plan produced from the fluvial audit will identify key target sites and issues for NGOs and the Environment Agency to work on. Larger scale projects will be more achievable with greater evidence of their worth and better coordination. This project is key to ensuring the long-term environmental quality of the river. The Fluvial Audit was undertaken over the spring and summer of 2024 with a final report being produced in the late autumn. This report will then form the backbone of a strategy for this river system to be produced by the ESRT in early 2025. At last, something positive is being done to ensure the water quality and viability of our rivers.

And continuing about water, Essex & Suffolk Water: have given us an update on the Layer-Langford pipeline progress:

"I'm writing with the latest update on our project to create a 19.5km pipeline to connect and balance raw water supplies in the northern and southern parts of Essex. As you may recall, this £20m investment will ultimately add resilience to supplies for more than 370,000 of our customers in the county and also help protect the environment.

Pipelining on the project, which runs from Layer-de-la-Haye, Colchester to Langford, Maldon, is now complete. Work now continues on the reinstatement of land, as well as testing and the eventual commissioning of the pipeline, which will be capable of carrying up to 50 million litres of water a day to be treated at the company's sites. The completion of the construction phase is a huge and exciting milestone, and we are grateful for the support and understanding of the communities through which we have been working.

There is still a lot of work to be done before we see the pipeline in use in 2025. However, the now familiar presence of the project team and our chains of blue pipes along the landscape will slowly reduce as we near completion of work."

## Night Poaching at Langford

[*Chelmsford Chronicle* – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1885]

"For some weeks it has been suspected that the covers belonging to the Langford Grove estate have been frequented by poachers, and the keepers have been on the lookout for visitors. On Tuesday night some watchers were in Eastlands Wood, and hearing shots fired, proceeded cautiously in the direction from which the sound came, and met a party of poachers, who quickly made off. A watcher named George Webb succeeded, however, in capturing a well-known character named John (alias Dick) Shelley, of Witham, who was at half-past one in the morning handed over to the custody of P.c. Wedlock and conveyed to Witham. The prisoner was brought before Col. Lucas and General Howard Vyse yesterday (Thursday) and sentenced to a month's hard labour without the option of a fine. At the end of that term, he is to find sureties to keep the peace for six months, himself in the sum of £10 and two others in £5 each; in default of finding sureties to be further imprisoned for six months. It is probable that another arrest will be made, as one of the poachers in hurrying away left his hat in the wood."

A salutary lesson to all would-be poachers. A pity we can't hand down hard labour sentences today – clearing some of our ditches would be a priority I feel!

However, as the B1019 will be closed for a large part of the Hatfield Road and Ulting Lane side for some time while they sort out the water pipes etc. (and not before time I hear you cry...) perhaps some thought and consideration will be given to clearing the ditches so that water can actually run away as it is supposed to do, and we can (hopefully) say 'goodbye' to the annual flood at the end of the Lane. Don't hold your breath!

## News from St. Giles' Church, Langford



A lot has been happening in St. Giles' Church, not least, as I've already explained on page 4, the fire on Boxing Day, and the destruction of a large part of the front fence. However, on more

positive notes, and with much less devastation to my heart and blood pressure, we supported Baby Loss Awareness Week again last year, which ran from 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> October, and many of you will have seen the church illuminated in the pink and blue colours of the organisation. All the churches in our joint benefice were happy to support the group and allow them to light up the buildings to draw attention to this very worthy cause. But just in case you missed it, this is what it looked like... We have supported this group for a few years now, and it will be our privilege to do so in the future, as nothing is as devastating as losing a child, and especially a baby whom you have not yet got to know.



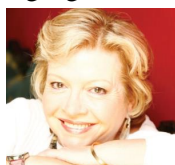
Our Christmas Fayre on 23<sup>rd</sup> November raised £504.50 and we are extremely grateful to everyone who helped or supported us that day. Our Carol Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> December raised £204.35 for the Children's Society, and the Parochial Church Council promised to match and increase what we raised, so a cheque for £600 has been sent off so thank you very much to everyone who was so generous.

We intend to have more fundraising events in 2025 to enable us to get on with the much-needed restoration work to the belltower and get the inside of our beautiful church looking as it should do, so keep your eyes open for the notices, and do come and support us if you can. We will try and have them in between the road closures that are going to be such a great part of our lives this year.

We also intend to have a real clear out of the church in April/May in all the hidden places. Sadly, when our churches were built, no-one thought of storage so, when our underfloor heating system (by way of hot air from the boiler house) was replaced by overhead heaters in 1958, the vacant spaces under the grills ended up becoming our (or perhaps I should say my) storage locations – even the altar hides a lot of things. But this year we want to have a good clear out and find new homes for several very interesting items, so if you would like to help and discover new things, get in touch with me and we can arrange a clearing party – bacon rolls on me!

Every good wish and blessings.

Irene – Churchwarden



## News from All Saints Church, Ulting

By the time you read this article I hope I shall be well on the road to recovery from the accident I had the day after Boxing Day when I suffered a broken ankle. I would like to thank everyone for the many



cards and good wishes that I have received since my accident – they were all very much appreciated.

In spite of the many negative stories we hear about the NHS, so far the Colchester Hospital has done a wonderful job. I cannot fault the professionalism, efficiency, expertise and care I have received from everyone concerned from initial admittance, 2 days on the ward and subsequent treatment, doctors, nurses, anaesthetists and operating team, orderlies, x-rays and scans not to forget the unseen administration staff. The food wasn't like home cooking, but they did their best. I cannot fault the treatment and care I have received from everyone at Colchester Hospital.

While I have been laid-up our parish Reader, Charles Cope has been taking the services of Morning Prayer and the reports coming in say he is doing a wonderful job keeping things going.

By the time this article is published, I hope to be able to weight bear on my ankle and to resume the regular services of Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, Morning Prayer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays and Parish Eucharist on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

From our last issue we have had some wonderful services with the Baptism of Lewis Bilsborrow aged 7. His parents were married in Ulting in 2009, they already have an older daughter and he attends the Saint John's School in Danbury. Baptism was his own idea and he even chose his own Godparents – you can't say fairer than that!



The wedding of Peter Webster and Heidi Pocock were special inasmuch as Heidi's dad is an organist and he walked her down the aisle with Barbara playing and after giving her away he played the hymns, and Barbara played us out – a wonderful occasion. Prayers and

blessings and good wishes go with them all. Peter and Heidi actually commuted from Springfield for three years, but have since bought a house in Hatfield Peverel, so have less distance to travel.

With loving prayers and blessings.

Rev'd. Derek



## Clubs, Societies and Voluntary Bodies

### Parish Council

<https://e-voice.org.uk/langford-ulting/>

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### Quilting Group – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (1-4 p.m.)

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### Friends of St. Giles' Church

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### EC Weight Loss Group

Contact: Emma Chapman

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### Gentle Pilates for those with chronic pain

Tuesdays: 10 a.m.; 11 a.m. Gentle yoga for

the not so bendy. Ladies only.

### Rainbows (age 5-7), Brownies (age 7-10)

and Guides (10-14) meet at the hall during term time

on Tuesdays. Enquirers can register their

daughters' details on the Girlguiding website:

[www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/)

### Scottish Dancing – every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Contact: [diana.rogers2@btinternet.com](mailto:diana.rogers2@btinternet.com)

### Community Speedwatch Group

Contact: Carly Truman [carlyl Truman@gmail.com](mailto:carlyl Truman@gmail.com)

### St. John Ambulance

Fridays: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. 17-year-olds, 8 p.m.-

10 p.m. adults. Contact: Edward Hennis

[Edward.hennis1sja.org.uk](mailto:Edward.hennis1sja.org.uk)

### Glenn Mayes, Toastmaster & Independent Celebrant

4 Brockley Cottages, Ulting, CM9 6QX

(Tel: 01245 381577 /07826 339498)

[www.east-anglia-toastmaster.com](http://www.east-anglia-toastmaster.com) [eastangliatoastmaster@gmail.com](mailto:eastangliatoastmaster@gmail.com)

## Businesses

### C.J. Ashby Forestry Ltd, Willow Barn, Witham Road, Langford,

CM9 4ST. Email: [cj@ashby.co.uk](mailto:cj@ashby.co.uk)

### Beechenlea Maintenance Limited, Fairwinds, Crouchmans Farm

Road, Ulting CM9 6QS [Tel: 01245 381505/Fax: 01245 381835

Mob: 07473 705774 Email: [james.sadler@beechenlea.com](mailto:james.sadler@beechenlea.com)

Vegetation management, grounds maintenance, arboriculture, fencing, construction. [www.beechenlea.com](http://www.beechenlea.com)

### Maypole Clinic: Maypole Clinic [Osteopath] Unit 3, The Barns, Howells

Farm Offices, Maypole Road, Langford, CM9 4SY (Tel: 01621 850111)

[info@maypolehealth.co.uk](mailto:info@maypolehealth.co.uk); [www.maypolehealth.co.uk](http://www.maypolehealth.co.uk)

### CML Microsystems Oval Park, Langford, CM9 6WG

(Tel: 01621 875500; Fax: 01621 875606) [group@cmlmicroplc.com](mailto:group@cmlmicroplc.com)

[www.cmlmicroplc.com](http://www.cmlmicroplc.com)

### Ernest Doe & Sons Limited, Ulting, CM9 6QH

(Tel: 01245 380311), [www.ernestdoe.com](http://www.ernestdoe.com)

Open Monday-Friday 8-5.30; Saturday 8-4

### Essex & Suffolk Water, Langford Treatment Works, Hatfield Road,

Langford, CM9 6QA (Tel: 01245 491234)

[www.eswater.co.uk](http://www.eswater.co.uk)

### Feathered Nest Household Sundries

Jeanette Gribble (Tel: 01621 842132); [maeldunejoinery@outlook.com](mailto:maeldunejoinery@outlook.com)

### Jason Anderson Roofing, Birch Cottage, Maldon Road, Langford, CM9

6QD (Tel: 01621 843454); [info@j-andersonroofingandupvc.co.uk](mailto:info@j-andersonroofingandupvc.co.uk)

[www.j-anderson-roofingandupvc.co.uk](http://www.j-anderson-roofingandupvc.co.uk)

### Kevin Gribble, Joiner

(Tel: 01621 842132); [maeldunejoinery@outlook.com](mailto:maeldunejoinery@outlook.com)

### Mill House Hotel, Maldon Road, Langford, CM9 4SS

(Tel: 01621 841518) [info@millhousemaldon.co.uk](mailto:info@millhousemaldon.co.uk)

[www.millhousemaldon.co.uk](http://www.millhousemaldon.co.uk)

### Peartree Pantry, Peartree Farm, Spring Lane, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2JW

(Tel: 01245 381461)

### R. Pipe Insurance, Langford Lee & 83 High Street, Maldon CM9 5EP

(Tel: 01621 85566) [www.roypipeinsurance.co.uk](http://www.roypipeinsurance.co.uk)

[garypipe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:garypipe@hotmail.co.uk) / [piperoy@aol.com](mailto:piperoy@aol.com)

### Palmer's Property Maintenance Ltd, 3 Little Mills Cottages, Maldon

Road, Ulting, CM9 6PZ. Contact: Danny Palmer

(Tel: 01245 332233 / 07754 587477)

### A Tail of 4 Paws, 9 Ulting Lane, Langford, CM9 6QB

(Tel: 07548 866025) [www.atailof4paws.co.uk](http://www.atailof4paws.co.uk)

### Core Health Physio, Sarah Crosby Physiotherapist – Home visits

(Tel: 01245 801218 /07525 042529) [sarah@corehealthphysio.com](mailto:sarah@corehealthphysio.com)

### Museum of Power, Hatfield Road, Langford, CM9 6QA

(Tel: 016221 843183) [enquiries@museumofpower.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@museumofpower.org.uk)

[www.museumofpower.org.uk](http://www.museumofpower.org.uk)

### Allen's Arrans, hand knitting for all. Commissions taken.

Irene Allen, 11 Ulting Lane, Langford, CM9 6QB (Tel: 01621 855447;

07808 000736 [ireneallen815@gmail.com](mailto:ireneallen815@gmail.com))

### Green Gardening Solutions,

Flower beds, weeding, vegetable growing. Contact: Nadiia

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