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From the Editor

Taking on the role as the new editor of this magazine, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the readers of the Great Horkesley Village News.
Living in Great Horkesley since 2017 with my partner Allan, cat Tigger and dog Rusty I work full time as a Business Systems Project Manager for a private care home provider.
My hobbies including crafts and taking Rusty to agility classes.

After taking over editorship, I have introduced various things based on feedback from contributors, advertisers, and villagers. One is adding colour which I hope to extend onto more pages and another is creating a Facebook page. Scan this QR code to follow

the Facebook page and receive news & updates.

There is also the fantastic news that Great Horkesley Parish Council has agreed

to hold PDF copies of the magazine on their website. This will be coming soon!

I want to recognise Sam Jarvis for her tremendous assistance to me, despite her busy schedule. In addition, she is co-ordinating the magazine delivery through our dedicated volunteers.

If you are a budding photographer, please come forward!

To be the front cover of the next issue of the magazine, I invite you all to please submit a colour photo of the village. Given that it will cover February to April, it would be lovely to see a spring theme. Please email

horkesleyvillagenews@gmail.com

Best wishes Caroline

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Notes from

Great Horkesley Parish Council

www.greathorkesley-pc.gov.uk Written by Teri Duckworth, Parish Clerk

Firstly, the Parish Council and I would like to offer a huge thank you to Caroline for taking over as editor of the Village News going forward. I know she has lots of exciting plans, one of which is creating a PDF copy of the magazine that we will (hopefully) be able to put on the Parish Council website for people to view online - watch this space! We would also like to send thanks and goodbye to Tina, who has sadly decided to step away from her role as Bookings Manager for our Village Hall, after working with us for many years.

As promised in the last Village News, a new external water fountain was installed at the Village Hall just in time for the summer holidays, in response to a request from the School Council at Bishop William Ward Primary School. This was warmly welcomed by most residents; however, we have unfortunately already witnessed some attempts from young people to damage the fountain. In recent months, bouts of vandalism have also occurred on the Village Green with signs and fencing being purposefully damaged and broken, and around the Village Hall where, most deplorably, the plaque dedicated to Robin Rennie was removed from the memorial bench. We ask residents to please report any anti-social behaviour, such as vandalism, to the Parish Clerk and also the police, if appropriate.

In better news, after chasing for nearly 18 months, I have finally been informed by Colchester City Council that the installation of a new piece of toddler play equipment at the park, replacing the dilapidated sand pit, will take place in mid-October. Hopefully it will be in place by the time this Village News edition reaches you! The Parish Council has also agreed to purchase and install an additional memorial bench at the Village Hall to be dedicated to the late Sean Groom, who was Parish Clerk to Great Horkesley for 14 years and I understand played a major part in the Parish Council acquiring the new Village Hall.

The external audit for the 2023/24 financial year has been completed without any queries, and over the next few months the budget for the 2025/26 financial year will be discussed and prepared.

We are in the process of setting up council email addresses for all the councillors (see p5) though please bear with us if they are not quite ready by the time this Village News goes out to you. Please note that the contact email address for village hall bookings will also change to hallbookings@greathorkesley-pc.gov.uk

There are a number of issues in Great Horkesley that parish councillors are aware of and have been pushing other agencies and organisations to resolve for a long time. These include the dangerous stretch of the A134 between Great Horkesley and Chesterwell (the need to reduce the speed limit, introduce more light, and solve the problem of water seeping through the surface and causing potholes), traffic problems due to inconsiderate parking on Malvern Way, and the state of the footpaths north of Tile House Lane. The Parish Council is also looking into taking on ownership of the Village Green, so they will have control over this such as grass cutting and maintaining the play area.

Residents are welcome to attend any meetings of the council to hear what is discussed and there is a "Have Your Say" item on the agenda at every full council meeting, where members of the public can voice their opinions or concerns on any matter relating to Great Horkesley or the council. Agendas and minutes are all available to view on the Parish Council website, and agendas are also posted on the Parish Council noticeboards outside the Village Hall and the Primary School three days before the meeting.

I'll finish with the exciting news (that I'm sure will be mentioned many times throughout this edition!) that the Parish Council has agreed to fund a village Christmas tree this year, to be situated at the Village Hall throughout December. The light switch-on is looking to be part of a great event hosted by the Community Events Team, and I hope to see lots of you there on Sunday 1st December 5-7pm.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Christmas time and a healthy and happy New Year!

PARISH COUNCIL DETAILS

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Great Horkesley Community Events

I would like to start by saying again how incredibly thankful we are to all those who came to and enjoyed the Great Horkesley Summer Fayre in June 2024.

We are so delighted it was a success and we are already looking forward to next year (28th June 2025 – save the date!)

The events team met again in September to start talking about a Christmas event. Great Horkesley Christmas Lights and Carols will build on the success of the church's carols on the village green, which they have held for a number of years. The events team have added a few more festive touches - we'd love you to join us for some carols, hot chocolate and mince pies, hot dogs, pizza, wreaths, gifts and switching on the Christmas tree lights! The event is aimed at those who live in the village, and all the information can be found on page 36. We are hugely excited that this year, Great Horkesley will have its very own village Christmas tree, organised by the Parish Council. You are invited to bring a personal decoration to hang on the village tree. Perhaps you'd like to make something yourself or with your children or grandchildren, or perhaps you'd like to hang a star or angel to remember someone special. Whatever you bring, we recommend you make it waterproof as the tree will be outside! We hope you can join us. Sam Jarvis

We are a small group of volunteers who are passionate about bringing the community together. If you'd like to join our team, please email

ghcommunityevents@gmail.com

Great Horkesley Parish Council Chairman's Report

Can you rely on your toilet?

If you serve as a parish councillor for a long time you learn a lot about flooding, generally but not always the kind that blocks roads for a while. After 42 years in the village and 36 on the council, I reckon I know most of the trouble spots but, because the parish council has no powers whatsoever in relation to flooding, fixing them has largely been a case of trying to persuade the authorities which do have legislation on their side to get involved. For reasons that generally stem from lack of resources, this can be a very slow process.

A new initiative by Anglian Water is therefore very welcome. Great Horkesley, Boxted and Frating, are the three parish councils represented on MAG10, the 10th Multi Agency Group that has been meeting monthly since spring this year. Also present are a sewerage team from Anglian Water, and representatives from the City and County Councils – though not Essex Highways, who are invited but have yet show up, which is a pity because the pooling of knowledge at the meetings is already proving useful and they must have much to contribute.

Anglian Water are being driven by the need to keep sewage from emerging into people's gardens and, even worse, back into their toilets after it has been flushed away, so a pretty powerful motive. They also need to prevent overflows at the Ivy Lodge Road pumping station which can lead to foul water discharging into the Black Brook. They are pretty clear that one cause of this is surface water getting into the sewers and overloading them – surcharging seems to be the technical term.

Part of the problem is that, in the north of the village, many of the service access points to the sewers are in low-lying roads which tend to flood, which is where my accumulated knowledge has helped. The eastern end of School Lane, where it joins The Causeway, is typical: the highway drainage is very poor for a variety of reasons and there are two manhole covers which give direct access to the main sewer the runs along under The Causeway. When there is heavy rain, the roadside gullies can't cope and water seeps into the sewers via the manholes. With our help, Anglian Water are now progressively locating and sealing covers like these, which should bring about some improvement.

Unfortunately, leaking manhole covers in flooded roads are not the only cause. The sewers in Great Horkesley have never been intended to carry rainwater away from homes and offices but Anglian Water are confident that, given how quickly flow rates rise after rain, downpipes running into sewers on private property are responsible for a significant part of the surcharging. Obviously, because it happens mostly on private property, it's much harder to track down but they are working on it and I'd like to help them.

I'm sure I don't need to write about the damage that's done when untreated sewage discharges into streams and rivers: it's a well-reported national problem. However, it may have come as news to you that there are Great Horkesley residents who find other people's sewage seeping into their garden or flowing out of their toilet. As a temporary measure Anglian Water will fit non-return valves but a toilet cannot be flushed into a surcharged sewer and the valves do nothing to alleviate surcharging and the overloading of the pumping station.

If you have experienced either of those problems of sewage emerging where it shouldn't be, and have not yet contacted Anglian Water, you should, or you can contact me and I will pass on your contact details.

I make no apology for devoting this piece to such an unpleasant topic because over the years I have seen how distressed affected residents become. I hope we'd all want to help Anglian Water stop surface water getting into the sewers, whether it's run-off from fields or the result of downpipes discharging into sewers. I want to do as much as possible.

I am therefore asking any resident who knows where a ditch or downpipe may be discharging into a sewer to contact me directly to give me details. The informant's identity will not be revealed to anyone else – I absolutely guarantee it – but I will pass the location to the Anglian Water sewage team so they can act. If you can help, please do. This is not about finding breaches of building regulations: the object is to tackle compromised public health and serious environmental damage right here in Great Horkesley. Why would anyone not want to help?

MAG10 will meet monthly. We hope to shift the emphasis from reducing sewer surcharging to gaining a better understanding of why certain roads seem to flood more often these days and who has the responsibility for preventing it. For example, repairing a culvert that carries ditch-water under a road is a job for the highway authority. However, a ditch beside the road into which the road gullies drain should usually be kept clear by the landowner, not the highway authority. A ditch may disappear, perhaps because it isn't maintained or because it has been piped, perhaps inadequately. A ditch ought to be part of a network ultimately connecting to the Colne or the Stour, but many in Great Horkesley have become no more than linear soakaways. One ditch may be impeccably maintained but if the next one along isn't, neither works. There are no simple answers.

We will work will be to put more information into the public domain about who is responsible for what when there is flooding. In Great Horkesley this will take the form of a new section on the parish council's website which will mainly contain links to the other authorities' websites. I have been surprised to learn through MAG10 just how much information is out there but some of it is quite hard to find. Great Horkesley Parish Council will make that easier.

Cllr Christopher Arnold Chairman, Great Horkesley Parish Council cllr.arnold@greathorkesley-pc.gov.uk



On Sundays

9.30am - 1pm Eagle Ministries Christian Family Fellowship www.eagleministries.org.uk Tel: 07505 132664 - Paul Carr

On Mondays

10am - 11.15am Yoga Class Tel: 07981 022621 - Meg Lyon

4pm - 7pm Impressario Dance School Tel: 07793 140504 - Amy Rackliff

7.30pm - 9.30pm Explorer Scouts Email: hobdaylangham@hotmail.com

On Tuesdays

9.30am - 10.30am Bounce Class Tel: 07738 432165 - Natasha King

11.00am - 12.00pm Pilates Class Tel: 07912 422487 - Clare Blackwell

*2pm - 4.pm Craft Club (Braeburn Room) 2nd &4th Tuesdays of the month only Tel: 01206 271713 - Margaret Williams

> 7pm - 9pm W.I. 2nd Tuesday of the month only Tel: 07763 488774 - Marilyn Hurst

7pm - 9pm Masonic Lodge 1st, 4th and 5th Tuesday of the month only Tel: 07973 791073 - Alan Fosker

Regular **Activities**

On Wednesdays

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2pm - 4pm Afternoon Tea 2nd Wednesday of the month only Tel: 01206 271713 - Margaret Williams

5pm - 7pm AA Meeting Email: timmcnair42@gmail.com

7.30pm - 8.30pm Clubbercise https://gymcatch.com/app/provider/6951 Tel: 07814 404760 - Toni Wilson

On Thursdays

10.00am - 11.00am Pilates Class Tel: 07912 422487 - Clare Blackwell

On Fridays

9.30am - 10.30am Bounce Class Tel: 07738 432165 - Natasha King **********

7.00pm - 8.45pm Youth Club (School Year 6 Upwards) Fortnightly term time Tel: 01206 271653 - John Mehen

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CHESTERWELL TO HORKESLEY SPEED REDUCTION

A welcome breakthrough has been made in the campaign to have the speed limit reduced on the A134 between Great Horkesley and the new Chesterwell development. Just before Christmas 2023 we met ECC Cabinet Member for Highways to discuss lowering the limit from 60mph. Despite the best efforts of County Cllr. Lewis Barber, City Cllr. Darius Laws, the Parish Council, schools and many others, Essex Highways had previously rejected all calls for a reduction. We are delighted that following our meeting, the Cabinet Member for Highways has agreed to progress the reduction although this is more likely to be to 40mph than 30mph. We have now received the estimated costs and are identifying sources of funds. The Parish Council is willing to financially support the proposals and we are contributing with our Locality Budget too.

THANK YOU FROM CIIr DARIUS LAWS

The May local elections seem like a lifetime ago but I am truly grateful and honoured to be able to serve the villages north of Colchester once again. I will stand-up for your interests at the Town Hall and fight to protect our villages. The new Labour Government has already increased the Council's house building target. I will do my very best to serve you, working alongside Councillors Thomas Rowe, William Sunnucks and Lewis Barber.

EXTRA FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

ECC has announced a further £25 million for highway repairs (on top of the extra £12 million for highways already agreed for this financial year). £39 million has also been set aside for the annual resurfacing programme. We continue to fight for rural areas to get a fair deal on highways maintenance. This extra investment is very welcome and has been made possible by prudent financial management at ECC. Part of the extra £12 million was used to create a "Priority Budget", which could be used by County Councillors to prioritise repairs in their area. Lewis used some of his Priority Budget for maintenance of the footpath between Coach Road and Ivy Lodge Road on the A134, and the footpath between 15-17 Blackbrook Road, Great Horkesley. The additional budget will be focused on larger road resurfacing programmes, along with drain cleaning, line repainting, vegetation cutting and sign repairs. Please do get in touch with if you would like to raise any highway issues. We know traffic management is an issue on rural lanes, such as Ivy Lodge Road and Old House Road. We have successfully lobbied for policies to be reviewed, to ensure our rural roads and lanes are used in an appropriate manner. In the meantime, we support policies such as speed indicator devices and quiet lanes to help protect rural communities.

Best wishes, City Cllr. Darius Laws

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We are back in action here at Bishop William Ward and it has been a fantastic start to the term. In addition to welcoming our fabulous new reception class, we wish last year's leavers all the best as they start secondary school – reports from parents seem to be that they are enjoying the new challenges and settling into new routines confidently. Once again, most of our pupils headed to the Trinity School, so we look forward to establishing some positive links with the team there in the future.

As I write, our Year 6 pupils are just back from their week away at the Kingswood Activity Centre in North Norfolk. They have enjoyed a variety of activities, including caving, abseiling, zip-lining and archery. After a full programme and some fairly late nights, they were pretty exhausted, but full of stories and enthusiasm for a great week. As ever, we say a huge thank you to the staff who accompany the children as it is a big commitment and certainly a significant increase in working hours!

Over the school holidays, we made improvements to the school, including some new walls and doors and a complete refit of one of the boys' toilet areas. There are also plans to significantly upgrade our Foundation Stage (reception class) area, with some new play equipment and learning resources. A massive thank you to CCT External Cleaning for jet washing the area for free! At the end of last term, parents, governors and staff all gave up time on a Saturday to come in and paint the corridors, so the school is looking nice and smart in a calming sage green.

We look forward to celebrating at our Harvest Festivals soon, where the children will be able to explore this term's focus on "compassion". This is one of the school's eight Christian values; we focus on one value each term in our collective worship time and in class. The other seven are: peace, forgiveness, justice, hope, wisdom, perseverance and trust. Donations will be made to Colchester Food Bank and our friends at Tiddlywinks will also be collecting items.

You may have seen in the local press that our girls' football team has a new kit. Local firm TSC Projects funded the kit and we ran a competition in school to design it. Winners Pip and Anaya were presented with the kit by Colchester United Women's player Louise Kaine and, as the kit has their name across the centre, a nurse from St Helena was in attendance too. We have recently struck up a strong partnership with the charity, running a 'Creation Station' after school club that raises money for the hospice.

It will be a busy term, with football matches, choir events, school trips, visitors, Children in Need, a remembrance service and finally the run-in to Christmas! You will be welcome to join us at the school Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November 11.30am - 2pm and I hope to see you all around the Christmas tree for carols on the village green on Sunday 1st December 5 - 7pm!

Mr Bull, Headteacher







with the Friends of BWW

Looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

This week we held our AGM which was very well attended, and we came up with lots of ideas for the year ahead at Bishop William Ward!

Due to some clashes our Christmas Fair will be slightly earlier this year, on Saturday 30th November at the usual times of 11.30am to 2pm. Please come along if you are free, we will have lots of fun games, the school choir will be singing for us and the ever popular chocolate tombola and Christmas raffle will be there too! Entry is just £1 for adults and free for children.

Our wreathmaking class will be the evening before the Fair - this MUST be prebooked at www.ticketsource.co.uk/friendsofbww.

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During our August meeting, we continued our work on the Ingenious Food Project in cooperation with the Colchester Food bank. We are formulating recipes which may be placed inside the food parcels distributed by the food bank hubs.

This project is in its early stages; however, it is obvious that our members have a wealth of cookery knowledge and skills which we want to share with the wider community.

This meeting also offered time for us to socialise and enjoy a sumptuous supper provided by one of our members.



We enjoy meeting each other at our monthly social gatherings i.e. coffee mornings or tea afternoons. Our September get together was at Assington Country Kitchen where we enjoyed the time to chat with one another and a catch up on recent events.

Great and Little Horkesley WI



We invited members from local WIs to join us for our September Meeting. Our speaker was Bryan Thurlow. Bryan is a seasoned speaker for U3As, Probus, Rotary, History Societies, etc. With a background in professional theatre and drama lecturing, he has worked in Theatre, TV, and TIE, taking educational theatre to schools across East Anglia. Bryan's presentations are rather unique.



He is a great storyteller and in some of his pieces he introduces audiences to the voices of various characters. In others he plays the whole piece in character, giving a flavour of life in earlier times.

Bryan told us the story of one of the most sensational murder stories of the 19th Century which occurred in Polstead in Suffolk in 1826. The murderer was eventually caught, went on trial in Bury St Edmunds and was very publicly hanged outside the town's gaol the following year. Hearing the voices of the wicked young squire, Maria Marten and her father brought this fascinating story to life.

We are preparing for Christmas at our November meeting by making a Christmas gnome.

Our darts team are preparing themselves for their first darts match in the WI Essex Federation Darts Tournament. The Half Butt Inn kindly hosts our darts team for practices and home matches.

Our WI meeting is held monthly in the New Great Horkesley Village Hall every 2nd Tuesday evening at 7pm. We would be so pleased to welcome you to our meetings which are aways interesting and thought provoking.

Future meetings:

Tuesday 12th November 2024 - Christmas craft Tuesday 10th December 2024 - Christmas party Tuesday 14th January 2025 - Health and Exercise



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November & December 2024 - January 2025



All Saints' with St. John's, Great Horkesley

Growing and sharing God's love to reach out and give hope.

Some seasonal thoughts from Rev'd. Anne Mason, Associate Priest

It's that time of year again - a sense of slowing down, of conserving energy - a pause perhaps in the busyness of life.

Seeds lay dormant in the ground, squirrels bury supplies of nuts and other food to keep them going through the winter, hedgehogs lower their body temperature and slow down their heart rates as they hibernate. It might seem that it's a bit gloomy but it's only a time of waiting, for the cycle of the seasons to move onwards through winter and into Spring. Just as nature has a seasonal cycle to follow, many people will be looking towards Advent (it's on 1st December this year). It's that pivotal moment when Christians enter a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. And I expect there will be a last-minute dash to the supermarkets to get a chocolate Advent calendar to open each day!

It's a time to give thanks for what has been and prepare for what lies ahead — to find contentment in the little things and enjoy every moment of the season. In a contemporary version of the Bible, Jesus says, "Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace." I love that phrase 'the unforced rhythms of grace' — each time I read it I take in a deep breath, let it out slowly and pause to listen to my breathing and my heartbeat.

Instead of 'hibernating', let's breathe deeply and enjoy the change in the seasons – kicking up the leaves as you walk through the woods, enjoying the freshness of the cold air as you see your breath, being thankful that the sun is shining above the clouds. And on gloomy days – remember that Jesus is the light of the world. Even if we don't give him a second thought, we are always on his heart and he surrounds us with his love.

May we all know God's constant love and peace, even as the seasons change around us. *Rev'd Anne*

Also from Rev'd Emma Barr, our Curate serving across the 6 parishes.

The nights are now pulling in and we are all feeling the chill as we hunker down and get ready for winter. It is an exciting time to change the T shirts to jumpers and open toes to boots, light fires, eat soups and watch the leaves fall from the trees to redefine the landscape.

But it can also be a time of huge anxiety for many; winter can put a heavier strain on some more than others, the very old, the very poor and the very sick. So, the question is:

In the spirit of kindness, thoughtfulness and fellowship how can we help someone this winter?

Simple things we can do for others really can make a huge difference to someone's life as St Paul said:

"Carry one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6: 2)

Few of us need to look very far to find someone who would be better for a little encouragement, a helping hand in some way or just simply some human contact in the form of regular conversation. We must not get hung up on our own burdens and forget others. Remember that it is easier to carry two heavy shopping bags than one, because they balance.

So as winter approaches look out for those in need. It is what we do that means so much more than what we say and a community full of kindness, thoughtfulness and fellowship is also one of love.

Rev Em x

Coming soon: Trees for Advent at All Saints' Church, see pages 30 & 37

Regular events at St. John's Church, Great Horkesley, CO6 4FE Take a Break Café at St. John's is open every Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am. A warm welcome awaits you!

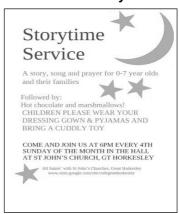
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For more information contact Rev Anne Mason 07895 970834 email: revdannemason@gmail.com



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We are part of The Church of England - Diocese of Chelmsford and you can find out more at: https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/

Our Church Buildings

All Saints' Church, CO6 4AJ

St. John's Church, CO6 4FE





Directions to both churches can be found on our website. There is a service at one or both churches almost every Sunday.

Who to contact

Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Heather Wilcox Tel:01206 240906 Email: RevHWilcox@outlook.com Heather has responsibility for the six parishes of West Bergholt, Great Horkesley, Langham with Boxted, Little Horkesley, Wormingford & Mount Bures. She is assisted by:



Associate Priest: Rev. Anne Mason

Tel: 07895 970834 Email: revdannemason@gmail.com

Church Administrator: Jo Rassell & Donna Luxton share this job and are the first point of contact for enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals. They can be contacted at the Church Office at St. Mary's Church, New Church Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3JE

Tel: 01206 243683 Email: 6parishescolchester@gmail.com Usual opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am-12noon Please note that enquiries relating to Baptisms and Weddings will be dealt with during office hours, but if you are arranging a funeral and need to contact someone out of office hours, please contact Heather direct on 01206 240906.

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Services November 2024-January 2025

There is a service of Holy Communion on Sundays in at least one of the eight churches in the six parishes under the leadership of Rev. Heather.

For more information - please refer to our website or the Church Office.

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		6.00pm	Storytime	St. John's	
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Christmas Services – see page 37 for details					
	15 th	3.30pm	Christingle & Carol Service	All Saints'	
	22 nd	11.00am	Morning Worship	St. John's	
Christmas Eve					
	24^{th}	5.30pm	Welcome to Christmas	St. John's	
	_	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	All Saints'	
Christmas Day					
	25 th	9.30am	Christmas Celebration at S	it. Mary's West Bergholt	
	29 th	10.30am	United Service	at St. Mary's, Langham	
<u>January</u>	5 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. John's	
	12 th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints'	
		11.00am	Morning Praise	All Saints'	
	19 th	11.00am	Fun4Families	St. John's	
	27 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints'	
		6.00pm	Storytime	St. John's	

We have a weekly notice sheet called "Looking Forward", which gives
details of everything happening across the six parishes. Printed versions
are available at our services and to have a copy by email send a request
to the office: 6parishescolchester@gmail.com

· Say one for me

If you would like prayers to be said for you or for anyone you know, please let us know by contacting any of the Church Officers. Prayers are said at all our services and we have regular prayer meetings.



We are very much aware that many readers of Village News do not have access to the internet and may be missing out on what's happening. If you're in that category, do please call the church office or any of the people listed on the previous page.

Trees For Advent

Christmas Tree Festival 2024 All Saints' Church, Great Horkesley, CO6 4AJ



The weekend of 30th November & 1st December looks to be a great starting point to the community countdown to Christmas here in Great Horkesley. Firstly, it is the now traditional "Trees for Advent", our annual Christmas Tree Festival, and secondly, a new event on the Sunday evening - Carols on the Green with the lighting of the village Christmas tree (see page 36).

Regarding Trees for Advent we would like to invite anyone - village organisations, businesses, families, groups of friends or neighbours and individuals to decorate and display a tree at All Saints' Church for 30th November & 1st December. You will need a tree (artificial is fine), decorations to your own seasonal theme and a little time to set up on Friday 29th November, between 11am and 2pm (let us know if that is a problem). Any lights need to be battery operated. We have people who have taken part in every festival since 2005 - thank you - but we would welcome new participants; the more trees the better the display.

The Church will be open on both days between 11am and 4pm, with hot drinks, mince pies and cookies available, plus the opportunity to vote for your favourite tree. Sunday's opening will begin with an informal, family friendly service (coffee and gingerbread served afterwards).

Please be a part of this festive weekend whether as a participant or visitor, hopefully both!

For more information contact: Gwen Pyett 01206 271673 or Lesley Richardson 01206 271576 lesleyrchrdsn@gmail.com Please let us know if you are taking part by 22nd November

Summary of the Weekend

Friday 29th November 11am - 2pm: Setting up of trees

Saturday 30th November 11am - 4pm: Church open for viewing and voting

Sunday 1st December 11am - 4pm: Festival Service

Sunday 1st December 6pm: Carols on the Green and lighting of

the village Christmas tree

Please note: Trees can be collected from the chuch on Sunday 1st

December at 4pm or Monday 2nd December at 11am



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Christmas Tree Festival 11am – 4pm

Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December

Come and view the trees,

enjoy light refreshments,

and vote for your favourite tree.

You can still view the trees at All Saints' church and enjoy our Advent service on
Sunday 1st December at 11am





Sunday 15th Dec <u>3.30pm</u>
Christingle Service
at All Saints' Church.
All donations will be given to the Children's Society.

Welcome to Christmas Telling the Christmas story and getting the children involved.



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11.30pm Christmas Eve at All Saints' Church Start the Christmas celebrations at the Lord's table.



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Through The Garden Gate



Already autumn is with us after the very unpredictable spring and summer of 2024. Not the best of summer weather for us all, but there were days which were very pleasant for a walk around our village. I enjoy spending a little time looking into the deep ditch bordering Broad Lane, which fills with wild flowers especially attractive are the Campion flowers which cross pollinate showing flowers of many shades of red and pink with some remaining pure white.

But now we have autumn colours and berrying shrubs to admire. I have a little

Thorn Tree in the garden and it berries profusely every autumn attracting Redwings, the first little winter migrant birds to arrive - they are members of the thrush family. If you are very lucky and observant you might even catch a glimpse of the rarer Waxwings when they arrive from Scandinavia; keep an eye on hawthorn bushes, rose hips and their favourite food - the berries on the Rowan trees.

A few Waxwings were seen on Severals Business Park last winter. They sometimes appear in the most unlikely places such as supermarket car-parks where the landscaping has provided berrying shrubs.



Very soon it will be Christmas time, I'm sure everyone looks forward to the festivities and planning a few decorative ideas for your home.

Many flowers and grasses lend themselves to drying, which can be transformed into something special with touches of silver or gold spray. I like putting together a few garden evergreens for a table decoration and a wreath for the door - a bit of a prickly job, but it's always therapeutic handling plant material, even for people with the busiest of lives.



People's choice of decoration for door wreaths varies widely. I like to use greenery from the garden. It's always a good idea to grow a few evergreens around the house or fences. It provides shelter for wildlife, and handy to pick from in winter. For this wreath I used a couple of different Hollies, Ivy, Skimmia, Sarcococca, Euonymus, pine cones and bits of dried flowers. The choice is endless! And artificial berries can look as good as the real thing especially with very young children or pets around, as they are poisonous.

Good health and best wishes to everyone this winter. Stay safe. Jill Plane, Great Horkesley



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1st Great Horkesley Scout Group Group Scout Leader - Will Lodge www.1stgthorkesley.co.uk

1st Great Horkesley Scout Group has been busy after a well-earned summer break - during which the Scouts enjoyed a camp down at Thorrington Campsite, cooking on open fires, and including a trip to the chilly but fun Brightlingsea Lido! The Group remains popular with steady numbers throughout the sections and young people on the waiting list, as we continue to deliver an exciting programme this term.

As well as each individual section having their own programme, we also come together as a group - for Harvest Festival and Remembrance church parades, our own traditional carol service - if you've not been before, it is not to be missed.





Photos from the Group Camp back in September 2024 where we had almost 40 young people all learn Skills for Life together at Thorrington Campsite.





The Scouts have learned some home skills - such as ironing - explored life with a disability, and will be making some fantastic big craft reindeer Christmas decorations; while our youngest section, Squirrels, have been tie-dying, decorating biscuits, and also exploring the topics of Diwali and Remembrance.

Beavers have been developing their secret agent skills; learning about Halloween, Diwali and Remembrance, and will also be visiting Colchester Fire Station this term - as will the Cubs, who have been getting to grips with various instruments, been book worms, and are looking to defend their District Dodgeball Champion title.



1st Great Horkesley Scout Group Group Scout Leader - Will Lodge www.1stgthorkesley.co.uk



Photo from the Group Camp back in September 2024 where we had almost 40 young people all learn Skills for Life together at Thorrington Campsite.

We held our Group AGM at the end of the camp, re-affirming our Trustee Board and setting out our main objectives for the coming year.

Having established Squirrels (which is going from strength to strength) and grown our leadership team (though we always welcome more volunteers), our primary focus for the coming year is to develop a new Scout hut. Our existing hut, though regularly maintained, is rapidly nearing the end of its life - and is also being outgrown. You may also have seen various media reports about land for a new Scout and Guide hut on the proposed Horkesley Manor development. This development will take some time - potentially too much time - and so we will be looking at a range of options for a new hut. As you can imagine this is a big project, looking at land ownership, planning permission, legal agreements, and of course how we finance it all. To that end, we will be setting up working groups to tackle this range of issues and support our Trustee Board in taking this project forward in earnest. We would appeal to anyone in the village who thinks they could help - either with time, or particular expertise in these sorts of things - to get in touch to help us achieve this and secure the future of Scouting in Great Horkesley for decades to come.

Scouting is only possible thanks to our hard-working volunteers: our leaders, who plan and run the programme; our Trustees who do all sorts including the finances; and group supporters who do everything from helping to maintain the hut to cutting the grass. A big thank you to all of them. If you would like to help in any capacity, please get in touch via email to gsl@1stgthorkesley.co.uk

National Growth

Scouts has grown for the last 13 years. We want to continue that positive trend, bringing skills for life to more young people across the UK.

By 2025 we'll have:

- 547,000 young people in Scouts, made up of 487,000 young people aged 6-18, plus 60,000 Squirrel Scouts
- 88,000 frontline adult volunteers (Section Leaders and Assistant Section Leaders)
- 19,500 Young Leaders



Great Horkesley Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Great Horkesley Old Village Hall, CO6 4BH

All the units are flourishing but there is room for more Guides in the unit, and the Rainbows and Brownies have waiting lists but if you have a girl interested in joining any of our units, look on the Join Us page of the Girlguiding UK website for more details. If anybody in the village is interested in helping with our units or has a special skill they can offer, please contact any of the leaders from the Useful Contacts list on page 70.



Great Horkesley Rainbows

We have eighteen girls in the unit with a very healthy waiting list. Four Rainbows moved up to Brownies after the summer holidays and we were joined by seven new girls. We started the term with a

weather activity to allow the new girls to get to know us. We are now working on the Stage 1 First Aid Skills Builder badge leaving basic hygiene and what you can and can't do to help people. We will be doing the Healthy Mind badge learning about relaxation and benefits of sleep and outdoor activities and not relying on electronic gadgets! We will be making edible fireworks near Bonfire Night and making decorations for our tree at the Trees for Advent at All Saints, as well as Christmas crafts nearer Christmas. Our new girls will be making their Promise at a special evening on Remembrance Day. We are having a joint sleepover with St Johns Rainbows at the end of November with a Christmas theme.



Great Horkesley Brownies

Seven girls joined Brownies this term - four Rainbows and three new Brownies to Guiding bringing us back up to a full unit of twenty-four.

We started the term with some active UMAs - Let it Snow included to let the new girls work with their Sixes. We have started Stage Two Make Change Skills builder with activities including Create a Monster, The Greatest Place on Earth and Changing Minds getting the girls to think about where we live and what we can do to change it for the better. We will be doing the Zero Waste Interest badge to complete the Theme Award. Like the Rainbows, we will be making edible fireworks and Christmas decorations as well as learning the skills needed to make apple crumble. We will also enrol the new girls at a special meeting on Remembrance Day. Both units will end the term with a visit to Hollywood Bowl.



Great Horkesley Guides

The Guides are growing in numbers again, joined by three Brownies and a girl new to Guiding. They had a very successful summer camp at Tolmers trying many new skills as well as coming second in the

talent show. Some of the guides are going to a Guiding takeover at Pleasurewood Hills at the beginning of October. The unit is also going to the Guiding showing of the new Moana film.

They are working on a Pudsey challenge, collecting items for Colchester Food Bank and as usual enjoying cooking and craft challenges in the lead up to Christmas.



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We got off to a great start with a Scavenger Hunt! The list of items included something brown, something shiny, something unusual and 'something live'. For most groups the 'something live' was a bug but for one group they brought a cat which made us chuckle! A young girl spotted her cat out & about on the field and picked it up!

We enjoyed the Vegetable Art for Harvest week. Amazing creations! Which is your favourite? We considered the importance of being thankful for what we have and sharing it with others. Some of the creations went to church for the Harvest festival Celebrations that weekend.









Coming up is an evening playing Bingo which is always a hit and extremely noisy as competition and excitement rides high! But lots of fun with a small prize for the winners! We have welcomed some new members from Year 6 who are enjoying the games. Another week coming up is the Light Party which involves neon and glow in the dark games and activities and probably lots of excitement and noise!

Bonfire Night will bring steaming hotdogs to cover in sauce and tuck into, and sparklers



to write with in the cold air!
Then its preparation time
for Christmas. Making our
annual contribution by making
decorations for a tree to be
entered into the Christmas Tree
Festival at the local
C of E church.

The end of this year is always a Christmas Party! Time to wear a Christmas jumper, fun headband, and sparkles.



Time to get ready for team games, and hilarious antics as well as a Christmas quiz! **Term dates for new year 2025**

Great Horkesley Youth Club

Each evening:

- Starts at 7pm and finishes at 8.45pm
- The team are all volunteers who come from the parish church and Freedom church and the village.
- We have a list of rules for everyone's benefit.
- We have a tuck shop where they young people can buy sweets and drinks.
- We often enjoy food treats!
- There are craft activities and console games and table tennis and pool and board games out each week as well as our theme activities for the week.
- We always have a short film clip or talk and prayer of blessing to close.
- Youth Club is for those students in Year 6 and above.

For more information or to enrol, please contact Karen Carr on 07505 132664 or email info@freedom-church.co.uk

Karen and all the team at Great Horkesley Youth Club (GHYC)
Finally, may you all enjoy a very happy Christmas!

May God's peace fill your heart and give you a sure hope for the year ahead.

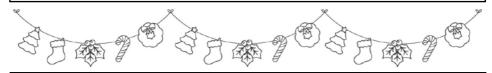


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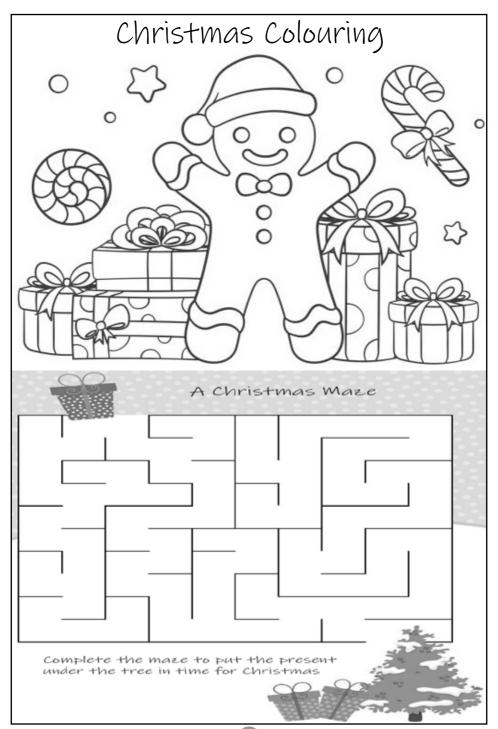


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We are still living out of the wonderful time away we all enjoyed as a church at our Summer Camp. The sun shone, the rain clouds were nowhere to be seen,

and we had a blast!
The youth enjoyed
outdoor activities such
as a 25ft water slide, and
football and volleyball
games and indoor ones
incorporating a Cowboy
theme by riding horses
(brooms) around a
course and lassoing with
a hoop! All the meals
were home cooked.





We tucked into chicken curry and sticky toffee pudding among other delights. We have a Coffee House where freshly brewed coffee and other drinks were open all day and evening. And homemade cakes and biscuits were served too. We had fabulous times of uplifting worship and teaching. We sang songs round the campfire one warm evening. Team quiz evening was hilarious and went down a treat too!

We had seminars each day on the subject of 'Let's Talk Relationships'.

Let's Talk Relationships...

Relationships with family and friends are designed by God to be a blessing. But the reality is, they can also be the most painful. Each day we looked at something different. On one day, the relationship with our children and how we can help navigate them through the whirlwind of confusion around them, and then with parents and siblings, what it's like being single, and of course marriage. God designed relationships, so we can look to him to guide, teach, and lead us how to do them well. We can't control how others behave, but we can determine our response and how we conduct ourselves.

The greatest relationship of all...

I have found in my own life this truth. That when we walk in a close relationship with Jesus, his love flows through us to all other relationships in our lives. It takes time. But it's true. His influence in us and through us is the ultimate gamechanger. I like to say that Christianity is not a religion, it's a relationship. As we approach Christmas, it's the opportunity to come close to God.



Christmas...

comes to Him.

To embrace the story of God coming to earth as a man, to live a life, recorded in the bible for us all to read, to discover the beauty of a life walking with him. He came to reconcile us to our perfect, Heavenly Father. This changes everything! Our lives can be transformed.

Hope instead of despair. A purpose for our time on earth, we are unique, and God wants to bring out the best in us. And with the promise of eternal life. No wonder we celebrate! God came down to earth to live among us. He came to us. We don't have to strive to get to Him. He humbled himself and became one of us. Fully man, yet fully God. 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means God with us.' Matthew 1:23. A relationship with Jesus gives us a chance to discover who He really is and who each of us truly are. It brings the promise of eternal life beyond death where there is no pain, no sickness, no fear. No matter where we are, what we have done, where we come from, He loves us. He accepts us. His love in our lives, changes how we live. Saying sorry is humbling but powerful. Saying sorry to God for what we have done wrong and understanding that forgiveness is ours as we do so, understanding that it cost Jesus his life. Turning away from wrong is so freeing. Free from guilt, free from shame, free from condemnation. A clean slate. Hope for the future. The Christmas carols declare truths. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. No wonder his arrival on earth brought so much joy, praise, worship and wonder! Joy to the world, the Lord has come! I admit, when I started to find out about Jesus, I had so much to learn, but as I look back over 35 years in a relationship with him, I have discovered who he really is, and it's not what I thought. He has done so much in my life. He is a constant in a world of change. He can do so much in the life of any person who

Christmas Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol Service is on Sunday 15th December at 3pm at Great Horkesley Village Hall, CO6 4EA

We welcome you to join us.

May this Christmas season fill you with hope, with love and peace.

Here is a prayer for you if you would like to receive it.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that you care for me like no other.
Thank you that you long for me to know you and your love.
May I discover more and more the beauty and joy and peace that you offer.
I ask in Jesus' name







Sundays

Every Sunday at 10am Coffee (service starts 10.30am)
Great Horkesley Village Hall, CO6 4EA

Start your week with us at Great Horkesley Village Hall. Our vibrant services feature worship, fellowship, and inspiring teaching, leaving you recharged and ready for the week ahead. Stick around afterward for coffee, cakes, and meaningful conversations.

We have groups for Kingdom Explorers children and youth.

Family Celebrations

Throughout the month, we host family service celebrations designed to engage all ages. From creative activities to interactive Bible studies, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Midweek groups

We have midweek gatherings where we foster honest, open friendships with lots of encouragement as we walk through life together with God and each other. We can't do it alone.

Prayer Evening

We pray for those in our fellowship and others and for the war in Ukraine as well as other areas of conflict.

We may seem powerless in some situations, but our prayers welcome the power of God into them.

Youth Club



Partnering with the local Anglican church, we run the Great Horkesley Youth Club, providing a welcoming space for young people to connect and have fun!

Details can be found under GHYC.

Contact

Please contact us if you are interested to know more if you would like us to pray for a situation in your life. Please email us and we will be honored to pray. Paul & Karen Carr. Freedom Church

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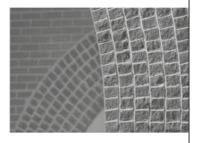
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We already have several Christmas engagements booked including a mini concert of carols to sing and music to listen to in Boxted Villagae Hall at 3pm on December 1st before the lighting of the Christmas tree, carols services at Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding, Polstead, Boxted and Wimpole Road Methodist Church and carols around Boxted, Nayland and Stoke by Nayland and playing at the Long Melford Christmas street event as well as outside supermarkets so a busy time ahead. We have several concerts booked already for next year and hope to gain a Colchester Bandstand spot too.

We play a wide range of music from traditional brass band repertoire, through jazz and film music, shows and orchestral arrangements so there is something to suit everyone. If you are interested in either joining the Band – we rehearse on Wednesday evenings at St Peters School, Boxted, CO4 5YN- or just listening to the Band, contact **Liz Petter 07803935688** or visit our website.

We have had several new players join us recently, but there is always room for more, especially Bb bass and repiano cornet, so if you used to play and have been thinking about taking it up again come and see us.

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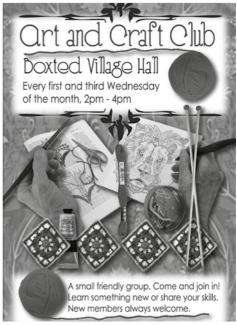


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Future Dates:

November 12th & 24th December 10th January 14th & 28th

For more information contact Margaret Williams 01206 271713



Great Horkesley Carpet Bowls Club



Unfortunately we were unable to enter a team in the church quiz this time, it has become very popular and we were too late getting our entry in.

If you would like to come along and try the game of Carpet Bowls with us please do so on a **Thursday evening from 7pm at Great Horkesley Old Village Hall, CO6 4ET.**

Please contact our chairperson Dott Simkin on tel 01206 271249 or text 07508731251 for further information.

The Boxted Carpet Bowls Club has now resumed after its summer break and meet every **Friday 2pm - 4pm at Boxted Village Hall, CO4 5RE**. Three new people have recently come along to try bowls and two more are expected soon, hopefully they will all carry on.

Six of the Boxted member are also members at the Severals Lawn Bowls Club and took the top four places in their Friday points competition. The green has now been closed until next April.

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30 Nov 2024
             Christmas Fair, BWW School 11:30am-2pm (p15)
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             Trees for Advent, All Saints' Church 11am-4pm (p30)
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01 Dec 2024
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https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/	
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The Silver Line	. 0800 4 70 80 90
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UK Power Networks	. 0800 31 63 105
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