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**The parish magazine for
St. Peter and St. Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill
St. Giles and All Saints. Orsett
St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan**

June 2025

**HORNDON'S WOOLMARKET CELEBRATES ITS 500 YEARS' HISTORY.
Feast & Fayre on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June**



THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

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SERVICES – June 2025

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Sunday 1st June <i>Ascension Day</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 2 nd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 3 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 5 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 6 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 7 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	4pm Forest Church	
Sunday 8th June <i>Pentecost</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 9 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 10 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	2pm Holy Communion Service at The Whitecroft		
Thursday 12 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 13 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 14 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 15th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service
	4pm Refresh Service		
Monday 16 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 17 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 19 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 20 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 21 st	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 22nd June <i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Monday 23 rd			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 24 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	12noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 26 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 27 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 28 th	10AM Feast & Fayre Opening Service		
	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 29th June <i>Feast of St Peter & St Paul</i>	9am Feast & Fayre Family Service	10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 30 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 1 st July	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 3 rd			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 4 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 5 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		

Open Church means that the Church is open for private prayer, refreshments are available at all sessions except Thursdays at Bulphan.

Rector's Reflections

Last month, in all three villages, the 80th Anniversary of VE Day was commemorated, and I am sure many of you participated in some of these activities. It was a significant event.

It's so important, isn't it, to remember the lives of those who have gone before us; to recognise and acknowledge their impact and give thanks for all they have given and done for us.

One way we can do this is through funerals, which provide the opportunity to remember and celebrate the life of a loved one or friend. For me, it is always a privilege to conduct a funeral and walk alongside a family as they prepare to give their relative, or friend, the 'send-off' they deserve. A funeral, albeit a sad occasion, enables people to say their goodbyes, pay their respects and, often, hear some of the things about that person's life that they, perhaps, hadn't previously been aware of. It can, also, of course, offer the opportunity to commend that person into God's loving care.

I recently attended an event organised by local funeral directors, where they were addressing the subject of 'direct' cremations and they gave us some facts about some of the national companies that advertise such cremations on television, some of which were quite concerning.

During that evening, in addition to the information about the 'direct' cremations, there was a bereavement counsellor present who shared something of her experiences.

I learned a lot from what I heard and would like to share something of what I discovered, in the hope that it might help you when you are considering the options, either for your own funeral or the funeral of a loved one.

The term 'direct cremation' refers to a cremation when the body of the deceased is taken directly to a crematorium and there is no service.

A 'direct cremation' can happen in different ways. It can be organised by a local funeral director or by one of the national companies that you may have seen advertised on television. If it is organised by one of our local funeral directors, it will take place at a local crematorium. There is no service but the wishes of the bereaved are considered in so far as they are able to see the person in the chapel of rest, request personal effects are placed in the coffin, are given information about the date and time of the cremation and can change the arrangement should they wish. I understand, however, that many of the companies that advertise on television, do not use local crematoria, unless a considerably higher fee is paid; instead, one of two places in the country is used and there is very little accountability for when the cremation takes place and little facility for personalising the occasion.

The bereavement counsellor who spoke at the event said that a funeral often marks the beginning of the grieving process for friends and relatives and she felt that, whilst some people select a direct cremation for themselves for selfless reasons, they are sometimes denying those left behind the opportunity to pay their respects and begin that journey of grief.

The reason I am writing this is not to seek business for either the Church or for local funeral directors, but just to ask you to think very carefully about the funeral plans for yourself or a loved one. What may seem selfless to you because you don't want to cause any trouble for your loved ones may, in fact, make their grief process more difficult to negotiate. I am very happy to chat these things through with anyone who wishes to discuss this, and I know that all of our local funeral directors would be willing to do the same.

If you are looking towards creating a funeral plan, one way to start is to ensure that the company that you are choosing to do this is a member of one of the Trade Associations of Funeral Directors, either SAIF, the Society of Independent and Allied Funeral Directors, or NAFD, the National Association of Funeral Directors. With regard to planning ahead, we also have booklets in all three of our churches which you are free to take and fill in should you wish to do so.

I do realise, in writing this, that there may be some people reading this that have already been through the process of a direct cremation for a loved one. If you are one of those people and feel that you would still like to mark the life of that person, please do feel free to contact me and I would be very happy to help you to organise a memorial service.

Take care and God bless,

Sue

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THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

27th May

Barbara Elizabeth Pavitt (79)

(O)

3rd June

Nick Tresidder

(H)

Interment of ashes

20th June

David Battershall (67)

(O)



Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at:
Horndon, Orsett or Bulphan churches,
please contact: Revd Sue Mann: 01375 891254
rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk



Baptism Enquiries

To arrange a baptism you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting, where we will discuss the meaning of Baptism, the responsibilities of parents and Godparents, go through the Baptism service and give you the opportunity to ask questions. At the end of the meeting we can check the diary and you will be able to book your Baptism.

Forthcoming Baptism Preparation Dates:

Mon 9th June - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
Sat 12th July - 12 noon at Horndon Church
Mon 11th August - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
Sat 13th September - 12 noon at Horndon Church
Mon 13th October - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
Sat 8th November - 12 noon at Horndon Church
Monday 8th December - 7.30pm at Orsett Church

For more information, please contact:
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HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S MUSINGS

Hello Everyone,

Well, here we are again, we have reached the month of June, which in Horndon also means the Feast and Fayre which is held this year over the weekend of 28th to 29th June.

This celebration originated from the church's Patronal Festival of St Peter and Paul our patron saints, and has grown over the years to encompass the whole village.

In the church over the weekend, you will find an amazing Flower Festival with displays celebrating 500 years of the WOOLMARKET.

Refreshments, lunches and cakes at very reasonable prices will be for sale.

Outside in the church grounds you will find a large Treasures Stall, previously loved books for sale, a tombola and various stands from other charities.

Inside the church local musicians will be playing and singing throughout the day.

All monies raised will help with the upkeep of our beautiful 12th century village church, which costs around £1,000 per week to keep open.

If you would like to help me with the refreshments please contact me on the telephone number below. You would only need to commit to one hour over the weekend and it's great fun.

Our Sunday morning church service at 9am on 29th June will be held in the churchyard on the Mill Lane facing grassed area. It will be a Folk Communion, please do join us.

All we need now is lovely weather!!

Sonia Ward – Churchwarden

Telephone: 01375 674212. Email: Sonia51anne@Yahoo.co.uk

ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



With the growing season well under way it is nice to see the churchyard looking tidy and well kept. Some of this must go down to the work of the Community Payback Team who have been coming every three weeks and do a sterling job. But we have to mention Orsett's very own Lionel Andrews aka 'Bronco' who celebrated his 90th birthday on 17th May. He was born and bred in Orsett and to this day still has a love affair with the village. Despite no longer being behind the wheel he still comes to tend the churchyard whenever he can.

The weather on 17th May 1935 was varied in the extreme with snow falling in Cardigan, Wales. That year fell under the Chinese year of the pig, which seems quite apt when you find out that he acquired his nickname by riding the pigs on the farm he helped out on. People born during that year have come to be labelled as the Silent Generation, something which seems to have passed him by! We would like to extend our thanks to Bronco for all he has done and continues to do.

Those who come to tend the graves of loved ones have for a while had to make do with a leaky tap by the shed door. Mike Dovey and his able assistant have now fixed the tap and it is leak free once more. Thank you Mike and please pass on our thanks to your friend.

The summer months, as always, are filled with numerous fundraising events.

We start things rolling with the Feast & Fayre weekend in Horndon – 28th & 29th June. The church will be open with a flower festival and musical interludes and there will be a variety of stalls in the churchyard.

This is closely followed by an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 5th July in Orsett Churches Centre – tickets from Sandra Billinger Tel: 01375 891040.

On Saturday 12th July in Orsett Church we are holding a Pudding Evening and Silent Auction from 5 pm - £7 for adults and £3 for children. You are invited to come along and sample some homemade desserts and make a bid on our lots at the auction.

Please do come along to support us during the summer months.

God Bless

Christine and David Mortimer

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replacement games and low attendance weeks. Thank you.



Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

Celebrations for Victory in Europe Day on Thursday 8th May 2025 included ringing the church bells at 6.30pm, which was a nationwide happening and we thank those who attended.

We deliberately left The Church open all that day to let anyone who wished to remember a loved one just say a prayer or give thanks could do so. I began to have thoughts about this time, being 80 born in 1944, I am named after two of my dad's brothers, Stanley and Edward who both served, my uncle Ted was actually in Burma; they both survived. My Dad's mum though was killed when a V1 bomb, a "Doodlebug" fell on her house in Forest Gate. I never gave these facts much thought before, but the publicity given to the 80th anniversary celebrations have brought it home to me and many many of us. Up till now we have had a reasonably easier life than those who gave their lives in that horrible war.

At Bulphan we are looking at replacing the old gravediggers shed which after a 100 plus years is gradually falling down, when it was built it probably was carried out by members of the congregation now of course we need official approval and we are taking the initial steps. We are also seeking to install a post-box as we have had important mail returned to the sorting office.

Shortly we shall be planning a working party to clean out the gutters and remove where possible the moss from the roofs, amazing how it grows so quickly. Any volunteers welcome the old band of people who used to do this work are now very old or have moved on.

We are so grateful to Bulphan in Bloom and all their volunteers who keep the churchyard looking so good, it is a big job and for those who have loved ones buried in the churchyard I am sure that they appreciate all the hard work carried out.

It is appreciated that we are all facing considerable cost increases in our everyday lives. The church is also in the same position and really the only way to save money is to reduce the number of clergy. The numbers of priests has been reduced in Thurrock and will no doubt be reduced further. The Diocese has set in motion a training programme that teaches lay people, normal people who are not ordained, to lead services that do not have a communion element (a non eucharistic service). Probably most people would prefer an ordained minister to lead a service and we shall have to see how it works out. We might well consider increasing our giving if we are able. At present the parish does not pay the cost of its priest and long term that can only have one consequence.

Frank Woollard



PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

June 1st	For Orsett in Bloom and Bulphan in Bloom
June 2nd	For the Friends of Orsett Church
June 3rd	For those who live on Stanley Road, Bulphan
June 4th	For our Local Ward Councillors serving the Parishes
June 5th	For those who live on Blackshots Lane
June 6th	For the Orsett Fire Station and all fire-fighters
June 7th	For our village halls and those who run them
June 8th	For our Archdeacon
June 9th	For our Clergy
June 10th	For neighbours and friends who have moved away
June 11th	For those who live on China Lane, Bulphan
June 12th	For those who live on Stephens Crescent, Horndon
June 13th	For those who live on Francis Close, Horndon
June 14th	For those who live on High Road, Orsett
June 15th	For those in St Luke's Hospice
June 16th	For those who live on Mill Lane, Orsett
June 17th	For those who live on Malting Lane, Orsett
June 18th	For those who live on Holmes Close, Horndon
June 19th	For those who live on Bristowe Drive, Orsett
June 20th	For those who live on Hillcrest Close, Horndon
June 21st	For those who live on Peartree Lane, Bulphan
June 22nd	For the shops in Orsett, Horndon and Bulphan
June 23rd	For those who live on Ellis Close, Orsett
June 24th	For our police and community support officers
June 25th	For those who live on Alderton Road, Orsett
June 26th	For those who live on Grosvenor Road, Orsett
June 27th	For the work of the Thurrock Food Bank
June 28th	For those who live on School Lane, Orsett
June 29th	For those suffering from starvation through conflict and war
June 30th	For those who live on Paddock Close, Orsett

“...by the grace of God I am what I am,
and his grace toward me has not been in vain”

1 Corinthians 15:10



HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL METHODIST CHURCH

4, High Road. Horndon-on-the-Hill

Minister: Reverend Fiona Smith

Senior Steward: Mr Graham Hodgson

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All are welcome to our services and other activities.

Services June 2024 Sunday 10:30am Worship

1st June

8th June

15th June

22nd June

29th June

Mrs Suzanne Stubbs

Local Arrangement

Revd Fiona Smith

Steve Burton

Local Arrangement

Holy Communion

Church Anniversary

9.30am Worship

VE 80 Commemoration and Celebration

On May 8th, exactly 80 years since the cessation of the Second World War in Europe, we held a special Community Cuppa and Chat morning with a wide range of drinks, savouries and cakes.

We were pleased to have two entertainment sessions: listening to and singing along to a selection of songs popular in the two World Wars and yesteryear. In addition we were entertained with a quiz themed on the Second World War and heard the recollections of many who came forward to give their poignant memories of the War years and time immediately after the War.



Christian Aid Week

On May 15th we were pleased to special Community Cuppa and Chat morning in support of the charity Christian Aid. This also marked our first anniversary of these community mornings.

Cycle of Faith

Last year members of the Horndon on the Hill Methodist Church completed a cycling circuit around the Methodist Churches in Thurrock. We will be riding the same circuit on **21st June** which also encompasses Horndon and Orsett parish churches. It would be good to share this ride through our locality with others from the Parish and the wider area.

The leisurely ride is led by a qualified British Cycling ride leader and first aider and takes around three hours with a number of brief stops. Under 18's are welcome but must be accompanied by parent/guardian or responsible adult. If you are interested please contact Jeff Bell at jeff3bell@gmail.com for further details.



Horndon – on – the – Hill Feast and Fayre

We look forward to the annual Feast and Fayre on **28th and 29th June**. The Chapel will be open and decorated with a beautiful display of flowers and presentation on the history of the Christian Church and the history of the Methodist Church in Horndon. Everyone is warmly welcome to step aside from the busyness of the day for a time of quiet and reflection. The Methodist Hall will also be open as usual for tea, coffee, sandwiches, rolls, crisps, ice creams and a variety of desserts. Come in for a chat and refreshments and on the way browse our stalls in the car park for bric-a-brac bargains.

Coffee mornings and lunch

All are welcome to our weekly Community Cuppa and Chat in the Methodist Church Hall. We meet on Thursdays between 10:00 – 12:00 noon for the coffee morning with drinks, savouries and biscuits and a soup and a roll between 12:00 noon – 13:00.



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Grays RM16 2JU
8.00pm – 9.00pm

Friday:

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

Please contact a Committee Member before attending your first session
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Sharon: 07792 827638 for Laindon
Kay-Anne: 07899 745020 for Corringham
Dawn: 01375 461885 for Blackshots
Email: ask-waders@hotmail.com

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POLICE at Grays

Community Officer: PC Javier Rodriguez-Perez
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Bulphan**

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SCHOOLS

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We enjoy meeting every Sunday evening and extend a warm welcome to all to our services. Please feel free to drop in and join us for worship and fellowship.

The services for June are as follows:

June 1 st	6:30 pm	Rev Pholani Ncube
June 8 th	6:30 pm	Lee Woodward
June 15 th	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
June 22 nd	6:30 pm	David Raj
June 29 th	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake

If you live locally and would like to come along to a service but need transport, or for any other information on our Church or our services please contact the Secretary: Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522, 07880 235140 or at zionhallmission@outlook.com



Mothers' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU):

Each day, at 12 noon, Mothers' Union members around the world spend time in prayer. They pray for local and world concerns, and also pray for specific diocese as part of the wave of prayer. During 18 – 20 June, MU members will be praying for us here in Chelmsford Diocese, as well as our wave of prayer link dioceses: Rejaf in South Sudan, Doko and Owo in Nigeria, the Military Episcopate in Kenya, and Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. It feels wonderful to be held in prayer like that! If you receive Roundabout, our CDMU newsletter, look out for some prayer resources to use over those days. Why not join in Midday Prayers on the MU Facebook page? Lucy will be leading on Wednesday 4 June.

Thy Kingdom Come, the global ecumenical prayer movement, continues until Pentecost. As MU members we are called to pray for 5 people to come to know Jesus, and to ask 1 person to come to an MU event.

Inauguration of Pope Leo XIV



Our Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow, was part of the Anglican delegation at the inauguration of Pope Leo XIV on 18 May. What an amazing honour! After the service she reflected on the service saying “*I was especially moved by the Pope’s continued emphasis on unity, peace and mission—values that lie at the heart of Mothers’ Union’s work in communities worldwide.*” To read more about her reflections, there is an article on the MU website: <https://www.mothersunion.org/news/mothers-union-reflects-on-inauguration-pope-leo-xiv>

A Prayer for Pentecost (8 June): When the Spirit came to transform the disciples into a vibrant, living church. It was like a strong wind and burning fire.

Blown by God toward newness by Walter Brueggemann

The news is that God’s wind is blowing.

*It may be a breeze that
cools and comforts.*

*It may be a gust that
summon you to notice.*

*It may be a storm that blows you where you have
never been before.*

*Whatever the wind is in your life,
pay attention to it
and the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Spirit,
will abide with you always.*



Prayer Diary 2025: June

The theme for June in our 2025 Prayer Diary is ‘Supporting Our Clergy’: In the much-loved prayer used by our founder, Mary Sumner, she prays ‘All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee.’ As we consider our own faith journey, it is good to reflect on people who have touched our lives for Christ. Consider how your life has been touched by friends, family, Mothers’ Union members past and present, and our clergy. Consider how you may have touched lives for Christ, through words or actions, or just being you.

Monthly Prayer: *Gracious God, we offer heartfelt praise and gratitude for the privilege of supporting our clergy. Bless them with wisdom, strength, and compassion as they help their communities. May our encouragement be a source of strength to them in times of need. Thank you for their dedication and sacrifice in serving your people. Guide us to uplift and uphold them in prayer and practical assistance. In your holy name, Amen.*

Creative Prayer: As you enter June, split the month into thirds and dedicate each third to a different activity that supports your clergy. Make or buy a small thank you gift for your church leader. When you give it to them, tell them you are praying for them and ask if they have any special prayer requests. Make a prayer diary for your branch to use during branch devotions and include a different clergy person each month, your Vicar, curate, bishop, archdeacon, etc. Drop a sugar cube in a cup of hot water. As you watch it dissolve pray that any problems or difficulties of your clergy will dissolve.

Lucy Bubb, Mothers’ Union contact.

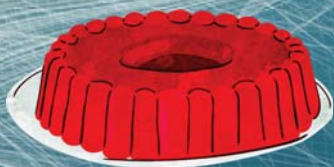
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We had a brilliant VE Day in school and were able to raise over £100 raised in donations, just from the dressing up activity. In addition, FOHS sold cakes at the end of the day and collected another £100. The children took part in class-based activities all afternoon and were also invited to participated in a dance session led by

Mrs Turner (thank you Mrs Turner for being so willing to take on teaching nearly 200 children throughout the afternoon – you are a star). All the pupils experienced dancing the Lindy Bop – which they said was brilliant but exhausting!



FOHS held their annual May Fayre on Saturday 10th May – the weather was glorious and if you were able to attend, I am sure you will agree it was a successful afternoon. Our PTA work tirelessly to ensure that every opportunity is pursued to raise funds for the school and we are so grateful for all their hard work.

Year 6 SATs

We are incredibly proud of our year 6 pupils. They approached each day of their SATs with resilience, focus, and determination; all following encouragement, support and tireless work behind the scenes from the staff. Breakfast was served every morning and his helped to calm any nerves.



We are now looking forward to the final year of this academic year. Sports Day, Leavers' Services and Assemblies and of course our all singing, all dancing end of year production are in the planning so look out for dates coming through!

Kind regards

D. Bradley

Headteacher



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The Woolmarket – Reading Room

Over its 500 years, The Woolmarket in Horndon has had many uses, one of which was a reading room. Being in the centre of the village and close to the church meant everyone was familiar with it.

The Victorian era saw a big change in the reading culture of England. The growth of industrialisation made books cheaper and more accessible to people of all classes. Libraries, reading rooms, and subscription services emerged to cater for the growing demand for knowledge and entertainment.

People began to look for knowledge beyond their day to day work and books became a commodity. Reading novels, newspapers, and magazines became popular, and authors such as Charles Dickens, Charlotte Bronte, and Jane Austen emerged as literary giants.

Reading rooms were created as a way for people of all levels in society to access books and newspapers without having to purchase them. These were found in public spaces such as train stations and provided a quiet atmosphere for readers. Reading rooms soon became a social 'club' with games available for members to play as well as a way to stay updated on the latest news.

Reading rooms played a significant role in promoting literacy among the working-class population in Victorian England. Many did not have formal education and large numbers were unable to read or write. Being able to read was a huge advantage and a wide variety of published matter provided an opportunity to improve their literacy skills, gain knowledge about various subjects and potentially better themselves. This led to a rise in self-education and a desire for personal growth among the working-class population.

Horndon's Reading Room

There had been a growing demand for a reading room in Horndon, as a result a meeting was held on Friday 3rd February 1882 with view to establish one.



The meeting was well attended with Mr SW Squier and Mr WJ Cook voted as Chairman and Treasurer respectively. Mr W Amos gave a room for free, the treasurer was instructed to make it ready for the opening on Monday 13th February by procuring furniture, draughts and selection of daily and weekly publications; The Times, Daily Telegraph, Daily News, Standard, Illustrated London News, Graphic, Punch, Penny Illustrated, Farm and Home, Moonshine and The Builder. Members had to pay 1s to join and 2d per week, 35 people gave their names and draft rules were gone through.



The reading room became a popular place to meet, as such by December 1883 the initial room was too small and it was undertaken to restore the building with additional rooms at the south end to rent as reading and recreation rooms. The roof had been stripped and re-tiled.

On April 24th 1884 the new room was opened and a concert was held to mark the occasion.



another form of entertainment.

At meeting on 12th January 1885 it was proposed to set up a library and provide a bagatelle as

By November 1894 the committee was looking to make the reading room larger and buy more books for the library that was now well established. It was reported the reading room committee wanted to raise £30 to do these things. Later in the same month 2 events were held which raised £14 towards these costs.

TWO THIEVES - TWO CHOICES

Romans 8:1 says:-

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in CHRIST JESUS".

Ever wonder why there were two crosses next to CHRIST? Why not six or ten? Ever wonder why JESUS was in the centre? Why not on the far right or far left? Could it be that the two crosses on the hill symbolise one of GOD'S greatest gifts? The gift of choice.

The two criminals have so much in common. Convicted by the same system. Condemned to the same death. Surrounded by the same crowd. Equally close to the same JESUS. In fact, they begin with the same sarcasm: "The two criminals also said cruel things to JESUS" (Matthew 27:44).

But one changed. "He said, JESUS, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' JESUS said to him, 'I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise'" (Luke 23:42-43).

Think about the thief who repented. Though we know little about him, we know this: He made some bad mistakes in life. He chose the wrong crowd, the wrong morals, the wrong behaviour. But would you consider his life a waste? Is he spending eternity reaping the fruit of all the bad choices he made? No, just the opposite. He is enjoying the fruit of the one good choice he made. In the end all his bad choices were redeemed by the solitary good one.

You've made some bad choices in life, haven't you? You look back over your life and say, "If only... if only I could make up for those bad choices." You can. One good choice for eternity offsets a thousand bad ones on earth.

The choice is yours:
Have you made the right one?





WOOLMARKET MUSIC

Last month we welcomed Hannah Woolmer to perform for us. Hannah is already a highly regarded concert violinist and recording artist who is also now pursuing a career as a film composer.

Hannah trained at Trinity College of Music and London College of Music and after graduating undertook her first professional engagements as a soloist with The Cambridge Philharmonic Orchestra.

With her accompanist, she delighted us with a reflective, sensitive and beautiful evening's entertainment appropriate to it being VE Day. Items performed included the theme from "Ladies in Lavender", and pieces composed by Enrico Einaudi, an Italian composer. Daniel, her accompanist, also treated us to a piece by Liszt – just like that!

Next month we shall be enjoying Lynne Creasey playing her harp. Lynne has performed widely across the county and London with symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles and as a soloist.

Do come along on June 19th in the Woolmarket at 8pm.

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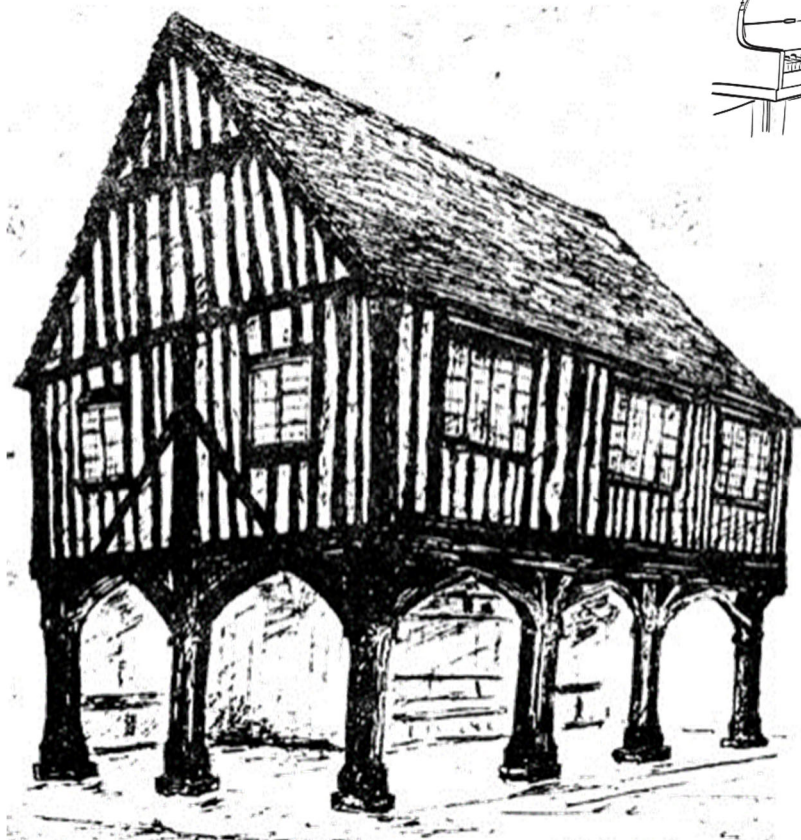
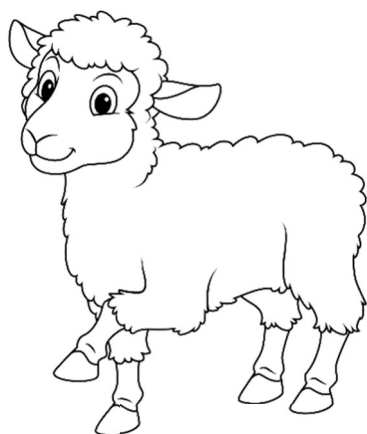
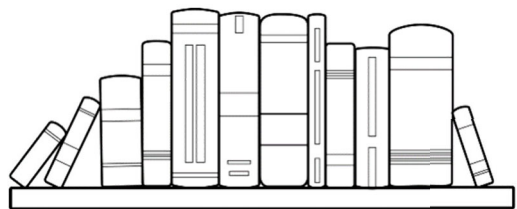


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Bulphan WI

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Our May meeting was our Annual Meeting, when we took time to look back over the past year, thank those who contribute to the running of our institute - basically everyone – and elect our Committee and President for the coming year. The Competition Cup was won by Linda; the picture shows her accepting a gift in-lieu from President Janet.

Janet also gave out long-membership awards to four members present that evening, Mandy, Jan, Sylvia and Pat. Pat has been a member for an incredible 55 years.



During the evening we voted to support the National Womens Institute Resolution for 2025, Bystanders can be Lifesavers. This resolution is about promoting awareness of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. CPR can help save a life when someone's heart stops beating. At our Wednesday 9 July meeting we will be joined by Essex First Responders for a CPR awareness and training session, please do come along and learn how to potentially save a life.

In our June meeting we will be joined by Gavin Saunders from Essex police to talk about cyber crime. Visitors are always most welcome, the first meeting is free and then you may care to join as a member as two women have over the past two months.

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Lent Lunch Reflection

A Lent Lunch was held this year in each of our three village Parish Churches raising over £670 to support Tearfund.

The lunch consisted of organic vegetarian soup, a roll and fruit. The menu was purposely **SIMPLE** to help us reflect on what little food some of our brothers and sisters around the world have to survive on. In the season of Lent, a time of Christian sacrifice and reflection, our **BASIC** lunch represented what many across the world have to eat in a whole day. It was an opportunity to be **CHALLENGED** to consider the bounty we take for granted, and to consider the pitiful share of food some (needlessly) endure. It was an opportunity also to enjoy the **FUN** and **FELLOWSHIP** of raising money for a worthy cause.



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FAMOUS PERSON IN JUNE

Helen Joanne Cox

22nd June 1974 – 16th June 2016

Helen Joanne Cox (née Leadbeater) was a British politician who served as Member of Parliament (MP) for Batley and Spen from May 2015 until her murder in June 2016. She was a member of the Labour Party.

Born in Batley, West Yorkshire, Cox studied Social and Political Sciences at Pembroke College, Cambridge. Working first as a political assistant, she joined the international humanitarian charity Oxfam in 2001, where she became head of policy and advocacy at Oxfam GB in 2005. She was selected to contest the Batley and Spen parliamentary seat after the incumbent, Mike Wood, decided not to stand in 2015. She held the seat for Labour with an increased majority. Cox became a campaigner on issues relating to the Syrian civil war, and founded and chaired the all-party parliamentary group Friends of Syria.

On 16 June 2016, Cox died after being shot and stabbed multiple times in the street in the village of Birstall, where she had been due to hold a constituency surgery. Thomas Mair, who held far-right views, was found

guilty of her murder in November and sentenced to life imprisonment with a whole life order. In July 2021, Cox's sister, Kim Leadbeater, was elected as the Labour MP for Batley and Spen, following a by-election.

Helen Joanne Leadbeater was born on 22 June 1974 at Staincliffe General Hospital in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, England, to Jean, a school secretary, and Gordon Leadbeater, a toothpaste and hairspray factory worker.

Raised in Heckmondwike, she was educated at Heckmondwike Grammar School, a state grammar school, where she was head girl. During summers, she worked packing toothpaste. Cox studied at Pembroke College, Cambridge, initially studying Archaeology and Anthropology before switching to Social and Political Science, graduating in 1995. She later studied at the London School of Economics.

Following her graduation from Pembroke College, Cox worked as an adviser to Labour MP Joan Walley from 1995 to 1997. She then became head of Key Campaigns at Britain in Europe (1998–99), a pro-European pressure group, before moving to Brussels to spend two years as an assistant to Glenys Kinnock, wife of former Labour leader Neil Kinnock, who was then a Member of the European Parliament.

From 2001 to 2009, Cox worked for the aid groups Oxfam and Oxfam International, first in Brussels as the leader of the group's trade reform campaign, then as head of policy and advocacy at Oxfam GB in 2005, and head of Oxfam International's humanitarian campaigns in New York City in 2007. While there, she helped to publish *For a Safer Tomorrow*, a book authored by Ed Cairns which examines the changing nature of the world's humanitarian policies. Her work for Oxfam, in which she met disadvantaged groups in Darfur and Afghanistan, influenced her political thinking.

Cox's charity work led to a role advising Sarah Brown, wife of former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who was spearheading a campaign to prevent deaths in pregnancy and childbirth. From 2009 to 2011, Cox was director of the Maternal Mortality Campaign, which was supported by Brown and her husband. The following year, Cox worked for Save the Children (where she was a strategy consultant), the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and as director of strategy at the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood. In 2013, she founded UK Women, a research institute aimed at meeting the needs of women in the UK, where she was also the CEO. Between 2014 and 2015,

Cox worked for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Cox was the national chair of the Labour Women's Network from 2011 to 2015, and a strategic adviser to the Freedom Fund, an anti-slavery charity, in 2014. She was also on the board of Burma Campaign UK, a human rights NGO.



It happened in June

As the Woolmarket's 500th year is marked by the Horndon Feast & Fayre, traditionally held in June to mark the patronal festival of St Peter and St Paul (Horndon church's patron saints), these are a selection of events that happened in June since 1525 ...

1946 1st June : Television licenses were issued in Britain, for the first time. They cost £2 (c.£105 today).

Only 14,500 television licences were sold in 1947, but by 1950 that had increased to 344,000.

1953 2nd June : Elizabeth II's coronation took place in Westminster Abbey. In typical British style, it poured with rain the whole day. But that didn't stop people from celebrating across the country with street parties.

It was also the first time that ordinary British people were able to watch a monarch's coronation from the comfort of their own homes. When it had been announced earlier in the year that the coronation would be televised, TV set sales rocketed.

1944 6th June : The D-Day invasion of Normandy by Allied troops took place to liberate German-occupied France and Western Europe.

By nightfall that day, the Allies had taken all five Normandy beaches and could begin their advance into France.

1720 10th June : The first paste-style mustard was marketed in England by Mrs Clements. Mustard had been sold in balls until Mrs Clements invented a method of drying the seeds so that they could be made into a powder.

Mustard seeds were first introduced to the UK in the 12th century. They were originally ground down and used to disguise the flavour of rotten meat.

1987 11th June : Margaret Thatcher became the first British Prime Minister in 160 years to win a third consecutive term.

1770 12th June : Patent for 'Spinning Jenny' the first multiple spinning machine, that would revolutionise cotton spinning, granted to weaver James Hargreaves

1845 13th June : Queen Victoria travelled by train for the first time, from Slough to Paddington, accompanied by Prince Albert. A special coach had been built earlier, but the Queen had been reluctant to try this new form of travel. On her first journey, the engine driver was assisted by, Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

1645 14th June : After almost three years of fighting, the Parliamentary New Model Army of 14,000 men took on King Charles I's Royalist army of less than 9,000 men at the Battle of Naseby, Northamptonshire, during the English Civil War.

1215 15th June : King John (1199 to 1216) and his barons gathered on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede and signed the Magna Carta.

The Magna Carta was in essence a peace treaty between King John and his barons.

By later generations, the Magna Carta was widely regarded as the beginning of the development of democracy in England.

1579 17th June : Sir Francis Drake dropped anchor off the south-west coast of America and proclaims England's sovereignty over New Albion (California).

1815 18th June : British and Prussian forces led by the Duke of Wellington and Field Marshal Gebhard von Blücher defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo in Belgium.

1675 21st June : Construction of St. Paul's Cathedral which was designed by Sir Christopher Wren, started.

1814 22nd June : The first-ever cricket match was played at Lord's Cricket Ground between the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) and Hertfordshire. MCC beat Hertfordshire by an innings and 27 runs.

1838 28th June : Queen Victoria's coronation took place, she was 19 years old. The ceremony took five hours to complete and, due to a lack of rehearsal, suffered many mishaps. Famously, the coronation ring was painfully forced onto the Queen's wrong finger!

1914 28th June : Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, was assassinated in Sarajevo by a Bosnian Serb student. This is considered one of the key events that led to the First World War.

1613 29th June : London's Globe Theatre was destroyed by flames after a theatrical cannon was fired to announce the King's entrance in Shakespeare's Henry V.

The cannon initially set fire to the thatch roof, but within minutes, the whole wooden structure was engulfed in flames. Only one casualty recorded.

1894 30th June : Tower Bridge in London was officially opened by The Prince of Wales. Following the ceremony, the bascules were raised, allowing ships and boats to sail down the Thames.

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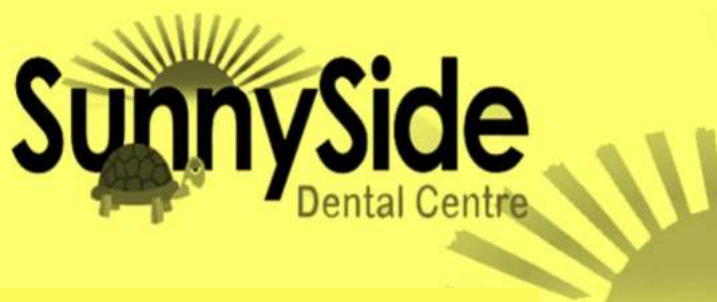
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