

# SHEERING NEWS

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## VE Day in Sheering Village & Lower Sheering

On the eve of VE day at around 11pm, we realised that as a result of lockdown there was no-one booked to play The Last Post at 11am the following morning. I spoke to my son who first played The Last Post when he was 10 for my parents who were very involved with the British Legion. As a result of Lockdown he was available and it was quickly arranged that he would come and play for us all.



VE Day was a beautiful day and many people from the village congregated around the war memorial as it felt that this was the place to be in order to commemorate the event.

Despite the fact that VE Day could not happen as it had been planned, the Last Post

and the silence went well, and we really and truly marked the spirit of the day as it was intended. Well done Sheering Village!

Many of the houses in the village were decorated with Union Jack flags, bunting and balloons. Some very inventive people had even decorated their house with loofahs in red, white and blue, whilst another family had drawn bunting on the floor using chalk. It was really lovely to see so many of the village becoming involved with their community.

Carol Bowerman  
Sheering Choir Leader



Beautiful stones very appropriately hand painted by local Sheering Residents, were displayed around the war memorial in readiness for VE Day 8 May 2020

More stones illustrated on pages 14 & 15



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**DIARY**

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**WEEKLY**

**Bridge Club: Thursdays** 7.15 in the Village Hall. June Whitbread 01279 651234

**Tuesday Teas:** 2.30 in the Church Room. All welcome for a cup of tea, cake and a chat

**Sheering Choir: Mondays** in term time 7.00 - 8.00 The Cock Inn. Free of charge. Just turn up for a fun evening

**Yoga:** Village Hall Mondays 6.45 - 8.15 07854 773680

**Zumba:** Village Hall Tuesdays 6.30

**THREE WEEKLY**

**Mobile Library Van** every third Wednesday Lower Sheering 0845 603 7628 [www.essex.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.essex.gov.uk/libraries)

**MONTHLY**

**WI** meet on the second Tuesday of the month (except July & August) in the Village Hall at 7.30 for 7.45. You will be made very welcome whether you come along as a visitor or become a member. Barbara Barker 01279 734354

**U3A Sawbridgeworth** 3.00 on the second Friday of every month. Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall.

Membership Secretary, John Dickenson 01279 722297



Covid 19 Snake of Stones outside Sheering School. Snake's head painted by local resident.

**Summer of Art**

For the past 10 years, the Essex Summer of Art has supported over 160 art trail and open studio events throughout the county.



This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Explore Essex are hosting the first ever Essex Summer of Art virtual event to support the county's artists.

**Explore over 50 artworks**

With over 50 artists involved, the Essex Summer of Art gallery will showcase unique and inspiring artworks ranging from visual art to sculptures and jewellery.



Sunset over Feldy Marsh  
James Weaver

Virtual visitors can explore the exciting and eclectic collections on the Explore Essex website, discovering beautiful Essex-inspired landscapes, still lifes, and even pieces inspired by the current lockdown.

**Buy direct from the artists**

And the people stayed home  
Jo Stevens

Most of the art is for sale, and with prices ranging from £20 to £1,500 there really is something for every art enthusiast.

If you see a piece you particularly like you can purchase it direct from the artist.

**Share with your friends and family**

Feel free to browse the Essex Summer of Art virtual gallery ([explore-essex.com/whats-on/virtual-summer-art](http://explore-essex.com/whats-on/virtual-summer-art)) from the comfort of your home, discover an incredible collection of artwork and the inspirations behind them.



Julie Orpen

Share with your family and friends #EssexSummerOfArt #VirtualGallery to help us celebrate the art and culture in our great county.

# Letters



Dear Editor

I write in support of the article titled 'Damaged Verges' in the issue of Sheering News #136.

Whilst it is completely true that significant damage has been caused to verges on the main section of Ash Groves by contractors' vehicles, I must point out that the damage to the cul-de-sac area of Ash Groves is caused almost entirely by the refuse wagons reversing into the street to collect waste and recycling materials. The street is simply too narrow to accommodate the vehicles parked on one side of the road and the width of the large refuse trucks.

I would dearly love to see a residents' parking scheme to dissuade commuters wishing to park for free, but that is another issue. The Council needs to remove the grass verge on one side of the street otherwise this damage will never stop. The current situation blights our environment and presents a risk through the continual degradation of roadways, kerbs and pavements.

Yours,

Giles Williams  
25 Ash Groves.

Dear Editor

Thank you to everyone who painted stones and deposited them around the village. They gave us something to look at on our 'exercise walks' in these strange times and did a lot to cheer us all up.

The display at the War Memorial was something to be proud of especially on V E Day.

Debbie Tennant  
(see pages 14 & 15)

## News from the District Councillor for Lower Sheering

Just a short update from me this time as like everyone else the Council has been fully engaged with the response to Covid-19. I am pleased to say that we have continued to operate throughout but with all but essential services switched to online or telephone contact. Of particular note was the continuation of refuse and recycling collection services throughout the lockdown period. Many of you contacted me with compliments and praise for the staff and I was happy to pass those on to their senior management.

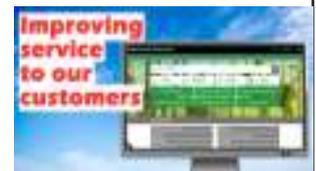
In terms of businesses, employment and recovery, the Council has already paid out around £29m to 2,500 businesses in the retail, leisure and hospitality industry who qualified for payments under the small business grant scheme announced in April. In fact we were the most successful Council in Essex in reacting swiftly to support the local economy. This tranche of money was targeted specifically at small and micro businesses that have suffered financial losses since the Covid-19 outbreak and have not previously received any support.

Best wishes  
Paul Stalker  
District Councillor  
Lower Sheering

## Epping Forest District Council

### Easy access buttons

We've added 4 easy access buttons to our website's home page which customers can click to:



1. Pay a bill, fine or invoice
2. Report a problem
3. Apply for a service
4. Book an activity or event

Lockdown has seen many customers – particularly those who are vulnerable and isolating – interacting with us online and at their own convenience, whereas in the past they would have visited the offices for a face-to-face chat.

Dear resident,

I feel it's only right that I first reflect on the coronavirus pandemic. At the time of writing, it has been four months since the virus gripped our way of life. Yet, each and every day I am still inspired by the way our community has come together. Whether it's in my weekly calls to coordinate key stakeholders like the Council and charity groups, in my correspondence with thousands of residents and local businesses or on my social media pages - I see the extraordinary kindness and determination Sheering residents have shown to defeat this virus.

As the Prime Minister has said, we are coming down the mountain in terms of beating the virus, but I know that for so many residents, this will be the hardest part. Many face the worry of sending their children back to school, many families will be wrestling with new financial anxieties and, tragically, many others are mourning the loss of loved ones.

That's why I am doing all I can to help residents through this time - whether it be ensuring our schools are safe for children to return, campaigning to extend free school meal vouchers through the upcoming summer holidays or championing an "Apprenticeship Guarantee" to give every young person the opportunity to upskill and secure jobs after this

pandemic.

Over the past four months, I have pressed the Government every day to secure grant funding that will benefit Sheering residents. I am pleased to have helped secure millions of pounds for our workers through the furlough scheme, protecting over 13,000 jobs across Sheering, Harlow and the neighbouring villages. I've worked hard to ensure that 4,600 self-employed residents receive income support to get through uncertain financial circumstances. For our small businesses, I have been helping many owners every step of the way to get the grant funding and loans they need to get back on their feet, with the welcome news that many of our shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants can open for the busy summer season.

As our focus now returns to bouncing back, I will be working hard to ensure that every resident, business and our community as a whole does not just survive, but thrives.

The December election seems a long time ago now with the pandemic seemingly dominating our lives and conversations in recent months. In that election, I made many promises to Sheering residents and over the last nine months, I've been working hard to deliver on those promises.

- I promised to get Brexit done and we got it done. I promised to end free movement and to



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deliver an Australian-style points-based immigration system and I voted to pass the Immigration Bill, meaning that from 31 December 2020 we will take back control of our borders and see an Australian-style points-based immigration system.

- I promised to cut the cost of living for Sheering residents and I've voted to raise the National Insurance threshold, freeze fuel duty and lower the tax burden, meaning you keep more of your hard earned money.
- I promised to protect our NHS and I've voted to enshrine in law the biggest ever cash boost for our NHS, alongside more doctors, nurses and GP appointments, as well as accelerating plans for our brand new hospital. We have so much to thank our NHS staff for, who have worked so hard to keep us safe and sacrificed a great deal during the pandemic.
- I promised to be tough on crime and I've voted for tougher sentencing on criminals and worked to put more police on our streets. Already, we are welcoming new police officers to our Essex Police force.
- I promised to champion education and skills and I've worked tirelessly to secure more money for every pupil and every school and to deliver an apprenticeship to every young person who wants one.
- Among many other promises, I promised to work hard for Sheering and that is what I have been doing every day in Parliament - to deliver more investment and support for our community.

So, as we look forward to our recovery from the coronavirus, I want to reassure you that I will be doubling down on my efforts to cut the cost of living, champion education and apprenticeships, be tough on crime, deliver a fair deal for pensioners, protect our NHS, cherish our environment and most of all, to work hard for Sheering residents.

It remains my passionate belief that we will come back to health, and robust health. Though our community will be changed by this experience, I believe that we will be stronger and better than ever before. More resilient, more innovative, more economically dynamic, but also more generous and more caring.

As ever, if there is anything I can do to help you or your family in Sheering, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With every good wish,

Robert

## Essex Libraries Update

Essex Library Services is delighted to welcome customers back to the library as they start re-opening. Visiting the library will look different at first, with the measures we've put in place for the safety of our customers and staff. The services available will be limited but you can stay for up to 15 minutes and you can return, renew, borrow and pay via the self-service machines. All other services and facilities are under continuous review and will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.



We ask for your patience and support as libraries begin their phased re-opening and we encourage you to use our #LibrariesFromHome page to access the wide range of digital reading and learning resources available.

Don't forget, if you are dealing with negative thoughts or feelings during the lockdown, the library service can help you:

- Escape with an e-book or e-magazine
- Take your e-audiobook with you out on a walk in the sunshine
- Learn something new with a free online course
- Find links to resources to support you with home-schooling

[librarycatalogue.essex.gov.uk](http://librarycatalogue.essex.gov.uk)

## Get more from your library with the new mobile app!

We are pleased to announce an exciting addition to our library service - the Iguana Library mobile app! This app will allow you to search the catalogue, renew items and manage your account wherever you are! You'll also be able to view library opening times and location information, linking directly to Google Maps to help you find your way.



Go to your device app store and search for 'Iguana Library' and download. Once opened, select 'Essex and Thurrock Libraries' and sign in using your library card number and password .

## Using the Library for People with Visual Impairment

If you, or someone you know is living with sight loss, the library service can help you to enjoy



reading and to find reliable information. Libraries help people with visual impairments by providing books in a range of formats that people may find more accessible. We're celebrating this during June as part of the Hi Vis fortnight.

If you find it difficult to access ordinary printed books, here are some ways libraries and other organisations can help

The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) have a useful guide about using e-books on their website.

[rnib.org.uk/](http://rnib.org.uk/)

When you borrow an e-book using the BorrowBox app you can change the text size and background colour to improve readability.

[borrowbox.com/](http://borrowbox.com/)

If e-books aren't for you, try listening to an e-audio book on your smartphone, tablet or computer. You can find these on BorrowBox too, and now also on the RBdigital app where you'll find some top titles with no need to reserve or wait.

[essex.rbdigitalglobal.com/](http://essex.rbdigitalglobal.com/)

The PressReader app, which offers a wide range of newspapers and magazines, has an option to read the articles aloud to you.

[pressreader.com/catalog](http://pressreader.com/catalog)

RNIB's free talking book service also gives access to over 25,000 books for adults and children with a visual impairment.

There's more information on the Different ways of reading page of our website. So don't miss out on libraries if you're visually impaired - get connected and discover reading in a different way!

### Presenting The Only Way is Reading podcast

We are excited to announce their new podcast! The Only Way is Reading is perfect for book lovers with each episode bringing you great book recommendations and interest stories with a library twist. In our first episode we are finding out the top 5 authors borrowed from Essex Libraries, giving you short and snappy reviews of the books we are reading, and introducing book bingo, a new, fun way to choose your next read.

<https://anchor.fm/essex-library-services>



### One-minute Book Reviews

Our staff have been busy reading e-books and e-audio books whilst our library buildings are closed and we've made some one-minute spoiler-free reviews to share with you! With amazing titles from best-selling authors, such as Hilary Mantel and Kimberley Chambers there is plenty to keep you inspired and help you carry on reading.



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The Hundred Parishes Society

The Society's website has been expanded to include a new series of interesting walking routes. The website already has 20 walks that start and finish at railway stations but their attraction has been severely reduced by the advice to avoid public transport during the coronavirus pandemic. Now the Walks area of the website has two sections: Station Walks and Other Walks.

The new walks are all 'circular', starting and finishing at a location where there is normally space to park. The routes have been chosen for their attractiveness and level of interest, something which is not too difficult within the Hundred Parishes. The number of Other Walks is increasing all the time; in due course we hope that each of the hundred parishes will feature in at least one walk.

All walk descriptions can be downloaded and



Henham

printed. Each includes clear instructions to help you find the way and there is also an outline map of the route. Within the description there is a short introduction to some of the places you will pass. The new walks range in distance from 1 mile to 10 miles.

We hope you will be able to try them out and we would be pleased to receive any feedback. If you particularly enjoy a walk, do please encourage others to enjoy it too. Please bear in mind that the usual pubs and tea rooms may not yet be open or may offer only a limited service. Walking boots or stout shoes are generally encouraged, although during dry periods they may not be needed.

Now that most of us can get out, please take the opportunity to explore new parts of our attractive countryside, villages and small towns. There is so much to appreciate in the Hundred Parishes.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.

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

### Parish Council News

I am sure you will appreciate that unfortunately, due to the Corona-Virus pandemic, the Parish Council has not met since the meeting of February 26. It is however anticipated that with the gradual easing of Government restrictions, gatherings of more than six people from different families, will be increased and enable Council Meetings to resume in the not too distant future. There has however, been some movement on the various issues raised in the last issue of Sheering news

### VE Day Celebrations

The celebrations planned to commemorate this special and important day in our history was sadly cancelled due to the pandemic. This did not however dampen the Community spirit on the day, shown by many residents of Sheering who organised their own way of celebrating while maintaining the requirement of social distancing, with garden parties, most of which were in front gardens, flags, bunting, balloons and music enabling passers by to also share in the spirit of the day. There was also the wonderful display of rock painting most by the children, outside the school and around the War Memorial. All this, and the continued help and support in various ways given by many residents to those most vulnerable during these most difficult times, is proof in itself that it takes more than a pandemic to keep Sheering residents down and long may that spirit continue.

### Men's Sheds

We asked through the April issue of Sheering News, for residents to register their interest or otherwise, as to their support for this facility in Sheering, before the Parish Council committed to any level of expenditure in providing this. From the response received, it would appear that the general opinion is that the provision of a Men's Shed would not get the level of support or use required or the management required, to warrant the level of expenditure necessary in providing such a facility. The Parish Council therefore does not propose to proceed further with this proposal. There are however similar opportunities available in Harlow, Canfield and St Clare's Hospice at Hastingwood should anyone wish to check these out. They are however not operating under the current circumstances.

### Defibrillators

I am pleased to confirm that these are now installed and operational. As a reminder for your records, one is installed on the car park end wall of the Village Hall, and one adjacent to the notice board outside No. 75 Sheering Lower Road.

### Community Speed Watch

With the imposed lockdown, like so many other things, it has not been possible over recent months to carry out any checks. However, with the easing of some restrictions, and with the increase in traffic volume on our streets, it is

anticipated that we can soon get our teams of volunteers out again in both the Street and Sheering Lower Road. Through continued efforts by Councillor Paine on the issue of speeding, we have recently had a police presence in the Street operating a speed check. Unfortunately whilst welcomed, this was carried out on a Sunday morning which does not demonstrate the real level of the problem here as often observed on a weekday.

#### **Lower Sheering Community Facility**

I am pleased to confirm that the £12,500 which was outstanding in February has now been paid and received by Epping Forest District Council, together with £704.85 interest as a condition of the section 106 legal agreement for late payment. The money will now be transferred to the Parish Council's account as soon as resources within EFDC allows, this taking into account the limited resources operating at the moment during the current circumstances

#### **Parish Council Web Site**

Councillor Mike Hayter is the Councillor responsible for dealing with the Parish Councils website and any IT matters for the Parish Council. Mike has worked tirelessly over recent weeks to update the Councils website and he has included a detailed explanation as an appendix to this report, of the changes made and the depth of information now available to residents on this website .

#### **Citizen Of The Year Awards**

As previously outlined, the Parish Council having not met since February, the cancellation of meetings included the Annual Parish Meeting in April at which these awards are usually presented. All nominations received for this year's awards will however be carried over for consideration for next year along with any additional nominations received together with those carried over from the previous year. In conclusion may I on behalf of the Parish Council take the opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to all our key workers for their help, support, their commitment and sheer dedication in such difficult, and for some, in life threatening conditions, and to those residents who have not only had to deal with their own difficulties of recent months, but have provided support and services to those in need, whether neighbours, friends, the most vulnerable and lonely, and to local businesses. Your efforts and thoughtfulness for others throughout these unprecedented times has shown a true level of community spirit.

Keep well and stay safe!

**Rodney Northwood**  
**Chairman Sheering Parish Council**

## **Sheering Parish Council**

Parish Council meetings are open to any Sheering resident. Time is set aside for public participation to discuss any parish problem at the regular monthly meetings.



Please refer to the new Parish Council website for dates of meetings.

**[e-voice.org.uk/sheering-parish-council/](http://e-voice.org.uk/sheering-parish-council/)**

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Paul Stalker - Lower Sheering  
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#### **County Councillor**

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# LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

## Sheering WI

Since I last wrote my report we've obviously gone into the Covid zone, so like all organisations who hold group meetings we were shut down by our National Federation on orders from the Government. When our meetings will return nobody yet knows, but I will post a notice at the local shop and on the Sheering Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page.

So then come along and join us at our start up meeting & try to bring back the new normal with tea & cake and hopefully an interesting speaker.

In the meantime stay safe in your bubbles.

Sheena Pike.

President



## Sawbridgeworth VE Day

Keep your spirits up as Sawbridgeworth's VE Day commemorations have only been postponed to a later date: VE DAY 75 PLUS 1 on Saturday 8 May 2021. "The show must go on". All arrangements have been secured for this to happen in Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall so look out for further information at a later date.

'My dear friends, this is your hour' (Winston Churchill on 8th May 1945)

Hazel Mead

Sawbridgeworth Local History Society

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## Support for families experiencing difficulties

As a result of the pandemic, parents, carers and young people are facing a range of issues.

More support from the  
Essex Welfare Service



That's why the Essex Welfare Service (EWS) is now supporting families experiencing difficulties.

We have a team of friendly family advisors ready to take your call on 0300 303 9988 or you can visit :

[www.essex-gethelp.uk/](http://www.essex-gethelp.uk/)

## Are you a carer and need advice and support?

You may be caring for a loved one who is ill or has additional needs as they grow older. This year, when carers have the additional worry of how to keep themselves, and those they care for, safe during the



coronavirus outbreak, it is important that carers have the information, guidance and support they need.

We recognise caring can leave you feeling lonely and isolated. If you or someone you know needs support visit the Essex Welfare Service website or call 0300 303 9988.

[www.essex-gethelp.uk/](http://www.essex-gethelp.uk/)

## Resolving conflict at home

We all have arguments, but given the current and unusual circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, you and your family might be feeling under more pressure than usual.



Social distancing and self-isolation over a long period of time can put a strain on relationships and so it's important to recognise the signs that a situation might be escalating and what you can do to resolve conflict effectively.

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 He said in March.  
 Yes, she said and looked into the screen to see my face.  
 There she was, her little round face looking at me.  
 What are you doing? I said  
 Watching Duggee came the reply.

Do you want to speak to Grandma?  
 He said in April.  
 Yes, she said. I want Grandma and took the phone.  
 I saw the ceiling wizz by, I watched the sky turn round and round.  
 Are we watching Duggee? I said.  
 Yes, she replied with the phone beside her propped up on the sofa.

Do you want to speak to Grandma?  
 He said in May.  
 Yes, she said. She took the phone and put it on the back seat of her car.  
 I could see the yellow roof as we were moving along.  
 Are you taking me for a ride?  
 Yes she said.

Do you want Grandma?  
 He said in June.  
 Yes, she said. Come on Grandma, she said taking the phone.  
 I did a wee on the potty. Look!  
 Let's watch Duggee.  
 Shall I come and see you next week? I said.  
 Yes, Grandma she said.

We sat outside looking at the sky, the car, the potty.  
 I want to go in now Grandma and watch Duggee.  
 But I can't, I said. I'm only allowed in the garden.

She got up, took my hand and led me to the gate.  
 Bye bye Grandma, she said.

Lesley Paine

(Hey Duggee is a preschool TV programme)

### Sheering Church of England Primary School

Feeder School for Leventhorpe and Mark Hall

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

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## History of Cherry Tree Cottages and links to Sheering churchyard graves

I live in one of the very old timber framed properties on The Street in Sheering. My house, 2 Cherry Tree Cottages, has always been of great interest and curiosity to me as I knew some of the history from my deeds. If you walk along The Street you might notice its old listed water pump in the front garden of the Pump Cottage next door.

I often walk along the public footpath opposite, along the edge of the ancient protected hedgerow and into the churchyard of St Mary's in Church Lane where you can't help but notice the gravestones by the main porch at the entrance to The Old Rectory.



The names on the gravestones are still visible, unlike many stones where the engravings have worn away. The family names are Glasscock, Palmer, Church and Stone with a larger brick-built monument to the East with the name Pavitt engraved on the top. Adjacent to that, lying flat on the ground is a stone commemorating one of the Feake family.



My deeds state that the house was built by George Palmer. Investigating apprenticeship records it appears that he was a butcher. George was born in Sheering in 1762 and married Ann Glasscock in 1789 in Saint Michael Bassishaw, London. George built Cherry Tree Cottages in the late 1700s as one house.

In 1811 George died. He and his wife had several children; many died in infancy and are buried with George next to Ann, his wife, who was buried with another daughter Harriet. The children buried with their father were: Ann, Sarah, George, Charles and Mark.

Next to Ann's grave is Bartholomew Glasscock, her father, and next to his grave is John Glasscock, one of Ann's brothers.

Behind the Glasscock graves are the Church family. Bartholomew Glasscock was married to Mary Church. In front of their graves are James, Ann's brother, and Suzannah Glasscock nee Stone's grave. John Glasscock, Ann's nephew, is buried with his parents. Next to their grave is a grave marked with the name Stone on the surround. It is not decipherable. Sadly, there were many Stone childhood deaths in the early 1800s in Sheering.

Ann Palmer died in 1843. Cherry Tree Cottage was leased to Susannah Gaffee from Hatfield Heath and Susannah Brown, a servant. Ref: 1841 census and the Tithe Map 1840.

The house was split into 2 cottages by John Glasscock, Ann's nephew, who became a builder, carpenter and farmer and it is likely that he split the house after Ann's death in 1843. He owned all the properties between Cherry Tree Cottages and Daubneys Farm, then owned by the Rev Daubney and occupied by John Rattee a farmer and butcher.

In the 1851 census the only house nearby named and showing on the Tithe maps was Vine Cottage owned by John Glasscock. This gives the bearings in the census as all other houses nearby are unnamed. It was situated adjacent to Cherry Tree Cottage opposite the village shop and is now demolished. Vine cottage was occupied by Edward Davey, a fund holder, plus his family and a servant. Next door were 1 and 2 Cherry Tree Cottages occupied by Thomas Chapman, a wheelwright and his family and Charles Murrell, a fishmonger with his family

at number 2. They were probably tenants of John Glasscock.

record. Rose Lagden nee Fardell, was a widow with Richard Palmer as a lodger and Henry Fardell her son, still living at number 1. Henry Fardell was killed in 1915 in Flanders.



Cherry Tree Cottages shown in yellow.  
Excerpt from the 1840 Tithe map.

In 1939, Rose Lagden remained at number 1 with Thomas Palmer now a retired farm hand and Frank Mercer a garage hand and bus driver as lodgers. At number 2 Emily Camp was living with her daughter Emily Selina Camp. Vine

How strange to see that in 1861 Vine Cottage was occupied by Mrs Rebecca Pavitt, her granddaughter and a servant. Next door there was an assistant called Miss Margaret Santhey and her servant probably living in Cherry Tree Cottage. Rebecca Pavitt was Peter Pavitt's widow. She had occupied Sheering Hall as a farmer after her husband died. Rebecca was originally Rebecca Smith who had married Jonathan Feake of Durrington Hall. When he died, she married Peter Pavitt. She died in 1862 and is buried with her husband Peter in the churchyard. Adjacent to Margaret Santhey was James Thomas and his family.

John Glasscock, died in 1873.

At the time of the 1871 census Rayner Parkins, a blacksmith, was living at 1 Cherry Tree Cottages with James Thomas's widow and family at number 2. By 1881 John Monk had moved into number 2 next to Rayner Parkins at number 1. Rayner died in 1886 and is buried in Sheering churchyard. In 1901 at number 1 were the Lagden family, Henry and Rose, with their lodger Richard Palmer.

In 1911, John Monk was still living at 2 Cherry Tree Cottages in the census

Cottage was still there next to Number 1.

Emily and James Camp were landlords of The Crown and finally their heir Robert Camp sold Cherry Tree Cottages to Archibald Andrew Uncle of Daubneys farm in 1945. In 1969, the cottages were gifted to Archibald's son Edward Uncle when he married.

Lesley Paine



View towards Hatfield Heath from the entrance to Daubney's farm 1896

### It's time to get silly, Summer Reading Challenge 2020!

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020 has already launched and this year

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Some styles look just like a mop with lank bits hanging down, while others have a frizzy top just like a curly crown.

Many haircuts looking strange have been the cause of strife because the scissor wielding's done by husband or by wife.

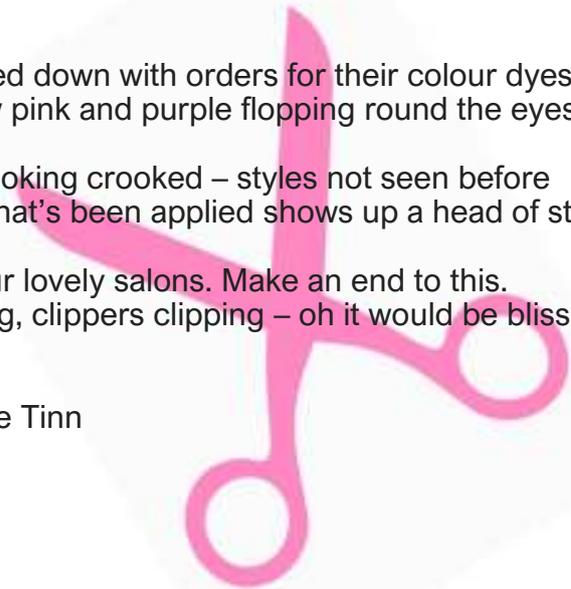
Electric clippers have been bought but they demand some skill- bald spots where no spots should be give some the urge to kill.

Boots is burdened down with orders for their colour dyes – greying hair now pink and purple flopping round the eyes.

Lots of fringes looking crooked – styles not seen before and the bleach that's been applied shows up a head of straw.

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## Night Flying Moths

Recently we have enjoyed above average hours of sunshine and walking or cycling along paths, bridleways and less busy roads has enabled us to admire the abundance of wildflowers and their insect visitors on field margins and wayside verges.

Many of these insects are the familiar pollinators such as butterflies, hoverflies and bees. For obvious reasons, observations of insect/plant interactions after dark are less well studied, especially pollination activities. Concerns about the impact of bright lights on the behaviour of night-flying moths assumed a greater importance when a report published in 2017 revealed that crop yields could be reduced by as much as 13% in well-lit areas

as the pollinating moths became disorientated. Ongoing research is revealing the importance of various moths in pollinating flowers, including those of crops such as soft fruits, peas and beans.

Moths transport pollen on their tongues and undersides as they flit from flower to flower under the cover of darkness.

Maintaining a wide variety of food plants for their caterpillars is a good reason for the retention of

unmown verges, wildflower meadows or flower-rich gardens.

Darker nights also help our own appreciation of the wonders of the universe. Away from 'civilisation' there are many excellent locations for star gazing across the Hundred Parishes where there is little artificial light after dark. You can check the details for your own location on the online map of CPRE's 2020 star count on [www.cpre.org.uk/starcountresults](http://www.cpre.org.uk/starcountresults) (Campaign to Protect Rural England).

Bright lights can be intrusive and there are concerns about their impact on human health and wellbeing. Local councils can adopt policies to tackle light pollution and protect our dark skies. Minimising the use of bright lights can save money and will enable moths to keep busy with their valuable pollination services in unlit areas.

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## Friends of St Mary's Sheering

Usually we tell you about the most recent event put on by Friends of St Mary's, and give you a heads-up about anything that is at the planning stage. No surprises – due to COVID-19 there is nothing to report. Although we are of course beginning to think about possibilities, nothing yet that we can advertise. Watch this space!

### When will the church re-open?

At the time of writing it was only yesterday that we received the detailed guidelines from the Church of England about re-opening the church for services. So we are at last able to plan in detail for when and how we can safely re-open. Preparation is likely to include roping off alternate pews for social distancing purposes, and for our particular church it will include dealing with quite an accumulation of bat poo! Meanwhile throughout lockdown we have been having services via Zoom at 10.30 am every Sunday morning. If you would like to join us, contact Revd Dawn, rev.dawn.jewson@gmail.com, for your invitation and password. It is likely that Zoom services will continue into the foreseeable future as part of our portfolio of services, even after the church has re-opened.

### Churchyard team

Yet again we want to thank the valiant members of the community who, throughout lockdown, used some of their precious exercise time - while social distancing, of course - to keep the churchyard in such good order. It is a credit to them.

### Update on the Churchyard Extension

As we told you last time, we are in negotiation with Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance, now looking at a strip of land at the far east side of the field between Glebe House and the churchyard which runs alongside the public way between the churchyard and The Street.

If you have recently walked that footpath you may have seen the planning application notices for change of use from agricultural to burials.

At the time of writing we have not had the planning result from Epping Forest District Council. Meanwhile COVID-19 has complicated and delayed the discussions with the Board of Finance who own and manage the field concerned. We will keep you posted.

### The clock is back – let's celebrate – eventually!



We got SO close to having a service on VE Day to celebrate the return of the clock from repairs and refurbishment. But by then everything had been locked down. We will be inviting you to a re-run, but at the moment we can't plan a date. Please plan to come and join us in due course!

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See Rev Dawn's letter on page 31

Elsie Baker

Friends Secretary



## Make Reports Online

We want to encourage more people to go online to make non-emergency reports, instead of calling 101, so that we can focus our efforts on 999 calls and continue to



respond to those immediately at risk. We are therefore offering more services online than ever before, to ensure we can assist those asking for our help as quickly as possible.

You can still report non-emergency crimes online, as well as doing things like providing feedback and reporting road traffic incidents.

However from June, you will also be able to do much more via our website like reporting anti-social behaviour, requesting information about yourself or others, telling us about something you have seen or heard, or asking to talk to someone about an existing case you are involved in or report you have made.

We have also launched 'Live Chat', a new online text facility where you can message one of our operators online, live time, between the hours of 7am and 11pm.

Head of Contact Management for Essex Police, Chief Superintendent Ewen Wilson said: "This move is about offering people another way of contacting us, which is convenient for them and enables us to provide a more efficient service to our communities.

"In an emergency people must always dial 999. That doesn't change. And of course we still have our 24-hour 101 service which people can call if they feel it is more appropriate to speak to us or don't have

access to the internet.

"But we now have even more services that people can access via our website, which will make things like reporting a non-emergency crime, sharing information with us or enquiring about an existing report, much quicker and more convenient for those in Essex who contact us."

Anyone who uses our online services will receive confirmation that their report or enquiry has been received by us.

"It's about getting people the answers they need or processing their report or enquiry more quickly" added Chief Superintendent Wilson.

"Even if we don't have an answer straight away, we will be in touch to let the person know what we are doing to help or what the next steps are.

"Functions like the Live text Chat facility and the new ways people can get in contact with their police service, are a step in the right direction in keeping our community the safest it could be."

We are encouraging people to take time to visit our website and see for themselves the services available to them.

The website is mobile phone friendly too, making it easy for on the go reporting of non-emergency incidents or making enquiries with us.

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The support of Town and Parish Councillors is crucial to understanding issues as they arise around social distancing, parking, the new traffic measures and everything that is geared to getting Epping Forest District back to business.

We've set up a community engagement platform called Commonplace to help us do this and we need as many people as possible to engage through Commonplace. [efdcsaferspacescovid19.commonplace.is/](http://efdcsaferspacescovid19.commonplace.is/)

It's a map-based system where people can pick a spot on a map and leave a comment. It will pinpoint areas of concern and we will be able to deal with specific issues as they arise.

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## Parish Council website – July 2020

The new Parish Council website <https://e-voice.org.uk/sheering-parish-council/> went live towards the end of March, after our old host at Essex-info.org closed down.

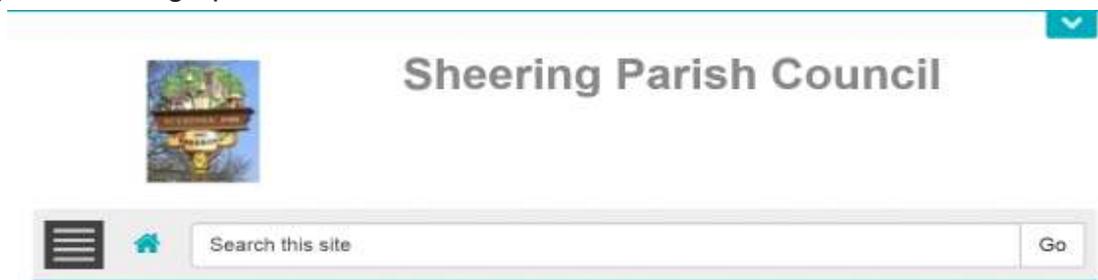
Over the past three months, utilising new features and options, significant revisions and updates to: the design; structure; content, of our site have been made, which you will hopefully find more current, useful and informative. Since the major changes are now complete, here are some notes about the site, its use and content.

**Design** – The new visual theme utilises ‘dynamic’ software, this means that what you see when you visit the site each time will be adapted to provide the best view, controlled by the device you use, be it a Desktop, Laptop; Tablet or Smart phone. This feature should require less horizontal scrolling whilst showing the maximum amount of data.

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When an item in the navigation list is clicked on, you will be taken to that section. which will contain a series of links to specific content, the links may be preceded by explanatory or important notes. Further information may follow the links.

At the lowest level, items will download (generally) in either word processor (e.g. .docx) or Adobe reader (.pdf) format

This strategy should make it simpler to access relevant information without reading through large amounts of text and will significantly reduce the amount of vertical scrolling necessary.

## Site Map

Section	Content	Update schedule
<u>Home</u>	<i>– underlined details have further internal or external links</i> Contact details for Parish Clerk; Essential Notices & Important issues; New items with links to further details	On change Immediate Weekly
<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Contact details</u> ; <u>Register of Interests</u> (link to EFDC); <u>Responsibilities</u>	On change
<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Current year</u> – meeting date(s); agenda; minutes, as published <u>Previous years</u> – dates, agenda, minutes as authorised	Fortnightly Static
<u>Finance</u>	<u>AGAR</u> ; <u>external auditors report, sign off.</u>	Annually
<u>Planning</u>	<u>General Information</u> and EFDC contacts	As advised
<u>Matters</u>	<u>EFDC Applications</u> ; <u>EFDC Decisions</u> ; <u>EFDC Appeals</u> ; <u>TPO's</u> – Tree Preservation Orders recorded; <u>ECC applications</u> (not via EFDC)	Weekly Monthly As advised As advised
<u>COVID 19</u>	Information & <u>links</u> to official sites and notices	Regularly
<u>Fraud &amp; Scam</u>	Details supplied by Essex Police Fraud and Scam section & <u>reporting advice</u>	Weekly
<u>Parish Info</u>	Links to topics of interest and use to residents: <u>Traffic and Police</u> – under enhancement; <u>Village street lighting</u> – to be developed; <u>M11-Junction 7A</u> plans and responses – under development Pavement Salt; <u>Elections</u> – Parish & District official applications; votes; results <u>Citizen of the year</u>	As advised
<u>Community</u>	Links to topics for the wider community: <u>Essex Highways</u> – report & magazine; <u>Stansted Airport Discount Scheme</u> <u>Public Footpaths</u> – to be developed; <u>Luxford Place</u> Picnic area; <u>North Essex Parking Partnership</u>	Monthly As advised As advised
<u>Local Plan</u>	<u>EFDC News release and links</u>	As notified
<u>Sheering News</u>	<u>Link to magazine</u>	As notified

**Please be aware**, the Parish Council has a legal duty to ensure that information publicly displayed on the site is factual and/or officially provided. No personal opinions can be included

However, and whilst there is a limit on the amount of data that can be included and, (just as importantly), can be kept as current as possible, if there is a subject you as a resident feel could be of use or interest to the parish at large, please send a brief note with information on a regular source of current material, by e-mail to:

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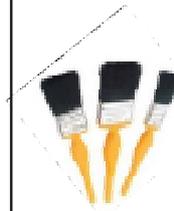
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## Local Hospice launches Bereavement Café Online Communities to support those experiencing grief during coronavirus lockdown



St Clare Hospice is launching online bereavement support for people across West Essex and East Hertfordshire in an effort to diversify their service amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and support those experiencing grief during 'lockdown'.

The new service consists of a series of seven local Bereavement Café online community Facebook Groups, which cover Harlow, Hastingwood, Abridge, Ongar, Theydon Bois, Dunmow, and a Group for young people (aged 18-30) called Youth Bereavement Café.

Community Engagement Manager at St Clare Hospice, Sally Muylers, is leading the project and said: "Coping with bereavement and loss is always difficult, but in the current climate, people may be finding it harder than ever. Many people are grieving in isolation – they may have lost a loved one recently, and now find themselves cut off from their usual support networks due to the lockdown measures. Or, their loved one may have died longer ago, but the grief they feel is heightened by the physical social isolation they are now faced with. More than ever, St Clare can see that our role as a local hospice charity is to offer immediate, local, bereavement support to those who are experiencing death, dying and loss in our communities.

"We have been working hard over the past weeks to devise a way to connect local people experiencing loss and bereavement with others who understand – in a 'virtual' way. I am delighted that we are now able to launch our series of Bereavement Café online communities for the people of West Essex and East Hertfordshire – no matter where their loved one died, or how long ago. These online communities are an extension of the Bereavement Café project we launched in March 2019, and they offer a supportive space for people who have experienced loss to gather with other people, local to them, who may have had a similar experience."

St Clare Hospice launched their Bereavement Café project in March 2019 and since then has developed a series of seven events which occur monthly, in venues across West Essex and East Hertfordshire. The events normally take place as a café-style drop-in event, and over 450 people have attended in the past year at venues across the catchment area of the Hospice.

Bereavement Cafés offer a place to meet and connect with other local people who may have had a similar experience, and to chat, share and support each other around coping with grief and loss. The café events are open to anyone who

has experienced bereavement, no matter how long ago, and are free to attend.

Since the national COVID-19 lockdown began on 23 March 2020, the Bereavement Cafés have had to be postponed and cannot take place for the foreseeable future. The Community Engagement team have been working hard to take the project online so that bereaved local people can be supported 'virtually' during the lockdown period.

Community Engagement Manager at St Clare Hospice, Sally Muylers, explained: "We have taken our Bereavement Cafés online and have set up individual Facebook groups for each of the areas where we normally host a 'physical' café event. Having these groups affiliated to locations across our catchment area means that people experiencing bereavement can stay connected with local people in their own area. Once the Facebook groups are up and running, we will also organise virtual meet-ups with the web-conferencing platform, Zoom, so that we can facilitate virtually the kind of social drop-in groups that we normally run in the physical cafés.

"We are fortunate to be supported by a wonderful team of trained volunteer Bereavement Café facilitators who have been eager to continue to support their community throughout the lockdown period. They know the impact that social isolation can have on people who are going through the loss of a loved one, and were happy to develop their skills to take the support groups online – even if they don't normally consider themselves tech-savvy! Each Facebook group is being carefully managed by our volunteer facilitators to ensure that they remain a safe place to connect and engage with other local people who are also experiencing grief and loss. We hope that our community find the Bereavement Café online communities as supportive and meaningful as the 'physical' ones – and we are confident that this new way of connecting digitally around bereavement and loss will be a positive legacy that we will continue to run after lockdown, and beyond!"

Find your local Bereavement Café online community on Facebook, by visiting the main St Clare Hospice page at [facebook.com/stclarehospice](https://facebook.com/stclarehospice) and clicking on the Groups tab.

To find out more about St Clare Hospice's Virtual Bereavement Cafés visit [stclarehospice.org.uk/bereavement-cafe](https://stclarehospice.org.uk/bereavement-cafe)

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Dear Deborah Tennant, Another local resident has already made us aware of this situation which from their report amounted to anti social behaviour.

The use of nitrous oxide is not an offence as it is not an illegal drug. The only offence that applies to these cannisters is the supply to another person. The hit obtained from the use of this gas is very short lived and leaves the body within seconds which is why they are found dumped in large numbers as they have to be continually inhaled to maintain any high.

As a result of this I have already made Loughton based officers aware and requested that when they have the opportunity they consider visiting the location during the identified problem time period which from other information appears to be during the early evening. The availability of officers will obviously be dependant on what else may be happening across the whole of the Epping Forest district at that time.

Regards  
PC1729 Paul Walker  
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### GUSTAV HOLST (1874-1934)

While teaching and composing in London, Gustav Holst began a love affair with Thaxted after a walking holiday in the area led to his taking a weekend cottage nearby. A great attraction must have been its cathedral-sized church with spacious, white-painted interior, where he became involved with local music-making, encouraged by the town's socialist vicar, Conrad Noel. Holst himself was an active socialist.

In 1916, Holst invited some of his London pupils to spend four days of music-making in Thaxted in the town's first Whitsuntide festival. Sadly, this was repeated for only two more years before being moved to London to avoid Holst's pupils, especially those from St Paul's School, becoming associated with



Noel's controversial extremist left-wing sermons. It was 1980 before the highly successful

Thaxted Festival was re-established.

Holst stayed in Thaxted for several years working, amongst other things, on his acknowledged masterpiece, The Planets. He adapted

the big melody from "Jupiter" to accompany the poem "I vow to thee, my country". This became a popular hymn and Holst named the tune "Thaxted". It has since been used for no fewer than fourteen other hymns worldwide as well as the anthem of the Rugby World Cup. Holst also composed the music for a popular Christmas carol, "In the Bleak Midwinter".

During these days of social distancing we are not able to travel and enjoy our beautiful area as much as before, but we can remind ourselves of what is out there and read about our rich local history on the Society's website.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

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We are currently unable to offer a separate group for children on Sunday mornings, but please note that children of all ages are always welcome in any of our services.

**Tuesday Teas** in the Church Room Tuesdays 2:30 - 4.30 All welcome.

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Dear friends,

It's been a strange few months. We have all had to get used to new ways of doing simple things like doing our shopping or getting a haircut. We've had to find new ways of entertaining and educating ourselves, whether we're school age or adult learners. Many of us have lost loved ones or have succumbed to the virus ourselves.



And yet, we have seen so many good news stories throughout this pandemic. The village volunteers, the scrubs makers, the



neighbours keeping a friendly eye out, the Foodbank donations, and of course the beautiful painted stones we've been finding all over our village which lift our spirits.

Communities doing what they do best: working together for the common good. Churches have played their part too. Although our buildings have been closed, our members have been active in imaginative ways even from the confines of their own homes. And we have been worshipping together with other local churches via Zoom video-conferencing, which has been a great joy.

The churches in the Six Villages have worked together for many years, but we are now taking our collaboration and sharing to the next level.

I am to become Priest in Charge (Vicar) of Hatfield Broad Oak and Bush End, and Associate Priest of the Hallingburys, in addition to my role as Priest in Charge of Hatfield Heath and Sheering, while my colleague the Revd David Herrick, Priest in Charge of the Hallingburys, is to become Associate Priest for HBO, Bush End, Hatfield Heath and Sheering, while remaining Priest in Charge of the Hallingburys. David lives in Sheering so you may already know him.

The wonderful Caroline Harding, known to everyone at Sheering School, remains Licensed Lay Minister to all six churches.

So your church in Sheering will now have three ministers looking after it! This is a great joy for us and we pray that it will be a joy for you too. However, we know that the next few months and years will bring challenge and change as our congregations adjust to this new model of leadership and as we streamline some of our processes to make best use of our resources.

But your local church is still here for you. We look forward to serving God and this community in all the challenges that lie before us as we continue our journey through these strangest of times and beyond.

With my love,

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