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## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd June

### Report by Lesley Paine

Right from the beginning, Lee Tennant's enthusiasm rallied us. When I said that the PTFA were nearly all going to be away and so the younger element of the village would be absent, he said, 'we can do this... we can arrange a party'. So off we went on this path of no return.

Steve Perrin joined as the youngster of our team, with the rest being a mixture of Dad's Army and Last of the Summer Wine! What fun we've had though.

Long term planning, advertising and logistics took about four months with a few minor issues along the way. Representatives of each group within the village started meeting at The Cock public house to discuss how we could shape an event between us. Government guidance had been issued with

times of individual events and what to eat when and what to sing at the appropriate time. Lighting the beacon at 9.45 in the evening was fundamental as was announcing the day's proceedings at 2.00 via a Town Crier and it became obvious within a short period of time who should take on that role. So, the WI, the choir, the vicar, the headmistress, the PTFA and the editor of Sheering News set to work deciding what we could all do to make this a day to remember. It wasn't long before the practical chaps and the local pyromaniac joined us with their ideas on how we could make it all happen in time for June 2nd.

Meeting every couple of weeks, we realized that playing to our individual strengths was the way forward. Of course, most of those involved were not new to organising village events, especially the members of the WI who are mainly ex PTFA members now in their 70s and those who remember in younger days having firework displays and tug of war contests between local pubs in Sheering Village and The Fox in Matching. How times have changed!

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Harry Bowerman, our Town Crier for the day, read the proclamation at 2.00 to start the proceedings officially...



Meanwhile on the recreation ground crowds had already gathered to enjoy the sunshine, picnic and celebrate.

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01279 734306

sheeringvillagepreschool.co.uk

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### Robert Halfon MP Writes:

Dear Sheering residents,

With Summer now in full swing, I hope you're enjoying the warmer weather!

Since my last article, we marked an incredibly important day in our nation's history as we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There were some wonderful jubilee parties to mark her Majesty's 70 years on the throne and I was especially pleased to attend the Sheering celebrations. The sun was shining and hundreds of local people enjoyed the festivities. Well done to the villagers for organising!

I have also had the pleasure of visiting Sheering Primary School since the last issue. It was wonderful to chat to the pupils about the school and their knowledge of Parliament, of which I was very impressed! The beautiful school building is over 200 years old and I was grateful for the opportunity to speak to the school staff on what I can do to help the school secure the vital funding it needs for repairs.

In Parliament, my key focus has been to continue helping Sheering residents tackle the cost-of-living crisis. The Government has announced a £37 billion package, which will include a £400 payment to every household and up to £1,200 for the lowest income households to support residents with their energy bills. I am absolutely delighted that the Government listened to my calls to introduce a windfall tax in the form of an Energy Profit Levy. This Levy will tax the profits of multi-million-pound oil companies and can be given back to Harlow families, instead of increasing financial pressures through further borrowing.

I have also been campaigning for a new Pumpwatch monitor to help cut the cost of living. Wholesale oil prices have fallen and fuel duty has been cut, but motorists are paying more than ever at the pumps, with a family-run petrol car now costing over £100. This is completely unfair and I am calling on the Government to introduce this body to ensure falling prices are accurately reflected at the pumps.

I also continue to call for further strengthening of the NHS nationally and in

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the local area.

Recently, in the commons, following my question about Princess Alexandra Hospital, the Secretary of State confirmed that Harlow would be getting a new hospital. Whilst everyone is extremely grateful for the wonderful work staff do at Princess Alexandra Hospital, unfortunately the estate is ageing and is no longer fit for purpose. This is a fantastic announcement that means residents of Harlow will benefit from a “new integrated, high-tech, healthcare campus.”

Another key passion of mine and one I have been campaigning for since my appointment as MP is championing Apprenticeships. I had the pleasure of recently hosting a Parliamentary report launch by the country’s leading pub retailer and brewer Greene King on “Untapped Potential”. I’m proud of the fact that 8,000 apprenticeships have been taken on in Harlow in the last twelve years with Greene King being one of the key contributors to this total. I encourage Sheering residents to take advantage of their opportunities, and show their support by visiting a Greene King pub to enjoy an ice cold drink over the hot summer months.

So, as we approach a new Parliamentary session in September, I want to reassure you that I will be doubling down on my efforts to cut the cost of living, champion education and apprenticeships, make our streets safer, strengthen our NHS, cherish our environment and, most of all, to work hard for Sheering residents.

I remain in regular contact with dozens of Sheering residents about local issues, including speeding and planning matters, and will continue to work with you to ensure these matters are resolved as quickly as possible.

As always, you can keep in touch with me via Facebook and Twitter (@halfon4harlowmp) or by emailing [halfon4harlow@roberthalfon.com](mailto:halfon4harlow@roberthalfon.com). I will continue to work hard for Sheering to deliver the pledges I made to you.

With all good wishes,  
Robert



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### 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 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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## Parish Council News

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 25 May, Rodney Northgate decided to step down as Chairman of Sheering Parish Council having held this position for a period of 9 years. He also resigned as a Parish Councillor. Rodney has served the Parish faithfully during this period of time, dealing with the difficult issues of the building of the J7a link road within the Parish boundaries and the associated Harlow/Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) plans to extend the Gilden Way development into an 'East of Harlow' development. We thank him for his long service as a councillor for Lower Sheering and his chairmanship since 2013.

An election was held, and Lesley Paine was elected as Chairman, duly assuming the position on 25 May 2022. Bill Bedford was voted in as Vice Chairman.

On 2nd June Sheering commemorated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style, and this was thanks to a band of determined volunteers, mostly retired, who wanted to feel the joy of being united again. Thank you all who helped, the sun for shining, local businesses for their contributions but, most of all, thanks to all those who attended. I have written further on this elsewhere in the magazine. The Parish Council awarded Jubilee mugs to all Sheering School children and all Pre-school children. As a result of the tremendous success of the WI tea and cake stall, they raised £500 for St Clare Hospice. The raffle raised £500 for Harlow foodbank. The work of the Council has continued during the last 3 months and the main points are highlighted below:

### Essex Highways and EFDC issues

On 20th April Cllr Chris Whitbread (County Councillor) and Cllr Lee Scott (Portfolio holder for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport) came to listen to our points on the state of the roads in Sheering Village and Lower Sheering. This was after our local resident Sir Rod Stewart had decided that enough was enough in Sheering Lower Road and highlighted the potholes to a worldwide audience by undertaking the repairs himself.

The Parish Councillors have put together a comprehensive list of items arising from the many emails we have received during the last year, varying from the noisy manholes in The Street, Sheering to the constant potholes and

flooding by Sawbridgeworth station and many issues in Lower Sheering including faulty lamp posts.

The Parish Council are trying as much as possible to get action on these points, but if there are new ones to report, or you wish to check the status of a fault please look on the websites below.

If you have a query on highways issues or lighting please go online and report it here: [essexhighways.org/tell-us/road-pavement-and-surface-issues/potholes/in-the-road](https://essexhighways.org/tell-us/road-pavement-and-surface-issues/potholes/in-the-road). There you will also be able to see on the interactive map how many of these issues have already been reported and their status.

Flooding and drainage issues are reported to EFDC website here: [eppingforestdc.gov.uk/environment/drainage-issues/](https://eppingforestdc.gov.uk/environment/drainage-issues/)

Overgrown vegetation on roads where speed limit is less than 30mph here : [eppingforestdc.gov.uk/environment/highway-rangers-service/](https://eppingforestdc.gov.uk/environment/highway-rangers-service/)

### Opening of the J7a link road

The much-awaited day has arrived and Sheering is now linked locally to the M11. This was celebrated with a fun run organised by Graham Construction on the 9th of June prior to the opening on the 10th. However, it appears that this opening was timed to coincide with major road works on the M11 at J8 and traffic has been taking the shortest route through The Street, Sheering especially at night. The closure of the rural end of Sheering Lower Road for a period of time has resulted in overuse of Back Lane and our rural roads have been overloaded. Our roads were then tested to capacity when a major incident occurred on the M11 and traffic was redirected through Sheering at school pick up time.

This is a matter for ongoing discussion with Essex County Council who are monitoring the situation. We are asking for their strategy in handling these emergency situations going forward. Hopefully these are issues that can be resolved in time as these are early days. They have informed us that this is the responsibility of Highways England and so we will have another layer to deal with.

### War Memorial Restoration

We are awaiting further quotes on the restoration and advice as to what can be done to make this area more attractive. We have spoken to Essex Highways about raising the kerb as it has been subsumed into the surrounding road when highway maintenance

has been undertaken. It appears that the crazy paving is a feature of the original memorial, but the surrounding wall can be replaced with something more attractive and could be lit. A ring of flower planters (privately sponsored) has been placed around the cross with red, white and blue flowers to show respect for Sheering's lost souls.

### **Playing fields and equipment**

Replacement surfacing has been installed in the Lower Sheering playground to make this area usable throughout the year. The area around the see-saw in Sheering Village has also been surfaced and more work will be carried out in the next financial year. Sheering Parish Council were successful in winning Jubilee lottery funding for the restoration of the teenage shelter. Two students from Leventhorpe will be painting something there which will be far more interesting than the basic platinum shell. The flooring will then be replaced with a bound gravel surface making this a comfortable space for all. An application has also been made for lottery funding to cover the renewal of the surfacing in Sheering Village playground and we await the outcome in another 3 months.

### **Tree Planting scheme**

The hedgerow we planted on the Recreation Area earlier this year is flourishing. The avenue of trees seems to have thrived except for three which will be replaced. Continual watering during the summer months will ensure their survival for our heirs so we would welcome volunteers to undertake this task.

### **Luxford Place**

In undertaking a due diligence exercise, I have found that the Parish Council has over £30k allowed through a S106 agreement for the upkeep of the Picnic Area in Luxford Place and so this will be cared for by Country Care when they have availability or someone with tree expertise to make this a more pleasant and usable area for Sheering and Lower Sheering residents.

### **Handyman**

Sheering Village has deteriorated during the pandemic and various small tasks have become too much for volunteers to undertake. We have engaged the services of Andy Crichton, a previous handyman, on a freelance basis and he has been clearing some undergrowth in the village. Essex Highways and EFDC do not have the resources to carry

out many of the jobs we need doing and he will help to get us back in check. We will sell the tools in the container in the near future and will ask for expressions of interest from the community.

### **Lower Sheering Community Room**

As the new Chairman, I have been looking into the long and drawn out discussions on the subject of a Community Room for Lower Sheering and have gathered together all the available documentation including investigating ownership of the land adjacent to Sheering Lower Rd. I have established that, not only was Harry Langton (chair at that time) right in 1977 when he stated in Sheering News that the land was undevelopable for technical reasons (a public sewer bisects the site), but the area is not the property of the Parish Council and would have to be purchased from EFDC in order for any development to be undertaken. I would therefore like to propose that we supplement the rental of areas in Lower Sheering for the use of residents up to 4 hours per week at £20 per hour so that spaces can be used for public events or clubs as required. The original proponents of a Lower Sheering Facility are no longer with us as this has been going on for such a long time. I therefore believe that leasing now will help those residents who require a meeting place and cannot use Sheering Village Hall for whatever reason. In order to facilitate voting at Sheering Village Hall (set by EFDC) we would rent a minibus to transport voters to the polling station on that day.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The meeting took place in April with very few attendees. We had representation from the WI and the School. Normally, the Citizen and Young Citizen Awards would take place at this meeting which bolsters attendance, but it had been decided that this ceremony would take place at the Jubilee Celebrations. Eddie Bonney was awarded Citizen of the Year and Josh Ismay Young Citizen. Their support to the village residents and the environment has been exemplary during the past year and we thank them for their generosity.

Lesley Paine Chairman



### A Cat Called Spot by Adrienne Tinn

(based on a real incident – only the names have been changed)

He'd strutted along in our garden  
coming from where we don't know.  
He'd wriggled around in the sunshine  
bathed in its soft warming glow.

Coal-black and shiny all over  
except for one feature he'd got -  
a circle of white on his forehead.  
We dubbed our newcomer Spot.

He never came in, our protector -  
the garden his home, his domain.  
We were the ones he'd adopted.  
He stayed there come sunshine, come rain.

He'd rest in the shade in the summer  
with birds shouting down from on high.  
He'd raise a soft paw, claws retracting  
opening one lazy eye.

Once Mia was here he was with her.  
He sat by her pram in the day.  
She toddled and he walked beside her.  
He'd roll by the ball when she'd play.

One morning when Mia was running  
and shouting with laughter outside  
a dog leapt the fence and came bounding  
with teeth bared and in one huge stride

bit her. But our hissing fury  
hurled himself fast through the air  
straight at the maddened offender  
driving him swiftly from there.

Digging his claws in the creature,  
biting again and again  
he drove that mad dog from the garden  
howling in terror and pain.

Spot saved small Mia. Our hero  
returned somewhat ruffled but he  
straightened his fur and his whiskers  
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# LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

## Sheering WI

Sheering WI is back on track, after almost having to close we are now returning to our former self.

We have gained some new members and at our Annual Meeting I was re-elected as President/Secretary with two other members taking on the shared responsibility of Treasurer.

We enjoyed a light supper afterwards, rounding off a very pleasant evening.

Then along came the Queens Platinum Jubilee and as lots of you will know our WI took control of the Tea & Cake stall on the day as well as down at the Church Room for the rest of the weekend where the memorabilia was on display.

A large proportion of the money raised by the WI at the Jubilee was donated to St Clare Hospice. Amy Winehouse, their Head of Relationship Fundraising gave a short talk about the work of the hospice before being presented with a cheque for £500 at our July Meeting.



Amy with WI President Sheena Pike and members

These are some things you could get involved with as a member: we have some interesting speakers coming up in the coming months along with our summer lunch in August usually accompanied by St Mary's Brass Quintet. Just roll up on the second Tuesday of the month in the small hall at 7.30 and you will be made most welcome.

Sheena Pike President/Secretary

## Sheering Village Hall

We have been unable to hold an Annual General Meeting for more than two years because of Covid and



as a result the number on our management committee has dwindled to such an extent that it will be impossible to operate unless new members can be found.

The original intention was that a member of each local organisation which regularly used the Village Hall would join the committee to assist with the management. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, this formula has not worked for some years.

A very successful event was held on 2 June when the whole village was invited to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was wonderful to see so many families and villagers of various ages joining together in the Recreation Ground, Village Hall and Church Room. This event did, however, highlight some of the shortfalls of the Village Hall if it is to become a viable proposition for the future. In particular toilets were incapable of dealing with the crowd, there is no disabled toilet and several internal and external doors require attention. Basically the hall is looking tired and dated, it could do with reconfiguration for better use of space and a complete overhaul. It is therefore proposed that a feasibility study should be undertaken to address these issues and a rough estimate be obtained as to the costs involved.

There are generous grants available so long as there is sufficient evidence to prove that the village hall raises enough money to sustain itself and is well used by a variety of age groups.

So, help us do this by either joining one of the groups which regularly meet in the hall, offering a skill or hiring the hall but especially joining the committee in some capacity, otherwise this multifunctional, community village asset may be lost.

It is hoped to be able to hold our public Annual General Meeting this year. A date has yet to be set but it is currently proposed that this will take place in mid to late November. Advance notice of this will be exhibited on the parish notice board in Sheering and Lower Sheering so why not come along to this important meeting and have your say.

If you feel you can help in any way, please contact the Chairman, Bill Bedford 01279 734229.

Ann Andrews Secretary

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## The Hundred Parishes Society

Stained glass has been with us for over a thousand years, traditionally used in windows of places of worship. The Hundred Parishes has some beautiful memorial windows, mostly from the 19th and early 20th centuries, but I would like to briefly describe a few examples that are more recent.

The Parish Church of St. Andrew in Much Hadham has a window on the west wall of the tower based on an etching by the renowned sculptor, Henry Moore. The window, depicting the Tree of Life, was created by Patrick Reyntiens and celebrates the joint use of the church by Church of England and Roman Catholic congregations.

In Little Easton, the parish church is dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin and has two stained glass windows in the north chapel that honour the American air crews of 386th Bomb Group (known as the Crusaders) who lost their lives in WWII. The windows are the Crusaders

Window and the Window of Friendship and Peace.

Another window dedicated to American airmen can be found in St. Georges, Anstey. The Millennium Window records the names of all the men of 398th Bomb Group who died in WWII, etched onto butterflies.

In Broxted, 13th-century St. Mary's church has two modern stained-glass windows, the Hostage Windows. They were installed following the release in 1991 of three men: Terry Waite, Brian Keenan and local man John McCarthy. All had been held hostage in Lebanon for five years. One window is called the Window of Captivity and the other the Window of Freedom. They were designed by John Clarke and replaced two Victorian windows.

When you are out and about, I hope you will pause to look in our churches at the wonderful range of craftsmanship, some old and some not so old.



St Mary the Virgin Little Easton

Ken McDonald, Secretary  
[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

### Judith Caplin

We were sorry to hear that Judith Caplin, of Sheering Lower Road, passed away recently after a short illness.

For many years she ran the Happy Circle Club at the Village Hall and more lately was a regular at Tuesday Teas and the Short Mat Bowls.

Rest in Peace, Judith.

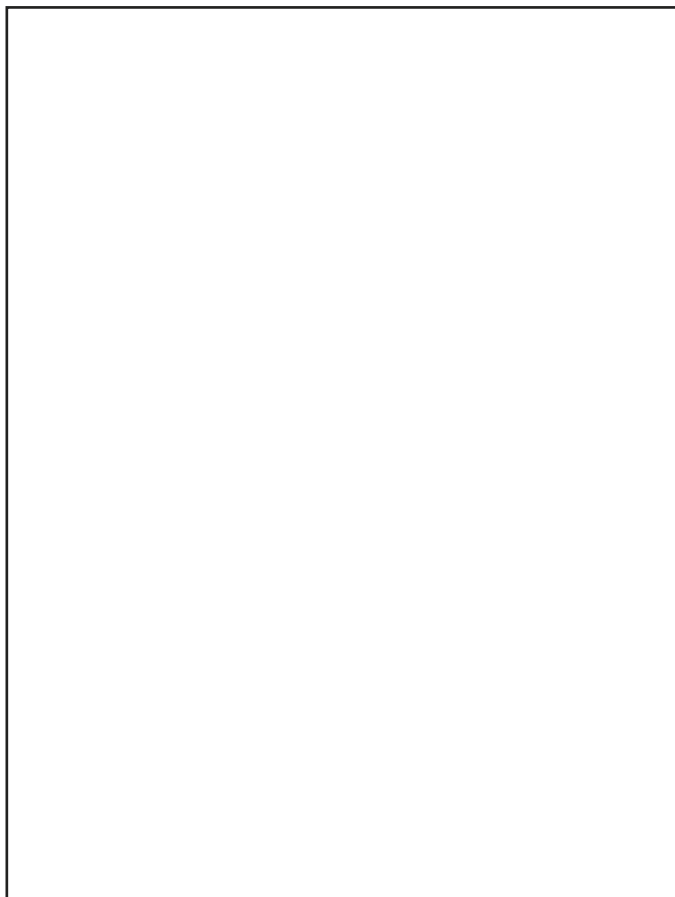
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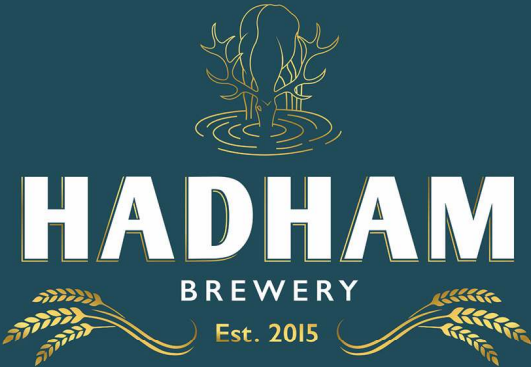
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It wasn't long before the conversation turned to who would light the beacon.

Very modestly, Irene Harriss spoke about being the Coronation Queen during the celebrations in 1953. She produced a wonderful old photograph showing several



L to R Back Row: Gladys Trundle (Griggs), Irene Hariss (Godfrey), Barbara Barker (Keeble), Ann (French), Front Row: Doris Lepley (Griggs), Peggy (Archer), Jill (Keeble), Valerie Clarke (Wright)

local girls dressed in finery and there was Irene as the queen flanked by Barbara Barker and Gladys Trundle as her maids of honour.

Those of us whose children have attended Sheering School will remember these two ladies with great affection as the stalwarts of the administrative staff. What option did we have but to ask Irene to do the honours for us 69 years later? How fortunate we are in Sheering to have these people able to tell us the wonderful stories of our village in times gone by.

So was seeded the idea to hold a memorabilia exhibition in the Church Room and, by closing the road and encouraging people to park at the Church, they had many visitors on the 2nd of June. Irene was able to explain all the old photographs to so many of us who still live in the old houses.

She had the time of her life sharing her experiences during her long life



in Sheering demonstrated through her wonderful photographs. Items from bygone days reminded us of our childhoods and those contraptions we remember our parents using. Memorabilia contributed to the exhibition, curated by Jackie Riches, took so many people back to their youth spent in Sheering as visitors, long gone from the village, came back to reminisce over a cup of tea. The wonderful display of tools Jim Upson brought along and the map of where all the bombs had dropped in Sheering during WW2, put together by his father who was the ARP warden, was of great interest.

Many stepped up on the day. Harry Bowerman with his experience in theatre design helped decorate the halls with Jim Upson, unafraid of heights, on the ladder putting bunting around the disco ball. Robert Birke crossed the divide between being a physicist (especially usefully when the electricity was tripped in the hall during the afternoon), and his more practical skills clearing weeds, erecting a marquee and even selling raffle tickets!

Lee Tennant and Jim Upson were in their element, using their skills from lifetimes in the building industry, erecting poles to hang bunting and ensuring that the memorabilia exhibition was put together in a professional manner.

The combination of a member of the air force Phil Tansey, and Neil Marsden, ex Signals, (plus the walkie talkies they decided to play with) made the logistics of arrivals and departures an exercise of high precision to be envied by the London procession organisers! Not to forget the king pin of the proceedings Mick Bull who, even with his gammy knee, turned out to direct traffic and hang balloons!

Harry Bowerman, dressed as the Town Crier, announced the beginning of the proceedings at the War Memorial, our pinnacle of the Village. As we walked back across to the hall



throng of people started to arrive with tables, chairs, cool boxes, picnic hampers even pull along trollies. Hundreds of people! All there to have a lovely time at a free event in the sunshine.



Craft stalls from Matching market and the surrounding area gave a bustling atmosphere with the wonderful Stort Valley Spirits causing me to spend more than I'd intended. Even our local metal detectorist had a stall exhibiting the amazing finds from the ancient settlement of Sheering. Fairground rides added to the party atmosphere and the ice cream van had a very successful afternoon. Who could forget our Town Crier dressed in his finery making the announcements and then selling raffle tickets in the sweltering heat clad in jabot, breaches, brocade jacket and a tricorne hat.

We were honoured to have a visit from our County Councillor Chris Whitbread and our MP Robert Halfon who was extremely surprised by our event and the local support for Sheering. He discussed many matters with residents and then returned the following



L To R: Robert Halfon MP; Lesley Paine, County Councillor Chris Whitbread

Friday to visit our primary school. Firstly, of course, he was to be seen in our small hall partaking of afternoon tea.

The delicious cakes from the WI supplied by many across the weekend and served by volunteers played a central role in the day. Sheena Pike and Lyn Birke, our thanks to you and the ladies from the WI who were totally overwhelmed by the turnout of people. It was



as though they were running a professional café in the middle of Sheering. It proved so popular that all the cakes were eaten by the end of the day and Sheena had to be up early cooking more for the Memorabilia Exhibition which continued on Friday and the weekend.

Jubilant entertainment organised by Steve Perrin carried on throughout the afternoon with games and competitions for younger children in the tepee. He even stepped up to the MC role after our MC and DJ dropped out the day before through serious illness. We look forward to him carrying the banner forward in Sheering!



Awarding the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year awards fell to me and it was an honour to present a great friend to so many residents (and dogs) in the village with the Citizen of the Year Award. Eddie Bonney helps so many people personally and looks after many of our dogs. He is so cheerful



and a pleasure to meet on walks through our beautiful fields. The trouble is that when we walk away, our dogs go to follow him!

The Young Citizen of the year is Josh Ismay. He has had a very difficult couple of years with both his parents being front line A and E nurses in London. He's very interested in the environment and enjoys the challenge of climbing into the ditches to remove rubbish and debris from fly tipping where adults would be unable to access. A bit like



putting boys up chimneys I suppose.

Harlow Rock school then provided the musical entertainment throughout the day.

Stepping in at the last minute to provide live music over the 8-hour period, these youngsters provided a day of superb



entertainment both outside the hall during the afternoon and inside during the evening. Harlow Rock is a youth music project established to support, motivate and empower young local people through a combination of music related and personal development activities. We wish them every success with making music in the future.

The finale of the day was the combined church, and village choirs, led by Carol Bowerman, performing 'A Song for the Commonwealth', eating the Jubilee Tart so beautifully prepared by Sheena Pike, before



Irene Harriss lit the beacon (with the assistance of our pyromaniac, Jim Upson) ending a wonderful day.

All we wanted in doing this was to bring joy to Sheering after two miserable years of the pandemic. So, most of all we must thank you all for coming, for raising over £1000 for charity, for the wonderful atmosphere that prevailed in the day, for the enthusiastic messages of thanks and for clearing every iota of rubbish from the Recreation Ground at the end of the day! Thanks to the vicar Rev Dawn and the organist for keeping the church open all weekend for local enjoyment and especially to Dawn for her remark "well at least it wasn't an event like The Vicar of Dibley, which is how my events end up". I asked her to reveal who plays Alice but she refused to comment!



Our thanks go to the following organisations and individuals for their generous contributions to the beacon and the raffle and games prizes:

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- The Fox Matching Tye
- Churchgate Sausage Shop
- Joseph Hair
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## Harlow Food Bank

### How it works

#### Food is Donated

Schools, churches, businesses and individuals donate non-perishable, in-date food to a food bank. Large collections often take place as part of seasonal celebrations such as harvest and Christmas, and food is also collected at supermarkets.

#### Food is sorted and Stored

Volunteers sort food to check that it's in date and store it ready to be given to people who are referred to food banks in crisis. More than 40,000 people give up their time to volunteer at food banks across the UK.

#### Professionals identify people in need

Food banks partner with a wide range of care professionals such as doctors, teachers, health visitors and social workers to identify people in crisis and give them a food bank voucher to access emergency food.

#### People referred receive food

People bring their voucher to a food bank centre where it can be redeemed for three days' emergency food. Volunteers welcome people and offer them further support to help resolve the crisis they face.

Harlow Food Bank 2022 to date:

1955 vouchers were issued feeding 4484 people of which 1830 were children.

The Tesco National Food bank days on 1, 2, & 3 July collected 2.1 tons of food in Harlow.



The raffle at the Jubilee Celebrations on 2nd June raised £500 for Harlow Food Bank

### Items needed

The following are a list of items, in order of urgency, that are running low in the Store House. Items marked in bold are at critical levels.

#### Our urgent needs are:

**Long Life Fruit Juice;**  
**Powdered Mash Potato**  
**Sponge Pudding**  
**Rice Pudding**

Canned Meats (sausages, meatballs, ham etc)  
Canned Fish eg. Tuna  
Small jars of Coffee  
Packets of tea bags  
Deodorant (Men's and Women's)  
Bars of soap

#### We can also accept...

Toiletries  
Washing and Washing up liquid  
Household cleaning product

It is important that the dates on all these items are as long as possible so, although it takes an extra second or two, it really helps us if you can check the dates.

Thank you for your support.

**Shop and Drop** at Tesco, Church Langly; Edinburgh Way; Harlow Metro, Harvey Centre; Sainsbury & Asda in Harlow  
<https://mrct.org.uk/foodbank/>

Locally there is a box in St Mary's Sheering Church Room or items can be left with Chris Harriss 1, Southview Cottages, The Street, Sheering

### Autumn Allotments and Gardens Show

This very popular event will be taking place at Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall on Saturday



3rd September so now is the time to start planning. There are a variety of sections to enter – vegetables, fruit, floral, preserves, handicraft plus many more and a special section for children which is in age categories. There will also be scrumptious refreshments and an art exhibition to enjoy. Show schedules will be available shortly so to obtain one of these please email Hazel Mead [hazelmead404@btinternet.com](mailto:hazelmead404@btinternet.com) or Irene Barnard [ihbarnard37@gmail.com](mailto:ihbarnard37@gmail.com)

## Friends of St Mary's Sheering

### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Church Room was transformed by the display of village memorabilia, and the wonderful Women's Institute took over the kitchen for teas on all four afternoons. Lots of visitors came. Irene Harriss and others answered loads of questions about the village in bygone years. Quite a lot of people also visited the church, where there were displays about present and past activities along with a couple of spaces for quiet prayer. There was a variety of live music for the whole of the Thursday afternoon. A few adventurous individuals explored part of the ancient wooden staircase behind one of the single-plank doors in the tower.

### Eco-church

St Mary's has been awarded a bronze award by A Rocha UK, a charity committed to mobilising Christians to care for nature. We are now working towards the silver award. Look out for posters about the regular Bug Hunt and Bird-watch around the churchyard (an hour or so on the first Saturday of each month).

### Churchyard team

In late Spring the grass grew at an alarming rate, and it was a real challenge to keep on top of it.



During those busy Saturday mornings of mowing, raking, barrowing to the bonfire etc, it was nice to keep in mind the prospect of shared lunch in the Church Room.

If you would like to join in (Saturday morning every few weeks) contact Natalie Cracknell on 01279 734360.



## Storm damage to the tower

The tower tiles that were broken and displaced during the Spring storms have been repaired under insurance.



## Churchyard Extension

Alas, we still await confirmation that the Land Registry has issued some necessary documentation, without which the churchyard extension cannot be consecrated for burials. We keep checking and chasing, and we will keep you updated.



Meanwhile in our new space we have spotted a bee orchid and at least one marbled white butterfly. We are gradually tackling the ragwort, but control of the hawthorn seedlings might be more of a challenge.

## Dates for your diary

We are at last starting to plan a programme of Friends events. Look out for posters around the village.

In church we are looking forward to the **Harvest Weekend**, which is 24-25 September.

**Every Sunday in Church** there is a service at 10.30. Alternatively, if you would like to "attend" the weekly service on Zoom any Sunday, usually at 11.30, email [SixVillagesZoomCodes@gmail.co](mailto:SixVillagesZoomCodes@gmail.co) for the login details.

If there is a fifth Sunday in the month, we join with the other churches in the Six Villages (Sheering, Hatfield Heath, Great and Little Hallingbury, Hatfield Broad Oak and Bush End). Watch the notice board for details of which parish will be hosting. See elsewhere in Sheering News for the latest plans for the six parishes to become a single benefice.

Produced by Friends of St Mary's Sheering, c/o Friends secretary, 72 Crown Close, Sheering, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM22 7NE

## Sheering Village Hall

Excerpts from *Sheering News* 1976:

"A Village Hall, and Men's Club, erected and equipped by the generosity of the late Sir Henry Neville Goschen and Claude Francis Goddard, for the purpose of recreation, education and entertainment for the benefit of the people of Sheering!

This is an extract from the Sheering Village Hall Trust Deed.

On the night of August 28 1971 this hall was gutted by fire and the task of rebuilding commenced.

The new "Sheering Village Hall and Community Centre" was a combined result of foresight, imagination, hard work, frustration and at times despair of the Hall Committee of that day. It was built during the time of raging inflation in 1974, when estimates and quoted prices bore no resemblance to finished costs. When finally completed, every penny had been spent and the hall was broke.

Does it sound familiar?

In its time, Sheering Village Hall was advertised as the most up to date in the area with all modern amenities suitable for weddings, parties, Girl Guide meetings, doctor's visits, WI meetings etc.

The building is 48 years old and, as you might know, modern buildings are designed for a life of 50 years. Our Village Hall desperately needs updating to modern standards. Firstly, let me explain that Sheering Village Hall is a Charitable Trust with trustees responsible for its running and upkeep. It is there for the benefit of the people of Sheering. It has nothing to do with the Parish Council who have no financial input



or influence. It is difficult for Parish councillors to also be trustees of the Village Hall because of its charitable status and a conflict of interest.

During the past two years of the pandemic, there have been no fundraising events, no community activities, parties, weddings etc, just a few keyworker's children attending the independent preschool. The main funding has come from a local authority grant. The Jubilee event tested the building to its capacity, and it failed in many crucial areas. The electrical circuits were overloaded, as were the lavatories! There was no disabled facility to offer our guests from far and wide. The insulation is far below modern standards, and the building contains asbestos.

Most of all the Hall is suffering from a lack of trustees and committee members who can get things done. We have had a few 'volunteers' step

forward, who might, in time, become trustees, but we need more. Meetings will be held monthly to suit the members, so please consider this opportunity to help the community

We need people willing to bring this building back to life for Sheering. People have a right to get married and hold their wedding reception or party in a decent venue not costing an arm and a leg. The committee need to apply for funding and grants from various organisations and decide on a priority list to make the building usable and then attractive as a venue. There need to be more toilets separated for the preschool so other organisations can use the hall during the day and more funding can be generated for necessary refurbishment. The kitchen needs to be updated to a commercial facility and the stage needs to be replaced with an up-to-date portable solution.

If you can help, please contact Bill Bedford for more information 01279 734229.

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## Library News



### Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Get ready for Gadgeteers, arriving in your local library this summer!

Children across Essex are being challenged to help the Gadgeteers by reading six books and earning cool stickers. Along the way they'll discover amazing science and innovation in the world around us. If they complete the challenge, they receive a certificate and medal. Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website: [libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk)

Gadgeteers takes place in all our libraries from Saturday 16 July to Saturday 3 September.

### A library card for every child!

Essex Library Service wants every child to experience the joy of reading. That's why we're giving every pupil in Essex a library card as part of our Essex Year of Reading campaign.

By now, most pupils will have received their library card and a campaign bookmark from their school. All you need to do is take it to any Essex library to activate it and start borrowing. As well as access to thousands of books, Essex Libraries also offer e-books, e-audio and e-comics.

If you haven't had the card, don't worry. Just go into your local library and ask to join (you'll need ID such as a driving licence, bank statement or recent utility bill). It's free, it's quick and it's easy.

More about Essex Year of Reading at [essex.gov.uk/news/essex-year-of-reading](http://essex.gov.uk/news/essex-year-of-reading).

### Harlow Library has reopened

Harlow Library opened again for the public on Monday 20 June. The improved library space includes good stocks of books, a café, a large, vibrant, exciting children's area,



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### Changes are coming to libraries online! We

have been working hard over the last few months to create a new and improved look for our online service, one that puts your feedback at the forefront of our design. Over the coming weeks we will be releasing more information prior to the switch over to our new app and website and we can't wait for you to see what we have been working on. Don't forget to follow us on social media where we will be showing you sneak peeks of the new systems.



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Hearing loss will overtake diabetes and cataracts as one of the top 10 UK disease burdens by 2030. For younger people, hearing loss can affect their education and social life. For older people, it can lead to social isolation, dementia and an increased risk of falls. For everyone, it matters.

Around 25% of the population has a moderate to severe ear wax issue that requires medical intervention. However, accessing ear and hearing health services can often be difficult and time consuming. Many people have to wait months for treatment, or simply resign themselves to living with their condition but you can now receive treatment as a private service at Bell Pharmacy.

This style of community care can remove the requirement to attend GP and hospital appointments whilst lessening the strain on NHS resources.

There are a range of signs to watch out for which could indicate you have an ear or hearing problem. Loss of hearing, earache, discomfort, discharge, ears feeling full, ringing, itching, loss of balance, dizziness and coughing can all be signs that a change has occurred in your ears and you should get them checked.

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Once wax has been removed, hearing screening can be performed. This will identify any hearing loss and your clinician will advise whether you require further treatment. However, in many cases, the initial problem could have simply been down to the presence of wax itself.

For further details of the procedure and cost of the service please visit Bell Pharmacy or



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**Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre and Leventhorpe Pool & Gym:**

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[everyoneactive.com/promotion/parkinsons/](http://everyoneactive.com/promotion/parkinsons/)

**Free Webinars for Local People with Diabetes:**

Diabetes specialists in Hertfordshire are offering free monthly webinars for anyone locally (Hertfordshire and West Essex) with the condition as well as anyone who is at risk. The webinars are being hosted by the new Herts Diabetes Support Group (HDSG), who have set out to support diabetics by enabling them to better understand and manage their condition. Anyone who is interested in joining these Webinars can sign up on Eventbrite



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Saturday	9.00 - 13.00	Saturday	6.30 - 19.30
		Sunday	7.30 - 17.00



### Are you throwing away £720 a year?



Did you know that the average Essex family is wasting roughly £720 every year on food they don't eat? Not only is this a waste of your money, but it's damaging the environment and contributing to climate

change too!

70% of all food waste comes from our homes. This means we can all play our part in reducing the amount of food thrown away.

### Download Kitche to join in the fight against food waste



Do you want to save money and reduce food waste, but are not

sure how to get started? Kitche is here to help. The free and easy app is designed to support you in keeping track of the food you have at home. Upload your shopping list or scan a recent receipt to get started. Kitche will provide reminders and recipes adapted to you, so you can keep on top of your food - even on the go! Kitche is available for download via the Apple App Store or Google Play.

### Save food from the bin – compost it!

Instead of disposing of food in your black bins or food waste caddies, the best option is to compost it!



Composting is a great way to return important nutrients back into the environment. It's simple, affordable and you can have a lot of fun with it too!

And remember, you can order a reduced-price compost bin through our website! [loveessex.org](http://loveessex.org)

### Free course available to help the planet

We can all make changes at home, work or school to have a real impact on the environment around us. The latest course from Adult

Community Learning (ACL), 'Do More, Waste Less: An Introduction to a Greener Economy', will teach you a bit more about what these changes can be. Through this free online course, which you can complete at your own pace, you'll learn about reducing waste, sustainable development and green jobs. Visit the ACL website to learn more and enrol today. [courses.aclessex.com](http://courses.aclessex.com)



### Recycle your used ink cartridges by visiting your local library

If you have a printer at home, there is now a quick and eco-friendly way of disposing of your empty ink cartridges.

Essex libraries have teamed up with The Ink Bin to provide cartridge recycling bins across the county. After you drop off your empty home-use cartridges, they will be collected, sorted and refilled. They will then go back on the market as remanufactured ink cartridges.

The Ink Bin is an Essex-based business run by Becky Baines. The company focuses on restoring ink cartridges in a closed loop system - a great example of the circular economy in action!



### Sign your school up to become Plastic Clever!

Essex partners at *BLUEPRINT to a Circular Economy* are working with *Common Seas* to provide new resources to help schools in England and France to reduce plastic waste.

Schools who sign up for the scheme will have access to free content, including videos, lesson plans and other guidance, in order to reach Plastic Clever Status. There are prizes available for schools and teachers that go the whole way! [projectblueprint.eu/campaign/plastic-clever-schools](http://projectblueprint.eu/campaign/plastic-clever-schools)



Sign up for the Love Essex Newsletter [loveessex.org/](http://loveessex.org/)

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**St Clare Harlow Shop is Launching as a Clearance Outlet**

It is exciting times ahead as the largest St Clare shop has relaunched as a Clearance Outlet. There will be, with more clothes on sale and an even bigger furniture department. All clothing will be on sale at £2 an item and so there will be many gems to snap up. Donations are still very much welcomed as the shop is refitted so please continue to take your pre-loved clothes, bric-a-brac and more along for the team to receive. If you have furniture you'd like to donate to St Clare please arrange a collection at [www.stclarehospice.org.uk/](http://www.stclarehospice.org.uk/) furniture



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This article is a plea for help, and you may be able to provide it.

We are trying to recruit more listeners for our service. The Talking Newspaper is a weekly recording



of local news taken from the Bishop's Stortford Independent and the Dunmow Broadcast. It is a free service, including postage and all necessary equipment, for anyone who is visually impaired or who cannot manage a newspaper because of some physical disability. The recording comes on a USB stick and we normally provide listeners with a special player for the purpose.

The restrictions placed on all of us over the past two years have highlighted the problems of social isolation. We know from our existing listeners how much they have appreciated the Talking Newspaper in keeping them in touch with local news brought to them by local voices. We are sure that there are many others who would feel the same if they were aware of it. These same restrictions have, however, made it much more difficult for us to identify new listeners, so please give serious thought as to whether you know anyone who might benefit.

The Talking Newspaper is also available via a Listen Online facility on our website: [www.bstalkingnewspaper.co.uk](http://www.bstalkingnewspaper.co.uk)

The website option can be used by anyone, whether visually impaired or not. It is also possible to access the recordings via links such as Alexa or an app on your smartphone. If that appeals, please contact us and one of our technicians would be able to provide assistance if required.

For more information or with suggestions about possible new listeners please ring Richard Barnett 01279 651270 or leave a message on our mobile: 07918 296764. Maybe you'd like to volunteer? If so we'd like to hear from you. It's very rewarding and not too time-consuming!

## RECYCLING and WASTE Epping Forest District Council

Remember your green-lidded, food & garden wheelie bin is emptied weekly throughout the year on your normal collection day.

Don't forget to recycle all your food waste along with your biodegradable garden waste via the green-lidded, food & garden wheelie bin.



**PLEASE NOTE**  
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### Green Bin - Every Week

**Food Waste:** All cooked and uncooked food waste including: bread, cakes, biscuits and pastries; dairy products; coffee grounds and teabags; fruit and vegetables; meat and fish (including bones);

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### Bin of Last Resort - Black Bin Fortnightly:

Domestic household rubbish

**Polystyrene:** Leave by the black wheelie bin

**Clear Sacks - Fortnightly :** Paper, shredded paper; card, tins, cans, plastic bottles, plastic tubs and pots, food trays; plastic bags; aerosols; clean foil and foil containers, food and drink cartons (tetra-paks); Please tie your recycling bags, and flatten your boxes.



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Please remember your small electrical items (items no larger than a carrier bag) and household batteries (not vehicle) are collected each week on collection day.



### Clear sacks available from:

- ◆ Sheering Newsagent & Post Office.
- ◆ The Shed Coffee House The Maltings Station Road Lower Sheering CM21 9JX
- ◆ Julie & John Harrington (8 The Four Acres CM21 9LJ) keep sacks in case Lower Sheering villagers run out.

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## Community Speedwatch

Many of us are concerned that the new junction 7A is affecting the amount of traffic through Sheering and Lower Sheering and that speeding also seems on the increase.

More volunteers are needed to do the training for Speedwatch and get out on our streets to make drivers more responsible through our community.

Police use the intelligence provided by volunteers to highlight those communities that would benefit from additional police

enforcement, based on evidence of poor levels of compliance.

A recent visit by Roads Policing officers at the mini roundabout on The Street reported several offenders at speeds up to 42 mph.

Volunteers are trained by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) to use hand-held speed guns safely and correctly and to record the speeds of passing vehicles.

To volunteer please email the Parish Council [spcplanning@outlook.com](mailto:spcplanning@outlook.com)

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4th Sunday of the month	Morning worship



When there is a 5th Sunday, watch the notice board for the venue and time for a joint service in one of the parish churches of the Six Villages (Sheering, Hatfield Heath, Great and Little Hallingbury, Hatfield Broad Oak and Bush End).

There is a service on Zoom at 11.30 every Sunday. Email [SixVillagesZoomCodes@gmail.com](mailto:SixVillagesZoomCodes@gmail.com) for the login details.

<https://e-voice.org.uk/ht-sm-churches/>

### Six Parishes Statement

Since 2014 the churches in the Hallingburys, Hatfield Broad Oak, Bush End, Hatfield Heath and Sheering have been working together, ever more closely, with the aim of being a 'transforming presence' in the community. This began with a covenant made in 2014, and progressed to a Mission and Ministry Unit in 2017. As a result, stronger links between churches and congregations have been established – which have been invaluable during the pandemic, and the on-going pressure on financial and ministry resources. As a natural progression, and to help to meet the challenges facing every one of our churches, it is now proposed to adopt a new formal structure - in which the six churches, whilst remaining individual parishes, will unite to become a single benefice (ministry group). The new single benefice will have a Joint Council, which will allow a more coordinated approach to planning and resourcing – especially in the areas of Mission, Pastoral

care, and Children's work. This structure will also reflect the reality that each of us is now licensed by the Bishop to serve in all six parishes.

The Church Councils have been consulted throughout the process so far, and the proposal has received the support of the Bishops and the Church Commissioners. This final stage of consultation provides for the detail to be shared more widely in the local communities, and for you to have your say. The formal notice published below explains how to find more information about the proposal, and the process for making representations to the Church Commissioners before the closing date of 15 August 2022.

Revd Dawn, Revd David, Caroline (LLM) and Revd Becs  
The Ministry Team – Six Villages MMU

[churchofengland.org/consultation](http://churchofengland.org/consultation)

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