



Great Totham Parish Magazine

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October 2025

Summer has come to its end,
But its beauty autumn will send.

The leaves begin to fall from the trees,
In the cooling autumn breeze,
Leaves of red, yellow, orange and brown,
Fall and dance to the ground.

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But its beauty autumn will send.

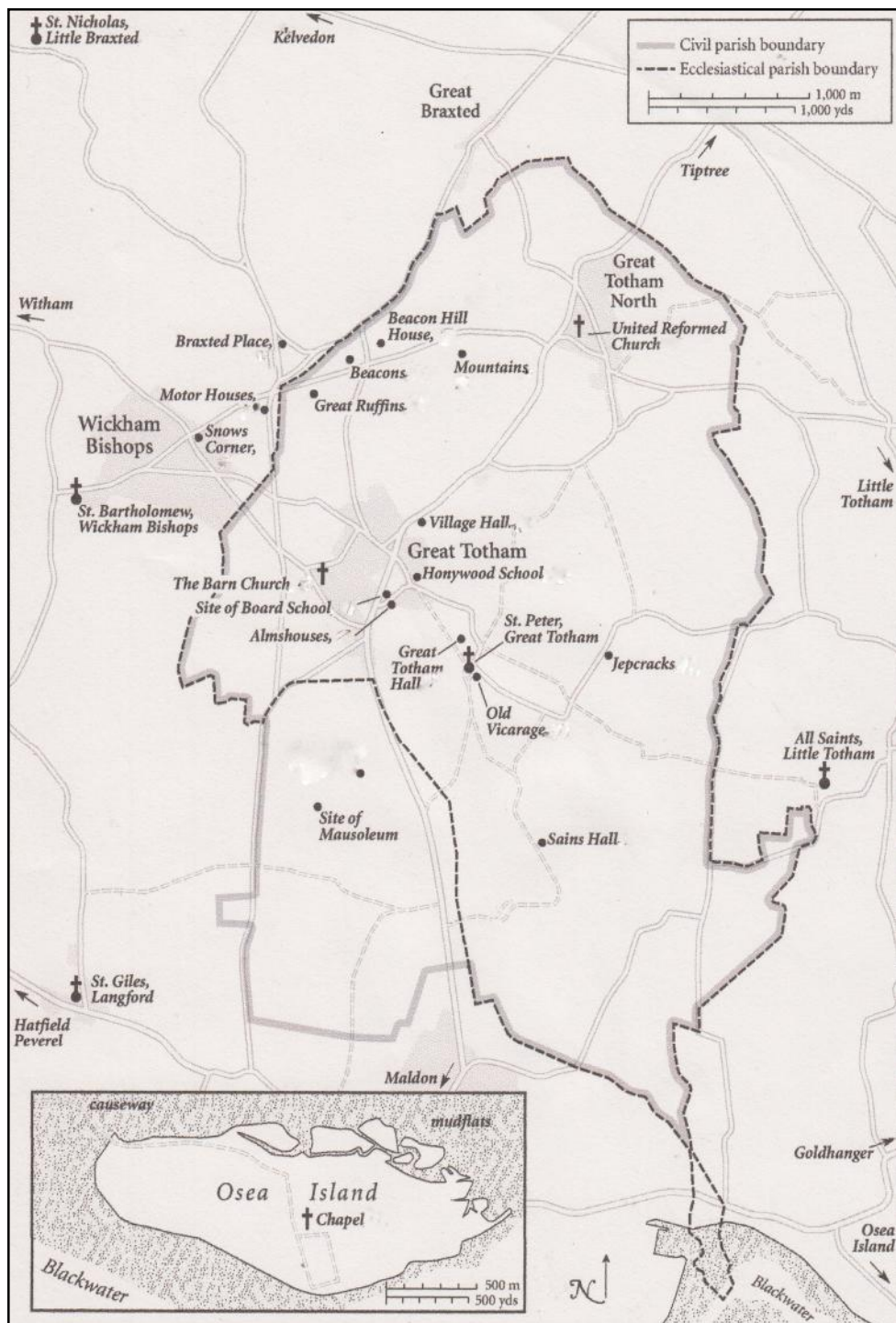
The pumpkins are growing in the field,
The blackberries are giving a good yield,
Children preparing for their Halloween fun,
As we start to see in the early setting sun.

Summer has come to its end,
But its beauty autumn will send.

The squirrels going to and fro,
Gathering nuts as they go,
The hedgehogs get ready for their slumber
As the birds start to migrate in their number.

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But its beauty autumn will send

- By Cheryl Lee-White



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Blackwater Benefice Ministry Team Message



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SO here we are in October....very much a month when little seems to happen.

The Last Night of the Proms – the closing act of summer in my book – is already forgotten.

All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Remembrance Sunday and Advent all lie ahead on the path to Christmas.

Outside the days are growing darker and gloomier (probably! Who dares to predict the weather at this time of Global Warming!) The nights are drawing in and I find once again in my head the nagging memory of those so evocative words from one of T.S.Eliot's Preludes:

***"The burnt-out ends of smoky days.
And now a gusty shower wraps
The grimy scraps
Of withered leaves about your feet."***

But hey-up! Wait a minute! We're Christians. With God within us and beside us, there will always be hope. The light of His love will shine bright in our hearts in even the darkest days.

During the course of this month (Trinity 17) we will hear as a Gospel; reading Luke's account of how Jesus cured ten lepers. One of them returns to thank Jesus who tells him: ***"Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."***

This is one of those simple, straightforward little passages in which the miracle seems the point. But it's not really, is it? The true point is the ***"your faith has made you well."***

Jesus presents Himself here as a kind of conduit; He has "cured" the other nine lepers, but the one who returned had the faith to cure himself, and it only needed Jesus's presence for him to be able to unlock that faith.

We see this happening time and again through the Gospels: The onus is on us. Not on God. Not on Jesus. If our Faith is strong enough, if our Belief is good enough, and if our actions act out those qualities in our daily lives, we have the means, through God, of overcoming the metaphorical ills that daily threaten to drag us down.

Act with humility (the message from Trinity 14 and 15); Repent of our sins (Trinity 16); Be honest and trustworthy (Trinity 17).

Through this period of His mission Jesus is teaching us lessons in the Love of God to which we must all adhere if we are, eventually, to enter the Kingdom of God.

So, far from being a quiet time in our Christian life, the concluding passage of time in Trinity is vital to us.

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“Not everyone that said to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven” we are told in Matthew, Chapter 7, verse 21).

As we proceed through October, the days ahead may seem dark and in keeping with a rather cynical saying I have heard: “Because of budget cuts the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.”

But for us the light of God always awaits.

“I am the light of the World,” we find Jesus saying in John Chapter 8. ***“Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”***

And then again, referring directly to us, during the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapter 5) Jesus declares to His audience: ***“You are the light of the world.....let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven.”***

A message to remember as the days are drawing in.

Philip Smith

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15th August

Alan Anderson of Great Totham

26th August

Jeanne Shrimpton of Great Totham

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Date	Time	Service	Readings
5th October Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	10am 6pm	Morning Service of the Word Evensong by Zoom	Ps. 37 1-9 2 Tim. 1. 1-14 Gospel: Luke 17. 5-10
12th October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	10am 6pm	Morning Service of the Word Evensong by Zoom	2. Kings 5. 1-3, 7-15 1 Tim. 2. 8-15 Gospel: Luke 17. 11-19
19th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	10am 6pm	Family Service Evensong by Zoom	Ps. 121 2 Tim. 3. 14-4. 5 Gospel: Luke 18. 1-8
26th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday	10am 6pm	Family Service Evensong by Zoom	Ps. 19. 129-136 Rom. 15. 1-6 Gospel: Luke 4. 16-24

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Coffee Morning at The Honywood



Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 25th October. We look forward to seeing you then for bacon butties, tea, coffee, cake and chat, 10am to 12 noon, in The Honywood, Hall Road.

Sheila Allen

Church News

News from the Belfry

As the cooler weather approaches and we rush to don our woolly jumpers we can perhaps dwell on the importance of the medieval wool trade in our region and its influence on church architecture. A wool church was financed primarily by donations from rich merchants and farmers who had benefitted from the wool trade in the late 14th and 15th century. They hoped that their generosity would ensure a place in heaven. Wool churches are common in the Cotswolds and in the wool towns of East Anglia where enormous profits from the wool business spurred construction of ever grander edifices. A wool church was often built to replace a smaller or less imposing church and also to reflect the growing prosperity of the community. Many such building projects were undertaken by a small number of families in each village or town, who used the new church building to display their own wealth, status and faith. The building of wool churches largely ended with the English Reformation and the simultaneous decline of the wool trade between 1525 and 1600. Notable wool churches in East Anglia include those at Long Melford, Lavenham, Saffron Walden, Ipswich and Thaxted but the nearest wool church to visit is Saint Peter ad Vincula at Coggeshall. This church stands on the site of former Saxon and Norman churches. It is one of the largest in Essex, only preceded by the churches at Saffron Walden and Thaxted. It shares its name with the chapel in the Tower of London the rare dedication to St Peter-ad-Vincula (St Peter in Chains) and was built in the 15th Century, a prosperous time in Coggeshall's history, with its wealthy wool merchants pouring money into the building of the church. At one time the church was considered to become the Cathedral Church of Essex before Chelmsford was chosen.

Thomas Paycocke, a wealthy Coggeshall wool merchant, was responsible for most of the building we see today. He was born in the second half of the 15th century, and he became a successful businessman, making a small fortune by outsourcing the manufacture of woollen cloth. The family was solely responsible for St Catherine's chapel which stands to the north of the chancel. Memorial brasses in the floor include the ones of John Paycocke and his wife Joan, dating from 1533. There is a brass of Thomas Paycocke who died in 1580 and left a charity "for the continuall relief of the poore of Coxall for ever".

On the night of September 16th 1940 a stray bomb exploded in the churchyard near the tower. The north arcade collapsed and brought down the roof of the nave. The huge east window was untouched as was the rood screen surmounted by its cross. The two soldiers who had been on watch duty on the tower roof were knocked over by the blast but were otherwise uninjured. The bells were undamaged but over the next few days the tower began to collapse and this left the bell frame partly unsupported and in danger of falling. An enterprising local policeman and his colleagues managed to lower the bells to the ground. In the autumn of 1943 the war time ban on bell ringing was lifted

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they were only formerly to be used to signal an invasion. Work began on erecting a temporary building in the churchyard where the bells could be rung. This work was promoted and organised again by a local policeman and just a few days after the work was finished in May 1945, the bells were rung for the first time to celebrate Victory in Europe Day. The millennium saw the addition of two new bells to the peal of eight. These bells were cast by bell founders John Taylor & Sons. The oldest bell is the fifth bell cast in 1681 by Miles Graye III. The new bell wheels were made by Andrew Beckwith and the one wheel for the tenor bell, which weighed over 1.25 tons, was over 7 feet in diameter. The task of taking down and re-hanging the bells was undertaken by the ringers themselves.

August 15th marked the eightieth anniversary of VJ Day commemorating the cessation of all hostilities in World War Two. Ten Great Totham ringers were joined by two ringers from Kelvedon to ring call changes, Plain Hunt and Plain Bob Doubles prior to the usual Friday practice night.

Do you fancy joining us? It doesn't matter if you are a complete novice as full instruction will be given.

For further information, please contact Janice, our Tower Captain, on 07790 354338 or alternatively visit www.greattothambellringers.org.uk

Andrew and Catherine Hood

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Gift

A simple Christmas shoebox gift is a 'treasure chest' for a child who has never received such a gift before. It is a powerful symbol of hope that someone, somewhere, cared enough to pack a gift meant just for them.

This year, will you join with us as we partner with local churches around the world who are reaching out to children in their communities through Operation Christmas Child? This year's Shoebox season is coming: Knit and Natter, St Peter's Church and friends will again take part.

If you would like to fill a shoebox but are unsure how to get started, I can help. I have official leaflets, labels and lists of what to pack. Contact me, Sandra, on 01621 893153 or email sandy1@mypostoffice.co.uk

Collection day and blessing the boxes is Sunday, 16th November, 10am at St Peter's Church, Great Totham.

Sandra Smith



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On 17th August we had the honour of having a service to introduce two new members to Great Totham Mothers' Union Branch. The Revd. Michael Hatchett took the service where both Jean, Helen and the current members Sheila, June and Joyce were able to commit themselves to the work of Jesus Christ through their Mothers' Union membership. Revd. Michael has been a Mothers' Union member for many years and previously held the post of the MU's area Dean, so it was extra special for him to take the service for us.

We do not have a meeting in October, but please see our invitation below to our special open meeting on 7th November.

At our meeting on Friday 7th November at the Honywood Hall Hall Road, Great Totham, Maldon VM9 8NN At 1.45 pm.

We will be welcoming a speaker who will be talking about one of our local charities AFIA (Away from it all). Which gives families a chance of a fun day out, a weekend away or a longer holiday together.

This meeting is an open meeting for both Women and Men, when we would like to meet with members of the community who would like to know more about what the Mothers' Union do with the funds you help us raise at our annual Hot Cross Bun morning each Easter.

So come along to the Honywood and join us for a chat, and a cup of tea or coffee and some cake to find out more.

For more information on Mothers' Union see P28.

June Eaton

Walking with Clive

Clive Potter, our local historian, will be leading a 2-3 mile circular walk around Great Totham North on Saturday, 4th October. We will meet in The United Reformed Church car park at 10.30am. The number of walkers will be limited to 30, so please contact me on 01621 929866 if you are interested.

Karin Mann

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October



Sourced by June Eaton

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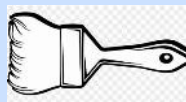
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Great Totham Gardening Club Autumn Show Results



Thank you to everyone who supported and/or attended our Autumn Show on 6th September, which was a lovely, social event. The vegetable, fruit and flower entries were far better than we could have hoped, bearing in mind the dry summer the gardens have had to endure, whilst the Floral Art, Cookery, Arts/ Crafts, Photography and Children's classes attracted a wide variety of high standard entries. Congratulations to Karen Tarpey who was the Overall Autumn Show Winner as well as the Overall Winner for both Spring and Autumn Shows.

Our next event is the AGM at 7pm on Monday, 29th September in Great Totham Village Hall. A short meeting will be followed by local sculptor John Doubleday's talk on 'Gardens and Sculpture', as well as refreshments. Members free, guests £3. You will be able to renew your annual membership (£5) on the night if you haven't already done so. For details contact Helen Mutton on 01621 891067.

Norman Wright

Division	Winner	Best Exhibit
Vegetables	Norman Wright	Joanne Newcombe
Fruit	Cliff Ellams	Hannah Dundon
Flowers	Karen Tarpey	Helen Mutton
Floral Art	Karen Tarpey	Karen Tarpey
Cookery	Sue Watts	Pauline Wright
Children's Classes	Grace Kenneally	Grace Kenneally
Arts and Crafts	Brenda Steele	Brenda Steele
Photography	Karen Tarpey	Karen Tarpey
Best Fuchsia	Hannah Dundon	
Best Fruit Cake	George Bunting	
Best Victoria Sandwich	Jennifer Owens	
Spud Bucket	Leigh Arnold	
Wonkiest Vegetable	Nicole Jayne	
Overall Autumn Show Winner 2025	Karen Tarpey	
Overall Spring and Autumn Shows Winner 2025	Karen Tarpey	

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of
Karen Tarpey
and
Nicole Jayne



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Pets' Service

What a beautiful morning we had for our Pets' Service in the churchyard on Sunday, 7th September, led by Isobel Doubleday! We had five dogs, two guinea pigs, a tortoise and a picture of a cat called Poppy who (understandably) didn't fancy coming to church! And their owners, of course.

God bless all our pets and thank you for the joy they bring to our lives.

Rosie Pollock



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The much anticipated Promenade Park Management Plan has officially been signed off by the Council, heralding the beginning of a new era for one of our community's most cherished green spaces.

https://www.maldon.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/20011/prom_park_management_plan.pdf

This strategic document, shaped by months of collaboration, public consultation and expert insight, will guide the stewardship, preservation and enhancement of Promenade Park for years to come. The Park is to be a place for relaxation, recreation, natural beauty and cultural events, all underpinned by sound environmental stewardship. The plan details a phased approach to improvements across Promenade Park, with a number of projects being planned over the next two years. These projects include improvements to our Secret Garden play area and the kiosks serving food, together with new facilities, including an outdoor gym, covered seating area, a nature trail, biodiversity areas, litter bins and free public wi-fi.

Maldon District Council has announced that the demolition of the former classroom building at Hythe Quay is set to commence after the Heritage Weekend, in line with requests from community representatives. The building is being taken down due to structural concerns, rendering it unsafe for continued use and it is beyond economical repair. Sadly, refurbishment is not possible given the original construction methods employed. We will develop an alternative use for the site, with consultation with the residents.

The business cases for Local Government Reorganisation have been submitted to Government. The Government will then make a decision on which cases will be put to residents for consultation, before any final decision is made. I will make sure I keep you informed.

Maldon Library is one of several locations around Essex that is taking part in a free blood pressure scheme. Here's what's available:

- * Free blood pressure monitor loans for anyone 18+.
- * Keep them for up to two weeks.
- * Complete kit with monitor, cuff, diary and guidance.
- * No GP referral needed – just your library card.

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Jade and I are always keen to help with any ward issues, or if you have any problems or questions about the Council's services. If at any time you need to contact us, please phone 01621 890809 or email:

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cllr.jade.hughes@maldon.gov.uk



MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Kind regards,

Richard



The Royal British Legion Collection



Great Totham

As we approach Remembrance Day, it is perhaps appropriate to mention that the traditional Poppy Collection in Great Totham, on behalf of The Royal British Legion, will be undertaken differently from this year onwards. There will be no visiting "collectors", as, in this digital age, access can now be made via the internet! Also, some shops and local businesses will have collection facilities.

It is also a time to thank the small army of helpers who have previously undertaken the collection around the village, without whom it would not have been possible to make the significant contribution that Great Totham has made over the years.

In this regard we must thank Linda Keyes who has co-ordinated the whole process for the last 12 years, very ably assisted by her son John, who has done so much in the background. There was a large amount of work involved, some 30 collection tins to be distributed, an estimated number of "poppies" to be purchased, then the collection of trays (hopefully empty) and tins (hopefully full)! Finally, the counting of the money and its subsequent banking.

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Celebrating 150 Years of Mothers' Union: Join Us, Join In – Lighting the Way for Generations to Come

2026 marks 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded in the small parish church of Old Alresford, Hampshire, by Mary Sumner - a home-educated young vicar's wife with a powerful vision. She dreamed of women, regardless of class or status, coming together in faith to support one another and strengthen family life within the church.

From that small flame of an idea, a global movement was born. Today, 150 years later, Mothers' Union has grown to around 4 million members in 84 countries, working to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities around the world. At the heart of all we do is our belief that faith and compassion can transform lives.

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

And shine a light is what our members do. Whether someone finds themselves unexpectedly in the hospital, a family is grappling with a parent going to prison, or a baby is born prematurely, Mothers' Union members are there offering care, support and love without judgment. We speak out against injustice, create safe spaces for conversation, and run parenting support groups - all helping to build stronger, more resilient communities.

All of our work is guided by our three core pillars of transformation:

Ending Violence – promoting peace and safety,
Ending Injustice – advancing gender justice
Ending Poverty – fostering self-reliance and resilience.

Our global programmes include literacy and savings groups, parenting and resilience training, and domestic abuse awareness campaigns. These initiatives are rooted in local communities - we listen first, then respond with practical, faith-led action. Every day, globally, our members carry out thousands of quiet acts of service that bring hope and healing.

Mothers' Union today reflects the diversity of the modern world. We are a movement that continues to evolve, welcoming people of all backgrounds and identities. While we are a women-led movement, men are welcome to join! 150 years of courage, care, and community, and we're just getting started – so why not join us?

Join Us, Join In

To find out more about what's happening near you or how to become a member, check out St. Peter's Church Website: www.achurchnearyoucim/church/6657, or our Parish Magazine.

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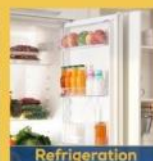
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GREAT TOTHAM VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!!



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It is a focal point for the community offering a home to the Treehouse Club Day Nursery and Pre-school as well as various clubs and groups. It is also the venue for parties, quizzes and other activities.

Are you passionate about your local community?

Do you have some spare time and would like to do something worthwhile to support this community asset?

We are currently looking for a new **Treasurer** and **Vice-Treasurer** to join our management council in **2026**. If you have an understanding of simple accounts and have good communication and organisational skills, we would love to hear from you.

For an informal chat about the role please contact **Tina Finch** via greattothamvillagehall@gmail.com

As **Treasurer** you will:

- ensure the Management Council understand the Village Halls financial position so that they can make sound financial decisions
- be responsible for the financial affairs of the Village Hall ensuring they are legal, constitutional and within accepted accounting practice; including making payments, monitoring and reporting the financial health of the Village hall, producing necessary financial reports/returns, maintaining proper records and ensuring that effective financial procedures are in place
- oversee the vice-treasurer, covering their duties when necessary

As **Vice-Treasurer** you will:

- work alongside the treasurer in ensuring the Management Council understand the Village Halls financial position so that they can make sound financial decisions
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What's on in your Community

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Rainbows
Monday, Church Extension

Carpet Bowls
630pm-830pm Tuesday, Village Hall

Baby Signage
9am Wednesday, Church Extension

Bible Study Group
1030am Wednesday, Honywood Hall

Community Choir
730pm Wednesday, Church Extension

Edward Bear Club
1030am Thursday, Church Extension

Great Totham WI
730pm 2nd Thursday, Village Hall

Wickham Bishops Gardening Club
730pm third Thursday,
St Bartholomew's Church Hall

Wickham Bishops WI
2pm last Thursday,
St Bartholomew's Church Hall

Knit and Natter
10am Friday, Honywood Hall

Bellringing Practice
745pm Friday, St Peter's Church

Mothers' Union
145pm some Fridays, Honywood Hall
Contact June Eaton 01621 891315 for dates

St Peter's Church Coffee Morning
10am 4th Saturday, Honywood Hall

URC, Great Totham North

Art Club
Monday, 2pm-4pm

Upholstery Classes
Monday, 7.30pm-9.30pm
Tuesday, 10am-12 noon;
12.30pm-2.30pm

Lunch Club
10.30am—2pm
2nd and 4th Wednesday

Craft and Chatter
1.30pm—3.30pm 2nd Thursday

Piecemakers
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Church Coffee Morning
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Great Totham WI



At our September meeting we welcomed Maxine Buckey, a hypnotist NLP Master and Trainer, to our meeting.

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Next month we welcome Danny Crates, the former paralympian and world record holder as our speaker.

We are always pleased to see new members and welcome you as a guest at any of our meetings, held on the second Thursday in the month at Great Totham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.

If you would like any more information about our group, you can find us on our website www.greattothamwi.weebly.com or email greattothamwi@gmail.com.

Sue Pulford



Wickham Bishops WI



The month of August was busy for us with our Craft Group and Walking group meetings plus an enjoyable lunch for 16 members at the New Times in Tiptree.

Our speaker was Marion Pettèt who spoke about her life behind the scenes at Chelmsford Theatre and her continued involvement with ballet. She gave a fascinating insight into the making of costumes, props etc and the cost to put on a production. Marion accompanied her talk with slides and costumes.

As this meeting was our nearest to VJ Day, we had a moment of reflection and toasted all those who returned from the Far East, and those who are forever there.

Our meetings are held in Wickham Bishops Church Hall on the last Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm. We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members. Please contact me on 01621 815161 for further information.

Margaret Curtis

Community News

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