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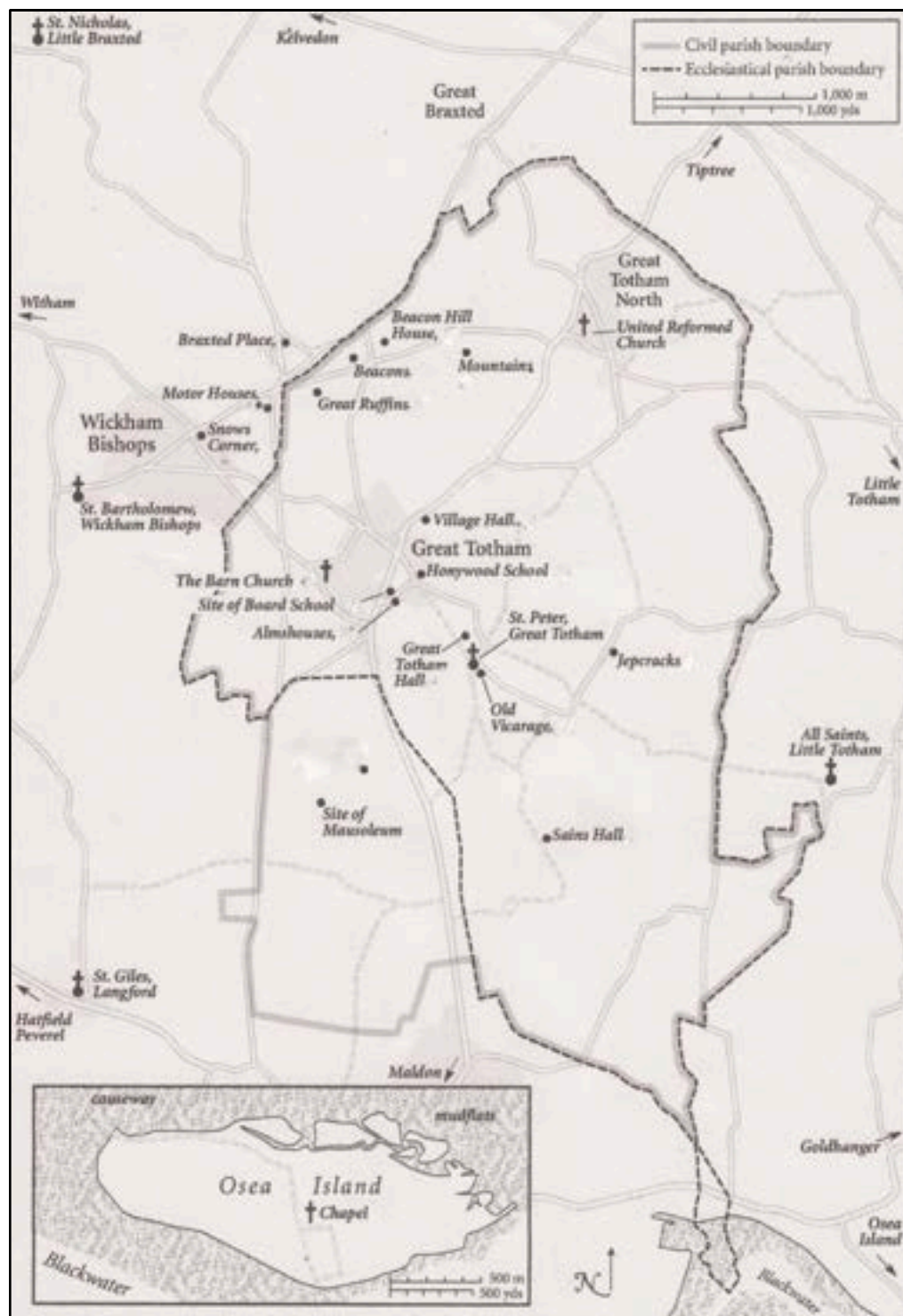


Harvest Thanksgiving

**10am on Sunday, 11th October
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service followed by refreshments
Food offerings will be donated to
Maldon Food Pantry**

Inside this Edition - Pets' Service photos

Get your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ready!



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See pages 6 and 7 for details of services and online worship.

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Church News



Blackwater Benefice Ministry Team Message



So here we are in October which has no obvious ceremonial days, but in Matthew's Gospel, which will be much in evidence in the readings for the month, it shows Jesus at the end of his ministry, which is now down to him. Most of the time through the Gospels, Jesus is led by his father to the various situations where he is needed, but it seems that now he's on his own, and the healings are ended and replaced by the professional religious caste, whose aim is to get rid of him.

But before we go down there, Matthew decides to have Palm Sunday earlier. It begins with the entry into Jerusalem, on a donkey, or I should say donkeys. The Gospels aren't united on it, as you will see later.

The Pharisees were the main group that hassled Jesus, they were a Jewish social movement and school of thought throughout the middle east and their beliefs became the basis for Rabbinic Judaism. Although they no longer exist, their traditions are of great importance for most Jewish religious movements.

The Sadducees had been more influenced by Greek culture, and, as it says in Matthew 21, When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, and when the chief priests also heard his parables, they realised that he was speaking about them, so they got together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

Funny how a lawyer slips in there, maybe it was Nicodemus who came to Jesus by night at the beginning of John's Gospel, and helps bury the body of Jesus at the end. He asks,

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

37 He, Jesus, says to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

38 This is the greatest and first commandment.

Heart, soul and mind. Do we have those any more? Yes, of course – have a heart - we do have a heart, but nowadays it's just a clock, and we can love things in our mind, we fall in love, but can we love God. I think, in my mind we can. We are because God is – that was an idea bandied about by the original desert mothers and fathers; they had the spiritual space to allow such thoughts to settle among them. As for soul...I think it's easier if you're black (and I'm not).

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It's easy to say we don't have that space, but maybe this month, God willing, we can find it.

It's slightly unusual to have the same event – apart from the crucifixion and Resurrection – appearing in all four gospels, but the donkey does achieve that feat, surprisingly early in Matthew's gospel, so early that it joins up with Palm Sunday which is the next great occasion in the Christian calendar, so you've got it here in October.

I'm always slightly confused by the line "and a colt the foal of an ass", but I have researched this and in Mark there is just one colt and Jesus sits on it. In Matthew there is a donkey and a colt and Jesus sits on them. In Matthew there is a donkey and a colt and Jesus manages to sit on them too, and in Luke it's just a colt, and in John he writes, "Jesus finds a young donkey and sits on it", as it is written:

15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

And finally, Zechariah, the prophet says, Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I think the answer is that Jesus does enter into Jerusalem on a donkey, but the colt comes too, because it wants to stay by his/her mother, who wants her offspring near her too. So all parties are satisfied. This is a Christian family.

*Tim Whitfield
Licensed Lay Minister*

In your prayers at home this month, please include:

Our 'Friendship Church' - Bragernes Kirke, Drammen, Norway
John, Andrew and Nina

Church Registers

Baptism

16th August
30th August

Enzo John Cousins-Escovalo of Heybridge
Lyla Rebecca Paige Callistan of Witham

Wedding

20th August

Joshua Waughman of Maldon and
Grace Schembri of North Fambridge

Funeral

8th September

Nicholas Woodhead of Maldon

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Services at St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church is open for private prayer
10am-3pm Monday to Saturday and 11am-3pm on Sundays

Date	Time	Service	Readings
4th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	10am 6pm	Morning Service of the Word Evensong by Zoom	Isaiah 5. 1-7 Phil. 3. 4-14 <i>Gospel:</i> Matt. 21. 33-end
11th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	10am 6pm	Harvest Festival Evensong by Zoom	Deut. 8. 7-18 2. Cor. 9. 6-end <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 12. 16-30
18th October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	10am 6pm	Family Communion Evensong by Zoom	Isaiah 45. 1-7 1. Thess. 1. 1-10 <i>Gospel:</i> Matt. 22. 15-22
25th October Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity	10am 6pm	Morning Service of the Word Evensong by Zoom	Neh. 8. 1-4, 8-12 Col. 3. 12-17 <i>Gospel:</i> Matt. 24. 30-35

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4 th October 11 th October 18 th October 25 th October	Jenny Barclay Harvest Festival Vanessa Ellams Karin Mann	- Isobel Doubleday - Matt Church

Church Extension and Kitchen Cleaning: Matt Church
Honywood Hall Cleaning: Isobel Doubleday and Sandra Smith



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10am	Wednesdays	at St. Nicholas, Tolleshunt D'Arcy
5.30pm	Saturdays	at All Saints Little Totham

Visit the website or email blackwaterbenefice@gmail.com for details of other Benefice events and activities.



Beacon Group of Churches Monthly Prayer Meeting



All welcome to the next meeting, which will last around half an hour, at: 9.30am, Saturday, 3rd October, St Peter's Church, Goldhanger

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Coffee Morning at The Honywood

Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday, 24th 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

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News from the Belfry

Whilst on holiday in Scotland this year we visited the picturesque town of Inveraray. Situated on the western shore of Loch Fyne it is the county town of Argyll and ancestral seat of the Duke of Argyll. In 1914 the 10th Duke of Argyll, Niall Diarmid Campbell, became the Honorary Colonel of The 8th Battalion of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. At the end of the First World War he decided to build a memorial to commemorate those members of the Campbell Clan who sadly lost their lives. He commissioned architects Hoare and Wheeler to design the Duke's Tower or Inveraray Bell Tower. The original plan was to link the bell tower to the adjacent All Saints Church. Construction began in 1921 and was completed ten years later but the tower was never connected to the church as originally intended.

The tower, constructed in pink granite, stands at 126 feet and is a landmark for miles around. It is twenty three foot square with walls eight feet thick. The tower was built in four stages. The ground floor now houses an exhibition of the history of the tower and the bells. The second floor is the ringing chamber whilst the third floor is the "silence chamber" designed to deaden the noise of the bells in the ringing chamber below. The top floor is the bell chamber. The tower cost £21,000 or roughly one million pounds in today's money to construct. The tower is open to visitors during the summer months. A spiral staircase leads up to the ringing chamber and then on to the bell chamber. From here the magnificent peal of ten bells can be seen close up. A total of 176 stairs will bring you out on the roof of the tower with views over Inveraray, Loch Fyne and the surrounding mountains

The ring of ten bells is considered to be the finest set of bells hung for change ringing in Scotland. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough cast the ten bells in 1920. The three hundred and fifty mile road journey of the bells was not without incident due the breakdown of one lorry and two bells having to be unloaded from another to lighten the load to allow it to travel up the steep mountain passes. The bells were originally housed in a wooden bell cage as the tower was not complete and were chimed using a keyboard with hammers. The bells were then hoisted into place when the tower was completed. In today's money the whole procedure cost in excess of a million pounds. Each bell is inscribed with the maker's mark and the name of a Gaelic Saint. The smallest treble bell weighs 6cwt and the heaviest bell, the Tenor, weighs 42cwt (2112kg) making Inveraray the second heaviest peal of ten bells in the world, the heaviest being at Wells Cathedral. The bells were still chimed by a keyboard until June 1937 when visiting ringers from Saint Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow rang the bells full circle for the first time. The first full peal on the bells was achieved the following year.

Inveraray has no local band of ringers, so volunteer ringers come from Edinburgh and Glasgow to ring the bells for local services, as well as keeping them maintained. The bells are rung regularly by visiting bands of ringers from across the United Kingdom and abroad during the summer months who often come to attempt a full peal which takes between three and a half to four hours to complete. Since the first peal on the bells in 1938, more than 250 successful full peals have been

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rung on the bells. On the last weekend of July Inveraray hosts an international bell festival. To celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, one of the UK's most prestigious and oldest ringing societies, attempted a 'record peal', a long length peal twice as long as a normal full peal, on the bells. This was completed successfully on 21 April 2012, being 10,060 changes of Stedman Caters rung in 7 hours and 13 minutes. Upon completion, it became not only the heaviest ring of ten ever rung to a long length peal but also the longest peal ever rung in Scotland.

Finally, congratulations to Claire Whitworth, pictured, one of our Great Totham ringers who has been awarded her Level Two Learning the Ropes Certificate.



Do you fancy learning to ring the bells at Saint Peter's? 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 our website <https://greattothambellringers.co.uk>

Catherine Hood

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Children's Page

National Grandparents' Day 4th October

National Grandparents Day is a holiday celebrated in both the USA and the UK since 1978. It is recognised in a number of countries on various days of the year, either as one holiday, or sometimes as a separate Grandmothers' Day and Grandfathers' Day.

It is not as well-known as Mother's Day or Father's Day, but a celebration of the day is growing in popularity. Grandparents have often helped out their families, and nowadays many grandparents look after their grandchildren while parents are at work too.

Sourced by June Eaton

Grandparents Day Wordsearch

A fun wordsearch for Grandparents Day



GRANDPARENT, GRANDMA, GRANDPA, GRAN, GRANDAD,
GIFT, CARD, NAN, GRANNY, LOVE, BABYSIT, HUG

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We held our September meeting on 11th in the Honywood Hall when five members were able to attend. After a short service, we discussed our Christmas challenge to help St. Peter's at the annual Christmas Fayre this year.

On Saturday, 14th November, we will be attending an all-day Service at Chelmsford Cathedral as another celebration of our 150th Anniversary, followed by our AGM.

Our next meeting will take place in the Honywood Hall at 1.45pm on Friday, 16th October, all welcome.

For more information on Mothers' Union meetings, please contact me on 01621 891315.

June Eaton

PILGRIM PLACES, HOLY LIVES

'Exploring Pilgrimage, Past and Present'

The Blackwater Parishes are hosting a five week reflective journey on Life as God's Pilgrim People on Tuesday evenings, from 7.30 - 9pm as follows:

- 15/9: Pilgrimage of the Soul (St Bertha): St Michael & All Angels, Copford
- 22/9: Pilgrimage as Encounter (St Cedd): St Mary's, Tollesbury
- 29/9: Pilgrimage as Discipleship (St Cuthbert): St Mary's, Kelvedon
- 13/10: Pilgrimage as Mission (St Etheldreda): St Peter's, Great Totham
- 20/10: Living as a Pilgrim (St Hild): All Saint's, Messing

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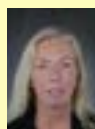
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Pets' Service

We dodged the rain showers on Sunday, 13th September to hold the Pets' Service in the churchyard when we gave thanks for our pets and the joy they bring to our lives. A small but select number of animals came along, together with their owners and we were also entertained by a number of squirrels who appeared in the churchyard. Thanks to Tim Whitfield who led the service, Adam and Mike for setting up, Sandra and Rosie for reading the lessons and all for clearing up. We enjoyed refreshments in the extension afterwards.

Helen Mutton



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Operation Christmas Child



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 & Natter, St Peters Church and friends will join together again to 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 in your shoe box.
- Contact me, Sandra, on 01621 893153 or email: sandyannsmith48@gmail.com

Collection day and blessing the boxes is Sunday, 15th November, 10am at St Peter's Church, Great Totham.

Sandra Smith

Sunday Club



Hooray, Sunday Club was back on 6th September after a summer break! The theme was getting ready for God and going on a journey with him by our side. The children made celebration footprints to remind them that 'God's people had to get ready for the journey, and they were told to celebrate being freed from Egypt every year'.

We prayed for family, food and summer days. For the term's new start and learning new ways. For God's constant love across the years. For caring about our hopes and fears. Thank you, Lord.

Rosie Pollock

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<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital-content/join-the-library/different-types-of-membership>

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Great Totham Gardening Club Autumn Show

Division	Winner	Best Exhibit
Division 1: Vegetables	Leigh Arnold	Lucy Kenneally
	Leigh Arnold	
Wonkiest Vegetable	Cliff Ellams	
Division 2: Fruit	Hannah Dundon	Hannah Dundon
Division 3: General Flowers	Karen Tarpey	Nicole Jayne
Best Fuchsia	Ron Hawley	
Division 4: Floral Art	Karen Tarpey	Karen Tarpey
Division 5: Cookery	Sue Watts	Pauline Wright
Best Fruit Cake	Daphne Taplin	
Best Victoria Sandwich	Jennifer Owens	
Division 6: Children's Classes	1st: Anthony Dundon 1st: Georgie Pollock 2nd: Grace Kenneally 3rd: Chloe Kenneally	Grace Kenneally
Tumbling Tomato Competition	Chloe Kenneally	
Division 7: Arts and Crafts	Brenda Steele	Brenda Steele
Division 8: Photography	Rosie Pollock	Daniel Tarpey
Spud Bucket	Sally Dunn	
Overall Autumn Show Winner	Karen Tarpey	
Overall Spring and Autumn Show Winner	Leigh Arnold	

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Great Totham Gardening Club Autumn Show



Leigh Arnold
Overall Spring and
Autumn Show Winner



Karen Tarpey
Overall Autumn Show
Winner



*Photos courtesy of
Karen Tarpey and
Nicole Jayne*



Thank you to everyone who supported and/or attended our Show on Saturday, 12th September. It was a really happy community event with a high standard of entries in all classes, particularly considering the hot, dry summer. Congratulations to all winners (pictured).

Norman Wright

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I appreciate I am of an older generation and that vocabulary evolves over time, but I have begun to wonder whether the expression 'recreation ground' has, at the very least, been downgraded or, indeed, been removed from the dictionary altogether! In recent years, the Jubilee Recreation Ground has been assailed by an antisocial individual armed with bolt cutters, waste bins have been wrenched from their posts and fences, erected to enable both two-legged and four-legged creatures to share the space amicably, and legally, ripped out of the ground. Now it seems we have electric bikes and scooters being driven at speed, posing yet another potential danger to those who would like to use the area for its intended purpose. For many years our recreation grounds have provided a safe place to play, climb, swing, exercise or just sit and chat. Even with grants and 'freebies', it is difficult enough to maintain and, in an increasing number of cases, replace, ageing apparatus without it being 'sabotaged from within'. Needless to say the services of the Maldon Enforcement Team have been requested.

Nevertheless, following an inspection of the recreation grounds by members of the Amenities Group, it has been agreed to refurbish the zip-wire and the surrounding area and we are grateful to local businesses for their offers of support. Following a more in-depth study of the annual inspection reports, it is hoped to continue to make improvements to these valuable amenities.

Continuing the theme, quotations have been received for tree risk surveys at the Jubilee Recreation Ground and the wooded area opposite, Totham Hill Recreation Ground, Bull Green and the Cricket Field. This is the Council's first comprehensive survey and will establish a detailed record of the tree stock and identify any remedial measures required.

Having mentioned 'ageing structures' within the village, this may well be the place to mention a proposed Memorial Bench scheme. The Clerk has been investigating styles and prices of (vandal-proof!) benches which residents may like to sponsor, perhaps in memory of a family member. New seating could replace our current much-mended stock or, by agreement, be sited in an appropriate place within the village. Please contact Nikki Smith, our Parish Clerk (07811 400803, email clerk@greattothamparishcouncil.uk) if you would be interested in taking part.

It is not customary to report on planning applications in the Parish Magazine, although full details of all the matters discussed at Council appear in the minutes and can be viewed online at the Parish website. Recently, however, having been impressed by valid objections from local residents and their own recommendation concurring, members were perturbed to learn that an application had been approved by the District Council. We cannot realistically, 'win them all' but neither

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should we fail to question decisions and proposals affecting our community ... so we have!

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 19th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Vicky Heavyside



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Saturday 24th October

12 noon to 4pm

Sunday 25th October

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What's on in your Community

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Rainbows

Monday, Church Extension

Carpet Bowls

6.30pm-8.30pm Tuesday, Village Hall

Baby Signage

9am Wednesday, Church Extension

Bible Study Group

10.30am Wednesday, Honywood Hall

Community Choir

7.30pm Wednesday, Church Extension

Edward Bear Club

10.30am Thursday, Church Extension

Great Totham WI

7.30pm 2nd Thursday, Village Hall

Wickham Bishops Gardening Club

7.30pm 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

7.45pm Friday, St Peter's Church

Mothers' Union

1.45pm 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

10am-11.30am 2nd Saturday

See page 39 for contact details

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Great Totham WI



On a beautiful September day, we held an afternoon tea in aid of the Helen Rollason Charity. The event raised over £500!



At our evening meeting, Tony White told us of his journey through his time on the BBC Sewing Bee Programme. We were kept entertained by his descriptions of his successes (and failures) as he progressed from auditions to the actual filming. He brought with him a number of garments made during the course of the show. This was greatly appreciated by both the seamstresses in the audience and those of us who very rarely pick up a needle! A very enjoyable evening!

Next month sees a welcome return of Lyndsey Barrell whose talk is entitled 'Does My HRT Patch Look Big In This Corset?'. Say no more!

We always like 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, visit our website www.greattothamwi.weebly.com or email greattothamwi@gmail.com.

Sue Pulford



Wickham Bishops WI



At our August meeting we welcomed three special guests, Moyra Jackson, Federation Chair, Verity Brome, Treasurer, and Sue MacEwen, Trustee.

We all enjoyed a quiz compiled by a member involving Literature and Art; there was plenty of head scratching to find the answers. A delightful strawberry tea made by the committee was served with scones, cream, jam, fresh strawberries and cakes.

Our guests then each spoke about their introduction to the WI and how they have reached the appointments they now hold, hopefully instilling in us all that all things in life are possible with determination and hard work.

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

Margaret Curtis



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For Totham Hill Green, phone Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Ian Barratt, on 891949, email: ianbarratt43@gmail.com

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