

Wethersfield Parish Magazine

JUNE 2026



**Parish Church of
St. Mary Magdalene**

in the benefice of

~Pant Valley Churches~

WETHERSFIELD PARISH CHURCH

St Mary Magdalene

Pant Valley Churches Benefice of
Finchingfield with Cornish Hall End, Wethersfield, Shalford, Gt. and Little Bardfield

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Please contact the Parish Priest for Baptisms, Marriages and when you are in need of help.

He is very happy to bring Communion to the homes of the sick and housebound.

Would newcomers please make us aware of their presence

Services for June 2026

Sunday 7 June – First Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Cornish Hall End
9.30am Morning Prayer – Shalford
10.30am Family Eucharist – Great Bardfield
11am Prayer & Pilgrimage (Celtic Morning Prayer) – Wethersfield
5pm Evening Prayer & Benediction for Corpus Christi – Great Bardfield (*joint with Thaxted*)
6pm Fete Weekend Service – Shalford

Sunday 14 June – Second Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Shalford
10.30am Morning Prayer – Great Bardfield
11am Family Eucharist – Wethersfield
5pm Sung Evensong – Shalford

Sunday 21 June – Third Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Finchingfield
9.30am Morning Prayer – Shalford
10.30am Sung Eucharist – Great Bardfield
11am Family Service – Wethersfield

Sunday 28 June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Communion – Shalford
10.30am Morning Prayer – Great Bardfield
11am Festal Eucharist for the Patronal Festival of St John the Baptist – Finchingfield
11am Holy Communion (traditional language) – Wethersfield
5pm Sung Compline – Little Bardfield

Regular Services and Events during the week

Monday	8.45am Morning Prayer – Finchingfield 1.30pm 'Faithful Fiction' book club (this month will be the second Monday because of the Bank Holiday) – Between the Lines, Great Bardfield
Tuesday	8.45am Morning Prayer – Great Bardfield 10am Baby & Toddler Group – Great Bardfield 'St Mary's Munchkins' story & song time with refreshments
Thursday	8.45am Morning Prayer – Wethersfield 10am Prayer Group (1st, 3rd & 5th weeks) Coffee Morning (2nd & 4th weeks) – Shalford Coffee Morning (3rd week) – Cornish Hall End 10.30am Eucharist – Little Bardfield
Friday	8.45am Morning Prayer – Shalford
Saturday	10.30am (3rd weeks) Coffee Morning – Wethersfield

From the Vicarage...

One of the many things I have been delighted to see happen over the time I've been Vicar of our churches here in the Pant Valley is the continuation and establishment of existing and new joint ventures with other groups in our village communities. It's great for our churches to be places where people come for concerts (although we've just finished this year's series of Wethersfield

Chamber Concerts, we have two more concerts in June, this time in the Bardfields); and Wethersfield hosted the fantastic work of local artists too last month. It's a wonderful thing that we have members of the Bardfield Community Choir singing for a service once each month in St Mary's, and two of our churches are locations now for community pantry schemes. We have wonderful relationships with our local schools, not only our church schools in Finchingfield and Wethersfield, but also the schools in Shalford and Great Bardfield who come and use our churches at significant moments in the year. We even venture out into other locations, with our monthly book club in *Between the Lines*, the occasional lunch trip out to one of our local pubs, and please do save the date for our Harvest Celebration this year at Bardfield Vineyard: Sunday 20 September at 4pm.

None of this is, of course, particularly revolutionary – the Church has always been a natural partner to other groups in the community. Indeed, in previous chapters of history, many of these kinds of activities would have been run by the Church, so the difference now is that we provide hospitality and partnership, rather than always being the controllers, which is not necessarily a bad change! Whilst we hope that everything we do of this kind benefits the community, it also benefits the Church, as it widens the group of people who value and support the particular kind of presence which we are able to offer. This kind of support is hugely valuable to rural churches in a time when there are lots of challenges to face. So if you are involved with running a group or organisation in our villages, and would be interested in doing something in one of our churches, or working together on a joint project, please do get in touch – we would love to hear about new ideas!

Rev'd/Fr Alex

Concerts in June

Saturday 6 June, 5pm – Songs of Devotion and Reflection, a recital for voice and organ, St Katharine's Little Bardfield, tickets £10 on the door

Saturday 27 June, 7.30pm – Concert by the Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, St Mary's Great Bardfield, tickets £15 available from www.ticketsource.com/between-the-lines-bookshop-great-bardfield

Churchwarden Update

The art event went off successfully, 16 artists exhibited this time spanning a range of styles and price-points. We had very good talent, including RA exhibitors and is something I'm proud of. Also of note are some "secret-weapon" artists who very rarely exhibit, have insane talent and paint simply for the love of it. The event started 4 years ago as a means of helping a couple of artists I rated get better visibility, and also using the newly renovated church to its full effect.

Over time I've come to the conclusion that there is a gap in the market for a quality art exhibition in the area and will continue to strive to achieve this. For the first time we (the church) charged the artists going market commission rates. Footfall and sales were good, in spite of the dire economy. So reasons to be cheerful. Mark your diaries, please for next year, weekend of 15th May 2027.



WETHERSFIELD_ART_EXHIBITION

Whilst the art event raised a considerable sum for the church, it represents just 3 weeks of the church's **standard** running expenses (parish share, utilities, insurance) which need to be met entirely by donations. The church is running at a significant loss, and has no reserves. May I please re-mention the existence of the church's endowment (registered charity, dates back to 1574!) which is a wonderful thing and provides for income in perpetuity. The one problem is it has practically no capital. We need to urgently address this, and I ask you please to be apostles and help articulate this message outwards. Do please consider a gift, be-it large or small. Full details can be found on our web <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6702/page/99253/view/>

On the Sunday, we closed the Wethersfield Chamber Concerts season with a wonderful performance by Jacky Zhang on Piano.

Our village clubs and societies joined us for a Service of Celebration of our community on Sunday 17th.

BW

The next meeting of the Wethersfield History Group will be on Thursday June 11th at 8pm in the Pavilion. This month's talk is by local beekeeper Gill Powell who is going to tell us all about THE HISTORY OF BEEKEEPING AND A STUDY OF THESE REMARKABLE CREATURES. Everyone welcome. £3 on the door with tea/coffee and biscuits.

Blue Sapphire



There is a particular kind of person that a village quietly depends upon. Not in any official sense, not in a way that appears in budgets or minutes, but in the deeper way that certain people become part of the texture of a place. Dick and Pam Wenley are that kind of couple.

This May, they celebrated sixty-five years of marriage. A blue sapphire anniversary: rare, deep, and enduring, much like the two people it honours. The occasion was shared with family and friends and a card from the King and Queen.

Those who know Dick and Pam will associate them immediately with the Wethersfield History Society, which they have guided and nurtured with quiet dedication. But their contribution runs deeper than any single role. They are people whose interest in others is genuine, and whose constancy is to be admired.

We wish Dick and Pam every happiness, and offer them, on behalf of the whole community, our warmest congratulations.

DS

When the community comes together

There are moments when the life of a community and the rhythm of the Church's year seem to find each other. This is one of them.

Ascension has just passed: that strange, suspended feast when the disciples stood staring at an empty sky, holding nothing but a promise. Pentecost followed, the moment when that promise broke open in wind and fire, and a frightened group of people discovered they were capable of something they had not imagined. A week later, Trinity Sunday arrived with the quieter but no less startling suggestion that God is not, and never has been, alone. Three persons, one God, eternally in relation, at the heart of everything.

It is a season that asks us to look differently at the world and at each other.

Those who came to the Art Exhibition will know something of what that means. Standing before a painting that genuinely moves you is not a passive experience. Something in the eye adjusts. You stop scanning and start seeing. The light the artist spent hours trying to catch, the particular weight of a shadow, the feeling behind a face: suddenly it is there, and you wonder how you might have walked past it. Every artist working at that level is reaching for something true. Whether they would frame it in spiritual terms or not, they are doing what the Spirit has always done: making the invisible briefly, piercingly visible.

Pentecost was not a private event. It happened to a crowd, and its immediate effect was connection across difference. Something of that spirit was present in our recent service, when members of several of the groups and societies that make up our community gathered together. We do not always share the same spaces, yet there we were, under one roof, and we felt the better for it. The Church, when it is working as it should, is exactly that kind of place: not necessarily a club for the convinced, but somewhere the door is genuinely open for everyone.

Most people, whether they would use religious language or not, have experienced moments when something breaks through and moves them. A piece of music that arrives at precisely the right, moment. A landscape that makes you stop and take in its grandeur and beauty. A conversation that sparks a new interest. These are not accidents, they are the moments when we sense, however briefly, that we are made for more than a functional existence: for beauty, for connection, for something that exceeds easy explanation.

This community, in recent weeks, has offered two such moments. An exhibition that invited us to see and to wonder; a service that invited us to connect and to belong.

Both matter more than we perhaps realise.

D

Environmental News

As part of Eco Church, St Mary Magdalene has agreed an Environmental Policy which you will find at the end of this article. A copy is also on display on the church notice board.

We have been blessed that Wildfell in Wethersfield have kindly offered their services, completely free of charge, to give us advice, practical help and provide extra planting and signage to enhance our churchyard. We would like to publicly extend our gratitude for this generous offer.

Churchyards are a unique opportunity to nurture the biodiversity of the planet in our own local areas. They are areas of protected land that, apart from the graves, have been left, largely undisturbed, for generations. This allows a wide range of fauna and flora to thrive. We hope to be able to extend that range and provide additional measures to protect and encourage further species.

A Spring Survey Report from Wildfell shows a wide range of wildlife in our churchyard. Wildfell will continue to monitor the church over the year and produce reports for each season.

It is an impressive list!

St Mary Magdalene Church, Wethersfield Ecology Reviews

High level Habitat

Modified and other neutral grassland

Bramble scrub

Mature Individual Trees including rare native small leaved lime and important Yew.

Vegetated garden shrubs

Early Spring 25/02/26

Birds identified:

Blue Tit

Robin

Great Tit

Wood pigeon

Eurasian wren

Eurasian Skylark **

Eurasian Jackdaw

House sparrow **

Coal Tit

Eurasian Linnet **

European Goldfinch

Duncock

Eurasian Collared-Dove

**Red-listed Birds of Conservation Concern.

Flowering plant species identified:

Red Deadnettle

Shepherd's purse

Common Snowdrop

Winter Aconite

Important early forage for pollinators

Crocus sp.

Lawn daisy

Bird's-eye Speedwell

Probable badger sett in 'Wild' Area to south west of Church Yard.

Late Spring Early Summer 06/05/2028

Mature trees providing bird nesting opportunities and bat roosts

Areas of longer grass allowing development of flowering plants and increased habitat for small mammals, birds, pollinators and invertebrates.

Continued activity in probable badger sett. Intension is to set up a trail camera in due course to confirm activity.

Birds identified:

Blue Tit	
Robin	Greater Whitethroat
Great Tit	European Goldfinch
Eurasian Blackbird	Eurasian Treecreeper
Common Chaffinch	Western House Martin
Common Wood pigeon	House Sparrow Red List Birds of
Eurasian blackcap	Conservation Concern

Flowering species identified

Lilac	Lawn Daisy
Purple Rock Cress	Germander Speedwell
Rosy Garlic	Ribwort Plantain
Shining Crane's-bill	Bluebell
White Deadnettle	Meadow buttercup
Red campion	Common Dandelion
Green Alkanet	Red Deadnettle
Cow Parsley	

Red Tailed Bumblebee Queen identified.

Please do feel welcome to come and spend time in the churchyard and see what you can spot.

Penny James (Eco representative)

Environmental Policy for St Mary Magdalene Church, Pant Valley Churches Benefice.

Policy statement

We recognise the urgency of the climate and nature crises and the fundamental injustice these represent. We will take the practical steps necessary to strive toward safeguarding the integrity of creation and sustaining the life of the Earth.

As a member of the Anglican Church, we recognise the commitment made by the Church of England at General Synod, adopted in February 2020 to achieve net zero by 2030. In line with our denomination's commitment to net zero, we have committed to reducing our carbon footprint year on year.

Our principles and values

God created the world and everything in it. God has created an awesome and majestic cosmos to bring Him praise and glory. We are but one part of His created order. Jesus has redeemed the whole earth through his death and resurrection. We have a special responsibility to care for the Earth so that human life and all God's creatures may be sustained in harmony.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1, NIV).

Our church is committed to minimising our negative impact on the environment. As Christians it is our responsibility to care for creation, using resources wisely so that climate change is mitigated, biodiversity protected or enhanced, finite resources conserved, and waste and pollution minimised. We are committed to following guidelines laid down by Eco Church and Church of England policy to absolutely minimise artificial pesticides or fertilisers on church property or in the church yard. We commit to minimising grass cutting to the areas immediately around the graves and walkways thus allowing wildlife to flourish.

Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it... (Isaiah 42:5, NIV).

Seeking climate justice is part of Christian discipleship and practice. Following Christ's teachings means loving our global neighbours and caring for creation. The climate crisis both reflects and feeds off inequality, exploitation and greed: often the communities who are suffering the most from its effects, particularly in the Global South, are those who have done the least to cause it. We will aim to act in accordance with this understanding, making changes to improve our sustainability and to show solidarity with those across the world who are suffering in this crisis. We support the use of Fairtrade refreshments and local produce where possible. We commit to using environmentally sound cleaning products.

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8, NIV).

Our commitments in Worship and Teaching

We will communicate our biblical understanding of responsibility to God for all that is entrusted to us through creation, making the links between poverty, wealth and environmental degradation. We will strive to equip leadership, staff, volunteers and church members with the skills, knowledge and confidence to respond to this responsibility.

Buildings and Energy

We recognise the most important environmental impact will be an ongoing reduction of our carbon emissions. We will seek to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions as much as we can, working toward net zero carbon. We will seek to use a green energy supplier as finance allows. We commit to reduce, reuse and recycle. There is the potential to use our church roof for solar panels and we have expressed our willingness to consider this possibility to other interested Community Partnerships although we do not currently have the financial resources to contribute.

Land and Nature

We will respond to the nature crisis and loss of biodiversity through practical action, collaboration and campaigning through Community and Global Engagement. We will highlight and raise awareness that the climate and nature crises affect the poorest first and worst so our responsibility is to them and the places they live, wherever they are in the world, to promote justice for people and nature. We will manage our churchyard as in accordance with Eco Church & Caring for God's Acre recommendations as far as practicable. We will work with sympathetic local partners in achieving a reduction in the loss of flora and fauna within our boundaries and promoting the importance of the natural world.

Lifestyle

We recognise that we have an impact on the world through the choices available to us and our use of money and resources. We will strive to support our church family and wider community in

bringing about positive change and care for God's Earth. We will seek to encourage our church community and beyond to live gently on the Earth and be prepared to challenge systemic injustice.

Our objectives

Specific actions to take include:

1. Explore using a green supplier for electricity
2. Engage with other community groups, as possible, to provide a potential community solar energy resource.
3. Collaborate with Wildfell to improve our churchyard for biodiversity, specifically declining species, and to engage the wider public.
4. Endeavour to re-educate ourselves and the local community to see biodiversity as a positive, recognising that the term "weed" is a social construct. All flora and fauna are part of God's creation and part of the natural food chain without which nothing flourishes and is ultimately unsustainable.
5. Resolve to reduce herbicide and pesticide use in order to reduce harm to the natural environment within the church and churchyard.
6. Encourage the Community Payback Team to mow only the necessary areas around graves and walkways, leaving designated unmown areas and leaving clumps of flower-rich wild flora intact as advised within the mown areas.
7. Start to move away from the use of all plastic-based floral foam (traditionally used green Oasis) in favour of more sustainable alternatives. Details of recommended alternatives can be accessed on the Church of England and Arocha Eco Church websites. Discourage the use of plastic flower arrangements on graves. Encourage our Flower Arrangers to consider sustainability in flower and container choices and to consider their environmental impact.
8. Meet with Deanery Eco Church leaders as a Church and Benefice in order to work collaboratively.
9. Promote the work of Arocha through church worship and connected activities.

In all these aims we recognise that, as the local parish church, we have limited resources in both finance and people. As such we will endeavour to do what we can when we can. We also recognise that the wider public may not fully understand our aims and may feel that a wildlife enhancing graveyard equals a neglected and untidy graveyard. We understand that this may equate to a lack of respect for those buried in the grounds. We will therefore respect these sensitivities and seek to find a compromise which will demonstrate the Church's respect for the parishioners' views and respect for those buried in our churchyard; whilst fulfilling the Church's responsibility to steward all of God's creation wisely, protecting this precious area of undisturbed land for the benefit of wildlife and the ultimate benefit of future generations. We pray that God will provide the resources we need.

Date policy adopted: 11 May 2026 St Mary Magdalene PCC



Thank you!

Pant Vallery Churches

For your incredible fundraising efforts in support of Braintree Area Foodbank in the financial year 25/26.

Donating an incredible 531.76kg!

Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Registered charity number 1148782. Registered in England and Wales.

**Ending
hunger
together**



COACH TRIP TO THE

RHS SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW

(THIS IS A FULL RHS SHOW OVER 5 DAYS)

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2026

**COACH FROM DUNMOW AT 8.00 AM,
PICK UP FROM WETHERSFIELD 8.30 AM
RETURN TO WETHERSFIELD 6.00 PM /
RETURN TO DUNMOW 6.30 PM**

SHOW TICKET PRICE : £35.10

COACH TRAVEL APPROX : £20.00

(DEPENDING ON FINAL NUMBERS)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM JULIA BROAD ON 0771 267 4949

OR BY E-MAIL, broad.julia@yahoo.co.uk

Prayer Tree



Just a reminder that St Mary Magdalene Church has a **Prayer Tree** situated close to the altar table in the far end of the North Aisle (as you enter, turn and look to your left).

You are warmly invited to add your prayer to a paper leaf and hang it on the tree. Also please do feel free to light a prayer tealight on the altar table if you would like to do so. This is lovely quiet corner of the church for silent prayer and meditation. You are most welcome anytime.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Mobile Library 2 visits Wethersfield **every 3 weeks** (Excluding Good Friday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day or Bank Holidays.)

NOW on **MONDAY mornings - 10.40am to 11.10am**

and can be found parked in the High Street or at the Village Hall

Next visit dates: - MONDAY 8th June 2026

MONDAY 29th June 2026

ALL WELCOME and FREE to ALL!





STAMPS for Farleigh Hospice



Thank you to all those who have been saving their used postage stamps and popping them in the tub on the table in Wethersfield church.

Old and new styles welcome as are those from all countries.

PLEASE KEEP COLLECTING!

Thank you

Wethersfield Village Community Shop New Opening Hours

MONDAY 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM

TUESDAY 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM 6.00 – 8.00 PM

WEDNESDAY CLOSED

THURSDAY 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM (POST OFFICE 2.00 – 4.00PM)

FRIDAY 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM

SATURDAY 10.00 AM – 1.00 PM

SUNDAY 10.00 AM – 11.00 AM

Every Thursday we take fresh deliveries of fresh bread, rolls and pies from **Mersea Bakery**.

Fresh meat, bacon and ham every week from **Priors Hall**.

Sliced Hovis is continually stocked and fresh Milk is delivered 3 times a week.

Fresh fruit and vegetables available and full range of frozen foods, including meals.

Volunteers are needed, if you can, please pop your contact details into the shop to join the team.



COFFEE AND CHAT

10.30am – 12 noon in church

Saturday 20th June

Meet up with old friends, make some new.

ALL WELCOME

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

I know we have not reached midsummer but can I ask you to think about Christmas!

We need to have our Christmas Link to Hope Shoeboxes filled, wrapped and ready to be shipped by early November. So may I call upon you to think about what items you could donate to this worthy cause.

Last we managed to send over 60 boxes so it would be great to maybe reach the 70 figure this year.

Here is a list of the items that we have been requesting for the first half of this year:

Items to keep people warm in winter: - knitted hats, gloves, scarves, thick socks and tights.

Items to bring heat and light:- candles and holders, hot water bottles, torches.

Craft gifts:- handmade headbands, pencil and glasses cases, lavender bags, craft kits, sewing kits, puppet kits.

Accessories:- hair accessories, jewellery, small bags and purses, small umbrellas, sunglasses.

Toiletries:- soap/flannel, tooth[paste/toothbrushes, razors, shampoo, small nail scissors.

Elderly gifts:- mug, spoon, cutlery, sensory items, reading glasses, headscarves.

Next month I will add further items to the list!

If it is easier for you to give a monetary donation then that is always welcome. Please speak to me Penny (07947364551) or Sarah Pilgrim (07788411360).

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Please leave donations in the marked box in church or in my porch at 1 West Drive.

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Wethersfield Pavilion
Heddingham Road, CM7 4EQ

Saturday 20th June

1PM UNTIL LATE • FREE ENTRY

- Fire Engine • Tractors • Food Stall & BBQ •
- Popcorn & Candy Floss • Dog Show •
- Traditional Stalls • Cream Teas • Licensed Bar •

Classic Cars – ALL WELCOME

**OPEN MIC
FROM 2PM**

*Come along and show
us your talent!*

**LIVE MUSIC
from 7PM**

with Loran.S

★ *Come along and join us for a celebration* ★
★ *♥ of our wonderful village! ♥* ★

Contact broad.julia@yahoo.co.uk

★ SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION ★

PROGRAMME FOR SATURDAY 20 JUNE

12:45 PM

Parade from Wethersfield Green up to the Pavilion, led by our very own Town Crier.

Come and join the parade, bring out the flags and walk with us!



1:00 PM

Arrive at Playing Field for the start of celebrations. Entertainment by Bardfield Brass Band.



1:30 PM

Children's dancing.



2:00 PM

Children's games. Open Mic Stage open, feel free to come along and give us a tune through the afternoon!



3:00 PM

Dog Show on the Tennis Court, judged by the RSPCA Danaher team, bring your canine friend along. £2 entry.

Dogs allowed on the Playing Field on the day:

- Cutest Puppy (under 12 months)
- Golden Oldie (over 8 years)
- Waggiest Tail
- Most like their owner



4:30 PM

Tug of War.



6:00 PM

BBQ starts.



7:00 PM

Live Music with Loran.S on the Stage.



10:30 PM

Lighting of the Wethersfield Beacon.



If you have a car or bike that you would enter please let us know.

£2 per car/bike all welcome!



GREAT FOOD ALL DAY!

Licensed Bar, Pimms Bar, Food, Cream Teas, Cake, Ice Creams and plenty of other refreshments available throughout the afternoon, plus wide selection of stalls.



Feel free to bring your picnic tables and chairs.



★ ♥ **SEE YOU THERE!** ♥ ★

WETHERSFIELD VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY NIGHT CINEMA 2026

17th April



15th May



19th June



17th July



18th September

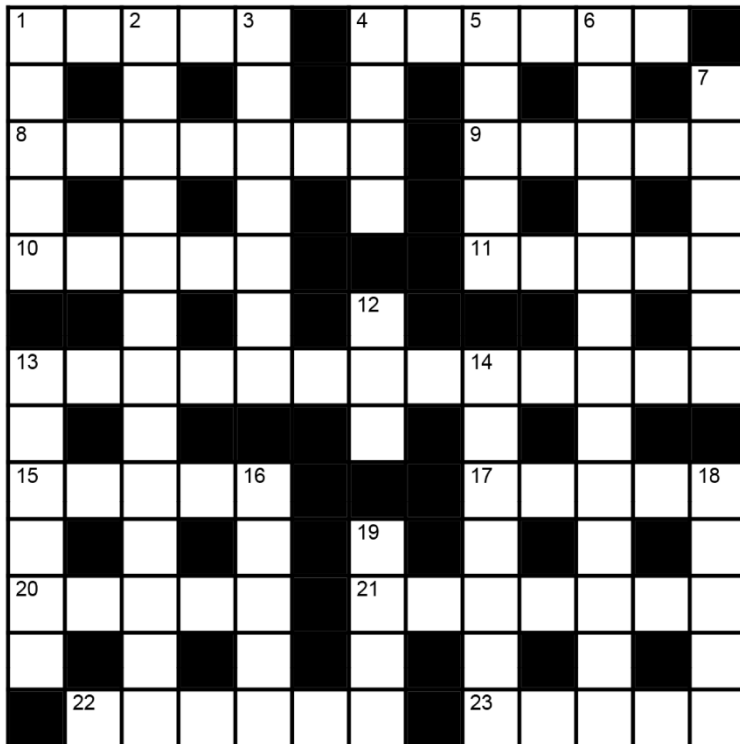


16th October



Doors open 6:30pm Film Starts 7pm
Tickets £5 cash or card Raffle £1
Bar & snacks available before & during interval
Ticket Enquiries 07304 360410

Crossword 97 by Robert Burrows



Down

- 1 Dutch painter (5)
- 4 Soak with drops of moisture (6)
- 8 Dances (7)
- 9 Now Myanmar (5)
- 10 For this purpose (2,3)
- 11 Dry out, so to speak (5)
- 13 Bank account (6,7)
- 15 Weighty (5)
- 17 Invert (5)
- 20 Nose drip (5)
- 21 Be ahead (7)
- 22 Remained (6)
- 23 Brilliant display (5)

Down

- 1 Muslim attire (5)
- 2 Essex town (5-8)
- 3 Oriental cooking object (7)
- 4 Abundant hair (4)
- 5 Exclude (5)

6 Essex suburb (13)

- 7 Opening move (6)
- 12 An obstruction (3)
- 13 Roman army infantry (6)
- 14 Bravery (7)
- 16 Tasty (5)
- 18 Numeral (5)
- 19 Coagulated mass (4)

Cryptic Across

- 1 He partly painted hobo's church (5)
- 2 Dampens beds we made up (6)
- 8 Dances at lively rum bash? (7)
- 9 Don't rob Ma in this country (5)
- 10 As needed, maybe O Chad (2,3)
- 11 Recuperation place in some rare habitat (5)
- 13 Believe the story? It's in the black (6,7)
- 15 Hey, Financial Times is

crumpled and heavy (5)

- 17 Overturn, not to the downside (5)
- 20 Rum he mixed made bodily fluid (5)
- 21 Badly aligned, but ahead (7)
- 22 Didn't move, but maybe set day (6)
- 23 Good style from broken cleat (5)

Cryptic Down

- 1 UK bra needed for this garment (5)
- 2 Essex town house bent left, sadly (5,8)
- 3 Using lichi, Bach, I cook with grill (7)
- 4 Outback president? (4)
- 5 Refuse cooked bread? (5)
- 6 High place to find job here (9,4)
- 7 Big mat rumbled for chess opening (6)
- 12 Despite some embargo, find drinking spot (3)
- 13 Like-minded group could make Thor CO (6)
- 14 Dutch in the bottle (7)
- 16 My, my, you are inside - delicious (5)
- 18 One of five on hand (5)
- 19 Earthy lump could be cold (4)

Solution Crossword 96

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