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NETTESWELL NEIGHBOUR – Spring 2016

For us in Essex it hasn't been a bad winter, unlike many poor souls further north. The meteorologists have teased us that Spring began on 1st March but I was brought up on the solar system with its Spring equinox which is on the 20th. Confusingly, my diary shows that Spring starts on the 19th – I give up! Scope for a future article?



I hope by the Spring equinox many of the 3,100 or so homes that Netteswell Neighbour now delivers to will have received their copies. Hopefully many of us are now enjoying the longer, brighter days and also looking forward to more outdoor activities – even if only a BBQ in the back garden.

Springtime is when many people throughout the world celebrate Easter - which is our theme on the front cover. Nikki Cooke kindly produced the cover especially for us – if we had paid her, we could even have said 'commissioned'! Seriously, a big thank you to Nikki agreeing to our coercion. She is currently in her second year of studying Graphic Design at ARU on the Harlow Campus.

The cover is both striking and thought-provoking. One cannot help but think at this time that our world needs hope: Syria, The Jungle in Calais, Refugees throughout Europe, the many lives lost in war in Syria as well as in attempting to escape the violence. The list continues and is seemingly endless. History suggests mankind is often incapable of solving such deep and complex issues. The cover so eloquently suggests that perhaps mankind should be looking for hope in something that is both beyond this world, and yet surrounds this world. The clear fact is that the central message of Jesus, for us individually and corporately, is that despite everything He came into the world to bring hope and salvation. And the latter in all its forms transcends space and time of our earthly lives. (Interestingly 'hope' was one of our themes on the Christmas front cover, too). Certainly food for thought as we approach Easter.

There has been some hope since Christmas. Yes, one can be cynical and find examples which have appeared hope-less. However the EU for example has in recent weeks allocated large sums of money to bring relief for refugees in and outside of Syria. Only recently we have seen a partial ceasefire. On many news reports I have seen wonderful work to bring relief to victims in refugee camps. And the list goes on.

Nearer to home, much is happening within the ward that is positive, dare I say hope-filled? The Downs School was successfully inspected by Ofsted in

January. More detail may be found on the Schools' Page where Mrs Gelston reports that all areas of the school were deemed 'Good'. The school has improved considerably from the last Ofsted in 2013 where all areas were assessed as 'Requires Improvement'. Our congratulations to Mrs Gelston and all her staff who have clearly worked so hard to achieve such a turnaround in the school's performance.

Many reader's will have read in the last edition of PCSO Megan Hardy's sad 'farewell' after serving the ward for several years. As she now explains in her 'update' in this edition on page 11 Essex Police has significantly reduced the number of PCSO redundancies and happily Megan has been retained. She goes on to explain though that her patch will now be much larger - so it seems a diminution of Police cover in the ward.

Our only historical item is about Spurriers House which may be found in the footnote to the Update on the Town Park Restoration on page 4. Mike is very keen to speak to anyone whose relatives worked at the house, or who has any information or photos of the house, as it is hoped to have information on the house and also Netteswell Cross in the new café. If anyone has any information, please get in touch.

Looking ahead the Queen, who is already Britain's longest serving monarch, will celebrate her 90th birthday on 21st April. I am sure our reader's will join with me to wish her a very happy birthday.

Wishing everyone a Happy, and hope-filled, Easter

Richard

Town Park Restoration- Update Spring 2016

The Heritage Lottery Funded (HLF) works to the Town Park are nearing completion:

- **Landscaping:** The contractors Blakedown will be visiting the site from March 2016 on a regular basis to maintain the planted areas in the Water Garden and next to Pets' Corner, and the Walled Garden.
- **Building works:** We are continuing to work with the contractor to ensure that the remaining building work to Spurriers House, the bandstand and the new Learning Centre are completed, and any snagging issues are resolved.
- **Please note that Thames Water have fenced off areas around the stream for reseeding once the warmer weather is here and are not connected with the HLF works.**
- **Pets' Corner** had a positive annual Zoo and Environmental Health inspection and were busy during the February half-term school holiday with visitors.
- **Town Park volunteers** have cut back laurel from the Park Lane entrance to Peace Wood and removed ivy from adjacent hedges and walls which has made it more welcoming to visitors. They have planted another 150 beech and hawthorn shrubs in gaps along its length.
- **Walled Garden volunteers** have started filling up the raised beds for planting vegetables from Spring onwards, and the Land-based Studies students, from a number of Academies in the town, have sown seeds in trays for planting later in the year.
- **Spurriers House café:** We are currently working with a preferred bidder who has a track record of operating similar park facilities in Hertfordshire. It is hoped the café will open in the spring.
We are keen to speak to anyone whose relatives worked at the house, or who has any information or photos of the house, as we hope to have information on it and Netteswell Cross in the new café. If anyone has any information please contact Mike Levett.
- **Kier staff** have been clearing areas of the **Newfoundland Garden** which have become overgrown and has revealed some of the original shrubs.
- **Things to look out for in Spring:** Some **daffodils** and **crocuses** are appearing in both the Specimen and Water Garden; **Magnolia** trees are producing white creamy flowers at the entrance off Park Lane.



View of Spurriers House from South

Sunday 1st May: Pets' Corner 50th Birthday Celebration

Further information on these events and developments can be obtained from Mike Levett, Education and Volunteer officer on 01279 446834 or email: mike.levett@harlow.gov.uk

Footnote: Spurriers House will house the new café for the Town Park. The Education & Volunteer Officer for the Town Park has been busy researching the history of the house which was built in the 1860's by William Cox who was MP for Finsbury twice (1857-1859 and 1861-1865) and a former solicitor. After his death in 1889 the house passed down through his family and was eventually owned by his niece Lizzie Mewburn, followed by her son, William Angell Mewburn until around 1935 when the house was purchased by Thomas Chapman.

The Chapman's then owned the house until it was purchased by Harlow Council in 1964. We have been in contact with a relative of the Mewburn's who has kindly supplied us with a lot of information.



LETTER FROM ROBERT HALFON MP

Dear Resident,



There is good news for Harlow on jobs and apprenticeships coming back to our town. The latest figures show that the jobseekers claimant count is down by 59.2% and the number of apprentices is up by 73.3% since 2010. Apprenticeships, skills and training are the key to unlocking the potential of our young people. Whenever I go to visit Harlow businesses, I always ask whether they employ apprentices. I'm pleased to see that more and more small businesses are offering young people real apprenticeships to ensure that they have jobs for the future.



The Sir Charles Kao University Technical College, based in the grounds of Harlow College, is making a huge contribution to the skills revolution in our town. The new school is offering state of the art, high quality, technical education to young people aged 14 - 19.

If any parent reading the Netteswell Neighbour is interested in sending their children to this school, you can contact them by emailing enquiries@sckutc.org.uk. Applications are now open for September admissions to Year 10 and Year 12.

I'm also very pleased to report that Harlow College has topped the Department of Education league table for A-level provision this year, making it the best in the country. The college also came second overall when combining academic and vocational qualifications.

I will keep working hard to encourage jobs and apprenticeships in our town. Harlow has a very bright future with our new Enterprise Zone, the move of Public Health England and our University Technical College. They all ensure brilliant opportunities for our young people.

I wish every Netteswell resident a very happy Easter!

Best wishes,
Robert

Surgeries:

Please be aware that appointments will need to be booked in advance. Appointments can be made by phone - 01279 311451/2, or by e-mail to halfon4harlow@roberthalfon.com. These dates are subject to change. Note that if booking via e-mail, please ensure you put a contact telephone number.

18 March	09.00 – 10.30	HUB	3 June	09.30 – 10.30	CAB
29 April	09.30 – 11.30	CAB	24 June	08.30 – 09.30	HUB
13 May Normal Surgery	09.30 - 10.30*	CAB	8 July	0.930 – 11.00	CAB
	10.30 – 11.30		22 July	0.930 – 11.00	CAB

*** NB. Joint Surgery with affinity Water for residents to raise any concerns with their water provider from 9.30 – 10.30**

CAB – Citizens Advice Bureau : **HUB** – Harlow Enterprise Hub, Edinburgh Way

Ron's Reflections



Pull the other one!

'Pull the other one, next you'll be telling me Jesus rose from the dead.' Could you hear yourself responding in this sort of a way to the Christian message that Jesus was crucified, and three days later rose from the dead? Yet this is what millions of Christians around the world will be celebrating on Easter Sunday. It appears a bit incredible



doesn't it? It is hard enough to believe that an innocent man would even choose to die in the place of the guilty – but then to rise from the dead – how can you believe that?

In a representative survey¹ of 2,545 English adults, apparently 43% believe in the resurrection of Jesus – are they wrong? I haven't got the space here to go in to all of the evidence for Jesus' Resurrection, but below are a few points which particularly stand out for me that I hope you will ponder, at least a little, this Easter.

Evidence of the tomb – After Jesus' death on the cross (confirmed by a guard putting a spear into His side which drew a flow of blood and 'water') He was placed in a tomb with a large stone rolled across the entrance. Two days later (on what Christians celebrate as Easter Sunday) the stone had been rolled back, but there was no sign of Jesus in the tomb.

The tomb was sealed with a Roman seal and to break it was a very serious matter. The Romans would conduct a man-hunt and execute the culprit. It is hard to believe the disciples, who all ran away at the arrest of Jesus, or anyone else at the time would risk breaking the seal and opening the tomb. It is also interesting that the culprit was never found. It is unlikely that the stone was rolled away without the Roman guards, who protected the tomb, noticing (or that they were asleep as some suppose). When they discovered the empty tomb they appeared to be so frozen with terror they were 'like dead men'. It is incredible to think any human intervention could have caused these professional fighting men to stand by and watch while Jesus' body was taken away knowing that they were likely to pay for their dereliction of duty with their lives. Finally there were the grave cloths. These were not ripped to shreds as if someone had torn them off the body in a hurry, but instead laying complete, as if Jesus had emerged from a Chrysalis.

Evidence of the disciples

Evidence of the disciples – Here were a group of Jesus followers absolutely terrified by Jesus' arrest, prosecution and crucifixion. They all ran away when he was arrested and Peter, when challenged, denied Jesus three times. It is inconceivable that these few frightened men followers would have the courage to stand against the might of Rome to steal Jesus' body – and to what purpose? Surely if they were going to take such a risk it would be to save Him from the cross, not to snatch His body. Christians believe, as the Bible states, that after Jesus disappeared from the tomb he was resurrected. The disciples had nothing to gain from stealing Jesus' dead body and making up a story about His resurrection. They did not seek or receive wealth, secular power or prestige - instead they were beaten, stoned to death, thrown to the lions, tortured and crucified. Would we give up our lives for what we knew to be a lie – of course not. They gave their lives for what they were certain of - Jesus is alive and they saw Him

Over 500 witnesses - There is an early letter from Paul² which claims that Jesus appeared to 500 people at one time (in addition to a number of other named individuals) – and that most of them were still alive at the time Paul wrote. He was saying in effect, if you don't believe me, go and ask these people for yourself. Now we don't have the luxury of going back 2,000 years and asking them ourselves – but that this assertion could be made so soon after the event, and was accepted by recipients as far as history can tell us without dispute, is a powerful testimony to its truth.

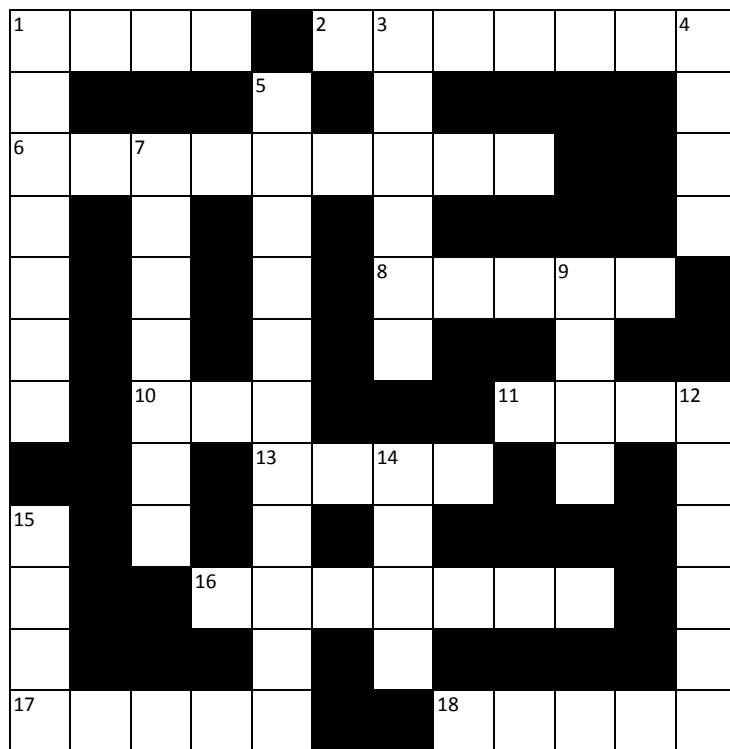
Still not convinced? OK, you may not be convinced by the facts but it's hard to ignore the evidence of your own experience. I ask you to do one thing before you put down this article – ask Him to reveal Himself to you in some way. During the coming week say a short prayer - something like 'Jesus. If you really are alive, reveal yourself to me this week. Amen'. Go on - give it a go, what can you lose? You could gain more than you imagine.

1. 'Perceptions of Jesus, Christians and Evangelism in England' carried out by Barna Group on behalf of the Church of England, Evangelical Alliance and HOPE (www.talkingjesus.org).
2. Paul was initially set on destroying the early church through the arrest and torture of any who claimed to be followers of Jesus. He later had a vision of Jesus which transformed Him into one of the greatest supporters of Christianity the world has ever known.

Ron Kingsmill – Pastor, Freshwaters Christian Fellowship

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Crossword Puzzle – with some hints of Easter !



Across

1. No cost
2. Search for seasonal treats (3,4)
6. History played again (2,7)
8. Not dead
10. Top Boss (1,1,1)
11. Large bush
13. Holiday inflatable
16. Small scrap
17. Joyful
18. Go in

Down

1. Waive grudge
3. Sweet treat
4. Burial place
5. Break from work (4,7)
7. Lured
9. Differ
12. Christian festival
14. Balm (anag.)
15. Money

ANSWERS – SEE PAGE 14

Door to Door Visiting

Over the next year or two, members of Freshwaters Fellowship will be calling on those within the Netteswell ward to introduce ourselves, to answer any questions you may have about the church or our relationship with God, to offer to pray for you and to offer a free information pack.

Our aim is to bless you, and not to bother you. We will respect all front door notices where people ask not to call, and of course we will leave you in peace if you are not happy to speak to us. If you do not want us to call, or on the other hand would like us to call on you sooner, rather than later, then let us know by emailing admin@freshwaterscf.org.uk or calling 01279 888 110, and we will make a note and respect your wishes.



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Schools' Pages

Burnt Mill Academy



Students from Burnt Mill Academy have scooped county, regional and national titles. Judo player and Year 7 student Emma Nunn, 11, won her category at the British Minors Championships. After her victory, Emma said: "I feel really happy and excited. I was a bit nervous about all the people watching at the finals. You have to be really good to get there, so I knew it was going to be a hard competition. I felt more relieved as the day went on and my fights went".

Lois Tappenden, Year 7, has been named Eastern Region trampoline champion after just two years in the sport. The 11-year-old member of the Harlow-apex based Trampoline Club said: "I feel pretty happy with myself. I have won lots of competitions before, but never this one."

Runner Sidnie Ward, a Year 8 student, was Essex School's Year 7 cross country champion, Essex and East of England indoor U13 800m champion, Essex outdoor 200m and 800m U13 champion and Essex Schools' U13 800m champion. He also came third in the South East of England Inter-counties Cross Country Championships and is ranked number two in the UK for U13 boys at 1500m and number three for the U13 boys' 800m.

Kristina O'Hara, Head of Burnt Mill PE, said: "We have many talented athletes who compete at a range of levels. We have students who attend our extra-curricular clubs for enjoyment, students who wish to compete against other schools and represent the successful Burnt Mill squads, and also students who take their talents one step further and compete at county and national level - both through the academy and also with their clubs. We offer a range of sports for our students to help promote a healthy, active lifestyle and to encourage students to continue with sport outside of Burnt Mill. These students are exceptionally talented and we are very proud to have such great success and rôle models within the academy."



Five Year 11 students from Forest Hall School, in Stansted, and Burnt Mill Academy, in Harlow, took part in this term's Junior Chef Academy programme at Hertford Regional College (HRC). The students joined eleven other 14 to 16-year-olds on the ten-week Saturday course working with professional chefs to complete a BTEC catering qualification. The course finale saw the students preparing a three-course graduation meal for their friends and family to demonstrate the skills they had learnt.

Donna Walsh, assistant headteacher for the Burnt Mill Co-operative Academy Trust (BMAT) schools, said: "We have had strong links with the Junior Chef Academy for three years, with students from Burnt Mill taking part each term. Feedback has always been really positive about the course, staff and facilities at HRC - hence I continue to promote and support the programme at Burnt Mill and now at Forest Hall. Students get an opportunity to work out of their comfort zone with a new group of students in a professional kitchen, experiencing college life early. They have achieved highly and it was a pleasure to see them so confident in action." Students are now being recruited for the spring course".



The Downs Primary School and Nursery



The Downs Primary School and Nursery has had a very busy and successful Spring Term with the long awaited Ofsted inspection finally taking place on 27th and 28th January. We are very pleased with our overall effectiveness outcome of 'Good', with all areas of the school also being judged as 'Good'. This result comes at the end of two years of very hard work that has brought about the necessary improvements and made it such a successful place for children to learn.

There are many highlights detailed in the report, highlights that praise the staff and pupils in our school:

- Pupils thrive both socially and academically because they are well looked after and kept safe in a caring environment that puts their needs first.
- Teachers plan interesting work that motivates pupils to try hard and do their best.
- There has been a relentless drive for improvement over the last two years.
- Pupil's are polite and courteous and the school is a calm and orderly place.

The main areas for further improvement so that we can work towards becoming an 'Outstanding' school are as follows:

- Improve teaching in the Nursery so that it is as consistently good as teaching Reception.
- Ensure teachers plan work that consistently provides the right level of challenge for the most able pupils.
- Close the gap between pupils' attainment in reading and writing.

If you would like to read our report in full, please go to either our school website via www.downs.essex.sch.uk, or the Ofsted website via www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Should you have any questions about The Downs Primary School and Nursery or would like to arrange a visit to have a look around, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Liz Gelston – Headteacher

Sir Charles Kao University Technical College



Year 12 Student Published in The Guardian

We are pleased to announce that Sofia Gattuso in Year 12 (see photo below) was recently published on The Guardian's website¹ as part of their blogging students' programme.

Sofia joined the UTC in September and is studying for qualifications in Computer Science and Engineering spoke about why she believes more students should join her in working towards a future STEM career. As part of her article Sofia also spoke to fellow Year 12 students Holly Garrod and Olivia Ward about their experiences. This publication was in advance of International Day For Women and Girls in Science which was celebrated for the first time this year.

Sir Charles Kao UTC Launch Smart Home Environment 'Intelligent Flat'

The flat, a smart home environment situated on the first floor of Sir Charles Kao UTC was launched at an event on Thursday 3rd March. Visitors had a chance to hear from a number of industry experts, staff and students about how this innovative learning space is integrated into the curriculum.

The flat provides students with a distinctive opportunity to gain knowledge and experience of configuring and using the latest smart technologies. As part of their curriculum students will learn how they can centrally manage all smart home systems such as lighting, heating and cooling,

audio and video features. These systems can provide intelligent automation allowing an automatic response to events around the flat, like arriving home, security breaches or burst pipes whilst also providing event notifications to the homeowner by text or email.

Sir Charles Kao UTC Principal Michael McKeaveney said, "The two specialist learning areas within the UTC, which also includes our Smart Box, provides unique learning opportunities for students and enables students to see their work come to life. Through using this software, our students will be well-equipped to fill new and exciting jobs in a growing industry."



Sofia Gattuso trying out a Virtual Reality Headset

1. www.theguardian.com/education/mortarboard/2016/feb/10/im-the-only-girl-in-my-computer-science-class

Freshwaters Primary Academy



Children from within the BMAT primary schools took part in the under-11s five-a-side Kids Cup tournament. Year 6 boys from Freshwaters, Cooks Spinney and Roydon formed a BMAT team for the competition, having demonstrated their talent during an inter-school football event at Burnt Mill Academy.

The team of seven – who play for Harlow Town and Risden Wood clubs – were among 20 schools to compete at Leyton Orient's astroturf training pitch.

After coming second in the tournament, Tyler Finney's team were invited to an open trial at the football club. While the whole team was good enough to earn places at weekly training with the club, Tyler was given a position at the Academy training sessions. The boys also won the opportunity to be flag-bearers at Leyton Orient's game after the tournament.

Phil Dawes, sports co-ordinator for BMAT primaries, said: "This tournament demonstrates what we are trying to achieve in the Trust; to compete at the highest level possible, not just in Harlow and Essex. We are hoping to repeat this kind of event in other sports to enable our children to set their sights high and give them memorable experiences.

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Anti-bullying week at Freshwaters Primary Academy saw pupils from each year group recruited as anti-bullying ambassadors. The themed week started with an assembly where pupils looked at celebrities who have had experiences of bullying. They also welcomed students from Burnt Mill Academy who told their younger peers what to do if they ever found themselves the victim of bullying.

A day off timetable was used to further explain the signs of bullying, the short and long-term



impact and who is available to support victims. Gemma Vincenti, personal, social and health education leader, said: "Each class had the opportunity to share their learning with parents. We showed them role-plays, videos and encouraged them to write and decorate a 'helping hand'. This was a drawn hand which had words of advice on for children who are being bullied. This was then stuck next to ones the children themselves had made, to create a flower of hands.

"It has been an extremely successful week which has opened the children's and parents's eyes to how to spot bullying and what the consequences really are."

Netteswell Neighbourhood Police Team



PCSO Megan Hardy

Update on PCSO numbers in Essex

Some of you may have seen in the last Netteswell Neighbour, or in the press, that Essex Police was to cut the number of PCSOs currently from 250 to just 60. Due to the announcement from George Osbourne regarding Police funding Essex Police has announced that they



PC Timothy Knights

are now retaining 90 of the original 250 PCSOs. The cuts have now been made and those that have been retained in post have been made aware. I have been informed I am staying in post in Harlow along with 5 other PCSOs. This is still a substantial drop in resources and as such the role of the Neighbourhood Policing team will change.

Anti-social behavior

The term anti-social behavior covers a wide range of selfish and unacceptable activity that can blight community life. It is any form of intimidating or destructive activity that damages or destroys another person's quality of life.

Dealing with Anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (also known as ASB) includes a range of problems. Behaviour can be anti-social because it is capable of causing a nuisance, or annoyance, to both individuals and the wider community. This type of behaviour can include:

- Nuisance neighbours
- Thoughtlessness, perhaps noise nuisance caused by late-night fireworks or loud music
- Intimidating groups taking over public spaces
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- Pets/dog fouling
- People buying and taking drugs on the street
- People dumping rubbish and abandoning cars
- People drinking alcohol in the street
- Reckless driving of mini-motorbikes

Tackling Anti-social behaviour-

A number of agencies can take action to deal with anti-social behaviour. These include the police, local authorities and social landlords (local authority landlords and housing associations). Such agencies have a wide range of powers available to them to take action against a tenant of a social landlord, against someone renting from a private landlord or against a homeowner.

Megan Hardy - Police Community Support Officer 71228

If you have anything you wish to discuss with your local beat officers please contact us on: **101 Extn. 300 383**

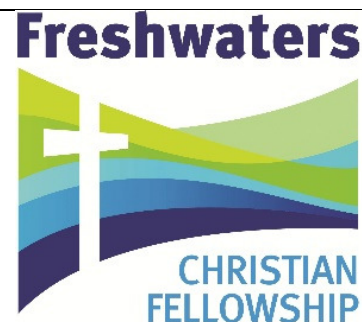
Email: Megan.hardy@essex.pnn.police.uk OR Timothy.knights@essex.pnn.police.uk

Fun Day 2016



We will be holding our 4th annual Fun Day on the Dashes Playing Field in August. A great opportunity to have some fun with the family and as well as Netteswell neighbours. This year's date is still to be confirmed but we will publicise closer to the time – you can also keep an eye on our website, twitter or Facebook page.

Ron Kingsmill, Pastor - Freshwaters Christian Fellowship
Email: ron@freshwaterscf.org.uk



Local Netteswell Councillors' Report



Edna Stevens, Waida Forman, Mike Danvers

Netteswell is lucky enough to be in the centre of town with easy access to so many facilities. Many of us will be receiving new Council Tax bills in April. All four authorities have been forced to increase the tax demand due to the severe cuts by the Government to their grants. Essex has found it necessary to increase its tax by 4% and the others, including Harlow Council by 1.5%, and the fire and police authority by 2%.

People ask what we get for our money. Let me list what this money is spent on locally. The **weekly bin collection**: Due to your efforts in using the recycling bins, Harlow recycles over half its waste. We are, of course, always looking to do better.

Local schools are probably the most expensive element of Council Tax - about half of what you pay - goes to education. We have some fantastic primary schools in Netteswell with each of them achieving results that go from strength to strength [Ed. See Schools' Page re The Downs School's recent Ofsted inspection]. Burnt Mill Academy has in recent years restored its reputation of highest ranking, not just in Harlow, but with the best schools in Essex.

Caring for the elderly in their own homes and in residential homes like Ashlyns is also a considerable expense. While I would not claim everything is as we would like it in this area, a whole number of services are available to those most in need of these vital services. Leah Manning centre is an example of Harlow Council trying to provide additional activities and support for our senior citizens.

The provision of **youth care** is also important, although somewhat under threat by cuts to Essex's budget recently. As a community we need to make our voices heard to maintain this important provision. Essex is carrying out a public consultation about youth services until April. If you can find the time, go on line and make your views known.

There is also a public consultation about the future of Essex fire service. The third option for cuts to our local fire station in Harlow could drastically affect the service in the future. If you do not want to see this change, again I would urge you to participate in the survey as your views will count. Your voice needs to be heard.

Harlow Council is struggling to maintain many of its facilities. The LeisureZone alone receives a subsidy of £300,000. The Town Park was lucky to win its lottery bid and most of the work there is now completed, but once again maintaining a park to the standard we expect is costly. So next time you say to yourself "what does my monthly tax bill afford?" look around you - these services can only be available to everyone if, like everything else, they are paid for.

So at least you may now have a fair idea where all these taxes goes.

Surgeries: Local councillors always like to hear from you and will do their best to make the community work well. **Please note due to Local Council elections, the next surgery will be: Saturday 4th June 10 - 11am at The Stow Library.** Thereafter, the first Saturday of each month.

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Snow Farm Scout Hut

1st Great Parndon (Beavers Mondays)
 1st Great Parndon (Cubs Wednesdays)
 1st Great Parndon (Scouts Mondays)
 Phoenix Explorer Unit (Tuesdays)
 7th Harlow Scouts (Thursdays)

First Avenue Scout Hut

21st Harlow (Beavers Tuesdays)
 21st Harlow (Cubs Tuesdays)
 21st Harlow (Scouts Thursdays)
 16th Harlow (Scouts Thursdays)



1st Great Parndon Scouts meet at Snow Farm Scout Hall, School Lane, CM20 2QL
 Beavers – Age 6-8yrs meet Mondays 6-7.15pm, leaders Mandy Bullman, Tara Arnold
 Cubs – Age 8-10.5 yrs meet Weds 6.30 -8pm (winter) 6.30 – 8.30 (summer), Leaders, Dave Johnson, Mandy New
 Scouts Age 10.5 – 14 meet Monday 7.30 – 9.30pm, Leaders Neil Curtis, Anneka De'ath, Stephen Varney

Please email Lynn Curtis, Group Scout Leader, for any enquiries: – lynn.uurtis@me.com

David Livingstone United Reformed Church

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again when we begin to look forward to spring and the warmer weather. The bulbs have begun to poke their heads out of the ground with magnificent displays of colour. I heard on the radio a short while ago that Yeovil had the best display of daffodils for miles around. Something to be proud of, and a tribute to the gardeners that look after them.

As I travel along the lanes I cannot help but notice that this is also the time for pruning back the hedges, and haven't they been pruned? All you can see at the moment is rough edges and wood ends. Not a pretty sight. But in a relatively short time there will be new growth. Shoots will begin to sprout and then the hedges will be back to what they were. And doesn't this mirror the Christian church, particularly leading up to Easter?

We have a time of lying in wait during Lent and the Passion and then on Easter Day we celebrate new life – resurrection. And that is only the beginning. Throughout our lives we are growing in our faith, we never stop learning. When we were small we had certain ideas and then as we grew up those views probably changed quite radically. And as we travel through life, getting older, so we continue to be renewed and refreshed. There has to be a period of lying dormant in order for us to take stock of where we are and then we go forward with a renewed sense of being and understanding. Recently, some of us have been looking at Nicodemus and the fact that Jesus told him that he had to be born again. Obviously Jesus did not mean this literally, but through the receipt of the Holy Spirit we are *born again* when we make that commitment to Him. Let us continue to refresh and renew ourselves just as the plants do each year.

Yours in Christ

Kathryn

Our services during the Easter period are as follows:-

13th March 9.30am - Passion Sunday, Communion service

20th March 9.30am - Palm Sunday Service

23rd March 7pm - Agape Supper at Leaside Community Church, Ware

24th March 7.30pm - Maundy Thursday Service at Roydon URC

27th March 9.30am - Easter Day Service



CHURCH SERVICES

David Livingstone URC, Maddox Road CM20 3RW Sunday 9.30am	St. Andrew's Methodist Church, The Stow Sunday Service 10.30am, including crèche
Freshwaters Christian Fellowship Leah Manning Centre, Park Lane CM20 2QJ Sunday 10.30am	St. Paul's Church, Town Centre CM20 1LP 11am Every Sunday. (Communion 2nd & 4 th Sundays) St Mary's, Little Parndon : 9.30am Every Sunday (4 th Sunday Holy Communion)
Our Lady of Fatima, Howard Way CM20 2NS Sunday Mass 8am, 11am : Holy Day Mass 9.30am : Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.30 - 10am (Sat).	

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Netteswell Neighbour is delivered free of charge to every home in Netteswell 3 times a year.

One of the ways you could help fund the Neighbour is to **register the Neighbour as your cause** with **easyfundraising.org.uk** – select 'Freshwaters Christian Fellowship' (who underwrite NN). When you shop online with over 2,700 retailers, a small donation is made at no cost to you. All such donations will be specifically allocated towards future editions of *Netteswell Neighbour*.

Festival - May 2016

Charitable and Community Stalls – Water Gardens

Friday 27th – Sunday 29th

If you are interested in raising awareness of your project, or seeking support or volunteers, or to book a pitch - please email.

Photographic Exhibition

Theme 'Beautiful Harlow and places with potential'

Civic Offices Window

16th – 30th

Fine Art Exhibition

The Gibberd Gallery

Amateur and professional artists are invited to submit 2D and 3D works for display during the Festival

16th – 30th

Community Lunches

Bringing wards and villages together in a spirit of appreciation of the local community builder's

Friday 27th - Monday 30th

Communities may alternatively join the national celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday earlier in May, or indeed any time in May or June.

A lunch is an opportunity to welcome and create a sense of community with church at the heart of it

Cycle Rally

Around Town's Cycle Paths

Saturday 28th

Healthy living

All-comers are welcome. We also hope to have a **toddlers' cycle rally** in the Market Square.

Cycling promotes healthy living.

Harlow is a town designed with a network of cycle paths planned so that people can arrive at work without the need of a car.

If interested in a lunch for your area please email.

To participate/steward, please email.

Festival contact: admin@heart4harlow.org.uk

Crossword Answers (On Page 7)

Across: 1. Free 2. Egg Hunt 6. Re-enacted 8. Alive 10. CEO 11. Tree 13. Lilo 16. Oddment 17. Happy 18. Enter.

Down: 1. Forgive 3. Gateau 4. Tomb 5. Bank Holiday 7. Enticed 9. Vary 12. Easter 14. Lamb 15. Cash.

KITCHEN KORNER

SIMNEL CAKE RECIPE

A fruit cake traditionally made for Lent or Easter



Make the **Almond Paste** first.

Ingredients

MIXTURE

8 oz plain flour
A pinch of salt and of baking powder
2 oz rice flour
8 oz sultanas
8 oz currants
4 oz glacé cherries, halved (rinsed and dried on paper towel)
1oz candied peel, finely sliced or chopped
8 oz butter
8 oz caster sugar

4 eggs, separated, but see footnote*
Grated rind of 2 lemons

ALMOND PASTE

9 oz ground almonds
9 oz caster sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 tsp almond essence

Method - Almond Paste

1. Mix the ground almonds and sugar together, then beat in the eggs and add the almond essence
2. Roll into a ball and knead the paste until smooth
3. Divide in two, put half into the cake mixture, and make the rest into balls to put around the edge of the cake when it is cold, as the traditional Easter decoration
4. Fill the centre with a little warm glacé icing, and, if desired, decorate with marzipan fruits.

METHOD - Mixture

1. Prepare an 8-inch cake tin (line with greaseproof/baking paper)
2. Sift the flours with the salt and baking powder
3. Cream the butter with the lemon rind, then beat in the sugar until light and fluffy
4. Beat in the egg yolks (see footnote)
5. Whip the egg whites until stiff
6. Fold in a third of the flour, then the egg whites alternating with the rest of the flour and the fruit
7. Put half the mixture into the cake tin, spreading a little up the sides of the tin
8. Roll half the almond paste into a smooth round and lay it on the mixture, then put the rest of the mixture into the tin.
9. Bake at 150C° for 2½ hrs (cover with double thickness kitchen paper for the last ½ hour if needed)
10. Partially cool the cake in the tin before turning onto a wire rack.

Enjoy !



Harlow Business Exhibition

**Harlow is a great place
to do business**

**Thursday 9th June
Showground, Town Park**

This has always been the key message that the Directors of Harlow Business Exhibitions Ltd. want to send to local people. The first two exhibitions were held at the Greyhound Stadium before moving to the Manor of Groves in 2012. In 2013 and 2014 Harlow Business Exhibition was held at Harlow Leisurezone.

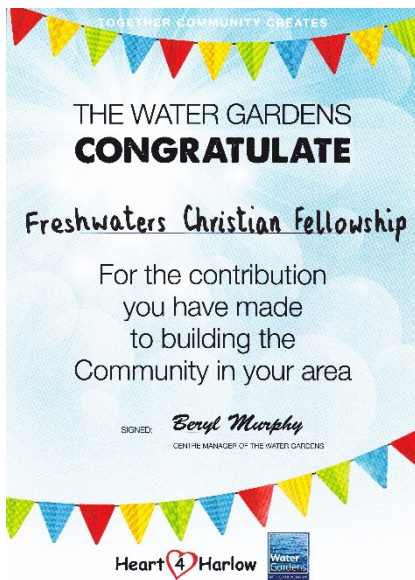
Last year's event was in the Town Park.

This year's event on **Thursday 9th June** will be on the old Sports Ground in London Road when over 130 local organisations will be exhibiting. Gold Sponsors include Places for People, Harlow Enterprise Zone and Longmores Solicitors.

Robert Halfon MP has always supported the Exhibition, often calling it 'the biggest business event in the East of England'.

For more information, visit www.harlowbusinessexhibition.co.uk - entry and parking is free.

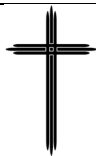
Community Lunch 2016



Following on from our 'Big Lunch' last year, as part of the **Heart 4 Harlow Festival** (see the certificate on the left in recognition of last year's Lunch) we are again planning a Community Lunch for **Sunday 22nd May** (the weekend before this year's festival) at 12noon in the Leah Manning Centre, Park Lane. We would be delighted if you would join us.

There will be plenty to eat and drink. There will be a suitable movie for the children and we will be saying 'thank you' to those who contribute to community life in Netteswell. (If there is anyone you think we should include in this please let us know who, and why).

If you would like to come, or to nominate someone to include in our list of those to thank then please contact our administrator (admin@freshwaterscf.org.uk; 01279 888110).



Heart 4 Harlow

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Walk with the Cross

9.30 - 12, Good Friday, 25th March 2016

Jesus carried the cross of self-denial and sacrificial service for the good of the world he loved.

We will start at St. Paul's, then follow the cross, while holding palm crosses, through the town centre and then assemble at BBs in the Harvey Centre. Please buy something to eat & drink from BB's as a thank you for letting us use their shop for our service.

Parndon Woods Events

On the facing page is a series of upcoming events at Parndon Woods for Spring and Summer.

Contact: 01279 430005

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MARCH	
<p>Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th Arts in Nature Gather natural materials as you work your way around the nature trail and return to the centre to create a masterpiece! Will it be an acorn army camp or a hedgehog collage? 11am – 4pm on both days. Suggested Donation: 50p per artwork</p>	<p>Good Friday, Saturday 26th & Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt Join us for an Egg-travaganza! Can you find all the eggs the Easter bunny has hidden in the reserve to lead to a chocolatey treat? 11am – 4pm on each day. Booking advised £3 per child, adults free.</p>
APRIL	
<p>Friday 1st Pre-school kids Dinosaur Fun Day Join us and members from Harlow Council for a day of Easter Fun. Free activities include a trail hunt, messy play and arts and crafts. This is aimed at pre-school children, but older siblings welcome. 11:30am – 2pm Free</p>	<p>Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th Birds of Parndon Wood Join us for a weekend all about birds! We've got the RSPB down for a talk, bird-themed arts and crafts available, spotter sheets and a guided walk leaving at 2:00pm each day. 11am – 4pm Free Entry Suggested Donation for guided walk: £1 per person</p>
<p>Friday 15th Afternoon Tea in the Woods Join us for a selection of cakes and delicious scones in our lovely afternoon tea in our beautiful woodland setting. 1:00pm-4:00pm £10 pp. Booking in advance required.</p>	<p>Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th April Mighty Minibeasts Hire a Bug Hunting kit and spotter guide from us (or bring your own!) and learn all about the mighty minibeasts! Crafts available throughout the day Free Entry 11am – 4pm</p>
MAY	
<p>Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th Pond Life Learn all about the critters who lurk in the ponds at Parndon Wood with our trail hunt. Arts and Crafts available throughout the weekend Free Entry 11am – 4pm</p>	<p>Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd Amazing Amphibians Have a look at our tadpoles in the classroom and see if you can put the frog's lifecycle in the correct order with our free nature trail. Pond dipping nets also available to hire Free entry 11am - 4pm on each day.</p>
JUNE	
<p>Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th Bat Weekend Join us and members from the Essex Bat Group to learn all about Bats! Free Entry Arts and crafts, trail hunt and more! 11am – 4pm</p>	<p>Saturday 18th Father's Day Afternoon Tea Join us for a spot of Afternoon Tea on Father's Day! Treat them to a selection of cakes, scones, sandwiches in our beautiful woodland setting. £10 pp. 12pm – 4pm Booking essential</p>
<p>Sunday 19th Father's Day Survival Day Is your Dad the ultimate Dad? Come and join in the fun with our survival day! Who can build the best den? Or light the best fire? £3 per person. 12-noon – 3pm Booking advised</p>	<p>Thursday 23rd Bat Walk Join us and members of Essex Bat Group for an evening all about Bats! We'll kick start with a short introduction about the Bats in the UK and those found in Harlow, then grab some detectors and head into the reserve to see how many we can see! Don't forget a torch! £3 pp 8pm – 10pm</p>
JULY	
<p>Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd Tremendous Trees Download our free tree-spotter sheet and join us for a guided walk highlighting the amazing trees in the reserve. £2 per person Walk commencing at 1420 each day, please meet outside the visitor centre.</p>	<p>Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th Beautiful Butterflies Download our free butterfly spotter sheet and see how many species you can see in the reserve. Learn about the butterflies with our free trial hunt and have a go at butterfly-themed arts and crafts 11am – 4pm Free Entry</p>
<p>Thursday 21st Bat Walk Join us and members of Essex Bat Group for an evening all about Bats! We'll kick start with a short introduction about the Bats in the UK and those found in Harlow, then grab some detectors and head into the reserve to see how many we can see! Don't forget a torch! £3 per person 8:15pm – 10pm</p>	<p>Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st Buzzing Bees! Join us and members from Harlow Beekeeping association for a weekend all about bees! We've got live hive demonstrations throughout the day from our on-site hives, honey tasting, candle rolling and more! Free Entry 11am – 4pm</p>
AUGUST	
<p>Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th Dragonfly Weekend See how many species of dragonfly you can see in the reserve and learn about them with our free trial hunt! Have a go at Dragonfly-themed arts and crafts and pond dipping to see if you can catch their young. 11am – 4pm Free Entry</p>	<p>Thursday 18th Bat Walk Join us and members of Essex Bat Group for an evening all about Bats! We'll kick start with a short introduction about the Bats in the UK and those found in Harlow, then grab some detectors and head into the reserve to see how many we can see! Don't forget a torch! £3 per person 7:15pm – 9:30pm</p>

NETTESWELL NEIGHBOUR - CONTACT LIST (April 2016)

Churches

David Livingstone URC	Maddox Rd CM20 3RW	Tel. 01920 463 125	E-Mail: rev.kit@btinternet.com
Freshwaters Christian Fellowship	Leah Manning, Park Lane	Tel. 01279 888 110	Web: freshwaterscf.org.uk
Our Lady of Fatima	Howard Way CM20 2NS	Tel. 01279 426 017	
St. Andrews Methodist Church	The Stow	Tel. 01279 626 771	Web: standrewsharlow.org.uk
St. Paul's Church, Town Centre CM20 1LP	Church Office	Tel. 01279 434 243	Web: stpaulsharlow.org.uk
		Tel. 01279 411 100	Martin Harris (Rector)

Activities & Clubs

1 st Great Parndon Scouts School Lane CM20 2QL		Email: lynn.uurtis@me.com (Lynn Curtis)
Coffee afternoons:		
Rainbow, Monday 1.30-3.30pm	Tel: 01279 730 490	(Richard Read)
Wednesday Afternoon 1.30-3.30pm	Tel: 01279 300 582	(Bob & Susanna)
Cup of Chi – Retired Persons Group Weds 1-30 pm-3pm	Tel. 01279 792 575	(Linda Collier)
Dog Training Tuesdays 6-30pm Moot Hall	Tel. 01279 305 264	(Mr Dangerfield)
Group Tuesdays 7-30pm-10pm	Tel. 01279 438 486	(Lesley James)
Happy Go Lucky Club Mondays 2pm-4pm	Tel. 01279 427 638	(Mr Featherstone)
Harlow Scrabble Club Wednesdays 1.30-4 Moot House	Tel. 01279 861 404	(Yvonne Ahmed)
Harlow Society of Art Tuesdays 7pm	Tel. 01279 302 877	(June Collis)
Harlow Writers Workshop Thursdays 10-12am	Tel. 01279 723 948	(Adrienne Tinn)
Karate Club (Hanko-Ryo Karate-Do)	Tel. 01279 442 488	(Mr Jeddi)
Mark Hall & Netteswell Community Assn.	Tel: 01279 424 074	Web: moothouse.org.uk
Memory Café Alzheimer's Society Mondays 10am-12	Tel. 01279 418 331	(Marion Howell)
Mixed Needlecraft Wednesdays 10-12am	Tel. 01279 427 711	
Model Flying Club - 1 st Friday of month 7-30pm	Tel. 07966 987 004	(Linda Walters)
Moot House The Stow		E-mail: Mhsc@moothouse.plus.com
Origami Club Fuji Thursdays 5-30-6-30pm	Tel. 01279 421 702	Harlow International Hostel
Over 50's Art Thursdays 10am-1pm	Tel. 01279 300 701	(Georgina Jockett)
Pilates Yoga (open to all) Thursdays 10-11-30am	Tel. 01279 869 589	(Anne Godfrey)
Adult: Weds 6-7-30pm & Thurs: Children's 4-30-6pm	Mob. 07956 380 321	
St. John Ambulance	Mob. 07766 254 360	(Donna Deakins)
6.30pm Weds evenings. Glebelands Common Room, Glebelands (Nr. Stow)		
Tap Dancing. All Styles and Ages Tuesdays 6pm-10pm	Tel. 01279 725 737	(Mrs K Chapman)

Health & Help

Citizens Advice Bureau: 10-1 Mon, Wed & Fri	13-15 East Gate CM20 1HP	Tel. 0344 477 0808
Nuffield House Surgery, The Stow CM20 3AX : Mon-Fri 8am-6.30pm		Tel. 01279 213 101 Out of Hours, Tel: 111
Sydenham House Surgery, Monkswick Rd CM20 3NT	Tel. 01279 422 525	Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Except Thur 9am-12-30pm

Library

Mark Hall	The Stow	Tel. 01279 425533
(Story Time – u5s 9.45am Weds: Open hours - Tuesday 1pm-5pm, Wednesday 9am-1pm, Thursday 1pm-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm)		

MP & Councillors

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Mike Danvers	Tel. 01279 425 934	E-mail: mike.danvers@harlow.gov.uk
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Edna Stevens	Tel. 01279 324 183	E-mail: edna.stevens@harlow.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Policing

Local Beat Officer PC 73236 Knights	Tel. 101	E-mail: timothy.knights@essex.pnn.police.uk
Local PCSO 71228 Hardy		E-mail: megan.hardy@essex.pnn.police.uk

Schools & Colleges & Children's Centres

Burnt Mill Academy	First Avenue CM20 2NR	Tel. 01279 300 555	
Burnt Mill Delivery Site	First Avenue CM20 2 NR	Tel. 01279 442 419	Email: burntmill@spurgeons.org
Free U-5 Activities 8.30am – 12.15pm Mon, Tue, Thur and Fri. Timetable: facebook.com/themeadowsschoolscentre			
Freshwaters Primary Academy	School Lane CM20 3QA	Tel. 01279 454 688	(School & Nursery)
St Albans Catholic Academy	First Avenue CM20 2NP	Tel. 01279 425 383	
The Downs Primary School	The Hides CM20 3RB	Tel. 01279 445 538	(School & Nursery)
ARU University Centre	Velizy Avenue CM20 3LH	Tel. 0845 271 3333	
Harlow College	Velizy Avenue CM20 3EZ	Tel. 01279 868 000	
Sir Charles Kao University Technical College	Velizy Avenue CM20 3EZ	Tel. 01279 444 374	

Sport & Leisure

Essex Outdoors Centre	Burnt Mill Lane CM20 2QS	Tel. 01279 620 270	Web: essexoutdoors.com
Harlow LeisureZone	Second Ave CM20 3DT	Tel. 01279 621 500	E-Mail: info@harlowleisurezone.co.uk
			Web: harlowleisurezone.co.uk
Pets Corner, Spuriers, Town Park CM20 2QG		Tel. 01279 422790	Web: harlow.gov.uk/pets-corner

Young People

Harlow Youth Vision, St. Andrew's Church Hall, The Stow (drop in Y7-19 yrs) 7-45pm Most Thurs:	Mob. 07960 682 979		
Young Concern Trust	YCT House Maddox Rd	Tel. 01279 414 090	E-Mail: admin@yctsupport.com
Provides support for young people in Essex & Herts. (Therapeutic Services)			Web: yctsupport.com



Working hard for Harlow and the Villages

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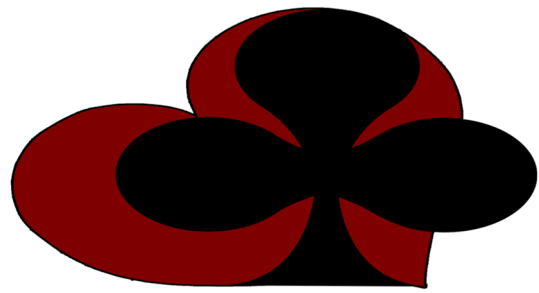
Join us for Fun and Games, Arts and Crafts, and Cakes!



20th March, 17th April, 15th May, 19th June, and 17th July

10:30am - 12 noon

At the Leah Manning Centre, Park Lane, Harlow, CM20 2QJ



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CM20 3NG
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