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Sixty Years Ago..

SOME residents will remember what village life was like 60 years ago when Shalford was a bustling place with shops and businesses. The local butcher, baker and grocer delivered goods to the door and with a village garage the villagers' day-to-day needs were catered for. Social life revolved around the village hall clubs and activities, the church and the pubs.

During the 1930's Mr Hornsby and Mr Suttley went into business together and with two ten-ton lorries delivered petrol to farms for their machinery and carted cattle, hay and produce from them. In The Street, next to Park Pale where Mr and Mrs Hornsby lived, a wooden garage was built to house the lorries. The garage repaired and serviced all types of vehicles and sold, petrol, paraffin, and soft drinks, but also charged radio accumulators. Car manuals enabled mechanics to re-condition and re-fit engines, any spares required came from Colchester and some were delivered next day by the local bus company. During the war the garage business increased, the USA servicemen based at Wethersfield used it for car servicing and petrol, which was strictly rationed.



1950, and Peggy, the Hornsby's daughter married Don Leeder from Finchingfield and moved to Duxford and four years later they moved into the cottage next door to Park Pale. Don, a qualified Electrical Mechanical Engineer left his job in Cambridge, where he had worked on Aircraft Instrument Landing Systems, and joined the family garage business. Eventually Peggy took over the office work from her mother and in 1976 David, their son, having served his mechanic's apprenticeship at a Great Dunmow garage joined his parents to help run the thriving business which included a spray shop. The business traded until 1988 when Don and Peggy decided to retire, most of the garage equipment was sold or disposed of; later the garage was demolished, the site cleared and a new property, Shalford House, was built.

This was the end of an era for the Leeders who over the years despite their busy working lives and family of two daughters and a son had become involved in many village activities. Don enjoyed playing in the football team, and to ensure the field was well cut he maintained the village hall tractor and gang mowers. For twen-

ty-five years, he served on the VHMC and was Chairman 1971-74. Today Peggy, continues to belong to the WI, church choir, and is a VHMC member; in the past she ferried the family around for their sporting activities.

In retirement their volunteer work has continued, until recently they cut the grass at the village hall, and they helped to keep the hall in good condition and painted its exterior. Today, although the village has changed Don and Peggy's lives have remained very much the same, now not working they have time to enjoy their social life playing table tennis and Carpet Bowls and offering their support at numerous village events.



The Local Channel

The Shalford Community web site is up and running at www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/shalford See "who's who" on the Shalford Parish Council, together with latest council meeting minutes and planning applications, these are updated weekly.

Village organisations and their activities can be viewed, if your group has organised a future event and wishes to advertise it, please advise the administrator, David Eversden.

The site has a new method of updating information via the e-mail. Add your name to the system and at the same time why not add the names of your friends and relatives wherever they are?

Stay in touch by printing or reading "Shalford News" online. Lost an old copy and wish to refer to it? Print or read previous issues on the web at

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News in Brief

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Fire fighters are available to give advice to all householders on Fire Safety and to fit free smoke alarms in homes if required. Officers carry identification and there is no charge for this service; no attempt will be made to sell any product to homeowners.

Contact your local Fire Safety Officer on 01376 345537 if you need any advice/help.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

The first directory advertising local services is included in this quarter's Shalford News, we hope you find it useful.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Wethersfield and Shalford branch held a coffee morning on Saturday 9th July to mark the end of the 2nd World War on the official VE/VJ day. The United Reform Church gave use of the hall without charge and with the generosity of helpers and supporters £236 was raised for branch funds. On Sunday 10th July to mark the 60th Anniversary a church service at St Andrew's was taken by the Padre, the Rev'd John Shead, this was well supported by RBL members who afterwards retired for a drink at The George where free refreshments were offered.

RACE FOR LIFE

In late July Angie Ridgewell encouraged "Shalford Stragglers", an enthusiastic team of twenty-five "girls", (staff, parents, pupils, and friends of Shalford School), to enter this Tesco organised event at Wivenhoe Park, Colchester. Rain made the going firm, but the team finished the 3m/5k walk/run in an hour, a couple of younger fitter members ran the distance in just 30 minutes. 3,800 women had entered the race so there were some traffic problems, but despite these the team enjoyed the outing and raised around £1500 for the Cancer Research Charity.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Following a most successful Summer Show the committee is hoping that the Autumn Show on 17th September will attract lots of entries, which visitors to the show can see after the judging has taken place. See diary for details.

VHMC

Sally Prime, ably assisted by Mick Barber and a sub-committee, organised

this year's successful fete. The Acting Chairman, Ron Vincent says that the money raised this year was earmarked for replacing the soffits and decorating the hall's exterior. See Useful Telephone Numbers for VHMC details.

BENDLOWE TRUST

Just as the coach carrying Shalford's over 50's group arrived in Thaxted at 2pm the sun came out and continued to shine all afternoon. The recently renovated windmill was open and many of the group visited it, later the market stalls, church and Guildhall also proved attractive to the visitors. Tea and cake served at Parrishes' tearoom had been pre-booked for the group. The afternoon finished most pleasantly when the coach driver, Simon Shead, took a different scenic route back to Shalford. The cost of this one-off outing was met by the donations made in memory of the late Vera Smith at her funeral; her family donated this money to the Bendlowe Trust, of which she had been a trustee for many years.

EAST EUROPEAN MUSICAL EVENING

The Dunav Band from London will be playing from 8 pm on Friday 21st October at the Village Hall. This charity event is in aid of The Medical Foundation. More information and tickets, priced at £10, are available from the organiser, Didi Crook tel 851237.

NEW WEA COURSE

The first WEA meeting is at 7-30pm on Monday 26th September in the Congregational Chapel Hall, Shalford Green. This autumn term's tutor is Peter White who is returning to Shalford with a 10-week course entitled "Plant Hunters". New members are welcome and are invited to a "taster" session on the first evening, for further information contact WEA Chairman Sue Morton 01371 850626

PARISH COUNCIL

ECC's Parish Paths Partnership and the PC are organising a footpath walk around Shalford on Saturday 17th September at 11am. Walkers should contact Alan Oates 850621 for more details

CHRISTMAS "BOXES"

Following the 2004 successful appeal and the subsequent dispatch of a record number of over 100 boxes for the world's disadvantaged children, Marguerite Sillett is hoping for an even greater response this year. Come to a

Coffee Morning at 11am-12-30 on Monday 26th September at the Village Hall to find out how you can help. Fill a box, knit warm hats, scarves or gloves, donate a small gift, some unwanted knitting wool, or a little money these are a few of the ways you can be involved in this worthwhile charity. Contact Marguerite Sillett 850535, or Lil Butcher 850681 for more information.

FURTHER ART FOR FARLEIGH

LAST March, Steve Downey, who lives in Wades Garden, Shalford, raised an incredible £4700 in an hour at the massive art auction he had organised to thank Farleigh for the care given to Maureen, his late wife.

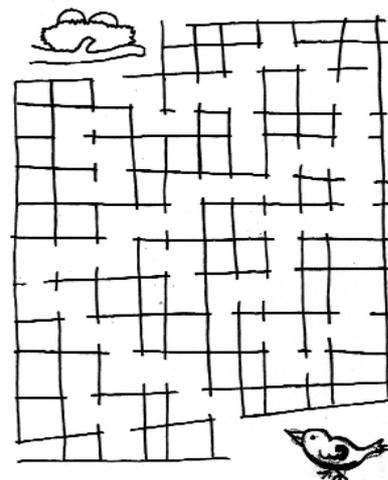
All the pictures, so generously donated by his many artist friends, were sold in aid of the new Farleigh Hospice being built on the site adjacent to Broomfield Hospital. Steve followed this success by walking the Great Wall of China, which he found to be a physically and mentally draining experience but this added a further £2300 in sponsorship money to the Farleigh fund.

Next year 2006 he plans for a second fund raising art auction for Farleigh before setting off to walk in the Himalayan foothills. Meanwhile, having given up his Essex County Council part-time post to concentrate on his freelance art-work; he is organising a team of staff, patients, school-children, artists and others to produce art to decorate the new Farleigh building.

Steve would welcome contact from anyone interested in being involved in this exciting project, telephone him 01371 850329 for more information.

Lost in the maze

The bird wants to return to her nest to look after her eggs but she cannot find her way back. Can you draw the best way home?



Young Volunteer

THIS is the year of the volunteer and Kirsty Lisney, aged 17 who lives in Church End, Shalford has just left school and is interested in a career involving people. She went to the web site: do-it.org.uk and expressed an interest in helping those with a disability. This put her in touch with the Braintree District Volunteer Support Agency (BDVSA), which contacted Susan Clubley, secretary of the Parkinson's Disease Society in Braintree.

Her baptism of fire was at their August Annual Garden Party, where she handed round trays of food, poured endless cups of tea and chatted to members and their carers. Kirsty did a fantastic job, which earned her a special mention in the thank you speech given by Lord Newton, the Branch President. Lady Newton also supported the event and left laden with plants, grown by one of the members as a contribution to fund raising.



Lord Newton enjoys one of the tasty snacks Kirsty is handing round

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH NEWS

A WELCOME to the Rev'd Colin Wilson, who has accepted the post of Priest in Charge of the United Benefice, with his wife Jill and two daughters Rebecca and Eleanor, he moved into the Finchingfield Vicarage at the beginning of September. Colin will be "licensed" on Monday 19th September at 7-30pm in Wethersfield Church.

This service is open to all parishioners in the United Benefice of Finchingfield, Cornish Hall End, Wethersfield and Shalford. Afterwards at Shalford Village Hall there will be light refreshments and an informal opportunity to meet Colin and his family. To give the organisers some idea of the expected numbers at the service and/or the Shalford Village Hall please telephone either of the Churchwardens, Margaret Smith 850488 or Roger Singleton 850918 or sign the list to be found on the table at the back of the church.

Friends of St. Andrew's Church, or FOSTAC

Following the article about the church's need for money in the last issue of the Shalford News, two former village residents sent cheques for £100.

Spurred on by these generous and unexpected donations plus the financial successes of the "Celebrating Christenings" exhibition and the play "Love Letters" more people are interested in the group's activities. Money raised at a recent coffee morning and a lunch has added a further £1000 to the fund; new ideas have flourished and a programme of varied events has now been arranged.

You can help to restore and improve our ancient parish church, by becoming a "Friend" of the building, to find out more contact Ruth Burrow 850577, Sandra Easton 851042, Sue Morton 850626, or Helen Willey 850376.

Six Haiku

from a visit to Broomfield Hospital by David Cobb

to the end ward
carpeting wall-to-wall
a neutral colour

surgical bed-
to fill up the dents
left by other bones

morning of the 'op'
throwing away the blunted
safety razor

something injected-
not hearing the end
of my laughter

cumulus clouds
eyes counting up drips
in the catheter

this burdensome heat
a fly slowly circles
the sticking plaster

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WHAT IS A HAIKU?

David explains briefly... A haiku tells readers of something the poet has seen, heard, or felt, using only images in such a way that they can imagine it for themselves. It's something like photography- the poet exposes the film and the reader develops it.

Friends of Essex Churches (FEC) Sponsored Bike Ride

Want a family outing? Why not enjoy a pleasant day cycling? Choose your own route and distance, by visiting some of the many beautiful local Essex churches on Saturday 10th September to raise a little money for them. Alan Oates will be delighted to supply further details and sponsor forms, telephone him on 850621

Contributors this quarter

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Dates for your Diary

SEPT

10th 'Friends of Essex' Sponsored Bike Ride. Tel. Alan Oates on 850621

15th Coffee Morning 10.30am at 'Lynton' Church End, in aid of the Tsunami Appeal.

12th-15th Entries for the Autumn Hort. Soc. in box, 1, Braintree Road.

17th Horticultural Society Autumn Show, Village Hall 2.30pm

17th P3 and Parish Council organised walk 11am contact Alan Oates 850621

19th Rev. Colin Wilson's induction. 7.30pm Wethersfield Church and afterwards at the Village Hall, Shalford.

23rd CREAMER Annual Garage Sale, Brook House Bardfield 8am to late afternoon.

23rd Harvest Supper, 3 course meal plus glass wine £7.50. Village Hall, 8pm. Tel. Anne Tee 850975 for more details.

24th CREAMER Annual Garage Sale, Brook House Bardfield 9am - 11am

24th "Trillium in Concert" St. Andrew's Church, 7pm. Tickets available from FOSTAC. Tel 850626, 850496, 850480, or 850101.

25th Harvest Festival Service. Shalford Green Congregational Church 10.30am and 6.30pm.

26th "Christmas Boxes" Coffee Morning. 11am-12.30pm Village Hall.

30th Macmillan's "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning" Bring and Buy, Raffle, Cakes. 10am-12noon, Village Hall. Further details from Sally Prime tel.no.850242

OCTOBER

5th W.I. Meeting. "Christmas Flower Arranging" Village Hall, 7.45pm.

14th Jazz Concert. St. Andrew's Church 7.30pm. Tickets £8. can be obtained from FOSTAC tel. 850101, 850480, 850496 or 850626.

15th Horticultural Society, Plant and Rummage Sale, Village Hall. 2.30pm.

21st East European Evening. Balkan Music, in aid of The Medical Foundation. Tickets £10. Bring your own wine and nibbles. 7.30pm for 8pm. Village Hall. Tel. Didi Crook on 851237

22nd Friendship Club. Rummage, Cake Stall, Bric-a-Brac etc. Village Hall, 2pm.

28th W.I. Ploughman's Quiz 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Teams of 6 @ £5 per head which includes a Ploughman's Supper. Please bring your own drinks. To book a table please telephone Hilary Shead on 01376 321783 by 21st Oct.

29th "Taste of India" Slide Show. Light refreshments. Village Hall 7.30pm. Further information from FOSTAC. Tel no.850496, 850480, 850626 or 850101.

NOVEMBER

2nd W.I. Meeting. AGM. Village Hall 7.45pm.

10th Quiz Night at "The George" £2. per person. 8pm. Tel. FOSTAC on 850480, 850101, 850626, 850496 for more details.

30th St. Andrew's Day Parish Supper. Village Hall. 7.30pm. Tel. FOSTAC on 850626, 850496, 850101 850480 for more details.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Police (Braintree Station)

01376 551312

Freshwell Health Centre.

01371 810328

Outside surgery hours ring

TEDS (The Emergency Doctor Service). 01279 461502

The Vicar, Rev'd Colin Wilson

01371 810309

Shalford Parish Council Clerk, Anne Tee.

01371 850975

Shalford Village Hall Management Committee

Acting Chairman Ron Vincent

01371 851576

Treasurer Shelley Curran

01371 851372

Booking Secretary Audrey Sapak

01371 850505 for VH hiring details

Mobile Library

Every Thursday the Mobile Library is parked at the following venues: - Jaspers Green, phone box 11.-11.10am. Broome Close, Church End noon - 12.20pm.

Village Hall, car park

1.25pm - 1.50pm.

Barryfields

1.55pm - 2.20pm

Shalford School

Summer Term Highlights

CONGRATULATIONS to Megan Chase, Daisy Cole, Charlie Curran and Lucy Nicholls the team which won the first Braintree Junior Science Olympiad Trophy at Tabor Science College this term.

Earlier older pupils had entered the Tabor science-focussed challenge competition to design a space rocket and Lucy Nicholls won second prize, certificates were awarded to everyone who entered the competition.

An Art Exhibition marked the end of a week devoted to Art, Technology and Collaborative Team Work and families and friends saw the exhibition of Aboriginal art, painted tiles, icing sugar flowers, pastel pictures inspired by music amongst other work created by pupils.

The summer term provided the opportunity for pupils to show skill and sportsmanship in the Braintree District and school sports. The PTA generously gave money to help the school buy field sports equipment, and the javelins, discus, and shot putt were soon in use as well as the standing jump and hurdles.

The school hall was transformed into an Egyptian Museum for a day when the curriculum work of older pupils covering many aspects of Egypt history and life was displayed. They had particularly enjoyed learning Egyptian dancing and their visit to Saffron Walden Museum.

Towards the end of term the younger pupils augmented their topic work by visiting Mole Hall Butterfly Farm and the Toy Museum at Stansted Mountfitchet.

Please note that the Winter copy deadline is Monday 21st November.

The Editors welcome articles of village happenings/events, ideas and photos. Please contact Jo Crow tel: 850101 or e-mail pinelodger20@hotmail.com Brenda Hanley 850480 or e-mail hanley.millfields@btinternet.com Writers' names and addresses are required, but will not be published, with articles.