

South Woodham Ferrers

This month & online

- It's all about the food at The Whalebone see pages 8 & 9
- Win a meal for two at the Whalebone
- Christmas Quiz
- Check out Kidz Corner
- Local Boxers bring home the Gold

NEW COMPETITIONS on p14/15
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(We have three to give away)



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Our Town Catch Up!

Wow, we had a fantastic response to our recent competitions, with over 400 entries! It probably won't surprise you that the largest number of entries was for the Arsenal tickets, followed closely by the meal for two at Chillies.

A big thank you to Chillies, The Eatery, DJ Dan Entertainments for donating the prizes, and to Our Town c/o Glen Ashley for the Arsenal tickets. Unfortunately, we had a change of plans as DJ Dan Entertainments had to cancel his event, but he generously provided vouchers to ensure that no one was disappointed.

Currently, we are running competitions for Caption Corner and a Children's Photo competition. To give you more time, we are extending the deadlines for these entries. Additionally, this month we have calendars to give away and a meal for two at the Whalebone plus three Christmas hampers!

Full details can be found on page 14 & 15. Just click on the QR code to enter the competition.

One of our recent winners shared some lovely feedback:

"Thank you so much for my Savers vouchers. It was an unexpected win after my entry into your recent competition. I'm not normally so lucky. I love this magazine and find it really keeps me in touch with what's happening locally. Thank you once again."

I always say, "You have to be in it to win it!" It only takes a few seconds to enter, and you could be a winner! This will be our last magazine before Christmas, so I just want to wish everyone a wonderful festive holiday.

We will resume in January 2026.



Best wishes,
The Our Town Team

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A brand-new classic **Fish & Chip Shop** is coming soon, and we're excited to bring back the true chippy experience!

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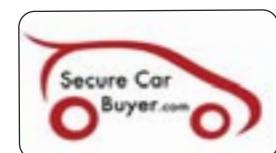
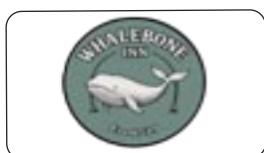
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Well done George Nye

Congratulations to George Nye on winning a Pride of Essex Award! What a superstar you are and an inspiration to children who face many challenges.

Tina, George's mum, says, "I am very proud and honoured to be George's muma, he works constantly with a big heart to give support and smiles to everyone.

Keep up the good work my boy!

Love ya

Muma "x



Local Boxers Bring home the GOLD for Billericay and Wickford Amateur Boxing Club

Two National Champions in one day!

This month, the Billericay and Wickford Amateur Boxing Club proudly celebrated two additional National Champions, bringing their remarkable total to 21 National Champions since Les Cooke reformed the Club in 2009!

Last week, George Liddard, a former Billericay and



Champions, Abbie & Fionn

Wickford Schoolboy 3 Nations Champion and the youngest boxer ever to represent the Club, was crowned the youngest British and Commonwealth Professional Middleweight Champion.

Congratulations are also in order for Abbie, Fionn, Caleb, and most recently, Kieran. Abbie has become their 20th National Champion, while Fionn is the 21st. Notably, Abbie is the daughter of Richard Underhill and Jo Courtney, who run Repair it Smart in Rettendon.

Richard Underhill expressed his pride: "Wow, my daughter! I'm so proud, and she's an inspiration for all girls out there who want to take up the sport. Dreams do come true, and my daughter is testament to that—this is not just a boy's sport!"

The Club extends heartfelt thanks to all the grassroots amateur boxing coaches who volunteer their time to help the kids reach their potential. They also appreciate the unwavering support from parents, friends, and volunteers at their gym.

Special recognition goes to Kieran and Caleb, who faced some very close decisions—they are among the hardest training boxers in the gym, and their time will come again. Congratulations to everyone involved, and always remember the roots of your training and where you started.

The Billericay and Wickford Amateur Boxing Club is affiliated with England Boxing. All their coaches and volunteers are trained, qualified, and fully DBS checked. They train both adults and children.

Join them at the Main Event Boxing Gym, 7 Heron Avenue, Wickford, Essex SS11 8DL.

For inquiries, text or Call **07867 305155**

<https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Billericay-and-Wickford-Amateur-Boxing-Club>

William De Ferrers alumna awarded Purple Plaque for trailblazing STEM achievements



Dr Georgia Fleet unveiling her Purple Plaque in the school's reception

Earlier this month, William de Ferrers School alumna, Dr Georgia Fleet, unveiled a Purple Plaque at the school to celebrate her winning a 2024 Innovate UK Women in Innovation Award for her invention of antimicrobial technology for medical devices to fight antimicrobial resistance.



Dr Georgia Fleet's Purple Plaque

Business Studies students, where she shared her insight and expertise.

The Purple Plaque campaign was created by Innovate UK in 2019 to inspire women and girls to pursue careers in STEM and innovation. It invites winners of the Women in Innovation Award to unveil a plaque at their former school to promote their achievements. As part of her visit, Dr Fleet hosted workshops for Key Stage 4 science and Key Stage 5

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Melanie Brady



Come & Join the Girls Brigade

Girls brigade has been an active uniformed organisation in South Woodham for over 50 years and have, in all that time, had loads of fun, taught many new skills, created a safe place and seen friendships develop.

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Juniors ages: 7yrs to 11yrs from 6pm-7.30pm

Discover the adventure called 'n:gage'

Seniors ages: 11yrs to 14yrs from 7.40pm-9.15pm

Meet the real life head on in 'n:counter'

Brigaders ages: 13yrs to 18yrs from 7.45pm-9.15pm

Experience the challenge in 'n:spire'

For more information contact:

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We meet in the Evangelical church in Hullbridge Rd on Monday evenings in term time from 5pm.



Watch out for all our latest competitions

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Who's Christmas album was titled 'Under the Mistletoe'?
2. Which former member of One Direction released a Christmas song in 2019 titled All I Want (For Christmas)?
3. Which British artist has eight UK Christmas number ones with various acts?
4. Which Christmas song do The Plastics in the movie 'Mean Girls' perform every year?
5. What is Santa known as in Italian?
6. Shayne Ward was the first X Factor winner to have a Christmas number one, debuting the single in 2005, what was the name of it?
7. What's the best-selling Christmas song of all time?
8. Which carol was originally named 'One horse open sleigh'?
9. Which two of Santa's reindeer are mentioned in the song "Here Comes Santa Claus"?
10. What is the opening line to the song "Winter Wonderland"?
11. In "The Twelve Days of Christmas", what is given on the 7th day?
12. Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics "Star with royal beauty bright"?
13. Who sings 'Step into Christmas'?
14. Which singer performed "Driving Home for Christmas"?
15. Which Christmas song has been a hit for both Brenda Lee and Michael Bublé?
16. Which American singer had a 1950s hit with 'Blue Christmas'?
17. Whose festive album is titled "Christmas, with Love"?
18. Around how many streams did Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" get in 2021 alone? Multiple choice – 1. 3 million 2. 6 million 3. 8 million
19. What year was 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' written?
20. What carol can you use to demand figgy pudding?
21. Who originally sang Santa Baby?
22. Who are the only two bands to have a Christmas number one in three consecutive years?
23. Which actress sang with Robbie Williams for Somethin' Stupid?
24. Who was Christmas number one in 2018 and 2019?
25. Which Christmas number one opens with the lines "Baby if you've got to go away Don't think I could take the pain"?
26. Finish the lyric: "Snowin' and blowin' up bushels of _____"

Answers on p.12

Local Photographer showcases "The Beauty of Essex 2026"

"The beauty of Essex 2026" is a calendar which contains full page images of different places across Essex. The images show a diverse range subjects across the county including a stunning image of the reflections on the River Mersea at sunset and an aerial view of Southend pier.



March's image shows the glorious display of daffodils and narcissi at Warley Park Nature Reserve, whilst April features Papermill Lock and June a scene from Great Dunmow. Maldon, Danbury Lakes and Hanningfield also feature. The calendar finishes up with a dramatic view of the upper pond at RHS Hyde Hall in December during the Glow event.

Below the main A4 sized image each month is a grid of the days of the given month. Further images fill in the spaces before and after the days of the month as they appear within the grid.

Each calendar costs £7.00 plus £2.50 if postage is required. To obtain your copy of the calendar contact Mike Fogg on 01245-328337. Pictures of the calendar may also be found on Mike's website <https://www.compassphotography.co.uk/the-beauty-of-essex-2026-calendar/>



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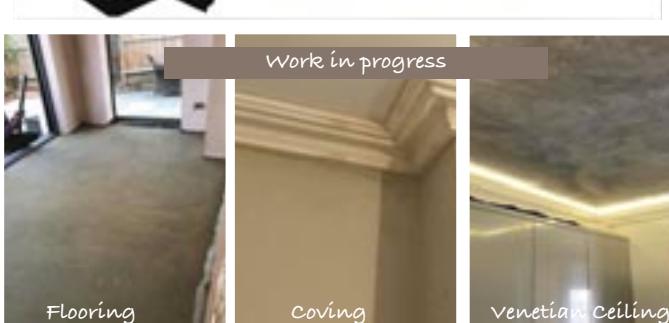
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Food Launch Success

Since officially opening our restaurant for weekday lunches, we've been absolutely overwhelmed by the incredible response. Whalebone Inn has once again become the go-to place for great company in South Woodham Ferrers.

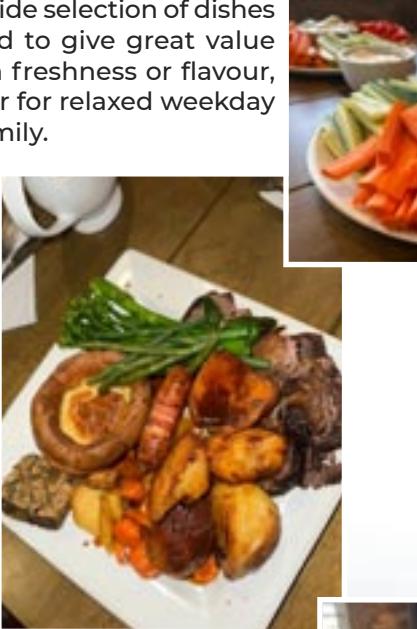
The feedback so far has been phenomenal. Diners have praised the "consistent quality" of our dishes, the generous portion sizes, and the friendly, welcoming service that defines The Whalebone experience.

We take pride in serving freshly prepared, home-cooked food, made using quality ingredients and cooked with care by our talented kitchen team. Every dish that leaves our kitchen is a celebration of proper British pub grub - the kind that fills your stomach and warms your soul.

Our current menu features all the much-loved classics, from our comforting Pie of the Day and crispy scampi to juicy burgers and hand-battered fish and chips. But the clear standout so far has been our **Liver & Bacon** served with creamy mash, garden peas, rich onion gravy and topped with crispy onions. It's fast become a customer favourite and a must-try for anyone visiting us for the first time.

We've also had amazing **success with our Seniors Menu**, offering a wide selection of dishes at just £10 each. Designed to give great value without compromising on freshness or flavour, it's been especially popular for relaxed weekday lunches with friends or family.

After being inundated with requests, we kicked off Sunday Lunches on Sunday 19th October - and they've been a runaway hit! Guests have described our roasts as "**the best we've ever had**", with perfectly cooked meats, golden roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and homemade Yorkshire puddings that really steal the show.



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Nov Offer

Enjoy a Main Course & Dessert for just **£20**, available throughout the entire month.

"We've had a fantastic start, and this is just the beginning. We can't wait to welcome everyone for our Sunday roasts, and festive celebrations."

The Whalebone Inn,
Old Wickford Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford,



ess & What's Next!

food service on 11th September, a positive response from guests. The place for hearty, homemade food and a ham Ferrers.



Looking ahead, we're delighted to announce our **Festive Menu, launching from 3rd November** and running right through until New Year. Expect a warm and cosy setting, traditional Christmas favourites, and a few indulgent winter specials to make your festive celebrations extra special.

The Whalebone Inn is also **the perfect venue for private functions**, with a beautifully refurbished events room available for wakes, baby showers, birthdays, and other special occasions. We offer a range of buffet options, and guests can work directly with our dedicated Events Manager to personalise every detail from decorations and music to tailored food and drink selections.

We're so proud of what the team has achieved in such a short time, and so grateful for the ongoing support from our wonderful customers. Whether you're here

for a casual bite, a Sunday roast, or a special celebration, The Whalebone Inn continues to deliver quality, comfort, and community spirit with every visit.



is only the beginning. For more great meals, visit us soon.



To make a reservation call: 01245 672310

Events & Entertainment

The Heartbeat of The Whalebone

The Whalebone isn't just about great food — it's about great times too. Alongside our growing food success, our events have been a huge hit with guests. Over the past few months, we've hosted a real variety of occasions, each bringing the pub to life in its own unique way. Our weekly live music nights have quickly become a highlight of the local scene, drawing in regulars and new faces alike who can't get enough of the buzzing atmosphere and incredible local talent.

We've also introduced our resident DJ, who now performs every other Friday — consistently packing out the venue and bringing an amazing crowd and an unbeatable vibe.

Upcoming November & December Events

- **Tuesday 4th November**
Bingo Afternoon
- **Saturday 15th November**
Oasis Tribute Night
- **Saturday 22nd November**
Tom Huttlestone (back with his trumpet for a third time by very popular demand)
- **Thursday 27th November**
Wine Tasting Evening hosted by Essex Wine School
- **Saturday 6th December**
Whitney Houston Tribute Night
- **Saturday 20th December**
Christmas Live Music all night with Chris Hobart and Aimee Lusher
- **Christmas Eve**
Afternoon Christmas Grotto with Father Christmas, followed by a DJ and live music all night until late
- **Saturday 27th December**
Matthew Winchester, back by very popular demand, bringing you proper soul classics — the best of Luther and much more
- **New Year's Eve**
Party at The Whalebone Inn with a DJ all night long to see in 2026 in true Whalebone style



Dr John's Diaries - History of South Woodham Ferrers



Dr John Cormack presents prime time health issues.

Detailing the problems we encountered whilst trying to provide a half-way decent service to our patients makes it sound as if daily life was all doom and gloom. Fortunately the 'day job' was full of interesting challenges – and there were always patients who brightened our day. Here's one example ...

Doctors are supposed to make their patients feel better – but there are some patients who do the cheering up for us – you see their name on the morning surgery list and your heart skips a beat. Bridget Noctor was in her eighties but her eyes sparkled and her voice was pure nectar. I was so taken with her that I asked if I could record her.

We talked about the fact that, whilst we might bemoan the present state of the NHS, there were ways in which it was a whole lot better than healthcare in 'the bad old days' ... particularly, in rural Ireland if you were unlucky enough to have a GP who was an alcoholic. Watch this and you'll see what I mean.

In my spare time I amused myself by looking out for interesting local health stories. One such can be found on page 21 of 'The Essex Family Historian'. "People born in Maldon between approx 1860 and 1945 were often subject to having brown discoloured teeth that were resistant to decay. This was eventually discovered to be caused by an excess of Fluoride in the water, peculiar to Maldon.

Prior to the mid 1800's water was obtained from springs, such as the one that fed the Cromwell Pump, and also shallow wells. As the population increased, deep wells and boreholes were introduced, the two main sites being in Spital Road and Wantz Road.

These were dug and bored over 250 ft deep, through the London clay which was 170 feet thick, into the chalk below. Between the clay and the chalk were the Thanet sands which were peculiar to this part of Essex, centred on Maldon, and contained high Fluoride levels in excess of 5.0 milligrams/litre. They extended under the Southend area and up to Mountnessing, but with lower levels of Fluoride, between 2 and 3 mg/l.

Today, the level is much lower and falls below the UK's legal limit of 1.5 mg/L, thanks to a mix of natural sources and water treatment processes. This is sufficient to significantly decrease the incidence of tooth decay (which is the main cause of hospital admissions for children aged 5 to 9 in the UK) without causing tooth discolouration. Even so there is still a certain amount of controversy about fluoride – as mentioned in a video featuring 'Dr Idz'.

As for the goings on in SWF, there was a time limit on how long the PCT's surgery could be run from portakabins so, as previously mentioned, the 'New Surgery' moved to the ground floor of the McCarthy & Stone building. The costly portakabins were eventually removed – and my grainy video diary records this in an excruciating slowly moving segment. One minute of it will give you the gist – but those whose hobby is watching paint dry (and those searching for a cure for intractable insomnia) might want to battle through to the end.

If this profligate waste of NHS funds (which come out of your pockets) was all there was to it we could just shrug our shoulders as this sort of thing is commonplace. We've all watched anxiously as HS2 costs have spiraled and we're familiar with organisations that highlight examples of waste – such as DOGE UK and the TaxPayers' Alliance. But this was not a 'victimless crime' – it had a tangible adverse effect. Every penny wasted was a penny less spent on patient care.

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What can happen if your Will is difficult to understand?

You may know exactly what you want to include in your Will when organising your affairs and putting your estate plans in place, but it is important to ensure your Will sounds right and makes sense.

As these are your final wishes, you want everything carried out as stated in your Will, which is why you need to check it's clear and concise.

What can happen if your Will is difficult to understand?

If your language is too ambiguous and vague, it can lead to your executors and beneficiaries struggling to understand exactly what you want.

It can confuse your family and friends, potentially affecting their ability to carry out the wishes you have laid out.

We know how much you care about your family, which is why your language cannot be complicated, as it can lead to your beneficiaries not receiving their intended inheritance if the language is too complex or contradicts itself.

The language you choose could force the hand of some of your beneficiaries who may challenge the content. The last thing you want to happen after you pass away is your lasting legacy being dragged through courts via dispute claims.

How should your Will sound?

Your Will should see your intentions laid out clearly and concisely.

Assets should be defined and assigned to the beneficiary of your choosing. Using simple and concise language will make the distribution process much simpler for your executors.

You may choose to include additional information about certain assets, such as cash sums or property. This should also be easy to understand, especially if you have included certain conditions about a particular asset.

Clear intentions laid out in your Will should make things much easier to understand and avoid the risks of potential disputes. Beneficiaries can invoke The Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 if they feel they have been wronged when your executors distribute your estate.

However, you can include an in terrorem clause within your Will that states a beneficiary can lose their inheritance if they decide to contest the validity of your Will.

While not always legally binding, in terrorem clauses clarify what can happen and should help avoid unwanted legal cases and family disputes.

Whether it's leaving cash sums and property or digital assets and family photos from days out across the Essex coastline, the language you use has to be consistent throughout your Will to ensure your final wishes are respected and carried out.

How can you be sure your Will outlines your intentions?

The simplest way to ensure your Will is concise and outlines exactly what you want is to speak with legal experts.

The Palmers Law team is here to help you look at your Will and check that it is laid out how you want it to be. If it's not, we can advise, support and help you update or create a new Will that does reflect your wishes.

We know how much your family and friends mean to you and they will not want extra pressures on top of mourning your loss.

The simpler your Will is, the easier it will be for your executors to distribute your estate. If you want to look over your Will, get in touch with our expert team.

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Christmas Quiz Answers

- 1 Justin Bieber
- 2 Liam Payne
- 3 Paul McCartney
- 4 Jingle Bell Rock
- 5 Babbo Natale
- 6 That's My Goal
- 7 White Christmas
- 8 Jingle Bells
- 9 Vixen and Blitzen
- 10 Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?
- 11 Seven swans a-swimming
- 12 We Three Kings
- 13 Elton John
- 14 Chris Rea
- 15 Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
- 16 Elvis Presley
- 17 Leona Lewis
- 18 Answer = 3. 800 million
- 19 1984
- 20 We wish you a Merry Christmas
- 21 Eartha Kitt
- 22 The Spice Girls and The Beatles
- 23 Nicole Kidman
- 24 LadBaby
- 25 Stay Another Day by East 17
- 26 Fun

A World of Wonder this Winter at RHS Garden Hyde Hall



This festive season, RHS Garden Hyde Hall near Chelmsford invites you to experience the magic of Christmas like never before, with the dazzling return of RHS Glow. From Friday 21 November to Saturday 27 December, the UK's leading garden charity will transform Hyde Hall into a breathtaking winter spectacle, lighting up the night with enchanting illuminations and heartwarming festive cheer.

Wander through reimagined light trails that celebrate Hyde Hall's most iconic vistas, where glowing fountains, radiant tree canopies, and beloved garden features are bathed in shimmering colour. Each step reveals a new surprise, turning familiar landscapes into extraordinary winter wonderlands.

This year, families can delight in a brand-new twinkling trail, featuring the stunning Robinson Garden and the awe-inspiring Mycelium installation – a glowing network of 2,500 fibres inspired by the hidden beauty of fungi beneath our feet. Designed by the talented Hyde Hall garden team, the trail also showcases living willow sculptures in the Winter Garden, illuminated in vibrant hues that stir the imagination.

After your journey through the lights, warm up with a cup of mulled wine or cider, indulge in festive treats from lakeside cabins, and browse seasonal gifts in the Christmas shop – perfect for finding something special for loved ones.

Tickets for RHS Glow must be booked in advance, and early booking is strongly recommended to secure your preferred date and time. Prices vary, with exclusive discounts for RHS members.

Prices for RHS members start at £10 for adults and £5.25 for children. Non-member prices start from £17.25 for adults and £9.25 for children. Under-fives go free.

For more information and to book your tickets, visit: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/hyde-hall/whats-on/hyde-hall-glow>

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Competitions

If you missed our previous competitions then fear not—we have brand new ones for you to enter with cash prizes up for grabs!

Scan the QR code to enter the competitions

How to enter:

1. Scan the QR code or visit ourtownswf.co.uk/competition

Winners will be notified by email on the 17th December.

Good luck!



Wildlife Photos

First prize is £20

Second prize is £10

A chance for all you keen young photographers to send us your wildlife photos and a chance to win £20 and you could even get on the cover of the next magazine!



WIN A FREE 2026 CALENDAR

(By local photographer Mike Fogg)

We are looking for two winners who will be notified by 17th December.

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WIN A MEAL FOR 2 AT THE WHALEBONE

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WIN A CHRISTMAS HAMPER

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