Colne Engaine Parish Magazine

This magazine is produced and hand-delivered by volunteers, for free, to the households in the parish of Colne Engaine, every month.

June 2017

Daydream,
I fell asleep amid the flowers
For a couple of hours
On a beautiful day.

Daydream,
I dream of you amid the flowers
For a couple of hours
Such a beautiful day.

Lyrics of 'Day Dream' by Wallace Collection
Sampled in, among others, 'Daydream in Blue' by I Monster
and 'Daydreamin' by Lupe Fiasco & Jill Scott



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WELCOME FROM THE EDITOR

There have been a few changes to the editorial staff this month. Juliet Townsend hands over to Jonathan White as our designer after nearly six years in the post. She has been the person responsible for presenting the magazine as a professional and appealing read and we all should thank her for her sterling work. I, for one, will miss the efficient and imaginative way she has put the magazine together.

Richard Charrington takes over from Sian Webster-Hirst. Richard will pick up the magazines from the Diocesan printers in Chelmsford and delivers them to Geoff Marcoolyn who, in turn, splits them up into street bundles for delivery to your letter box.

There are at least twenty other people who deliver to individual houses. We would like to thank them for this. They are too many to mention but nevertheless essential to distribution.

So far, no one has come forward to replace me as Editor. I have found it an interesting and rewarding experience. At first I was concerned by my lack of editing skills; only just competent on Word and Excel and no history of editing anything. But with an experienced support staff around me, I was able to relax and enjoy the last five years as Editor. So don't be put off, just give me a ring if you are interested and I will set your mind at rest.

I am sure we would all like to congratulate Terry Bristow "The tall man in the Sky Blue anorak" who won the "unsung Hero Award"; presented at the Parish Council Assembly on 27th April. Now you know who he is, give him a wave as you see him frequently walking the roads around the village picking up litter.

Mike Estcourt, Editor T: 01787 220049 estcourts@gmail.com

VACANCY: EDITOR OF THIS MAGAZINE

We are looking for someone who is interested in the village community to take over the Editorship of this Parish Magazine.

The Editor is responsible for collating copy from village and individual organisations, liaising with the Designer, the Advertising Manager, the Printer and the Distribution Team to produce this magazine. Ten issues are published annually - monthly except for combined issues in July/August and December/January.

No prior experience is necessary however the Editor should be competent with Word and Excel. The current Editor is willing to assist the appointee until they are happy to continue on their own.

This is a voluntary, part time, unpaid appointment reporting to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Reasonable expenses for printing ink and paper is claimable.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Mike Estcourt (details above).

LETTER FROM HUGH

June: the month of the longest day, the Summer Solstice, on the 20th or 21st, and Midsummer's Day on June 24th - different days caused, it is said, by trying to align the Julian and Gregorian Calendars with the earth's movement. Midsummer's Eve was associated with witches and magic, and bonfires were lit to strengthen the power of the sun as it was already weakening (three days after the solstice!).

This year Pentecost falls in June, on the 4th, and we will hear again the reading from the book of Acts about the coming of the Holy Spirit and the dramatic effect it had on the disciples from whom came the explosive growth of the church. The death, resurrection and Ascension of Jesus were not the solstice of Christianity - after which it waned. Christianity did not - and does not - need the boost of a bonfire to strengthen it: the light of Christ burns eternally, and beside it the sun and bonfires pale into insignificance.

On the day of Pentecost the first Christians were so overjoyed with the light and power that their exuberance led part of the crowd to think that they were drunk. But Peter stood up and proclaimed the Good News, and many people welcomed Jesus into their hearts that day.

Our God is a God who communicates. He helps us understand and then equips us to talk to others - but in the modern world how good are we all at listening? The babble of voices around us, and our own mental chatter about all that we must take in and respond to, can be a barrier to the voice of God. Somehow, we need to silence and clear away that which is not allowing us to hear the voice of the Spirit.

We need to find the space to relax, to calm the urgency within us to try to meet all that the world seems to be asking of us, and to trust that what we really need will be met without our having to chase after it. Perhaps we need to ask God for the healing power of his grace to let go of our troubles and enjoy life. This is a challenge: it is so tempting to be part of everything and lose our inner peace that is our core strength.

The song in Isaiah chapter 26 challenges us:

"Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace – in peace because they trust in you."

This is the peace that is the absence of conflict, the peace that brings real joy - and it may not be quiet. Children, for example, who are peaceful and happy, can be incredibly noisy - rather like the first Christians on the day of Pentecost!

During June, can we find a few minutes each day simply to rejoice in the good things - perhaps quietly, perhaps not - and to rejoice in the strength of the Holy Spirit and the love and joy of God? This does not mean that our lives will be straightforward, but it does help us not to go wrong when things around us do.

May we all work towards building ourselves up and rejoicing together.

With every blessing,

Hugh

CHURCH NOTICES



Open House at St Andrew's Church, Earls Colne. Where you'll find good company, good conversation, and a good cuppa. **2nd Tuesday of the month, 2-3.30pm.** All Welcome!
June 13th. Contact Peter
07772 926278 colnesvicar@gmail.com

Prayer for the Parishes, 9am - 9.30am

Earls Colne Church - 1st, 15th, 29th June
Colne Engaine Church - 8th, 22nd June





Open Sunday at St Andrew's Church, Colne Engaine.
On **Sunday 11th June** the church will be open and we are inviting you to come and take a closer look at it.
Further details, including details of the Teddy Bear Parachute Jump, are on page 31 of this issue.

PASTORAL CARE

Would you or a friend like a visit from a member of our pastoral care team? Just give one of them a ring.

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Beryl Amy: 223486
Terry Hawthorn: 223140
The Rev Hugh Mothersole: 222211

From the Registers	
Weddings	
8th April	Alexis Crosbie-Jones & Catherine Barr Earls Colne
Burial of Ashes	
27th April	Christopher Boyce Earls Colne

Seekers



We're all **'seekers'** - no-one has all the answers! If you'd like to join us on our Christian journey as we study and discuss God's Word you'd be very welcome at our next meeting.

Upcoming meetings, all 10-11.30am

15th June - 20 Hayhouse Rd, Earls Colne
20th July - 12 Gardener's Row, Coggeshall
17th Aug - 2 Brickhouse Rd, Colne Engaine

Midweek Communion

Tuesdays 9.30am
St Andrew's Earls Colne
Followed by refreshments
All Welcome



CHURCH CONTACTS

Colne Engaine, Earls Colne and White Colne parishes are cared for by the Team Vicar and Team Curate. To arrange Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, other services or use of the Church, please contact:

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CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS IN JUNE 2017

Date	Time	Church	Service	Lead	Music	Readings	Season
1st	9am	EC	Prayer for the Parishes				
4th	8am	CE	Holy Communion BCP	PA	-	Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39	Pentecost Red
	10am	CE	All Age Service	TS	NC		
	10am	EC	Morning Worship	LT	BJ		
	10.30am	WC	Holy Communion CW	PA	IH		
	5pm	EC	Evening Prayer	LT	BJ		
6th	9.30am	EC	Midweek Communion				
8th	9am	CE	Prayer for the Parishes				
10th & 11th - Open Church Weekend at St Andrew's Colne Engaine							
11th	8am	EC	Holy Communion CW	PA	-	2 Corinthians 13:11- end Matthew 28:16-20	Trinity Sunday White
	10am	CE	Morning Worship	PA	tbc		
13th	9.30am	EC	Midweek Communion				
	2pm	EC	Open House				
15th	9am	EC	Prayer for the Parishes				
	10am	-	Seekers at 20 Hayhouse Rd, Earls Colne				
18th	8am	CE	Holy Communion BCP	HM		Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8	Trinity 1 Green
	10am	CE	Mattins BCP	LT	NO		
	10am	EC	Holy Communion CW	HM	BJ		
	10.30am	WC	Morning Worship	tbc			
	6.30pm	EC	Café Church	PA			
20th	9.30am	EC	Midweek Communion				
22nd	9am	CE	Prayer for the Parishes				
25th	8am	EC	Holy Communion CW	PA	-	Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39	Trinity 2 Green
	10am	EC	Morning Worship	LT	tbc		
	10am	CE	Holy Communion CW *Including Baptism*	PA	TS		
20th	9.30am	EC	Midweek Communion				
29th	9am	EC	Prayer for the Parishes				

Saint Andrew's Churches
EC - Church Hill, Earls Colne CO6 2RG.
CE - 25 Church St, Colne Engaine CO6 2EY.
WC - Boley Road, White Colne CO6 2QB.
HA - Parsonage St, Halstead CO9 2LD.

Services
CW = Common Worship. BCP = Book of Common Prayer.

Leads
PA = Peter Allen
HM = Hugh Mothersole
LT = Local Teams
TS = Terry Streamer

Musicians
BJ = Bret Johnson
NC = Nick Chapman
IH = Ivy Hicks
RO = Roger Osbourne
NO = Nick Orbell
TS = Tim Stone

NSPCC BOOK FAIR

Huge thanks to everyone who supported this event last October, by donating or buying books. Over £24,000 was taken over the two days of the sale!

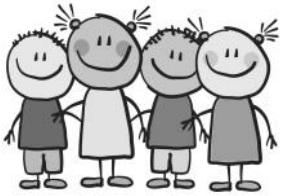
This year the sale is on October 28th and 29th and the committee has started to sort books already.

If anyone has any good quality second hand books they would like to donate please let me know and I will deliver them to those who do the sorting!

Over 90% of income for the NSPCC comes from donations, legacies, gifts and fundraising, so your help is greatly appreciated.

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YOUTH CLUB COMMITTEE



Dear Friends of Colne Engaine Youth Club,
After much consideration I have decided to step down from Youth Club at the end of this Summer Term, both as Chairman and Club Leader. I have really enjoyed being involved with the club as a volunteer since we moved to the village six years ago and then on the Committee for five years and as Chair for three years. However the time has come to hand the responsibilities over to others. For the Club to continue, a Committee of people is needed, to manage the admin and the weekly club nights. The more the better, to spread the responsibilities.

We have an incredibly competent and diligent Treasurer in Ann Hardwell as well as an excellent Volunteer Secretary in Lindsey Sugars. However more people are needed to take on the responsibility of ensuring that the club opens each week. If you are interested in youth work and are able to get involved with the organising of the club, please contact Juliet Townsend on 07984 794004 or colneengaineyc@gmail.com.

PARISH MAGAZINE EDITOR

This Magazine is looking for an Editor, to liaise with contributors, printer, designer and advertising manager to produce ten issues of this magazine each year. If you like the sound of this interesting role at the heart of the village, please contact Mike Estcourt on 01787 220049 or estcourts@gmail.com.

VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISERS

The Village Hall Trustees are looking for people to organise events or activities to raise money to the upkeep of the hall and the regeneration of the annex. If you'd like to organise an event or activity please email info@courtauldmemorialhall.co.uk



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Thursdays: 1st, 15th, 29th at the Primary School at 11am for 30mins.
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As stated in last month's issue fundraising will be a priority for the next few years to really achieve our aim. That is to provide a permanent replacement, of some kind, for the annexe as the council will not allow a further extension of time. It has been a successful venue so we do consider it a worthy project.

The first fundraising event will be our quiz on the 17th June. They are always fun so we look forward to seeing you at the village hall. We are also planning on producing a local recipe book to be available before Christmas. We aim to get as many of you as we can to provide us with one of your favourite recipes. A small charge, plus sponsorship will hopefully more than cover the production cost and then we would have a nice Christmas present for you to buy. If you are interested in helping with this or just want to put forward a recipe, please contact Lindsay Lane on 223073 or Lucy Orrow on 224786.

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SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCH

Ladies from Crossways Christian Fellowship cook a 2 course lunch for up to forty people at Earls Colne Village Hall at 12.30 on alternate Tuesdays The cost is £3.50. If you would like to come contact Helen on 07900 995532. The next lunches are on 6th & 20th June.

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HANNAH ELKINGTON'S NATURAL VIEW: LAND ART

I often feel that the works of nature are works of art, better than those in any gallery. Who could improve upon the iridescence of a magpie feather, the form of a pine cone, or mist causing a spider web to sparkle? There are artists out there who use only what they find in nature to try and draw the eye and create ever more perfect pieces. Andy Goldsworthy is certainly the most famous, his works made from slate and stone defy gravity and those using autumn leaves seem to make the colours seem brighter than real life.

In April I was lucky enough to attend a course on Land Art run by another fantastically inventive artist, Richard Shilling. Who should I find myself sitting next to on the day but our own Juliet Townsend? I can confirm that the youth club members are in for a treat if she leads them in a Land Art session; she's very creative! Richard encouraged us to look closely at the natural items around us and gave some really simple, but impactful ways of using them. We threaded leaves onto sticks and arranged them so the light shines through them. Some we cut into shapes, circles being a favourite, to create interesting and eye catching patterns.

Thorns became staples to hold together boxes made from leaves (very tricky!) or stitches to join different leaves. Balls of wet mud were squished to create cubes or spheres which we covered in petals, charcoal or tiny stalks. These were arranged on a log so beautifully, and with such pretty variety, that the display was named "nature's patisserie". Not for the first time I think we all wish colour printing was cheaper so that the full effect could be seen here!



I hope you enjoy the pictures; maybe Juliet and I should have an art stall at the next Festival - no paints or paper required.

Hannah Elkington



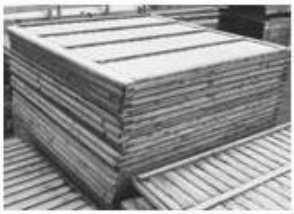
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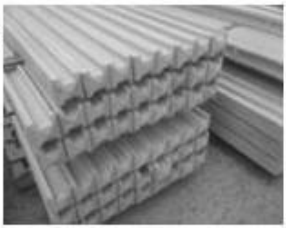


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Admission: £7.50 adults, £5.00 12-18yrs.

COLNE ENGAINE YOUTH CLUB

Next Club Nights: Fridays June 9th & 23rd.
Over 11s trip to Essex Adventure Weekend - 16-18th June.
CEYC is a social club for children who live in the parish and/or go/went to the village school. The club is held in the village hall from 7-9pm and is run by volunteers. School Year 5s can join between January to June. Years 6+ can join any time. For info, email *colneengaineyc@gmail.com*

COLNE ENGAINE 'STAY & PLAY' BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We meet on Wednesdays in term time, 10am-12noon, in the Village Hall.
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FLOWER POWER



Juliet, AKA Baggy, Townsend, has been clubbing! What, in Colne Engaine, you ask? Well yes actually. In April she was seen at the Youth Club, the Whist Club, the Senior Citizens Lunch Club and Bellringers, seeing what we all get up to. She gave me a helping hand with the Church Flowers too and the photograph here shows her brandishing a pair of my secateurs. I didn't supply a ladder, as I really had not expected her to climb trees...

The mission was to collect foliage and blossoms for the Easter Day flower arrangements in the church. We all had a lot of fun. **Would YOU like to come and help in future?** We are always willing to help people who are interested in flower arranging and floral art, and there is an opportunity for a demonstration in the church if I get enough support. It's a lovely hobby and can be done at home, in the shed for fun or for that wedding you're planning.

Val Mair and I continue to enjoy the flower arranging we do during the year. Thank you Lynda, Frances and Doreen for valuable and attractive displays through the seasons and Janice Roper for silk poppies on Remembrance Sunday. The Courtauld windowsill had a lovely free flowing arrangement of lilies on Easter Sunday. Thanks also go to Jackie Shine and Lynda Saward for their donations, which enabled me to buy all the flowers seen in the pedestal arrangements. Blooming Girls always supply fresh and lovely flowers and greenery all year round. Donations of arranged flowers are always enjoyed, thank you. Spring flowers are over so we can look forward to the roses and summer favourites. Already gardeners are preparing to show off their skills, designs and art forms for Open Gardens.

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COLNE ENGAINE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE - UPCOMING EVENTS

On Saturday 22nd April at 6pm a queue was spotted outside the Village Hall. Everyone was dressed for a night out. What was going on? Was it a party? … too early. Was it a gig? Who was playing? ... the answer was everyone was playing because it was...

Family Bingo Night!

Once inside and seated there was a buzz of anticipation. The games commenced, the talking stopped, as 75 players with ages ranging from 1 to 80 years dabbed their cards to the call of 2 little ducks, sweet 16 and so on. The atmosphere was tense as local people eagerly awaited their chance to win their dream prize or just the kudos of a full house. However, winning was just a bonus to getting together with friends and families for a great night out.

The next Family Bingo Night will be held on Saturday 18th November, so eyes down and keep the date in your diaries.

Scoop McPencil
Festival Committee Roving Reporter



COLNE ENGAINE FESTIVAL FUN RUN

Following on from the huge popularity and incredible success of last year's first ever Colne Engaine Fun Run, it will be returning, Yipppeeee! I hear you all chorus! This time it will be even bigger (well, longer) and better (though can those bacon butties ever be surpassed?)

So, save the date…. The 2nd Colne Engaine Fun Run will be held on **Sunday 3rd September 2017** starting at 11 am. There will be a 5 mile and 10 mile route through and around our beautiful village along with a 1 mile run for children and just like last year there will be cake, bling and bacon butties for finishers!

If you're not a runner (walkers are more than welcome too) we can find a whole host of other exciting volunteer roles for you from marshalling to clipboard management!



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Registration from 1st June (link to be available from Colne Engaine Festival Facebook).

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Parish Council Meetings:

Colne Engaine Parish Council meets at 8pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month with the exception of August and the meetings are held in the Jubilee extension of the Village Hall. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and at the beginning of each meeting a 15 minutes Public Session is held for non-members to address Council on items specified on the agenda.

Please feel free to e-mail any items you would like added to the Agenda and / or Noticeboard and they will be dealt with ASAP. In addition, if you have anything you would like to report to the Parish Council again feel free to e-mail or telephone. The Parish office is staffed on a part time basis so please feel free to leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Members of the Council work hard to make sure that Colne Engaine remains a beautiful and tranquil place to live. So if you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to contact them.

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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL — WELCOME TO SUMMER!!

Would all dog owners please ensure that they clear up their dogs mess and put it in the bin provided or take it home and place it with their household waste. Quite a lot of dog mess has been seen on the lower rec' lately and whilst the vast majority of owners do clear up the irresponsible few give dog owners a bad name and cause a health risk to others, particularly children.

The Annual Parish meeting took place on 27th April and was attended by 21 village residents as well as the Parish and District Councillors. A number of the villagers spoke to the meeting about the organisations they represent, celebrating their achievements over the past year. New for this year was the unsung hero award with 9 very worthy nominations. The nominee with the most nominations and therefore the recipient of the award was Terry Bristow who most of you will know as the tall man who regularly walks all around the village picking letter from the verges and hedgerows. Well done Terry and thank you. The minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the Parish council website www.colne-engaine.org.uk.

I include below some brief details of the last Parish Council meeting in April. The full minutes can be viewed on the website.

Planning application 17/00543/FUL for erection of single storey side extension at Far Cotton, Mill Lane. The plans were discussed in detail and no objections were raised. Unanimous.

Planning application 17/00475/FUL for erection of two storey side extension together with pitched roof over existing flat roof dormers at 11 Rainbow Way. The plans were discussed in detail particularly relating to the possible effects on neighbouring properties, however it was resolved that no objections should be raised. 6 voted for with one abstention.

Consider first draft of village footpath map. Members were pleased with the design and clarity of the map. It was felt that advertising should not be included and that perhaps the village sign and a little village history should be added.

Consider whether action needs to be taken with regard to horse riders using footpaths. In view of problems riders were experiencing with traffic around the village there was no wish to antagonise them further although it was felt that a polite reminder would be appropriate with a note on the new village map and an article in the Parish magazine.

To receive chairman's briefing, councillors and clerks reports;
Cllr Barnard reported that he had joined a team from the Essex Probationary service to clear a very badly overgrown footpath and was impressed with the work done.

Cllr Everitt reported that he had received a complaint about uneven footing on a footpath. He has responded to the complainant.

Cllr Orrow reported in connection with her role as a member of the village hall committee. The committee were preparing to enquire of users what they wanted from the hall in future and were looking from feedback from the public.

Cllr Johns reported that dogs mess was again being seen on the lower recreation ground and asked that another reminder be placed in the Parish Magazine.

Regards, **Terry** (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Colne Engaine Parish Council)



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'WOODLANDS' - Our Home by Cate Gunn

Many people now are fascinated with family history: we all have ancestors stretching back generations, but we can't always trace their history. We can all, however, partake in local history: it is our history since we make it, whether we are recent immigrants (to village or country) or whether our ancestors came over with the Normans, or earlier. Tim and I were immigrants to the village over thirty years ago, and bought a house with its own history. History doesn't get much more local than the history of one's house!

As far as I can make out from the oldest papers we have, the property was a 'copyhold' of the manor of Colne Engaine. When Isaak Baker Brown took over the tenancy in 1851, it was described as 'that piece of parcel of waste ground containing about six rods with a Cottage and Wheelwrights shop thereupon erected lying on the right hand side of the road leading from the Church to the Parsonage of Colne Engaine'. The property was enfranchised under the Copyhold act of 1891 and thereafter became freehold. By 1925 the cottage was known as 'Woodlands'.

The woman who owned Woodlands before us bought it in 1976 as a cottage with a lean-to kitchen and no bathroom. The previous owner, Lily, had died in the house: she was found, peacefully asleep on a chaise longue in the hall, by our neighbours. Lily was a widow who had moved to Colne Engaine in 1946 as the second wife of an older man, Edward Bowers, whose first wife she had nursed through a final illness. Her husband promised to look after Lily and after his death in 1948 she was allowed to live in the house until her death in 1976, when it reverted to her husband's sons.

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By all accounts, she was something of a character. She was a Londoner, but seemed to enjoy country life. She certainly enjoyed visiting the pub, and when her sister came to visit her the two of them were seen weaving their unsteady way back up the lane at closing time. But she seemed to have some secret sadness. After her death, a woman appeared at her funeral who said she was Lily's daughter-in-law. Lily's son had been killed in the war and left a widow but no children. Nobody knew who the father was, and it seems Lily had never married him.

I have the impression that Lily enjoyed company, and that's why sometimes we sense a friendly ghost still haunting the house. When a door creaks open, there's a strange noise from an empty room, or the bottle of sherry goes down mysteriously, we say 'It's only Lily', and don't worry.

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There will be:

- Music from the wonderful singer/guitarist Rob Veater from 2-3pm

- Stalls / Raffle / Giant games for all ages

- **Teddy bear parachute jump** *(bring your bears prepared with their parachute attached to them...it really doesn't have to be technical and actually a plastic carrier bag tied to the bears paws makes the best parachute!)*

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ROMAN'S DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

At Colne Engaine Primary School in the mid 80s I don't remember the children being handed over to waiting parents, as opposed to being simply let out and allowed to walk home. As far as I can recall Ben made the journey through the church yard and down Brook Street to Shellcroft with Christopher 'Besty' Best, with whom he shared a birthday, and breezed in through the kitchen door expecting food. At Home Farm Primary school in Lexden each class [up to year four] comes out on to the playground in single file. It is not unlike meeting a flight, I suggested; 'with the homework coming out on the baggage reclaim', added one of the mums. 'Perhaps I should be holding a sign saying 'Octavia', ventured another, as everyone got behind this idea. Alexi had already arrived at 'Gate 2' and Roman's flight had arrived at 'Gate 3' while we had been chatting and I had not been paying attention.

'Ah! Roman's granddad!' [For it is how you are defined in this context]. I was being summoned by Mrs. Palmer, his form teacher, and feared the worst. 'Roman's granddad! Would you like to collect Roman's digestive system from his classroom?'

My first thought was that this was some new punishment that the school had devised and I was only just hearing about. I admit there have been moments when I would have considered disembowelling too good for Roman but at this moment, standing by me, he seemed hail and cheeky enough. Then the penny dropped; Mrs. Palmer was talking about a class project from the beginning of term. It had been mercifully consigned to memory but now it all came back: the raiding of the cupboards and the garage for the necessary materials; the dining room table completely taken over with glue, scissors and tape; the result had been part engineering, part sculpture - an improbable assemblage of cardboard organs with connecting material; the whole suspended uncomfortably from a plastic coat-hanger hanging from the top of a cardboard tube. In the middle he had placed a pink plastic freezer bag filled with .....well, I'm sure I can leave the rest to your imagination?

This was now being returned to us and would join other similar projects like the Saxon Village, thirty versions of which in a classroom would have made for a pleasing rural scene. Thirty versions of the detailed workings of the gut were more likely a distraction for Mrs. Palmer as she tried to prepare lessons. Alone in the classroom with these she could have been forgiven for losing her appetite. It is possible that familiarity might have engendered some affection although at the school gate on this particular day she seemed more than a little anxious to see the back of them. For anyone walking in off the street the scene would certainly have been a shock. The effect on the Ofsted inspector can only be imagined.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR—BROADBAND

Dear Sir,
I'm writing in connection with really poor broadband speeds on the outskirts of the village. We live in Green Farm Road past the School just before Brickhouse Road.
BT is currently supplying a paltry 1-2mbps on a good day here. Although large parts of the village are fibre enabled, our line comes from the Countess Cross box. We understand this particular box is also enabled however the distance to our property prevents us or surrounding houses from getting fibre. BT currently has no plans to resolve this issue. We have applied for and received a "BDUK grant of up to £350 towards installing alternate options. One option is satellite broadband, readily available pretty much anywhere, although fairly expensive, and there are download limits. The other option is County Broadband, which uses radio waves via an aerial. However they don't currently cover our village. They suggest contacting surrounding properties and other properties in the village to gauge interest for this system with a view to possibly installing a central aerial as a hub. This is often installed on a church, as it's the highest point. We are wondering if it's an article that may be of interest to your readers as you distribute to every property in the village? If enough interest is shown by the more rural properties it could become a viable proposition.
Kindest regards, **John and Karen**, Cobwebs, 19 Green Farm Road, Colne Engaine, CO6 2HA

Editors Note:

Ian Messenger, a Colne Engaine Parish Councillor, with particular responsibility, amongst other things, for the village web site and IT, attended a meeting of Superfast Essex Broadband on 8th May 2017. (http://www.superfastessex.org). He writes:-

"The project is funded in a number of stages, our main cabinet outside the Old School House was fibre-enabled about a year ago as part of Phase 2. Most of the village now has decent broadband coverage but there are a few houses (5-10%), which are too far from the cabinet (>1km approx.) or are fed by other rural cabinets, which are not yet enabled.

The project plan is to achieve 97% fast broadband access (>30MPS) in Essex by 2019/20.

Phase 3 of the project is designed to achieve this. The contracts for Phase 3 are currently being negotiated and will be announced in June 2017. The detailed rollout plans should be available by late summer. I cannot get confirmation that our outlying residences and business premises will be covered by phase 3 at this stage.

There is a 'better broadband' subsidy available (http://www.superfastessex.org/en-us/betterbroadband.aspx) to locations without decent planned coverage to help install Wireless or Satellite broadband but the general consensus at the meeting was that these services were unreliable and/or expensive.

I would advise residents and businesses in the hard-to-reach areas of the village to wait until the Phase 3 rollout plans are available in late summer before making a decision to take up this offer, which would probably involve a long-term commitment to a supplier.

PS. Our neighbours in Pebmarsh have a very poor broadband service and are the 10th highest Parish/Area in Essex in terms of registering interest in fibre broadband."

Thank you, Ian, for your this comprehensive note. We wish you luck on helping the few that are left without decent download speeds.

UNSUNG HERO AWARD

At the Annual Assembly held in Colne Engaine last week, our Unsung Hero Award was presented to Terence Bristow. Terence received numerous nominations from locals, who felt that his selfless actions deserved to be rewarded. Know as 'Terry', 'the man in the sky blue anorak', or 'the tall man with the stick'; Terence spends many hours walking the outskirts of our village picking up litter from hedgerows and verges.

In typical 'Terry' style, he was surprised to have won the award and felt humbled beside the other nominees.

Other nominees were :

Jackie Shine who gives her time and commitment to both individuals and organisations in the village and offers support to those in need.

Michael Estcourt for his work in editing the parish magazine, all undertaken by volunteers and of great importance to the villagers.

Juliet Townsend for her work in producing the parish magazine and running the local youth club.

Wendy and Richard Jones – who run the village shop – for their cheerful welcome and bringing the village 'back to life'.

Lucy Orrow who actively promotes goodwill and participation.

Adrian Gasser for his volunteer work as a First Responder.

Terry Hawthorn because of his involvement in many village organisations including his work as a churchwarden and trustee and his ability to help or solve a problem.



THANK YOU

To My Fellow Villagers,

I would like to thank all those who voted for me (THE TALL MAN IN THE SKY BLUE ANORAK), in the unsung hero award.

I was truly amazed to be nominated, let alone win. I do get downhearted sometimes that the litter problem does not improve, but to know you appreciate the little I do will spur me on.

And not forgetting the other nominees who were very generous in their comments to me. Once again many thanks. Terry Bristow, Crossways, Colne Engaine

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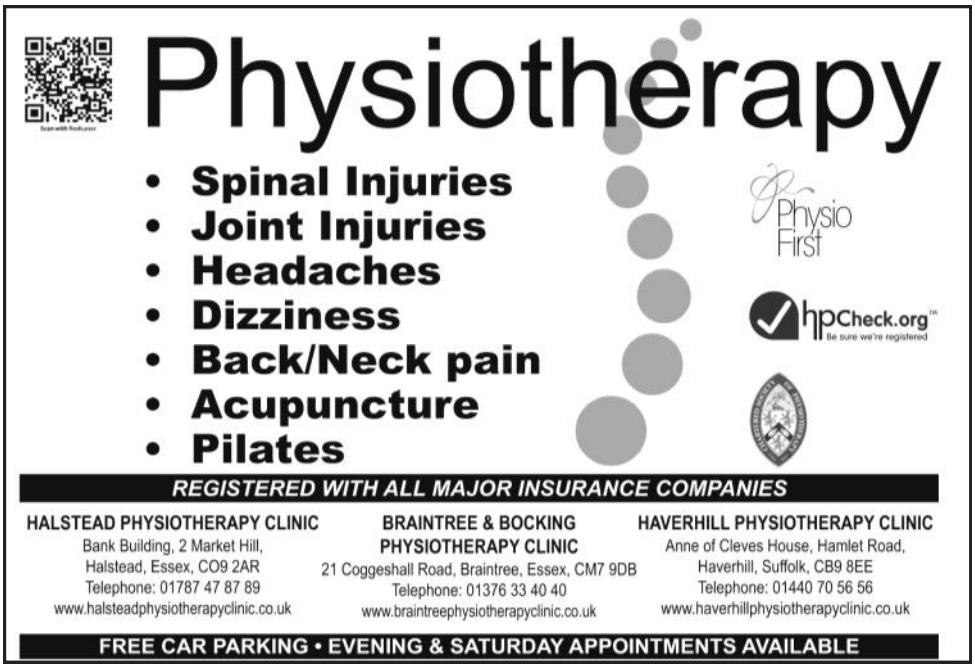
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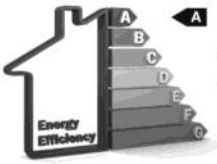
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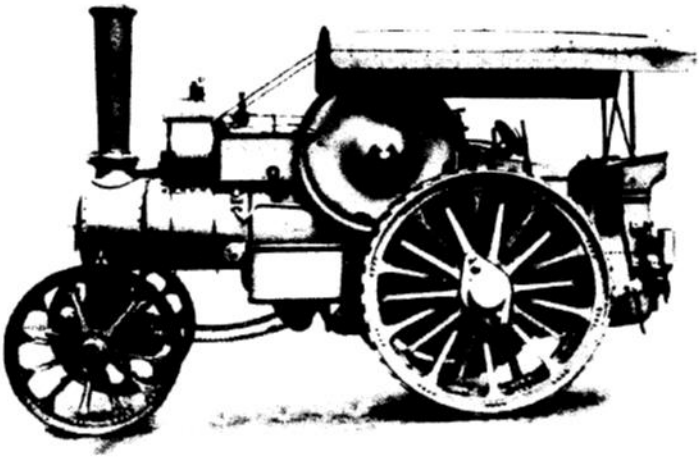
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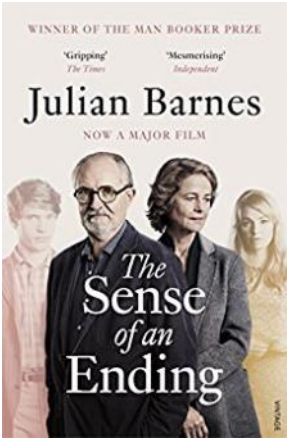
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We hope you enjoy our reviews of the meals we have eaten (but please, we are NOT professional food critics this is just our humble opinion of experiences we received on that particular night).

We ate at the Onley Arms in Stisted for our meeting and had a most enjoyable time with excellent food and value for money, we certainly enjoyed their two course set menu for £14.75!

Most people enjoyed "I Let You Go" by Clare Mackintosh and felt it was well written. It was rated 4 out of 5.

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We hope you will be able to come along to share this enjoyable half hour recital. There will be a retiring collection which will go towards the upkeep of the piano.

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NEWS FROM COLNE ENGAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've had lots of fun at Colne Engaine School since we last caught up with you!

The children in Oak Tree class and Willow class had an amazing time at the Tower of London during their topic on 'Kings, Queens and Castles'. It is always such a rich experience for little children when we take them to London. Quite apart from the WOW factor of seeing such an iconic building and learning about history in such a tangible way, it is a joy to see the children full of awe at the new sights, sounds and smells that London offers… such a different environment to our little village. For some of our children, this was their first trip to the city – and for some, their first outing on a coach, with all of their friends, too!

This topic continued to bring lovely experiences until the end of term. The children wrote to the Queen – and we are beginning to receive those distinctively grand envelopes from the palace, with replies for our children. How excited they are! We finished the term with our Royal Banquet, when all the children dressed up as Kings, Queens or Royal guests and Mrs Scillitoe cooked up a feast for us all.

We were delighted to welcome quite a gathering to our last Open Assembly, led by Rev Pete recently. It is always lovely to welcome visitors from the village, as it gives us a chance to share our school community with you for a little while – hopefully giving you a taste of what we get up to and a chance to see some of the learning we are doing in school.

This term our learning focuses on our topic title 'Being an Imagineer'. Some of our older children are busy planning and designing some beautiful creative and reflective spaces in our outdoor areas – and can't wait to get started on the making stage now!
Our younger children are exploring imaginary worlds with the help of Buzz Lightyear and Mr Potato Head this half term… then we have the Mr Men joining us shortly too!

Finally, we are delighted that we have some enthusiastic new members of our FACES committee and we look forward to some new events to raise money for our school and to provide a chance for families to have some fun. In this time of financial cuts for schools in real terms, it is this support that enables us to continue to provide the rich contexts for learning that underpin what we do here at Colne Engaine school … and we thank everyone who supports these events. Watch the pages of this magazine for more news on what's coming up!



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11.23 Earls Colne, De Vere Road
11.26 Colne Engaine, The Green
11.31 Halstead, Market Hill
11.32 Halstead, Bridge Street
11.55 Braintree, Sainsburys
14.00 Braintree, Sainsburys
14.18 Halstead, Bridge Street
14.19 Halstead, Market Hill
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14 27 Earls Colne, De Vere Road
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3	Sat			
4	Sun			8am + 10am
5	Mon	Bell Ringing Practice		
6	Tue	Midweek Communion (p5), Open House (p5)		
7	Wed	Stay & Play Baby & Toddler Group (p19)		
8	Thu	Prayers for the Parishes (p5), Lunchtime Recital (p49), Parish Council Meeting (p24)		
9	Fri	Youth Club visits Halstead Cricket Club (p19)		
10	Sat	Church Fete & Open Gardens (p9)		
11	Sun	Open Church (p9)		10am
12	Mon	Bell Ringing Practice		
13	Tue	Midweek Communion (p5), Townland Trust Trip (p41)		
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15	Thu	Prayers for the Parishes (p5), Seekers (p5), Mobile Library (p12), Women's Institute (p15), Lunchtime Recital (p49)		
16	Fri	Mobile Library (p12)	CEYC Over 11's trip to Essex Adventure Weekend (p19)	
17	Sat	Quiz Night in aid of the Village Hall (p13)		
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19	Mon	Bell Ringing Practice		
20	Tue	Midweek Communion (p5), Men at Work (p33)		
21	Wed	Stay & Play Baby & Toddler Group (p19)		
22	Thu	Prayers for the Parishes (p5)		
23	Fri	Youth Club (p19)		
24	Sat			
25	Sun			10am
26	Mon	Bell Ringing Practice		
27	Tue	Midweek Communion (p5)		
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30	Fri			

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