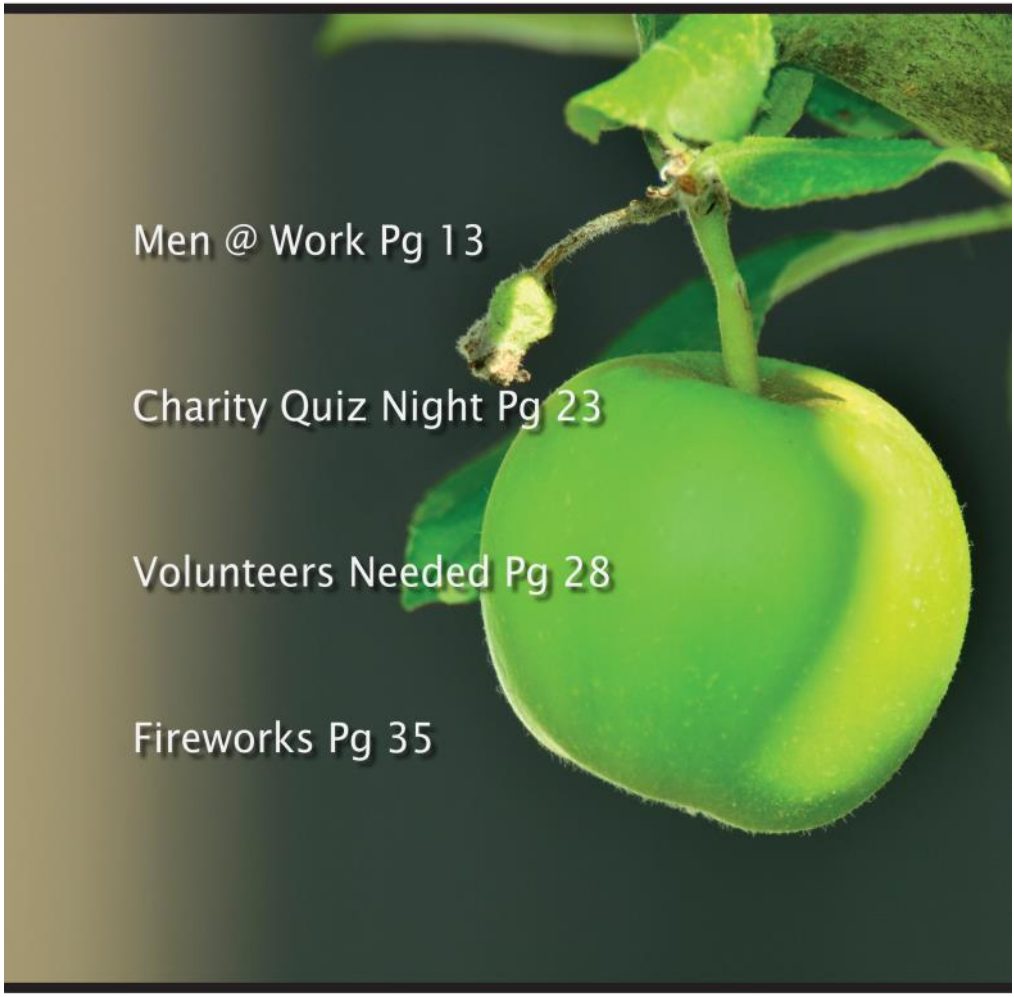
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# Welcome



Just a poem for this week – I am not one for poetry as such, there are a couple I love, and a couple that help me sort out the meaning of life. This one was given to me a long time ago by a friend I met when I was in great need, having become a mother for the first time, and being so overwhelmed I was unable to leave the house. This amazing lady, took me under her wing and helped release me from my self-imposed prison. She could have been a friend for a season, or even a reason, but instead, she has become one for life.

I found this poem helped me balance my friendships, and show that each person was as valuable as the other, however long they are with you.

♥

*People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime. When you figure out which one it is, you will know what to do for each person.*

*When someone is in your life for a **REASON**, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty; to provide you with guidance and support; to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be.*

*Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled; their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on.*

*Some people come into your life for a **SEASON**, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy.*
*Believe it. It is real. But only for a season.*

***LIFETIME** relationships teach you lifetime lessons; things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person, and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.*

*— Unknown*

Have fun with your friends.

**Sue**

Autumn can be both a beautiful and a scary time. With the harvest gathered in, the days get shorter and colder, while darkness starts to fill more of our lives. As plants stop growing we have the brief compensation of the glorious colours of their leaves – before they fall.



From a very young age we are taught about the cycle of the seasons and, whether we understand what causes the changes or not, we live our lives in the faith that the cycle will continue; for as surely as Autumn darkens and leads us into the depths of Winter so Spring and Summer will return in their allotted time.

In nature there is a slow and steady progress from one season to the next, day by day, a little change at a time. Yet for some historical reason humans interfere, and on a specific day at the end of October we create a step-change that suddenly takes us into winter, before Autumn has even officially ended. By changing the clocks our long, slow sunsets are brought forward by an hour, our evenings suddenly become non-existent as we return from work in the dark.




An old American saying puts into perspective this difference between the natural and man-made worlds . . . When told about the reason for changing the clocks for daylight savings the old Indian replied, "Only a fool would believe that if he cut a foot off the top off his blanket and sewed it to the bottom he would have a longer blanket."

Changing the clocks brings the battle between darkness and light into clear focus, just as Hallowe'en precedes All Saints' Day! In many countries, All Saints' Day is a celebrated public holiday, while in others human imagination and commercial greed is now celebrating a huge success a day earlier, along with the evil spirits!

I remember a time when Hallowe'en passed by with barely a few witches' hats and broomsticks in evidence, with maybe a ghost story, a scary TV play or horror film. Now it's driven by the imported practice of Trick or Treat and has become an important pre-Christmas milestone in the commercial calendar of events.



A treat is something given freely and is usually not expected by the recipient, which is really quite different from the basic principles of Trick or Treat. This along with the occasional bad behaviour of some older, unsupervised children has led to some dissatisfaction with, and questioning of, the practice. In several communities individuals have taken these challenges on and made changes to how it is organised in their immediate neighbourhood.

# St Andrew's



It's hard to resist the sales and marketing hype, the peer pressure and pester power and it takes a brave person to swim against the tide, but perhaps we should work towards making this a time of giving rather than taking: giving help and support for the old, vulnerable and homeless at this time of growing cold and darkness, bringing some light and warmth into their lives. Let's try to make it a more beautiful, rather than a scarier time.

If you are looking for an alternative or additional Hallowe'en event where children (and parents) can enjoy games, crafts, snacks and fun together then join us for *Luminous at Hallowe'en* in St Andrew's Church, Earls Colne from 6pm to 7pm - further details can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

**In Him was life, and that life was the light of mankind. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.** (John Chapter 1 verses 4 and 5)

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Churchwarden, Earls Colne.

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The Rev Hugh Mothersole: 222211

## Prayers For The Parishes – October 2018

| Date | Time | Venue |
|---|---|---|
| 4th October | 9.00 - 9.30am | Colne Engaine Church |
| 11th October | 9.00 - 9.30am | Earls Colne Church |
| 18th October | 9.00 - 9.30am | Colne Engaine Church |
| 25th October | 9.00 - 9.30am | Earls Colne Church |

*Please feel able to come along and share in this time we set aside to pray together for the life and work of the churches in The Colnes.*
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November 30th; No Whist in December; and January 25th

## NSPCC Book Fair

This year the NSPCC Book Fair is taking place on Saturday 27th October and Sunday 28th October.

We have started collecting and sorting books, so if you have any good quality second hand books, I would love to hear from you!

Last year they were very short of puzzles and board games, so if you have any of those that would be brilliant as well.

Many thanks

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| Date | Time | Church | Service | Lead | Music | Readings | Season |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd | 3.15pm | CE | *3.30 Express* | | | | |
| 7th | 10am | CE | Morning Worship | ME | NC | Job 1:1; & 2:1-10<br>Mark 10:2-16 | Proper 22 Green |
| | 10.30am | WC | Holy Communion CW | PA | IH | | |
| | 5pm | EC | Evening Prayers | CH | BJ | | |
| 14th | 8am | EC | Holy Communion | PA | N/A | Job 23:1-9 & 16-end<br>Mark 10:17-31 | Proper 23 Green |
| | 10am | EC | All Age Service | PA | BJ | | |
| | 11am | CE | Harvest service followed by Harvest Lunch | Local Team | RO | | |
| 21st | 10am | CE | Mattins BCP | RP | NO | Job 38:1-7<br>Mark 10:35-45 | Proper 24 Green |
| | 10am | EC | Holy Communion CW | HM | BJ | | |
| | 10.30am | WC | Morning Worship | TW/ SM | IH | | |
| 28th | 10am | EC | Morning Worship | | BJ | Jer 31:7-9<br>Mark 10:46-End | Proper 25 Green |
| | 10am | CE | Holy Communion All Age Service | PA | TS | | |
| 31st | 6pm | EC | Luminous - *Let The Light Shine In The Darkness* - All Welcome<br>Refreshments - Crafts - Games - Fun | | | | |

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**EC -** Church Hill, Earls Colne CO6 2RG.
**CE** - Church Street, Colne Engaine CO6 2EY.
**WC** - Boley Road, White Colne CO6 2QB.
**HA** - Parsonage Street, Halstead CO9 2LD.
**GM -** Church Street, Gt. Maplestead, CO9 2RG

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

**Leaders**
PA = Peter Allen
HM = Hugh Mothersole
ME = Michael Estcourt
RP = Ron Pope
TH = Terry Hawthorn
TW = Tom Weatherill
SM = Sally McFerran
CH = Catherine Hayes
SQ = Sharon Quilter
MH = Margaret Hill
PS = Paula Short
RJ=Rosemary Johnson

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

# F.A.C.E.S

The FACES team has got a busy, busy time coming up. We're planning a Film Night, a School Disco, an After School Treat Day, a Non-Uniform Day AND the biggy…. the FACES Christmas Fayre. This event alone takes a massive amount of forward planning. I'm about to start preparations for the 6th Fayre since I joined the committee. I'm an old hand at it now but every year still feels a fresh challenge. At this time of year all of us on the committee start getting together a mental 'to do' list; keeping eyes peeled for tombola gifts, new recipe ideas, stall ideas, raffle prizes etc. etc. etc. Months of planning go towards two manic fun filled hours of organised tinsel covered chaos in the school hall. The end result is usually lots of happy children, loaded with fun and too many sugary treats! And, hopefully, a healthier bank balance for the FACES account. Because that, is of course, our main motivation. The school's ever-present need for more funds towards keeping the wheels turning (literally) - this term we will be helping fund a school trip by contributing towards the coach hire costs. We will also be buying a new projector for the school hall, replacing the one bought by FACES 10 years ago (it's lasted 5 years longer than it should have so it's done well!). We'll also be donating some funds to another of the classes for them to be able to renovate their outside classroom area.

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# Notices

## From the Registers

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Wedding - *We wish them every happiness*** | | |
| 25th August | James Culling & Chloe Rowling | Earls Colne |
| 1st September | Daniel Whiting & Ashley Elkington | Earls Colne |
| **Wedding Blessing - *We wish them every happiness*** | | |
| 7th July | Tom Rogerson & Melodie Nelson | Colne Engaine |
| **Funeral - *We commend them to the Lord's keeping*** | | |
| 9th August | Stewart Burle | Earls Colne |
| 29th August | Gordon Smith | Three Counties Crematorium |
| 30th August | Christine Joslin | 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.

**Thursday 18th October**
**19 Church Street, Colne Engaine**

**Upcoming meetings, all 10-11.30am**

15th Nov. at 2 Brickhouse Rd, Colne Eng.
No meeting in December

## Midweek Communion

**Tuesdays 9.30am**

**St Andrew's Earls Colne**

Followed by refreshments

**All Welcome**



## 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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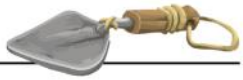
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# Gardening



**October in the Garden**

Now is a great time to have a good look round, and plan what you want to achieve in the garden next season. Whilst perennials are still standing, get stuck in and divide clumps if they are getting too big, or if you want the colour they provide in a different spot.

Get some coarse organic matter on the bare soil, to feed beds and borders. Now the ground is damp again after the amazing summer we enjoyed, it is good to get a thick mulch on the soil to feed it for next year. You don't even have to fork it in, it can be worked in by the frost, rain and snow over the winter.

Keep deadheading any dahlias and hardy annuals, that are still flowering. Now is the perfect time to sow sweet peas and other hardy annuals to ensure an early show, if you are lucky enough to have a greenhouse or polytunnel to start them in.

There is always something nice about finding a spare spot to plant a few bulbs, no matter how many you might already have in the garden. Even just a few crocus corms started in a pot for a sheltered corner by a door can be a nice marker that spring is around the corner.

In our mild part of the country it is not unusual to still need to mow lawns in October. It is not too late to trim hedges either, as long as the weather hasn't gone completely Siberian on us!

Prune roses roughly by taking them down by approximately one third their overall height, or a bit more in a sheltered site. This helps to stop them being damaged in strong winter winds, as well as the added bonus of getting them back in to shape for the winter.

Enjoy those last few days of October sunshine, and find an excuse to get out in the garden. Even if it's just to rake a few leaves to stick on the compost heap, it is always nice to get a breath of fresh air.

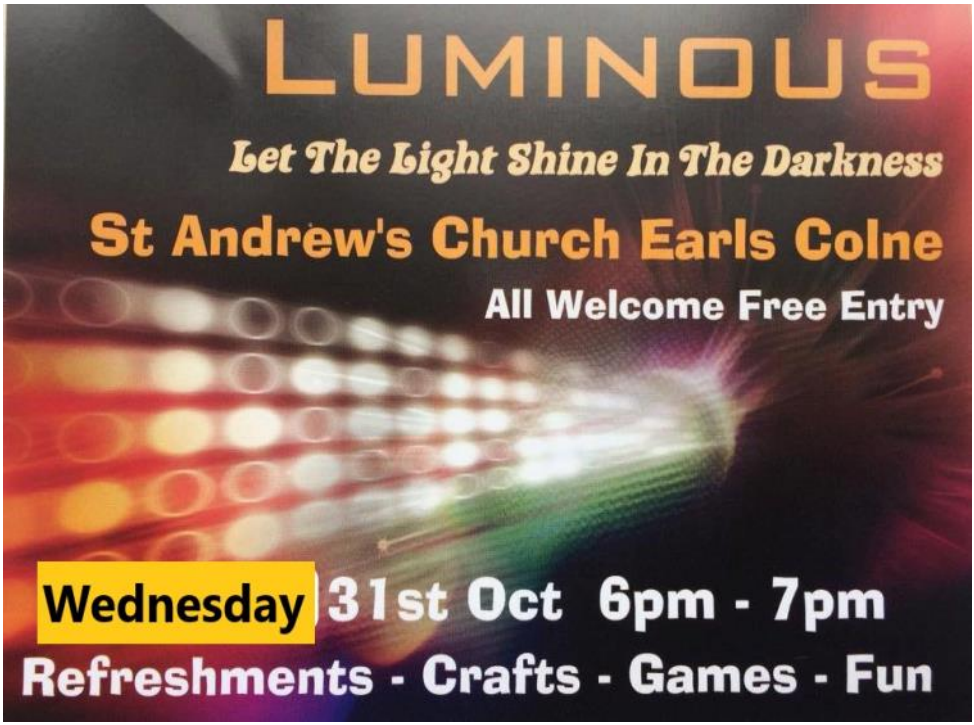
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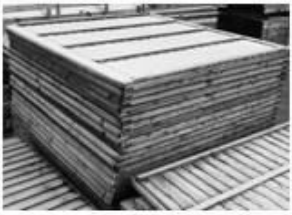
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# Correspondence

**VILLAGERS HALT PLANNING APPLICATION FOR `HORSES` FIELD IN BROOK STREET**

A recent Parish Council meeting was attended by a large number of villagers to protest against the planning application to build on the `horses` field in Brook Street (almost opposite Shellcroft). Feelings ran high, but due to Government guidelines, the Parish Councillors had no reason why they could reject the application.

Residents appealed to Braintree District Council on many grounds which were set out by Braintree Council`s Planning Department:

- Out of village envelope – could set precedent
- Large dwellings proposed not what village needs
- Not adequate infrastructure in village, with some services etc. struggling to cope with existing demand (roads, public transport, health, schools and other community facilities)
- Lack of parking - Brook Street used for overflow parking – lead to more accidents and affect emergency vehicles accessing the road
- Traffic increase x Other development permitted elsewhere – village not suitable
- Adverse effects on wildlife & noise pollution
- Small frontage development could be okay in area
- Flooding issues – creation of more impermeable area would increase surface water run-off
- Construction of dwellings cause significant disturbance

Development would overlook Rainbow Way and Oddcroft – impact on privacy

At the meeting of the Planning Committee on Tuesday 28 August 2018 Braintree District Council REFUSED planning permission for the following reasons:

> The development would fail to respond to local distinctiveness as the site would be unable to accommodate 7 dwellings without detriment to the character of the area and settlement pattern of Colne Engaine.
>
> In addition, as illustrated by indicative site plans, the development of the site for 7 dwellings would incur issues including creating a poor sense of place, overlooking of private amenity area for future occupiers and requiring the inclusion of constraints including a mains sewer easement to be located in private gardens.
>
> It is therefore considered that the harms of the development of the site for 7 dwellings would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits.

Local residents are pleased and ask that this village be allowed to retain its natural beauty and desirability. There has been enough development in the village and with the large estates planned for Earls Colne and Halstead there should be no need for additional housing. **Mike Burrage.**

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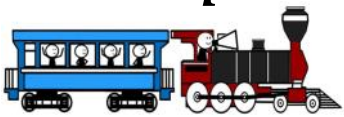
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# *W.I.*

**THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER**

Our speaker this month will be Paul Smiddy on the subject of 'Mildred - A passion for speed'. The competition is: A toy car or aeroplane.

15 members of Colne Engaine W.I. enjoyed a boat trip down the Deben from Waldringfield followed by a delicious lunch at the Maybush Inn. (Despite it raining very hard most of the day!)



Meetings are held on the **third** Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Colne Engaine Village Hall. The WI offers opportunities for all women to enjoy friendship, to learn, to widen their horizons and together influence local, national and international affairs.

New members are always welcome to our monthly meeting. Come and see what we get up to. President **Barbara Marcoolyn** Tel: 222334

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In April 2008 at just 4 years of age, Louise & Bryan's son Jacob was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma.

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At the time of diagnosis we were given very little hope that the treatment would be successful.

Ten years on from diagnosis Louise and Bryan are thrilled that their beautiful boy is still with them.

Louise and Bryan are so thankful to all the health professionals they have met along the way, especially to the medical staff at Addenbrookes, without their expertise, the research and clinical studies, the outcome may have been very different for Jacob.

To mark a decade for Jacob being 'off treatment' Louise is running the London Marathon in 2019 for Children with Cancer UK. This quiz night will mark the start of the fundraising for Children with Cancer UK.

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**Halstead Footpath Walkers**

Date: Sunday 14th October 2018

Time: 9.30am
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**Where:** **Colne Engaine Village Hall**

**When:** **Sunday 14th October 2018**

**Time:** **Lunch 12 noon**



**Augustine of Hippo – The Lord's Prayer**



Most of us do it. Some deliberately and at set times during the day, some through need and desperation or even in gratitude. For some it is an alien experience whilst for others it is an essential part of their life. Whether you think so or not, in one form or another we all pray.

Praying is something a lot of people, including some die-hard Christians, find difficult. What to say? How to say it? Should I sit, kneel or stand? Do I pray silently or out loud? Fear not, as this is not new. Even Jesus' disciples were not sure, as they asked him as recounted in Luke 11:1 – 'Lord teach us to pray…' Jesus then gave them what we know as The Lords Prayer or as some call it, The Our Father (Luke 1:2-4).

Most of us were taught this simple prayer as children to the point we know it by heart. And whether or not we continue to go to church, it is a prayer we can easily say at anytime, day or night. If you visit most large churches or cathedrals open to visitors, you may find yourself if there around midday, invited to join in the Lord's Prayer. No one gives you a sheet or book to read from, and it only takes a few seconds, about 30 to be exact unless you ponder over each line.

So right there we have a framework for prayer. At the very least, if we are not sure what to say, we can say The Lord's Prayer. It covers all we need to say. That is what St Augustine said. He was of the view that no matter what was said in terms of words, or how we dress it up, there is nothing we can say in prayer that is not already captured in The Lord's Prayer. Augustine is considered a key figure and one of, if not the most, influential mind contributing to Christianity in the Western world, next only to St Paul the Apostle.



Augustine left his mark on some of the fundamental elements of our faith as Christians such as the Nicene Creed; the importance of prayer; the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the concept of original sin, grace and pre-destination. Some of these were highly controversial in his time and got

him into all sorts of trouble; but laid the foundation for our modern day thought and practices. This is the same Augustine who founded a monastic community, the Augustinian Order, still thriving across the world today. Though he never actually became a monk, he was ordained priest and lived in the community with fellow clergy during the time before and after he became Bishop of Hippo (modern day Algeria).

Augustine, or to give him his proper name Aurelius Augustinus, was born in Thagaste in Numidia North Africa in AD 354, into what was a strong Christian community. His mother was a devout Catholic and his father a pagan, though he converted to Christianity just before his death. Augustine had a very varied and turbulent life spending time in places like Carthage, Rome and Milan. He was a philosopher, teacher, literary as well as a Bishop. It was his good friend Ambrose Bishop of Milan, who helped Augustine see Christianity in a different light after he rejected the faith due to what he saw as vulgar and crude Latin translations of the Bible available to him. Augustine was fluent in Latin, didn't speak Hebrew and didn't care much for the Greek language or literature prevalent at the time.

Augustine struggled with his identity and sexuality – he was a bit promiscuous in his youth and had a hang-up about sex itself. He had run-ins and disagreements with different groups of people, usually on matters of faith. He loved and admired the Apostle Paul whose writings played a significant part in Augustine's conversion. It was Paul's letter to the Romans Augustine had to hand when he was prompted by a child's voice, or so he believed, to 'take it and read'. The passage he read was Romans 13:13-14, guarding against partying, drunkenness, debauchery, quarrelling and jealousy, instructing to 'put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires'.

Augustine was a prolific writer. Much of his work, shaped by his life experiences and beliefs, has survived to this day and has been translated making it easily accessible. His major works include On The Trinity (De Trinitate), The City of God (De civitate Dei), and Confessions, sometimes described as an autobiography or a very long prayer. He also wrote what could be considered a commentary on or explanation of the Psalms (Enarrationes in Psalmos), numerous sermons, pamphlets and many letters, some 270 in all. It was in one of these letters in response to a question from Proba a rich widow, that Augustine gives his general views on prayer. He never gave instruction, more guidance and food for thought.



Continued next month…

**By Sharon Quilter**

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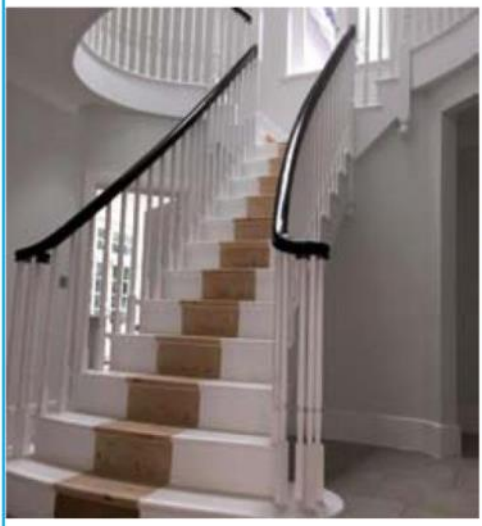
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# Colne Engaine Fun Run

Wow! Three years in a row! Yes – our third annual fun run was held on Sunday 2nd September. The event, as in previous years was a complete sell out, we even had a waiting list and people turning up on the day eagerly anticipating that there would be space for them. The warm-up once again was hilarious – have you ever seen 200 people attempt a Mexican squat? (I'd never even heard of such a thing!)



The run began at 11 am and Nigel and Josh were superb as lead bikes guiding the runners around the course. The weather was bloomin' hot this year and it's no surprise that the course records remain unbroken. The first finisher in the 5 mile run was 'Pistol' Pete Robinson representing Halstead Road Runners in 29.09 with Debbie Cattermole the first lady in 36.32. In the 10 mile run Conor Culham representing Braintree and District Athletics Club was first home in 1. 02:19 with Jackie Stretton from Springfield Striders coming in at 1.06:10. Our tail bikes were Michelle and Marshall ensuring that no-one was left behind. Whilst this was taking place on the roads down on the field behind the village hall approximately 35 children took part in an 'off road' 1 mile run.

Following their run all participants were awarded bespoke medals and goody bags before they headed back towards the village hall to enjoy their well-deserved bacon butty, cake (lemon meringue fudge was a real talking point this year) and a cuppa all served by members of the Festival Committee. Some runners were also in need of the healing hands of local sports massage therapist Ginny Jeggo whilst others took the opportunity to browse some of the funky and fab leggings and accessories brought along by Leigh-Anne of LAP Activewear.



We've said it before but we really must say it again – we couldn't hold an event like this without the support of the local community and friends of the Festival, but special mention and thanks do need to go to the football team for allowing us to use their ground, George Courtauld for the use of his land, Ethan and Charlie at the village shop for tea, coffee and squash, Darran Lingley and the Five Bells for sponsoring the water station; writing motivational quotes on cups (yep, they wrote on loads and the runners loved

them!) Lucy Orrow, Mike Eldred (MPE photography), our Parish Council for use of the rec, Anthony from Impact Medical Services and my fantastic bunch from GNpR – Len, Kevan, Joby, Mandy, Michelle and Matthew.



Thanks also to our brilliant sponsors – they are inundated with requests for help and we are really chuffed that they choose to support us! They include Eat Natural, East of England Co-op, Breadmore and Webb, Fairfield Crisps and Sainsbury's in Halstead.

The event looks to have raised around £2,200 which will be distributed amongst local charities, good causes and community groups.

We will be back next year! And it's never too soon to start that training, for those of you wondering how to begin I would really recommend the couchto5k app it's fantastic and how can you not want to experience the pleasure that comes from being out in the fresh air and enjoy our amazing Colne Valley countryside.

**Jane Roach**

**AGM – Thursday 25th October**

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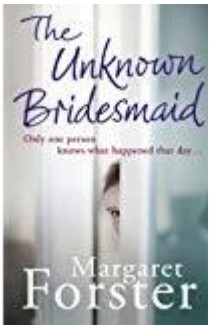
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# Poppy Book Club

The Poppy Book Club has been running for a number of years and we meet on a Wednesday evening every six weeks. We have a regular number of bookworms and are now at a comfortable capacity.




We have just read "The Unknown Bridesmaid" by Margaret Forster. This book was one of mixed reviews, however the book club only rated it on average 2 out of 5.

As a child, Julia is asked to be a bridesmaid at the wedding of her cousin Iris. This is the beginning of the complicated relationship between the two which is central to the plot of this novel. While Julia is still young, a tragedy occurs within the family, and she decides to keep her part in it secret. When her mother dies, leaving her orphaned, Julia is sent to live with Iris and her husband and daughters, and her relationships with this family cause her to behave in such a way as to necessitate the keeping of further secrets. It is these secrets which will affect her deeply for many years to come, and which lead to her eventual choice of a career working with disturbed children.
Julia grows from a disturbed child into a solitary, self-contained adult. Unable (or unwilling) to bond with Iris and her family, and with few friends, she is not really likeable.

The next book we are going to read is, "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan. This will be reviewed at the meeting on the 17th October. So look out for our review in due course.

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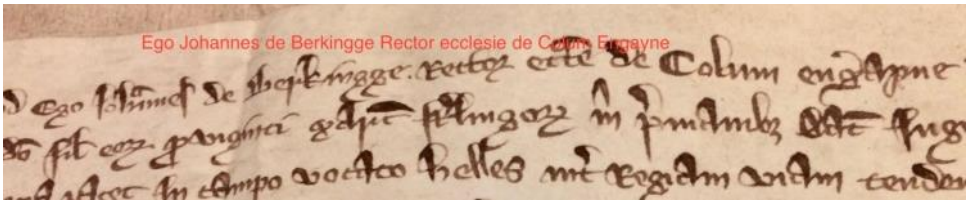
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Dr Arthur Chilton, in his booklet on Colne Engaine and St Andrew's Church named the second Rector we know of as 'John de Berkyngge' and gave the reference as Brit. Mus. Harl. Charters, 46 A. 44. I knew that all the British Museum manuscripts are now lodged at the British Library (BL) and that 'Harl.' would refer to the Harley collection, but was unable to find this reference in the online catalogue. Fortunately, a helpful librarian at the BL was able to find it in the hand-written catalogue of Harley charters (itself a venerable document) and it turned out to be not A. 44 but A. 48. Having tracked it down, I went to the BL to look at it in the flesh (almost literally, since parchment is made from animal skin). My problems were not entirely over: the hand [i.e. the style of handwriting] is small and, as all documents of this period, highly abbreviated with letter shapes I wasn't always sure of. And I'm not experienced in documentary Latin. But I could read the opening:




'Sciant presentes & futuris quod Ego Johannes de Berkingge . . .': 'Let those present and in the future know that I, John de Berkingge, Rector of the church of Colne Engayne have given and conceded, and my charter here present confirms, to Robert de Reydon, Alicie his wife and Radulph their son . . .'. The charter then lists, in some detail, land in Suffolk which John de Berking was giving to Robert and his family. One of the witnesses is William de Goldington, maybe the lord of the manor of Goldington in the south-west corner of the parish (there is still an old cottage called Goldingtons).

The catalogue dates the manuscript to 'temp. Edward I', i.e. 1272-1307; Arthur Chilton suggests a date of c. 1285. We don't know when Peter de Feria died; there must have been at least one other Rector between him and John de Berkingge, and we know nothing else about John, though I wonder whether he came from Barking in Essex. That we know of his existence at all must be because Arthur Chilton took the time to work through an old catalogue of charters until he came across one which mentioned a Rector of Colne Engaine – how much more information could still be in libraries and archives waiting to be found?



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**A HUGE THANK YOU** to the Colne Engaine Festival for donating £500 to Stay and Play, a donation this big means that we can secure the club's future for another year, replace and rejuvenate our toys plus hold a few special events. What an amazing way to start the new school year!

**HALLOWEEN MESSY PLAY SESSION – Ticketed event**

Stay and Play are holding a one off Halloween Messy Play session – with slimy pumpkin goo, witches potions, spiders webs and all sorts off icky sticky, ghoulish fun on Wednesday 31st October. A chance for babies and toddlers to explore different textures and have fun getting seriously messy! This is a ticketed event with limited numbers.

**You must be Conkers!** Autumn is conker season, and children collect as many conkers as they can possibly carry – but what do you do with them afterwards? There are so many things you can do with those shiny, mahogany balls. One of our favourite activities at Stay and Play is to roll them down guttering into a big bucket or turn them into conker snakes using threading string and googley eyes. But they can equally be used to help children learn how to count, or strengthen their fine motor skills by using tongs to pick them up. If you have any other great ideas for conkers please let us know by posting a photo on our facebook page.



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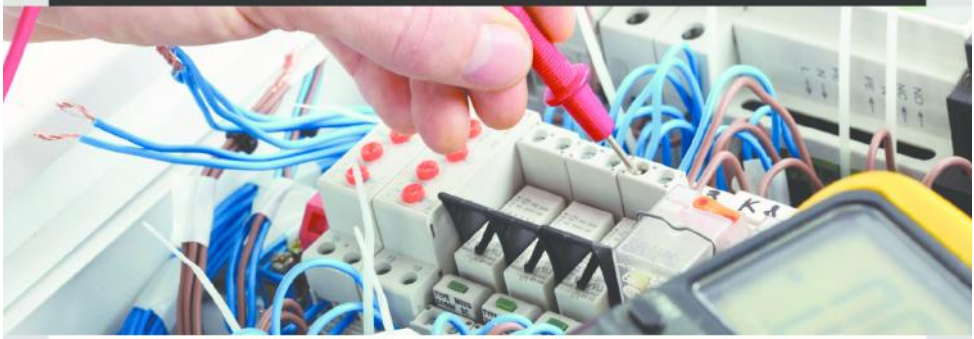
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We will have a "Tommy" silhouette in St Andrews Church from 1st September onwards to mark the fallen from our village.

**On Sunday 11th November there will be a service of remembrance at St Andrews at 10am. There will also be a National tribute with the "Ringing out for peace" at 7.05pm on the night of 11th November 2018 to mark the armistice There will be more than 1,000 churches and cathedrals participating by ringing their bells simultaneously.**

**We hope you will all join us in remembering those that gave their lives.**

**In church from Sunday 14th October there will be an opportunity to write a label for a lost loved one and put up in church as an act of remembrance.**

If you would like to place a Tommy Silhouette in church to remember a loved one then please contact one of the PCC members, as you would be more than welcome.

**Rita Prior,** PCC Secretary

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