COLNE ENGAINE PARISH MAGAZINE



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Welcome

This time last year we were all geared up ready to take part in the Colne Engaine Bi-Annual Festival, and what a remarkable weekend it was. Whilst we don't have one this year, I know the team have been hard at work planning, networking and putting together an extravaganza for next year – They are always on the lookout for volunteers, so please if you have any spare time or skills, let me know and I will pass your details on.

Some of our busy villagers were featured on a BBC Essex radio show on the 27th March – this can be found using the following internet link: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0722p86 it was so lovely to hear the passion and excitement living in this beautiful bit of countryside can instil. See also Pg. 17 for Cate Gunn's review of the show and her book launch.

I am hoping you are liking our new gardening section – Gary has yet again provided a piece with excellent garden tips interspersed with his wonderful sense of humour. (I just need to figure out how to make the lawn mower blade cut lower!??). (Pg. 50)

Talking of volunteering, please see Pg. 33 for the plea to help with our Fireworks event – your help would be greatly appreciated as the event is always well attended and enjoyed by people from the village and beyond.

This month the editorial space is so tight I have been unable to do the Secrets of the Valley section – but can share a little nugget here, posted to the Colne Engaine Ladies FaceBook page by Juliet Townsend, we have a little treasure of a Garden Centre nestled away at the end of Brook Street – **Halstead Garden Centre.** Open 12-5 weekdays and 9-5 on the weekend. Have a look around when you have the chance, based on the reviews I have seen, I don't think you will be disappointed.

Just in case you fancied a game of whist... The Whist Drives in the village hall have finished for the summer and will recommence in September.

And before I forget – the Village Shop has reopened! So lovely to be able to pop to the shop again and get the forgotten groceries, I know they would love some feed back as to what goodies we would like on offer. Welcome Nisha and Bharat Patel to Colne Engaine - good luck to you both on your new venture.

Until next month…

Sue

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Thought for the Month
May 2019

Despite the seemingly endless rules and regulations regarding Data Protection, so many individuals and organisations apparently know all about us.

They know our addresses to send us junk mail and our contact details for phone and email scams. We have to purchase protection software to prevent our computers being hacked or contaminated by viruses. Our purchases, whether in the supermarket or online, will generate algorithms so that adverts pop up on our screens reflecting what we have just bought - and may be encouraged to buy again! CCTV cameras in shops and street record our every move.

Despite all our failings and the mess we often make of our lives, God loves us.

God, also, knows everything about us. He knows all our good points, but also those things we'd rather not admit to: the hurtful things we have done, said or thought; our prejudices; the perceived wrongs that we cannot forgive. But God doesn't use this intimate knowledge against us, or despair of us, or give up on us: despite all our failings and the mess we often make of our lives, he loves us.

Mike Higton, in the introduction to his book *The Difficult Gospel - The Theology of Rowan Williams* (Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd, 2004), used his experience of waiting in an airport departure lounge to describe the former Archbishop of Canterbury's understanding of God's love for us.



Higton pictured everyone in that busy environment being held simultaneously in God's wholly loving gaze. He wondered what change it would make to his life if he could truly believe that he was held in that gaze. A gaze which saw all his faults and failings but, nevertheless, loved him with an unconditional love, seeing not only his shortcomings but also his potential for good.

The author went on to wonder what difference it would make if he could see each face around him in that departure lounge - the airport staff, his fellow travellers - as being held individually in the same all-embracing, loving gaze. A gaze which made no

distinctions between people considered more worthy or less worthy of love, no distinctions of race, religion, age or beauty and which held them all in a lavish and indiscriminate love.

In our society, if a person or organisation finds out our details and makes us an offer that is too good to be true - it invariably is! God's offer of love is real - and it is free, unconditional and unlimited. But, as Mike Higton discovered, it is so difficult for us to understand and accept so lavish a gift.

God's offer of love is real - and it is free, unconditional and unlimited.

May we, and all those dear to us, know ourselves to be held in God's loving gaze, now and always.

Margaret Hill.

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St Andrew's Church, Earls Colne

Sunday 19th May 2019

It's Church, but not as we know it!

Service starts 6.30pm.

All Welcome!

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Ann Norris: 222015
Beryl Amy: 223486
Terry Hawthorn: 223140

Prayers For The Parishes – May 2019

Date	Time	Venue
2nd May	9.00 - 9.30am	St. Andrew's Church, Colne Engaine
9th May	9.00 - 9.30am	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
16th May	9.00 - 9.30am	St. Andrew's Church, Colne Engaine
23rd May	9.00 - 9.30am	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
30th May	9.00 - 9.30am	St. Andrew's Church, Colne Engaine

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Services for May

Date	Time	Church	Service	Lead	Music	Readings	Season
5th	10am	EC	Morning Worship	RJ/DB	BJ	Acts 9.1-6 John 21.1-19	Third Sunday of Easter White
	5pm	EC	Evening Prayer	CH	BJ		
	10am	CE	Morning Worship Baptism	P	NC		
	10.30am	WC	Holy Communion CW	P	IH		
12th	10am	EC	Morning Worship All Age	HS/RW	BJ	Acts 9.36-end John 10.22-30	Fourth Sunday of Easter White
	10am	CE	Morning Worship	PS	RO		
19th	10am	CE	Mattins BCP	RP	NO	Acts 11.1-18 John 13.31-35 WC Rogation TBA	Fifth Sunday of Easter White
	10am	EC	Holy Communion CW	P	BJ		
	10.30am	WC	Rogation	SM/TW	IH		
26th	10am	EC	Rogation	MH/RW	BJ	Acts 16.9-15 John 14.23-29 EC Rogation TBA	Sixth Sunday of Easter White
	10am	CE	Holy Communion All Age	P	TS		

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WC - Boley Road, White Colne CO6 2QB. / **HA** - Parsonage Street, Halstead CO9 2LD.
GM - Church Street, Gt. Maplestead, CO9 2RG. / **GT** - Gestingthorpe, CO9 3AX.

Services

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

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TH = Terry Hawthorn
TW = Tom Weatherill
SMc = Sally McFerran
CH = Catherine Hayes
RJ=Rosemary Johnson
MH = Margaret Hill
RW = Ray Wood
HS = Helen Sherfield
SQ = Sharon Quilter
PS = Paula Short
Beks=Rebekah Korniej
CWT = Christopher White Thomson
CR = Claire Robertson
DB = David Brown
SC = Sue Cruse
SB = Sara Batts
RB = Rose Braisby
GE = Gay Ellis

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

Notices

Contact Us

As the Rev Peter Allen has now taken up his new ministry in Sheffield, there is currently a clergy vacancy in the Colnes.

For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: Please contact the Rev Katie de Bourcier on 01787 478471 or halsteadrector@gmail.com

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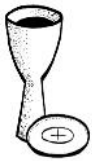
Services in the Colnes

The pattern of services in the Colnes will be subject to change during the vacancy, which began in January 2019.

Please check the *Parish Magazine* and *Pew News* for details.

Midweek Communion

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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.

16th May, 5 Swallow Field, E/Colne

Upcoming meetings, all 10-11.30am

20th June, 2 Brickhouse Rd, C/Engaine
18th July, 12 Gardeners Row, Coggeshall
15th August, 7 Tapestry Ct, E/Colne

Contacts

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

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From
The Four Colnes' Magazine
May 1919

Earls Colne

The Sunday School
The children of our Sunday Schools were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall on April 22nd. During the evening an excellent entertainment was given in which the teachers and children took part. Miss Arthy accompanied the songs and Mr John Rogers, the Vicar's Warden, undertook the catering. A most enjoyable evening was spent. We were very pleased to see so many parents present. The schools re-open on May 2nd when the Afternoon Services will be resumed.

St Andrew's Guild
The Guild concluded its winter session with an open meeting in March. "The Relations of Church and State" was discussed in conference, The Vicar, Miss E Pyne and Messrs Cuthbert and Bonner were the Speakers.

We hope to arrange a Garden Party during the summer.

Empire Day
Mrs Heyworth is very kindly inviting the children of our Day Schools to a Fete to be held in the Priory Ground on Empire Day, May 24th. A speaker from the Queen Victoria League will give an address. This year is the Centenary of Queen Victoria's birth.

Colne Engaine

At the Easter Festival the communicants numbered 70. We are greatly indebted to those who decorated our church. A beautiful Cross for the pulpit was made by Mrs Nottage from Colne Park. Mr H.W Pudney presided at the organ and the Choir rendered the Anthem "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain" The last four Easters have been spent under the shadows of war; it was right that we should keep the Feast this year with joy and gladness.

A precis from an article called "Church Proverbs" in the 1873 *Parish Magazine*, by Rev. Samuel B James MA:

"Poor as a Church Mouse"
That there are mice in churches who can reasonably doubt? I am not sure I ever saw a mouse in church, but reason asks how a church mouse can be otherwise than poor! Candles that were more available in former times have given place to such things as gas and paraffin: not pleasant or wholesome to a mouse digestion. There are bits of leather and yellow paper in old prayer books - many a mouse may have nibbled away at " our sovereign Lord King George" . . .

I am inclined to think that "poor as a church mouse" has another direct meaning. Men have designedly used it to express the truth that clergy and many lay officers of the Church are often poor . . .

Contributed by Neville Bird.

Our Primary School

We've had a fabulous term! It's been really busy as always and the term's learning theme of 'Being an Investigator' has been enjoyed by all. KS1 have been learning all about dinosaurs and dragons and in connection with that, Oak Tree class went off to Hedingham castle. Dressed as Kings and Queens, princes, princesses and knights, they set off prepared and ready to follow the clues to find the dragon's egg. Mrs Boardman tells me that their detective skills were first class – and they learned a little bit about the castle while they were there too!

KS2 had a wonderful day out at Duxford to consolidate their learning about life during World War 2 – and also enjoyed a fabulous visit from Spike and Alison, who showed artefacts and uniforms from World War 2 to bring learning to life about this era in history. We are so grateful to them for this support of our school.

We were thrilled to mark International Women's Day by remembering and reflecting on the amazing Zambian women that we have talked about in school following my trip with Oxfam last year. Mercy has transformed life for her family and community by becoming a successful dairy farmer. Elizabeth has become a tireless campaigner for girls, to persuade parents to keep their girls in school, rather than encouraging them to become mums at a young age. And this determined young woman walks for 3 hours to get to school, often hungry and without shoes -







sometimes arriving to find no desk. Undeterred on the day I visited, she simply made her own desk with an old plank of wood she found at the back of the classroom. What an inspiration they are.

Our sports teams have been busy too this term. Our cross country team went to Ramsey to take part in the area cross country competition – and what a fantastic team they were! Everyone ran their hardest and without exception, pushed themselves to achieve their personal best. We were so proud of them. Well done to them all! Milana, Ted, George C, Wilf, Josh W and Emily B went through to the next round of the competition and we are delighted that Ted is now going on to the County Finals later this month. We have also had a team go along to represent our school in netball and in KS1 rugby which was a lot of fun for everyone. Well done too, to our hockey team who played in the County Finals at Felsted school. We were so impressed with their tenacity in tackling, their skills in strategic passing and their terrific teamwork. We were up against stiff competition and were by far the smallest primary school there. Big thanks to Mrs Scillitoe and Mr Larking, who have worked hard to build our teams and to give them the skills and the competitive spirit to succeed.

Julie Sarti

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At Colne Engaine village hall on: Thursday May 30th, Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st. Doors open at 7pm for an 8pm performance. Tickets are all £9.00 and available from Box Office 01787 274933. Table Manners is part of Alan Ayckbourn's Norman Conquests trilogy and is a stand alone comedy about relationships. Sometimes hilarious, occasionally poignant and always amusing.

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Village Hall

For us, the Village Hall Trustees, the really good news is that the flat is finally finished and let after having many problems and unexpected hurdles. We are now moving on to phase 2 which is completing the downstairs meeting room with its attached tea bar and conservatory, with its own self-contained entrance and loo. The idea is that this room and the existing Green Room will replace the annexe which will eventually have to be demolished.

We are still working very hard to raise the funds for this and we have had two very successful events in the last month.

We had a very well attended quiz at the village hall on Saturday 23rd March which raised £600. The quizmaster was Stephen Hector, and the questions were devised by Lucy Orrow with some help from others.

We also were very fortunate to receive the proceeds from a marvellously successful Farm Open Day at Liz and Alan Barrows farm. Amazingly over 1500 people attended and we raised the fantastic sum of £4,678. We are so grateful to all those that helped to make this such a wonderful day.

Our AGM took place on Monday 8th April at 7.30 pm.

Geoff Marcoolyn

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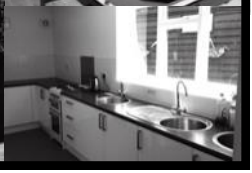
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Correspondence



THANK YOU

Did you hear Colne Engaine being praised to the hilt on BBC Essex radio on Wednesday 27th March? I was one of a number of people talking about the village, but I was interviewed live while most of the others were recorded in advance. At least I didn't have to listen to myself! What struck me while listening to the rest of the programme, however, is how everyone was able to contribute something different to the village. We are all different and have our own talents: it's wonderful if in a small community we can celebrate and make the most of those differences. I can (I think, I hope) write and so that's what I do, but I'm hopeless at organising things, so Rita Prior who is brilliant at it, is organising the book launch. Rita is standing down as PCC secretary and her organisational skills will be missed – but Suzanne Beckett is taking the job over and will bring her own skills to the job.

I hope you've noticed the delightful water-colour picture of Peter de Feria standing outside the church which is appearing on notices about the launch of the book *Colne Engaine: 1219* and is on its cover. It was done by another talented resident of Colne Engaine (even if he often leaves us for the delights of Cornwall): Nick Chapman. Meanwhile Linzie Pudney is looking after the marketing of the book – something else I would be hopeless at. A website will be set up from which the book can be ordered (it is appearing on big bookseller sites such as Waterstones but please buy it at the book launch, or from the web page that both my website, www.categunn.com and the parish council website will direct you to. It's being hosted by the Five Bells, so thank you to Darren for that. The book will also be sold at the Open Gardens on 9th June. Open Gardens is another showcase for the village, and the many talented gardeners helping to make it beautiful. But we can all contribute by picking up rubbish and generally keeping it tidy – I picked up a bag full of rubbish along Pebmarsh Road while I was delivering the April magazines. (Why are there so many McDonald disposable coffee cups thrown out of car windows along that stretch of road?)

I'm taking this opportunity to thank all those who have helped to bring *Colne Engaine: 1219* to fulfilment – the book and the celebrations for the 800th anniversary of a remarkable village. Now you just need to play your part and buy it – so the work of the church in this parish can continue for a few more hundred years.

Cate Gunn

Lunchtime Recital



Thursday 9th May 2019 ● 1.00 - 1.30 pm

Soloists: **Robert Spivey** - French Horn
Hilary Spivey - Bassoon

Future Recitals will take place on Thursdays: 13th June, 11th July, 8th August and 12th September. Our Lunchtime Recitals commence at 1.00 pm and finish at 1.30 pm. Entry is free and refreshments are served from 12.30 pm. There is a retiring collection. All are welcome.

We would like to thank our audiences for their continued support during 2018. Since our first Recital in December 2015, their kind contributions have enabled us to replace the lower strings of the piano and purchase an 'A' frame. Our next aim is to buy a cover and a piano stool.

For further details contact Liz Pottinger on 01376 561307.

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Colne Engaine: 1219 by Cate Gunn
Book Launch

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Saturday 18th May 2019



St Andrews Church PCC cordially invite you to attend the launch of Cate Gunn's Book 1219 on Saturday 18th May 2019:

6.00-7.00pm Exhibition & Talk in St Andrews church.

7.00-8.30pm Complimentary Cheese, Wine & Halstead Community Choir in the village hall to celebrate the launch.

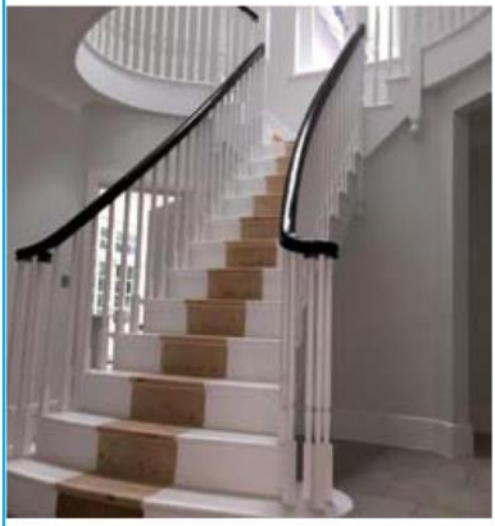
The book will be on sale in the village hall, where Cate will be available to answer questions and sign her book. There will be a raffle. Profit from the sale of the book will be donated to St Andrews Church.

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Correspondence

What a delight to see our village shop open again and hopefully to be at the centre of our village life. Mr and Mrs Patel have taken on the onerous task of providing newspapers in time for breakfast and staying open until 7pm to allow the last minute dash for a bottle of wine to complete a party with friends or just the end of a good day.

As far as bread and butter is concerned they are keen to know what their customers usually buy and are more than willing to meet those needs.

So welcome to Mr and Mrs Patel and, knowing how we have missed it, the village will surely respond to your endeavour's on our behalf and wish you good fortune.

Patricia Taylor

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COLNE ENGAINE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. There are very prescriptive rules regarding the dates of the first Parish Council meeting after an election as well the date for the Annual Parish meeting. Unfortunately I miscalculated the date on which we would receive the election results and have therefore had to change the dates published in my April notes. The May Parish Council meeting will now take place on Thursday 16th May and the Annual Parish meeting will be on Thursday 23rd May. The Annual Parish meeting is not a Council meeting but it is a meeting for the residents of our village and everyone is welcome. The meeting provides local organisations and individuals of Colne Engaine the opportunity to talk publicly about themselves, celebrating their achievements and acknowledging local events and activities that have taken place over the last year. It is also an occasion to say "thank you" to people that have helped to make the achievements a success. In addition, the meeting provides a forum to discuss issues that are currently on going within the Parish. Refreshments will be available.

COLNE ENGAINE UNSUNG HERO AWARD. As a result of the change of dates above there is a little extra time for me to receive your nominations. Please let me have your nominations with a brief outline of your reasons by dropping an email to me at clerk@colne-engaine.org.uk. By 15th May.

I note below a summary of matters discussed at the March Parish Council meeting. Full details can be viewed on the website www.colne-engaine.org.uk

Consider request by Courtauld Memorial Hall management to sign an agreement with regard to the history hut. Wording was found to be acceptable to the Parish Council resolved that Chairman should sign the agreement.

Planning application 19/00163/HH proposed 2 bay cart lodge and office/gym at 17 Church Street CO6 2EX. The plans were discussed and it was resolved: that the Parish Council would offer no objections.

Planning application 19/00311/HH proposed side dormers and alterations at 10 Brook Street CO6 2EU. The plans discussed and it was resolved **t**hat the Parish Council would offer no objections.

Financial matters

A,-Financial statements for February 2019 **B,** Items per February 2019 payment schedule to be approved and paid on line. **C,** Budget information as at 28th February 2019 as prepared by Clerk. **D,** Review Earmarked Reserves. **E,**-Consider amended budget for 2019/20 as prepared by Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, amend as necessary

It was resolved that Items a & b. are correct, acceptable and lists can be signed and on line payments authorised.

Item c. Acceptable. Item d. Earmarked Reserves found to be correct and acceptable but £600 should be transferred from General Reserve to Election Reserve in view of upcoming May election. Item e. Acceptable and no amendments necessary.

Consider request from Festival Committee to display posters advertising treasure trail around the village. It was resolved that the Members had no objections.

Consider request from PCC to hold their annual bonfire and fireworks display on the recreation ground on Saturday 2nd November. It was resolved to agree to request subject to the usual conditions as detailed in their request letter.

Highways. No matters were raised

To receive Chairman's briefing, Clerks report & Councillor's reports. Members had nothing to report and the Clerk ran through his report.

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

Parish Council Meetings

Colne Engaine Parish Council meet 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 considered 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: (Note: The Members may change after the election on 2nd May)

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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PUBLIC elections cannot be held again until the year 2023 but for the interim period the present sitting Councillors may co-opt to fill the vacancy.

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Our upcoming dates are: 10th May, 7th June, 12th July.

The Youth Club is in need of a NEW CHAIR/CLUB LEADER. Wendy Jones very admirably stepped into the breach last year, but stepped down in December. The role needs someone with a love of community, young people's happiness and wellbeing, and a free Friday night once a month. If you are interested in taking on the role then please email grace.carey@btinternet.com (Club Secretary). (A DBS will also be needed but can be applied for through our affiliated organisation the EBGC)



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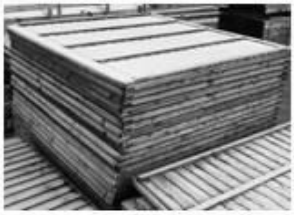
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Our Unsung Hero's award has been running for two years now. The award is to recognise someone for their contribution to the village. Colne Engaine has a community spirit which is second to none, and the nominations in the last two years reflected that with many deserving individuals put forward.

Nominations for the Colne Engaine Village 2019 Unsung Hero are now open and we and look forward to your input as to who is the most deserving. People nominated can come from any part of the village, whether they are helping to keep the Church running, keeping the village litter free, organising village events, supporting our families or just giving their time and skills to make our village a better place.

There is an opportunity for everyone in the village to nominate the person they consider to go beyond the norm in supporting the community.

All we need you to do is to select a name and give some rationale as to why the person concerned deserves to be recognised. All nominations must be submitted by 30th April 2019 to be included. The Parish Council will then review the submissions to select an overall winner.

We look forward to receiving your nominations. Which can be sent to the Parish Clerk: Terry Rootsey, 3 Box Mill Cottages, Box Mill Lane, Halstead, C09 2DR. or entered on line to clerk@colne-engaine.org.uk

Name of Nominee	Reason for Nomination

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The Townland Trust trips are open to all residents of Colne Engaine who are of retirement age and beyond. The Trust Deed stipulates that its activities should benefit only this group of people, but the Trustees have recognised that long-term residents who have moved in their retirement to be nearer shops, buses and similar facilities should also be considered as eligible. The Trust has organised a coach trip to a local (and sometimes not-so-local!) venue each year since 2010. Destinations have included Southwold and Aldeburgh, and Greenwich, Norwich, Chartwell, Anglesey Abbey and the Wimpole Estate.

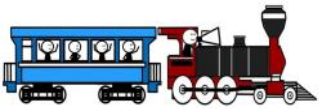
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Alan Barnard	Parish Council	224709 / alan@colne-engaine.org.uk

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The arboretum has over 300 memorials scattered throughout 150 acres of woodland. The trip coincides with Armed Forces weekend meaning there will be plenty of special events taking place. There is a land train providing a half hourly service for those less able to walk around the grounds and the arboretum has its own large restaurant and coffee shop.

Entry to the National Arboretum is free but donations are welcomed. Consequently we have been able to price this trip at just £25 per seat which covers the cost of the coach and driver's gratuity. All proceeds from the trip will go towards the 2019 Poppy Appeal.

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MAY ALREADY!! WHAT HAPPENED TO APRIL?

Come to that ,where did March go, one minute I am scouring the garden for signs of growth, the next I'm hacking through it with a machete, okay, bit dramatic, but you know what I'm saying.

Grass cutting is well under way now, try not to crop it too short, a little more length helps to retain moisture which will make a difference when we start getting hot dry days. Regular cutting at the same setting is the key, I don't cut any lower than the second lowest setting, but generally go for the third one up, ideally once a week at the same setting, although every two weeks works. With or without the box, it's up to you although grass cuttings make a good mulch around your shrubs, about two inches deep but make sure it doesn't touch the stems.

If the grass is left to grow then every cut will be different because the settings will vary in order to get through the long grass, then it will result in yellowing clumps of grass interspersed with weeds. Still okay to do weed and feed but do what it says on the tin.

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Tie in any climbers as they grow, do it before you get a mass of intertwined stems that can't be separated without cutting or damaging, You know the old proverb, A STITCH IN TIME IS WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH, something like that anyway. J.

Evergreens can be pruned once we are past the middle of the month, although this year they have put on some early growth so there is a bit more than usual to trim on the hedges, on that note if you're trimming hedges with power tools please be aware of nests. Power tools could scare the hen bird away, so maybe go for shears, or leave it scruffy for as long as you can bare it.

Now I'm not keen on growing veg so I had a word with 'Spud', the old boy up the allotment, he says sow runner beans in pots indoors ready to plant out at the end of May. He says that the trick to good runner beans is not to let them dry out so he digs a trench where he is going to plant them and lines it with newspaper before backfilling and mixing in homemade compost from the heap, then he puts up his bamboo canes in two rows tied together at the top to make an 'a' frame.

I'm going for something different this month, I have spotted a new variety of hardy geranium, it is called 'Black Beauty' it has purple tinged leaves and blue flowers from June to August, It likes sun or partial shade in most soils and grows about 18" high and wide, a good ground cover plant. I haven't grown it yet but I will give it a shot as soon as I find one.



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If you don't want to try the Church bells you could play some tunes on the hand bells. All ages are most welcome (some activities may be age dependant).

You may even discover a new fun and sociable hobby!

If you are unable to make the open event you can always join us on one of our Church practice evenings.

- *Colne Engaine on a Monday between 7:30pm till 9:00pm.*
- *Earls Colne on the last Tuesday of each month between 8:00pm till 9.00pm*
- *Greenstead Green on Tuesday 7:30pm till 9:00pm (except last Tuesday of month which is held at Earls Colne).*

Contact details of Tower Captains:

- *Colne Engaine; Paul Holness, Tel: 01787 221762 email: colne-engaine@eacr.org.uk*
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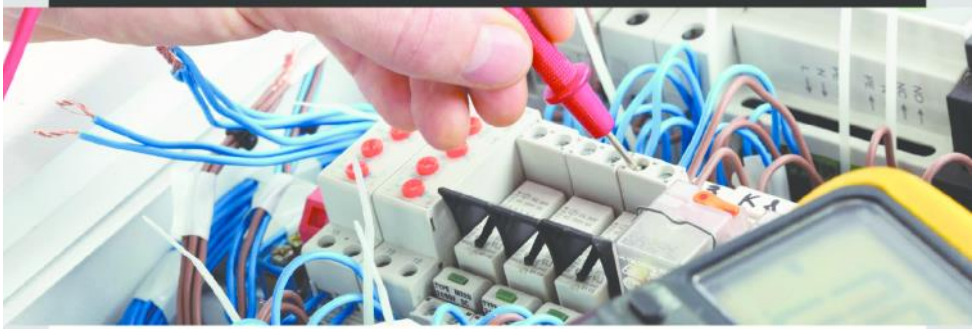
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11.23 Earls Colne, De Vere Road
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11.32 Halstead, Bridge Street
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