# Colne Engaine Parish Magazine




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# Welcome



I am writing this on a blustery spring morning, feeling about 1°, but probably about 10! Feeling optimistic as we are nearing the end of our Covid-imposed imprisonment, soon we will be able to mix more freely with those we love and have missed seeing in person. We can (outside), hug other people (from 17th May), we will be able to laugh again (outside), around dinner praying that the wind and rain stays away! Will there be a spike in camping toilet sales, gazeboes and patio heaters? I have a pile of blankets at the ready, hot chocolate in plentiful supply, and am counting down the days until I can see my sister and her children again - in real life!

I have discovered how much I miss my freedom, the beach, my friends and most of all my family. Things I took for granted for so long, I don't think I will ever have the same relationship with again. The seaside is my place of happiness, my children love it, and with good weather and a perfectly placed beach hut, we normally spend days on end there during the school holidays. I yearn for those halcyon days to return, and hope that it will be soon.

The magazine has been with us throughout the pandemic, and I hope that it has given you as much enjoyment to read as it gives me to put together. Some months, it has been tricky (especially when we were home schooling or when my very unstable internet had a blip) to get everything done on time, but we got there more or less.

This month we have the final instalment of the Ugandan article by Neville Bird (pg. 19), our monthly gardening article from Gary Hoskin (pg. 9) and a new article on April by Cate Gunn (pg. 24).

The pub is looking forward to opening its doors once more (pg. 14) and the school has been delighted to welcome back our village children. Small steps, but we are getting there!

Enjoy

**Sue**

PS – Apologies for the spelling error of Tony Schofields' name in the March edition pg. 29. We spelt her name as Toni, when it should have been Tony.

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# St Andrew's

***A very Happy Easter to you all!***

And I pray it *is* a happy Easter, despite it being the second since we entered the hardship of pandemic restrictions over 12 months ago. But the journey through the pandemic does have an end in sight, though it will bring with it more changes and challenges as we adapt to a new normal.

As I write I'm looking out of my window on the garden. The daffodils and my lovely Camellia are in bloom, alongside the crocuses and the cyclamens. There is even new growth on the roses and all around there are signs of spring and new life emerging from the winter past. In fact, today (1st March) is the start of meteorological spring, so nature appears a little ahead of the meteorologists! It also reminds me of something Jesus said, "*unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit*" (John 12:24).

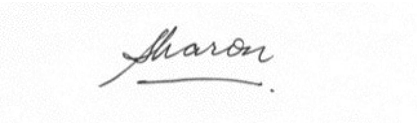
During the winter when all seems dark and dead, we yearn for the light and warmth of spring and the beauty and brightness in the colours of the plants as they emerge from the soil. Even better when, over time, we see how a single seed or bulb turns into many more, filling our gardens and verges with more and more colour and life.

This brings me back to Easter, the time when Christians celebrate the joyous mystery of Jesus overcoming death. Jesus died on the cross, was buried in a tomb, and raised to life three days later creating the first Easter Day. But why did he go through this? Well, for a number of reasons.

The Bible tells us that God sent Jesus His Son into the world to save the world, because God loves us (John 3:16-17). Jesus willingly came into the world because he too loves us and wants us to have fulfilling lives (John 10:10). But because humanity has been a little wayward, we need to be reconciled to God and Jesus, through his death became the means of that reconciliation between us and God. His death though was not the end, just the beginning of the new season of our lives. Like the grain of wheat buried in the ground died to produce much fruit, so Jesus emerged from the darkness of death to bring us eternal life.

The joy of Easter is like the joy of springtime. It brings with it a freshness that blows away the cobwebs that entangle us and gives us hope and new perspectives. Even in the midst of a pandemic when we have lost so much! And whilst this pandemic will end leading us into that new normal, Easter will never end (though the season in the Church calendar lasts for 40 days). With the rising of the sun as we experience God's blessing of each new day, so we experience the Easter blessing of new life in Christ.

So Happy Easter, today and every day!



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| 28th March | Palm Sunday | 10am | Holy Communion | Zoom, Facebook & available later on YouTube |
| 29th March | Holy Monday | 9am | Morning Prayer | Facebook & available late on YouTube |
| | | 7.30pm | Night Prayer (Compline) | Facebook & available late on YouTube |
| 30th March | Holy Tuesday | 7.30pm | Night Prayer (Compline) | Facebook & available late on YouTube |
| 31st March | Holy Wednesday | 9.30am | BCP Holy Communion * | St Andrew's Colne Engaine |
| | | 7.30pm | Last Day of Lent Course | |
| 1st April | Maundy Thursday | 7.30pm | Holy Communion * | St Andrew's Earls Colne and streamed on Zoom and Facebook, and available later on YouTube |
| | | 8.30pm | The Watch (until midnight) | People can come and go through-out this time |
| 2nd April | Good Friday | 11am | Stations of the Cross | Facebook & available late on YouTube |
| | | 2pm | Service of Reflection * | St Andrew's White Colne |
| | | 4pm | Family Service | Online |
| 3rd April | Holy Saturday | 9am | Morning Prayer | Facebook & available late on YouTube |
| | | 11am | Easter Ecumenical Messy Church | Zoom |
| 4th April | Easter Day | 10am | Morning Worship * | St Andrew's Earls Colne and streamed on Zoom and Facebook, and available later on YouTube |
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# St Andrew's



| Date | Time | Church | Service |
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| Wed 7th | 7.30pm | EC | Compline |
| Sun 11th | 10am | CE | Morning Worship |
| | 10am | EC # | All Age Worship |
| Wed 14th | 7.30pm | EC | Holy Communion |
| Sun 18th | 10am | CE | Mattins BCP |
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| | 10.30am | WC | Morning Worship |
| | 6.30pm | EC | Café Church |
| Wed 21st | 7.30pm | EC | Compline |
| Sun 25th | 10am | CE | All Age Holy Communion |
| | 10am | EC # | Morning Worship |
| Wed 28th | 7.30pm | EC | Holy Communion |

# - Service also Live Streamed with Zoom and Facebook and later uploaded onto You Tube

In addition to the above services you may also be interested in joining online Morning Prayer from the comfort of your own home, 9am on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays on our Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/3Colnes.HalsteadAreaTeam/ and later uploaded to our YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3tGvTuAyyWN-M-i7bncElg?view_as=subscriber

# Gardening



IT'S A GARDENING THING, IF YOU HAVE TO EXPLAIN, THEY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND

After the year that has passed it feels good to know that our gardens are still there; they have been there for us the whole way through come rain or shine. I believe that so many more of us now appreciate all that surrounds us, that which has always been there, but we were too busy to notice. And all that has benefited from our lack of intervention, reduction in pollution from our trains, planes, and automobiles, you may have seen more butterflies, not only because you have the time, but because there are more. It is a proven fact that the whole ecosystem of the world has made some inroads into recovery. If you like what you see, then maybe you should consider making a conscious effort to play your part, however small, remember the mighty oak grows from such a small acorn.

Just saying.

One thing that is reasonably easy to do is get involved with wildlife surveys, these are often organised by organisations such as the RHS, RSPB and Butterfly conservation. The RSPB has already completed this year's spring birdwatch but there will be other surveys throughout the year. If you are partial to a mobile phone app the RHS are conducting a survey of sweet chestnut trees (*Castanea sativa*), the link for this is https://rhs.org.uk/check-a-sweet-chestnut

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# Gardening (Cont'd)



Keep an eye out in your borders when weeding for self-sown seedlings from established plants in the garden, you can of course just throw them out if you have enough, but a little careful transplanting or potting on could give you a nice stock of new plants. There are any number of different self seeders but to name just a few you could look out for, Spurge (*Euphorbia*), Ladies mantle (*Alchemilla mollis*), Foxglove (*Digitalis*) and Christmas rose or Hellebores (*Helleborus*).

Penstemons would benefit from pruning back at the end of the month as the weather gets warmer (he hopes); cut last seasons growth down to the lowest pair of healthy leaves. The new shoots should already be showing at the base of the stems. Those lovely fresh green curls of fern fronds should be pushing up from the crown so this would be an ideal time to prune away dead brown and tatty fronds from last season. Don't forget we can still get a frost until the middle of May so don't be tempted to put out any summer bedding or baskets just yet. No harm in getting ready though, how about installing a drip irrigation system for your planters, pots and baskets to give everything a fighting chance from the off. Early spring flowering shrubs can be pruned back now, shrubs such as Forsythia, Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*) and


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Viburnum bodnantense can be tackled, prune flowered stems back to a healthy pair of buds and remove up to a third of old woody stems all the way to the ground.

So, what's spud up to? Well, he is busy sowing and planting, he has given me a list in case I want to do the same.

He prepared the ground for the runner beans (*Phaseolus coccineous*) by digging a trench 12" deep and laying newspaper and garden compost in the bottom before backfilling with soil. This helps hold the moisture in the ground as runner beans need a lot of water. Squash (*Cucurbita*), Courgettes (*Zucchini*), Cucumbers (*Cucumis sativus*) and Pumpkins (*Cucurbita*) would all benefit from the same ground prep as runner beans, for the same reasons. He is sowing the seed directly in the ground where they will continue to grow, but to be honest I prefer to grow them under glass (in the greenhouse or on a windowsill) and then plant them out after the risk of frost has passed.



My plant of choice for this Month has to be the Cardoon (*Cynara cardunculus*) It has large silver jagged spear like leaves and the purple flower is like a giant thistle, it is an herbaceous perennial and with its height of between 4 – 8 feet it is an amazing architectural plant for the back of a sunny border.



Bet you thought I had forgotten to research how April got its name, ok, you got me, but I can just squeeze it in at the bottom. It would seem the jury is out on this one, so our old friends the Romans called it `Aprilis' which means second, and as we already found out last month, in the Roman calendar, March was the first month of the year. Then if we take the Latin translation, this gives us Aperire which means `to open' probably a reference to the buds and flowers opening at this time of year. Finally, we have the ancient Greeks who would have us believe that it was the month dedicated to their goddess of love Aphrodite. I will leave it up to you to decide which you prefer to be true.

`March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers'

Strange isn't it that one of the driest months of the year is noted for its abundance of showers, the thing is that they are just that, short bursts of localised rainfall. This comes about because at this time of year the air is getting progressively warmer and the sea is still lower in temperature as a result of the preceding Winter. This combination causes increased evaporation with moisture rising and cooling, creating those lovely big, fluffy cottonwool clouds known as cumulonimbus. These are the clouds that produce short, sharp and sometimes heavy showers.

`Laters Taters' - keep calm and carry on weeding.

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Dr John Polly Taylor moved to Earls Colne in 1812 and set up his practice in the annexe to Boxteds in Upper Holt Street (*Left*). In 1842 he was joined by his son who, because he shared the same Christian name, was known to the village as "Young" Doctor John. To celebrate Young Doctor John's 80th birthday in July 1899, the Vicar - the Revd David Methven - organised a public collection and presented him with a portrait, reminding the audience that their doctor could rightly claim "to have brought most of Earls Colne into the world". He went on to describe him as "a regular John Bull" always ready to visit patients in his horse-drawn gig, whatever the weather. He was also famed for his excellent wine cellar and his gift as a story-teller.


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# Heritage Museum (Cont'd)



The portrait (*Left)* now hangs in the Council Chamber at the Village Hall. Dr Thomas (Ted) Pallett joined the practice in 1887 and, when he retired in 1945, the three doctors had, between them, served the village for 133 years.

Dr Pallett's place was taken by Dr Lily MacKinnon and she was joined in 1948 by Dr Brian Taylor, (*below*) shortly before the NHS came into being. At his arrival, Brian could remember the surgery having two waiting rooms - one with padded furniture for private patients and the other with wooden benches ("the Shed" as he jokingly called it) for patients who were said to be "on the Club" and paid for their treatment with assistance from local branches of the Friendly Societies. The NHS put an end to such discrimination but it was not until 1971 that Doctors Brian Taylor and Mark Cutts




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# Heritage Museum (Cont'd)



were able to move the practice to purpose-built consulting rooms in Queens Road (*Right*).

When the Atlas Works closed in 1988, the planning agreement for development of the site required some of the industrial buildings to be preserved. The old water tower became the Heritage Museum, with Brian Taylor as Chairman of the management committee, and the former power house which had contained the factory's electricity generators was converted to the Pump House Surgery where Dr Sylvia Taylor and her colleagues continue the long tradition of service started by her namesake in 1812.





*Left:* "Young" Dr John Taylor with his dog in The Causeway.

*Right:* The window in the south aisle of the church which he presented in memory of his parents.

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to close our churches. This means that the funds normally donated by regular attenders and visitors, and those generated through community events, towards the costs of maintaining our buildings and providing ministry, has reduced dramatically.

Please consider donating towards these costs to help us to bridge the gap. All donations will be shared proportionally between the three Churches unless you specify which Parish it is for. https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/the-three-colnes-churches

Many thanks and God Bless

**Mark**

Revd Mark Payne

# Correspondence

**Uganda Experience - part 6**

In 2003 I went with my elder daughter on a 10 day safari holiday and we were able to visit the church and school area in Mbarara where my mother, May Davies, had lived in 1910 while teaching in the new CMS boarding school for girls. The staff were delighted to be given copies of the photographs May had taken with her Box Brownie camera. We saw the Boys' school where later on one of my cousins was Headmaster.

The safari took us up to the Murchison Falls where we had a boat trip on the White Nile and actually saw the Shoebill, a very rare bird. So many wonderful birds and animals.

In Kampala we stayed with a Mothers' Union (MU) member, Vivian Kityo, who lives on the hill leading up to Namirembe Cathedral. She took us to a Sunday service in the cathedral in which she took part.

She also took us to see the new project she had started: a refuge for teenage pregnant girls who had been abused and cast out of their homes. As an MU spokeswomen she later represented the MU at the annual United Nations Commission for Women in New York, speaking about the Equality of Women. Her project is called "Wakisa Ministries". It quickly expanded and has now just moved into a large, newly-built Centre which will be able to take up to 50 girls. The demand for such help has increased greatly since

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These include a weekly Sunday Service at 10am, a weekly Wednesday service at 7.30pm and Morning Prayer at 9am on Mondays & Saturdays and Café Church on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6.30pm.

On Thursdays at 10am we have the opportunity of joining our sisters and brothers at St Andrew's Halstead for a short service of Holy Communion by clicking on to their Facebook Page.

While Morning Prayer is on the Three Colnes Facebook page only, many of our services are on Zoom - see details on our website www.colnechurches.com/pew-news

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# Unsung Hero Awards

It's time to put your thinking caps on to decide who you would like to nominate for this year's unsung hero award. So many people in this wonderful village do so much unselfish work to make things better for everyone.

This is the **fifth** year of running the award the previous winners being:

Terry Bristow in 2017

Juliet Townsend in 2018

Terry Hawthorn in 2019

Nisha & Bharat Patel 2020

If you would like to nominate someone please email me at terry@colne-engaine.org.uk. giving the name and a brief reason for your nomination.

The winner of this year's award will be announced in May

**Terry Rootsey**
(Clerk to Colne Engaine Parish Council)




# Correspondence

**April**

Whan that Aprill with his shoures soote
The droghte of March has perced to the roote,
Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages

Anyone who has ever studied any literature earlier than Shakespeare will instantly recognise the opening of the General Prologue to Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*: 'When April, with its sweet showers, has pierced the drought of March to the root, then people long to go on pilgrimages.' As we're entering April with the promise of further easing of restrictions, many people are longing to travel again, if not on pilgrimage then to warm beaches, historic cities, exotic far-flung places, whether to have adventures or to restore bodies and minds battered by a long and bitter winter.

In the Middle Ages pilgrimage was undertaken in the hope of a cure, to give thanks, or as a penance. The destination was usually a saint's shrine, like that of St Thomas at Canterbury, or the site of a miracle, like the 'holy house' at Walsingham in Norfolk.

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# Correspondence (Cont'd)



Some even travelled to foreign lands, to Santiago or Cologne, Rome or Jerusalem. Pilgrimage was not only about reaching the destination, however; it was also about the journeying. Pilgrimage was an allegory for life itself. Christians saw themselves as 'strangers and pilgrims on the earth' [Hebrews, 11.13] as they travelled through life to their heavenly home. The longer and more arduous the pilgrimage, the greater the reward.

But many must have undertaken pilgrimages for other reasons as well as spiritual benefit. In the Middle Ages going on a pilgrimage might be the only chance someone had to leave the place where they lived their whole lives: it was an opportunity to travel to new places and meet new people. On pilgrimage travellers were able to step outside everyday life. Although social hierarchies would remain in place among fellow pilgrims, they would be with people who didn't know their personal histories or their families. On the open road, pilgrims had a taste of a kind of freedom. Pilgrimages were often undertaken in the spring as the weather got warmer, the days longer and the condition of the roads improved. It was then, as now, a time of hope.

T. S. Eliot deliberately echoes the opening of Chaucer's General Prologue at the beginning of his great poem, The Waste Land:

> April is the cruellest month, breeding
> Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
> Memory and desire, stirring
> Dull roots with spring rain.

When I first studied The Waste Land as an eighteen-year old student, I might have thought I knew what it meant. Now I am in my 60s I am wiser and know that I don't know. The Waste Land is a collage of images, memories, scriptural allusions and quotations building up a picture, like a reflection in a broken mirror, of the desolation following the first World War. Hope can seem cruel after such destruction.

Coming out of a different, but still terrible, nationwide experience, it is hope we cling on to. Our desires to see friends and travel to places far from our village are stirred as are our memories of loved ones who have died and those we have not seen for too long. We must trust in the hope that April, and Easter, brings; the hope that waters the parched ground of the long winter of the pandemic.

**Cate Gunn**




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# Community Special Constable



Firstly let me introduce myself and tell you a little bit about my role. My name is **Spike Townsend** and I am the new Community Special Constable (CSC) at Essex Police for Earls Colne and Colne Engaine. The role is voluntary, but as a Special Constable we do have full policing powers. The CSC is part funded by both parish councils and I primarily patrol our villages. I have made a commitment to be on duty for a minimum of 16 hours a month, providing visibility and reassurance of policing within the villages. I am a retired (2016) regular police officer, having served in The Metropolitan Police for 30 years.

I commenced this role in December 2020 and by the middle of March 21 I had completed over 120 hours of uniform duty time. Many of you may already know me and it has been a pleasure getting to meet many more of the villagers during my rounds. I know from your many comments how positive it is to have a visible policing presence.

As this role is voluntary, I sadly can not be on duty 24 hours a day (I do have another job and a homelife) so I would like to take this opportunity of giving some advice in regard to reporting incidents to Essex Police.

Firstly, let me reassure you by saying that our 2 villages do not have any underlying crime issues, but recognise that sporadic crime events do occur and/or people have concerns about suspicious behaviour and activities.

- If something is happening that is of a serious nature (threat to life or property) then you should always call **999**.
- If a crime has already occurred and it needs reporting than you can report this online via the Essex Police website.
- If people are causing concerns (suspicious behaviour etc) then you can call **101** or use the Essex Police live chat via the website. Police will still attend.

I would however PLEASE ask you **not to use** social media (Facebook etc) as your first method of notifying someone. Contact the police first and if you then wish to warn others then do so after, and please mention that you have contacted the Police.

If I am on duty then I will pick up the issue via my Police Radio. I do not monitor social media when on duty.

As part of my role I also report back to both villages Parish Council Meetings on the activity I have undertaken. I will also do periodic updates for both Parish Magazines as well as providing crime prevention and other advice.

Please stay safe and say hello when you see me. I look forward to building on our relationship and providing the visibility and reassurance of Policing our two wonderful communities.

**Spike Townsend / CSC80707 / Community Special Constable**


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# From the Church Spider . . .



Hi Everyone,

Incy Wincy, the Church Spider here.

Has anyone seem Maurice? Maurice the mole, I mean. Most of the Church creatures are easy to keep in touch with. Magnifi-cat's always prowling round the church-yard and I often see Kooky the Church mouse scampering up and down the pews - it's easy to say hello to them and find out how they are. But Maurice spends most of his time burrowing underground - we never see him and he often doesn't hear us when we call out to him. I hope he's ok.

Do you know anyone who isn't easy to keep in touch with? Perhaps they haven't got internet access; perhaps they're unable to leave their home; perhaps they live in a remote location. If you do, why not give that person a call to check that they're alright? Don't let them be 'out of sight, out of mind' - a call from you might just make their day.

I'm off to cast a thread across to the church door so I can go out through the keyhole and look for Maurice.

Keep spinning!
I**ncy Wincy.**


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I briefly summarise below some of the matters discussed and decisions made at the last Parish Council meeting that was held virtually on Zoom.

*Update report from Community Special Constable Townsend* He reported that he had completed three patrols in the village since the last meeting equating to about 8 or 9 hours. These have been largely foot patrols with some vehicle patrols in outlying areas. He now has independent status which will give him more flexibility. He arranged for the recovery of the post van which had got stuck in the mud.

*District and County Councillors to address the Members* County Cllr Beavis reported that the County Council were pressing to be allowed to continue with virtual meetings beyond 6th May which is the date currently allowed by Government. She commented that during the icy conditions gritters had been out day & night. She has been finding out a lot more about the jetting of drains and that a lot more testing has been done. The budget for the Local Highways panel is to be agreed at the next meeting and the expectation is that more of the smaller schemes can be completed including Quiet Lanes. District Cllr Spray reported that most of her time had been taken up by planning matters. The Local Plan section 1 will go to full council with a recommendation that it be adopted. Section 2 will not be looked at by the inspector until July and their disappointment at this has been passed on. District Cllr Courtauld commented that he had been involved in some long-term planning and was extremely proud that Council Tax would be frozen. He has been deluged with questions from local farmers on flooding, trespass and decay of local roads, bridges, culverts and ditches. It may be that CE Parish Council will be asked to write to British Gas to ask them to do something about the large concrete gas pipe that is possibly causing flooding in Station Road.

*Financial Matters a) – consider applying for a debit card for use on the Community Account.* - Approved with 5 votes for and 2 abstentions.

*Financial Matters b)- Consider adding additional clause 5.5.d to financial regulations to enable payments to be made by debit card subject to prior approval of expenditure.* - Approved 5 votes in favour 2 abstentions.

*Planning Application 21/00251 notice of intent to carry out works on trees protected by tree preservation order next to Lych gate* at the Church. The Members had no objections.

*Planning Application 21/00250/FUL Proposed stables & covered arena – land adjacent to Nightingale Farm Brickhouse Road.* It was resolved that the PC should object a) the building is beyond the scale they would expect to see at this location. b) the expected traffic movements of very large vehicles are unacceptable on the narrow rural road. c)

Inadequate parking for the number of vehicles expected for the size of the facility involved.

*Planning Application 21/00121/HH two storey rear extension at 35 Church Street* The Members had no objections.

*Consider applying to Essex Highways to erect "unsuitable for HGV" signs on Elms Hall Road* Much discussion took place including the wider picture with other unsuitable roads in the village. It was resolved that to get the process moving Cllr Beavis would be asked to apply for the signs to be erected at the junction of Elms Hall Road and Station Road at the top of Goldingtons Hill and at the junction with the A1017 near the red bus layby.

*To receive Chairman's briefing, Clerks report and Cllrs reports.* Cllr Barnard reported that the feedback on the environmental proposal to reduce grass cuts to 2 a year was overwhelmingly positive although one person had said they would prefer them cut regularly from an aesthetic point of view.

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

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Would you like to donate a photo to the Colne Engaine Village Archive? They will need to be the best quality possible for the Archive; mobile phones have moved on so much in these 20 years. Perhaps neighbours could socially distance themselves to take each other's photos. In 2001 few people left their dogs out of the photos so will expect even more this time, just don't forget the children! If you would like us to take your photo then that's possible too.



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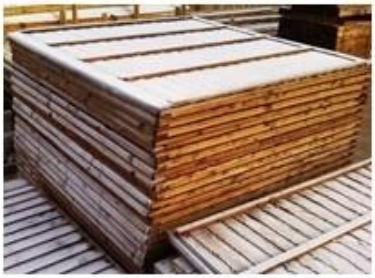
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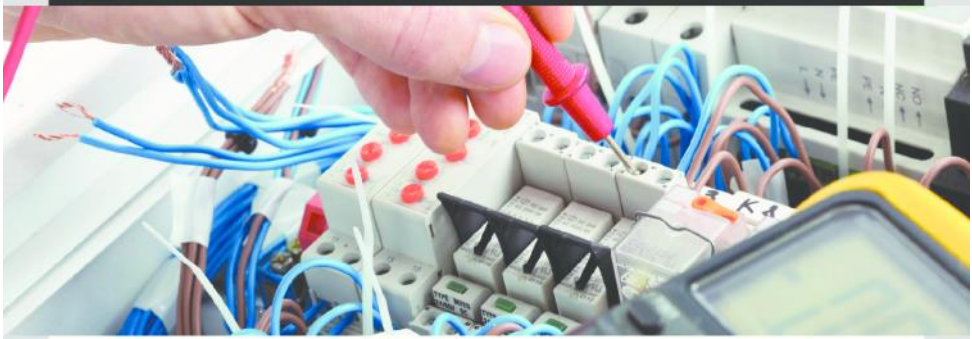
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*Ingredients;*

- *300ml milk*
- *1tsp caster sugar*
- *15g fresh yeast or 1tsp of fast acting yeast*
- *125g strong white bread flour*
- *125g plain flour*
- *1/2tsp salt*
- *1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda (baking soda)*
- *100ml water*

Method:

Warm the milk (body temp).

Mix in sugar and yeast.

Leave for 10 minutes to activate.

Mix the flours and salt together.

Add the milk mix to the flour, stir, cover and leave for an hour.
(It should bubble up, rise and start to fall).

Put a frying pan on the hob on a low heat, butter the moulds generously. Pour or ladle 1.5cm of the batter into each mould and heat for about 10 minutes. Little bubbles will pop up and burst (or you can use a cocktail stick and pop them yourself!) Once they stop re-filling with batter, remove the ring, flip the crumpet and continue cooking for another 2 minutes.

Once the crumpets have cooled, toast them and serve however you like – butter/honey/cream cheese/with eggs…



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As I write this, we have no firm date to re-open Youth Club, but I anticipate it may be June or July.

Please note our Youth Club is run as a non-profit making charity and this is a voluntary role.

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'You're in the system;
'Take it.'
[Not take it or leave it]
'You know you should do it;
'Fail and everyone else will catch it.'

'But I've had my life;
'I've done it all – well, mostly.
'No, I've done it all.
'Time to make way for the young
'And their teachers beside.
'Give them the space; I'll step aside.'

**Robin Greatorex**

[1]*(119 is the phone number to book a vaccination)*





Poem for St .Martins during lockdown by Lynne Sherwood:

I'm Covid free
But no Netflix for me !
I'm so busy, you see :
Sunday is Matins
On YouTube with croissant.
Monday is paperwork ,
Tuesday - Zoom Choir ,
Wednesday is cleaning
And Thursday Zoom language ;
Friday Zoom drinks ,
And dinner with family . . .
And Life before Zoom ?
Can we leave the Zoom womb?
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# Village Hall



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We are very keen to arrange a fun event to celebrate the Hall's 100th Birthday which would be open to everyone in the village. We are thinking of perhaps a nostalgic day with a photograph exhibition of the history of the Hall and prizes for people who dress in a 1920s style.

This would not be a money raising occasion and light refreshments will be available.

We are keen to highlight some of the activities that take place in the Hall and perhaps to arrange a village photo montage of all the present residents.

We also want to show you a local facility which maintains its charm but can be used by more than one group at a time. We have two entrances and exits, two patio areas and two kitchens.

Our tenants are delighted with the upstairs flat and we are delighted to have them. Independently they have improved all aspects of the back garden.

So we are setting a date of Saturday 4th September 2021 to hold this Open Day. We will comply with the necessary restrictions of the day, but hopefully all will be a lot more relaxed then.

We will need old photographs (on loan) depicting events or people associated with the Hall particularly pre 1980. We need a few volunteers to help create the atmosphere, probably make the usual cakes and then we all can dress up a bit.

More information will follow during the Summer so please support us in whatever way you can.

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# Call My Bluff - April

*Old Suffolk Dialect Words. Which is the correct definition?*

**FRACK**

a. to nod the head
b.a hole in a garment
C.to crowd together or swarm

**DISCOMFRONTLE**

a.to disarrange or upset
b.to pull or carry with difficulty
c. to sniff in a noisy manner

**SNICKUPS**

a. shelters for keeping warm
b.a cure for hiccups
C. big, clumsy men or beasts

*Answers next month*

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**Answers: Call My Bluff - March**

**JOUNCE:** c. to rock a child **MULLIGRUBS:** b. An imaginary ailment
**LAB-DAB:** a. Profuse perspiration

**Neville Bird**


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## Useful Numbers

**Church**
St Andrews Church, Colne Engaine
01787 220347

**Councils**
Colne Engaine Parish Council 07946 096331
Braintree District Council 01376 552525
Colchester Borough Council 01206 282222

**Doctors**
The Elizabeth Courtauld Surgery, Halstead
01787 475944
The Pump House Surgery, Earls Colne
01787 222022

**Schools**
Colne Engaine C of E (Aided) Primary School
01787 222717
Honywood Community Science School,
Coggeshall 01376 561231
The Ramsey Academy 01787 472481

**Essex Police**
Braintree Police Station 0300 333 4444

**Village Amenities**
Colne Engaine Village Hall 01787 223668
Colne Engaine Village Shop 01787 220163
Earls Colne Post Office 01787 222258

**Village Groups**
Colne Engaine Village Archive 01787 222080

**Youth Groups**
Colne Engaine Youth Club 07984 794004
1st Earls Colne Brownies 01787 224175
1st Earls Colne Girl Guides 01787 220065
1st Earls Colne Rainbows 01787 224913

If you are an officer of a club or group in Colne Engaine and would like to place information about the group's activities and events in the magazine for free, please contact the Editor (p.2).

If you would like to advertise your business in the magazine please see the inside front cover for advertising rates.

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# On the Buses

## Public Bus

### Colne Engaine to Colchester

**No. 82A and 82B**

*Monday to Friday.*
From The Green **09:08, 11:18, 13:18**
Arrives Osborne Street **09:58, 12:14, 14:11**
*Monday to Saturday.*
From The Green **09:05**
Arrives Osborne Street **09:58**




**Face coverings need to be worn when using public transport**

### Colchester to Colne Engaine

**No. 82**

*Monday to Friday.*
From Osborne Street **10:05, 12:20, 16:15**
Arrives The Green **10:56, 13:10, 17:07**
*Monday to Saturday.*
From Osborne Street **16:15**
Arrives The Green **17:07**

**Please note that the 83 route is now solely used on the Bures/Colchester run and has no direct contact with the parish.**

Full details of all the above timetables, including all stops, are available from *www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk*

***Check with bus operators for up to date offerings as they may change with the current climate.***

## Community Bus

**EVERY MONDAY TO BRAINTREE**

The service stops in the villages and in Halstead and as long as it is safe to do so, the bus will stop along the route within the village when hailed.

For help boarding or leaving the vehicle, or with shopping bags, just speak to the driver. The service is fully accessible, but please would passengers in wheelchairs phone ahead on 01376 557896.

**FARES, payable on the bus**
Adult £2 (single or return)
5-16yrs £1 (single or return)
Under 5s Free

Concessionary bus passes must be shown to receive free transport. Concessionary bus passes are available from Braintree District Council on 01376 551414.

**Timetable**
11.10 White Colne, Colne Commercials, Colchester Rd
11.13 White Colne, Village Green
11.14 Earls Colne, Tey Road, Lowefields
11.20 Earls Colne, Hillie Bunnies
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
14.24 Colne Engaine, The Green
14 27 Earls Colne, De Vere Road
14.30 Earls Colne, Hillie Bunnies
14.36 Earls Colne, Tey Road, Lowefields
14.37 White Colne, Village Green
14.40 White Colne, Colne Commercials, Colchester Rd

**Does not operate on Bank Holidays.**

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT A HEART ATTACK

Should you suspect that a person you are with is suffering from a heart attack or they have stopped breathing for whatever reason,

**Call the Ambulance Service first on 999.**

When, and only when you have taken this step, you may call any of the trained defibrillator volunteers on this list who will attend with the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and assist you until the Ambulance Service arrive.

**LIST OF DEFIBRILLATOR OPERATIVES**

| Name | First phone | Second phone |
|---|---|---|
| Darran Lingley | 01787 224166 (5 Bells) | 07715 991221 (Mob) |
| Richard Jones | 07813 746717 (Mob) | 01787 223666 (Home) |
| Brian Fleming | 07967 949808 (Mob) | 01787 224166 (5 Bells) |
| | 01787 222080 (Home) | |
| Barbara & Geoff Marcoolyn | | |
| | 01787 222334 | 07771 950735 |
| Suzie & Adrian Gasser | 01787 224983 | 07714 647696 |
| Ginny Jeggo | 07792 424061 | 01787 220358 |
| Paul Knightly | 07583 522908 | 01787 581701 |
| Lucy Orrow | 01787 224786 | 07711 704770 |
| Moira Mizon | 07947 499126 | 01787 220497 |
| Gareth Jones | 01787 224318 | 07771 503306 |
| Jane Roach | 01787 221390 | 07739 118116 |

**PLEASE NOTE WE CAN ONLY ATTEND INCIDENTS WITHIN THE PARISH OF COLNE ENGAINE**

# Village Diary

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Thu | Holy Communion 10am (Online) | |
| 2 | Fri | | |
| 3 | Sat | Morning Prayer 9am (Online) | |
| 4 | Sun | | Online 10am |
| 5 | Mon | Morning Prayer 9am (Online) | |
| 6 | Tue | | |
| 7 | Wed | Compline Night Prayer 7.30pm (Online) | |
| 8 | Thu | Holy Communion 10am (Online) | |
| 9 | Fri | | |
| 10 | Sat | Morning Prayer 9am (Online) | |
| 11 | Sun | | Online 10am |
| 12 | Mon | Morning Prayer 9am (Online) | |
| 13 | Tue | | |
| 14 | Wed | Compline Night Prayer 7.30pm (Online) | |
| 15 | Thu | Holy Communion 10am (Online) | |
| 16 | Fri | | |
| 17 | Sat | Morning Prayer 9am (Online) | |
| 18 | Sun | Café Church 6.30pm (Online) | Online 10am |
| 19 | Mon | Morning Prayer 9am (Online) | |
| 20 | Tue | | |
| 21 | Wed | Compline Night Prayer 7.30pm (Online) | |
| 22 | Thu | Holy Communion 10am (Online) | |
| 23 | Fri | | |
| 24 | Sat | Morning Prayer 9am (Online) | |
| 25 | Sun | | Online 10am |
| 26 | Mon | Morning Prayer 9am (Online) | |
| 27 | Tue | | |
| 28 | Wed | Compline Night Prayer 7.30pm (Online) | |
| 29 | Thu | Holy Communion 10am (Online) | |
| 30 | Fri | | |



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- Local Specialities
- Tinned and Frozen Foods
- Newspapers and Magazines
- Cleaning products, toiletries, nappies and other household essentials!

Plus we offer a dry cleaning service and local events & services notice board to allow you to inform the village about any activities or upcoming events you would like them to be a part of!



We're a family, friendly business so just drop in and say hello to Bharat and Nisha! :)


Want to know if we've got something?

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