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Welcome



Hello, Juliet Townsend here, standing in for Sue while she grapples with internet problems and snatches some holiday with the children!

When I moved here back in 2011, the mag was the first thing I picked up and the first thing I volunteered to help with. The result was a good understanding of the life of our village and some of the best friends I could have wished for.

Since Covid restrictions eased, myself and my husband Spike have enjoyed meeting some of the new people who've moved to the village over the last two years. I have found a common topic to be loneliness – exacerbated by lockdowns, home-working and home-schooling. I have in the past struggled with loneliness, even when surrounded by people, and the best medicine I've ever discovered is volunteering. Committing time to help to organise activities that are important to you, with like-minded people, for pleasure rather than payment, is interesting, rewarding and can fill many yawning holes in life.

Editing the magazine this month has been a great reminder of how much we must thank Sue, Jonathan, Terry and the team who organise distribution of this free monthly newspaper. Everyone is a volunteer. The number of activities in the magazine attests to the number of villagers who give their spare time for free to make things happen.

This month there are some great opportunities to meet new people. There are regular get-togethers for those interested in films (p9), books (p10), speakers (p13), playing music (p33), concert-going (p47), youth club (p51) and walking (p55). Of course, our village pub, open four days a week, is always a great place to unexpectedly hatch an exciting new plan!

There are also many excuses for villagers to meet and socialise together while supporting our local good causes – in September there's a Murder Mystery Walk (p59), a Quiz Night (p25), tea & cake at the Village Hall's Centenary Celebration (p44) and a Sunday Lunch (p52). In the following months there's a Christmas Shopping Day, Family Bingo Night, Children's Trail, Carols on the Green and we even have a date for Festival 2022 – see page 59!

Congratulations to the youth club, which has at last filled the Club Leader role with new village resident Matthew Bonnaud. The role is a big responsibility, and the village can only be very grateful to Matthew for taking on the mantle. Meet him on page 51.

Similarly serious responsibilities are taken on by our First Responders – you may notice that our list is shorter than in the past while we await imminent refresher training, kindly funded by the village's Townland Trust.

In this village, I am happy to confirm that you really do get out what you put in.
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What a year it has been! I'm not talking about the year filled with pandemic-related restrictions and lockdowns, which though lifted, still presents us with many challenges.

No, I'm talking about the year within which my entire life and my involvement within our parishes and communities have changed. On September 13th a year ago I was ordained Deacon in the Holy Church of God. Nine months later on the 26th June, I was ordained Priest, the second of the three Holy Orders. For information, the third Holy Order is that of Bishop…and I currently have no plans to get to those dizzy heights!

Two ordinations in less than 12 months and I couldn't be happier. But most of all, I am extremely grateful to everyone who has journeyed with me, prayed with and for me, and supported me, especially when the dark days rolled in, and times seemed hard and unbearable. And that's just in relation to all the essays I had to write!!

There can't be anywhere better than the communities of the lovely villages/parishes in which I serve, alongside Revd Mark, Revd Hugh and the lay ministry teams of the Three Colnes Churches. And for that I am truly thankful to the God who sustains us and enables us to share our ministry with you, our wonderful neighbours and friends. My thanks also goes to all of you who have been so generous, taking time to say hello, congratulations, well done and to just be a friendly face as I find my feet.

We all have so much to be thankful for and God has been so generous with the blessings he bestows on us each and every day. Admittedly, not every day is easy but there is always something for which we can give thanks. So throughout this month, our Sunday services will have the theme of 'Generous God, Generous Disciples', looking at the different ways in which we can give back to God in response to all the blessings he gives to us. Giving back to God is an intrinsic part of our journey as followers of Jesus, whether we are long-term or fledgling disciples. And there are many ways in which we can give of ourselves, our talents and resources.

So why not come along to one of our services and see, either in person or online. We would love to give you a very big smile and a hearty welcome; our way of saying thank you for being you and for being a part of our wonderful community.

And I couldn't end without saying a very big thank you to my husband Chris, the best gift God has given me.

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Date	Time	Church	Service
Wednesday 1st	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th Trinity 14	10am	Earls Colne	Morning Worship #
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
	10.30a	White Colne	Holy Communion
Wednesday 8th	9.30am	Colne Engaine	BCP—Holy Communion
Sunday 12th Trinity 15	10am	Earls Colne	All Age Worship inc. Baptism #
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
Wednesday 15th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th Trinity 16	10am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion #
	10.45am	Colne Engaine	Harvest Festival Service
	5pm	White Colne	Harvest Forest Church in Meadows
	6.30pm	Online	Café Church
Wednesday 22nd	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th Trinity 17	10am	Earls Colne	Morning Worship #
	10am	Colne Engaine	Holy Communion
Wednesday 29th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion

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Morning Prayer - Mondays and Saturdays at 9am on The Three Colnes Facebook Page

Our services during September are a mix of 'in-person', streamed (#) and online and you are warmly invited

For details of all our services including Morning Prayer on Mondays & Saturdays, please see our website: www.colnechurches.com and our Facebook Page

St Andrew's

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The Film - Room
The Discussion - Wednesday 8th September 2021, gather at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
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Happy faces at August's meeting of The Film Club

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Quiz Night - Saturday 11th September 7.00pm in The Village Hall

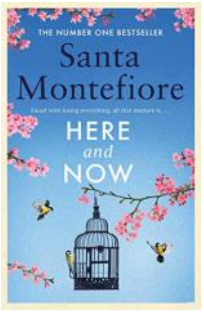
Harvest Lunch - Sunday 19th September 12.00pm in The Village Hall, after the Church Service

Fireworks – Saturday 6th November - More details to follow

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Poppy Book Club



We are finally back and are meeting on a regular basis again.

The Poppy Book Club has been running for an amazing 15 years now and we meet on a Wednesday evening every six weeks. We have a regular number of bookworms and are now at a comfortable capacity.

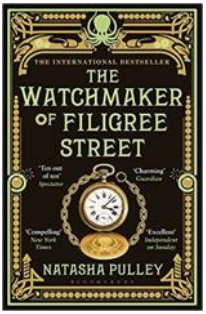
We have just read "Here and Now" by Santa Montefiore.

The book deals with the subject of dementia and its effect from the family's perspective, and is very different to Santa's usual work. It is the sign of an author who can evolve to something different from time to time allowing us an insight into a topic that might impact any one of us or a member of our family or close friend at some point.

This book was not to everyone's taste within the group and had very mixed reviews, however we scored it a 3 out of 5.

Our next read is "The Watchmaker of Filigree Street" by Natasha Pulley.

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Memorial Bench



You might be curious about the memorial bench erected on the village green recently. It's in loving memory of my daughter Jackie Massey (nee Jones), who suddenly passed away on 19th February 2021 aged 56 years. Our family history in the village goes back to around 1890, when my great uncle, Harry Smith, was Headmaster of the village school. When he passed on my great aunt Alice Allington replaced him as Headteacher at the school. They both lived at Burches, 4 The Green and after Alice passed away my parents and six children moved in around the mid 50's.

Jackie spent most of her childhood in the village and moved away when she married. Both of my parents have their ashes interred in the garden of remembrance in the churchyard of St Andrews Church, and my wife's ashes will be placed there later this month. She passed away 2 months after Jackie. Jackie's three sons had the bench and two planters made and erected because of her close association with the village which she loved dearly. Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to move away in the late 1980's but still have a sister and brother in law and niece living in Colne Engaine.

Regards, **Mike Jones**




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Post Ordination On Saturday 26th June in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Bocking Reverend Sharon was ordained Priest, together with Reverends Catherine and Elise, by Bishop Roger. It was a joyous and intimate celebration, tinged with the sadness that, due to Covid restrictions each were only able to have eight guests.

Reverend Sharon's journey began many years ago with an ever-growing inner feeling that God was calling her to ordained ministry. This was confirmed and encouraged by others and it is a privilege to see, even in these last two years, how Sharon has blossomed in her calling.


Photo by Doug McKenzie

God calls us to many and varied roles. In the Colnes we have an amazing team of people, lay and ordained, who do all we can to share the love of Christ in the life and worship of our community. If you have an inner feeling of what God might be calling you to do, or if you want to explore how to listen to God more clearly, or if you just want to find out more about those questions of faith, Christianity and spirituality, then please do get in touch.

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Gardening



What's wrong with veg then?

This is what I was greeted with the last time I saw 'Spud', apparently I am being Vegist , (is that even a word ?) only including fruit and veg at the end of the article and just giving them lip service.

Guilty as charged. Don't get me wrong, I'm partial to my meat and two veg along with many other people, but growing them, for me, is a lot of effort with limited rewards, by that I mean the preparation of the ground, the planning and selecting the best varieties, the timing of sowing and planting for optimum success, continual weeding to reduce competition, then there is the constant battle against the army of critters waiting for a free meal, not to mention needing a crystal ball to stand any chance of winning in the continuous game of weather roulette. Let's assume that I found the time the energy and the inclination to do all the above, then comes the harvesting, half the stuff is underground, so you don't know what you're getting until you've broken your back digging it all up, and be honest, the energy expelled extracting the crop will in no way be matched by the energy replaced in the consumption. Anything growing above ground needs to be picked, cleaned, peeled, sliced or shelled before blanching and bagging up for freezing, all this in the hour before sun up while the slugs have the dew on their back and the moon is laying at the right angle, Fifteen minutes too late and the birds will get there first.

That said, I admire those stalwarts of the plot who take great pleasure in spending every waking hour tending their precious crops, discussing the extremities of the weather and seasons, second guessing frosts and drought, freely sharing excess seedlings with other likeminded plantsters (made up word) and proudly comparing sizes and quantities of the inevitable harvest.

Of course, if you happen to have a bumper crop and need to offload some surplus, do think of me.



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Just for you Spud, veg is first this month, starting with planting stuff, first up, Garlic (*Allium sativum) pictured right*, in contradiction to my little rant before, this is relatively easy to grow, all you need is a sunny spot and soil that is not too 'heavy', buy bulbs that are grown for seed as these will be bred for disease resistance, its not out of the question to use supermarket bulbs but they are likely to have been sterilised or treated in some way which will reduce the chance of success, and lets face it we don't want to encourage disaster do we?, break each bulb into individual cloves and plant them 3-4 inches (8-10cm) apart and 24 inches (30cm) between rows, keep them well weeded and it may be a good idea to cover them with fleece to stop the birds pulling them up as they start to shoot. Next let's plant out some spring cabbage (*Brassica oleracea)* for the pigeons

Gardening (Continued)

(whoops, here I go again). To be sure of a good crop dig in plenty of humus rich compost before planting, set the plants 6 inches(15cm) apart with 24 inches (30cm) between rows, again cover with fleece or the Pigeons will eat them to the ground before you have put your dibber away. Now is a good time to plant Strawberries (*Fragaria ananassa) pictured right,* 8 inches(20cm) between plants and rows should work, water in well and mulch with straw or fine chopped bark, if the plants dry out over winter, they are less likely to produce a good crop. If you already have plants growing, try pegging down the runners and when they have rooted transplant to a new bed. Do this every year and after three years the whole bed will have been replaced with new more vigorous croppers. In effect this will rotate the crop as it is always good practice to grow on fresh soil.



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Courgettes *(Cucurbita pepo/Zucchini)* Tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*) *pictured right* , salads and then there are the maincrop potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum)* and Onions (*Allium cepa)* the latter of which need drying before storing in the wife's tights, preferably not while she is wearing them. Autumn Raspberries *(Rubus occidentalis)* are another crop that should be well on its way but, unlike the summer fruiting variety, the canes should be left until Spring before pruning to the ground. Apples (*Malus)* and Pears (*Pyrus)* are also ready, to be sure, when picking, cup the fruit in the palm of your hand, grip gently and twist, if its ripe it will drop in your hand, if not wait and try again.

Phew I'm worn out now after checking I got all my facts right, after all, I don't want to be leading you up the garden path now, do I. (ouch, sorry).

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Making a Difference

As I write this in August, I am full of hope for a return to school that is bubble-free! We have missed meeting together as a whole school to play, sing, eat and learn together – and we have become so aware of how much we gain from spending time talking with each other and just being alongside those who are not in our immediate circle of peers. We shall of course continue to be mindful of Covid and some of those measures put in place last year will stay, in order to keep everyone as safe as possible – but right now, we are hopeful for some stability for our children and families!

We finished the summer term with a lovely whole school assembly outside, in the shade of the trees, with all of our classes sitting in their bubbles, but able to listen to and see everybody. We reflected on some of the highlights and successes of the year and even managed to sing a favourite song, as we were outside in the fresh air! We all agree that singing together has been greatly missed over the last year and a half - and is one of the things that we took for granted. It brings together our community helping to build a sense of corporate spirit and as a church school, it provides an opportunity for





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worship in an accessible way. One of the favourite songs we sing is 'My Lighthouse' – and parents have told me that this is often the one that their children belt out on car journeys too! The words of this song have resonated particularly during the last few months -

Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea…
…My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore…



Other highlights we discussed included our baby chicks (pictured above), resident in Sycamore class for a few weeks as part of learning about life cycles - and Sports Day, which although a lot quieter than usual, without families attending, was a lovely occasion which once again allowed our children to showcase not just their competitive sporting spirit, but also their sporting values and team spirit. Sycamore class also celebrated the fact that they were- eventually – able to have their residential trip to Mersea Outdoor centre, which was great fun and a really brilliant way to finish the year.

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At the final assembly of the year, our Year 6 children also shared some of the letters that they wrote to their buddies in Reception, as a final gift before moving on to secondary school. All of them gave personal messages and advice to our youngest children from our oldest – and we were so proud to see three overwhelming themes shining through in their messages;

* Always remember to work hard- because you can achieve anything if you set your mind to it – but you have to work hard.
* Read a lot – read everything you can – read challenging texts that will take you on adventures. Read to stretch your minds and make you curious enough to keep learning.
* Always plan to make a difference in the world. Believe that you can – and know that you should. Look for ways to reach out to the world and make your mark.

As you can imagine, there were a lot of very proud school adults listening to these wise words from our young people moving on.

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As the new school year begins, we are looking forward to welcoming our new children and families to Oak Tree class. Hello to Lucas, Aibhlinn, Brooklyn, Oliver, Charlotte, Amber, Ava, Teddie, Archie, Thomas, Oliver, Octavia, Noah, Thea, Mollie and Callum.



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7.00pm for 7.30pm at Courtauld Memorial Hall
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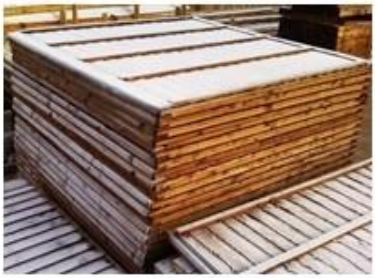
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A message to the Colne Engaine community (& surrounding areas)

From all the family of Joan (Tony) Schofield, we would like to thank everyone for their kindness recently. Restrictions meant we couldn't celebrate Mums' life with everyone, we are sure the Church would have been filled with all to wave her goodbye. Mum loved the local community and would have been touched by everyone's kindness towards her. With her passing goes her sharp memory and stories of local characters, families, and events. We all have wonderful memories of her.

Many thanks, be safe and love to all,

The Schofield Family.

Personal message of thanks

"I should like to thank all the kind villagers who came to my aid when I was temporarily unable to stay on my feet on the occasion in July of the interment of Joan Schofield's ashes. I am truly grateful".
Yours sincerely,
Patricia Ellis.

Thanks from FACES

A huge thank you to everyone who donated clothing for our Bags2schools clothing collection for FACES. We raised an amazing £306 for our wonderful local primary school. Thank you too to the team who organise and deliver our parish magazine and were happy to pop our bags through your letterbox too.

What a great place Colne Engaine is!

Grace (on behalf of **Friends At Colne Engaine School)**



At the time of putting these notes together it is raining yet again, but looking on the bright side with plenty of rain interspersed with some warm (hot!) weather the grass in my garden is lovely and green. I hope you are all having a good and safe summer.

I briefly summarise below some of the matters discussed and decisions made at the last Parish Council meeting.

Special Constable Spike Townsend reported that he had spent ten days on duty in Cornwall at the G7 Conference. Since then, he had completed 20 hours duty. He had one report of anti-social behaviour on the recreation ground which was children letting off fireworks. There had been no further reports and he had attended the ground on the last two Saturday evenings, and all was quiet.

County Cllr Siddall reported that he had been appointed Chairman of the Local Highways Panel and had the first meeting 2 weeks ago. They were oversubscribed with things to do with too little money to achieve them. He was concerned about the overgrown verges at road junctions.

Planning application 21/01544/LBC retention of the removal of a new load bearing internal wall and erection of two number stud partitions to create a new bathroom and lobby to bedroom area, including a creation of new doorway in an existing wall. at the Old School House 1 Brook Street – The application was discussed, and the Clerk was instructed to advise Planning Department that the Parish Council had no objections

Discuss and agree future policy to maintain the character and appearance of our village green to include tree planting, seating, and any other structural additions - Much discussion took place including suggestions as to what we want for our village green. It was resolved with a vote of five for and two abstentions that The Parish Council will consider any applications for alterations & additions on its land on its merits. Any such changes will have to be in accordance with the Council's design and specification to maintain the character of this rural village green. The designs and specification shall be reviewed at regular intervals.

Consider additional wording to financial risk assessment, review/assess/revise column regarding debit card payments - Various options were discussed including the possibility of opening a second current account with an agreed balance, the debit card would only operate on this account. It was resolved that the Clerk will investigate the options and take advice regarding the risk.

Consider request to set up bootcamp on recreation ground on Thursday evenings 7 - 8 o/c the applicant advises that he is fully insured and qualified – *It was resolved to a*ccept subject to confirmation of satisfactory insurance and qualifications for an initial

3 months.

Consider what action to take with regard to maintenance of the village pond - Various options were discussed, and it was resolved that Members would speak to their professional contacts asking for some advice. In view of the fact that there is not another meeting until September it was agreed that Members would email their findings and a decision would be arrived at by email and agreed by majority email vote.

Discuss RoSPA report on playground - The higher risk items in the report were discussed and the Clerk will try to arrange for our usual contractor to meet him at the playground and discuss each item and get quotes for a remedy where necessary. He will arrange for Tarmec & Croft to attend to the oversize bolts in the fence and obtain a quote for repairing/removing the dilapidated bench. Cllrs Barnard and Messenger will investigate the repair/replacement of the goal post and report back to the Council.

Councillor Orrow thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 22.20.

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

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, *THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES* :
Members of the Parish 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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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

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Submitted by Stephen Hector

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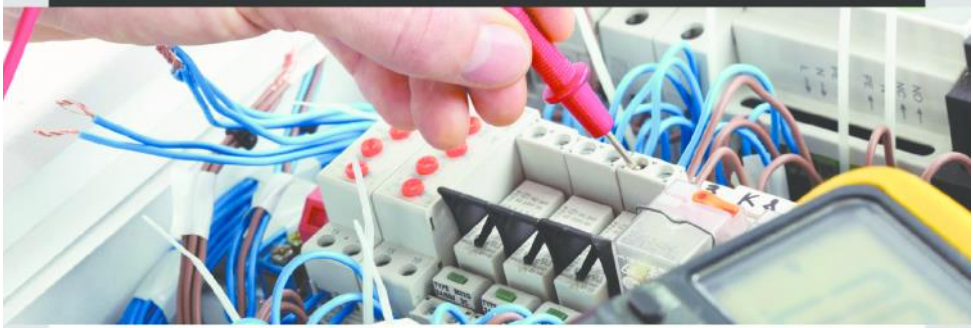
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Thank you for supporting Concert in the Park

I would like to thank everyone that helped and attended the recent Concert in the Park. We were so lucky with the weather.

I can report that 98 people attended and enjoyed a socially distanced evening of wonderful music from Darrell Williams, Annabelle Clapham and young Leo Williams (Darrell's son), from the feedback I have received everyone had an enjoyable evening.

We made a profit of £1,000 for St Andrews Church, for which I thank everyone on behalf of St Andrews.

Rita Prior



Earls Colne Heritage Museum

A Nonconformist Protest

As the Baptist Minister, the Reverend William Burnett, was about to leave Earls Colne in 1910, having completed a refurbishment of the chapel by some of his own artistic embellishments, as shown in this picture, he was able to tell his congregation that there had been no "unpleasant experience" during his pastorate with any member of the Anglican Church.



Even so, Ted Scillitoe could remember playground arguments during his schooldays between classmates from the two denominations (the "Churchers" and the "Chapelers" as they were known). But most disputes were about the merits of their respective Sunday School treats and outings rather than doctrinal differences.

However, for a few months at the start of Mr Burnett's appointment he found himself involved in a court case when some of his congregation mounted a campaign of disobedience on a matter of principle.

In 1902 the Government introduced a local tax to support schools, including the Primary School in Earls Colne, that were managed by the Church of England. Several leading members of the Baptist Church objected to this support for another denomination. The protestors included Thomas and Arthur Mann who were the proprietors of the timber yard in Foundry Lane.

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Heritage Museum (Cont'd)

They refused to pay the tax and received a summons to appear at the Magistrates Court in Halstead. The Reverend William Burnett acted as spokesman for the defendants. He was praised by the Magistrate for the dignified way in which he had presented their case. Still, the law had to be upheld and fines were imposed.





Thomas (left) and Arthur Mann

Thomas and Arthur Mann were jointly fined 11s.2d.; Arthur's daughters, Marion, Julia and Lily, who ran a private school on the corner of Foundry Lane, received a fine of 5s. 1d.; and William Burnett himself was fined 5s.8d. Still defiant, the Mann family and the other protestors refused to pay the fines and had some of their property seized by bailiffs. The confiscated items were then put up for auction watched by a crowd of some sixty people and the press report includes details of the main items: "arm chairs, a wheelbarrow, a sewing machine, and less bulky articles in the shape of watches, books and jewellery". Even the auctioneer, Thomas Howard, was sympathetic to the cause, declaring:

"***We are met to protest against one of the most pernicious acts of a most disreputable Government since the days of Bloody Queen Mary and the arch-traitor Charles the first!***"

With assistance from Charles Wash, the carpenter in whose yard the sale was being held, the auctioneer then allowed protestors to buy back their own property at the prices which happened to match the fines.

Infants' Class at the Primary School in 1903



Meanwhile, lessons at the Primary School continued without any interruption. As we can see from this picture, the youngest children were allowed to bring their favourite toys with them. It was in 1906 that a newly-elected Government abolished the unpopular tax - in spite of objections from the Church of England.

David Brown

Alphege and Cranmer

Thomas Becket was not the only Archbishop of Canterbury to be canonised [made a saint] as a martyr.

Alphege became archbishop in 1006, at a time when Danes were threatening the England of the Anglo-Saxons. In 1011 they besieged Canterbury, taking hostages. While the ransom was paid for most of the hostages, Alphege refused to let the huge ransom (£3000) be paid for him. The account in the Oxford Dictionary of Saints by David Farmer says: 'The Danes were so infuriated that, after a feast at which they got drunk, they killed him with the bones of oxen: an axeman delivered the final blow.'

Alphege became a national hero and was thought of as a martyr. After the Norman conquest, archbishop Lanfranc confirmed the cult and Alphege's body was venerated at Canterbury. Thomas Becket had a particular devotion to Alphege, maybe partly because he had intimations of his own death. Christopher de Hamel has argued, in a brilliant piece of literary detection, that an Anglo-Saxon psalter [book of psalms] now held at Corpus Christi College Cambridge belonged to Alphege and later passed into the personal possession of Becket. Becket would have read the psalms daily and he may

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Medieval History (Cont'd)

have had this psalter with him when he was murdered. Becket's last sermon, on Christmas Day 1170 was on the martyrdom of Alphege.

Alphege was not killed because he refused to deny his faith, but for the sake of justice: he argued that such a huge ransom was too much for the people of the country to pay and would cause great hardship.

At the other end of the Middle Ages, during the reign of Mary Tudor, another archbishop of Canterbury is often considered a protestant martyr: Thomas Cranmer. H.A.L. Rice, writing in *History Today* in 1956, described Cranmer as a gentle man and an academic who 'had no desire to exchange the academic calm of Cambridge for the vortex of public affairs', but he helped Henry VIII in the matter (the divorce of Katherine of Aragon so he could marry Anne Boleyn) and was rewarded with the archbishopric. During the reign of Mary Tudor Catholicism was restored and, while Cranmer initially abjured his Protestant beliefs, he eventually was burned at the stake, putting his right hand,



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which had signed his recantation, into the flames first saying, 'My hand shall first be punished.' He is remembered, though, not for his death but for his part in the writing of the Book of Common Prayer: we owe a debt to Cranmer for the beauty of the language of its prayers.

Our previous archbishop, Rowan Williams, has a long connection with the 'academic calm of Cambridge', where he is now retired, although he has also been arrested – for singing psalms as part of a CND protest. Would he have the courage to thrust his hand into the flames? We hope he never has to find out. And we hope that our present archbishop, Justin Welby, a strong advocate for justice, is never murdered for his convictions. In this country we like to think that religious violence is something that happened in the past, or happens only in foreign countries, but when we remember the continuing threat of Islamic extremism as well as the rise of anti-Semitism and the bigotry of some fundamentalist sects, we maybe shouldn't be complacent.

Cate Gunn

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Geoff Marcoolyn – Chair of Village Hall Committee

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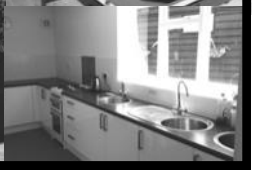
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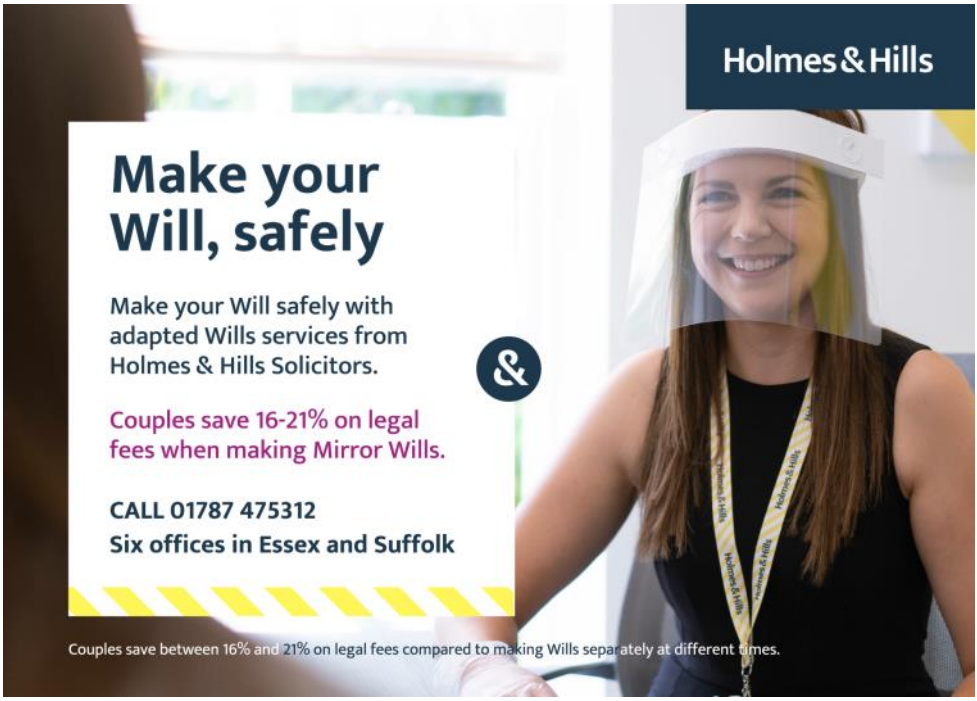
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1 small or half a large onion especially that dodgy one with a touch of white rot that won't store... peeled and diced.

2 eggs

salt and pepper to taste

1 teaspoon each of ground cumin and cayenne.

4 tablespoons of chickpea (gram) flour, add more until the mixture is gloopy

Half a pack of feta cheese, and random bits of cheese at the back of the fridge with the blue fur cut off

Non-stick frying pan, heated with some oil, put large heated table spoons in a pan, flatten slightly, fry 5 to 8 minutes, flip over, squash down, fry another 5 minutes or until golden brown each size. Serve at any temperature with tsatziki.

I could make this vegan by omitting eggs and cheese, but then I would probably add more gram flour, increase the spice and add garlic. Either way, it is gluten free.

Recipe courtesy of *Katherine Crouch, a No Dig Gardener from Somerset*



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Youth Club



Hello from your new Youth Club Leader! My name is Matthew, and I've recently moved to the village with my family. I am training to be a Science teacher and am delighted to be taking up the Youth Club baton in my spare time.

Registration Evening

We are excited to be kicking off a new year in September and we invite any children from the village and/or local schools to become members.

Between **7 – 8pm on Friday, 3rd September** we are holding a Registration Evening event at the Village Hall. Our age range is from Year 6 – Year 11 and non-members can be signed in by any member as a guest. Annual membership is £5. All new faces welcome.

All members are required to have an adult volunteer to help run at least one session a year. Volunteer help is key to the continuation of the club, so please do lend your support whenever you can.

Our evening club sessions are £2 and run from 7 – 9pm. Don't forget to bring extra for tuck!

The last club date on 9th July saw Graham Currie from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service showcase the abilities and training of three search-and-rescue dogs. The kids hid around the grounds as a challenge for the dogs, who found them with amazing speed.

Club Session Dates*

10th September – Our next club evening is on Friday, 10th September from 7 – 9pm.

8th October

12th November

TBC December – We hope to hold a Christmas Party at Rollerworld.

**All dates are subject to changes in restrictions – and on having enough adult volunteers.*

Also, CEYC will have a stand at the Courtauld Memorial Hall Centenary Celebration on Saturday, 4th September from 2 – 5pm, so do come and say hi!

Matthew Bonnaud (matthew.bonnaud@outlook.com)

You are invited to the

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Where: **Colne Engaine Village Hall**

When: **Sunday 19th September 2021**

Time: **Lunch 12 noon**



Spud's Allotment Update

Let's talk compost, how many times do you hear, see or read dig in humus rich compost? Plenty right? Why not make your own, after all if your already gardening then you have the material from everyday tasks in the garden. The choice of compost bins is vast, and so can the prices be, simple plastic bins with a door at the bottom do the job, but in my experience, they are a pain to use. If you want to get serious and throw money at it there are plenty of adverts for the thermal composters and tumbling drums, but a homemade bin tucked in the corner of the garden can work just as well. The simplest construction is four posts driven into the ground in a square with chicken wire enclosing three sides and an open front, alternatively fix three old pallets together, and if you are a bit handy with a saw and a screwdriver why not add a slotted front with removable planks. Lining the sides with cardboard or straw will help insulate it and speed up the composting process, also laying carpet over the top keeps it dry and warm. As to what goes in it, soft vegetable, or, soft plant material, grass cuttings, uncooked vegetable waste like potato peelings, shredded paper, spent compost from hanging baskets etc all laid, if possible, in alternating layers to avoid a sludgy lump in the middle. Avoid invasive weed roots like bindweed (*Convolvulus)* and Ground



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elder *(Aegopodium podagraria)* as these will continue to grow in the compost bin and then spread everywhere you use the finished product, the same goes for weeds with seed heads on, although they may die in the heat of the heap they could easily survive and take advantage of their nutrient rich home. Fallen leaves are better used as leaf mulch as they take longer to rot down than desired, collect them up and store in black plastic bags shredding them first if possible. After one year in the sacks they can be used all round the garden as mulch. Whilst on the subject of leaves, don't forget to keep clearing them off of the lawn otherwise they will smother the grass and increase worm activity, leaving bare patches, if there are already bare spots, now is a good time to be re seeding. Scarifying, aerating, and feeding will all pay dividends too. Elsewhere in the garden think about lifting and dividing perennials that have become crowded, splitting them up and transplanting or giving them away to fellow gardeners. It is a perfect time of year for planting, so get that trowel out and pop in some new additions to your beds and borders, and don't forget the Spring flowering bulbs, they will be piled high in the garden centre now just waiting



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to be let loose in our gardens. Why not pick up a few *Hyacinth* bulbs to pot up for flowering indoors at Christmas, find yourself a small decorative container, preferably with drainage holes, and plant the bulbs in just covering the tips with compost, (don't forget pointy side up) then place them somewhere cool and dark and after about six weeks check on them, once the shoots are about 1 inch (2.5cm) high bring them indoors, water only to keep the compost from drying out and leave the rest to nature.

I have just enough space to include a couple more weed/wildflower suspects,



convolvulus arvensis

There is no mistaking this thug, the common or field bindweed, it is a herbaceous perennial scrambling over and through anything that gets in its way, but it does have lovely pure white and sometimes pink flowers. The only way to get shot of this is continuous digging and removing every last inch of root, or use the dreaded systemic weedkiller as it starts new growth early in the season



Plantain lanceolata,

This is an interesting Fella, its common Names include rib leaf, English plantain And lambs tongue amongst others, it grows on disturbed ground and has a long tap root which needs to come out completely to stop it re growing. In the past it was used as a medicinal plant for its anti-inflammatory properties, and apparently it was used by the Saxons to brew beer, I think I will pass on that one.

'Laters Taters'

Keep calm and carry on weeding.

Going Walk About



Everyone is welcome to join us for our regular monthly walking group, on the **second Saturday of each month**, meeting at **St Andrew's Church, Earls Colne, at 9.30am**. Email Ray on ecchurchwardens@gmail.com for further information and to book your place.

Walk on Saturday, 11th September 9.30am - we will be doing a circular walk to Coggeshall via the airfield and Marks Hall, stopping off at Marks Hall for coffee and cake at their Cafe.

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Earls Colne Airbase Refurbished and Reopened

After months of lockdowns and restrictions, members of the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) community were finally able to gather together on what turned out to be a truly glorious day. The occasion was the reopening of the airbase at Earls Colne and the unveiling of a specially commissioned sculpture on Thursday 22nd July 2021.



Despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, the Air Ambulance has continued to operate, attending to those critically in need across the counties of Essex, Hertfordshire and beyond. But their hard work has been made a little easier through the refurbishment of the space and facilities at the airbase. A much improved environment for the community of pre-hospital care doctors, critical care paramedics and pilots who can't fly without the generous support of those who donate regularly, make use of the charity shops, participate in fundraising events or play EHAAT's Flight for Life Lottery.

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

The specially commissioned sculpture, which takes pride of place at the airbase entrance, also speaks of community. In the words of Kiera Harkett, an art and design student from Harlow College who designed it:

"My idea shows clearly how without the community EHAAT wouldn't be able to fly. My sculpture "Supporting Us, Supporting You" shows our diverse community with their arms up holding the blades of the helicopter. When people see the sculpture I would like them to think about the life-saving work the charity does, as well as all the people in our community that play apart, as well as those that are helped every day."



If you would like to know more about the charity and their life-saving work, visit their website at www.ehaat.org where you can also find out about upcoming fundraising activities and events. Why not too, taking a walk to see the sculpture for yourself?

And a big thank you to all those who sponsored Revs Mark and Sharon for the 100 Miles in May walk in aid of EHAAT, raising the grand total of £947 between them.

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Festival Committee Update



The Festival Committee are tentatively planning for the next Festival, hopefully over the weekend of the **Platinum Jubilee 2-4th June 2022**, pending confirmation from key stakeholders. Since it will be a big weekend for the whole country, we aim to keep the focus on our little village.

We hope to showcase the talents and skills of our villagers, village organisations and businesses. Please get in touch if you'd like to be part of it; by running a stall, performing in the arena, joining the parade, exhibiting your work or in some other way.

We are also looking for people to help over the weekend, with a few hours of commitment as festival stewards. Please get in touch to be added to our list of willing volunteers!

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Chair: Juliet Townsend, Secretary: Pip Morton, Treasurer: Gayle Hedgecock

Upcoming activities from the Festival Committee

Murder Mystery Walk - Become a detective! Follow the clues around the village to identify the murder suspect and be in with a chance of winning a prize! The Murder Mystery Walk booklet will be available for £5 from the Village Shop from Wednesday 1st September. Profits go towards funding Festival 2022.

Family Bingo Night - Eyes down for family fun in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th November. Doors open 6pm, Eyes down 6:30pm. Adults £5.00 / Children £2.50. Entrance includes Bingo tickets. Bring your own drinks and snacks. 50/50 cash game & raffle for many wonderful prizes. Everyone is welcome. To reserve your seats please email Pip on colneengainefestival@gmail.com or telephone 07775 943118. Profits go towards funding Festival 2022.

Chestnut's Autumn Trail - a new free trail from Chestnut the Squirrel! Download the free map to visit the activity boards dotted around the village. Available from our website from Saturday 16th October for 1 month.

Carols on the Green - gather around the village Christmas tree on Saturday 18th December to sing carols together. Mulled wine and sausage rolls will be served. A fundraising collection will be made for The Children's Society.

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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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From Osborne Street **16:15**
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11.23 Earls Colne, De Vere Road
11.26 Colne Engaine, The Green
11.31 Halstead, Market Hill
11.32 Halstead, Bridge Street
11.55 Braintree, Sainsburys
14.00 Braintree, Sainsburys
14.18 Halstead, Bridge Street
14.19 Halstead, Market Hill
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
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5	Sun		10am
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21	Tue		
22	Wed		
23	Thu		
24	Fri		
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