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Welcome



Hello, glad to be back, having a couple of months off from the helm has thrown me slightly. Also, not having reliable internet for the best part of two months has not been much fun either, in desperate anticipation of the fibre roll out!

A big thank you to Juliet for stepping in last month, it was greatly appreciated.

So what have we all been up to? Personally, I got away! Woohoo, we went camping for two weeks in Mersea, but might as well have stayed at home, we bumped into so many people we knew. My sister's Godparents; someone I used to go to Venture Scouts with back in Squirrels Heath, (isn't that the best place name ever?); the Group Scout Leader and his wife and grandchildren from the Scout group here in Earls Colne; a couple of mum's and children from the primary school; two lots of my cousins (OK one lot live on the island – but the others were visiting); one of my son's teachers... it was a never-ending carousel. But we had lots of fun and enjoyed the lack of technology and the freedom that camping allows, and whilst the weather wasn't the best, we still went swimming in the sea and had plenty of trips out.

Back in the village, it is so lovely to see things opening back up. I took part in the quiz night to raise funds for the Church it was brilliant to have everyone out together again. We didn't win – but we didn't come last, yay! There is also a fabulous trail around the village courtesy of Pip Morton raising funds for the Village Festival Committee which is a great family activity at the weekend – trail maps and answer sheets are available for £5 in the village shop, though the prize draw closed in September.

If you are on Facebook, try and connect to the various groups around here, to stay up to date with the latest goings on. We do try to keep as much in the magazine as possible, but may miss one or two items:

Colne Engaine Festival; Colne Engaine Ladies; Colne Engaine and Village People; Colne Engaine Village Shop; Colne Engaine Village Hall; Colne Engaine Parish Council; Colne Engaine C of E Primary School; Five Bells Public House, Colne Engaine; The Colnes – Rehome/Re-use/Recycle; Colne Engaine Women's Institute; Colne Engaine Open Gardens; The Three Colnes; Colne Engaine Dramatic Society. (Sorry if I have missed any, please send them over to me and I will add to the list next month).

Now the nights are drawing in, it is time for us to get ready for the village Dramatic Society's plays (CEDS) see pg. 14, have nights in the pub (pg. 23), crisp walks along the footpaths (pg.51), bonfire night (pg. 13) and all the other magical things that Autumn and Winter bring.

Until next month, **Sue**

St. Andrew's Church
Christmas Dedicate A Star

After the popularity of this we have decided to hold the Dedicate a Star again this year to help raise funds for the major works required on our Church. We are asking people to remember loved ones, or those that are no longer with us by donating £5 towards a star on the Christmas Tree of remembrance.

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St Andrew's

Autumn.

A time of change as the days get shorter, the clocks go back, the dark evenings come more into our lives and, if you are like me, I seem to have less energy.

In creation, seed is essential for a harvest but unless the ground in which it is planted in is in good condition it will not grow well or at all, so if we are to plant seeds then the soil needs to be cultivated.

In the autumn gardeners will be preparing the soil for next year, digging and clearing is hard, unglamorous, but very necessary, work.

Farmers will be ploughing and preparing fields for harvest next year, a time consuming and expensive operation.

All of these activities take patient commitment to get a good base to plant seeds and without the careful preparation some, or all, of the seed is wasted.

In the parable of the sower Jesus highlighted the successful growth of the seed falling on good soil and the failure of the seed falling on unprepared areas.

The preparation of the soil is the key to new growth, but it is much harder work than sowing seed and so often we are tempted to sow seed before getting the ground ready even though we know that the result be less satisfactory than patient preparation.

As we start a new cycle of growth and harvest in garden and field could we look at this autumn as the opportunity for us to start a new season of patient preparation for the work of God?

What is this patient preparation?

Often this is simply being a Christian in the community and not mentioning Jesus unless asked.

Showing love for others, being the listening ear, the thoughtful action, putting time for others before time for ourselves; being a Christian.

This autumn could we find time to do a bit more patient preparation and then hold onto the extra commitment for next year?

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Date	Time	Church	Service
Sun 3rd	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
	10.30am	White Colne	Holy Communion
Wed 6th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 10th	10am	Earls Colne #	Holy Communion with Confirmations
Wed 13th	9.30am	Colne Engaine	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
Sun 17th	10am	Earls Colne #	Holy Communion
	10am	Colne Engaine	Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am	White Colne	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Earls Colne	Café Church
Wed 20th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 24th	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship
	10am	Colne Engaine	Holy Communion with Baptism
	5pm	Earls Colne #	Evensong
Wed 27th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 31st	10am	Earls Colne #	Halstead Team Service

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

Our services during October 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

For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: Please contact The Reverend Mark Payne on 01787 220347 or colnesvicar@gmail.com 20 Swallowfield, Earls Colne, CO6 2SW.

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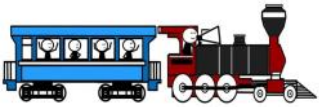
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Refreshments available from 3.15pm
for a 3.30pm start and finished by 4pm

Prayers For The Parishes - Thursdays 9.45am

What is it?

This is an opportunity for any who wish to gather together to pray for the three villages of Colne Engaine, Earls Colne and White Colne. We pray for those we know who need our prayers and for our schools, businesses and villagers.

You are welcome to come along and equally welcome to ask for prayers by emailing Revd Mark on colnesvicar@gmail.com

We meet on Thursday mornings, at 9.45am for half an hour. During October we will be meeting as follows:

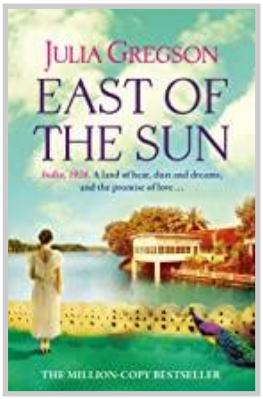
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21st October	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
28th October	St. Andrew's Church, Colne Engaine

Poppy Book Club

The Poppy Book Club are celebrating 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 “The Watchmaker of Filigree Street” by Natasha Pulley.

The adjective "quirky" chosen by many to describe the book is a good one. Many thought that this was a strange book, that some did not finish, but others found it interesting with a twist at the end. It was rates 2.5 out of 5.



Waterstones describe it as: Former Waterstones bookseller Natasha Pulley unleashes a kaleidoscopic steampunk world in this magical tale of clockwork birds and luminiferous ether. A rip-roaring adventure that blends historical fact with the most imaginative fiction, *The Watchmaker of Filigree Street* is an unbridled delight.

Our next read is East of the Sun by Julia Gregson.

For further information please contact Rita Prior on 01787 223867

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Further information can be found at the following website:
https://www.treeofhope.org.uk/grace-beverton/

Women's Institute

October meeting on 20th in Colne Engaine Village Hall 2pm until 4pm.

Our speaker for this month is Sally McFerran telling us of her work for Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC) and SSAFA – the Armed Forces Charity.
Competition: Candle in a Holder.
New members and visitors always welcome.
Further details from our president Barbara Marcoolyn 01787 222334



Hope you didn't find last month's film too challenging. It made for a good discussion though!

This month the Film Club choice is a little bit of a counterbalance, with a bit of humour, a bit of romance, and a few difficult decisions to be made.

Tissues at the ready!!

The Film - Me before You.
The Discussion - Wednesday 13th October 2021 gather at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.
The Where - The Five Bells Colne Engaine

For more information or to book your place, contact Sharon Quilter at colnescurate@gmail.com

Can you sing or play an instrument (even a shaker or tambourine)?



Now that we returning to our church buildings for many of our services, we are looking to put together a worship band which will help lead the music once a month in one of our three churches across The Three Colnes.

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Dramatic Society



Update from Colne Engaine Dramatic Society

CEDS warmly welcomes you back to our late Autumn production on Thursday December 2nd, Friday December 3rd and Saturday December 4th where we will be performing 3 comedy plays. Further details will be in next month's magazine.

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society is a relaxed and fun group of amateurs who don't take ourselves too seriously but do like to give our audiences value for money and a good evening out!

We meet on Wednesdays at 8pm in the Colne Engaine Village Hall to prepare and rehearse.

We have our own lighting and sound equipment and are able to construct substantial sets well in advance of productions, enabling rehearsals to take place on-stage, with props in situ.

We welcome new members, both on and off stage, so if you fancy treading the boards, helping with staging or front of house, please pop into the Village Hall on any Wednesday evening from 8pm.

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Halloween - A Gardeners Perspective

All About Halloween – A Gardeners Perspective



Ok, so you know I can't do October without talking about All Hallowmas, All Hallows Eve, All Saints Eve, or as we know it today, Halloween, but it could be worse I could be using the 'C' word (Christmas that is), come to think of it, I might have to briefly mention it later, but I'm getting ahead of myself again. Back to Halloween then, it appears that its roots (gardening reference) are from, wait for it, a Celtic festival, October 31st was the end of the Celtic year and marked the beginning of hard times in the winter to come. All Hallows Eve was, they believed, the time when the worlds of the living and the dead were so close that ghosts could return to Earth. This, in turn, gave the Druid priests the opportunity to converse with the spirit world and write prophecies that the people of these lands would follow. The ceremony of Samhain (pronounced "Sah-win") would take place where the people would join with Druid priests to offer sacrifices of animals to the spirits on a communal bonfire, this bonfire was sacred and the people, who had previously let the home fires burn out during harvest, would take the flame from the sacred fire to their homes and relight the hearth fires to protect them through winter. The Christian religion tried to take control of the festival and changed the date to the 13th May and celebrated saints and martyrs, this was back in the 5th Century, I know this cause my grandad was there. Nonetheless the bonfires continued in October, so in the 9th century (when I was at big school) Pope Gregory moved it back, but he made the 1st November, 'All Saints Day' and the 2nd All Souls Day, power to the people. With the Celtic people coming predominantly from Ireland, what is now the UK, and Northern France, it is no surprise to find that the mass emigration from Ireland to America during and after the potato famine of the late 19th century, brought with it the evolved traditions from Europe and enhanced the limited festivities already taking place in the colonies of New England. Americans would dress in costumes and go house to house asking for food or treats, (the Pagan version of this was to sing songs to the dead and receive cakes as a reward). Neighbours would get together telling ghost stories and attempt to predict their futures, young girls believed they could conjure up the name or image of their future husband by performing tricks, this is a bit of a tenuous link to the witchcraft aspect of Halloween. Again, the celebrations evolved into those of today, primarily taking the children, dressed as all sorts of monsters', witches, and the occasional princess Elsa from frozen, to participating households and collecting treats in a relatively organised fashion making it enjoyable for all those who wish to take part. So, don't forget to practice your ghost stories to tell the kids or grandkids whilst carving the dodgy teeth on your pumpkin.

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Youth Club

Hello from the Youth Club and welcome back to a new school year!

Our next club night is between 7-9pm on Friday, 8th October at the Village Hall.

Hope to see you then! It is also a chance to join the club for those between school years: 6 and 11.



It was great to accept many to the club during our registration evening early in September. If you couldn't make it then please let me or Grace Carey know and we can get the sign-up sorted for you.

We joined in with the celebrations of the Courtauld Memorial Hall's 100th year the following day. The Youth Club just wouldn't be the same without all the facilities and activities around the Village Hall. In amongst the bunting we had some enthusiastic foosball matches and wobbly giant Jenga games. An appreciative mention to the cake-makers – the cakes were brilliant and provided great fuel for the day.

Thank you to Esmé, Aidan, Rosalie and Ralph for their help with setting up and supporting the celebration. Well done!

As with all these community events, they rely heavily on volunteers to make them happen and enjoyable. We continue to count on and appreciate support for the coming Club Nights.

Club Session Dates* [Monthly: 7-9pm at the Village Hall]

8th October

12th November

TBC December – hopefully at Rollerworld, Colchester.

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

All the Best,

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Gardening



OCTOBER AND ALL THAT ENTAILS. Right let's get on with some gardening jobs shall we, one thing I think is really important is to keep removing leaves off of the lawn, whether you rake, blow, vacuum or even pick up with a mower if it is dry enough, don't let them lay there to form an impenetrable layer, smothering the grass beneath, (refer back to the last issue to find out about making leaf mould). Remove plant debris from borders, strong upright dried seed heads can be left to give the critters somewhere to overwinter and help protect the crowns of underlying dormant perennials, they can also look amazing lit by the low winter sun, especially when coated with a sharp frost. Anything that dies down with fleshy leaves is, in my opinion, best removed as soon as, because it could just become a slimy mess smothering any early winter to spring shoots and possibly creating a safe haven for diseases and bacteria to overwinter, on that note think about your roses, (*Rosa*) did they have black spot this season, well it won't go away if you leave a single diseased leaf on the ground at any time especially over winter, it will transfer into the ground as the leaves decay and come rushing back next Spring to ravage your roses again, true, you can spray all through Summer, but you may need to do it less often, if at all by clearing the leaves away, feeding well in the growing season and keeping the area around the base of each rose clear to allow air flow. (a message my wife tries to drum into the vacant space

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between my ears). If you have Spring bedding or Spring flowering bulbs to plant, now is your last chance if want to increase your chances of a good display, that's not to say they won't grow if you plant them later, but they will struggle to reach their full potential. Carry on planting shrubs and perennials if the ground is not waterlogged or frozen but concentrate on evergreens first as they prefer to be in and settled by now, deciduous shrubs can go in right through if conditions allow, and bare root season is about to start so a good amount of dosh can be saved by waiting and picking up bare root plants. Covering the ground with a 4" (100mm) layer of bark chippings, leaf mould or compost as a mulch will help insulate plants for the winter and retain moisture, be sure the ground is not too dry beforehand as it can have the opposite affect by slowing the ingress of water when it rains. I mentioned Christmas didn't I, its only that I was thinking about wrapping, tender plants that is, I have in my garden some big Banana trees, (that's big trees not big Bananas) (*Musa basjoo*) and some tender *Nerium oleander* bushes, last year I got away with leaving them uncovered the whole winter, this was because it was generally quite mild, short spells of below freezing temperatures and snow don't seem to





Gardening (Continued)

trouble them much, however, if the forecasters start talking about 'beast from the East' and 'pest from the West' then I get to work, out comes the fleece and everything that is vulnerable gets covered. Apparently one layer of horticultural fleece protects down to 1 degree, each successive layer adds another 1 degree protection, by the time I have finished wrapping loosely round and round from bottom to top the garden is full of strange shaped sculptures embalmed for posterity, the Banana plants do try to grow on in early spring if the temperature starts to rise, so I try to make sure the core of the top part of the fleece wrapping is left slightly open, it is better that the leaf pokes through and gets nipped of by the frost rather than folding back on itself and causing the trunk to rot further down. Tree ferns (*Dicksonia antarctica*) have a scrunched-up ball of fleece dropped into the crown and then I lift all the fronds from the outside and draw them together in a bunch secured with garden string, this ensures the important part, the crown, is protected from cold and wet.

Now on to weed/wildflower school. Couch grass/ twitch *(Elymus repens)* The name comes from the ancient Greek word *Emulos* meaning Millet and *repens*, Latin for crawl or creep. it is a clump forming grass which, if left to its own devices will grow up to 4.5feet (130cm) tall, it spreads by seed from the flowers in June – August but mainly



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from the creeping runners that spread from the base in all directions like an alien invasion. It is best removed by good old-fashioned digging, but a systemic weedkiller will also do the job. It does have its uses in situations where it is grown to help reduce ground

erosion. Horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*) from the Latin *Equus* for Horse and *Seta* for bristle describing the appearance of the stalks that emerge from the rhizomes beneath the soil in early Spring, these can be up to 6 feet (1.8m) deep, which makes this fella a bit of a thug. *Arvense* is from the Latin Arvens, meaning 'ploughed' this refers to the fact that it grows in arable areas and on disturbed ground. It is a struggle to remove it completely, systemic weedkiller will knock it out for a while, but it will be back, continuous repeated treatments may win out in the end, but the tiniest piece of rhizome left alive will send up fresh shoots, this is also why digging is ineffective. The plant is useful in the medicinal world, it is rich in Silicon, Potassium and Calcium amongst other elements including vitamins A, E and C.



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The Churchyard

Having cleared the lychgate walk comprehensively in July, the Churchyard Working Party set themselves the task of pruning into shape the 7 holly bushes next to the footpath on the south and east sides of the Church before Harvest Festival on 19th September. We managed to complete (phew!) and our thanks go out to John Lamacq, Geoff Marcoolyn and Peter McFerran who all helped me in their various ways to complete the job before the deadline. Very well done, Guys!

Terry Hawthorn

Colne Engaine Church Warden

Great Fun at the Quiz Night

There was great fun had at the Village Quiz night with a massive £552 raised for the Church, with team entries, roll a pound at the bottle and a raffle.

With 8 teams pitted head to head with trivia, music and anagram questions to name a few, the winning team consisted for Caroline & Darran Lingley, Wendy & Richard Jones and Matt & Clair Hill - The Colne Utter Nonsense Trivial Squad

Rita Prior would like to extend her thanks to all that took part and helped put the event together, may it be the re-start of many more to come.



Braintree Area foodbank

Shopping List
HARVEST 2021

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- Baby wipes
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- Shower gel
- Sugar (500g please)

Due to the generosity of our community, at present we do not need: Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Baby Food, Baby Nappies, Jam, Fish, Rice, Hot Meat, Hot Snacks, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Veg

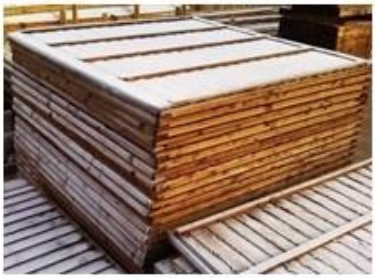
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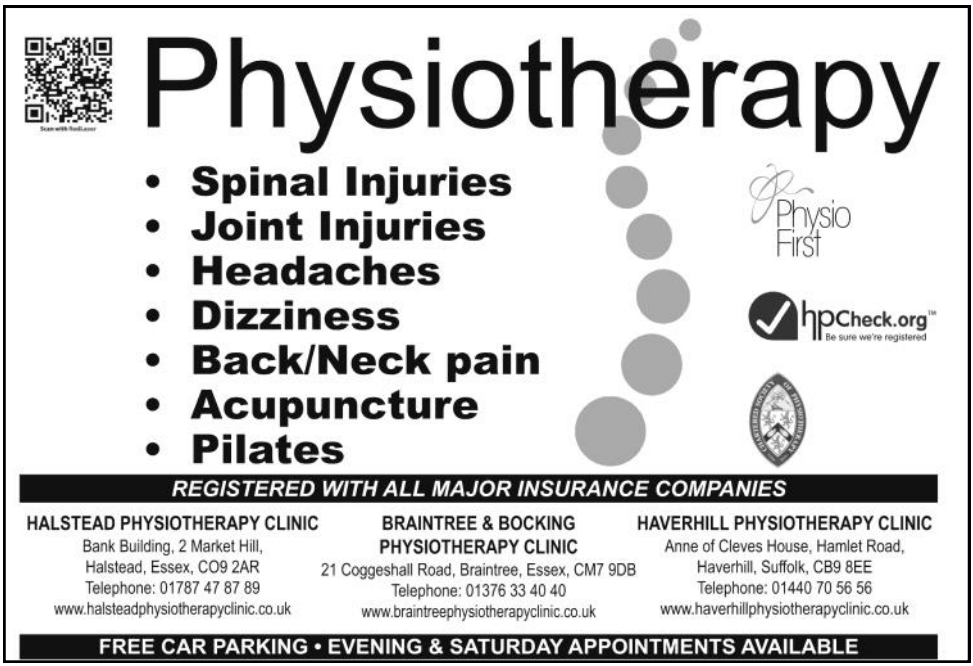
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Spud's Allotment Update

Time for a chat with 'spud' see if we can get some little gems out of him, little gems, see what I did there, you know, the lettuce variety. Anyway, moving on, he was doing a bit of end of season clearing as well as lifting and dividing his rhubarb (*Rheum rhabarbarum*), he had dug up the whole clump (crown) and then he drove two garden forks through the centre, but they were back to back, then as he levered them outwards away from each other, the crown literally split into two, he looked quite pleased with himself ,though I did get a similar result by cutting through the centre with an old panel saw, I got the idea when I was dividing some big clumps of ornamental grasses, I could literally dissect them into four quadrants (suppose it could only be four if they were quadrants, eh) it was a lot easier than trying to chop and tease them apart, and more accurate in the bargain. He had a couple of monster pumpkins for his grandchildren to carve up, he only just managed to fit two on the wheelbarrow. He still has a few spuds to dig up, but apart from that it was a case of picking off yellow leaves from the sprouts (*Brassica oleracea gemmifera*), cabbages (*Brassica oleracea capitata*), cauliflowers (*Brassica oleracea botrytis*) and broccoli (*Brassica oleracea italica*) to prevent them from becoming a breeding ground for *Botrytis* and grey mould. He also popped in a few more spring cabbage (*Brassica oleracea acephala*) plants and some onion sets (*Allium cepa*) and garlic (*Allium sativum*), apart from that it was carrying on



with digging over bare ground for overwintering, this is something that he and Mr Bean have had to agree to disagree on, let me explain.

Mr bean swears by the 'no dig' method of cultivating soil, it's an organic gardening term, the theory is that disturbing the soil breaks down the natural structure which is home to numerous bacteria, nematodes, other critters, and colonies of fungus, that all help to release the nutrients from the soil for the plants to access through their root systems. Basically, the objective is to mulch, mulch, and mulch again, using compost as a mulch delivers nutrients directly to the soil, it is also said to reduce the slug population as there is little or no fermentation of vegetation, which, in turn produces alcohol, which attracts them (I think I may have been a slug in a previous life). The repeated mulching stops light reaching any weeds growing below, which exhausts the supply of sugars stored in the root system as the plant attempts to reach the light to keep growing using photosynthesis. It is quick, easy, and simple, just because it's a new idea doesn't mean it wont work, after all where do you see mother nature breaking ground to encourage sustained growth, she mulches with plant debris and leaves all year round, just saying.

But 'Spud' just keeps digging.

Gary Hoskin

Note from the Editor – I did my first No Dig Veg patch this year and will be doing it again for a second year, very excited to see how well my Parsnips have grown!

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Ann Norris

If you would like to contact the team either call Revd Mark on 01787 220347 or Beryl Amy on 01787 223486

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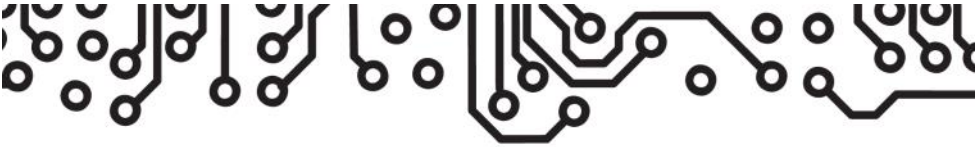
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I briefly summarise below some of the matters discussed and decisions made at the last Parish Council meeting.

Planning application 21/02247/FUL erection of two storey 5 bed dwellinghouse with detached single storey ancillary outbuilding, including parking and amenity space, following demolition of agricultural building and outbuilding at Countess Cross Farm CO6 2HT. – The application was discussed, and the Clerk was instructed to advise Planning Department that the Parish Council had no objections.

Planning Application 21/02239HH Single Storey Front Extension at Moors Farmhouse Brickhouse Road CO6 2HH. - Application was discussed and Clerk was instructed to advise Planning Department that the Parish Council had no objections.

Planning Application21/00250/FUL Nightingale Farm Brickhouse Road The Parish Council are asked if they have any further views on the application in view of the revised plans submitted. - The Clerk is to reply that the Parish Council's original objections remain unchanged.

Re-consider the use of a debit card and possible alternatives for the purchase of items where it is not possible to pay by invoice. - After the further review of the situation the debit card should be cancelled. The card was cut into pieces for all to witness.

Consider request to use the recreation ground for the 2022 village festival on Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022. The request also asks for use of football ground for parking. – the request was granted subject to satisfactory arrangements being made for car parking. The committee are to be requested to discuss use of football ground with the leaseholder and have a backup parking plan in case their first choice was to become unavailable when the time came.

Consider what action to take with regard to RoSPA's safety report on the playground and the quotations for the repairs. - All of the items were examined and discussed, and it was decided to arrange for Playquip to repair most of the items on the quote to be repaired/installed. In addition, Tarmec were to be requested to repair the bench as quoted for.

Receive update on the possible introduction of electric car charging points in the car park. - Cllr Messenger reported that he had been in touch with his contact at Braintree District Council who in turn put him in touch with BP Pulse. He was advised that they would fund 25% of the installation cost and the Energy Saving Trust will fund the other 75% so the installation would be fully funded. At the moment it is with UK Power Networks to complete a feasibility study and if that works, we go ahead. The contract with BP Pulse would be a profit-sharing agreement, they would take 75% of profits and

the Parish Council would take 25%.

Councillor Orrow thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 21.55

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

Colne Engaine Parish Council meet at 8pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month with the exception of August in the Courtauld Memorial Hall. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and at the beginning of each meeting a 15-minute Public Session is held for non-members to address Council on items specified on the agenda, but please see the information at the top of these notes.

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.

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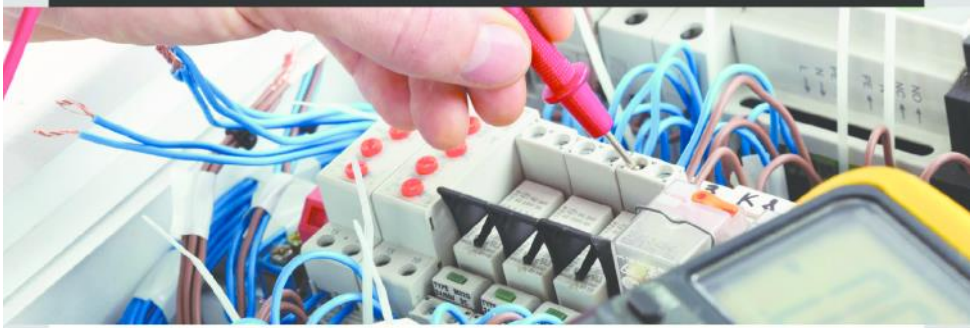
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Earls Colne Heritage Museum

Clues From The Distant Past



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Well, perhaps that's how it happened. We can't be sure because the ceremony took place so long ago and nobody who was present was able to leave us an eye-witness account. All we know for certain is that, over 3,000 years ago, a community living on the water meadows beside the River Colne took great trouble to cremate the remains of their dead relatives and friends, burying the ashes in pottery urns. It would not be until 2,000 years later that the first written records began, describing the village near to the burial site which eventually

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The cremation urn

In the basement store room of the Colchester Castle Museum is a cupboard full of earthenware cremation urns which have been dated to the period known as the Late Bronze Age. They were discovered in 1924 when sand and gravel pits were being dug in an area between the River Colne and the main road, on the Fox and Pheasants farm. The museum staff kindly agreed to loan one of them to the Earls Colne Heritage Museum when it opened in 2005.

The urn is about 30 centimetres high and tapers slightly towards the base. There is no lid because the vessel was buried in an inverted position. On one side is a pattern of small indentations which the potter may have made with his thumb-nail, tracing a curved line down the urn. To the right is a deeper circular mark which looks as if he poked the end of his finger into the wet clay. This is where imagination starts to conjure up possible interpretations. Was the thumb-nail pattern meant to represent the river with the finger mark indicating the location of the

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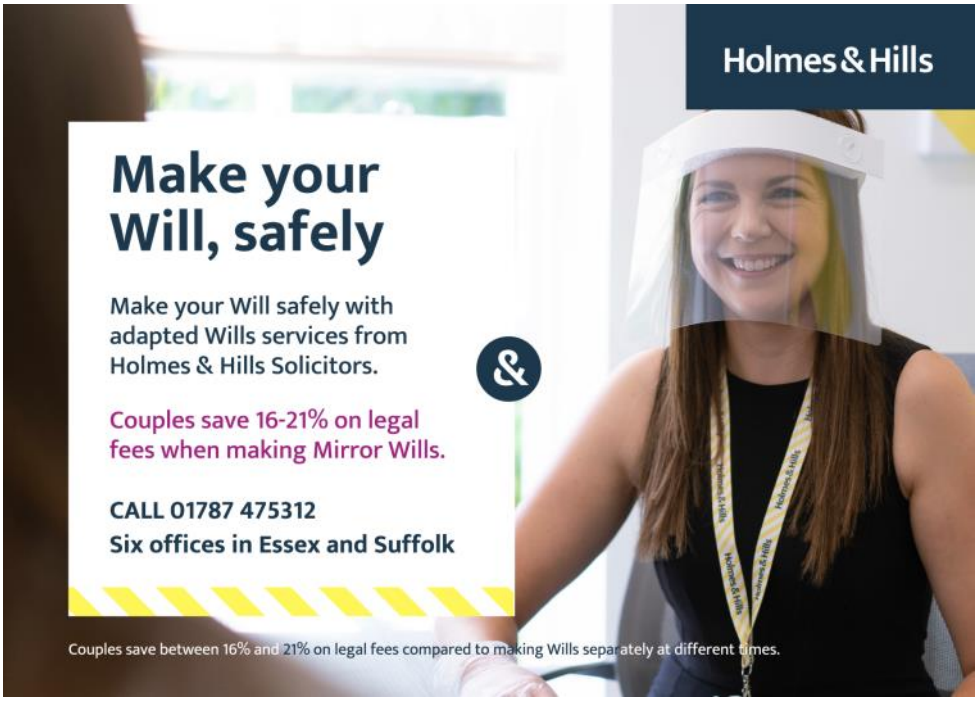
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burial? At this distance of time one guess is as good as another.

The grove of trees on the high ground to the south-east of the burial site has been known as Chalkney Wood since before the Norman Conquest. Dr Oliver Rackham, an expert in timber management who gave a talk to the Earls Colne W.E.A. Branch in 1983, confirmed that the wood has very ancient origins, based on the variety of species among the trees which it still contains. The wood is surrounded by a bank and ditch, marking it out as a place of special significance. Cutting through the bank on either side is a track-way which was constructed or improved by the Romans, who did not arrive in Britain until AD 43. So, again, we can only speculate but it is possible that the Bronze Age people who took such trouble to give their loved ones a ceremonial burial may have regarded Chalkney Wood as a place of importance in their religious rituals (an early form of Forest Church?). According to some recent theories, running water may also have played a part in the rituals which could explain why their burial ground was on the opposite bank of the river from Chalkney Wood.

If nobody objects to the mention of pagan rituals in a C of E magazine, we might look at more of Dr Rackham's research into the history of Chalkney Wood next month. His book

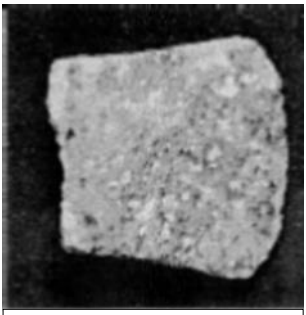


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"The History of the English Countryside" has been republished recently. Described as "the classic history of Britain's landscape", it takes the story of Chalkney Wood from Roman times to the value of timber as an annual crop for the Lord of the Manor in the medieval period.

One myth that Dr Rackham dispels is the belief that timber-framed houses were sometimes built with re-used ships' timbers. He explains that medieval carpenters preferred to use unseasoned timber which was easier to cut and shape with the hand-tools that they had available. If the batch of logs for their next project arrived before they were ready to start work on them, the timber would be stored in a nearby pond so that it remained "green" and easily workable.

David Brown



Bronze Age Axe found near the River Colne

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St. Andrew's Guild - The new Session opened with a Corporate Communion on Sunday Sept. 11th, which was followed by a meeting at the Vicarage, on Sept. 21st , when the Lectures on XXXIX Articles were continued. The Hon. Treasurer rendered a statement of accounts which showed a balance of over £2. Encouraged by the success of the Missionary Tableaux presented last, we intend to give a similar exhibition during the coming season, and shall do our best to eclipse our previous effort. The Guild now has 64 members, we hope for an increase, and are specially in need of men.

Wakes Colne

Choir - It was with great sorrow that we heard of the terrible accident that had happened to Mr. Layer, one of our choirmen. It was one of those sudden accidents that no one can foresee. We are glad to hear he is recovering after the operation that was necessary.

Harvest - The Harvest Festival Services will be held at Wakes Colne Church on the first Sunday of Oct., and the evening preacher will be the Rector of Little Tey. Notwith-

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standing the severe drought the harvest appears to have been a good one in our own parish and a good average throughout the Country. This is something to be thankful for, as it was not expected.

Colne Engaine

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, Sept. 4th, were very well attended. The Church was beautifully decorated by a willing band of helpers. Gifts of corn, fruit, flowers, and vegetables, were kindly sent by Mr. H. Dumville Botterell, Mr. T. F. Sewell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Metson, Mr. Batters, and Mr. S. J. Jackson. The fruit and vegetables were sent to the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, and the Matron writes as follows:

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for sending us fruit from your Harvest Festival Service. We are very grateful for it, and it will be enjoyed by the patients very much.

I am, Yours very truly,

MARY E. JONES,

Matron

White Colne

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services on the 11th Sept. were all well attended. The Church was very neatly decorated and thanks are due to the decorators and donors of flowers, fruit, and corn, namely Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. H. Sparkes, the Misses Daisy Halls, Gladys Long, Gwendoline Roberts, Lily Sparkes, Edith Taylor. Gifts in kind were sent by Mr. Nottage, Mrs. Nottage, (Colne Engaine) Mrs. Deal, Mrs. E. C. Hill, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Tracy, Miss Sergeant, Mr. W. Prestney, Mr. Reeve, Mr. H Sparkes, Mrs. Lyons, Miss Eaves. The Vicar of Earls Colne kindly took evensong, and the offertory and collections amounted to £3. 3s. Dr. Douglass Turner, Medical Superintendent of the Royal Eastern Counties Institution in acknowledging the receipt of the vegetables etc. says in his letter: "It is very welcome, we are very grateful indeed to you for remembering us, and I can assure you we do appreciate it very much."

Liz Pottinger

Lunchtime Recital

St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
Our next Lunchtime Recital is on

Thursday 14th October 2021 ● 1.00 - 1.30 pm

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Malcolm Ball (*ondes martenot*)* and Peter Humphrey (*piano*)

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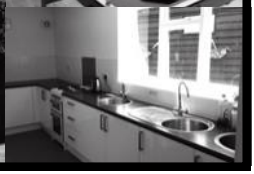
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EssexVoluntaryBloodService.com

And thank you for your kind attention.

Going Walk About



Many thanks to Margaret and Tony for leading the September walk from Earls Colne to Coggeshall. That was certainly one of our most adventurous walks so far and it seems the group is enjoying the longer distances – or was it the lure of refreshments at Marks Hall and lunch in Coggeshall?

The previous weekend I had checked the route out with Margaret and Tony and that ended up as quite an adventure too! In the woods between Marks Hall and the airfield we heard a loud, barking scream just to our right, beyond a pond. As we got closer, we could see a small deer that was apparently stuck in a fence. Its cries for help were being responded to by the herd, invisible, but close by. After struggling through undergrowth and over a wooden gate, we approached it with care and could see it was firmly stuck, not tangled, that may have been easier to deal with. Its upper body was tightly wedged in one of the squares of fencing and its legs were stuck in the square below. It was suspended a foot or so off the ground and every time it struggled to get through it just got more tightly trapped. I can only imagine that the herd had been drinking at the pond and had been spooked by someone or something coming along the path, the larger deer had run round the fence but this smaller one had run straight into it, and in its struggling had got its legs through the lower square too. It didn't seem to be

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bleeding or hurt but was in considerable distress and there was no way we could release it without cutting the wire. We managed to get in touch with Liz Pottinger who lives nearby, she quickly arrived with her husband, Keith, bringing wire cutters and a hacksaw. The wire cutters barely made an impression on the wire, so with care we had to use the hacksaw, while Liz covered the poor creatures head to help keep it calm. With the first wire cut it released the pressure on its back, then immediately the lower wire was cut through it sensed freedom and shot off to where the hidden herd were still calling to it. I hope it has now recovered from its adventures too.

For the October walk on Saturday 8th I am continuing to test the theory that cakes and refreshments along the way make the walking easier! So, this month's walk takes us to the ever-popular Foragers Retreat on the outskirts of Pebmarsh.

We will leave St Andrew's church Earls Colne at 09:30 and take the first path off the Causeway that follows the outside of the golf course, first passing behind the new houses and then Hillie Bunnies. We continue to the end of this footpath at Burrows Road and turn right down the newly re-opened footpath across the golf course. (Remain aware of golfers in play as you cross each fairway)

After crossing the iron bridge at the bottom of the hill we will take the right-hand diagonal path across the field. Crossing the old railway line onto the path directly opposite, that goes through some scrub land and then becomes the field edge path that brings us out on the double bend on Mill Lane.

Turning right on to the road we will then take the first footpath on the left, between the house and the paddocks, continuing to the point where it crosses the mill stream on a small concrete bridge. We follow this path and cross the River Peb at the weir, then turn left into the long meadows. The course of the path can be indistinct in these fields but keeping close to the left-hand field edge is the best option when unsure.

At the end of the meadows, we pass through a beautiful, old, but small, kissing gate onto the road (which is almost the exact point where Green Farm Road turns into Overhall Hill!) Continuing on the footpath that is almost directly opposite, we eventually join the path we walked previously to Pebmarsh lakes. Passing the first lake to the point where five footpaths merge, we take the sharp right option and continue ahead ignoring a path to the left and further along another to the right, eventually emerging on to the Pebmarsh to White Colne Road.

Turning right, in a short distance we join the path on the left, that takes us to Cross End and emerges on to the Pebmarsh to Alphamstone Road by a beautiful, thatched cottage, with the Foragers Retreat just a short distance down the road to our right.

After a well-deserved break at the Foragers our return journey takes us along the road

Going Walk About (Cont'd)



back to Pebmarsh. Passing the school, village hall church and King's Head Pub we turn left into Water Lane and take the third path off the lane on the left. Following this path to its junction with another, we turn right through a field; that some might remember having giant sweet corn in it! Passing close to Marvel's Garden, rather than taking the right fork towards World's End farm, this time we take the left-hand path by the field edge. This eventually brings us out on to Brickhouse Road beside Nightingale Cottages. We then follow Brickhouse Road to the bend where the footpath on the right takes us to the top of Colne Engaine village green.

Turning left along Green Farm Road we take the footpath on the right, almost opposite the school, that takes us down to Mill Lane. Turning left on to the lane we take the footpath on the right that leads down to the River Colne, close to the weir. We continue on the path to the left, then turn right to cross the old railway line and go straight on towards the iron bridge. Rather than climb the hill up the golf course we will follow the path to the left alongside the river and then round the Priory to re-join the bottom of The Causeway, where we turn right to return to the church.

This walk is just over seven miles long and should take between 3.5 and 4 hours depending on conditions and the make-up of the group, as well as the time spent at the

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Going Walk About (Cont'd)



Forager's Retreat of course!

The numbers in our group continue to increase and it's interesting to receive communication from others that have used those published so far for independent walks. I do try to make the descriptions suitable for that, but sometimes due to space I have to leave out points that would help with guidance, so please ensure you have a good map with you, just in-case I have had to miss out a comment about a specific path or junction.

The walks have tended to get longer than originally envisaged, it seems that the current group are happy with that, but if you would prefer shorter, family-oriented walks it may be possible to organise that for another Saturday in the month – let me know if you would be interested in that, and if there is enough interest I will see what might be possible.

For your comments, more information or to book a place on this walk contact ecchurchwardens@gmail.com or call/text 07734 450221.

Check the church notice board and web site www.colnechurches.com for the latest information. We look forward to seeing you on one of our walks soon.

Stay safe and enjoy your Walk-Abouts. **Christopher Walker**



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