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Welcome



Well that was a windy Feb – thought I'd put the kite flier on the front cover to remind us all, not that anyone could have flown a kite the latter half of the month. My smallest wanted to know if I tied a rope to him and held on, did I think he would be able to fly in the gales. While I was tempted I did resist temptation.

We have some lovely bits in the magazine this month for you to read over the next few weeks (unless you like to devour it in one sitting). Firstly, for those of you not on Facebook, Paul Emson wrote an article about a shop he used to run/own in Earls Colne High Street. It was such an interesting piece, I asked if we could put it into the magazine so that all can have a read. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. (See page 31).
Rev. Sharon has drawn our attention to the not-so-well-known Cinema and Theatre in Halstead on page 37. (They will be showing live streaming from the Royal Opera House, and some Events from the National Theatre which might be of interest.)

The Youth Club has a new leader but still needs volunteers to help run events. The programme for 2022 looks fabulous – see page 27 for more details.

We have articles about the Recreation Ground (Pg 13); the School (Pg 14); Park Run (Pg 39); Our regular Gardner Gary with his advice and ideas on page 18 and his side kick Spud on page 42.

If you haven't managed to visit the 5 Bells since Christmas, I strongly recommend it for a lovely lunch or dinner, I've managed two visits this year, and can't wait for the next. The new menu was launched mid Feb and looks scrumptious.

Our landlady Jordane is settling in well, and I look forward to more information making its way into the magazine about events and activities planned. At the moment, there is a Party night on the 4th March with live music from 8.30pm and Mothers' Day bookings are being taken now for an acoustic afternoon from 2pm with Liam Fitzgerald.

Hopefully March will be less blustery (and no snow please, I'm so ready for Spring).

Sue

Editor

St Andrew's

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I am writing this letter in early February as we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, a reign longer than any other monarch in our history. I was particularly struck by the remarkable address, - both personal and gracious, - in which she recognised the support from those around her. Recognition that while she was born and guided from an early age to reign, her late husband, Prince Philip, had to embrace the royal life and live through the long years constrained by the protocol that it required. Her Majesty recognised her need for support from those around her as they lived through the difficult post war years, long and arduous overseas tours and latterly the upheaval within the royal family.

Persistence, continuing resolutely in the face of adversity, is one of the great Christian virtues and as head of the Church of England, Her Majesty has led by example demonstrating her solid Christian faith.

As I think about persistence, I realise how often I allow events to distract me from my intended path, how often I set out to achieve something but fail. My intended extra time in quiet and contemplation gets taken over by my lack of discipline either by overrunning the previous work or by finding that I have forgotten something else.

As you read this letter, we will be approaching Ash Wednesday and Lent.

The season of Lent reminds us of the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by the devil who reluctantly left when it was clear that Jesus was going to persist along the path set by the Father without deviation. During this time of Lent perhaps we could reflect on ways we can strengthen our persistence, our ability not just to have the good Christian thoughts but find ways to turn those thoughts into actions. If we strengthen our persistence, then we are less likely to be seduced by the easier options and can find and deliver those things that Jesus is calling us to.

My prayer is that during Lent we may learn from the persistence of Her Majesty and show that strength to the world.

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	3.30pm	Colne Engaine	3:30 Express
Sun 6th	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
	10.30am	White Colne	Holy Communion
Wed 9th	9.30am	Colne Engaine	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 13th	10am	Earls Colne #	Family Morning Worship with Worship Band
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
Wed 16th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 20th	10am	Earls Colne #	Holy Communion
	10am	Colne Engaine	Mattins
	10.30am	White Colne	Morning Worship
	6pm	Earls Colne	Café Church
Wed 23rd	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 27th	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship
	10am	Colne Engaine	Family Holy Communion
	5pm	Earls Colne #	Evensong
Wed 30th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion

= Service streamed on Zoom and Facebook

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

Our services during March 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

Film Club



The Film Club continues to meet on the 2nd Wednesday monthly for thought-provoking and stimulating discussion. Please do invite anyone you know who would enjoy not only watching the film but also meeting people and having a good discussion whilst supporting one of our local businesses, particularly anyone new to the villages!

During our Cafe Church sessions over recent months, we have been looking at how we can change our habits to better look after our wonderful planet and all its resources. This month's film speaks to that issue. If you can't access it via your streaming service, someone sometimes has a copy of the DVD available to borrow. Please let me know if you are likely to be a lender or a borrower.

The Film - Avatar
The Discussion - Wednesday 9th March 2022 gather at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
The Where - The Five Bells Colne Engaine

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- We are also looking for a PCC Secretary, duties will include preparing agenda, taking minutes and distributing minutes in a timely manner for maximum of six meetings a year, including one annual general meeting.
- Volunteers to assist with fund raising for the church development project.
- General volunteers to support the church's work in the village.

All help greatly appreciated

These posts are voluntary, however, any expenses incurred will be refunded.

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Prayers For The Parishes - Wednesdays 10.15am

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

We meet on Wednesday mornings, at 10.15am for half an hour. During March we will be meeting as follows:

2nd March	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
9th March	St. Andrew's Church, Colne Engaine
16th March	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
23rd March	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
30th March	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne

Pastoral Care

I am pleased to say that we are expanding our Pastoral Care Team as we continue to serve our three villages.

You may wish to contact the team if you are bereaved, poorly, feeling low or lonely, or simply just need someone to talk to. We are happy to support you over the phone, zoom or in person.

The new expanded team now consists of:

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Recreation Ground

New goals on recreation ground

Following approaches from several parents of keen footballing youngsters in the village, the Parish Council was persuaded that there was a need to replace the two football goals on the lower recreation ground.

Funding was provided from the Essex County Council Locality Fund and thanks go to County Councillor Chris Siddle for sponsoring our application. Ancillary costs were met from Braintree District Council Councillors Community Grant and again thanks to District Councillor Gabrielle Spray for supporting our application.

The new goals with nets were in use from day one with a good number of keen youngsters benefiting and clearly enjoying these new amenities for our village.

Cllr. Allan Barnard



Our Primary School

In our school, we aim to create a vibrant community of happy, confident, lifelong learners, guided by our core Christian values, who are outward looking and believe they can make a difference in our world, now and in the future.

Through our broad curriculum, we aim to enthuse and excite our learners and to enable them to be ready to embrace challenge. We want our children to have a deep curiosity about the world and an awareness of the possibilities open to them in their future lives. We encourage children to be resilient, independent learners who have the courage and confidence to be creative and imaginative, and to inspire our children to develop a deep love for learning.

We are committed to supporting our children to be outward facing, global citizens, who know that they can learn from other cultures and communities and who recognise similarity as well as difference. And we want them to know that they can make a difference in the world – and to be driven to do so.

This term, we're learning all about what it takes to be a Game Changer. Every class is

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taking this theme to guide their learning over the term – and we are learning about how extraordinary people do extraordinary things to make the world a better place.

Our message is to be aspirational – we can all make a difference, so let's get on and do just that!

Here are just a few examples of what we're doing this term.

In Oak Tree class, the children are learning about 'real life Superheroes and Game Changers, such as doctors, nurses, vets, paramedics and firefighters. Hopefully we will be able to invite some Superheroes in to talk to the children. They will prepare questions and begin to learn that all these people have special skills as well as courage. We are drawing inspiration from a book called 'Elliot, Midnight Superhero' by Anne Cottringer and Alex T. Smith which will encourage the children to think about their own game changing skills.

In Willow class, as part of the learning in History, the children are learning about people in history that have been game changers. They will learn about Florence Nightingale, Mother Theresa, Rosa Parks, Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.

In Rowan class, we are weaving in learning about transport in its various forms - from local to international networks, learning about how transport itself has been a

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gamechanger. They will be learning about trade in natural resources and food … and they'll be investigating why people travel. They will be exploring some of the work of Astronomical Artists and will be creating space inspired pictures. They will look at Impressionism and how it changed views of art. This term in RE there will be a big question to consider - 'How do people respond to poverty and injustice?'

In Sycamore class, the children are also considering trade and transportation and the movement of people and items from one place to another. In addition, they are investigating why people travel and the positives and negatives of transportation and trade, including where we export and import to. Linking to game changers, they will explore those that have changed the way we move around the world too. They are exploring key geography skills including using a six figure grid references, naming and locating and how the ocean currents affect travel and trade. Linked to literacy, each week the children will read about, debate and discuss influential people and events from around the world and decide if they think they are worthy of the title 'Game Changers'.

Julie Sarti



Oak Tree Class 21-22… Game Changers of the future?

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I had a dream I did a Marathon in four minutes flat. I know it was a dream coz they are called Snickers now, this reminded me that, as I may have mentioned before, March was named after that famous Roman god of chocolate bars, Mars. This is getting silly now, I need to bring it back to gardening, I know, how about looking at how we get chocolate from plants? Yes, it does come from plants, just as coffee, tea, gi and whiskey do. Better not get too carried away or I will be encroaching on spuds page. Chocolate then, it is from the seeds (known as Cocoa beans) of the Cacoa tree (*Theobroma cacoa*) this translates in ancient Greek to 'food of the Gods'. It originates from the Amazon rainforests where it grows in the moist humid understorey of the forest, it has since been introduced as a commercial crop to Africa and Asia. The beans, which are naturally very bitter, are processed to create Cocoa powder, chocolate, and Cocoa butter. In ideal conditions the tree can grow up to 12 metres tall, they produce seedpods containing the beans after the tree has passed four years old, the pods vary in colour from yellow through to purple and are around 30cm long and 12cm wide, each pod takes six months to ripen. The trees don't survive temperatures below 20℃ and are susceptible to many pests and diseases, so I don't think growing our own chocolate at home is an option, also the flowers are pollinated by midges, I don't know

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about you, but I have enough trouble with them in the garden, I don't need them indoors as well.

The Mayans on the other hand had a plentiful supply of Cacoa on their doorstep and they enjoyed chocolate with every meal. They made drinks with it and added ingredients like honey and chilli peppers. The Aztecs however treated it very differently, it was reserved as a luxury for the hierarchy, only accessed by the lower classes on special occasions such as weddings. It became valuable to the Aztecs that the beans were used as currency having a value greater than gold, which would you derive more pleasure from?.

What about the others I mentioned then? Coffee, comes from the beans produced inside the berries of the coffee tree (*Coffea arabica*) another tropical plant, but this can be grown as a houseplant as long as the temperature stays above 7 degrees. Apparently the plant can produce berries (or cherries as they are officially known) after three to six years and they can be roasted and brewed to make coffee. An added advantage is that the flowers and plants smell nice and can act as a natural air freshener. In case you were about to rush out and buy a coffee plant with the view to never buying coffee again, think on, it would take twenty mature coffee trees to produce the average person's consumption for the year, just saying.

What about tea then? This plant can be grown in your own garden, in fact you may already have relatives of the tea plant in your garden already, *Camellias,* the species required for tea production is *Camellia sinensis*, originally from China and taken to India during the reign of Queen Victoria, but that is a whole other story for a later date. They

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Theobroma cacao

prefer acid soil, or at the very least, lime-free, the best position is a south or southwest facing wall to avoid leaf scorch from early morning sun, as with any *Camellia, Rhododendron* or *Azalea.* Make sure the plants don't dry out and feed regularly from July to September, this is the time when the ornamental varieties are producing flower buds for the following season.

It is possible to make tea from the plants, but again, I wouldn't give up the PG tips too soon.

I'd better sort out a list of jobs for the month. Let's start with a bit of careful mowing, start on a higher cut than normal and only mow if it is dry enough and frost free. Spring feeding can be started now, this will encourage fresh green grass to grow, as always follow the instructions on the packet, overfeeding will scorch or even kill the grass.

Any bare soil would benefit from mulching, in a shrubbery I like to use the grass clippings, lay an even layer at least 100mm deep and be sure not to allow the grass to

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Gardening (Cont'd)

touch the stems of plants and shrubs. Carry on with pruning bush and shrub roses and Dogwood (*Cornus*) and willow (*Salix*) grown for their colourful winter stems, can be pruned to the ground, this will encourage more stems for a good display next season. This time of year is good for planting perennials and shrubs, there is still time to get the last of the bare root planting in, Snowdrops (*Galanthus*) can be planted 'in the green' this means as a growing plant rather than bulbs, the plants are lifted in clumps after flowering and can be transplanted, a more successful method than bulbs, I believe. Just one more thing, if you know where your taller perennials are growing, it's worth getting supports in early to allow them to grow through rather than wrestling with lanky growth later in the year. I think I have prattled on long enough, time to see what's happening up the plot further on in the mag.

Laters taters. Keep calm and carry-on weeding
Gary



Coffea arabica



Camellia sinensis

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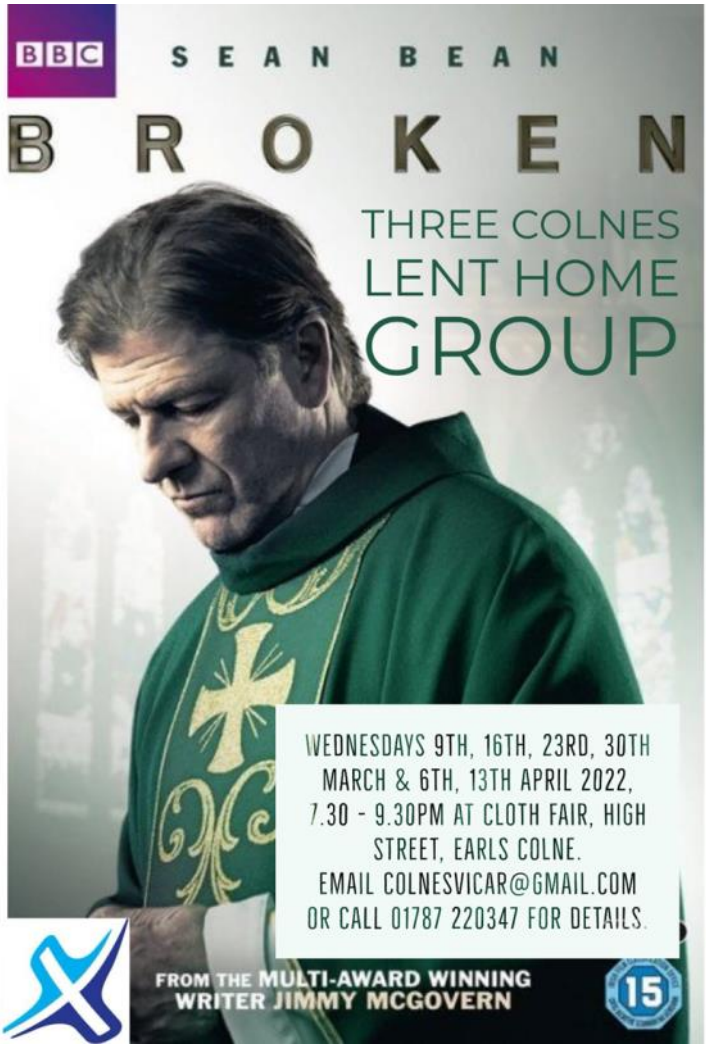
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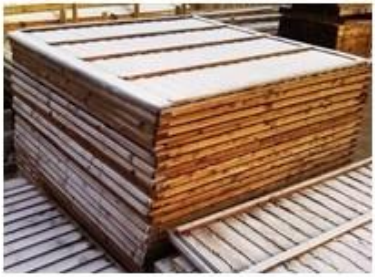




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Our Club Leader, Matthew Bonnaud, has sadly stepped down from the role so we'd like to give him a big heartfelt 'thank you' for all his help, time, and commitment over his time with us. Belinda Ruffle has kindly stepped into the role, but it has left us with a **vacancy for a regular helper** for club nights. Could you commit to coming along for some Friday evenings and help us run club nights? Help set up? Input activity ideas? Help run the tuck shop? Please do get in touch if you'd like to come and spend some fun evenings with our young folk. (Volunteers must be DBS checked, but this is a free check that can be done through the club).

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Youth Club (Cont'd)



Firstly, the amazing Stubbers Weekend is back in June and we're looking forward to taking a group of our members for a seriously memorable weekend of fun and physical activities. Who will manage the 'leap of faith' and who will fall off the banana boats? (And who will get growled at for still being awake at 2 o'clock in the morning!)

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A Big Thank You to Earls Colne and Halstead Educational Charity for granting us some funding money for some sports and arts equipment. Our members will be sure to make the best use of it all and have lots of sporty and creative fun.

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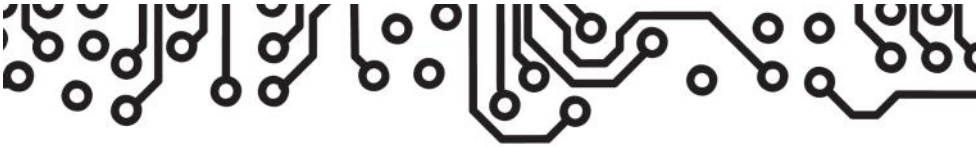
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Being sixteen and still at school, a friend who was a retired postman called Ray Simmons ran it weekdays and we closed Thursday and I ran it Saturdays and school holidays until I left school in the summer. I think this was a bit unusual at the time and I'm sure would attract some criticism today.

At first, we rented the premises, then Eddie Thompson the owner emigrated to Australia giving us the option to buy. At the rear of the property was a large workshop, our first tenant was an acquaintance called John Roy a publican who ran The Cock at Beazley End. He made heavy duty tables and benches which he sold to other pubs in the area, but more interestingly at the time was in the Guinness Book of Records for having the longest moustache as can be seen in the photograph and which was often

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worn neatly curled up. (Note from Editor: On looking into John Roy a little more to find a striking photograph of this stellar 'tash grower, it appears that he is a descendant of Rob Roy, the famous Scottish outlaw who was immortalised in the poems of Wordsworth and the writings of Sir Walter Scott).

Our second tenant was a well-known local, John Edwards who ran a print business. After John was another local, Lawrence Turner, again in the print business.

After a few years Cliff Gage who ran the garage next door told me he was giving up cycle repairs, so we bought his stock and incorporated cycle spares and repairs along with pet food and wild bird food.

In the late eighties we moved from the High Street to the workshop at the rear after converting it into a shop.

At the time of closing there was no social media, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank any of my old customers for their support. Many of my customers became friends, a lot still live locally with others further afield in this country and abroad.

I was recently in communication with one friend who told me he still had an item his parents had bought him as a present from my shop, this reminded me of my first fishing rod my parents bought me as a youngster from McDowells at Halstead, which I still have purely for sentimental reasons.

Paul Emson

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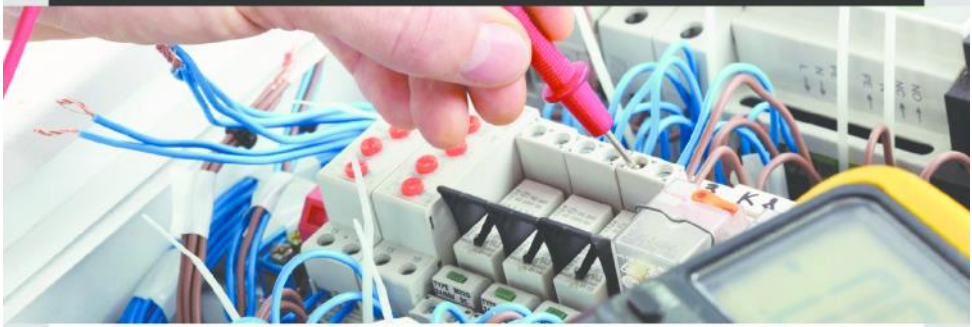
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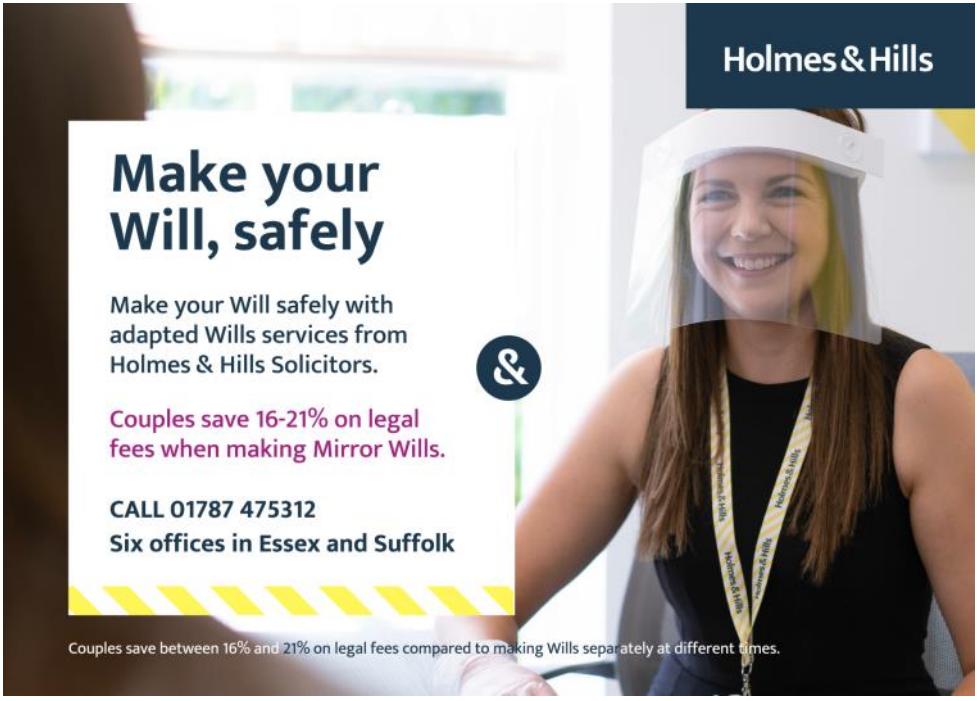
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Spud's Allotment Update

The first thing I see Spud doing is planting early potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*), I didn't even realise he had already 'chitted' his seed potatoes. Chitting is the process where the seed potatoes are laid out on trays (I use egg trays) allowing the stems of the plant, grow from the eyes. He has chosen the variety 'Foremost' he says they have never let him down and keep their taste well when cooked, I will take his word for it, one thing I do less than growing veg, is cooking, eating on the other hand, I don't have a problem with that. He, as you know, sticks with tradition, so planting consists of digging a trench the depth of his spade and spreading some home-made compost along the base before placing his seed potatoes on top at roughly 12" apart, keeping the 'chits facing upwards. He covers the potatoes with soil making sure he has at least 2" cover, he keeps a distance of 2ft between the rows. As they grow, he will be using the soil from either side to 'earth up', I will try to remember to explain about this later as it happens. Mr. Bean and the Greens, on the other hand are taking the trendy route, they have already covered the ground with mulch and now they peg down a length of black weed suppressant geotextile membrane, what a mouthful, from now on I will just say weed



Spud's Allotment Update (Cont'd)

membrane. They plant their seed potatoes through slits that they have cut at 30cm intervals, the theory behind this, is that the plants will grow through the slits and the roots, which will eventually bear potatoes, will thrive in the moist dark nutrient rich mulch beneath, avoiding the need for earthing up. Some people grow spuds in large containers, and it works well, you don't need a lot of space, I am going to do a bit of both, I have some large tree pots which I will sink into the ground, I will plant the spuds in them and gradually fill the pots as the plants grow, when its harvest time I won't be searching for strays as they will be confined to the pot, also hopefully the soil will have retained moisture for longer. Although he has some plants growing on in his greenhouse, Spud is now sowing straight into the ground, this will give him staggered harvests and an insurance policy against any losses. Things being sown straight in the ground are: Radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*), Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*), Spring onions (*Allium*), Spinach (*Spinacea oleracea*) and Broad beans (*Vicia faba*).

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17	Thu		
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21	Mon		
22	Tue		
23	Wed		
24	Thu		
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