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Welcome



Spring is here! Love spring, the freshness of the air, the birds singing, the hares darting here and there. I went for a walk up to the lake the other morning, and just stood there listening, I could hear the drilling of a woodpecker, the caw of a jay, the light trill of a robin and a couple of blue tits were darting around chirping away. It was so peaceful and warm, perfect therapy for a busy person!

After a couple of months where there has been less variety than usual in the magazine, this month we ran out of pages! It is great having a full magazine, as hopefully there is a little of something for everyone. Please though, do keep sending in your articles and notes, we love to receive them.

There are still lots of spots for volunteers appearing in the magazine, supporting the Parochial Church as well as the Parish Council, as a volunteer myself (doing the magazine) I do find it rewarding, even on the months I run out of time, or wish I didn't have the commitment, I am always glad I do it, and really enjoy the challenge. So if you do have the capacity in your life, pick up that phone! The Village Festival organising is well underway see pgs. 17, 31, 37, 42 and 57 and get those tickets booked, we can't wait for the festival weekend, as my children remember the last one (just) and we all had a whale of a time entering into the Country Flair.

On Page 14 we have the wonderful Gary Hoskin and his gardening delights, it's all about weeds this month, the one thing I seem to be able to keep alive and thriving, hopefully some of his helpful advice will help me get rid of them, especially the Goose Grass which has taken hold.

If you have ever fancied joining the WI, look at page 24, where the details of the next meeting can be found – they are open to new members coming along.

Earls Colne Rainbows need your help – yes, more volunteers needed, have a look on page 32 and if you can help, I know they will be grateful, so many of our village young folk belong to Scouts and Guides, it would be a shame to see one of the sections having to close through to lack of leaders.

With all the volunteering that does go on, it is great to see the village's Unsung Hero Award is happening again – it is now in its 6th year, check out page 43 to see how to put someone forward.

Finally, you may have noticed the new blue plaque on the side of the Village Hall – read the article on page 37 for more information.

Until next month, **Sue**

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.

Reverend Sharon Quilter colnescurate@gmail.com

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Dear Readers,

At the time of writing and almost certainly for months and years to come we face very dark times indeed, and our anxiety and fear cannot of course be compared with that of the people of Ukraine. The invasion by Russia of Ukraine is a great evil and, as the shells and missiles indiscriminately fall, thousands are being killed and injured and over 1.2 million people are fleeing their country for safety. Words simply cannot express how awful and terrifying this must be.

As the horrific reality unfolds on our TV screens, almost in real time, the darkness seems very dark indeed, and yet in the midst of that darkness there is the light of human love and compassion glowing evermore brightly.

> Neighbouring countries opening their doors wide open to hundreds and thousands of mostly women and children, a vast migration of people in fear for their lives and the lives of those who have stayed behind to fight, finding welcome in a strange land. This welcome was demonstrated for me in news footage showing children waiting to offer their cuddly toys to the children escaping the terror with their mothers. The light shines in the darkness.
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> People in Russia being prepared to stand up and be counted as they name that this an evil war and protest against it, with the risk of years of imprisonment. The light shines in the darkness.
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> People in our communities donating money and resources to be sent to those who most need it, both in Ukraine and its neighbours. The light shines in the darkness.
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> Most of the world standing together and through their words and actions showing that this war is wrong. The light shines in the darkness.
>
> The church throughout the world being at the centre of bringing emergency aid and shelter to those in need and of encouraging the globe to pray for the people of Ukraine. The light shines in the darkness.

In Thought for the Day on Radio 4 the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, reminded us that right at the end of Jesus' life, on the eve of his crucifixion, he spoke to his disciples and he said something very memorable. 'In the world you will have trouble, but do not be afraid, I have overcome the world.'

Jesus was about to experience this for himself with the events that unfolded during the week we declare as Holy. Upon the cross he bore the sufferings inflicted by the 'inhumanity of man', demonstrating that even God, in Jesus, was prepared to suffer and to die because of his love for us, his children.

Continued over …/

St Andrew's

At the moment it may not seem that God has overcome the world, but the whole of point of Easter Day and the resurrection of Jesus is that death has been shattered and the gates of heaven have been swung open. Not only do we see and feel the light of the love of God in our world today, even amidst the awfulness; there will come a day when Christ, the Prince and Peace returns, and all that is not of God will be finally defeated.

St Paul says that faith, hope and love abide forever and that the greatest of these is love. Let us hold to these three and pray for the people of Ukraine and other countries devastated by war and violence.

The light shines in the darkness. Love will prevail.

Mark

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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
Tues 5th	8pm	Online	Compline
Wed 6th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion followed by Prayer for the Parishes
Sun 10th	10am	Earls Colne #	Three Colnes Service with Procession
Mon 11th	8pm	Online	Compline
Tues 12th	7.30pm	Earls Colne #	Service of Reconciliation
Wed 13th	9.30am	Colne Engaine	BCP Holy Communion followed by Prayer for the Parishes
	7.30pm	-	Lent Course – Broken (final session)
Maundy Thursday	6pm	Earls Colne Village Hall	Passover Seder Meal & Holy Communion
Good Friday	11am	Earls Colne #	Stations of the Cross
	2.30pm	White Colne	Service of Quiet Reflection & Prayer
	5pm	Colne Engaine	Family Service
Sat 16th	9am	Online	Morning Prayer
	8pm	Earls Colne #	Easter Vigil
Easter Day	10am	Earls Colne #	Holy Communion
	10am	Colne Engaine	Holy Communion
	10.30am	White Colne	Holy Communion
Wed 20th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion followed by Prayer for the Parishes
Sun 24th	10.30am	Gosfield	Team Service and Farewell to Revd Rose
Wed 27th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion followed by Prayer for the Parishes

These services will be live-streamed on Zoom and, together with our Online Services, on Facebook Live. Details of our Zoom link and our Facebook Page can be found at www.colnechurches.com/pew-news

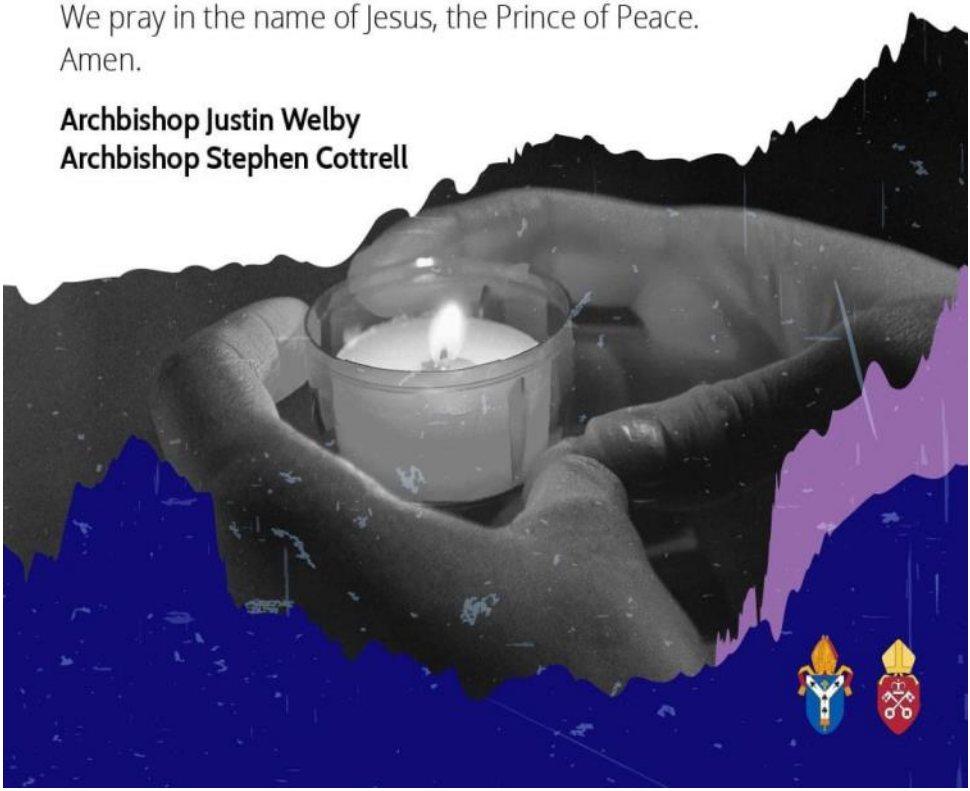
In addition to the above services at 9am on each Saturday morning you are invited to Morning Prayer on Facebook Live.

Café Church will not meet in April as it falls on Easter Day, it will resume at the usual time of 6pm for a 6.30pm start on Sunday 15th May at St Andrew's Earls Colne.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

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If you have any bottles, jars of pickles, preserves etc to donate then please leave at 21 Church Street no later than Friday 20th May 2022.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist for a couple of hours on the stalls, a rota system will be set up, so if you can spare a couple of hours on either of the days then please contact Rita Prior by email: ritaprior31@gmail.com; or telephone: 01787 223867

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This is a half hour of prayer time where we focus on praying for our villages, our shops and businesses, our schools and care homes, the sick, the dying and the bereaved.

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 April we will be meeting as follows:

6th April	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
13th April	St. Andrew's Church, Colne Engaine
20th April	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
27th April	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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WEEDS

There I've said it, we can't put it off any longer, the time to act is now, but where do I start? I hear you cry, stay calm, don't let them see your scared, they thrive on fear, don't get me wrong, weeds have as much a right to life on our planet as any other species, but not in my garden or on my plot. An all-out attack (slash and burn) will buy time but are you prepared for the collateral damage and the senseless destruction of innocent cultivated plants that have become surrounded and overwhelmed by the invaders, the choice is yours but think on, there is an underground network that will grow stronger and spread further, emerging with added vigour and determination whilst you continue to do battle. There are those amongst you that will consider chemical warfare, please think carefully, this approach is indiscriminate and has far

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reaching consequences including leaching into watercourses, decaying material added to compost bins still contain harmful chemicals that can in turn damage plants that come into contact with the compost and upsetting the balance of the general biodiversity of the garden environment. You could request the help of gardening organisations such as: **G.A.T.O.** (Gardeners Against Terrestrial Oppression) but if you are not a member the assistance is limited to advice and possibly the loan of some tools, they are unlikely to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty, basically, you are on your own. The best option, in my opinion, is constant methodical and unrelenting resistance, get stuck in at ground level, dig in, unearth the underground networks rip them out and remove from the area completely, the more thorough you are at clearing the area you are working on, the more time you have to continue before having to backtrack and tackle pockets of resistance and airborne reinforcements (wind blown and bird dropped seeds). Once you have control don't allow the interlopers to regroup, keep policing the area and removing offenders as they emerge, they will never give up. Stay calm and carry on weeding (**S.C.A.C.O.W.**).

Below are some examples of Britain's most wanted.

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Cleavers *(Galium aparine)***,** sometimes called goosegrass and creeping jenny, this is a sneaky one, creeps through plants unnoticed then suddenly swamps everything, the best thing about it is that pulling it up is so satisfying, it comes very easy and has hardly any visible roots to speak of, one of the annual weeds which can go on the compost heap.

Bindweed *(Convulvulus)***,** Lovely flowers but the plant itself is a strangler, get rid as soon as you see it, the long white stringy roots will continue growing if you leave as little as an inch of it in the ground, older plants will have a 'nest' of roots with strands spreading out for what seems like miles, every time you find a piece of root green bin it, again foliage is ok in the compost.

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We still have a vacancy for a regular helper for club nights. If you could give a couple of hours of your time one or two Fridays a month and enjoy the company of children it could be the role for you. (Volunteers must be DBS checked but this is a free check that can be done through the club).

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The younger half of the school got to dance to Gangnam Style, and Let It Go (with all the boys groaning - ha-ha). The older children rather strangely requested 'Baby Shark' which was greeted by a loud sing-along.

All good fun and we raised £266! Win, Win!

Grace Carey on behalf of FACES
Friends At Colne Engaine School.

Last month, we ran an article about shop owner Paul Emson of Emson and Son, a fishing and hunting shop on Earls Colne High Street, and I missed the image of Paul and the premises.

So apologies and here it is for all to see!

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- 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

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For the election of Parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

The Parochial Church Council representatives.

For the appointment of Sidesmen and the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

a) A Report on changes in the roll since the last annual parochial church meeting;

b) An Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;

c) The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st December immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined;

d) A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;

e) A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod;

and other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

If you are interested in joining the PCC, are a member of the Church Electoral Roll or live in Colne Engaine and are interested in the church community then you are most welcome.

For further information please contact the PCC Secretary Rita Prior 01787 223867



There's no time to lose . . .

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No meeting in April, next date:
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Women's Institute

April meeting on 20th April

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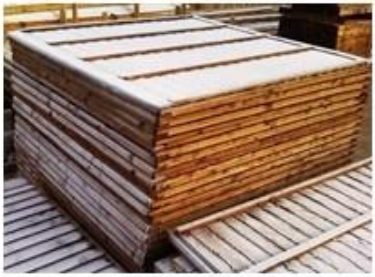




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The Essex Church News

Easter We wish the Church in Essex every blessing at the coming Easter. Good Friday and Easter test the reality of our faith perhaps more than any other season in the Christian year. "If we have been planted together in the likeness of His Death, we shall be also in the likeness of his Resurrection." This experience is difficult, but it is vital. We must know the fellowship of our Lord's sufferings if we would know the joy of His Resurrection. May we, as a Church, respond to this test. If we do, who shall limit the "sweet influences" of the Church among the people?

May God bless every effort in the diocese to bring home to the people the message of the Cross and the Resurrection.

We regret deeply to state that the Bishop of Colchester had a serious relapse towards the end of February. On March 4 he was removed to Lancaster Gate, on medical advice. He stood the journey bravely and well. The Bishop and his wife and family have the sympathy of thousands in the diocese.

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Good Friday, 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 7.15 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

We shall be grateful for flowers for the Altar, and decorations to be sent to the Church before 10 a.m. on Easter Eve.

St. Andrew's Guild We have been busily engaged with the Rehearsals for the Early Church History Tableaux, which will have been presented we hope with success, by the time this Magazine is published.

It is a great grief to us all that Mr. S. Bartholomew, owing to his illness will not be able to help us this year, but we all rejoice to hear that he is making favourable progress, and hope that he will soon be restored to health

The next meeting of the Guild will be held on Thursday April 5th. When the Lectures on



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the Articles will be concluded.

The Sunday School The Bibles which have been in use for many years are now worn out and quite unfit for use.

Forty are required and the Vicar would be most grateful for subscriptions to defray the cost, which will amount to £6.

April 1922, Colne Engaine

The Rev. E. J. Hodges, Rector of Marks Hall, who has been giving most helpful Instructions in the Church on Friday afternoons in Lent, will give his concluding Instruction on Friday, 7th April, at 3.30 p.m.

The late Bishop of Colchester, Dr. Robert Henry Whitcombe was called Home after a long and painful illness on Sunday morning March 19th, and was laid to rest in the Cemetery of Colchester, March, 23rd. A very large congregation of laity and clergy assembled at the Church of St. Mary-at-the-Walls, as a testimony to the great love and respect in which the Bishop was held.

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An anchoress in Canterbury

This may seem a tenuous link to archbishops, but at the time the body of Thomas Becket was being translated, that is, removed from its original burial place in the crypt to an elaborate and precious shrine in the apse of Canterbury cathedral, an anchoress was living in a cell attached to a church just outside the city, St Stephen's, Hackington. Anchoresses, female anchorites or recluses, were women who in order to devote themselves to a religious life of penitence and contemplation, were enclosed in a cell, usually attached to a church. They remained in the cell until they died; in the case of the Hackington anchoress this was about 40 years.

A surprising number of women chose this difficult and austere way of life in England between the 12th and 14th centuries but left little trace of themselves. What is unusual about the Hackington anchoress is that we know her name – Loretta de Braose – and her history. The daughter of the Marcher lord William de Braose, who was a supporter of King John until John turned against him and he died in exile, she married the Earl of Salisbury and was enclosed in the cell when she was widowed as a young woman.

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anchoress and last year celebrated the 800th anniversary of her enclosure with a day of talks and services. Every year they commemorate her death with a talk, and this year they have invited me to give it. These talks are available as videos on the church's website: https://www.ststephenscanterbury.net/loretta/ and include a fascinating and inspiring one by the author Sara Maitland who lives as a hermit in Galloway. She is not completely solitary and enclosed like an anchoress but lives a life of prayer, connecting in a deep way with the natural world around her. She has described her life and how she came to live in her isolated home in The Book of Silence [Granta, 2008].



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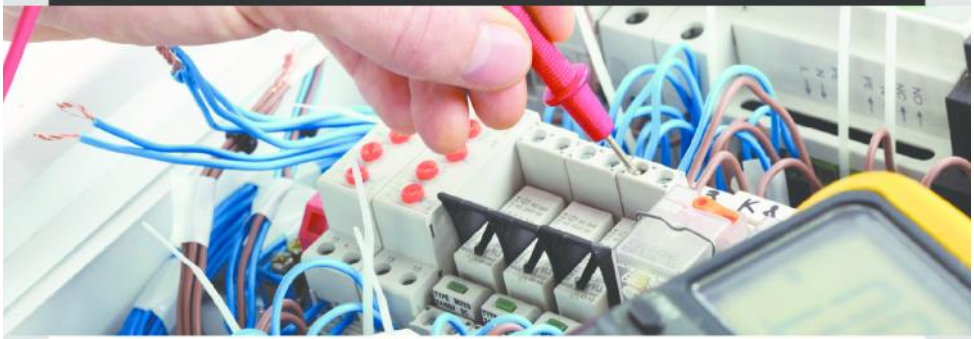
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The plaque was unveiled on Friday 11th March by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, at a reception for local and national representatives from public service, education, heritage and agriculture, alongside Katherine's descendants and the villagers who had donated to the fundraising efforts. If you'd like to know more, please contact Juliet Townsend on 07984 794004.

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Fuel Poverty Relief Fund – Can you help?

The cost of our gas and electric bills continue to rise to record breaking highs. We know the bills will go up substantially in April and then again in the autumn and a jump in the price of gas amid the Ukraine conflict, has added to worries that annual UK household energy bills could reach £3,000.

This will mean that many more people in our villages become unable to manage their household budgets and fall into what is officially known as fuel poverty.

The Three Colnes Churches are launching a fund, that will compliment other funds such as The Townland Charity (Colne Engaine) and other sources of help such as the Foodbank, so that we can offer grants to people in such need. The Parochial Church Councils of the three Anglican churches have agreed a set of criteria and an application process to ensure that everything is fair and transparent (although of course confidential) and that the finances are ringfenced for this purpose, managed, inspected and reported as part of our usual processes.

We hope that grants of up to £100 will be available to people over 18 years of age as funds allow, in accordance with the following Criteria. Applications to be considered by the Vicar and any two Churchwardens (from any of The Three Colnes Churches)

- The applicant lives in one of the parishes of Earls Colne, Colne Engaine or White Colne.
- The applicant is in arrears with their gas and or electric bill.
- The applicant has cut down any non-essential expenditure.
- The applicant is facing hard decisions between heating their home and meeting other essential expenditure, e.g., food, rent, mortgage.
- The Three Colnes Churches recognise that not everybody's circumstances are the same and so reserve the right to offer a grant to a person who may not fit these criteria at the Vicar's discretion.

The Application Form explores a person's eligibility against these criteria and determines if an applicant has accessed other resources.

The first stage though, is for us to invite donations to this fund. If you are in a position where you can afford to help others who are or who will be struggling to heat and light their homes, please contact Reverend Mark for details on how you can help.

Thank you.

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Spud's Allotment Update

April on the plot

First things first, Spud says keep sowing in the ground, more of what you put in last month, Radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*), Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*), Spring onions (*Allium*), Spinach (*Spinacea oleracea*) and Broad beans (*Vicia faba*)., but now you can add Cabbage (*Brassica oleracea*) and maybe try some Swiss Chard (*Beta vulgaris*). He also says to get stuff planted out ,last chance for onion sets (*Allium*) but a good time to get in more early potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*) or as they are often called, second earlies, if you have Leeks (*Allium ampelosparum*) and Onions(*Allium*) that you have grown from seed these can be transplanted out into the ground, remember to protect all the young stuff from critters, as I have mentioned before fresh shoots are a banquet for all types of wildlife. Hanging old CD discs on string help to scare off birds as they twist and flash in the sunlight.

While I remember, a word on 'earthing up' as your potatoes begin to grow the soil around the plants can be drawn up to semi bury the shoots, leaving just a little protruding to enable access to the light, this forces the stems to grow longer, which is where the potatoes are produced, doing this regularly will give you a bigger crop and



Spud's Allotment Update (Cont'd)

keep the weeds down. If like me, you are growing them in containers then it is a case of adding more layers of compost/soil until eventually the container is full.

Lorne and Theresa Green have been sowing in the greenhouse, they have Sweetcorn (*Zea mays*) Runner beans (*Phaseolus coccineus*) Courgettes (*Cucurbita peno/Zucchini*) and Pumpkins (*Cucurbita*), they have already put up the bamboo cane supports outside ready; they say it is easier to push them in the ground now as it is still soft. Also, before setting up the canes, they raked the mulch back and put a layer of compost from the bin in the bottom of what will be the bed for the beans, this will help retain more moisture and provide a boost of nutrients.

Spud does make me laugh, he says that he hardly spends any time on the plot, doesn't weed or water but still manages to produce amazing results, but he is there almost every time I go up, and he is either pushing a hoe about or walking up and down the rows with his watering can,

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Terry Bristow in 2017
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Potholes can and should be notified online at www.essexhighways.org (include photos if you can). You will then be given a reference number and will be emailed updates.

Road closures have been an unfortunate side effect to the upgrading of broadband all over the country. As a small village we have been affected like any other. However, we are often impacted by closures overlapping. Last summer we had three out of the four main roads from the village due to be closed. However, following discussion with Highways the closures were altered to occur consecutively.

Again, in January, both Station Road and Colne Park Road were due to be closed at the same time. I worked with County Councillor Siddall, our representative on the Essex Local Highways Panel, to review this situation. Ultimately the closures did not go ahead because of sickness in the gangs.

Recently the closure of Station Road by Anglian Water has caused frustration as it over ran. I am working with Highways and Councillor Siddall to discuss recompense.

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It's been a while since I've written - normal life has even taken me over. I keep trying to remind myself to 'Be Still', but life is frenetic with currently 13 pups in the nest and trying to feed them all.

From the news in the human world I see that life is going to get tough with all the price rises. The pandemic made everyone realise how much they value a simpler life, but it looks like this is going to force one on us - like it or not. To a degree this is not a bad thing, but me-thinks the coming degree is going to be big and tough.

God has thankfully provided us with many humans that have generous, giving and serving hearts, who are there for others in tough times, who work for amazing charities and organizations if we just knock on those doors. Volunteers will be needed more than ever, donors are needed more than ever - so if you are thinking about it, now is the time to turn your thoughts into actions.

You are God's hands, hearts, eyes and ears here on earth; his physical presence. If you are in need of help, reach out to people that can point you in the right direction or help you along the way - it's hard to ask but people love helping.

Love **Kooky**, the Church mouse



Knitted Hats

Thank you, everyone, for your knitting efforts. I have, at last, found someone who can deliver our hats to the Mission to Seafarers in Felixstowe. Meanwhile, during lockdown, our hats were gratefully received by Beacon House in Colchester, and distributed to rough sleepers and homeless people in the town.

Some of you have kindly knitted small children's hats and jumpers for a project in Sierra Leone called 'The Kori Project'. This is supported by the local Colchester and District Soroptimist club and other clubs in the London Anglia region. Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement working together to transform the lives of women and girls, and to educate, empower and enable opportunities. To find out more look for sigbi.org

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Despite the arrival of the Colne Valley Railway in 1860, most people's journeys relied on horses until well after the First World War.



Bill and Hilda Hagger (*Left*) are delivering milk by the churn from Hay House Farm.

As a child, Edith Willsher of Burnthouse Farm helped her father with his milk round. By the age of 17, Edith and her cousin were doing the round themselves with pony and trap. In the picture below right they have stopped in the High Street opposite the Pharmacy

Tim Osborne's father owned a bakery in White Colne just round the corner from the top of Colneford Hill. All went smoothly with horse- drawn bread deliveries until a new horse was acquired, as Tim explained when he was interviewed in later life:

"That horse used to take it into its head and suddenly run off. Opposite the shop was a builder called Eves. They used to go over to Eves' and get a long ladder and put it across



Correspondence (Cont'd)



the Colchester Road for when the horse came round the corner, so they could turn it into the yard. You couldn't see that happening now, could you?"

Walter Buck, could remember when donkey carts were in regular use:

"*On a Saturday afternoon it was not uncommon to see a load of coal being drawn up the High Street of Earls Colne on a four-wheeled carriage by eight or nine donkeys. The carriers not only brought coal but shopkeepers in the village, requiring things from the wholesale shops in Colchester, would ask them to bring whatever they wanted".*



Walter Buck himself started a carrier service by horse and cart, transporting goods between Halstead and Colchester. If there was room he would give lifts to passengers, who sat with their legs hanging over the back of the cart. Foreseeing the trend towards petrol-driven vehicles, he sold his business to Sidney Blackwell, who started the first bus service between Halstead and Colchester in 1919.



When, as a young man, Ted Scillitoe became the secretary of the Earls Colne Football Club, journeys to away matches required the hire of a horse brake like the one on the left. However, that type of transport caused problems which (hopefully) don't affect modern teams, as Ted explained:

"*A journey to Tollesbury by horse brake, for instance, meant an early morning start and the horses had to be rested at Tiptree for two hours. Some of the players spent the break in the local pubs and were in no state for football on arrival at Tollesbury*".



The parishioners of Earls Colne must have realised that times were changing when their Vicar, the Revd David Methven acquired one of the first motor cars locally, in which he enjoyed chauffeur-driven tours of Europe to "take the waters" at various spar towns.

But it was his churchwarden, Walter Grimston, JP, (*Right*) who had the dubious distinction of causing the first motor car accident when, in 1902, he collided with a fruit cart from Halstead at Stone Bridge. The cart lost "three spokes from its front wheel" according to the local press report. The age of the car had arrived.

David Brown

I would have to run it past the committee, of course; the churchyard committee, that is. To be more specific, the residents of the churchyard of St. Andrew's, Colne Engaine. This would be an application to join a group of special and memorable people - when the time comes. A walk through the lower part of the graveyard is for many of us a walk down Memory Lane as spaces are filled with people we remember; every other stone with the name of someone we knew. I can think of worse places to spend an unspecified time in eternity. Elsewhere, one could opt for the company of celebrities, say, in the churchyard of All Saints, Chingford Mount and be laid to rest next to the Kray brothers; or in Highgate cemetery, and rub shoulders with Karl Marx. If organised crime in the East End of London or proletarian revolutionary action are not strictly your bag, the conversation could wear a bit thin. In Colne Engaine churchyard I could never imagine this being the case.

Take Andrew Jameson, for example, with his wild enthusiasm for the great walking possibilities around the village and a countryside he would compare to Devon; Eric Hodgins, who in a church service would pirouette round from the altar and declare with total conviction, 'The Lord is Here'. If one ever had doubts on the subject this was not the moment to do anything other than accept unquestioningly what the man was saying - and in that lovely Irish voice. The voice of a person, the timbre, the inflections are what I hear when I learn someone has died and I have a vivid sense of that person. At least one voice belonging to a resident of the churchyard has been preserved for posterity: that of Margaret Wordley who gave a spirited rendering of Psalm 23 [The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want] for a recording of village voices made at Remembrance-tide some 20 years ago. The voices marked a moment in time and the resulting CD was named accordingly.

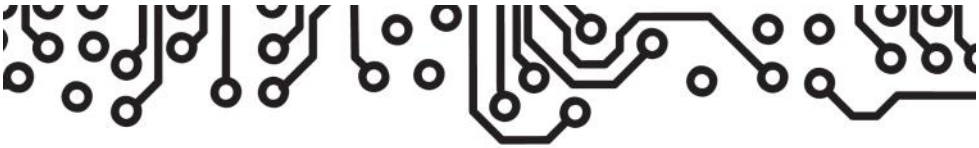
Recently I attended a memorial service in Norwich cathedral for a friend of some 30 years. The man had chaired the fabric committee of the cathedral and had been closely involved with the choral foundation. The service was both spectacular and understated in this most beautiful of settings. In his reflection the celebrant, who knew the deceased well, said that this man's presence on a committee made him feel safe. I could say this of another resident of Colne Engaine churchyard. Maureen Leggett will be remembered in a variety of contexts and was known for her measured tones and wisdom on any committee. These, together with a sense of humour which was never far away, could be relied on to calm any difficult situation.

Memories and Voices (Continued)

There are many more that I could mention and could fill another article with no trouble. Application to join this illustrious band in Colne Engaine churchyard is probably not within the gift of the occupants. I like to think that their opinion might count. I would look forward to a conversation which would be both varied and interesting. The Christian belief is that we will all rise from the dead at the second coming of Jesus. Some might say that this should happen sooner rather than later. I imagine Jesus briskly getting down to business and banging a few heads together. The idea of the dead suddenly coming back to life takes some getting used to. In the context of Colne Engaine it is quite appealing given the proximity to the pub; one might imagine people dusting themselves down and greeting one another. It is then but a short step to The Five Bells.

Robin Greatorex.





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