Colne Engaine Parish Magazine



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Welcome



I am so excited, life has slowly returned to normal, we are experiencing our first Scout camp under canvas since lockdown and have two very excited small people, (I'm looking forward to the camp too, as I get to camp out for the weekend helping to supervise said small people, whilst hubby stays home in a nice comfy bed… with an electric kettle for tea…)

The Aldham Old Time Rally is back on again at a new location. It is to be held at Marks Tey racecourse. I'll be there with the twins exploring the tractors and absorbing the atmosphere.

Then…. we have the pièce de resistance for Colne Engaine, with our wonderful festival, coinciding with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It looks like it will be a weekend of festivities, events and entertainment, and I hope you all have the best time in whatever way you celebrate.

As it is the Jubilee this month, I have downloaded some activities for the children to colour in and assemble, some biscuits for us to make, and some information about the Queen and her life. I hope you get to enjoy the pomp and ceremony and maybe remember some times and events from this amazing lady's life.

We have our usual suspects in the magazine this month, a bit of gardening, some local history, CEDS have a new play coming up and a recruitment evening, if you have ever toyed with attending a WI event, but not yet taken the plunge, the ladies are looking for some new young blood to join them, and carry them into their centenary year next year. So what have you got to lose? Give it a go.

Enjoy

Sue

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June starts with two major celebrations.

The first of these is the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen when we celebrate her 70 year reign with four days of events. Her Majesty has remained a constant in a fast changing world and the opportunity to have a big celebration after two years of Covid disruption will be very welcome.

On the same Sunday as the Jubilee lunch and pageant we celebrate Pentecost, - the coming of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus 2000 years ago, - an event that enables all of us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

Reflecting on the end of Covid restrictions and these events we again have the freedom to enjoy making choices of how we spend our time.

When reflecting about choice I think about the saying attributed to St Augustine *'Love God and do whatever you please'.*

Sounds great doesn't it? Love God and have a free ride through all aspects of life.

To love God is to have a great burden of guilt and fear removed from us, our consciences are relieved by what Jesus did for us on the cross but it comes with a commitment. It.it is not an option to go our own way and loving God is to seek to do what he wants us to do to serve him and we show that by serving each other and his creation.

Yet it is from this ambition the world has sadly fallen far short.

As Edward Sears so eloquently wrote in his great hymn 'It came upon the midnight clear,'

But with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
Oh hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

As we rightly enjoy the pomp and the parties of the Jubilee celebrations perhaps we may reflect that this great occasion is a unique event to be enjoyed but will not affect

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our lives in the future.

Pentecost is very different.

It was, and is, a life changing and life enhancing event with the gift of the Holy Spirit to each of us, a gift to use wisely as we seek to love God in the way that Jesus taught.

So as we celebrate 70 years of unwavering service may we reflect on what more we can do to help people hear the angels sing.

With every blessing,

Hugh

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Sun 5th	10.15am	Colne Engaine Rec (with White Colne)	Jubilee Service
	12.30pm	Earls Colne (with Baptist Church) #	Jubilee & Ecumenical Service
Wed 8th	9.30am	Colne Engaine	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 12th	10am	Earls Colne #	All Age Service with Worship Band
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
Wed 15th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 19th (Father's Day)	10am	Earls Colne #	Holy Communion
	10am	Colne Engaine	Mattins
	10am	White Colne	Morning Worship
	6pm	Earls Colne	Café Church
Wed 22nd	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 26th	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning worship
	10am	Colne Engaine	Family Holy Communion
	5pm	Earls Colne #	Evensong
Wed 29th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion

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.

Correspondence

Stephen Langton



Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, hit the front-page headlines with his Easter Day sermon this year when he attacked the government's policy of sending refugees to Rwanda, but an archbishop attacking the government and its policies – whether democratic or monarchical is nothing new. Thomas Becket famously clashed with the king, Henry II, leading to his murder, although Becket had been a friend of Henry's and appointed by him to the archbishopric. Henry's son, John, also had problems with one of his archbishops, Stephen Langton, though without fatal consequences for the archbishop. Langton had been the choice of the pope, and John's refusal to accept someone he didn't know and over whom he had no control led to serious consequences for the whole country, since the pope placed it under an interdict.

The pope at the time (the early years of the thirteenth century), Innocent III, was a friend of Langton's; they had both studied and taught theology in Paris, at what was then a new university. King John didn't know Langton who, although born in Lincolnshire, had spent much of his adult life in France. The pope believed royal approval for the appointment was not necessary, thereby opening the way for a titanic clash between the two great forces of king and church. Langton clearly saw himself as being involved in the same struggle as Becket, who claimed to be defending the rights and liberties of the church.

The interdict, which meant that no public church services could be held (no Mass, no weddings or funerals and only private, emergency baptisms), lasted from 1208 until 1212, when John, with his barons as well as his bishops against him, was forced to give way and accept Stephen Langton as Archbishop of Canterbury. John's problems with Langton were not over, however. Langton saw it as his role to work for 'the peace of the King and the Kingdom', - not easy when many of the barons and nobles were in revolt against the king. Langton sided with the barons (to the displeasure of the pope) and John was forced to put his seal to Magna Carta in 1215.

Langton was concerned with the reform of the church and with speaking truth to power: a tradition which continues, though probably with less dramatic consequences than 800 years ago.

Cate Gunn

ABOUT THE COLNE ENGAINE FESTIVAL

Writing this in mid-May, we are in the final planning of the festival, which runs from 2nd to 5th of June.

Our 13th bi-ennial festival has been much anticipated in the aftermath of the pandemic and the festival committee hopes that we have done enough to make a great event for the whole village and visitors to enjoy.

You have hopefully noticed the signs up around the village (we really have put up quite a lot!) and we've delivered a printed programme to every house in the village. We've been promoting online for months now and have dropped the festival into almost every conversation!

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for our three evening events in the marquee - all three are sold out and we are operating waiting lists. Don't miss our two daytime events...

Saturday 4th June & Sunday 5th June

Free-entry Family Fete Days

On the Recreation Ground (next to the church) from 12noon until 5pm

There's something for everyone at the festival, so please come along and support our fantastic village.

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To discuss a possible cause please speak to Committee Chair Juliet Townsend on 07984 794004.

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From The Four Colnes' Magazine

June 1922

Colne Engaine

The School Children had a very narrow escape, when the School was struck by lightening on Ascension Day about 1.30 pm. Bricks from the School Chimney Stack were hurled across the Play ground to the other side of the Road, and the Stack was reported to be so unsafe, that steps were taken at once to have it taken down before further mischief was done. Very few children were in the immediate neighbourhood at the time, and those who were, were quite dazed by the fierce glare. The School was closed for the afternoon and next day, to avoid all risks of danger.

White Colne

The Debt in Connection with Repairs to the Organ

The sum of £1 has been received from J. Dumville Botterell, Esq., Miss Bull 2s., and the collections in church on May 14th realised £2 9s. 3½d. The balance has been paid by a gentleman in Japan.

Liz Pottinger

Prayers For The Parishes - Wednesdays 10.15am

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 June we will be meeting as follows:

1st June	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
8th June	St. Andrew's Church, Colne Engaine
15th June	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
22nd June	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne
29th June	St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne

Colne Engaine Festival Committee
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Sunday 4th September
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Tuesday 4th October
FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 19th November
FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

A Saturday in December, date to be confirmed
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I HAVE SAID IT BEFORE, BUT JUST TO REMIND YOU, ANYTHING WITH A STONE, PRUNE IN JUNE.

Pruning too early in the year may be detrimental to stone fruit plants susceptible to silver leaf and leaf curl (stone fruits include cherries, sweet cherry *(Prunus avium)* and acid or culinary cherries *(Prunus cerasus)*, Plums, Damsons and Gages *(Prunus)* cultivars, Apricots *(Prunus ameniaca)* and peaches *Prunus persica.)* Generally, the aim of pruning is to create an open goblet shaped tree with four or five main leaders or boughs supporting an abundance of fruit bearing stems or spurs. The fruit is produced on two-year-old wood and at the base of one year old wood, so each year the new growth can be cut back by half to control the size and shape and increase the production of fruiting wood, not forgetting the three D,s Dead, Diseased and Dying, and then anything that is growing in the wrong direction or rubbing on other stems. As with most fruit trees they can be trained to grow into fans and espaliers, the basic pruning is the same, but the branches are encouraged to grow along supports with the spurs being produced along the full length of each lateral. When I hear people talk about pruning they are usually saying things like, 'I don't know where to start' or 'I am afraid I

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Gardening (Cont'd)



will kill it', 'will it die if I prune it at the wrong time of year?' but to be honest it is unlikely that a shrub while die as a result of pruning (unlikely not impossible) unless you cut it completely down to the ground, even then the majority of plants will put on an amazing amount of new growth in an attempt to survive, in fact some shrubs like *Buddleia* benefit from hard pruning annually in February. As for pruning at the wrong time of year, this can result in disease or die back if the weather is extremely cold and wet or frosty, as with *Hydrangeas* or when they are putting on the first flush of new growth and the sap is rising this can lead to the cuts 'bleeding' this can happen with Ash trees *(Fraxinus excelsior)* and grapes *(Vitis).* I tend to avoid cutting evergreens before mid-May, less risk of cold weather die-back, then I think about when the plant flowers, if it flowers early Spring I wait until the flowers are finished, cutting any material off before flowering is unlikely to harm the shrub, but the result will be fewer or no flowers. Pruning after flowering is unlikely to allow new growth producing the following seasons flower buds. Often I find that shrubs have become woody and bare in the middle and have outgrown their space, I look at it this way, it can't stay as it is (it won't get smaller) so it has to go (or does it) cutting back hard will instantly reduce the space taken up, it will also allow access to the framework of the shrub to allow shaping. If there are some really old thick stems remove them at the base, no more than a third of the whole shrub though, prune back the rest to a bud (knobbly bit where a shoot will grow from) pointing in the direction you would like it to grow, normally outward facing,

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take the whole shrub down to a size that works with the space available, don't expect regrowth immediately (though you may be surprised) depending on the plant it may be up to two years before it flowers again, give it a good feed and drink and if it dies, plant something smaller next time.

A quick note on weeds, an old gardener's proverb (the proverb is old not the gardener)

'Pull thistles in June, they won't come back'

I believe the thinking behind this is that thistles flower in or soon after June so by pulling them roots and all there are no seeds to produce offspring next season. I can only see this working if everybody does it, I'm sure most of my weeds come from my neighbours' gardens.

'Laters Taters'

Keep calm and carry-on weeding.

Gary



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Upcoming dates: **10th June**, 8th July, 12th August.
Wow, what a great but crazy couple of months. I've really enjoyed stepping into my new role as club leader. It's been a pleasure to be a part of our amazing children's Friday nights of socialising, having fun and probably eating too much sugar!!!!!
I'm really excited for what we have planned over the next few months, including our annual chippy walk, summer party and of course our adventure weekend away at Stubbers!!!
If you would like to get involved, we are always after helpers for our club nights (volunteers must be DBS checked but this is free through the club).

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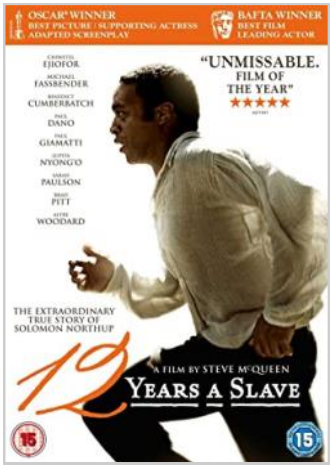







Film Club

A great time was had by the Film Club last month and we are looking forward to another interesting discussion on this month's film. And if there is a film you think we should cover (although we do have a long list already), please do let us know. Watch the film and come share your views, all are welcome!



The Film - 12 Years a Slave
The Discussion - Wednesday 8th June 2022 gather at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
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Correspondence

Colne Engaine Parish Assembly

Well another year has passed but this year we finally got to have an in-person Parish Assembly, where parishioners, invited guests, district and county councillors came and met up.

I led the Parish Councillors in updating our news and financials for the past year and then everyone was given a chance to talk. I was pleased to see most local groups represented and the overriding outcome was positive, although many groups are struggling for volunteers.

This is a big problem which can easily be solved by giving up an hour or two a month. Stay and Play has closed after more than 40 years due to lack of help. The WI is at risk of closing after 99 years. The church reiterated their request for help at the festival.

The more help which can be offered, the less time will be required.

As part of our annual event we announced the winner of **our Unsung Hero Award and this year's worthy winner was Geoff Marcoolyn**. You can read more about all the nominees on pages 22, 23.and 25.

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Unsung Hero Awards

Now for this year's nominees and a little bit about them.

Spike & Juliet Townsend - I am not a resident of Colne Engaine but I had the good fortune of being invited to attend the unveiling of the blue plaque to Katherine Mina Courtauld last month (March). It was evident from the various positive conversations that evening that Spike is a popular and influential part-time policeman and I am aware of that Juliet had a lot to do with making the Courtauld commemoration happen. Clearly, the two of them are greatly involved in a wide range of activities on behalf of well-being and the community in the village.

Wendy Jones - during covid and after, Wendy has gone above and beyond in helping care for and visiting my mum, Joyce Jarman. At the start Wendy worked at Colne Place and kept me in touch with mum when I could not visit but since that home closed last spring, Wendy has continued to visit mum and facetime me when she does from her new home in Sible Hedingham. Although I have known Wendy since primary school, we lost touch about 37 years ago, and this has brought Wendy back into my life. I am



Unsung Hero Awards (Cont'd)

incredibly grateful for the kindness in what has been a horrendous time.

Mark Payne - he has worked tirelessly throughout covid times for the communities of Colne Engaine, Earls Colne and White Colne. His kindness, compassion and devotion to the communities has been second to none.

Geoff Marcoolyn - for his all-round contribution to village hall since arriving here. He chairs the Courtauld Memorial Hall committee extremely effectively. Contributes to the churchyard working party and is generally up for helping with anything that the village is doing. You could not have a better example of a community minded person or a more effective one- for all his work with the village hall



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Unsung Hero Awards (Cont'd)

Barbara Marcoolyn - for being a supportive wife and helping out with all things at the hall whilst chairing the WI.

Special Lifetime Achievement Award — Julie Sarti

From a parent - Julie has been at the centre of Colne Engaine Primary School and has led it through some of the most challenging times. Always the children's all-round development has been at the centre of her decisions. Every morning she is there to welcome the children at the gate with a cheery smile. Listening to the questions and needs of parents and doing what she can to support. As she heads off to ventures new, a thank you from everyone in the village by giving her this award shows how important and valued she is.

From the school - Julie has been the inspirational headteacher at Colne Engaine for 14 years and longer if you count the years she spent teaching before she returned as head. Each and every day, she has placed the children at the forefront of every decision she has made, inspired generations of children to be their best selves and to look outward at the world around them, ready to grasp every opportunity and celebrate the mistakes they make along the way. We share a very special community at Colne Engaine where everyone comes together, where children feel safe and feel happy. Without exception, visitors who come into our school always speak of how wonderful the children seem. Our school community has strengthened as it grew with her at the helm. She radiates integrity, empathy, compassion, striving to ensure equality for all and we have been so fortunate to have been part of her story, her legacy. Thank you, Julie.

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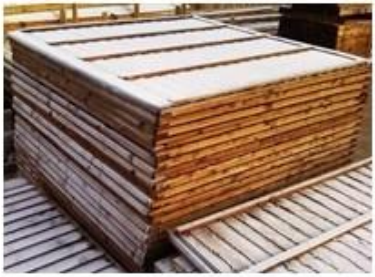
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Going Walk About



What a great group we had last month, was it 12 or 13 of us? And such perfect weather! There is so much to see and talk about in the countryside, and so often you see things you have never noticed before. We walked some of the most popular paths from Earls Colne to Chalkney Woods and back; and this month we will continue along some of those paths back towards Earls Colne from Chappel. In fact, the May, June and July walks all overlap slightly and so should enable you to link them together into a range of different walks if you like. Each also includes a great place for food and refreshment should you need any further encouragement!

With the Flow:

This month we will see the water meadows of the Colne's middle stretch in all their glory, dotted with steadfast, mature oaks that have seen centuries of floods breaking over the riverbank. We will spend more time in Chalkney Woods, but still only explore a little part of this beautiful, ancient woodland. We will cross Rylands Fenn, to then climb a little, to see some of the best views across the Colne valley. We will go over, and then under, the railway line and finish with the most beautiful path down to Chappel village, giving views from Wakes Colne church and mill, across Chappel village to the dominating 32 arches of the viaduct that crosses the valley.

Where:

Chappel village is on the south side of the river (and the A1124), its sister village, Wakes Colne, on the north side. The railway station, on the Sudbury to Marks Tey branch line, is named after both villages, and the viaduct carries the line across the valley between them. Reputed to be made from 7 million bricks it is one of the largest brick-built structures in England. We will meet in the shade of this landmark at the Swan Inn, which is also right alongside the river. There is a public car park just a little bit further up The Street with access to the millennium green and an excellent children's playground. There is a small village shop right on the junction of the A1124 and The Street, and an excellent café at the railway station/museum. If you want to stop at the Swan Inn for lunch, you can find their current menus here…

https://swaninn-chappel.com/menus.html

Getting There:

It is very easy to find Chappel and The Swan Inn as the viaduct is a landmark that cannot be missed! Following the A1124 from the Halstead direction it is the right turn just before the viaduct, and from the Colchester direction the left turn directly after passing under the viaduct. There are good bus connections from Halstead and Colchester, with the stops very close to the viaduct, and of course train connections from Sudbury and



Marks Tey, with many other connections possible on the rail network. The post code for your Sat Nav is CO6 2DD.

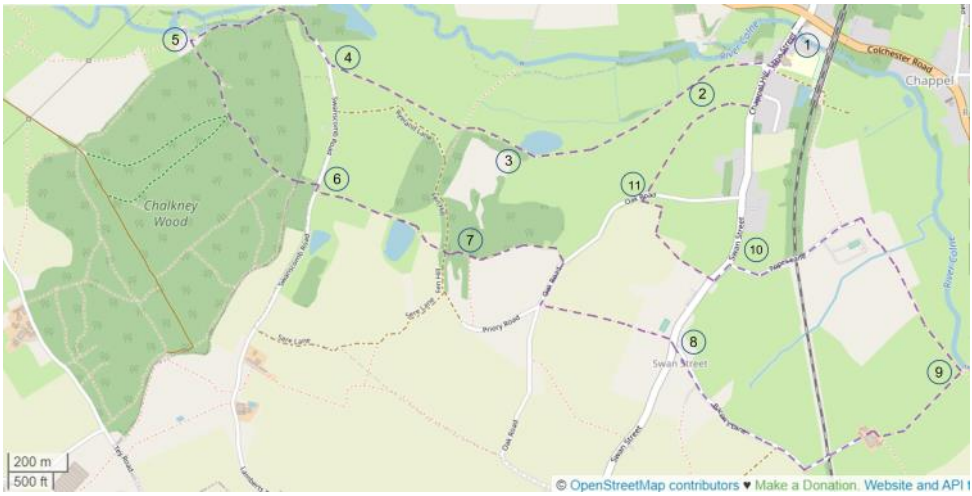
Meeting Up:

As usual the walk will be on the second Saturday of the month, which is Saturday 11th June, and we will meet in the car park at the Swan Inn at 10 o'clock. If you are not staying for lunch you may like to park in the public car park a bit further along The Street, in the public car park If you would like any updates before the walk, please email ecchurchwardens@gmail.com with your contact details, if you are not already on my list.

The Walk:

The walk is around 5.2 miles, with quite variable terrain, some hills (up and down!), three stiles, two with an alternative gate, the other with no alternative, some steps and very many gates! Some of the fields will have sheep in them, and one has a slight possibility of cattle, but these are big fields with small numbers of livestock, so the chance of them being near the pathways is small. I will highlight a point where the walk can easily be shortened to just 2.7 miles and where it can be linked to last months walk too.

The Full Going Walk About Route is detailed on the following three pages.



Going Walk About (Cont'd)



1. From the Swan Inn turn left along The Street and pass some houses and then the school, at the public carpark cross the road and follow the road opposite, passing the large houses and church on the right and the field on the left. Follow the footpath through the gate, or to the left of it if closed, and pass the barn on your left. At the end of the barn cross the stile (or use the large gate, but please close after use)

2. Wakes Colne mill can be seen to your right, keep to the left-hand field edge and continue towards the point where the field narrows between two hedges, with a gate ahead of you. Cross the next field, keeping left of the hedge that juts out into the field and then pass through another gate, please ensure this is closed with the rope loop to retain any livestock. Follow the broad path between the fence and hedge, this is a south facing blackthorn hedge and can be a great place for collecting sloes in autumn! At the end of the hedge pass through another gate into the next field.

3. Continue through the next field to a small fishing lake on your right, then through another gate onto a boardwalk section that takes you to the end of the lake, and then another gate into the largest of the water meadows. Keep to the left-hand field edge to start with and as you approach one of the biggest oak trees, the field opens up again and the path is further from the left-hand edge. Cross a brook/damp area and then an open gate into the last field. Look ahead to find the gate in the boundary hedge ahead of you, and then exit through it onto Swanscombe Road.

4. Turn right on to Swanscombe Road and walk towards the farmhouse, then take the path to the left of it, between the wooden fence and the hedge. Follow the path through the next gate into a field, with the river to your right and the lower part of Chalkney Woods to your left. Cross the stile (or use the gate) and follow the path beside the mill stream, up to Colne Contracts yard (take care of any machinery being used or moved) with Chalkney Mill to your right.

5. Turn left, passing through the kennels and into Chalkney Woods as we did last month. Don't turn right this time though, but continue straight ahead on the main path, ignore all smaller paths made by animals and humans, and continue past the ancient excavations, until you reach an area where several main paths come together. In theory there should be three paths, but it often looks like more due to different activities and ground conditions! Take the left-hand main path, this is wider than the



others and goes slightly uphill, ignore all the minor paths, and continue along this path, going uphill. Further on there will be another main path to the right, ignore this and continue ahead until the path starts going downhill a little, and further ahead it starts to narrow. The last part of this path passes through a private part of the woods, so please keep to the path until you exit back onto, and further up, Swanscombe Road.

6. Turn right, then shortly after turn left, down a footpath by a cottage. At the end of the path, cross the bridge and pass through the gate, climb towards the next gate at the top of the hill ahead of you, and then stop to enjoy the view! When refreshed, pass through the gate, and follow the path past the irrigation lake on your right, and at the raised brick drain (a good place to sit and enjoy the view across the lake) take the path to the left across the field and towards the woodland of Rylands Fenn.

7. On entering the Fenn ignore the paths to the right and left and continue straight ahead, going down to a wooden bridge then up and right to a slope/steps into the next field. Follow the field edge path to your left, continue round until you reach some steps down onto Oak Road, this is a very quiet, crescent lane off Swan Street. (To shorten the walk, turn left here and follow the road to the first house on your right and then follow the instructions from point 11) For the longer walk turn right and follow the road to the next footpath on the left, that is up some steps from the road. Follow this path across the field, taking in the glorious views across the Colne Valley, until the path drops down towards a bridge and gate in the hedge ahead. Turn right and then immediately left at the junction of paths, with a hedge in front of you, then climb the path, alongside the hedge, to another gate with some steps immediately after, that lead down to Swan Street.

8. Cross Swan Street and take the path into Bacons Lane, follow the lane for some distance, crossing the railway line on a bridge. Continue along the lane as it turns sharp left, then passes between houses and farm buildings, when it reaches a field fence turn sharp right and pass another gate to find the footpath into the next field along, on your left. Follow the path to the left-hand field edge all the way down the hill to reach the river by a pillbox. Turn left through the gate.

9. Follow the field edge path, with a small willow plantation and the river on your right. As the field widens continue along the path across the field. In the next field follow the path at a diagonal across the field corner towards the house, and then take the field



edge path in front of the house, to then turn left into Popes Lane. Follow Popes Lane up hill and under the railway line to reach Swan Street again.

10. Turn left and follow Swan Street for a few yards to find a footpath through the hedge on the right-hand side. Follow the path through the plantation and cross a bridge into the next field, the footpath cuts across the corner of the field and joins the hedge at the top of the slope. Follow the path beside the hedge towards the house and then turn left as the path passes the back of the house. Turn right across a small bridge onto Oak Road.

11. We worked hard to get here, but those that took the shorter route will have already gone before us! But there is a reason that both walks use this last section, if you are there now, you'll see why, the view ahead spans from at least Wakes Colne church, past the mill to the spire of Chappel Church, those glorious, well-preserved houses by the church, then across the village to the viaduct, all wrapped-around with the green fields and woodlands of the valley. Take the footpath across the field opposite, start off walking towards the house alongside the church until you can see the gate in the corner of the field, and as you walk down the hill feel the beauty envelope you until you become part of it. At the gate into the bottom field turn sharp right and follow the field edge to the stile. Cross the stile on to Swan Street and then cross the road, turn left and then cross Swan Grove as you continue back to the Swan Inn. With another great walk completed in our beautiful Colne valley.

If you would like to join us for this walk, I look forward to seeing you at The Swan Inn in Chappel on Saturday 11th June at 10 o clock. If you have any questions, would like to share, or offer, a lift please do get in touch. It is also good to have some idea of expected numbers so if you can, please contact me directly or through ecchurchwardens@gmail.com to confirm you will be there, and if you would like to be up-dated through our Email reminders.

Next month (July 9th) we will follow the river from Chappel to Fordham, walk along a small part of the Essex Way, and maybe get some refreshment at The Shoulder of Mutton halfway round.

Stay safe and enjoy your walkabouts wherever they may take you.

Ray Wood

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For Career or Care enquiries please speak with the Home Manager Patricia French: Phone on 01787 222377; Email brookhouse@sohal.healthcare

Also find us on Autumna, www.autumna.co.uk/providers/brook-house-107556/

Queen Elizabeth II – Platinum Jubilee

To commemorate the jubilee, I have included a few items to help celebrations, and encourage the youngsters in the village to take part and form memories of the event.

Whilst we will be busy in the village at the festival, there are many activities happening in London and around the country, the most important and memorable of which will be the Pageant. I have copied some information from the Royal Families website. **www.royal.uk**. There is also some information on the Queen's Green Canopy, described as: The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee." Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, school and corporates are encouraged to plant trees from October 2021 when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

The QGC aims to encourage everyone to learn more about the best way to plant trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come.

A special interactive map has been created to track the Jubilee tree plantings on the QGC website so that everyone can share and inspire others, as well as creating a green canopy of projects to cover the country.
www.queensgreencanopy.org

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant

Evoking the Coronation at the very start of the Platinum Pageant, the Bells of Westminster Abbey will chime, as they did on Coronation Day. As they do so, The Mounted Band of the Household Cavalry will lead The Gold State Coach along a crowd-thronged pageant route back to Buckingham Palace.

The Gold State Coach is used to transport the Monarch on the occasion of their Coronation and Jubilees, and it has not been seen in on the streets of London for twenty years.

The Gold State Coach is the Platinum Pageant's iconic figurehead; a 'crown jewel' made yet more awesome by the glittering livery worn by its four pairs of Windsor Greys. Everywhere you look, in the golden sculptures and painted panels, in the uniforms of the postillions, grooms, footmen, attendants and

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Cont'd)

mounted guards, there is rich tradition and history.

At the Platinum Pageant, The Gold State Coach plays a remarkable role. Original film footage recorded on Coronation Day will be used to recreate the magic of that extraordinary occasion.

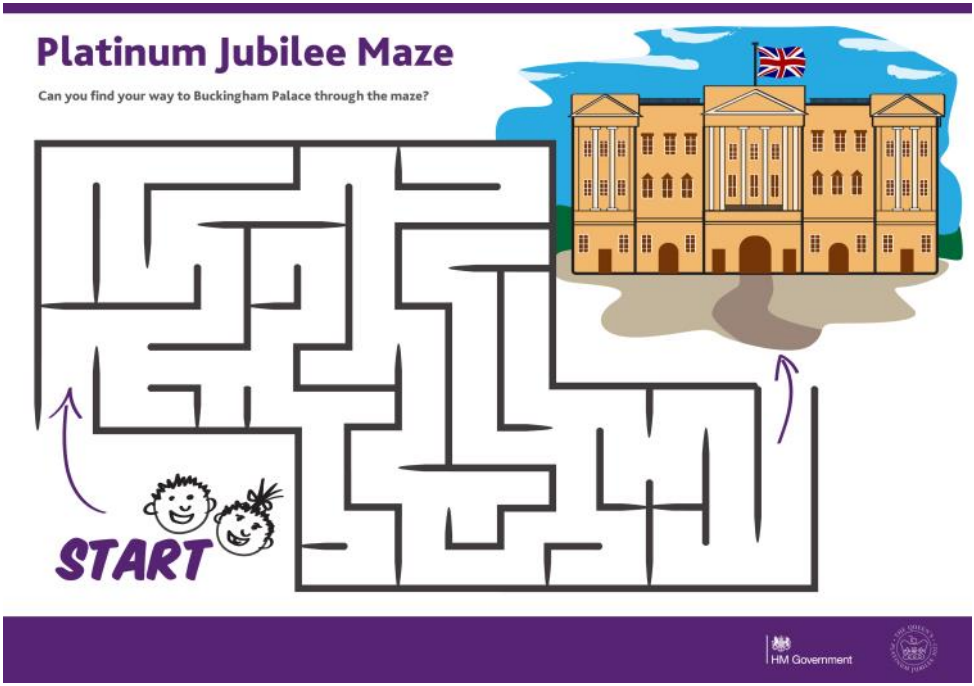
The Pageant will serve as an opportunity to gather and pay tribute to Her Majesty. It will culminate with the singing of the National Anthem, 'God Save the Queen'. A gospel choir will join the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines.

The Pageant itself will bring to life iconic moments from The Queen's reign as well as showcasing our changing society over the past 70 years.

10,000 people are involved, including the military, over 6,000 volunteers, performers, key workers and 2,500 members of the public.

National treasures and iconic figures from music, film, sport and the arts will take part in the Pageant including much-loved celebrity names, alongside military personnel, key workers and volunteers.

Sue



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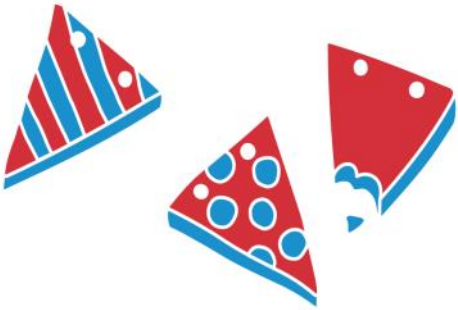
HOW TO MAKE BUNTING BISCUITS

YOU'LL NEED

Biscuit ingredients
- 200g butter
- 50g sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 250g plain flour

To decorate
- A jar of strawberry jam
- 200g royal icing sugar
- Food colouring
- Icing pens
- Edible glitter and sprinkles

Other items
- Rolling pin
- Cling film or reusable wrap
- Cardboard (to make a cutting template)
- String for hanging



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1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Whisk butter and sugar together in a mixing bowl.
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3. Mix together with your hands to form a soft dough then wrap in cling film and rest in fridge for 10 minutes.
4. Roll the dough out evenly and cut the dough into triangles – make a cardboard template to cut around.
5. Lay the shapes on a parchment-lined baking tray, cover with cling film and chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.
6. Remove the cling film and bake in the middle of the oven for 8 to 10 minutes, flipping once until the biscuits are just beginning to colour.
7. Once baked, pierce two holes in each biscuit for hanging, transfer to a wire rack and leave to cool.
8. Decorate your shapes with icing and toppings and feed the string through for hanging.

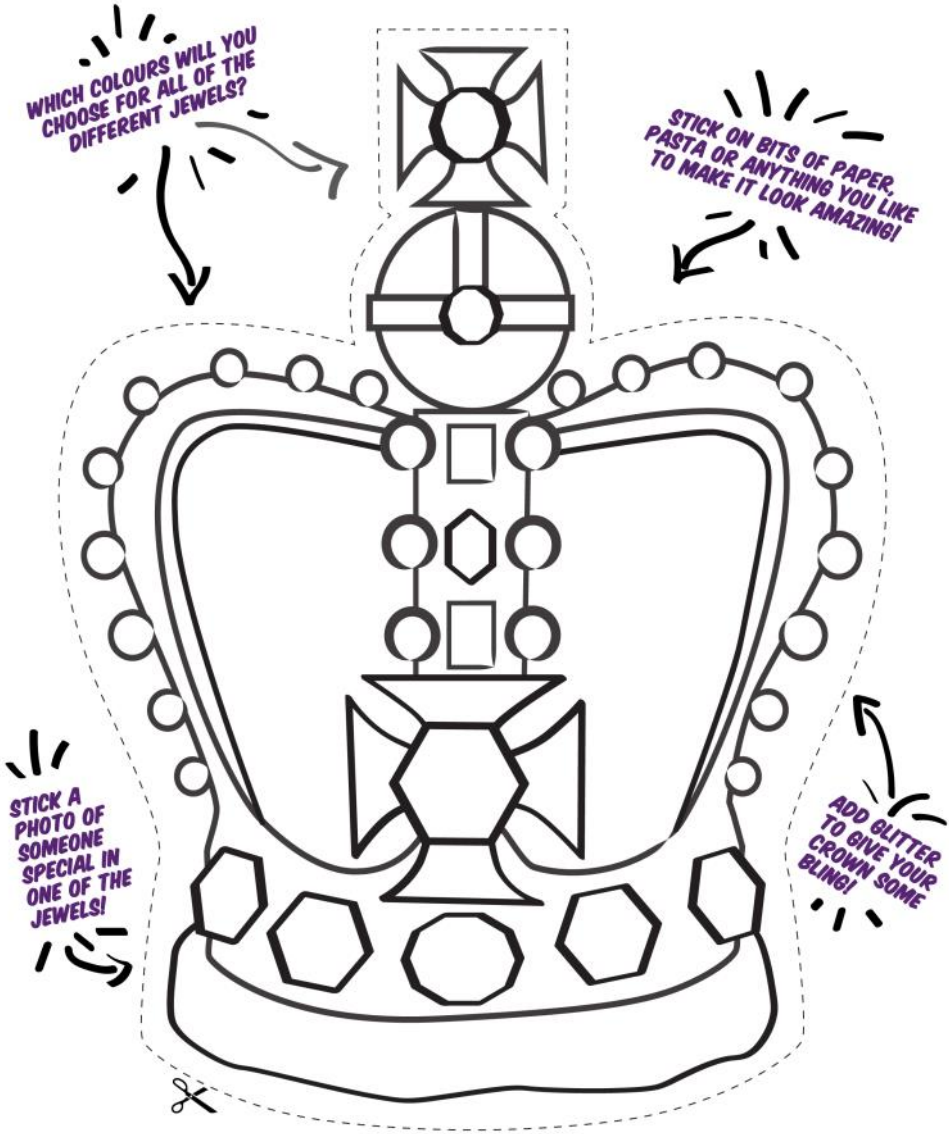
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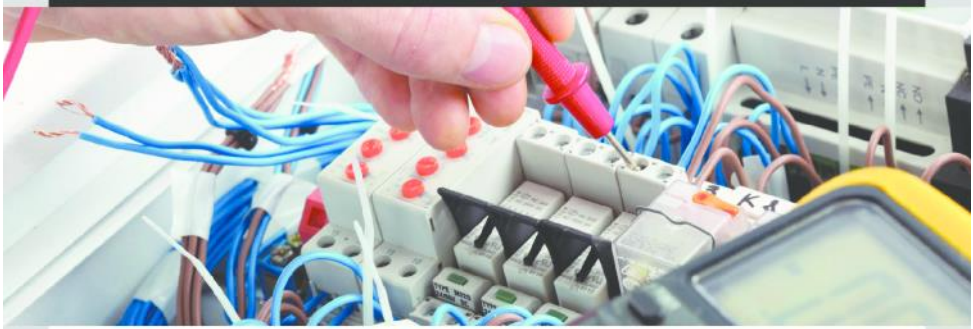


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Memories of Previous Royal Jubilees



From the surviving records, we don't know how Earls Colne marked royal occasions prior to the 19th century, but **Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887** was celebrated with a permanent memorial. The Curate, the Revd Theophilus Chute, organised a public collection for a clock to be placed in the church tower. As contributions were made by villagers of all denominations and none, the Parish Council took responsibility for the clock's maintenance (an arrangement that has to be explained to puzzled new members from time to time!). The programme of events on 21st June (*Left*) began with a procession from the Cricket Meadow to the Priory, where sports and refreshments were followed by an evening of dancing and fireworks.

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Jubilee History in the Colnes (Cont'd)

An oak tree was planted at the junction of Park Lane and Church Hill but, sadly, that had to be removed in the 20th century as a hazard to traffic.



Ten years later, for **Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee**, the Anchor Pub at Colne Ford put out the flags and nearby residents are dressed in their Sunday Best while other festivities are taking place on White Colne Green in the distance.

The Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935 was celebrated by a carnival procession. The Carnival Queen, Elsie Webb, and her attendants are seen *(Right*) boarding a horse-drawn coach in the Atlas Works yard before setting off to join the parade. As a break with tradition, the afternoon's festivities were held on the Grammar School playing field in York Road by invitation of the headmaster, Mr Sykes, who chaired the organising committee



Jubilee History in the Colnes (Cont'd)





Our own Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 was also celebrated by a street parade, this time led by the Vicar, Canon Stuart Holden (*Left*) in his "other" official capacity as Town Crier. He was awarded the title at a Carnival competition in 1970 and, in a costume made by his wife, Jean, gave announcements at subsequent social events in the village. The Jubilee celebrations ended with a bonfire and fireworks display on Bell's Meadow in Hay House Road.

Surprisingly, there were no public celebrations in Earls Colne to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002, but Colne Engaine and White Colne kept the patriotic flags flying.

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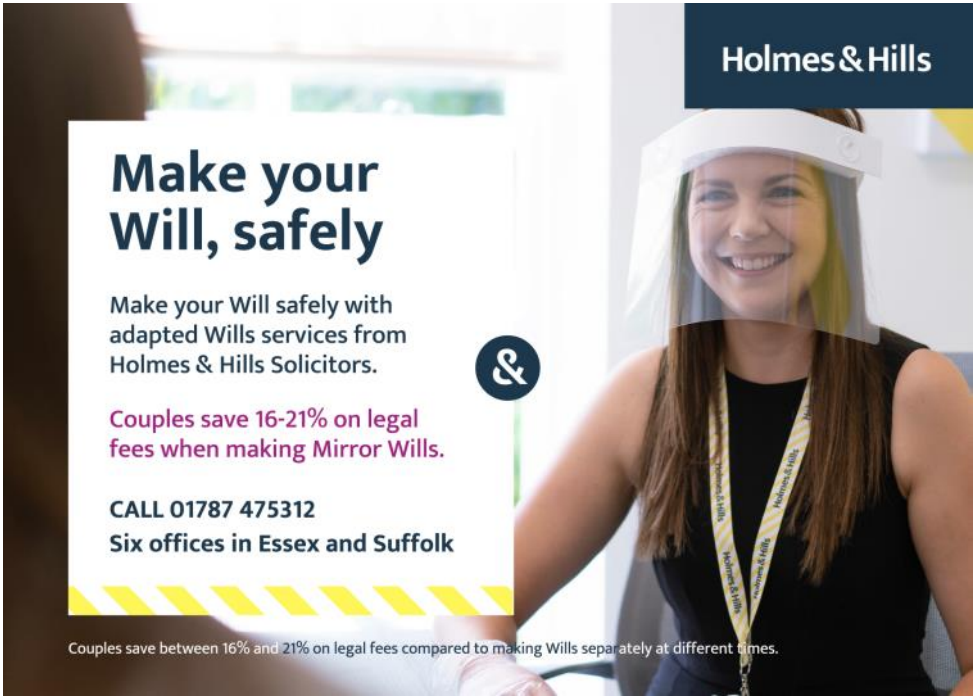
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Spud's Allotment Update

ON THE PLOT

Spud gave me a quick masterclass on Carrots (*Daucus Carrota)* (although I didn't ask for it) he saw me sowing a row of carrot seed and said 'good luck with them in this soil, they don't like it too fertile' not helpful when I am trying to build my enthusiasm for veg growing, 'even if they grow' he said 'as soon as you thin them out the carrot fly will smell them from Colchester and they'll be straight on the 88 bus to Halstead' (or alstett as he says it), its being so cheerful that keeps him going. Mr Bean overheard and came over later to add his two penn'orth, he was more positive, he said 'Spud is not wrong, but there are ways to increase your chances of success, depending how important it is to you' He then explained what he does with what he called reasonable results, firstly he buys



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Spud's Allotment Update (Cont'd)

pelleted seed, he then sows them individually in empty toilet roll middles filled with compost in a seed tray, as they grow if any don't germinate he can pop another seed in, when they are a reasonable size he plants them out in a raised bed that he has already prepared by mixing in a couple of bags of sharp sand, he plants the whole tube in the ground, eventually it rots, this helps in a number of ways, the roots are not disturbed during transplanting, the tubes help retain moisture and the bit I thought was a bonus is that there is less chance of bruising the leaves and giving off the scent to the Carrot fly, it all made sense to me so I will sow another crop now, if I can buy pelleted seed. He also said to not be worried about watering them, if they are dry, it encourages the roots to search deeper for water thus giving longer carrots, I hope it works then I can offer Spud some of my abundant harvest. I am still clearing a lot of weeds but making good progress, I have realised that being more thorough takes longer but lasts longer, giving more time to tackle the rest, Theresa saw that I had some planting space and gave me some of



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her spare sweetcorn *(Zea mays)* plants, now I do know with these that they are wind pollinated so growing them in a row is unlikely to produce cobs, instead they need to be planted in a group or block so the flowers can catch the pollen from the neighbouring plants, Set them out about 18" (45cm) between plants. I planted some outdoor tomatoes *(Solanum Lycopersicon)* 'gardeners delight' I had already grown them on at home in the greenhouse so they are a good size plant, I plant these about 18" (45cm) apart and push a sturdy cane in the ground beside each plant, 5' (150cm) tall is not out of the question, in a good summer with regular watering, I plant each one deeper than it has grown in the pot, down as far as the first set of leaves, this encourages root growth from the stem which gives more stability and helps the plant search out water and nutrients near the surface. I also lay a thick mulch of home-grown compost; it holds in moisture and looks quite nice too, I must admit my plot is starting to look like a proper allotment now.

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Spud & Gary



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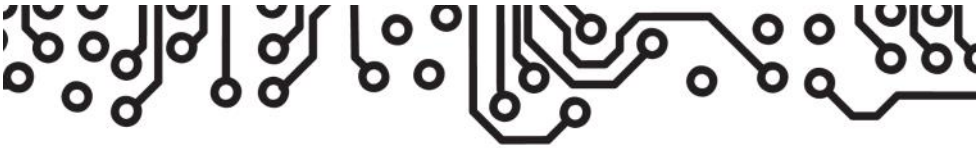
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