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Welcome



Welcome to the July / August edition of the Colne Engaine Parish Magazine.

This month is a double issue, so hold onto it if you want to know church services and what's on in the village in August – don't throw it away!

We have some great articles this month – after our fabulous week of Jubilee celebrations, the Village Festival has a great write up on pg. 16, we have our regular articles from the school (pg. 21) and gardening on pg. 29.

CONTRIBUTORS NEEDED

I'm on the scrounge: Every month we have regular contributors who provide items from the Church, about local history and connections, gardening, the village school and activities such as the Youth Club, FACES and the WI. I want to expand these in coming months – would anyone like to contribute on a regular basis, be it a puzzle page, a topic of interest, places to visit or places to eat at with reviews, recipes and so on?

The more content we put in, the more interesting a read for our villagers, the more likely we will be able to keep going, as advertisers will want to be present so that you can see what the local businesses can provide. Some contributors find it easier to give me a few months' content in one go, others on a monthly basis. We are looking for between 250 and 750 words, plus images if possible.

These articles can be from any age group – you may have an aspiring writer in the house, who writes short stories and would love for them to be published, you may run a class somewhere and want to write about the achievements of your attendees, you may keep bees, and write about how to do it.

Whilst I am looking for regular contributors, I still would love your one-off pieces to keep on coming in.

I hold my fingers tightly crossed that someone is able to regularly contribute and make our village magazine an even more valuable asset than it is already.

I hope you enjoy this month's edition – see you the other side of the sunshine!

Sue

Editor

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As we approach the Summer Holidays, with children and teachers having a break from school and many folks planning a holiday, from camping in the garden to trips abroad, I've been thinking about God's commandment to rest. Yes, because God wants what's best for us, the importance of rest is built into the teaching of the Bible, and specifically into the Ten Commandments, which are held as scared teaching by Christianity, and Judaism and Islam of course.

> "Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; and you shall not do any work – you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For is six days the Lord made the heaven and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it." (Exodus 20: 8-11)

I remember Archbishop Stephen, when he was Bishop of Chelmsford, telling me and most ministers about how he couldn't understand why ministers would boast about working on their day/s off. "Not many would boast about breaking any of the other nine commandments, so why this one?!", he would exclaim!

Of course in today's world our understanding of this Commandment isn't a reference to Sundays only, in fact for Jews it's a Saturday and for Muslims it's a Friday, but rather a reference to holding time off for rest, restoration and recreation as sacred and vitally lifegiving.

Do you take some time each week for you? Because of your circumstances it may have to be very limited, but even if it's a couple of walks a week or some time in the bath or however you most enjoy 'you-time', these moments are lifegiving, and literally empower us to do what we do with the rest of our time. Without times like this we run the tank down, and this eventually can lead to physical, mental and spiritual illness.

If you need to find ways to take more time for you and would like to talk it through please do get in touch. If poetry provides you with 'time-out' why not come along to

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our Forest Church with a poetry workshop for the family with Dave Neita, on Sunday 3rd July, 3pm at Over Hall, Colne Engaine (meet at Colne Engaine Village Hall at 2.45pm for directions and to car share. Or if singing 'your heart out' is your 'you time' come along to Songs of Praise at St Andrew's White Colne, 4pm on Sunday 17th July, followed by refreshments. Send your vote for your favourite, hymn or worship song to Revd Mark – colnesvicar@gmail.com

Blessings,

Mark

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Sun 3rd	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
	10am	White Colne	Holy Communion
	3pm	Over Hall Colne Engaine	Forest Church
Wed 6th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Colne Engaine	3:30 Express
Sun 10th	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship with Worship Band
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
Wed 13th	9.30am	Colne Engaine	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 17th	10am	Earls Colne #	Holy Communion
	10am	Colne Engaine	Mattins
	4pm	White Colne	Songs of Praise
Wed 20th	9.30am	Colne Engaine (works on at Earls Colne)	Holy Communion
Sun 24th	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship
	10am	Colne Engaine	Family Holy Communion
Wed 27th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 31st	10am	Halstead	Team Service @ St Andrew's Halstead

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.

THANK YOU, TERRY & DES - ST ANDREW'S CHURCHWARDENS

On Sunday 22nd May we said a massive thank you to Terry Hawthorn and Desmond Shine for all their many years hard work as Churchwardens of this Parish. After the service Revd. Mark Payne presented Terry and Des with thank you gifts from the congregation. They will both be sorely missed.





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

If you are interested in helping in your community then in the first instance, please contact Rita Prior – PCC Secretary on 01787 223867 or email ritaprior31@gmail.com

Services for August



Date	Time	Church	Service
Wed 3rd	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 7th	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
	10am	White Colne	Holy Communion
Wed 10th	9.30am	Colne Engaine	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 14th	10am	Earls Colne #	All Age Service with Worship Band & Baptism
	10am	Colne Engaine	Family Morning Worship
Wed 17th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 21st	10am	Earls Colne #	Holy Communion
	10am	Colne Engaine	Mattins
	10am	White Colne	Morning Worship
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Sun 28th	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning worship
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Jubilee and Pentecost

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of each of our hearts, be acceptable in your sight O Lord, our Strength, and our Redeemer. Amen.

There is much in our world today that we need to plug in to recharge. Let's see a show of hands for those who:

- plugged or unplugged their mobile phone this morning?
- used an electric toothbrush?
- came to church in an all-electric or hybrid car of left it on charge at home?
- has a laptop plugged in at home, or a tablet?

What about us, how do we recharge? Replenish? Recuperate? Physically we essentially use the fuel of food and water to replenish our energy. Mentally, it can be affirmation from another or self, exercise for body and mind, life giving relationships, connections, and communication. And spiritually, how do we recharge spiritually?

On Friday in a Sermon at St Paul's Cathedral celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Archbishop Stephen (Bishop Guli's predecessor as Bishop of Chelmsford) reflected on how we are living in a time of uncertainty and challenge, and he asked the congregation present and on TV, radio and online "where we will find the



Jubilee and Pentecost (Cont'd)

replenishing we need".

He said how our Queen has shown a faithfulness to God, an obedience to a vocation, that at first, he said was the bedrock of her life. Before changing the image to a well or a fountain.

"Faith in Jesus Christ", he said, "is the well from which we draw deeply and replenish ourselves through all the challenges, joys, and vicissitudes of life.

And it is a fountain, overflowing with immense joy.

Joy, that we can live in the assurance that we are loved;

joy, that God has a purpose for our lives;

and, joy, that through Christ's dying and rising we have the promise of life eternal."

At her Coronation the most scared part of the service was when, hidden from

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view under the canopy, the Queen's regal robes were removed, leaving her wearing a simple white dress. Symbolically she was coming to God as an ordinary woman like and other Christian with any special status. She was asking God to send her Holy Spirit to enable her to take on her royal role. The Queen writes these words in her Devotions,

> "By the anointing God makes, blesses and consecrates me Queen: and I am till my dying day 'his anointed servant' In the anointing god creates a new relationship between himself and me, giving me for my use on this office just those resources of his divine grace which I need to dispose hands and heart and mind to do his will."

Today, as well as celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, we are celebrating the birth of the Church when the Holy Spirit filled Jesus' disciples, transforming them, and equipping them to share the Good News of Jesus Christ; a message across the generations that has reached us today.

This is the same Spirit that the Queen asked to receive at her Coronation, the same Spirit of Jesus that overflows from the Fountain of Joy, the same Spirit that can re-charge and replenish, ourselves.

Let's go back to the question I asked at the beginning of this talk, how do we recharge our spiritual selves? With what do we replenish our lives? What do we plug into?

We often neglect, especially in the West, our spiritual selves. We plug all sorts

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of gadgets in, to recharge, but I suggest the growing pandemic of poor mental health is partly due to our inability to do the same for our souls.

Do we take time to meditate and pray? Do we take time for us as individuals to be still? Do we immerse ourselves in music and poetry or the wonder of nature? Do we take time back to enjoy those things which give us life? Do we take advantage of this beautiful place, that is open most days, to come in and sit and pray? Do we count our blessings and reflect on just how much we are loved by God?

As the Queen knew that she couldn't fulfil the role of Queen in her own strength alone, but needed the deep well of the Holy Spirit to sustain her, so too we need to draw water from the Living Well we celebrate today, from the Spirit of God, to sustain us, especially so in these challenging times.

Last week I had a few days away to the Othona Community in Bradwell-on-Sea; there was just me and my dog Dudley – it was time to press pause, to be still, to reflect and to pray, to ask God for his Spirit afresh. And I want to share with you the prayer I wrote whist spending time sat by the shore and in the ancient chapel that St Cedd himself built, because I believe it may speak to you:

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The tides are mapped, high and low;

The gentle lapping or the raging waves come to shore relentless, seemingly forever.

Is my life mapped, a little? Maybe so?

And yet free to choose, free to be close, free to be distant.

As the tide moves so does my soul, sometimes I feel nearer to God, sometimes further away,

But, however I feel the waves of God's love, sometimes gently lapping, sometimes flooding my soul with raging storm, continue to reach out to me, to touch me, to restore me.

And in the stillness of the ancient chapel of Cedd, my soul rests in the Divine Love, forgiven, at one, set aside for the Kingdom and sent out in and for God's Glory.

Guide and sustain me O God, as I journey on to other shores, to share the story of your relentless love.

Amen.

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Colne Engaine Festival

Update from the Colne Engaine Festival Committee

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the Colne Engaine Festival, bringing us all together as a community for a very long Jubilee weekend!

This year's festival was the 13th since 1996 and it was the biggest yet, with around 2,250 visits to the five different events and a cracking spirit of smiling good nature all round. We were lucky in many ways, not least that HM The Queen is still with us at 96 years old, the weather held out despite threatening a deluge and the St John's Ambulance crew only had to stick on two plasters throughout the whole weekend!

We welcome your feedback about the festival. We added some exciting new elements this year and made changes when circumstance dictated. This year we also put more money than usual into paying for arena displays and the positive response suggests

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that this was a good move. Before the next festival we hope to invest in improving sound in and around the arena and making improvements to the electrical cabling and safety trackway – boring but essential. We made good use of the new mains electrical box that the Parish Council installed on the lower recreation ground and we await the bill. Although we are yet to have a final figure of funds raised, we do know that the Raffle raised £2,796. Festival profits are distributed to local causes after the October AGM and any villager can nominate a good cause for the committee to consider. To do so please email colneengainefestival@gmail.com explaining why you are nominating your cause, and including your phone number, by 31st August 2022.

The Committee won't be resting for long – we have more events planned this year and have set our sights on the 2024 Festival already! The scheduled September Fun Run is uncertain due to unforeseen circumstances; however the Family Bingo Night is booked for 19th November and tickets will be available in September. Carols on the Green will be in mid-December, date to be confirmed.

If you'd like to be involved in the fun that is festival, please get in touch – email colneengainefestival@gmail.com or call Juliet on 07984 794004. We are particularly interested in hearing from people who like to organise parties, people who are practical (carpentry, electrics & plumbing), and young people who are interested in developing skills in events and marketing.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Juliet Townend, Chair of the Festival Committee

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Aerial hoop performers from Coggeshall-based Phina Circus & Dance perform in the arena at Colne Engaine Festival 2022

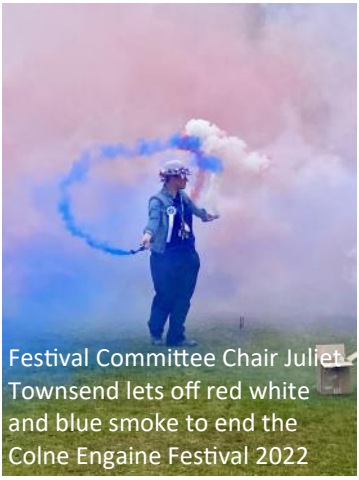


Bubble Games in the arena at Colne Engaine Festival 2022

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Country Dancing at Colne Engaine Festival 2022



Festival Committee Chair Juliet Townsend lets off red white and blue smoke to end the Colne Engaine Festival 2022



Darraline Bruschetta Bar at Colne Engaine Festival 2022 (l-r) Wendy Jones, Caroline Lingley, Darran Lingley, Richard Jones



Splat the Playing Splat the Rat at the St Andrews Church stall, manned by volunteer Terry Hawthorn (r), at Colne Engaine Festival 2022



l-r Ginny Jeggo and Darcey Jeggo wear their rosettes with pride after winning their categories in Country Flair Hobby & Craft Competition at Colne Engaine Festival 2022

Colne Engaine Festival (Cont'd)



Members of the organising committee and volunteers at Colne Engaine Festival 2022



Onlookers at Colne Engaine Festival 2022



Saturday Night begins at Colne Engaine Festival 2022



The Dog Show in the arena at Colne Engaine Festival 2022

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Links with St Luke's Church of England Primary School, Canning Town.

Rowan class had a brilliant day recently when the children from Y3 at St Luke's Church of England Primary School joined us for a locality study around the village. St Luke's is part of the Chelmsford Diocese, just like our school and this collaboration is part of a longer-term partnership between classes at both schools. It couldn't have been a better day! The children got to know each other very quickly, after some initial shyness- and they chatted together excitedly, as they found out more about our village and our school.

Huge thanks to our amazing community, who were so ready to help us to make this a special day; Rev Mark and Terry Hawthorn, who opened the church for us to explore; Sarah Dignasse for meeting us at the Village Hall to find out what goes on there; Bharat and Nisha Patel for welcoming the children to find out about all that our lovely local shop can provide (as well as kindly donating a welcome snack for every child), and to Spike Townsend for bringing the history of the War Memorial to life for the children.



Now we are busy planning a return visit to St Luke's, to build on this brilliant experience for all of our children – and we can't wait!



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Working with Oxfam

We were very proud to be invited by Oxfam to design and create a banner on the theme of climate justice, to be put up beside one of the stages at Glastonbury Festival this summer. It was a huge banner, measuring 3.1 x 2.1 metres! Sycamore class have been learning about the causes of climate change and the devastating impact it has-

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Colne Engaine Festival Jubilee Art Exhibition



We were delighted to be part of the amazing Colne Engaine Festival this year. I was touched and honoured to be asked to open the Festival this year - and very grateful and more than a little overwhelmed to receive a Special Achievement Award at the same time. Thank you to everyone – I feel very lucky to have worked in such a special community.

We were pleased to share some of the lovely artwork that the children have created during our Jubilee celebrations – which we put together in a little art exhibition in the church.

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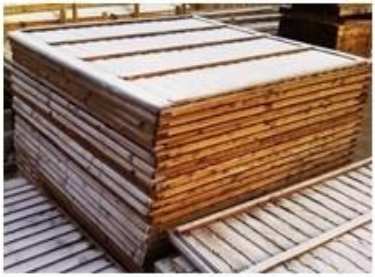
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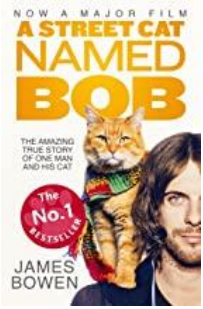
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Film Club

Wow! We are already half way through the year. But still time for some cosy nights in with a good film or even on your summer break. Any cat lovers out there? You may enjoy this month's film choice, based on a true life story and international best-selling book. Not a cat lover...don't let that stop you!



The Film- A Street Cat Named Bob

The Discussion - Wednesday 13th July 2022 gather at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

The Where - The Five Bells Colne Engaine

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

Youth Club

Upcoming dates: 8th July, 12th August

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Gardening

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT IRIS.

A lovely lady, tall, elegant with delicate scent and a passion for colourful flamboyant hats, she and her family hail from southern Europe and the Mediterranean which explains why she such is a sun worshiper, (and the need for the large hats) some people call her 'bearded Iris' but I am too much of a gentleman to mention that. Officially she is known as *Iris germanica* not to be confused with Dutch Iris, *(Iris hollandica)* confusingly originally from Spain, and Siberian Iris *(Iris siberica)* from, well, Siberia, both being grown from bulbs, whereas our girl grows from large rhizomes. The colours range from Blues and Purples through dusty bronzes yellows and white, the Rhizomes are swollen creeping stems that love to be exposed to the full sun, in effect baking them on the surface of the soil whilst the true roots are protected underneath, I like to think of them as natural solar panels for all that flower power above, because as with solar panels if they are shaded they don't work, so if the rhizomes are buried the result will be fewer or no flowers. After about five years or so the clumps can become congested and this too can reduce the number of flowers, to keep them at their best Irises need lifting and





dividing every three to five years, it is very simple to do, even I can do it, stand back, I'm going in. After flowering lift the whole clump, get the fork right underneath and gently ease them from the soil, once lifted start to divide plants with rhizomes attached cutting through the clumps with a knife so that what you are left with is a set of leaves with approximately 4" (100mm) length of rhizome attached, this can now be replanted leaving the surface of the rhizome exposed to the sun. To avoid the wind rocking the plants and dislodging the roots before they can anchor themselves, it is a good idea to cut the leaves down to about 4" (100mm) tall, this also helps to conserve water, speaking of which, water them in and check they don't dry out for a couple of weeks, after that they should be fine. You will probably end up with lots of extras, so pot them up, plant them elsewhere (in full sun) give them away, put them in the church porch or sell them to raise funds for your next impulse buy at the garden centre.

As we move through late summer there is plenty of snipping and tucking to do, plants such as hardy geraniums or cranesbills *(Geranium)* oriental Poppies *(Papaver orientale)* Lupins *(Lupinus)* and Delphiniums can be cut down to the ground after flowering, this will do no harm, but it will tidy the borders and make room for other plants to grow on,

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the geraniums will however produce a nice compact mound of fresh growth and another flush of flowers. Another tidying job is the Opium poppy *(Papaver somniferum)* this hardy annual will self-seed freely, popping up all over the garden, once they have flowered and start to die down it is quite easy to hold the stem at the top and slide your hand down clearing off all the leaves, the stem and its seed head will stay erect for months giving that added bit of architectural interest, or maybe cut them for dried flower arrangements. Don't forget that pots, containers and hanging baskets need regular watering (only the ones with plants in) especially with the high temperatures we have had recently, I was giving someone this advice and they asked, 'what if it rains?' I just said, 'wear a coat', they also asked the difference between a border and a bed, I happily replied 'one is a boundary, and the other is for sleeping in, seriously though a bed can be viewed from all sides whilst a border cannot.

A Quickie about *Rhododendrons, Azaleas* and *Chameleons* (oops that should read *Camellias*) from August through to September is when next seasons flower buds are forming, so regular feeding and watering is a really good idea if you want to encourage a good display, any regular garden feed is better than nothing, but preferably Ericaceous feed and rainwater is the best option (reducing lime intake). I just want to mention pruning again, it can be very beneficial at this time of year, with apples *(Malus)* and Pears *(Pyrus)* fruit is produced on 'old wood', on stubby little shoots known as 'spurs', what will be happening now is that the trees will be putting on a lot of soft new growth, I call these 'water shoots' (I don't know why, I always have) basically what needs to be done is for all of these shoots to be pruned back, follow the new shoot down the stem, find where it changes to old darker stubby wood, count up 2-3 buds (buds could be a little bump on the stem or a leaf/pair of leaves, or a scar where a leaf has dropped off, basically they are all growing points generally called buds for pruning purposes) make your cut just above a bud, this will encourage more spurs, divert the energy into the fruit and let the light and air into the centre of the tree. Always use clean, sharp tools, this not only makes life easier but reduces the risk of disease and damage to the plants.

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Gary Hoskin

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Going Walk About





In all except our first walk in this series we have been blessed by perfect weather, and June's walk around Chappel was no exception. The views were spectacular and the countryside so green and lush, that if you didn't know better could almost seem unnatural in its intensity. Our timing was also almost perfect to see the train pass under the bridge on Bacons Lane. It was my intention to start from Chappel again for the July walk, heading eastwards this time to Aldham, but a change of plan has seen the chosen route move on to Fordham. Having just completed a test and measurement walk for the planned route I am very pleased with that decision and think you will be too!

With the Flow:

Early in the walk I came across an archaeological dig, in a field where the remains of a small Roman building had been found. One of the archaeologists said they thought it may have been a signalling post for Colchester, as the town was clearly visible on the

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horizon from there – looking to the left I could immediately see what he meant! The first and last parts of the walk are through the new woodland of the Fordham Hall Estate managed by the Woodland Trust. This area of over 500 acres has been planted with more than a quarter of a million trees since 2002, and with large areas of meadowland has created a wonderful nature reserve right alongside the river Colne. We will cross the river on a wooden footbridge to reach Fordham Heath and stop for a break at the perfectly positioned bench seats for great views over the valley. Passing right in front of the house at Cooks Mill (it must have been beautiful when the Wisteria was in bloom) we reach Hill House Wood, a much smaller rival to Chalkney in the Bluebell stakes!

Where:

Fordham is just off the A1124, and from the Halstead direction can be reached via Ponders Lane, which is the left turning on the bend at Wash Farm, then taking Lucas Avenue on the right, turning right again onto Church Lane, then the Three Horseshoes Pub, which is where the walk will start and finish, can be seen a little further along on the right. From the Colchester direction take the A1124 to Eight Ash Green, and at the Esso petrol station turn right into Wood Lane, then take the second left, Fiddlers Hill. Follow this for some distance and the pub is on the left, just after the Church and almost opposite Fossetts Lane on the right.

There is a link to a map on the 'Contact' page of their website as below, along with much more information. There are no menus on the website as these change with seasonal availability, but they always have a variety of snacks, light bites, sharing platters and full meals available. Dining is available inside, in the garden and, by the time of the walk, on their new outside terrace, currently under construction.

Please note that there is also a coffee shed in the car park that is open from 9:00 on Saturdays and you are more than welcome to arrive early for a refreshing cuppa before the walk!

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Meeting Up:

As usual the walk will be on the second Saturday of the month, which is Saturday 9th July, and we will meet in the car park at the Three Horseshoes at 10 o clock. Please feel free to arrive early for coffee as mentioned above. You are welcome to use their large car park even if not staying after the walk. If you would like any updates before the walk, please email ecchurchwardens@gmail.com with your contact details, if you



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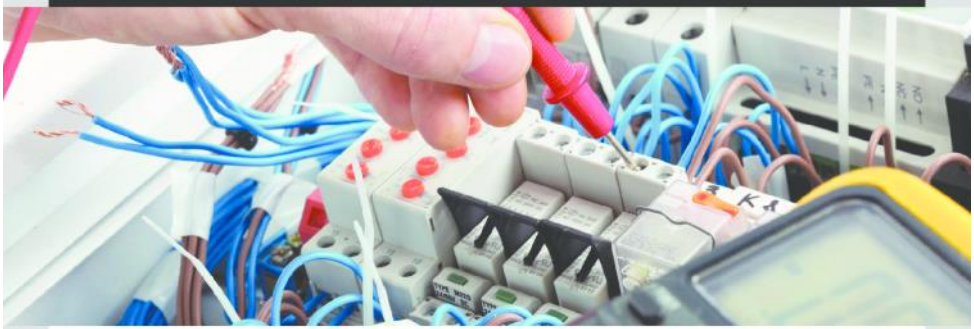
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are not already on my list.

The Walk:

The walk is around 5.4 miles, there are some hills, but without fail each climb is rewarded with beautiful views. There will certainly be livestock in some fields, sheep and possibly some cattle too. I can't remember any stiles but there are a lot of gates. There are two very short sections of road walking, but these are small lanes on which I saw no traffic, there are some farm tracks, and the footpaths are generally in good condition although some are getting narrower through overgrowth, typical of this time of year.

1. Turn right out of the pub and, where safe, cross the road to access Fossetts Lane, follow the road as far as the second house on the right (Fossetts Cottage) and find the footpath between its wooden boundary fence and the hedge. Follow this path as it becomes the left-hand edge of a field, with a pond visible through the hedge on your left, continue to the gate between the bushes at the end of the field.

2. Through the gate the path emerges at the junction of a lane coming from the right, ignore the gate into the field (where the archaeological dig is taking place) and continue



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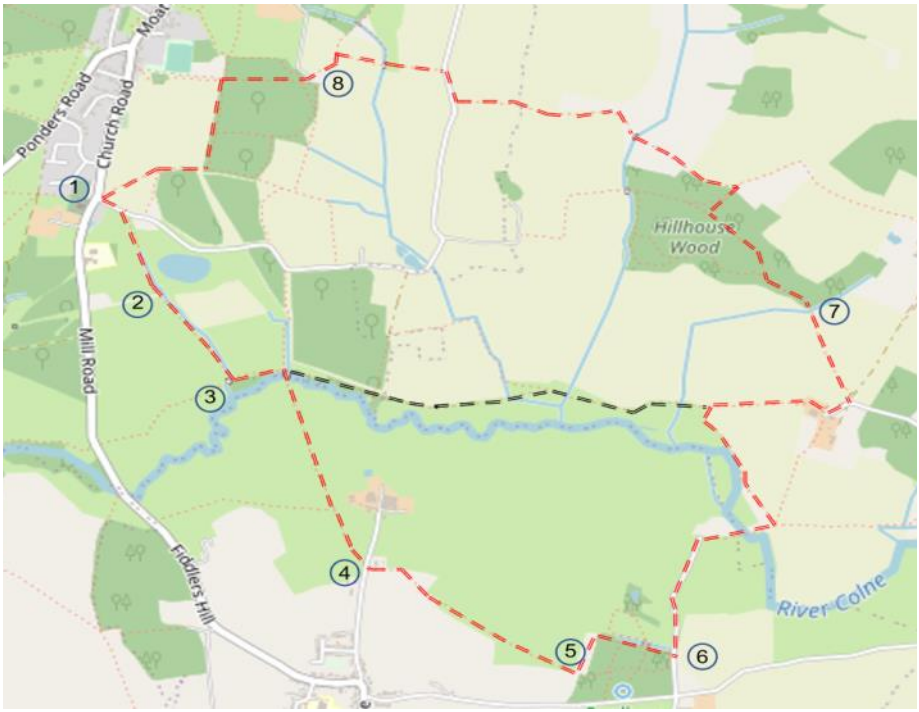
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straight ahead between the fence and hedge. Where the hedge permits look to the left for views of the Colchester skyline. Pass through another gate, and continue ahead and downhill, crossing a junction of paths and animal tracks, and continuing ahead towards the trees along the riverbank.

3.Where the path ends, turn left through a gate and across a bridge, follow the path as it joins the river on your right and a little further along by two bench seats is a wooden bridge over the river. Cross the bridge (with its two gates!) and follow the diagonal path to the left, up the hill and across the field. The gate in the top, left corner opens into a smaller field with another leftward diagonal path going towards a house. In the far-left corner, a gate takes you out onto Ponders Lane.

4. Zigzag right then left across the lane to take the footpath that runs beside the house, along the left-hand field edge. Just before the end of the field the path cuts the corner and diverts into the field for a short distance. Then through a gate in the hedge, follow the footpath between a fence and hedge, then pass through another gate and over a small bridge, following the hedge on your right, that shortly ends as the path continues across the field towards a house. Pass through another gate in a hedge by the house.



Warning, there are blocks at the bottom of this gate to block animals getting under it – but they form a definite trip hazard to walkers that do not notice them when trying to open the gate!

5. Turn left on the lane by the house, on the opposite side is Fordham Heath with many paths through and across it, which deserve further exploration in future ventures. We will continue around the outside today. Further on the lane turns into a track and then turns right into a wooded avenue. A little further along there are two pairs of benches offering great views across the valley and two more in the field in front. This is a good place to stop for a rest or refreshment. When ready continue along the avenue until it reaches another lane and turn left.



6. Follow the lane downhill, where it turns right in front of a house, and then over the river, and on into the gardens of the house at Cook's Mill. The house and gardens are impressive with a very interesting water feature! On leaving the gardens turn sharp left on the path that runs alongside the hedge, by the field edge. For a while the path runs beside the river and then a bridge crosses a stream into another field. Follow the field edge path to a step up to a gate, that leads to a farm track. Turn right on to the track and continue towards the buildings of Cook's Farm. As the track rises look back for some fine views across the countryside. Continue ahead and to the left as you cross the concreted area of the farmyard. Continue towards Cook's Farm Cottages and keep to the left most path at the next two forks, then follow that path into Hill House Wood.

7. In a short distance take the right-hand path, then follow this major path, ignoring all side paths, until it turns sharp right, follow this path uphill to reach the exit (at the information notice board) where the path reaches a farm track. Turn sharp left, downhill on this track and continue beside the boundary of the wood. Continue straight ahead ignoring paths off to the right, and then down a field, at the bottom pass through the hedge, over a bridge and keep to the left-hand field edge of the next field to reach a gate on your left. Climb the right-hand field edge path by the hedge, and then up a slope into a wider part of the field where the path is in the centre. Pass through a gate into another field and follow the right-hand field edge path to reach

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some steps down on to Fossetts Lane. Turn right and follow the lane to the next footpath on the left. Follow this path past the paddocks keeping straight ahead across the lane by the house and find the gate into Fordham Hall Woods.



8. At the first footpath junction take the right-hand fork and at the next continue straight ahead across the woodland. At the next two junctions take the left-hand fork, so you are going downhill just inside the woodland. Continue ahead until you reach a T junction and turn right to cross a bridge and exit the wood into a field, with the houses on Church Lane in the distance. Follow the field edge path alongside the widening wood land and then continue as it turns left down towards Fossetts Lane. Leave the field by an exit in the left-hand corner by a telegraph pole, and turn right on Fossetts Lane to return to the pub and complete another stage of our journey along the river Colne.

If you would like to join us for this walk, I look forward to seeing you at The Three Horseshoes in Fordham on Saturday 9th July at 10-o-clock (or earlier if you want a pre-walk coffee). 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 (August 13th) we will follow the river as it starts its journey across Colchester.

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

Ray Wood



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The pub has been the home of the previous unit and this will be decommissioned and removed from the building.

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Lucy Orrow



Village History

Memories of the Scillitoe Family



Edward George Scillitoe, known to his mates since schooldays as "Spider" and to the rest of the village as Ted, was peering at a photograph of a 1948 British Legion dinner, trying to put names to faces. "Ah," he said, "That must be Skinner's boy." Luckily I knew that Skinner Willsher was more formally known as Cyril and that his son's name was Colin.

When I first started cataloguing the collection of village photographs, Ted Scillitoe (*Left*) was my chief source of information. Even in his 80s he had a remarkably retentive memory and, having spent his whole life in the village, few people or events had escaped his interest. Not only that, but his family holds a unique place in the history of Earls Colne. The Scillitoes are recorded as living here continuously, generation by generation, since at least 1550 and probably

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earlier. The church registers begin in 1559 and there on the first page of the baptismal register is "Albon Scillitoe, son of William" who was baptised in 1564.

Ted claimed that, according to the family legend, the Scillioes emigrated from the Low Countries at the beginning of the 16th century, hence the "Dutch" spelling of their name. By the time they appear in the local records they had set up in business as butchers. In 1606 Albon Scillitoe was licensed at the Chelmsford Quarter Sessions "*not to kill flesh during Lent nor to sell flesh unlawfully"*. Unfortunately, Albon's brother, John, sullied the family's reputation. In a misguided attempt to keep the meat store stocked he was found guilty of stealing two lambs from a farmer at Sible Hedingham.

By the 19th century the family was flourishing. The 1851 village census shows 11 households with Scillitoes as members, of whom 7 give their occupation as "thatcher". There are few cottages in Earls Colne with thatched roofs, but farmers required their hay and straw stacks thatched to make them weatherproof. In his accounts for 1899, Thomas Bell at Hay House farm listed five payments "to Scillitoe for thatching".

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Village History (Cont'd)

Ted Scillitoe's father, George, was born in 1869 and received a basic education at the local primary school from the age of 4, as Ted recalled:

"***He left school when he was 9 with a certificate stating that he could read and write. He went to work for Mr and Mrs Woodward as a House Boy at Chandlers in Upper Holt Street. He was working there when the earthquake occurred in 1884. He was frightened and ran out into the road as the ground shook, he said. A lot of buildings between Colchester and the coast were wrecked.***"

As well as sharing in his family's record longevity, George Scillitoe held a record of his own: he sang in the church choir for 77 years. He joined as an 7-year-old in 1876 and was still a member of the Tenor section until just before the Coronation in 1953. As he told a reporter from the Halstead Gazette after a mere 73 years:

"***I have served under six vicars, the first being Canon Blackall. Until the installation of the choir stalls in 1896, donated by the Reverend David Methven in memory of his parents, the choir sat in the north-east corner of the north aisle. Choir robes were introduced in 1890.***"



Village History (Cont'd)



The bench in the church porch was given in George's memory and records his remarkable achievement.

George Scillitoe (*Left*) and the bench in the porch. The central plaque gives details of his period of service to the choir.

In more recent times the Scillitoe family's connection with the church continued. Ted's son, John, served as a churchwarden during Canon Stuart Holden's incumbency and John's wife, Moira, and their two daughters were members of the choir.



Both George and Ted would feel justly proud that, although there are other illustrious and more widely-known families associated with the village, when the Primary School chose some of those families to name its Houses or teams, the Hunts, de Veres and Josselins were joined by the Scillitoes - the Earls Colne family with the tallest family tree.



From The Four Colnes' Magazine

JULY 1922

EARLS COLNE

In Memoriam By the passing of Stenning Bartholomew, our Church and Parish have sustained an irreparable loss. He was a splendid type of an English Churchman, manly, straightforward, kind and just.

As a life long member of the Choir, and a keen supporter of St. Andrew's Guild since its formation, he devoted his best energies to the Church he loved, and in a spiritual sense we can all rejoice in the midst of our sorrow, that he has been called to the Higher Service.

Our hearts go out in affectionate sympathy to Mrs. Bartholomew and the family, sympathy which is intensified by the sad news which has just arrived of the death of Miss Harriet Bartholomew.

WAKES COLNE

Schools There seems a possibility of Chappel school being closed by the Board of Education owing to the number of children attending it being so small, as is also the case at Wakes Colne. The closing of small schools is, we understand, being carried out

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all over the country where it is possible to do it, and advisable, in order to effect a saving in the cost of education.

If Chappel school is closed and the majority of children transferred to Wakes Colne, then probably the school electors may think it advisable and fair to elect one or more representatives from Chappel as Foundation Managers of Wakes Colne School.

COLNE ENGAINE

On Saturday, June 10th, the Village Hall, generously given by Miss Courtauld in memory of her father, the late Mr. George Courtauld of Cut Hedge, was formally opened by the donor for the use of all parishioners. A large number of people assembled in honour of the occasion, and the building was much admired by all. It was generally recognised that it reflected great credit on Mr. Herbert Pudney, who, with the assistance of Mr. Duncan Clarke, the Architect, carried out all the building operations so satisfactorily. Apart from the many uses to which this Hall may be put, it will be a great benefit to the Village to have constantly before our eyes a memorial of one who has bequeathed to us so high an example of a useful and honourable life. A social gathering is being arranged for Wednesday, July 12th.

Liz Pottinger

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01787 220347
colnesvicar@gmail.com

Save the date in your diary

More details to follow later

Harvest Lunch

Where: **Colne Engaine Village Hall**

When: **Sunday 25th September 2022**

Time: **12 noon**



Spud's Allotment Update

On spuds plot the harvesting season has started to kick in, he has a continuous supply of lettuce *(Lactuca sativa)* which he is happy to share, in my case I think that's the only way I will get any home-grown, mine just don't appear to want to grow, any that did start to look promising went straight to seed. When I sowed them, straight in the ground, we had a lot of rain for about two weeks after so they got off to a good start, but since then it has just been hot and dry, Spud showed me what he does with his, they are all growing in between other crops like cabbage *(Brassica oleracea)* and sweetcorn *(Zea mays)*, he even has some underneath his raspberry canes *(Rubus idaes)*, he says that they don't like the sun which could be my problem, it explains why they bolt (go to seed) so quickly. Spud says July to September are his favourite months on the plot, he comes up every day to pick what he needs for his tea, and anything that is ready but won't keep goes in the freezer, along with the usual suspects like runner beans *(Phaseolus coccineus)* potatoes *(Solanum tuberosum)* and spring onions *(Allium cepa)* he has picked broccoli *(Brassica oleracea italica)* the odd Savoy cabbage *(Brassica oleracea var.)* and even an outdoor Aubergine *(Solanum melongena)* or two, ha said that when he pulls spring onions and Beetroot *(Beta vulgaris)* he doesn't take them all from one place in the row, instead he goes along picking any that are the size he wants normally babies to start with, which allows room for the remainder to develop, in



effect, thinning and harvesting in one go, as he says 'killing one bird with two stones'. Theresa Green is partial to a pavlova so she has a large fruit cage with both Autumn and Summer fruiting Raspberries growing, she told me that with the Summer fruiting she prunes out the fruited canes as she harvests, cutting them off at ground level, this keeps the row tidy and helps with later pruning to distinguish between fruiting and non -fruiting canes, she started harvesting at the end of June and will keep picking well into August. When all the fruit is gone, she will cut out all but four or five of the strongest, straightest canes in each clump and tie them into the support wires. More canes than that on each rootstock will not produce more fruit and what does grow will be smaller, imagine the fruit are balloons and they are filled with a set amount of helium being funnelled up the canes, spreading the helium over ten canes will supply less to each balloon than if it was squeezed through five canes, (that's how I see it anyway).

'Laters Taters'

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1	Fri	Chess Club & Other Boards Games (p.52)	
2	Sat		
3	Sun	Forest Church (p.29)	10am
4	Mon		
5	Tue		
6	Wed	3.30 Express (p.13); Brew n' Chat (p.60)	
7	Thu		
8	Fri	Youth Club (p.27) ; Halstead Flower Festival (p.60)	
9	Sat	Going Walk About (p.35); Halstead Flower Festival (p.60)	
10	Sun	Halstead Flower Festival (p.60)	10am
11	Mon		
12	Tue		
13	Wed	Holy Communion 9.30am; Film Club (p.27); Brew n' Chat (p.60)	
14	Thu	Parish Council Meeting	
15	Fri		
16	Sat	Coffee Morning (p.47)	
17	Sun	The Three Colnes Songs Of Praise (p.43)	10am
18	Mon		
19	Tue		
20	Wed	Holy Communion 9.30am (due to works at Earls Colne); Brew n' Chat (p.60)	
21	Thu		
22	Fri		
23	Sat		
24	Sun		10am
25	Mon		
26	Tue		
27	Wed	Brew n' Chat (p.60)	
28	Thu		
29	Fri		
30	Sat		
31	Sun		

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