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In Loving Memory



The death of my beloved Mother, Her Majesty The Queen, is a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family.

We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished Sovereign and a much-loved Mother. I know her loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, the Realms and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world.

During this period of mourning and change, my family and I will be comforted and sustained by our knowledge of the respect and deep affection in which The Queen was so widely held.

King Charles III

Statement from The King following the death of The Queen

Published 8 September 2022

Prayer written in Rowan Class, Colne Engaine Primary School:

Dear God,
We thank you for HM Queen Elizabeth II
Who was our wonderful Queen
She led with integrity and compassion
Please help her family in their sadness
Keep her memories in our heart
And send rainbows to always remember her by
Amen.

St Andrew's

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Philip came to me today,
and said it was time to go.
I looked at him and smiled,
As I whispered that "I know".

I then turned and looked behind me,
and seen I was asleep.
All my Family were around me,
and I could hear them weep.

I gently touched each shoulder,
with Philip by my side.
Then I turned away and walked,
with My Angel guide.

Philip held my hand,
as he led the way,
to a world where Kings and Queens
are Monarchs every day.

I was given a crown to ear
or a Halo known by some.
The difference is, up here,
they are worn by everyone.

I felt a sense of peace,
my reign had seen its end.
70 years I had served by Country,
as the people's friend.

Thank you for the years,
for all your time and love.
Now I am one of two again,
In our Palace up above.

Joanne Boyle











Dear Friends,

It has been a strange few weeks since the events of Thursday the 8th of September 2022 heralded a massive change in all our lives.

No words can truly express the depth of grief we as a nation are feeling. Whether you are a royalist, monarchist or not, one can't help but admire the dedication and service Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II gave to our nation, the Commonwealth and the World over the 70 years of her reign.

Her selfless devotion to her family, her subjects and all with whom she engaged is exemplary of the servant leader from whom she drew her strength, a strength which came. The strength that came through her Christian faith and personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Her Late Majesty made a solemn declaration to serve us her whole life, and that is what she did. She asked for prayer that God would give her wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises she would make at her coronation back in 1953. He did. She also asked for prayer that she may faithfully serve God and her people all the days of her life. And she did.

As we give thanks for the life, faith, witness and service of Her Late Majesty, we must not forget His Majesty King Charles III and the Royal Family. As we grieve her loss, so we share in their loss in the full glare of the world's media. We pray that they may know the peace of God and the comfort of the Holy Spirit in the months and years to come.

I know this time of sadness will be with us for a long time. Living with our grief over Her Late Majesty's passing may even trigger memories of those we have loved and lost whether recently or many years ago. The pain and grief we feel is real and if this has stirred up painful or latent feelings for you, please do not suffer in silence. Please speak to a trusted friend or contact me, Revd Mark or our Pastoral Care team.

May Her Late Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory. And may God grant to King Charles III the spirit of wisdom and discernment to govern wisely as his late mother did in devoted service to God and country. Amen.

With love and prayers,

Sharon

A Big Thank You …

Our proof-reader John Cameron has taken a step down after many years proofing the magazine.

He has been an invaluable help, especially when I first took over the role 5 years ago. When chatting with John he couldn't remember how long he had been doing the proof reading for, just that it was a great many years.

So, thank you John, for all your corrections, punctuation amendments and re-phrasing.

We will stay in touch – you can be my emergency wordsmith backstop for the years to come!

All the best.

Sue

Editor

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07762768243 or carolynwhite2610@talktalk.net

Parish of St Andrew's Colne Engaine

Your Church needs you….

We are looking for volunteers to join the PCC

- We are looking for an additional Churchwarden to help our new Churchwarden George Courtauld, in conjunction with the Team Vicar in charge, to oversee the fabric of the church and organise a maintenance schedule of the church and grounds and day-to-day running of the church.
- 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 October



Date	Time	Church	Service
Sunday 2nd	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
	10am	White Colne	Holy Communion
Wednesday 5th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Colne Engaine	3:30 Express
Sunday 9th	10am	Earls Colne #	All Ages
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
Wednesday 12th	9.30am	Colne Engaine	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	10am	Earls Colne #	Holy Communion
	10am	Colne Engaine	Mattins
	10am	White Colne	Morning Worship
	5pm	Earls Colne	Café Church
Wednesday 19th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship
	10am	Colne Engaine	Holy Communion
	5pm	Earls Colne #	Evensong – Bible Sunday
Wednesday 26th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	10am	Colne Engaine	Halstead Area Team Service

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

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Her Late Majesty The Queen

Statement dated 8th September 2022 by The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford, on the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

"My thoughts and prayers, and those of everyone in the Diocese of Chelmsford, are with the Royal Family, our nation and commonwealth.

At this time of great sadness, we remember with profound gratitude Her Majesty the Queen's contribution as monarch. Her reign included times of great joy and celebration but also many challenges. It has been a time of unprecedented change for this nation and the world but throughout Her Majesty's faith in God and extraordinary sense of duty helped to guide her.

As we mourn Her Majesty's death, we give thanks to God for her life, her faith and her exceptional devotion to her duty as monarch."

Statement dated 8th September 2022 by The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, on the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It is with profound sadness that I join the nation, the Commonwealth and the world in mourning the death of Her Late Majesty The Queen. My prayers are with The King and the Royal Family. May God draw near them and comfort them in the days, weeks and months ahead.

As we grieve together, we know that, in losing our beloved Queen, we have lost the person whose steadfast loyalty, service and humility has helped us make sense of who we are through decades of extraordinary change in our world, nation and society.

As deep as our grief runs, even deeper is our gratitude for Her Late Majesty's extraordinary dedication to the United Kingdom, her Realms and the Commonwealth. Through times of war and hardship, through seasons of upheaval and change, and through moments of joy and celebration, we have been sustained by Her Late Majesty's faith in what and who we are called to be.

In the darkest days of the Coronavirus pandemic, the late Queen spoke powerfully of the light that no darkness can overcome. As she had done before, she reminded us of a deep truth about ourselves – we are a people of hope who care for one another. Even as the late Queen mourned the loss of her beloved husband, Prince Philip, we saw once again evidence of her courage, resilience and instinct for putting the needs of others first – all signs of a deeply rooted Christian faith.

As we sustain one another in the face of this challenge, our shared grieving will also be a work of shared reimagining. I pray that we commence this journey with a sense of Her Late Majesty's faith and confidence in the future.

As a faithful Christian disciple, and also Supreme Governor of the Church of England, she lived out her faith every day of her life. Her trust in God and profound love for God was

foundational in how she led her life – hour by hour, day by day.

In the late Queen's life, we saw what it means to receive the gift of life we have been given by God and – through patient, humble, selfless service – share it as a gift to others.

Her Late Majesty found great joy and fulfilment in the service of her people and her God, "whose service is perfect freedom" (Book of Common Prayer). For giving her whole life to us, and allowing her life of service to be an instrument of God's peace among us, we owe her a debt of gratitude beyond measure.

The late Queen leaves behind a truly extraordinary legacy: one that is found in almost every corner of our national life, as well as the lives of so many nations around the world, and especially in the Commonwealth.

It was my great privilege to meet Her Late Majesty on many occasions. Her clarity of thinking, capacity for careful listening, inquiring mind, humour, remarkable memory and extraordinary kindness invariably left me conscious of the blessing that she has been to us all.

In my prayers at this time I also give thanks for the marriage of the late Queen and His Late Royal Highness Prince Philip. Theirs was an inspirational example of Christian marriage – rooted in friendship, nourished by shared faith, and turned outwards in service to others.

May Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and rise in glory.

ALL ABOARD THE 3.30 EXPRESS!

When: Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 3:30pm (and every first Wednesday of the month).



Where: St Andrew's Church, Colne Engaine.

Why: For a short, fun and friendly family service.

Extras: Flapjack, juice, tea & coffee from 3.15.

St Andrew's

St Andrew's Church

Christmas Dedicate A Star

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

To purchase a star for the tree, please complete the following and send to Rita Prior at 21 Church Street, Colne Engaine, CO6 2EX or ritaprior31@gmail.com:

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All stars will be written out and hung on the Christmas tree by the 15th December.

Festival Committee Update

After a wonderful Festival all the way back in early June, the committee met later that month to wrap up loose ends and review our work. Although we had then planned to take the summer off, the offer of a donated venue for New Year's Eve proved too good to resist. Tracey Johns took the lead and got busy booking our favourite party band, Funk Soul Lovers, plus a skilled sound and lighting crew, for a big NYE bash in the function room at Colne Valley Golf Club. Tickets are £30 and are on sale now at www.colneengainefestival.co.uk

Over the summer we received nominations for local groups to receive funding from our fundraising efforts. They were reviewed at the September meeting and we will be voting at the October meeting, after which the beneficiaries will be contacted.

Plans are now in place for our regular events. Family Bingo Night on 19th November is being organised by Gayle Hedgecock, while Carols on the Green on 10th December is being organised with the church by Carolyn White.

In 2023 we hope to hold some new events alongside our regular events, to bring the community together and to fundraise for the next Festival, in May 2024.

We are looking for new villagers to join the organising committee – if you're interested, please contact Juliet Townsend on 07984 794004 or colneengainefestival@gmail.com



Colne Engaine Festival Committee invite you to...

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 4th October

7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The AGM will be followed by a regular committee meeting. Anyone interested in getting involved with the festival is invited to join us.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Saturday 19th November

6pm in the Village Hall. Eyes down at 6.30pm

Adults £5.00 / Children £2.50. Entrance includes Bingo tickets.

BYO drinks & snacks. 50/50 cash game & raffle.

To reserve your seats please email colneengainefestival@gmail.com

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Saturday 10th December

Meet at the Church at 5pm to parade to the Green for choir-led carols, mulled wine, sausage rolls & mince pies. Free to attend, donations collected for a local charity.



NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH FUNK SOUL LOVERS



That's right, we've booked our favourite party band to help us bring in the New Year!

8pm-12.30am at Colne Valley Golf Club (off Station Road.)

Tickets £30. Available now at www.colneengainefestival.co.uk

For our most up-to-date news, follow Colne Engaine Festival on Facebook



OUR GREEN QUEEN

Of all the legacies left by 'Our Queen' The Queens Green Canopy is one that will have a major impact on the lives of our children, grandchildren, and the whole planet; even after death this remarkable woman continues working. What better way to commemorate the life of Our Queen than to plant a tree, which can be enjoyed for generations to come. I have copied a piece from the official website explaining the scheme. To find more information and how to get involved, including tree planting guides, go to https://queensgreencanopy.org/

***The Queen's Green Canopy* (QGC)**

The QGC is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to **"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"**.

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Gardening (Cont'd)



environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, *The Queen's Green Canopy* will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

Jobs for the Garden

Apart from planting trees, there is so much work to do in the garden this month. After a tough year for lawns we can give them a bit of a pamper, keep the edges trimmed and tidy. It's surprising how quickly the grass can encroach into the borders (check out the Lawnologist's article on lawn care on page 21 for more information).

The soil at this time of year is still warm and, although we have some cold nights, there is still some strength in the sun, the air is full of moisture, some days fuller than others,

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Team serve our three villages with support if you are bereaved, poorly, feeling low or lonely, or simply just need someone to talk to.

We are happy for you to contact us over the phone, zoom or in person.

The team consists of: Reverends Mark, Hugh and Sharon, Oliver Bond, Rachel Fleetwood, and Beryl Amy.

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which is why it makes it an ideal time to be planting and transplanting. Some perennials may have become overcrowded so lifting and dividing them works well now, replanting the newest growth. Laying turf and seeding lawns can still be carried out though the seed may take longer to germinate than in the Spring. Moving shrubs works really well at this time of year. If they are big I cut about a third of the growth away; this conserves moisture and makes them easier to handle. I tie all the growth up to contain it and dig straight down about 12" (30cm) away from the centre of the shrub all the way round; this creates a root ball in the ground. I then dig towards the base at a 45˚angle all round cutting any deeper tap roots before attempting to lever the shrub and root ball out in one piece. When replanting I pour a bucket of water in the hole and add bone meal before placing the shrub in, backfilling and gently firming the soil with my foot. Just a quick thought on birdboxes; this time of year is perfect for cleaning them out and disinfecting them as the smell will have gone by the time the birds are looking for a home again. I think this is a really important job especially now when we are losing so many wild birds to bird flu. If we offer them a home it is only right we make sure it is safe.

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During the long hot summer, the hall has been used for children's and adult birthday parties, a wonderful CEDS production, a quiz, extra dancing lessons in addition to all the normal evening activities. We are so pleased the hall continues to be appreciated by the village.

Our next big fundraising and village activity is our **Christmas Shopping Event on Sunday November 20th.** We still have 2 or 3 spaces for stalls if anyone is interested. We hope to have at least 5 more stalls this year so it's bigger and better than ever!

Please remember that we do have the extra meeting rooms now in the Hall which are available to hire very cheaply any time.

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Lawn Care Tips

Autumn Lawn Care Tips

As we enter the throes of Autumn you may now be finding that your lawn hasn't quite recovered as well as you had hoped from the incredible hot and dry summer we have all just had to endure.

However, as an avid lawn owner there are some steps you may wish to consider, to carry out yourself, that will help your lawn find itself back in shape again for the winter that lies ahead and then on into the spring of 2023.

Autumn feed – This feed is a very important part of any lawn care programme. Feed with a fertiliser high in Phosphate and Potassium with additional Iron for that dark green look. The iron will also start to impact the moss that will be starting to settle itself nicely in between your swards of grass. There are a range of domestic over the counter feeds that you can apply, but look for an Autumn feed; this will have an appropriate NPK +fe content for the season (N- Nitrogen, P – Phosphorus, K – Potassium, fe – Iron).

Aeration - Soil compaction is a frequent cause of turf deterioration and moss invasion, so I recommend aerating in Autumn/Winter; over sow with seed to help any bare areas re-establish before weeds and moss do.

The size of your lawn will dictate your method of attack – I would avoid the little spikey shoes that you see on selling sites. If your lawn is of a manageable size, then you could in-



vest in a specific aeration tool, like a fork with hollow tines, or simply use your garden fork to spike the ground.

What we are looking to do is penetrate just below the root zone to alleviate compaction, assist in drainage by breaking through the hard topsoil and to oxygenate the roots. This will assist in kick starting the micro-bugs underneath back into life to nourish the lawn from below. Should your lawn be too big for you to aerate manually, there are outlets locally to hire an aerator from if you feel able to operate such a machine, or you could use a lawn care professional to aerate for you.

Once aeration has been completed, it is the perfect time to make use of the 1000's of new holes in the ground and give the lawn a sprinkling of grass seed. The seeds will settle into the channels and bed in nicely – perfect for seed to soil contact to assist germination whilst the soil is still warm from the summer season.

The coming change in climate will likely see the appearance of worm casts (small mounds of earth brought to the surface by worms) popping up in your lawn – whilst sometimes un-sightly, these can simply be brushed off when dry and worms do a great job in assisting to keep your lawn healthy and nourished naturally – so unless it's a real issue, be nice to the worms and let them be.

Over time, this process will take care of itself, and your lawn will thicken nicely, ready to look a glamorous green for 2023.

Wishing you all greener grass and don't forget to keep the leaves off the lawn,

Mark, The Lawnologist



The Townland Trust

THE TOWNLAND CHARITY: FUEL AND LIVING COST INCREASES

Earlier in the year, the Trustees of this village charity encouraged applications for fuel and cost of living support from residents – especially those who are retired – who were finding it difficult to meet the astronomic costs of heating bills. All of us are now faced with not only another rise in the Government Fuel Cap, but we also have to contend with inflation, which is advancing at a rapid rate.

The Trustees are pleased to announce that a further batch of grants will be available from 1st October, just in time to meet the expected rise in the cost of oil, gas and petrol, and also in time for a bit of help with the need for hot winter meals. We have put application forms (which are very simple to complete) in the church porch and on the oak table at the back of the church. If you don't want to pick one up from there, see any one of the Trustees and they will arrange to provide you with a form in complete confidence.

The new grants will be funded by our regular income from letting Little Bowcroft Field on the Pebmarsh Road, and from donations made by some very generous villagers who have given us the heating rebate that they received on their Council Tax bills from Braintree District Council. Thank you very much: You know who you are!!

If you too would like to help those less fortunate than yourselves, then please make contact with any one of our Trustees: Alan Barnard, Tim Everitt, Ginny Jeggo and Terry Hawthorn. They will provide you with our banking details and/or gratefully accept donations.

We look forward to being able to help more of our village friends and neighbours in the months to come.

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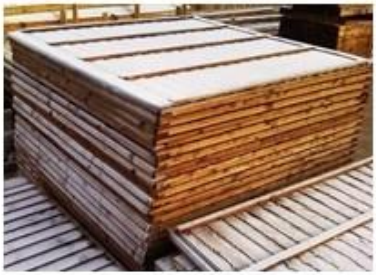
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Our Primary School



As I write this, we are just approaching the end of our second full week in school and in my new role as headteacher – a role I feel so privileged to hold. We have had a wonderful, no, joyful return to school and all the children, including our new Reception children in Oak Tree Class, have settled in well; confidently skipping into school each morning ready for the exciting learning we have planned this term including: Forest school, trips to London and of course an ever-adaptable plan when significant historic events happen.



As a nation, we had the very sad news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and in school we took time, both in class and in Collective Worship to reflect on the reign and history of HM the Queen. The children made cards or pictures, wrote prayers and reminisced on the wonderful celebrations we had in the Summer term for the Jubilee. It is so important to always go with the needs of the children in events such as these, and each class chose their own way to pay their respects.



Within school, we are so lucky to have such a wonderful team of adults always keeping children at the forefront of all they do and this term, we welcome Mrs Tibbetts, who joined us in September, as the new Sycamore class teacher. Mrs Tibbets is an experienced teacher with a love for music, art and reading, so do watch out for new songs that we may sing in church.



Autumn term has always been one of my favourites in school. Watching children arrive and confidently grow from those first few days to the awe and wonder that develops is such a special journey to be part of. Over the next few days, weeks and months, just like the children, each day I learn new things, consolidate others and ask many questions, as I navigate this new role and as always, keeping the children at the very forefront of all we do. Colne Engaine School and community is a very special place and I look forward to sharing the next part of the school's journey with you.

Samantha Dunne

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Scouts

This Friday, the 16th September, was an historic moment for Earls Colne Scouts, as the first scout in the Valley to be invested as a King's Scout occurred at the end of the AGM.



Oscar Rees was very excited to be the first Scout to take the new promise and answered a few questions for me about the event:

How long have you been in the Scout movement - from Beavers, Cubs or just Scouts? I started in Beavers (can't quite remember what year - 2018/2019?!)

What are your favourite activities as a Scout? My favourite activity at Scouts is when we get to go on hikes or sleepovers as you get to try some new activities like axe throwing at Epic!

When you were invested did you feel nervous about making your promise - did you practice a lot to make sure you said King instead of Queen? Yes, I was nervous when I got invested because there were so many people there! All of the Cubs and parents! I practised saying King a lot as I was worried about saying Queen!

How do you feel about being the first Scout in Earls Colne Scouts to be making your promise to King Charles III? I felt very proud to be the first Scout [in Earls Colne] to say King.

What does being a Scout mean to you? I loved going on the Epic camp as I missed going with Cubs because of Covid so I was so excited to go this year!

I am proud and happy to be a Scout and really like learning lots of life skills and making new friends.



Well done Oscar!

A large contingent of Scouts and Cubs are doing a sleep over at Colchester Castle next weekend and will be renewing their promise to the King en-masse along with the leaders.

On a side note – the Earls Colne Scout and Guide Hut has been deteriorating over the last 20 years, and now urgent funds need to be raised. An epic £30,000 has already been made, but we need many tens of thousands more to do all of the structural repairs that need carrying out. Fund raising activities will be stepping up a pace now we are out the other side of Covid, so please help if you can. Any donation is greatly received. For more information, to help, support, or if you have any ideas on raising money, please email me at colneengainemagazine@gmail.com.

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Youth Club



Another busy month here at Colne Engaine Youth Club.

Our summer party was a big success.....again another huge thank you to Jane Lambert, Rita Prior and Terry Hawthorn and all at Colne Engaine Church for letting us borrow splat the rat and the stocks; the kids loved it!!!

August also saw us take 12 of our young members to Layer Marney for an adventure day. We were so lucky that the day was provided free thanks to Essex Boys and Girls Club and ActiveEssex; both do such amazing work for young people.

On the subject of Essex Boys and Girls Club (EBCG), by the time this has gone to publish, a small team of our very best quiz brains would have won (am I getting ahead of myself?) the quiz night hosted at the Village Hall in support of Nigel, who is raising money for for EBGC by cycling 900 miles in 8 days from Lands End to John O'Groats!! We cannot wait to join in the fun and support Nigel in such a worthy cause. Nigel we all applaud you!

September saw the start of a new academic year and a big hello to new members but also a goodbye to one of our oldest serving members Ann Hardwell. Ann has been a valuable member of the team for the past 8 years, so Ann from all of us at Colne Engaine Youth Club....Thank you!!!

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Pennine Peregrination



It's rather a cliché to describe a passage in your life which has changed you, made some difference to you or challenged you as 'going on a journey', but of course phrases become cliches because they contain something true. You are always, in some way, different after going on a significant journey. So a real, physical journey can also be a turning point in your life or mark a significant 'milestone' in it (another journeying metaphor!).

The first time I walked the Pennine Way was certainly a significant journey: I was away from home with my brother and a bunch of friends, none of us older than sixteen, staying in Youth Hostels, being pretty self-sufficient and doing something physically challenging. Then we were only allowed to go as far as Hadrian's Wall (maybe our parents weren't totally irresponsible!) and since then the final destination of the Pennine Way, Kirk Yetholm, just over the border in Scotland has attained almost mythical status in my mind. The fiftieth anniversary of that walk seemed like a good time to finally get there.

The Pennine Way may have been physically challenging for a bunch of teenagers, but it's rather more so for a couple in their sixties. We walked rather shorter days (none over 18 miles) than the first time and divided the walk into two, planning to do a week from Edale in Derbyshire to Horton-in-Ribblesdale in the Yorkshire Dales in May and then spend two weeks walking from Horton to Kirk Yetholm in July. I'd timed it so that we would finish on the same day as someone I met (on top of Pen y Ghent a couple of years ago!) who was also doing a fiftieth anniversary walk of the Pennine Way. Unfortunately he had to have a hip replaced, so I did rather feel I was doing it for him as well – and it reminded me that if I was going to do this I'd better get on and do it anyway. How much longer will I be

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able to walk 15-20 miles and climb 2-3000 ft in a day?

However, I had surgery on my foot in January and couldn't walk any distance until May, so postponed the first walk until September (I'm writing this not long before we set off) and did the long, hard slog in July when I was still hopelessly unfit. But when you have no choice (bed and supper were waiting at the other end of the day's walk) you put one foot in front of the other and just keep on. And it was amazing – living in Essex you forget how much open space, hill piled on behind hill, there is in the north of England. There were spectacular views, especially from the top of Cross Fell, the highest peak in England outside the Lake District which we were lucky enough to climb in clear weather (it has its own weather system which usually involves cloud and strong winds), though it was one of the hottest days ever in England. We were probably in one of the coolest places in the whole country! We walked alongside beautiful rivers, with banks dotted with wild flowers,



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and climbed up tumbling, sparkling waterfalls. We also experienced some atrocious weather, including our final day when we went over the Cheviot; we've had good views from there in the past (to the Lake District one way and the North Sea the other) but this time we could see only a few yards ahead through driving rain.

Arriving in Kirk Yetholm feels like a bit of an anti-climax; as someone else has commented, there is no marching band celebrating your achievement. The village, in persisting rain, was quiet and deserted but we trudged on to our hotel for the night, feeling our own sense of achievement. Maybe I won't do any more really long walks (we've done all the 'big beasts' in England now) but this we have done – more slowly than many people maybe but not many have walked the Pennine Way twice, fifty years apart! Now I've just got to do that first part so I can finally say 'Yes! I've done it!!'

Cate Gunn

PS Note from editor: Since writing this article, Cate has completed the second part of her journey, so has now walked the whole of the Pennine Way (it amounted to about 300 miles by the time they walked to where they were staying each night!)



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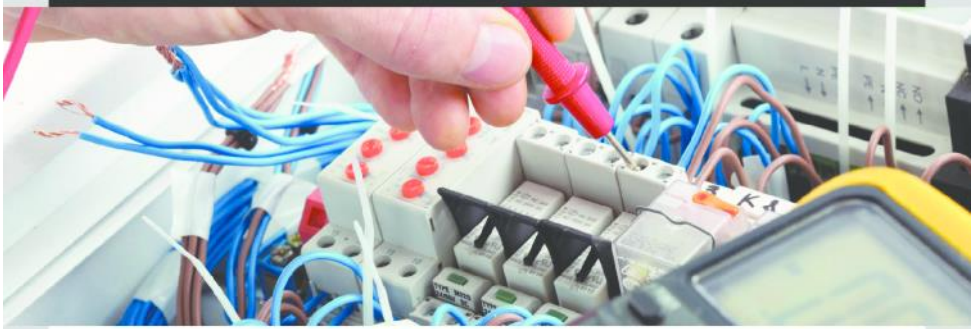
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The Film - The Railway Man

The Discussion - Wednesday 12th October 2022; gather at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

The Where - The Five Bells Colne Engaine

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If you want to plan in advance here are the upcoming film choices.

November's film for discussion on the 9th November is Life of Pi (showing at the Empire on Wednesday 26th October).

December's film for discussion on the 14th December is Another Round (showing at the Empire on Wednesday 23rd November).

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Enovert Community Trust announces funding for Colchester community projects

(Released: Friday 12th August 2022)

Enovert Community Trust (ECT) has funding available to help make community projects across the Colchester area a reality. It is keen to let communities know about the funding opportunity and held a public meeting at Colchester and East Essex Cricket Club recently.

ECT funds community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). This funding is derived from landfill tax charged at waste management sites when waste is landfilled. The funds derived from Enovert's Bellhouse Landfill Site at Stanway are available for community projects within a ten mile radius of the site as the crow flies. This includes Stoke by Nayland in the North, Frating Green in the East, West Mersea in



the south, and Halstead in the West.

The Trust is keen to see many more applications for project funding from the Colchester community in the future. ECT Trust Manager, Angela Haymonds, was at the meeting to explain the application process. "We would like to see applications for projects that improve and maintain public amenities. Also projects that protect the environment, preserve heritage, and promote biodiversity. Examples of these include refurbishing roofs on village halls through to maintaining woodland and funding improvements at sports clubs," said Angela.

The funding application is designed to be easy to complete. "The project must meet LCF qualifying criteria. These are clearly set out on the ECT website and it's also worth a call before making an application and I can discuss your plans. The website also shows you timings for submitting applications on future funding rounds," advises Angela.

ENTRUST is the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund. CEO, Christopher Welford, was present at the public meeting. He said: "This is an important fund that is making a difference to communities across England and Northern Ireland. I noted that this public



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meeting was attended by representatives from over 50 community groups across the area and I hope that the information that they gained at the meeting can be disseminated to more community groups and they will apply for LCF funding."

Notes:

Enovert Community Trust funds community projects within 10 miles of Landfill sites operated by Enovert. Funding application details can be found on the ECT website at https://www.enovertct.org

Community projects must meet one of the five following criteria to qualify:

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Spud's Allotment Update

HIJACKED BY GARY THIS MONTH! - **WHATS WRONG WITH RED TOMATOES**

I may have mentioned that my son gave me some veg plants for my allotment; amongst them were tomatoes (*Solanum lysopersicum*) which have grown really well producing masses of fruit. They taste good and I can't get over how fleshy they are, BUT, whilst a lot of them ripened well and quickly some remained yellow and some purple before splitting and dropping off. When I mentioned this to my son he put his head in his hands and then looked up at me and said "you plonker" or words to that effect, "they don't turn red they are supposed to be those colours, the reason they split and drop is because they are overripe and should have been picked already". Call me old fashioned, but tomatoes are red, they say a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, which in my defence, is my excuse, because what I do know is that tomatoes along with potatoes *(Solanum tuberosum)* are members of the same family as deadly nightshade *(Belladonna)* and I would definitely not eat those purple/black berries. Luckily, my tomatoes are still producing some fruit so I will give them a try. If somebody else is writing this column next month,

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Spud's Allotment Update (Cont'd)

There are some planting jobs on the plot including Garlic (*Allium sativum)* Asparagus *(Asparagus officianalis)* Broad beans *(Vicia fabia)* and Onions *(Allium cepa).* Spud has been picking a few hefty Pumpkins *(Cucurbita)* for his grandchildren and I was pleased to empty my large tubs out to find a decent crop of potatoes. I will now be concentrating on getting the raised beds tidied up and making more accessible paths in -between; I probably will add some more water catchment devices, 'butts to you', and work on a more efficient compost area, (time to find more pallets). I will be making leaf mould as well; I will be chopping up leaves with my lawnmower and then filling black bin bags and stacking them out of the way in a corner somewhere. This time next year I will use it as a mulch and replace it with a fresh batch for the following year. It's not all about working outside though; I am going to sit down with a cup of coffee (or two) and a bunch of seed catalogues and start planning what I want to grow next season. It will be here quicker than we think. Who knows, I may even order some purple tomato seed.



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Dramatic Society

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October 8 1900.

We have our hockey *[end-of-harvest feast]* today, the bullock shed has been cleared out, scraped and limewashed and all is ready. We always make the harvest supper also a sort of rent audit, all the small tenants and allotment holders being invited, so that we generally have 50 or more to the dinner, and many more come in afterwards, when besides the usual beer, we provide tea and cakes, tobacco and fruit. Our Rector, Mr Hill, generally comes and helps us with the entertainment and proposes my health with 'musical honours'. Preparations have to be made on a large scale as we have some large appetites to satisfy. There are about 80 lbs of meat being cooked today besides bushels of vegetables and several large plum puddings.

*From the diary of **Katherine Mina Courtauld**, Knights Farm, Colne Engaine. 1900*

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Tim Stone has been an organist at Colne Engaine since the early 1980s. He is the son-in-law of the late Kath London, who graced St Andrew's in Earls Colne and here as a worshipper for many, many years. I can remember Tim bringing his small daughter, Pip, with him and sitting her on the organ bench up in the Chancel, with her legs hanging over the edge, unable to touch the floor. She was married in our church some 10 years ago, and now has a thriving family!



Tim has inherited a family home in Devon, and last month moved down there from his house in Hundon. At the end of his last regular Sunday service we presented him with an aerial view of the church that he said he would hang on the wall in his new study. Pip came to see him off, and in one hymn even went to sit on the organ bench with her father, just like the old days. We thanked him for his constant and beautiful playing for us over the years. It is the end of an era here: thank you, Tim, and may you and Libby have many happy years of retirement in Devon!.

Terry Hawthorn

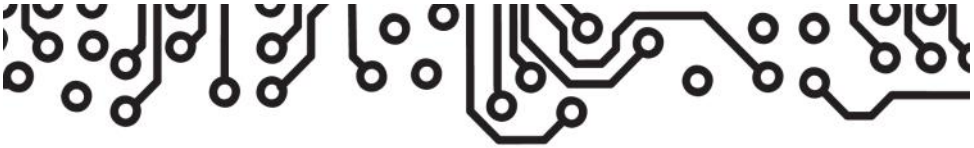
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Information required

Last month I received a plea for information from Professor Colin Holden from the University of Creative Arts in Surrey. I have passed his information on to our Historical Archive group, but just in case anyone else has something to add, please see below and feel free to respond directly to the Professor:

I found this mail address for you in a copy of the Colne Engaine Parish Magazine. I am contacting you in the hope that you might be able to help me. I am doing some research into JJ Dunville-Botterell and his discovery of a Parthenon sculpture fragment in his rockery at Colne Park(?) in 1903, now in the British Museum. There is not much information available on this. Is there a local historian / archivist who might be able to help me learn more? I'm not fully clear where exactly Mr. Botterell's house (Manor?) was situated and what remains today. Also, I'd be interested to see what contemporaneous local records might exist of his discovery. Any assistance you are able to provide is greatly appreciated.

Professor Colin Holden

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What's On In White Colne?

WHITE COLNE VILLAGE HALL - Activities in October 2022

As well as our usual activities, we have some special events happening for the rest of this year. Remember to put them in your diary and share the word!

Quiz Night. Saturday 8th October 7pm Led by our popular quizmaster Alison Davey – we are expecting another sell out evening. Fun prizes and raffle will be held on the night. £5 per player, teams of 6. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Station Masters Community Café. Friday 14th October 10am –midday

Village Market. Saturday 15th October 9am - midday in the Village Hall

Working Party. Sunday 16th October 10am – 1pm Come along and help maintain our lovely Meadows. Free refreshments. Bring your own gloves, tools and a mug for your cuppa!

Station Masters Community Café. Friday 28th October 10am – midday

Autumn Family Fun Day. Sunday 30th October Join us on the Meadows for an afternoon of fun and games. Pumpkins, apples and conkers – more details to follow.

Final Words Next year, as well as our usual market and café we will be hosting the Applause Theatre, a seed swap social and more. If you have any activities you would like to see, please contact jane.taylor5@icloud.com. We are always looking for volunteers to get involved.

FOOD BANK

Our local food bank is short of the following items for October:

Please donate items into the porch at St Andrews' Church, Colne Engaine

- Sponge Pudding (Non-chilled)
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- Long Life Juice (1 Litre)
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Arr: Colne Engaine, The Green 2.21pm

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Colchester Borough Council 01206 282222

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Earls Colne Post Office 01787 222258

Village Groups
Colne Engaine Village Archive 01787 222080

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Colne Engaine Youth Club
belindaruffle@gmail.com
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If you are an officer of a club or group in Colne Engaine and would like to place information about the group's activities and events in the magazine for free, please contact the Editor (p.2).
If you would like to advertise your business in the magazine please see the inside front cover for advertising rates.

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