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Welcome



Wow – thank you so much for all the positive feedback and new volunteers we have received for the magazine. It has been awesome to hear!

Firstly a couple of apologies – sorry the Feb issue was late! Teething problems, and we strive to do better. Just bear with us for a couple of months, and we should have it running back on schedule. Bylines…. I missed a few last month, so wanted to say thank you to Juliet Townsend for a fun front cover – bit tongue in cheek, as we are all so fed up with the road works, but it was so apt for the here and now – we hope you liked it. And thanks to our lovely new recipe creator – Rosemary Johnson - we now have food ideas each month to tantalise your taste buds!

Highlights on the magazine this month: Our new puzzle page on page 51; Open Gardens in Colne Engaine is back (page 53); CEDs panto review on page 43 and the Primary Schools of Earls Colne and Colne Engaine on pages 13 and 15.

We are still in need of someone to pick up the reins for the **Management of Advertising** and **Sports Coordinator** – maybe you are retired and want to keep your brain active, a stay at home parent who would welcome a few hours distraction, a school leaver or in fact anyone with a few hours they can spare. Whoever you are, we know you are out there; pick up your phone, or switch on your PC and send me an email!

Our magazine, is so full this month, that we have had to pop a couple of articles on the online version only. So, for the **FoodBank AdLent Calendar** (page 66) (a novel way to collect food products, which can be done as a community, or as a club, as well as individually) please see the online version. **'Go Walk About'** (page 42) is also on line, it came in after we had laid the magazine, but just before printing, so I can squeeze a note about it here, so if you are interested – check out the online version. www.colnechurches.com (click on the Church Life header then choose Three Colnes Magazine from the drop down, it will automatically open with the current month's copy) or www.colne-engaine.org.uk (click on the header Parish Magazine, then choose the month you want to read)

Enjoy the spring weather that is heading our way – I can't wait for the blossom to start appearing. **Sue**

Please note – **Colne Engaine** are still looking for a **second Church Warden** to oversea the fabric of the church, organise the maintenance schedule for the church and grounds, and to help with the day-to-day running. They are also looking for **fundraisers**, and **general support** volunteers so if you have a few hours spare a month, please can you let Rita, the PCC secretary know 01787 223 867 ritaprior31@gmail.com

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Lent is a time of reflection and preparation for the Easter season. Traditionally we give up something to remind us of our walk with Jesus as he made his last journey to Jerusalem with betrayal and the cross. We make resolutions to do something more but how often do these good intentions last and why do they matter?

We seem to have so much bad news: the cost of living, the aftermath of Covid, the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the war in the Ukraine, strikes, etc. have left us feeling down and dampened our energy. With all this going on I nearly missed news that has the potential to be even more damaging to the Christian church.

The results of the 2021 census in England and Wales have been published and for the first time less than half the adult population selected Christian as their religion and of those that selected Christianity the majority are over the age of 50. Christians are now in the minority with a higher age profile.

(The local figures for Braintree district showed that 32% of those under 40 selected Christianity compared with 50% 10 years before. In 10 years the number of people under the age of 40 in our district calling themselves Christian has dropped from a half to less than a third)

These figures are dramatic and chilling. Two thirds of the younger generation do not identify with Christianity.

With so much bad news around us the good news of Jesus Christ needs to be heard and yet we are in a minority that is getting smaller and older.

This has serious implications for the church as we know it and raises questions about its financial viability in the future but that is insignificant against the need of those around us to hear the message of love and joy that is Jesus, a message that goes out from our voices, our hands and our feet.

But is any action we take now too late?

What is the point of continuing to struggle against the odds of indifference and, sometimes, hostility towards our faith?

Why do we keep reaching out if we can't be sure that it will be worthwhile?

Wouldn't it be easier to just do our own thing in church and give up trying?

Where is faith if we expect to know an outcome before we start?

Christianity is not like a school or work project with hard expectations and time scales. It is not about baking a cake when we know what is expected after a set cooking time.

Christianity is about following a leader who promises life everlasting in the next world but unpredictability and tough times in this.

As followers of Christ we are called to do everything because it is intrinsically worth doing and to do everything to the glory of God.

Much, perhaps most, of the time when we are trying to reach out and show the love of God we have no idea if it will bring change but that is not the point. If reaching out is the right thing to do then we should just do it and trust God with the consequences, and we may never know that we have changed history by doing what is right.

As I go through Lent I will be praying for God's wisdom and guidance on how to change my good intentions to reach out into action.

Lent is a challenging time and invites us to approach the dark cross of Good Friday more thoughtfully and to allow the light and joy of Easter Day to lead us forwards.

Blessings,

Hugh



Services for March



Date	Time	Church	Service
Wed 1st	9.30am	EC	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	CE	3.30 Express
Sun 5th	10am	EC #	Morning Worship
	10am	CE	Morning Worship
	10am	WC	Holy Communion
	5pm	Overhall, CE	Forest Church
Wed 8th	9.30am	CE	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 12th	10am	EC #	Family Service with Baptism
	10am	CE	Morning Worship
Wed 15th	9.30am	EC	Holy Communion
Sun 19th Mother's Day	10am	EC #	Holy Communion
	10am	CE	Mattins
	10am	WC	Morning Worship
	6pm	EC	Café Church
Wed 22nd	9.30am	EC	Holy Communion
Sun 26th	10am	EC #	Morning Worship
	10am	CE	Holy Communion
	5pm	EC #	Evensong
Wed 29th	9.30am	EC	Holy Communion
	11am	CE	Easter School 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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Gardening

ITS SOWTIME!!

It's time to Spring into action (see what I did there), dig out (done it again) your seed trays, small pots, plastic plant modules, fibre pots, toilet roll tubes, egg trays or whatever else you decide to use, take the pile of carefully selected and pre-ordered seed packets that have been gathering dust in the cupboard, (no, me neither) or nip into the local supermarket and choose the ones you want to grow. All the information you need is normally very clearly shown on the back of the packet: when to sow, indoors or outdoors, planting out timing, height and colour of plants etc. Now get your hands into that lovely seed compost. The preparation for sowing is fairly generic: fill the tray, pot or whatever you're using loosely to the brim, then firm down with light pressure; this removes any small air pockets that would cause tiny roots to dry out. The method of sowing varies with the seeds, from sprinkling tiny seeds lightly across the surface to pinching groups of three or four between your fingers and placing them in small clusters dotted around the surface evenly, to placing single seeds on the top and pushing them in to the compost. Whichever type you have, they will all need covering with the lightest dusting of compost over the top prior to watering with a fine rose watering can. To encourage successful germination the seeds need warmth, light, moisture and oxygen, so we are looking to place them in a greenhouse, conservatory,





light shed or windowsill indoors, whatever floats your boat, and keep the compost moist but not wet; too much water traps the oxygen in the compost and prevents the seedlings accessing it. Once your seedlings have started growing, they need to be kept cool to prevent them growing too fast and becoming 'leggy' (tall and floppy) and they grow stronger when they grow. Slower, most plants sown at this time of year need to be protected from frost, so planting out before the middle of May is risky. Once the seedlings have their first pair of leaves they are ready for moving on into individual pots. This is done using a method called "pricking out"; for this prepare the pot for the plant by again filling to the brim with compost and lightly firming in. This time use potting compost, then using a small stick or dibber (I use a pencil) make a hole in the compost, take a seedling holding it gently by a leaf, never the stem - that would be like someone lifting you up by your throat, (if I see anyone doing that I call the plant police or the NSPCP). Still using the pencil, or you may prefer a lolly stick or ice cream spoon, push into the compost underneath the seedling and gently lift it out, keeping as much compost on the root as you can, drop into the pot and gently firm in. Remember the roots and stems are very fragile so be careful not to damage them. Again, water in



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Gardening (Cont'd)



gently and place in a light frost-free area and don't allow the plants to dry out, By mid-May they should be big enough to plant out. As to what to grow, that's up to you. The list is endless. Here is a small list I have had some success with: Sweet Allysum (*Lobularia maritima*), Indian pennywort (*Bacopa*),Pot Marigold (*Calendula*), Mexican Aster (*Cosmos*), Baby's breath (*Gypsophila*), Sunflower (*Helianthus*), Bizzie Lizzie (*Impatiens*) and Petunias; these are annuals but don't forget perennials and biennials. Vegetables (I will check in with 'Spud' on what to sow now) and even trees can all be grown from seed.

Good luck, enjoy. Speaking of trees, I had a conversation with my Grandson on how massive trees grow from the tiniest of seeds. The next thing I know he has eaten an apple and produced two pips and said, "Can we grow an apple tree Grandad?". Time for me to put my money where my mouth is.

We took a jam jar, made a tube out of kitchen roll and slid it into the jar, we poured an inch of water in the bottom and slid the seeds down the side of the jar about halfway down. We stood it on the kitchen windowsill and waited; here are the photos of its progress over the last six weeks.

'Laters Taters' Keep calm and carry on weeding. **Gary**

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EC Primary School



WHAT A FIRST HALF TERM WE HAVE HAD! Although this has been quite a short half term, all year groups throughout the school have been hard at work enjoying their topics: Around the world; The Great Fire of London; The Stone Age; Disasters; Earth and Space; and Kings and Queens. We have seen smiles and successes in all subjects and thousands of 'moments' where children realise they can do something they thought was beyond them- definitely the best thing that can happen in a school. This has resulted in some stunning work- just look at the pictures of the Year 5 sculptures and Year 6 cooking! The children have been able to take part in a number of enhancement activities- sports competitions, Scootability, Tri-golf, library visits and a visit from the Foreign Secretary. Next half term is just as short but looks like it will be even more exciting with a number of trips and visitors planned- including the return of one of last year's favourite visitors!

BREAK THE RULES DAY! It was amazing to see some of the outfits today on both pupils and staff! A brilliant amount of £632.70 was raised by everyone's efforts which will aid the Friends support of our swimming pool and library refurbishments – THANK YOU!

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in providing the children with lessons on how to learn to use a wide range of common computer programmes. We can also build on our existing coding lessons along with how to communicate effectively and safely when using the internet and social media. Keep your eyes open for further information regarding Milbank providing help and assistance through this amazing Community Outreach Programme within our community.



Jakkie Sibley,
Headteacher

CE Primary School

What happens in school each day…? All about assemblies aka collective worship. We have collective worship each morning and they are one of my favourite parts of the school day; the whole school joining together. Our assemblies cover a mixture of themes, religions, and purposes. Each week has a one of our ERICERs as a focus and a theme of the week. Recently, our theme has been 'Who am I' and we have been exploring what empathy looks like too. It has looked at who Jesus is to people and how they may show what he means to them. In collective worship we share stories, bible verses, talk together about our thinking, ask questions, look at photos and even unpick vocabulary. We sing and join in prayer, and it is another way of celebrating and sharing with the children this beautiful and diverse world we live in and the roles they can play in it. Adults across school take turns to lead collective worship and we often have visitors join and lead like Rev. Mark. Moments when we are all together are also perfect for discussing whole school things like playtimes and broadening the children's understanding of the wider world too. Each Monday we share an 'Ow' and a 'Wow' of the world and these are researched and chosen by one of our Year 6s. Children love the opportunity to lead in worship and this term we have lots of children signed up to lead on a whole host of themes – it



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Sam Dunne,
Headteacher

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care Team continues to serve our three villages.

You may wish to contact the team if you are bereaved, poorly, feeling low or lonely, or simply just need someone to talk to.

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Colne Engaine Village Hall

On Tuesday 7th February we had our first Warm Space, Warm Welcome event in the hall. The weather played its part by having freezing fog before the sun came out for a beautiful winter's day. Eleven people came and enjoyed much conversation, free drinks and biscuits and new friends were met.

We have decided to continue for 3 weeks and then review the situation. Someone mooted the possibility of a regular monthly Tuesday morning so if anyone had any ideas or interest, please let me know.

The hall still plays an important part in village life. The recent pantomime was a great success with all performances sold out. We hope to be an important support role for the Village Picnic on Sunday 7th May.

Geoff Marcoolyn

St. Andrew's Book Club

At our next meeting - **Tuesday 14th March 2023, 2.00 pm at Mervyn's house** (8 Coggeshall Road, Earls Colne). - we will be discussing: ***The Beekeeper of Aleppo*** by Christy Lefteri

Nuri is a beekeeper and is wife, Afra, an artist. They live happily in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo – until the unthinkable happens and they are forced to flee. They embark on a perilous journey through Turkey and Greece towards an uncertain future in Britain. As they travel through a broken world, Nuri is sustained by the knowledge that waiting for them is Mustafa, his cousin and business partner, who has started an apiary and is teaching fellow refugees in Yorkshire to keep bees.

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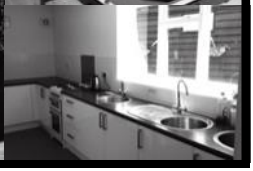
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- The Parochial Church Council representatives.

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

For the consideration of:

a. A Report on changes in the roll since the last annual parochial church meeting;
b. An Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
c. The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st December immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined;
d. A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
e. A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod;
f. and other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

If you are interested in joining the PCC, are a member of the Church Electoral Roll or live in Colne Engaine and are interested in the church community then you are most welcome. For information please contact the PCC Secretary Rita Prior 01787 223867





COLNE ENGAINE PARISH ASSEMBLY

Colne Engaine Parish Council invites villagers to join us for an evening to celebrate the work of village groups and their volunteers over the last year.

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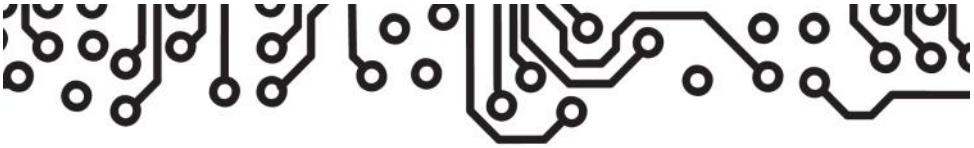
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The Townland Charity has been in existence in one form or another for over 300 years. Last year we made grants totalling £800 to retired people who were suffering from the greatly increased fuel costs that are still plaguing us. We are here to distribute to retired people in the Parish of Colne Engaine the limited agricultural rent monies that we receive or, if no retired people need help, to distribute support to others whom we feel will benefit. There is no specific time of year at which we offer support, but Spring is always a time when the Budget makes a difference to people's finances, so it is often the season of grant-giving.

Application forms are available on the table at the back of the church or, if you want to chat about it, any of the Trustees will be happy to help you:

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Earls Colne Parish Council

Earls Colne – The (not so) Near Future

The Earls Colne Parish Council Open Day Event held on 14th January was very well attended, attracting around two hundred visitors.

The display outlining various ideas for the long-term future of the village attracted a great deal of interest and prompted a lot of lively discussions on the day.

We are aware, however, that residents who didn't come to the event may be confused or even alarmed about what was shown so we would like to take this opportunity to explain.

The long-term concepts displayed at the Open Day Event were developed by the Consultant assisting with the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). They are intended to provide suggestions for addressing a range of local issues raised by residents which fall outside the scope and remit of a Neighbourhood Plan.

For the last four years the NP Team has been engaging with residents to gather their views and concerns. Over that time the most frequently raised issues include:

- Concerns over the high volumes of traffic in the High Street
- Ever increasing pressures on existing local health and educational services, and recreational facilities
- The lack of car parking in the village centre

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Earls Colne Parish Council (Contd)

- The specific future housing needs of existing residents
- The inadequacy of pedestrian footpaths and dedicated cycle ways

The NP Steering Team and the Parish Council felt it important to raise these issues even though they cannot be implemented by the NP.

The intention of including the suggestions at the Open Day Event was to stimulate discussion with residents. In the future, if considered appropriate by the general consensus, the Parish Council will organise further consultation within the village community.

It will be made very clear in the NP that these suggestions do not form part of the proposals being put forward as NP policies.

The diagrams and maps showing possible suggested areas for future development and routes are, again, just a suggestion of a possible solution. We would like to make it clear that these maps are purely for illustration purposes only by the consultants to demonstrate a north or south option and are ultimately a 'guess' at where a route could roughly go.

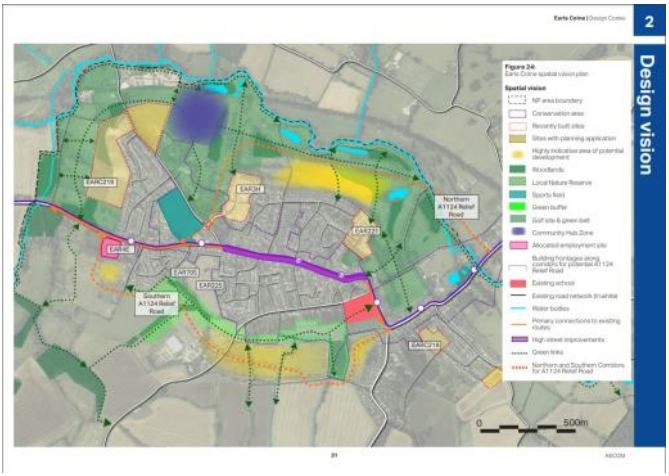
There will be an opportunity for all residents to comment on the first draft of the NP document when it is completed, and a referendum will be organised by Braintree District Council, giving Earls Colne residents the right to vote in favour or against the proposed NP. Please note that the 'relief road' suggestion does not form part of the NP and will not be included in the proposal.

It should also be noted that the NP cannot contradict the Braintree Local Plan with respect to the number, size, and location of future allocated residential development sites in the village.

All aspects of the NP development and relevant documents are accessible on the Parish Council website which can be found here: https://www.earlscolne-pc.gov.uk/Introduction

At the earliest opportunity the draft NP document will also be provided to neighbouring Parish Councils giving them a chance to provide comments, suggestions, and observations.

Should residents be unable to access NP documents online, the Parish Council will be happy to provide hard copies of extracts should they be required. Please contact the Parish Clerk on 01787 224370 with your specific requests. Comments on any aspect of the NP proposals or the long-term concepts can also be made via email (clerk@earlscolne-pc.gov.uk)



Film Club

This month's film will appeal to walkers and those hankering for a pilgrimage. Beware, it may change you! And if you do get the walking bug, keep an eye out for Ray's next Walkabout.

The Film - The Way (staring father and son duo, Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez)
The Discussion - Wednesday 8th March 2023 gather at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
The Where - The Drapers, Earls Colne

For more information or to book your place, contact:
Sharon (colnescurate@gmail.com);
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Working Party on the Meadows Sunday **March 5th from 10am**. Bring your own tools, loppers, secateurs, gloves etc. - free refreshments.

Community Energy Meeting March 22nd. Please note change of venue and time to White Colne Village Hall. 7.30pm

Save the dates:

April 15th : Our ever-popular quiz returns in the village hall £5 per player, teams of 6, sole players will be found a team. Bring your own drinks and food.

May 6th: Our Coronation Party in the evening. More news soon.

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Local Business Shout Out Cont'd

winding up of Hunts and the disposal of their properties, Percival & Company opened a temporary office in Tillwicks House, Halstead Road, Earls Colne. Later that year, the firm then brought an office premises in the High Street, where they remain today.

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We will over the next few months be holding different open days to invite residents of the local surrounding communities to come and have a show around of the new home.



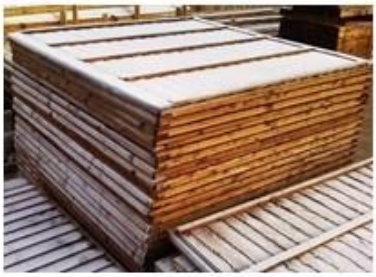
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It is with great regret that I have to inform the village, that after 100 years, the Colne Engaine WI will be closing at the end of March.

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Barbara Marcoolyn (Secretary)







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CE Youth Club

We had a police themed club night at the end of January with lots of fun trying on uniform, fingerprinting and a game of wink murder.

PCSO's Cooper and Thorne gave us a talk on keeping ourselves safe online and what our responsibilities are as young members of society.

We adapted "The Big Schools Birdwatch" which ran from January 6th- February 20th and whilst we couldn't really birdwatch in the dark, we did make some bird feeders ready for the bird's breakfast. We also had a go at making origami owls, they didn't quite go to plan but I think we did a really good job.



Colne Engaine Youth Club affiliates with Essex Boys and Girls Club and they have lots of exciting activities lined up in the next few months: laser tag, shooting, arts and crafts activity day and an adventure weekend. I'm so glad we affiliate with EBGC and that we are given the opportunity to take part in more than just our regular club nights.

Colne Engaine Youth Club is open to children, school years 5 and up. Please message me for more details.

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Correspondence

March

Like many of our months, the name 'March' has a Roman origin: it is named after Mars, the god of war. That seems rather military and aggressive for a month we associate with longer days, better weather and the blooming of spring flowers after the cold wintry months. But with the better weather, military campaigns could start again after the winter, hence the name. A popular saying, 'In like a lion, out like a lamb' hints at a less gentle side of the month. This saying, dating back to the seventeenth century, describes the weather and, according to the website yourweather.co.uk, has some truth to it since we often experience stormy weather at the beginning of the month giving way to much milder conditions at the end.

For meteorologists, March is the first month of spring and by that time we will have passed the equinox, 20th March, and be officially in Spring. In the church of Burnham Deepdale in Norfolk there is a twelfth-century font carved with scenes showing the labours of the months. The scene for March shows the beginning of the outdoor work 'with digging to make the ground ready for planting', as Alexandra Harris describes it: 'The man has left the fireside and is thrusting out a leg from under his cloak to push a long-handled spade into the soil.' Work for the gardener hasn't changed much over the

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centuries (and those of us hoping to open our gardens in June are already at work!).

The first of March is the feast day of St David, patron saint of Wales; the next day is the feast day of an English saint: Chad. The seventh-century Chad was a disciple of the Irish saint Aidan and educated on Lindisfarne. He was, therefore, associated with the Celtic church at a time when there was some tension between the churches of the north and the southern churches that had been established in the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms by St Augustine and followed Roman traditions. Chad succeeded his brother, St Cedd, to become abbot of the abbey in North Yorkshire, Lastingham, when Cedd travelled south to establish the church of Bradwell on the Essex coast. Chad was dedicated to an apostolic mission, and spent much of his life converting members of the Mercian royal family to Christianity. He was consecrated bishop but his consecration was deemed irregular and he retired back to Lastingham. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Theodore, recognised Chad's piety and virtue and reconsecrated him as bishop of Mercia. Chad was very modest and humble, rejecting the dignity and panoply of a bishop; the archbishop had to insist he rode a horse rather than walk when he had a long journey

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to make, and resorted to lifting the reluctant bishop onto a horse. Chad established a new cathedral at Lichfield in 669. Chad died in 672 and according to the Venerable Bede's eighth-century Ecclesiastical History of the English People his soul was carried to heaven by angels whose singing could be heard by the monks. He was immediately recognised as a saint.



The present cathedral dates largely from the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Chad continued to be venerated and a splendid marble shrine was built to house his body in the late fourteenth century. A separate shrine was built for his head. In 2003, during an archaeological dig under the nave floor of the cathedral, stone fragments were discovered that seem to have been part of the shrine that enclosed the old wooden coffin-shrine of St Chad. These fragments pieced together depict a rather military-looking angel, known as the Lichfield angel. It's believed that it was made in the ninth century when the cult of St Chad was popular and Lichfield briefly became an archbishopric. The original



sculpture was painted in bright colours and the halo could have been gilded.

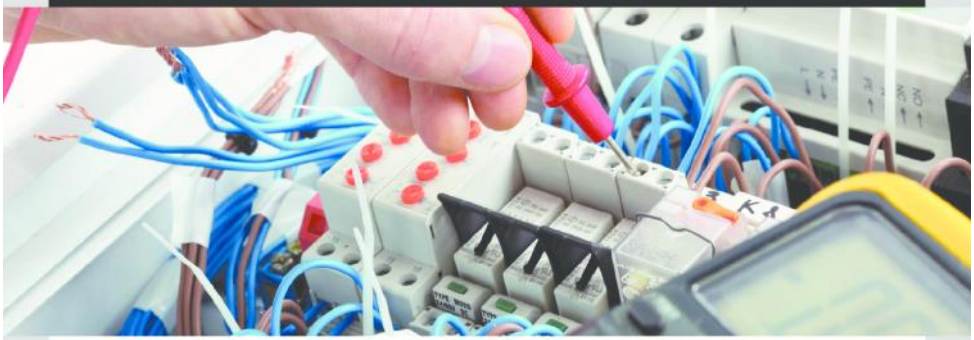
Cate Gunn

I realised recently that doing an internet search of just a few minutes uses a lot of energy – not at home but by the computers that power the search so I'm making an effort to look things up in the books I have around me. For this article they included: Alexandra Harris, *Weatherland*; David Farmer, *Oxford Dictionary of Saints*; *Bede's Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, ed. by Bertram Colgrave and R.A.B. Mynors; Jon Cannon, *Cathedral: The Great English Cathedrals and the World that Made Them*; Lionel Butler and Chris Given-Wilson, *Medieval Monasteries of Great Britain*; and a guide I bought in Lichfield cathedral, 'A Walk Through your Cathedral'.





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Going Walk About



My apologies, to those of you following our walks in the magazine, for missing the last edition. You may recall that last year we completed twelve walks from the source of the river Colne to its estuary at Mersea. There was one more walk to finish in that series from St Osyth to Point Clear on the northern side of the estuary, however prevailing conditions made that impossible; so, we are now holding that over until early spring.

In the meantime we are doing a short series of walks along some of the Colne's main tributaries, starting with the Roman River. Interestingly this rises in a small, wooded area in Earls Colne! There are two possible sources in fields between the Coggeshall Road and America Road, but it then takes a circuitous course around Colchester before joining the Colne. It passes through the Teys, crossing the railway line and A12 near Copford, then via Heckford Bridge, Birch and Layer it reaches the Colne right at its estuary between Fingringhoe and Rowhedge. The tidal confluence of these rivers was included in one of our walks along the Colne last year, and was probably one of the best; so, will get repeated as the finale of our journey down the Roman River.

In January we walked from the Chequers pub in Great Tey, to get as close to the source as footpaths would allow, a lovely walk taking in parts of the Essex Way. In February we will (at the time of writing) follow the Roman River on its journey through Copford, starting from the Alma pub in School Road, Copford Green. It's roughly a five mile, figure of eight walk with a mid-point stop at the beautiful St Michael and All Angels church beside Copford Hall. Having completed a test walk today I just hope the snowdrops last until the 25th, they were gorgeous!

Our March walk goes one step further and follows the river around Layer de la Haye. You may remember we walked down Haye Lane on our Fingringhoe/Rowhedge walk, which is not far away, both probably refer to the de-la-Haye family who, after the Norman conquest, owned most of the land in this area – a bit like our own de Vere family! This includes some beautiful Oak woodland, parts of the Roman River Nature Reserve and views to Abberton reservoir. The starting point will probably be the Layer Fox but this is pending confirmation.

In April we will repeat the Fingringhoe/Rowhedge walk to re-visit the confluence of the Roman River and the Colne. After that we will follow Bourne Brook from its outfall from Gosfield Lake to its confluence with the Colne at Ford Mill, probably in three walks

Going Walk About (Cont'd)



centred on Gosfield, Greenstead Green and Colne Engaine.

Now, you know what happened last time I planned ahead…

Our walks have all now been shifted to the fourth Saturday of the month, to get more details you can be added to my contact list for either Email notification, or to join our WhatsApp group – or both. Simply send me an Email to rawood@me.com with your details, include your mobile number for WhatsApp, and I'll keep you informed about the next walk.

Hopefully later in the year we will have other options for walks, may be the long promised short evening walks, an alternative Saturday or a Sunday afternoon; let me know what is best for you.

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Dramatic Society

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society put on a fabulous Panto this year – Robin Hood, with a fairy, friar, Sheriff, Robin, Will Scarlett, some merry men, some maids, a Maid Marion, et al.

It was made all the more special as it was their 60th year of performing!





The cast and crew thoroughly enjoyed putting on this production and thank each and every one who came along to support them. They hope in return that they filled the end of this damp and dreary, chilly, and icy January with joy, colour, laughter & song

The finale of the Robin Hood chapter wasn't at the final curtain, but instead with an evening of cheese & wine, where cast and crew watched the video they filmed of the panto. You'd think they would all cringe watching themselves, but I have heard that secretly they all love it!!



"It's good to look over what we produced, analyse, critique, learn, be proud, to praise but most of all belly laugh at the truly British tradition of corny jokes that made you laugh, that made us laugh, it's pure pantomime "





The comments from the audience are a testament to the hard work and dedication given by the cast and crew of our fabulous am-dram team.

'Everyone was amazing, can't wait to see it again on Saturday' Tracey on Facebook

'A standing ovation for capturing so many great moments. Wonderful' Kate on Facebook

'I was blown away, well done all' Angela on Facebook

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society

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This is the **seventh year** of running the award, the previous winners being:

Terry Bristow in 2017 for keeping our hedgerows and footpaths litter free
Juliet Townsend in 2018 for her work with the Festival Committee and other volunteering
Terry Hawthorn in 2019 for his work with the Church
Nisha & Bharat Patel 2020 for keeping us stocked with food during the pandemic and helping those who were unable to get out to the shops
Caroline & Darran Lingley (Aka Darraline) 2021 for running the pub take aways during the pandemic, helping to keep the village together at the Five Bells
Julie Sarti 2022 on her retirement, for her dedicated work as Headteacher at the Colne Engaine Primary School for many years.

If you would like to nominate someone please email me at clerk@colne-engaine.org.uk giving the name and a brief reason for your nomination. The winner of this year's award will be announced at the Parish Assembly on the 13th April at the Colne Engaine Village Hall. **Cllr Lucy Orrow**

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The fundamental purpose hasn't changed – we are still working to promote and raise funds for the life and work of St Andrew's, Earls Colne, for the benefit of the community. The church is important to all whether we attend services or not. We're still committed to supporting it and having fun while we do it!

We have put together a calendar of events for the rest of this year so you can plan ahead; here's what we have so far:

Saturday 18th March	Quiz night in church, 7pm for 7.30pm, £5 per person, up to 6 per team, bring your own drinks and snacks (tickets from Helen Sherfield)
Thursday 13th April	Lunchtime recital in church
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Saturday 27th May	Concert in church with Darrell Williams
Sunday 4th June	Forest Church followed by Cream Tea
Thursday 8th June	Lunchtime recital in church
Saturday 10th June	80s music night at the village hall
Thursday 13th July	Lunchtime recital in church
Sunday 23rd July	Cream Tea at church, followed by Evensong
Thursday 10th August	Lunchtime recital in church
Thursday 14th September	Lunchtime recital in church
Saturday 23rd September	Rock and Roll music night at the village hall
Saturday 21st October	Bingo night in church
Saturday 18th November	Quiz night in church
Friday 1st December	Christmas Starts Here

I've said the church is important to all – in the list of events so far, we already have 12 being held there. What a versatile building it is!

Each month in this magazine we'll have more details about these events, and more, so keep an eye out for these articles.

We look forward to seeing you at some or all of these events – and of course if you'd like to come to a service at one of the churches, we'd love that too.

If you would like more information about anything we're up to, you can post a message on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/3Colnes.HalsteadAreaTeam or drop an email to Reverend Mark Payne at: colnesvicar@gmail.com.

We're all looking forward to an exciting year!

Doug McKenzie



Puzzles

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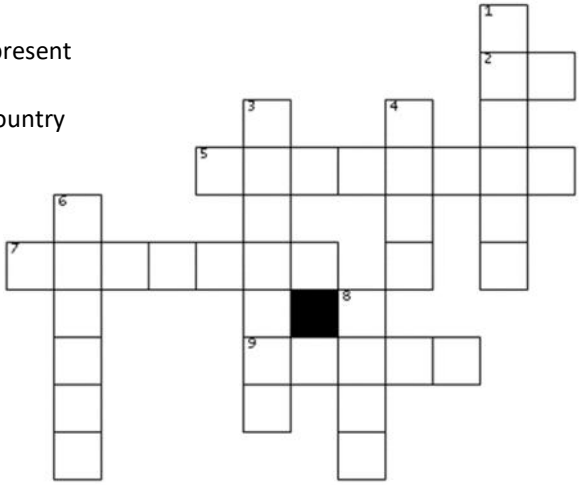
March Crossword

Across

2. The 14th March is known to represent which mathematical value.
5. National flower of St David's Country
7. Which direction do clocks go in March
9. Surname of 007 Actor born in March

Down

1. This season brings new life
3. Saint who chased snakes
4. Facial feature that turns red for charity
6. Maternal Figure
8. Mad as a March ????





Checkmate in One

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Move:

To:

All answers on page 60.

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We would love to hear from anyone interested in taking part especially newcomers to the event and those with smaller gardens which are always popular with visitors.

So as your garden wakes up for spring do consider putting your name forward. Taking part does act as a great motivator for pimping up your plot! We are also interested to hear from anyone who might be interested in lending support on the day.

Proceeds from the event donated to:
Colne Engaine Primary School, Colne Engaine Festival Committee
St Andrew's Church plus Bowel Cancer UK - so please support us
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Up On The Allotment



As promised, I have had a word with 'Spud' and he says, "There are some to sow indoors now and you should be 'chitting' your taters by now, but if you want to sow outside you have to wait till you can sit on the ground bare bum", I'll take his word for it; here is a short list from him:

Indoors Tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*), Peppers (*Capsicum annuum*), Courgettes (*Cucurbita pipo*) and cucumbers (*Cucumis sativas*)

Outdoors (Bum comfort withstanding) Beetroot (*Beta vulgaris*), Broad beans (*Vicia faba*), Peas (*Pisum sativum*), Savoy Cabbage (*Brassica oleracea*), Leeks (*Allium porrum*), Onions including Spring Onions (Allium cepa, Allium fistulosum), Parsnips (*Pastinaca sativa*) and Turnips (*Brassica rapa*).

Just a quick word on what Spud means by 'chitting', this is the process of encouraging early growth in potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*). Basically the seed potatoes are laid out in trays in a light frost free place like a shed; this encourages shoots (chits) to start appearing from the eyes of the Potato. This gives them a head start when they are planted out after the risk of frost has diminished.

I did manage to get some time up the plot. I have fitted two raised beds made from old fence posts and filled with 'homegrown' compost; maybe I will get some leeks and beetroot in. I keep adding more and more water catchment tubs in every available space. I'm sure we will need all we can get later.

'Laters Taters' - Keep calm and carry on weeding. **Gary (and Spud)**

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Operation Varsity

Memories of "Operation Varsity"

Readers from the individual Colne magazines, may remember that, a year ago, we received greetings from the Association representing the USAAF veterans, "The Marauder Men", who were stationed at Earls Colne airfield from 1943 to 1944. The editor of their on-line newsletter wrote:

"The 323rd Bomb Group spent more time stationed at Earls Colne than any other base during WWII. Subsequently we have strong ties with the town plus the people who live there. They remember us and we fondly remember them."

In July 1944, to prepare for their important role in the D Day landings, the B26 Marauder planes and their crews moved to a base nearer the south coast.



Their place at Earls Colne was taken by two RAF squadrons flying Halifax bombers (*Left*) adapted to tow the Horsa gliders which were used to transport troops and equipment for airborne attacks. As an Air Training Corps cadet, Bob Pearl learned about the discomfort of flying in one:

"The gliders were jolly cold. I went up in one once and I was frozen stiff. There was a big door at the side that was never closed. I was afraid to walk about in case I fell out."

On 24th March 1945 the airfield at Earls Colne took the lead in one of the most important missions of the War. "Operation Varsity" was a daring air-lift of troops and equipment to begin the crossing of the River Rhine. The Earls Colne Station Commander's log for that day records:

"At 07.00 the Secretary of State for Air (Sir Archibald Sinclair) and the Deputy Supreme Commander Allied Expeditionary Force (Air Chief Marshall Sir Arthur Tedder) witnessed the first of sixty Halifaxes take off with its loaded glider from the airfield. The first thirty combinations were airborne in approximately half an hour. The tugs in this first part of the lift were those of this unit. After an interval, the remaining thirty combinations took off in approximately the same time. Thus began the long-awaited crossing of the Rhine".

David Vickery, a crew member in one of the Earls Colne planes, recalled the stunning sight as his squadron was joined by aircraft from many other airfields in East Anglia:

"Over the sea, I went up to look out of the astrodome and, looking aft, could see

Operation Varsity (Cont'd)

hundreds and hundreds of kites in a huge phalanx stretching back about forty miles. It really was indescribably impressive".

Later that day the Station Commander was able to report that the operation achieved its objectives with very few casualties:

"The air landing has been a complete success, liason having been established almost immediately with the advancing ground forces".

In a secluded area of the arboretum at Marks Hall is a memorial, commemorating the paratroopers and air crews who took part in "Operation Varsity", at which a service of remembrance is held each year.

Less well-known is the important role that the Earls Colne airfield played in secret missions to drop supplies to resistance groups in parts of Europe still under German occupation. The village of Matre in Norway has a picture of Earls Colne in its local museum that commemorates the resistance group which operated in the mountains above the village. In his memoirs a member of that group, Thomas Neilson, recalls a night-time mission:

"The four planes from Earls Colne dropped their 13 loads without any particular difficulties between 1.25 and 2.27a.m. Of course, down on the ground at the receiving end of such a night operation, we stared at the black shadowy outlines of the great birds that came roaring in over the drop zones and wondered what things might look like to the crews of the Halifax planes in the middle of the Norwegian wilderness".

In August 2007 a new memorial was unveiled at the entrance to the airfield. Under a large propeller is this plaque showing the American and British squadrons which were based there. **David Brown**



Recipe Corner



Chilli Without Carne (Vegetable Chilli)
Serves 2

A useful little meal for vegetarians and vegans, although nothing like the chillis eaten in Mexico. Not only is it quick and cheap to prepare, but you can, conveniently, cook another version with mince in another pan for those other - carnivorous - family members.

A note about chillis. Fresh chillis vary enormously in heat. A small thin chilli is likely to be hotter than a larger thicker one, but this is not an absolute rule. Chillis chopped finely generate more heat than whole or halved chillis. Avoid Scotch bonnets (they look like tiny bonnets) at all cost – they are lethal! Always put in less than you think you'll need.

Ingredients

- *2 Medium-sized carrots (diced)*
- *1 Pepper (colour not important) (de-seeded and chopped)*
- *6ozs Mushrooms (peeled and chopped)*
- *2 Cloves garlic (crushed)*
- *1 (14oz tin) Chopped tomatoes*
- *1 (14oz tin) Red kidney beans (in water, nothing else)*
- *1 Fresh chilli (de-seeded and chopped).*
- *1 teaspoonful Dried oregano*
- *1 tablespoonful Tomato puree (approximately)*
- *Salt and pepper*

If you don't have fresh chilli, use a quarter to half a teaspoonful of chilli powder (often called 'cayenne pepper') or chilli flakes.

If you do overdo the chilli, it's quite difficult to put right, but try adding teaspoonfuls of sugar.

To make this meal, you will need a wide-based pan with a lid. The lid is more important than the wide-base. Use a large saucepan if necessary.

Method: Prepare all the vegetables. Open the tin of tomatoes. Drain the fluid from the tin of beans. Add a little oil to your pan and heat it. Add carrots and peppers and stir them around in the pan so they don't burn. Add the garlic and chopped chilli. Again, keep stirring. Add mushrooms and cook lightly – still keep stirring. Now add the tomatoes from the tin and the drained beans and stir in. Add salt and pepper and oregano. Stir in tomato puree. Bring everything to boiling point, then turn the power right down, put the lid on the pan and simmer for about 15 minutes. Stir every few minutes, to stop it catching on the bottom of the pan. Add a little extra water if necessary.



Serve immediately, with rice, bread or tortilla wraps.

Recipe from **Rosemary Johnson**

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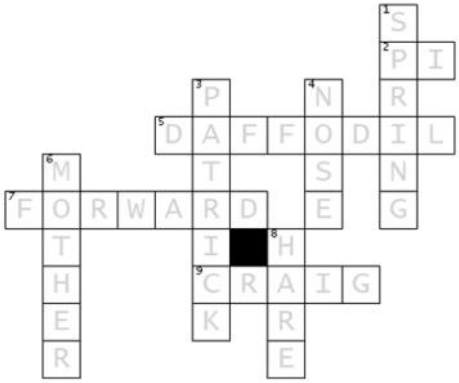
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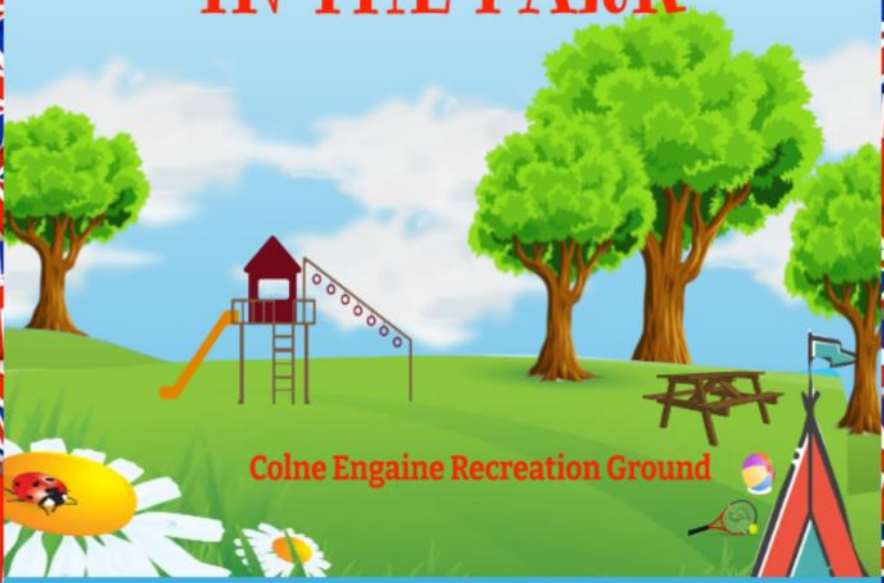
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5	Sun	Working Party on the Meadows in White Colne (p.27)	10am and 5pm
6	Mon	Community Hub in White Colne Village Hall (p.27)	
7	Tue		
8	Wed	Film Club (p.25); Brew n' Chat (p.40)	9.30am
9	Thu		
10	Fri	Stationmasters Community Café (p.27)	
11	Sat		
12	Sun		10am
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14	Tue	St. Andrew's Book Club (p.17)	
15	Wed	Brew n' Chat (p.40)	9.30am
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17	Fri		
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21	Tue		
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23	Thu		
24	Fri	Stationmasters Community Café (p.27)	
25	Sat		
26	Sun		10am and 5pm
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28	Tue		
29	Wed	Brew n' Chat (p.40)	9.30am and 11am
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