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Welcome



Welcome back to a sparkly, shiny new year. Haven't we had some amazing frosts? — Great for slip sliding, not so great for walking, though I have taken every opportunity to get outside and enjoy the bright skies, and crisp air (the clarity of the moon and stars at night have been amazing, and as I write this, we are getting prepared for the Planet Parade on the 27th Jan that will see 6 of the planets align at 7pm in the night sky!).



We hoped you enjoyed the last issue, full of colour, full of festive activities. The Colne Engaine Village Panto is happening

at the end of January, and we were so pleased that we could promote that along with other events to the villagers in the Three Colnes.

A couple of apologies for last month – the White Colne January diary was mis-entered, so activities that were advertised, were not correct. As we print a month in advance, it is always best to double check events/activities are running, see page 3 for a list of useful village websites.

I also missed a plea from Revd. Sharon regarding a wonderful member of our community:

Were you the kind person who became a rescuer in an hour of need? A friend of mine recently recounted the following story to me:

"I was travelling from Shetland via ferry and the train from Aberdeen. I got a train from London Liverpool Street at about 6.30pm on Sunday 6th October heading to Manningtree, though with engineering works, there were no direct trains. I got chatting with a lady who not only offered but took me by car from Chelmsford all the way to my home even though she lived in White Colne! I was totally exhausted having been travelling for over 24 hours with luggage and this lady came to my rescue. I cannot express how grateful I am for her kindness and for going so far out of her way. If there is any way I can say thank you properly by sending flowers or something, that would be wonderful. And I will, of course, pay it forward."

If you are the White Colne resident who extended such kindness to a stranger, or you know who it might be, please contact me, Revd. Sharon (revdsdq@gmail.com). Thank you.

I truly believe it is acts of kindness like this that make the world go round! Happy New Year to you all,

Sue Kenneally, Editor

The Three Colnes Churches



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Time flies when you're having fun, or so the saying goes! Time broken down into chunks that help us to organise our days, activities, learning, leisure and recreation. We usually try to synchronise those chunks with the seasons of nature; Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. They all come with their own unique qualities and treasures. Things for us to look forward to whilst acknowledging that the preceding season is necessary for the next. It would be strange to go directly from winter to summer, though the effects of the climate emergency seems to fluctuate between spring and winter every couple of weeks!

The Church too has seasons, all linked together making up what we call the Liturgical Year. Just about 6 weeks ago we were celebrating Christmas. In just over 4 weeks' time we will be starting the season of Lent, leading 6 weeks later to Easter. These particular seasons have one thing in common, love. Appropriate I guess for February when most turn their thoughts to love on Valentines day.

But from where does the love come? The love we share with each other and especially with our nearest and dearest? The Bible tells us that love comes from God (1 John 4:7); that God is love (1 John 4:16); and that we love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19). The Bible also tells us "God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10).

God's Son Jesus came to us at Christmas, as a sign of God's love for us. Jesus sacrificed himself for us on Good Friday, as a sign of his love for us. Jesus rose from the dead at Easter as a sign of God's love and forgiveness. We love because God loved us first and Jesus is the embodiment of that love. I believe that is summed up in this poem by Christina Rosetti.

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine; Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, love divine; Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token,
Love shall be yours and love
be mine,
Love to God and to all men,
Love for plea and gift and
sign.

Whatever season you are in or how you spend your time, and whether you believe it or not, know that you are loved every minute of every day throughout the year. Because God loves YOU. Jesus is proof of that!

With love and prayers, Sharon

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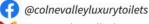




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	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
	10am	White Colne	Holy Communion
Wednesday 5th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Colne Engaine	3:30 Express
Sunday 9th	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship & Baptism
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
Ash Wednesday 12th	9.30am	Colne Engaine	Ashing & Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	10am	Earls Colne #	Holy Communion
	10am	Colne Engaine	Mattins
	10am	White Colne	Mattins
	6.30pm	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 'Candles & Curry'
Wednesday 26th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion

[#] These services will be live-streamed on Zoom 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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2024 POPPY APPEAL INTERIM RESULT

By the end of 2024 Earls Colne and White Colne had collected £8,920.

In arriving at this figure, I have assumed that all of the Gift Aid forms completed in the Co-op will be accepted. I will not have a final total until sometime later in the year once the Royal British Legion has reconciled all the Gift Aid and added any donations made using the QR code.

This means that we have beaten the 2023 total by £250 with potentially more to come. We are now not far short of the highest total ever raised by Earls Colne and White Colne (£9,387 in 2018)

Once again, our stand in the Co-op proved very successful accounting for almost 75% of the total raised. Contactless takings were up by almost £700 on last year and now account for 40% of the total taken. I'm sure this figure will continue to increase over future years. Disappointingly, the total Gift Aided this year was slightly down on 2023. My thanks go to the Co-op for continuing to let us collect in their store.

We ran our regular coffee morning fund raiser on Saturday 10th November which raised £384. It was good to see so many in attendance and this wasCont'd /

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reflected in an increase of 10% in takings over the previous year.

I was pleased to welcome several new volunteers in 2024 which helped spread the load, particularly manning the stand in the Co-op. Also, five volunteers have received service awards in 2024 – one for 30 years, two for 20 years and one each for 15 years and 10 years.

Thank you to everyone who donated and a special thanks to the band of volunteers that make the whole thing happen.

Ian Allman

Poppy Appeal Organiser
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Gardening



Coffee and ponderings

In a garden the size of the Hobbits it is hard for her to keep track of where I am all the time. She no longer wanders round the garden aimlessly searching, especially as on a few occasions we have found ourselves following each other around the cottage in circles until one of us gives up (normally the Hobbit) and going back indoors. In recent months I have realised that she has changed tactics, she now stands at the back door and calls "coffeeee". Either I have been getting the dog's name wrong for all these years, or she has decided to give me a nickname in retaliation for the one I have given her, nonetheless, it works! Whatever far flung corner of the garden I may be in I hear the call and duly arrive at the back door in expectation of a brew. I take the steaming cuppa to the bottom of the garden, and park myself on a seat surveying the garden, making a mental note of the tasks I can see that go unnoticed until I take the time to stop and look. On one particular occasion I was feeling quite peckish, I began to wonder, "what was cockney slang for 'starvin' before Hank Marvin was born"? and then I thought, "I'm sure people ate curry before Ruby Murray was alive, so what did they call it then"? By this time, I had finished my coffee and didn't give it another thought. What I did do, was fetch my pruning saw to cut a couple of low hanging branches from the horse chestnut tree (aesculus hippocastanum) that I noticed whilst sitting there, not on my list for the day, but that's gardening, start one job that leads toCont'd /



Gardening (Cont'd)



another, that highlights something else that needs doing first, but then those weeds weren't there earlier, I better pull them first, and so it goes on, until the job I went to do in the first place ends being done a week later.

February is a bit of limbo time in the garden as far as growing goes, but its an ideal time to keep up with the jobs that will make life easier when the Spring kicks in and time starts to run away with us. I like to get the lawn edges tidied up. Over the year the grass encroaches into the borders and beds and they could do with reshaping. A half moon edger is the tool designed for the job but I have a really cheap spade that I have hammered the curve out of and sharpened the blade. This makes life a lot easier in my opinion, if I need to cut a straight line I pull a length of string between two points as a guide or preferably a nice straight board laid along the edge. The trimmings don't go to waste as there is always somewhere on the lawn that needs a bare patch or a dip filling, I literally tread the grass trimmings in and as the lawn isn't being cut for a while yet, it has time to take and grow on. I continue to cut back hedges while there is no active growth, taking them back to a nice tight 'framework' so they can be kept under control with regular trimming rather than heavy cutting. Apples (malus) and pears (pyrus) can be pruned, as can other deciduous trees and shrubs, while they are dormant, unless

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they are early spring flowering, in which case they need to be left until after they have flowered. Winter pruning is relatively easy task, sharp tools make all the difference, remember the three 'd's, dead diseased and dying, that's the first stuff to remove. Then check out the shape, prune out anything that crosses the middle and cut immediately above a bud, checking that it is pointing in the direction that you want it to grow. Prune back stems that have been produced in the previous season towards the old growth, normally leaving two or three buds which will develop into fruiting spurs.

Then there is the soft fruit, blackcurrants (*ribes nigrum*), raspberries (*rubus idaeus*), red and white currants (*ribes rubrum*) and (*ribes rubrum* 'white grape') respectively. Blackcurrants fruit on new growth so by taking out one in three of the oldest darkest stems to the ground this will encourage new shoots, also any stems that have flopped over can be cut out too. Autumn fruiting raspberries can be cut to the ground completely as they will produce new canes for fruiting each spring, the summer fruiting type should have been done already, cutting out only the fruited canes and tying in the rest. Redcurrants and white currants just need any long lanky stems and sideshoots trimming back, if the bushes are getting congested some of the oldest stems can be cut down to the ground to keep them from getting too old and woody. I hope all that makes sense.Cont'd /



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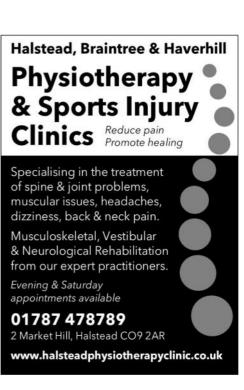
I am finding that a few plants in the garden seem confused as to what season we are in, I had an Iris flowering just before Christmas (random), but what I do see flowering now as they should be are the hellebores (*helleborus*), these little beauties come in a range of colours, predominantly pink, lilac and purple or shades thereof, but also in white and nearly black. They grow well in a woodland setting as they flower before the trees put on foliage, but I have some that thrive on a west facing bank exposed to the elements, and they never fail to impress. Some people aren't keen on them as the flowers tend to hang down and it's not obvious how pretty they are but new varieties have and are being developed with the flowers facing upwards. It's well worth finding a spot in the garden for these if you can, to give just a bit of winter cheer.

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Gary









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We do hope that as many of you as possible came to the village pantomime to enjoy the fruits of so much labour by so many people. As a village hall we are so pleased and proud to work with CEDS for their three productions each year.

The hall continues to be used by many local people, but we do still have a free day on Tuesdays from 10.30am onwards as there is now a dance class from 9.15am for small young pupils. If anyone has any ideas, please discuss either by phone or email through the hall website.

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

Geoff Marcoolyn

St. Andrew's Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month - 2.00 pm at 8 Coggeshall Road, Earls Colne.

Our Next Meeting:

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Our February book is the 2024 Booker Prize winner: Orbital by Samantha Harvey.

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Jane Lambert's Charity Walk

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"I realise that 5k is a very short stroll when you are young and fit, but me and my body have been around for a while. My body doesn't always do as it's told, especially my right leg as it's had 2 new hips and 2 new knees!" stated Mrs Lambert.

On 21st December, this tenacious villager set out with her dog Sophie to walk through the muddy fields next to her home. After a couple of laps, the field became too treacherous, so the intrepid duo, took to the road,



and walked up to the village. Covering a total of 7.3km, she was welcomed back home by her friends.

So far, with fundraising through online donations reaching over £1800, plus various



other avenues, the total amount raised is over £2500!! What an incredible achievement.

It isn't too late to give to this worthwhile charity, use this link https://nspcc.enthuse.com/pf/jane-lambert to donate to Mrs Lambert's own fundraising page, or you can donate directly to the NSPCC through their website www.nspcc.com

"Thank you to everyone that supported me. I am very grateful. It was a horrible, wet, muddy morning... I got home slightly exhausted and was met by a few girlfriends and a very welcome bottle of fizz! Thank you all" - Jane Lambert.

Sue Kenneally

Heritage Museum

EARLS COLNÉ

Projects - We have several projects in progress and would welcome more volunteers to assist us or help us maintain the opening hours at the museum. Can you spare two hours per month? No need for in depth knowledge of Earls Colne. Full support given.

Refurbishment of the Atlas Park/Gardens. With grant money awarded by Braintree District Council we are restoring the path and replanting the borders. We will also be installing four story boards depicting village heritage, becoming part of our Village Trail Project. This is excellent timing to celebrate both the Park's and the Museum's 20th anniversary in 2025.

The Timekeepers of Earls Colne. The Church Clock – (the parish clock), situated in the church - installed in 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, has been discovered to be one of only two clocks made by the same company, Smiths of Clerkenwell, left in Great Britain! With limited accessibility, its inner workings are a well-kept secret. We are now writing its history and producing a video with aerial view.

Earls Colne 1974-2024 history last written in 1974 by the then Earls Colne branch of the Workers Education Association, is being updated.

Sat 1st March: Earls Colne was nearly the Home of the First Helicopter The Con Club, York Road. Tickets £5 from Earls Colne Heritage Museum or email chair@echm.org.uk

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Festival Committee Update

Well, what a year that was...

While 2024 seems a distant memory now, it truly was a great example of what this village can achieve! A wonderful Festival (with the weather holding off for most part!), a fantastic (but hot) Fun Run, the ever-popular Bingo, and Carols on the Green, all marked the calendar with great success!

I'd like to thank my fellow Committee members for their tireless work and dedication in making all these events happen, and to everyone else that helped, volunteered, contributed, baked or attended, as without you, we would not have been able to raise valuable funds for local good causes and charities, which is ultimately why the Festival Committee exists.

WE NEED YOU!! If the Festival Committee is to continue in its current guise, **we need new volunteers now**. Volunteers that are willing to attend regularly and contribute. We have several key roles needing filling, as members step down, having dedicated a lot of their time over many years.

I'm writing this having myself volunteered at the summer festival event, and shortly thereafter joined the Committee and six months on I haven't looked back! Not only am I helping to keep the community spirit going, but making many new friends and raising funds for local causes... What more could you possibly want!?

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EARLS COLNE - SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREAT

At a meeting of the teachers, it was decided that the above should take the form of a "Christmas Tree" instead of the usual tea and entertainment. The Teachers kindly undertook to select suitable presents for their various classes, and the distribution took place at the Institute on January 3rd, when every child received a bun, orange, and toy or useful present. Our thanks are due to the friends whose gifts we acknowledge, and to all the Teachers for the trouble they took in selecting the articles and so prettily decorating the Tree.

WAKES COLNE - C.M.S.

The proceeds of the sale of Work for C.M.S. held on Dec. 13th were £32. 10s. 9d.

COLNE ENGAINE

The Halstead Gazette of each week gives such generous space to all parochial events that it is not necessary to reproduce the account of the Children's Tea Party, except to acknowledge our appreciation of the handsome gifts of money and of personal service which made that treat a day of pure joy for all.



From The Four Colnes' Magazine

WHITE COLNE - LENT Lent commences on the 25th of this month, and the meaning as quoted from

the late Bishop Barry is as follows: -

"The ideas of the Lenten observances are, (1) Penitence marked in the Ash Wednesday collect: (2) Self-Discipline and Self-Chastisement marked in the collect for the first Sunday in Lent: (3) Special Devotion and particularly adoring commemoration of the Atonement, as on Passion Sunday and in Holy Week. These are in the Church of England left to free Spiritual obedience, without the fixed elaborate rules of other Communions; and the first two are obviously means to secure the third, which is the chief end." From "Teachers Prayer Book."



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Brick Meadows

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Wishing a Happy New Year to everyone who enjoys using the Brick Meadows.

Work eventually started on digging out the ponds at the end of the Long Meadow in late November but then came to a stop due to the ground being very wet. Great changes were made by the contractor in the 2 days when he was able to work. Many trees which were shading the pond area on the south side have been cut down to let in the sunlight and a lot of undergrowth and unwanted Rhododendrons have been cleared. Work had started on dredging the pond, but the tractor was in danger of sinking in the mud whilst crossing the meadow to dump a trailer load of silt and that put an end to the work. We must now wait for the ground to dry out before work can start again which may be unlikely between now and the end of February, otherwise we will have to wait until September. Although it is frustrating to have to wait again but at least we can see a change and an idea of how it will eventually look.

Meanwhile we can look forward to another year of watching the area change through the seasons and hopefully the first sign of growth beginning again will be the clumps of snowdrops that were planted on the north edge of the wood coming into flower. Keep an eye out for them!

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Feature Article



Mattins - A Story, by Cate Gunn

It was hardly light yet, the sun, still below the horizon, was smudging the eastern sky with turquoise and lemon. A sole figure walked briskly up a short rise to the small stone church. He paused a moment before going through the low door on the south side that led directly into the chancel and looked over the valley below, where mist was wreathing and rising above the river. The tops of trees poked out above the mist as though half submerged. The large manor house stood on the slope down to the river, with fields lying to the side of it; men were already gathering there and yoking the oxen to start ploughing. They were looking forward to the growing season, already anticipating the harvest for all the peasants and serfs, the stores of root vegetables and dried peas and beans were running low. In the woods a lad was keeping an eye on the pigs as they rooted around for any acorns still on the ground or buried by jays and squirrels. His tummy was rumbling, but he knew the acorns were too hard and bitter to eat, though when there was nothing else his mother would grind them up to make a flour for bread. It would be hours before his sister arrived with a chunk of bread, he chewed a willow stick pulled from the osiers that grew along the riverbank and it eased the pain of hunger.



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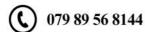
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Peter looked over the valley as the activity was beginning to stir and smelt the woodsmoke that was rising through the thatched rooves of cottages as fires were lit. He heard the single bell that hung in the church being rung, clanged rather. The boy he was teaching and training was already at his work; he was a good boy and could have a career in the church, a step up from his parents who were peasants who owned just a small parcel of land and were illiterate. Peter felt satisfied, it was a good place to live and work.

Inside, the boy was already lighting candles on the altar and by his stall everything was as it should be to start the day's round of prayer. Seven times a day do I praise you! Peter had his Breviary with him, but he knew the order for Mattins without having to consult it. The people in the village, the boy's people, called this early morning service 'Uhtsong', ughten-tide was that early morning period of twilight before dawn. The language they spoke was an early form of English, as the pre-conquest Old English of their forefathers changed and adapted to the French of the Normans.

Peter knelt in prayerful preparation for a few moments while the boy knelt beside him and tried not to fidget, his legs were thin and his knees knobbly and the tiled floor was hard. The packed earth of the nave was probably more comfortable, he thought, and he knew that those who could afford to do so would bring a cushion or evenCont'd/



Feature Article (Cont'd)



a chair. Or at least, have their servant bring a chair for them, he added glancing up to see the Lady enter the church through the main south door followed by her maid with a small stool.

Peter also noticed Lady Engayne. Attendance at Mattins was not compulsory for the laity but the Lady was pious and often rose at first light to accompany him. Peter said the Ave Maria quietly but could her whispering it . . . Hail Mary, full of grace. Then he raised his voice: 'Domine labia mea aperies' O Lord open thou our lips. The boy stumbled over the response, but the Lady's quiet voice was firm, 'Et os meum annunciabit laudem tuam' And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise. The boy knew he was very fortunate and privileged to be taught Latin and given the opportunity of a clerical career, but it was hard work and he was feeling tired. Maybe he dozed a bit, despite the hardness of the floor he was kneeling on, but it seemed he was having a dream, maybe even a vision.

It seemed that the chancel was full of light, as bright as noon on midsummer's day and the chancel was larger, its roof higher. There were people in it, sitting on wooden benches, but they looked strange, their clothes unlike any he had ever seen. Were these

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angels from heaven? He didn't think so somehow, they looked too ordinary. But strangely, they were joining in the service, saying the responses it seems, but he didn't understand the language. It certainly wasn't Latin, but he didn't think it was the French that Sir Peter the Rector and Lord Vitalis spoke, and yet it wasn't quite the English he and all his family spoke.

Then he heard a word he recognised 'Venite'. It meant 'Come' and was the first word of the Psalm that he recited along with Peter every day:

Venite exultemus Domino, iubilemus Deo salutary Come let us rejoice unto the Lord, let us rejoice in God our saviour

But then he heard a tremendous sound, the angels trumpeting to announce the Last Day?! It was music, but more powerful than anything the boy had ever heard it swelled, both melody and bass joined together. He looked towards the west end of the church where it was coming from and saw something that looked like a small chapel, built of wood with great pipes reaching up, like spires. The people in the nave stood up and began to sing it was not dissimilar to the chant that the boy knew, though somehow different, as the language they were singing was different from the English he spoke. They were reciting a translation prepared by Archbishop Cranmer over three hundred years later, after the

Catholic Church had been reformed. And yet, so much of the traditional daily round of prayer and praise remained. These people in the same church (however much expanded and rebuilt) were reciting the same psalm:

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

The Rector, Peter de Feria and his boy, whose name (if he existed) we don't know, would I'm sure have been pleased to know that the work they were embarking on that chilly morning would be continuing eight hundred years later, and that the church would still stand in the heart of its community offering a place to gather for celebration and remembrance, hymn-singing and quiet contemplation.

Cherish your Church. Cate Gunn

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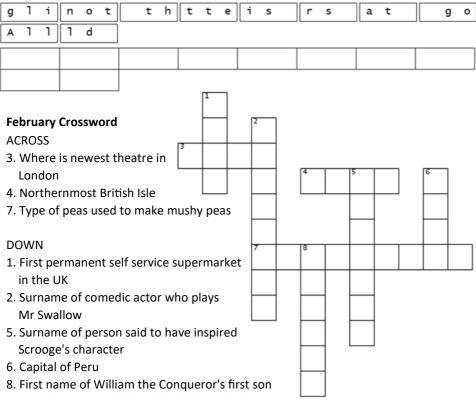
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Nut Roast

When people started eating vegetarian in the 1970s and 1980s, nut roasts were a bit of a joke, and, indeed, some nut roast recipes can result in gritty, dried-up concoctions tasting of cardboard. This was because breadcrumbs feature majorly in the ingredients. The recipe below contains no breadcrumbs, or any kind of 'filler', and you really can taste the nuts. The secret is to cook it slowly, covered with foil, to retain the moisture.

Serves: 4

Method:

Put the nuts into a food processor and blend to break them into small pieces. This will be very noisy but don't worry! You won't break the processor.

Fry the garlic, mushrooms, leek and carrots in a largish frying pan until softened, stirring regularly

Tip into a mixing bowl and stir in the peanut butter.

Add the chopped nuts, chestnuts, cranberries, parsley, lemon zest, milk and salt. Season with salt and ground black pepper and stir until thoroughly mixed.

Line a 2lb loaf tin with greaseproof paper. Brush greaseproof paper with oil (or squirt

with spray oil).

Spoon the mixture the loaf tin. Press down with a spoon firmly to compact the mixture.

Cook the loaf slowly in a medium oven (1400C) for about 1½ hours.

Cut into thick slices and serve hot.

Rosemary Johnson

Cover the tin with foil.

Ingredients

5oz Nuts - a combination of almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts or Brazil nuts:

1 Vegetable stock cube

1 tbsp Olive oil

4ozs Mushrooms (peeled and chopped)

1/2 Leek (trimmed and thinly sliced)

1 Carrots (coarsely grated)

2 cloves Garlic cloves (crushed)

4 tbsp Peanut butter

3ozs Cooked chestnuts (peeled and broken into small pieces)

2½oz Dried cranberries

1 bunch Fresh parsley (finely chopped)

1/2 Lemon (zest finely grated)

2 tbsp Milk

1/2 tspSalt

Freshly ground black pepper.



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Four Colnes Horticultural Society

Writing this under grey January skies, it is foolish to try and predict what 2025 will bring. As keen gardeners we all have to adapt our ways and crops to best suit what we believe nature's seasons will bring.

December was another high note in the Society's calendar year with a very well supported Christmas Fayre in the Earls Colne village hall. Within a Christmas decorated (courtesy of the Parish Council) main hall, 20 craft stall holders set up their tables providing a good selection of goods for visitors, greatly supported by the WI selling savoury treats and cakes whilst the Society provided coffees, teas, soft drinks and cakes. A very well run raffle raised a good sum for use in offsetting the costs of staging the August produce and craft show. A huge thank you to all the committee members who tirelessly give up their time to organise and run these events, the stallholders and to the general public for their support.

As every year, we are seeking a garden within the four villages to be opened, to society members only, under the banner of "Sow & Tell". The date to suit would be either a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in the April/May period. This is a relaxed social meet to give an insight into how, and the thinking behind, that particular garden has developed over time. If you are interested in hosting a Sow & Tell event, please contact the secretary.

February is an important month for planning and ordering seeds for the coming season. Spare a thought when planning and ordering, The Four Colnes Show is in August and the more entries we can get the more successful is the show. Yes, it is a little competitive for the longest, biggest or tastiest but overwhelmingly it is aCont'd /



Four Colnes Horticultural Society

fun social event. Everyone has a little garden corner or windowsill box in which to plant and nurture a few seeds. Entry is free to members and only a peppercorn cost to non-members — HAVE FUN & GIVE IT A GO.

Society events such as garden visits, The Four Colnes Show and the Christmas Fayre take a huge amount of organisation and commitment from committee members. We are always seeking new members to join in – The committee meets irregularly 6-8 times a year dependent of forthcoming events. In addition to the committee there is a need at show and fayre time for willing volunteers to help with the setting up and taking down; MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. If you are interested in volunteering the odd hour or two, please contact the secretary with your details. Finally, if you haven't renewed your membership this is now overdue. For a small annual cost (£5), membership gives free entry to exhibit at the Four Colnes Show, access to organised garden visits and a discount on a range of items at Olivers Plant Centre off Coggeshall Road, Earls Colne.

<u>www.fourcolneshorticulturalsociety.com</u>. Email: <u>secretary.fchs@outlook.com</u> Secretary, Sarah Adlem, M. 0794 1131164, 110 Colchester Road, White Colne, CO6 2PP.

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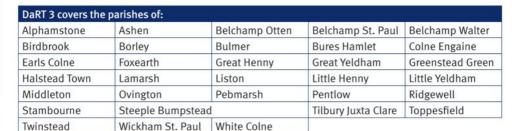
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2	Sun	
3	Mon	Village Hall - 8.30am Barn preschool; 5.15pm Dancing Monday; 7pm Zumba
4	Tue	Village Hall - 9.15am Dancing Tuesday; 4.15pm Dancing Tuesday; 7.45pm Yoga
5	Wed	Village Hall - 8.30am Barn preschool; 7.30pm Drama
6	Thu	Brew n' Chat 2pm (p.19); Village Hall - 8.30am Barn preschool; 6.45pm Keep Fit
7	Fri	Village Hall—8.30am Barn preschool
8	Sat	Village Hall - 9am Dancing Saturday
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12	Wed	Village Hall - 8.30am Barn preschool; 7.30pm Drama
13	Thu	Village Hall - 8.30am Barn preschool; 6.45pm Keep Fit; 8pm Trustees Meeting
14	Fri	Village Hall—8.30am Barn preschool
15	Sat	Village Hall - 9am Dancing Saturday
16	Sun	
17	Mon	Village Hall - 8.30am Craft club; 7pm Zumba
18	Tue	Village Hall - 9.15am Dancing Tuesday; 4.15pm Dancing Tuesday; 7.45pm Yoga
19	Wed	Village Hall - 8.30am Craft Club; 7.30pm Drama
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1	Sat						
2	Sun	Village Hall 10am Jesus Loves You					
3	Mon	Village Hall - 12.30pm 60's Pilates; 6pm Karate; 6.30pm Tai-Chi; 7.30pm Zumba					
4	Tue	Village Hall - 10am Pilates; 10am Lunch Club; 5.45pm Children's Dance; 7pm Adult Dance; 7pm Upholstery					
5	Wed	Brew n' Chat 2pm (p.19); Village Hall - 9.30am Move Me; 11.30am Seated Exercise; 4.30pm Colchester School of Dance; 7pm Yoga; 7pm Pilates					
6	Thu	Village Hall - 10am Pilates; 1pm Yoga; 4.45pm Colchester School of Dance; 7.30pm Stane Street Players Drama Group					
7	Fri	Beavers 5pm; Cubs 6.15pm; Scouts 8pm; Village Hall - 9.30am Yoga; 1pm Tai-Chi; Youth Club					
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