

# The Three Colnes Parish Magazine

A watercolor illustration of a woman in a green dress walking away from the viewer on a wet, rainy street. She is holding a blue and white umbrella. The street is lined with tall grasses and flowers on the right, and a house with a chimney is visible in the background. The overall mood is rainy and atmospheric.

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# Welcome

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I awoke the other morning, in a bit of a flap, it was 4am, and I had forgotten to set my alarm for seven that morning. So, I whisper across out to the ether 'Alexa set alarm for 7am' it then whispers back a confirmation of said alarm. I then lie there amazed at where we are in the world with technology.

What is the best invention you have experienced in your life? My grandfather's was the cats whisker radio (or crystal radio), I remember taking him to an exhibition about the evolution of radio at the Science Museum in London just for this, when he was in his 90's - and he loved it!

I hope you enjoy the magazine this month, thank you for all your feedback, it has been gratefully received, and hopefully provides you a better magazine!

Please note that whilst we try and have a balanced record of events coming up in all the villages, I am hostage to that which I am sent – if you don't send stuff in, I can't shout about it!

Enjoy,

Sue

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A month that heralds the start of spring and the equinox on the 20th usually bringing unsettled weather. Not something new as the early 19<sup>th</sup> century poet John Clare wrote, 'March month of "many weathers"' (after the storms and floods of January I hope that prediction is not correct!)

But it is not just the weather that is very unsettled, we also live in unsettled times politically, economically, and socially, both in this country and globally. How can we make sense of young people still at school killing another young person because they do not like them? Rampant knife crime? Burglary in houses around us in the Colnes? The brutality of war and its human consequences? I could write an unsettlingly lengthy list.

But life goes on and as we travel through March perhaps a few thoughts may help our journey.

March is a busy month for the church, it is an early Easter this year with Easter Day on March 31<sup>st</sup> (incidentally the same day as we change the clocks). We each walk our own path through life, it is unique, no one else walks exactly the way we do, and this uniqueness can bring both joy and sadness. Perhaps a day will remind us of a happy occasion, a birthday, or a family event or a sad day, the birthday of a departed relative or friend.

On March 6<sup>th</sup> I will be reminded of five years ago, when I collapsed with my spinal stroke, giving me a great deal of grief and I will never live independently again, although from this event has come new opportunities.

Approaching Easter, from Palm Sunday you may like to walk round St Andrews, Earls Colne with the guidebook and reflect on the pictures on the walls of the Stations of the Cross, the last walk of Jesus to his death. I enjoy the reflections of the priest poet Malcolm Guite who has composed sonnets that I find thought-provoking in my walk.



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# Thoughts for the month



His approach to Easter is sombre but his tone changes in the reflection for the end of Good Friday when he says of Jesus; He blesses every love that weeps and grieves. And makes our grief the pangs of a new birth. (*Malcolm Guite, Stations of the Cross, Jesus is laid in the tomb*).

From the grief of Good Friday comes the joy of Easter Day and the founding of the Christian church. Although we suffer, new opportunities can grow from the situation.

When I see and hear of so much grief in this world, I find this a challenge although my own situation makes this point, from the sadness can come joy and new beginnings.

As you walk through March may you find the joy that follows sadness and the opportunity to grow despite difficult circumstances and wherever you are may you know the joy of Easter Day.

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*Hugh*



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	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
	10am	White Colne	Holy Communion
	3pm	Earls Colne	Forest Church
Wed 6th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Colne Engaine	3:30 Express
Sun 10th	10am	Earls Colne #	Morning Worship and Baptism
	10am	Colne Engaine	Morning Worship
Wed 13th	9.30am	Colne Engaine	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 17th	10am	Earls Colne #	Holy Communion
	10am	Colne Engaine	Mattins
	10am	White Colne	Morning Worship
	6 for 6.30pm	Earls Colne	Café Church
Wed 20th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
Sun 24th	10am	Earls Colne	Three Colnes Service: Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion
Mon 25th	7pm	Earls Colne	Compline
Tues 26th	7pm	Colne Engaine	Compline
Wed 27th	9.30am	Earls Colne	Holy Communion
	7pm	White Colne	Compline
Thurs 28th	7pm	Colne Engaine Village Hall	Seder Meal and Bring n' Share Supper
Friday 29th Good Friday	11am	Earls Colne	Stations of the Cross
	2pm	White Colne	Reflective Service
	5pm	Colne Engaine	Family Service
Sat 30th	10.30am to 12.30pm	Earls Colne	Luminous Does Easter
	7.30pm	Earls Colne	Vigil Service – First Communion of Easter
Sun 31st Easter Day	10am	Earls Colne	Easter Morning Holy Communion
	10am	Colne Engaine	Easter Morning Holy Communion
	10am	White Colne	Easter Morning Holy Communion

# These services will be live-streamed on Zoom and, together with our Online Services, on Facebook Live. Details of our Zoom link and our Facebook Page can be found at [www.colnechurches.com/pew-news](http://www.colnechurches.com/pew-news)

In addition to the above services, at 9am on each Saturday morning you are invited to Morning Prayer on Facebook Live.



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# Primary School

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It has been another busy term here at Colne Engaine Primary School. We also took a strong and enthusiastic Cross Country team along to Ramsey School, to compete against runners from other local Colne Valley schools. Conditions underfoot were gloriously muddy, and it was bitterly cold, but our determined team powered on through with great resilience and commitment, bringing home some good places and possibly even a few through to the next rounds which will involve Essex schools.

Well done to everyone who took part in both of these competitions because without exception each of you rose to the challenge and achieved personal results that should make you very proud.



Competitive sport isn't everyone's cup of tea... but we believe strongly that it is one forum we can develop in school which enables children to shine, leadership skills to develop and where teamwork leads to strong bonds through shared experiences. All of these are transferable learning skills which support achievement and well-being in other areas in school.

Another important part of school life is really living our vision and our children knowing they can make a difference. With that in mind, off went two of our Year 5's to Chelmsford Cathedral to take part in the Young Leaders Conference. Working with children from across Essex, they explored what it takes to be a leader. Scarlett and Max came back full of enthusiasm, and I was so proud of what they felt were the qualities of .....Cont'd /

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a great leader. From their point of view, it would include:

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- Clear thinker who is loyal.
- Our ERICER's – all of them because you would need to be **compassionate** to others, have **integrity** and do what is right, show **equality** and know we are all different but equal. **Responsible** in decisions you make and finally show **empathy** so that you can be a positive leader.
- Be open-minded to all opportunities.
- Use your voice well and share what you think even when it is hard.
- Stand up for what you believe and also what you think is not right.
- Have good knowledge but use it wisely.

I leave you with something that really resonated with Max and Scarlett and that was that a quote they shared, 'I wonder why somebody wasn't doing anything and then we remembered we were somebody'. That is what we want all our children to remember and our adults too.

Samantha Dunne



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## ROUGH WINDS

Fortunately, our corner of the country seems to have suffered less from the series of recent gales than some areas further north. At least this winter's storms were predicted, unlike the so-called hurricane of 1987 which took everyone by surprise (including the forecaster Michael Fish). It was claimed at the time to have been the worst weather event for three hundred years and, surprisingly, local evidence helps to support that claim. On 18 February 1662 the then Vicar of Earls Colne, the Reverend Ralph Josselin, wrote in his diary:

***"Trees blown down within the Priory wall. Timber rent up in high standing woods. The wind general in England and Holland sea coast but not in Scotland."***

A section of the Priory boundary wall in Lower Holt Street still bears the scars and the initials "RH" for Richard Harlackenden, the owner of the Priory who carried out the repairs to the damage. Later in his diary Ralph Josselin muses:

***"The season somewhat more winterly than formerly. I observe how apt we are to account a harsh time the hardest we ever felt and a mild the best, letting slip out of our mind what was formerly."***

That trick of the memory is still sometimes evident today.

David Brown



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## Spring Garden Crime Prevention (Part 1)

Now is a good time to look around your garden; are your fences and gates in good condition, do you have good quality locks on gates, will they keep the unwelcome intruder out? To the front of your property where possible keep fencing, planting, and hedges to about 1.2m in height so that an intruder is not hidden from view. Protect your rear garden with 1.8m strong fencing, close boarded wooden fencing and gates are a good choice and this can be topped with trellis or a plastic spiky topping such as [www.defendastrap.com](http://www.defendastrap.com) (warning signs needed). Panels should not be able to be lifted out of the posts and avoid your fencing becoming a ladder by ensuring that the horizontal cross battens are facing into your garden.

Defensive planting: Security does not have to be just about locks, bolts, and spiky fence toppings; nature provides some excellent plants to keep people away. There are several attractive, fragrant plants of a spiky nature such as climbing roses, pyracantha, berberis of a dense nature that work quite well. Have a chat at your garden centre or with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) for the right plant for the right location. We actively work with the RHS at Hyde Hall and there are several mature examples of defensive planting that can be viewed there, and some very knowledgeable people that can advise you. **Date for your diary** – 31/7/24 – 4/8/24 RHS Hyde Hall Summer Flower Show, we hope to be there with our show

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garden demonstrating how plants and good garden design help protect your home.

Working in the garden: It is easy to get engrossed in what you are doing when working in the garden, if the house is empty, close and lock the door (don't forget the key though!). Remember at the end of the day, as well as putting tools away put the wheelbarrow and wheelie bin away too. "It will add insult to injury" if your tools are used to break into your house, a neighbour's, nearby building such as a church, or provide a climbing aid or method of carrying things away. If you are not using your lawn mower, jet washer or other put it away out of sight from prying eyes.

Property marking: It may deter a thief if your property or flower pots are visibly security marked with your house number and post code or labelled if a forensic (hidden) property marking system is used such as [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com), [www.selectadna.co.uk](http://www.selectadna.co.uk) or [www.datatag.co.uk](http://www.datatag.co.uk). You can also record the serial numbers of any tools at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). If your property does get stolen with property marking and/or recording, there is a greater chance of you getting it back.

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# Gardening

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## A little bit of Hollywood in the rain forest.

In 2021 a discovery was made in the Ebo forest in Cameroon. A critically endangered species of a tropical tree was found growing there, numbering less than 50 mature plants, *Uvariopsis dicaprio*, (there is a clue in the name). It has a 'stay of execution' due to the efforts of amongst others, Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio. The Forest was earmarked to be opened for logging which would mean devastation for the rare flora and fauna that live in the rich biodiversity of the forest. A campaign led by Mr DiCaprio with the aid of millions of his followers on social media raising awareness of the plight of the forest, resulted in the Government backing down on their decision. Mr DiCaprio along with Jeff Bezos, founder of the delivery service Amazon have been working together to raise awareness to slow down and stop deforestation; donating millions of dollars to various conservation projects worldwide, particularly in Brazil where the aim is to reduce the cutting down of the rainforest to zero within the next three to four years. Environmental factors (dare I suggest climate change) and 'slash and burn' methods of forest clearance has had a major impact on plants and wildlife in the tropical forests of the world. Scientists at The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew honoured

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Leonardo DiCaprio by naming the newly discovered tree after him in recognition for his part in saving the Ebo forest and the ongoing conservation projects he is continuing to pursue. In the words of the good lady wife "he's not just a pretty face is he?".



Leonardo DiCaprio

*Uvariopsis dicaprio*

In other news, back at home, lets talk lilies, March is the last chance to plant lilies for summer flowering, if you don't want to do that, wait till the garden centres are selling them in full bloom, this way you can pick the colours you like, pop them in the ground and enjoy them year after year. Alternatively, buy some bulbs, plant them 6" (150mm) deep in the border where you want them to flower and you will see them popping up amongst whatever else is growing in early to late summer, and you probably will have three times as many for the same price, it just takes a little planning and forethought. When I say where you want them to flower, they prefer full sun or partial .....Cont'd /

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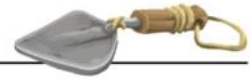


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# Gardening (Cont'd)



shade, and avoid boggy soil, to have the best chance of success, I would go for Asiatic Lilies, these cope well in our climate. If you want to wait and see what they look and grow like, put them in pots then either plant them in full flower, or hide them in the pots amongst the planting in your border, I won't tell if you don't. Just one word of caution, keep an eye out for Aphids (disease spreaders) and red beetles ( the no 1 criminal) lily beetle, if you have the stomach for it crush them on sight, but good luck with that, if they see you coming they drop to the ground and you will never find them, (they are the S.A.S. of beetles) although I hate to say it, the thing I have found most effective is 'Provado' bug killer, spray the plants every 10 days as soon as you see a beetle, this interrupts the life cycle of the bugs and hopefully one day you will be lily beetle free. If you want to be more adventurous, go for the giant lilies advertised in plant catalogues, they do look good, but put them at the back of the border and be prepared to stake them. If you haven't already done so, there is still pruning that can be done now, first thing, (you should know the rules by now) the three D's, dead, diseased and dying, if it is flowering or likely to in the next month, don't touch it, don't get me wrong, if you need to, prune away, but if you do you will be losing flowers, but nobody will die. I don't mention Grasses much, deciduous grasses can be cut down

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# Gardening (Cont'd)



hard, it's easy to tell which ones these are, they look dead, when pruning down you may even see the new green shoots appearing at the base. Evergreens on the other hand are still green (unless they are dead) these are best left to late Spring when they just need the dead thatch combing out to tidy them up (if they are dead, they will come up in your hand). *Buddleia* can be pruned down to within an inch of its life, and it will normally grow back with vigour, personally, I don't like to go lower than 18" (450mm) from the ground. *Hydrangeas* need the dead flower heads cut back to the first or second set of buds down the stem, if you know your *Hydrangeas* and you have *H. paniculata*, this can be pruned back harder to give a good shape.

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# Going Walk About

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Our January walk was from Bulmer Tye, striking out in the direction of Belchamp Walter and returning through the main village of Bulmer. The group was nineteen strong and we had an eventful day, meeting up with a distraught couple who had lost their dog after it had chased after a herd of deer (they contacted us later to confirm they had found it); while a lost pair of sunglasses caused a delay, but hilarity when they were found!

I have not done much walking in this area and was so impressed with the scenery and views that for the longer walk, on the following Tuesday, we walked from the Belchamps towards Bulmer, another great walk embracing lots of real and fictional history. The area has links back to the De Vere dynasty, the impressive Belchamp Hall and park, the castle-like folly in the middle of a field, and the marvellous churches at Belchamp Otten and Belchamp Walter, while connoisseurs of Lovejoy will have recognised many of the buildings and landmarks.

Our February walk (24<sup>th</sup>) will be around Henny, starting from the Henny Swan and is about 4.7 miles long, following parts of the Stour Valley Way.

Our March walk (23<sup>rd</sup>) is from Coggeshall to Marks Hall and back. This is an optional sponsored walk, in aid of The Greenway, of which this walk is effectively a .....Cont'd /

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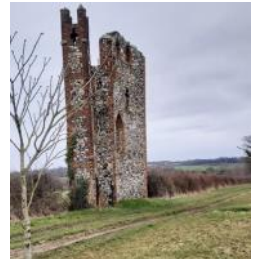


small part. It will also show how you can get from Marks Hall to Coggeshall without crossing the A120!

The Greenway is a project to establish a path and cycle route from Halstead, via Earls Colne to Coggeshall, and eventually to Kelvedon. Some parts of the route already exist and just need up-grading, others are being cleared by volunteer working parties. Funding is urgently needed to support all aspects of this venture. If you would like to join us on this walk, with sponsors or just with a personal donation, you are of course very welcome. For sponsor forms and more information on The Greenway project please contact me on [rawood@me.com](mailto:rawood@me.com) or 07734450221.

Please also contact me as above to get Emails with details of each of our walks, you can also join our WhatsApp walking group for updates on our walks, to explore ideas for new walks, share photos and for general chat. Enjoy your walkabouts, wherever they may take you.

The folly, built to look like a distant castle when viewed from the grounds of Belchamp Hall.



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**The Film** - Erin Brockovich (starring Julia Roberts)

**The Discussion** – Wednesday 13th March 2024 gather at 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start

**The Where** - The Drapers, Earls Colne

For more information, contact Sharon ([revdsdq@gmail.com](mailto:revdsdq@gmail.com)), Kirsten ([kpt1607@icloud.com](mailto:kpt1607@icloud.com)) or Ray ([rawood@me.com](mailto:rawood@me.com)).

Our sewing bee is proving very popular, but we still have room for more if you are interested.

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  - (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;
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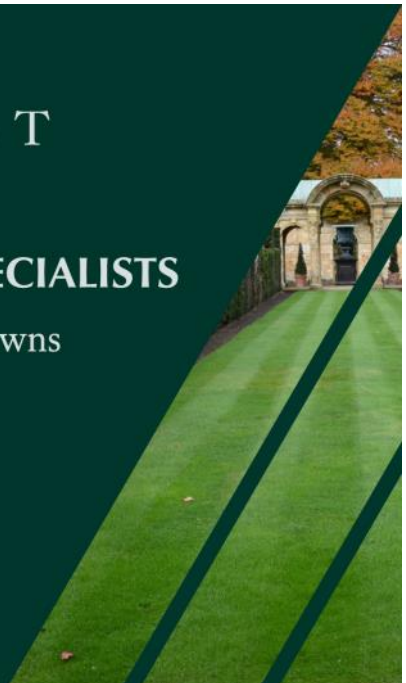
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The Village Hall. mystery sound has been solved. It was due to a battery being flat in the red box in the disabled loo, where, I had been reassured by several people that there was no battery! Replacing a very small 12 V battery has solved the problem!

There is also good news on the Youth Club front in that we may well now have a volunteer to restart the club within the village. It would have been very sad for both the hall and the village not to have had a Youth Club.

It was great to see the Village Hall. being used to capacity for the pantomime at the end of last month. This was again a roaring success and very much enjoyed by everyone.

It is also really good for me to see the calendar filling with so many events, and I hope that you will keep an eye out for bingo and quizzes at the hall all in aid of Village activities.

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**White Colne Sewing Bees:** Every Thursday evening in the hall 7.30pm to 9.30pm  
March 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Everyone welcome.

**Stationmasters Community Café** in the hall: Second and fourth Fridays of the month.  
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**Applause Theatre presents Gavin Robertson and Nicholas Collett in DONE TO DEATH BY JOVE! Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm in the hall. Tickets £12 from 07521 312778

**Village market** returns on March 16<sup>th</sup> in and around the hall third Saturday of every month 9am to midday, light breakfasts available.

**Parish Council meeting** Third Tuesday of alternate months March 19th 7.30pm village hall

**Community Garden Open Day** Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am to 3pm. Village hall. All welcome. Jane Taylor. [chairman@whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:chairman@whitecolneparishcouncil.gov.uk) 07521 312778

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Are you intrigued by a Community Garden but don't know enough about it, or even if it's something you want to do?

Our Community Garden is for everyone whatever your age or ability.

We are holding an **Open Day** on **Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **10am to 3pm**. Please come along to find out what's involved.

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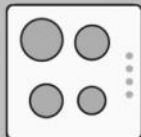
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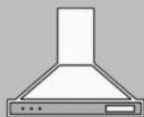
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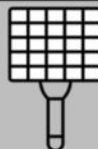
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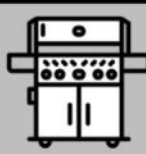
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**How to choose which estate agency is best suited for you** - Entrusting the sale or letting of your home to a company that you may have previously no interaction with whatsoever is a daunting concept at the best of times. Add into the mix that you may need the chosen estate agent to oversee the process that may determine whether you secure your dream home or find a tenant in time to meet your next mortgage payment, there are plenty of perils and hurdles along the way. In this article, I aim to share a few tips as to what should aid in your decision making.

**Choose an estate agent who sells/lets similar property to yours** - Brand identity impacts our actions from the first cup of tea we enjoy in the morning to the toothpaste we use before going to bed. Consciously or not, we select companies that we feel that we trust based on longstanding awareness, presentation, colour schemes and reputation (among many more criteria). When selecting a suitable estate agent, the leading candidate should be able to demonstrate a background of having marketed, sold, or let a number of similar homes within the local area. These homes can be similar in terms of style, size, setting and/or price but should provide confidence that not only is the suitable agent more likely to have the requisite experience to quote an accurate marketing price, but will also be more likely to have a greater number of purchasers on their mailing list that will be interested in purchasing or letting. ....Cont'd /

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**Confidence in pricing** - Most of us have an ingrained bias towards our own property being worth somewhat more than often ends up being the case (although some of us have been out of the marketplace for so long that we dramatically underestimate value). For those with a more ambitious mindset, this makes perfect sense in that they were the ones that saw what was attractive about it in the first instance, however this sadly does not always mean that everyone else looking within the market at any given time will draw the same conclusion. Most estate agents are very capable at nodding along with what a client's original expectations are, the best estate agents have sufficient evidence and the ability to present what may or may not be difficult for a client to hear, but ultimately is the best advice.

**If all else fails** - My most memorable reason for being selected as the estate agent for the job was being the only one of three that offered to take my shoes off upon arrival. This has long stuck with me in that it is often the smaller gestures that are the ones that go the furthest in creating a positive first impression. Whilst the role of an estate agent is principally to secure the best price, purchaser, or tenant possible, if you can get on with them along the way then it certainly helps!

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# Event



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Doors open 7pm. Bring your own refreshments. Complimentary teas and coffees.

“The 39 Steps” meets Agatha Christie via Holmes and Watson! A cast of six bring a comic flurry of suspects and sleuths together to discover whodunnit, and how... Except, well... four of the cast are stuck by the side of the M6 in the van, and only those two knights of the Theatre – Sir Gavin and Sir Nicholas – have managed to get to the venue... but ‘the show must go on’... what could possibly go wrong!? Comic clichés from the Great British Detective genre – Lords and ladies, shady servants, secrets, motives and cunning detective-work abound in this genre-busting farcical comedy from the Masters of inventive silliness! That’s if the two of them can get through the play at all without losing the plot. Literally. It’s not a new idea – it’s been Done to Death, By Jove – but not like this! Promise. Warning: Contains hats!

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I am no eco warrior, but just by growing my own veg (or some of it at least) I am helping the climate. So, I know there is a war on plastic, but if, like me you have a mountain of plastic pots, they need to be re-used over and over, what else do we do? The black ones can't be recycled. If you have 6", 8", 10" pots or bigger (that's 150mm, 200mm, and 250mm in new money) why not plant things like lettuce, onions, garlic or any other shallow rooted veg you can think of and sink the pots in the ground, they act as instant spacing, they hold moisture longer in a drought and when its harvest time, just lift the whole pot as you need it. I know I harp on about water (in ten years we will be fighting in the streets for it) but I have containers of all shapes and sizes on every available space on my allotment, collecting the ample supplies of water dropping from the skies at the moment. When there is a lack of supply in the communal tank (which I must add comes from water pumped from the river), or when I don't want to make the trek across everyone else's plots to collect it, I have a ready available supply well within reach of all my plantings. Talking of plantings, what to do now? One thing I will try this year is crystal lemon cucumber, I grew it for a client last season, and she made me some chutney from it, it was delicious, it is drought tolerant and cold hardy, so what's not to like? If you want to risk it, first early potatoes can go out now, the .....Cont'd /

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traditional way, in the ground a couple of inches deep, or , if like me, you prefer to grow in tubs, a 2" (50mm) layer of compost on the bottom before placing seed spuds in and the same amount on the top, with fleece or some other insulating layer to improve the chances of success. Just a quick list of what can be sown outside in March, weather permitting: beetroot, carrots, cauliflowers, Jerusalem artichoke, parsnips, rocket and strawberries.

'Laters taters'

**Gary**

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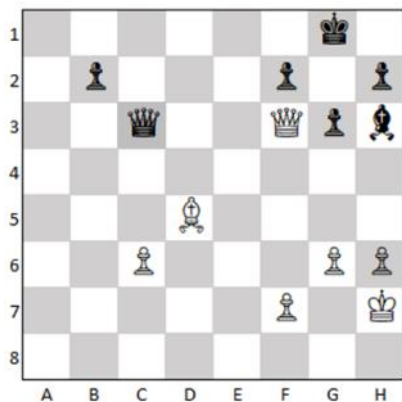
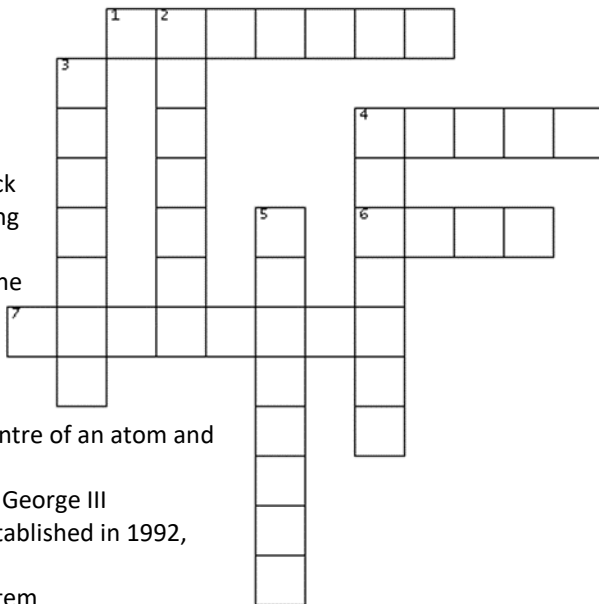
## March Crossword

ACROSS

1. Italian dish, constructed from dough, composed of egg, wheat flour, salt and potato
4. Dreamworks Film, starring Jack Black, releasing this month - Kung Fu \_\_\_\_ 4
6. Author of bestselling series, the Secret Seven, \_\_\_\_ Blyton
7. Capital of Finland

DOWN

2. Name shared between the centre of an atom and a structure of a eukaryotic cell
3. Germanic State ruled over by George III
4. Which football league was established in 1992, The \_\_\_\_\_ League
5. Largest moon in our solar system



**Checkmate in One**

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By George Rust



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# Recipe Corner



**Crispy Seaweed** One of the things about growing up is realising which is truth, and that which is fiction. Another is that Chinese crispy seaweed is not made from the slimy stuff you see clinging to breakwaters on the beach. It still tastes jolly good, though.

## Method

1. First prepare the kale. With a sharp knife, cut out the stalk and the fibrous vein down the centre of each kale leaf and discard. Using the same knife, chop the leaves finely. Then, using a herb cutter, chop them even more finely, as small and as powdery as you can. But don't be tempted to deploy the blade or grater on the food processor, as the kale will clog up the machine.
2. Place the chopped kale into a mixing bowl. Add the oil, salt and five spice powder and stir them in.



If you're making an Asian meal, cook the 'seaweed' first.

3. Place the kale into a wok (you don't need any more oil) and cook at high temperature. Stir vigorously.
4. After a couple of minutes, lower the temperature and add the sugar. Carry on stirring vigorously. Don't let the kale burn (go black in the pan).
5. Place the 'seaweed' in a serving dish and keep it in a warm oven while you're cooking the rest of your Asian meal. This makes it crisp



Rosemary Johnson

## Ingredients

About 200g of kale  
2 tablespoonsful of oil (any sort)  
A pinch of salt  
2 tablespoonsful of brown sugar  
A teaspoonful of five spice powder.

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# Brick Meadows

## EARLS COLNE

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As we write this at the very end of January, nature is already showing its optimism with Snowdrops appearing and green shoots showing on some very sheltered Elder trees plus there has been a marked increase in birdsong. The meadows, with its diverse habitats are a wonderful area to witness nature and we encourage everyone to spend time in the area, make use of the benches and enjoy some tranquillity, even in the Winter!

With the prospect of cattle in the meadows now highly unlikely, the monthly work party put its January efforts into removing gate posts and kissing gate assemblies to open up the footpaths. These will be reused to replace the wooden gates and fencing on the boundaries which are now well past their best. An ongoing project is to remove the barbed wire, erected several years ago, to contain the cattle, before it becomes too entwined in the bushes or falls into the soil. With the wooden posts rotting this is becoming an increasingly urgent task.

Two Tawny Owl boxes have been placed in trees with one in the Long Meadow and one on the edge of the wood. As part of winter maintenance, and before birds start nesting, hedges have been cut which, we hope, will encourage nature to provide good hideaways for nest building.

It has been most encouraging to see the paths in the Poplars Field alongside Hawe Brook being well used. We hope that this will continue through the spring and summer, as continued use helps keep weeds down and makes maintenance easier.

Work has started on the annual cut of the anthills field and, hopefully, by the time this is read a “willing” work party will have been assembled to clear. Removing the cut undergrowth has an important role in reducing soil fertility. Fertility encourages brambles and coarse grasses to grow, and these overwhelm the wildflowers as they germinate and also shade the anthills which is undesirable.

The Meadows now have their own Facebook page (Earls Colne Brick Meadows) through which pictures of the seasonal changes, works being carried out and nature’s hi-lights will be shown. Please log on, spread the word and like.

Work continues behind the scenes to get the three fields adjacent to Church Hill and Coggeshall Road added to the existing Nature Reserve status enjoyed by the Long Meadow, the Woods and the Anthills field and we hope the this will have a successful outcome in 2024 to get added protection for this village asset.

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Our March book is *The Burning Chambers* by Kate Mosse. Carcassonne 1562. Nineteen-year-old Minou Joubert receives an anonymous letter - sealed with a distinctive family crest - which contains just five words: 'She knows that you live'. But then a chance meeting with Piet Reydon, a young Huguenot convert, changes her life for ever . . .

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On 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May over the festival weekend we will have a bottle tombola, plant stall, splat the rat and stocks (Volunteers would be welcome if you are available to help, please let us know).

A concert with 'THEATRE III' classical crossover and songs from the musicals on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm for 7.00pm in the marquee on the recreation ground. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Ticket price £10 per person.

Harvest Lunch on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall, more details to follow.

We are also arranging a Bingo night and Quiz night, more details to follow shortly.

**Further information on events or to volunteer for helping on stalls please contact Rita Prior on 01787 223867 or email ritaprior31@gmail.com**

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### Find out more:

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And boy, did we have some fun in 2023! Recitals, cream teas, music nights, bingo nights, a quiz night, and culminating in our very popular annual event, 'Christmas Starts Here' ... all these events combined to raise just under £3,000! That's brilliant – thank you all for your support, however you give it, whether it's turning up for events, giving donations or just buying a jar of marmalade. It all helps, and is gratefully received.

If you thought last year was a one-off, think again! We already have lots of events planned for 2024. We'll advertise them all online and on posters in the village as they approach, but here's some dates for your diaries:

#### **This month:**

Saturday 16th March    Bingo night in church, 7pm for 7.30pm. £8 per person (includes 6 games), there'll be cash prizes, an optional 'flyer' and refreshments available. Come along, you can pay on the door.

#### **Upcoming:**

Thursday 11th April    Lunchtime recital in church

Saturday 20th April    Kelvedon Singers concert in church

Saturday 4th May        Bingo night in church

Thursday 9th May        Lunchtime recital in church

We're also planning a Vintage Fashion Show and a Music Night – watch out for those dates in future magazines. Obviously we do have regular church services too – we're a friendly bunch of people, come along, and stay for coffee afterwards. Each month in this magazine we'll have more details about upcoming and future events, so keep an eye out for these articles. For the moment, hold the above dates and we'll keep you updated. It's going to be a busy year...

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, we'd love that too. All the services in all our Three Colnes churches are listed in this magazine. If you would like more information about anything we're up to, or you have suggestions for events, or if you want to join our fundraising group, you can drop an email to [ecstandrewsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:ecstandrewsfundraising@gmail.com) or post a message via the link on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/3Colnes.HalsteadAreaTeam>  
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**Doug McKenzie**

# *What's On at The Village Hall*

## **EARLS COLNE**

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### **Monday's**

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Karate 6.00-7.00pm. Contact 01787 371131

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### **Tuesday's**

Pilates 10.00-11.00am. Contact Sally 07530 075586

Dance & Cheer 5.30-6.30pm. Contact Amy 07809 287937

Lunch Club every other Tuesday 10.00am-12.00pm. In March on 5th and 19th.

### **Wednesday's**

Pilates 6.30-7.30pm. Contact Sally 07530 075586

Move Me Exercise 9.30-10.30am. Contact Jenny 07359 520438

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Yoga 7.00-8.00pm. Contact Caroline [www.thepeacefulco.com](http://www.thepeacefulco.com)

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### **Thursday's**

Pilates 10.00-11.00am. Contact Sally 07530 075586

Warm Hub 11.15am-2.00pm. Contact Eleanor Fitch 01787 224370. All welcome.

Dance 4.45-6.00pm. Contact Colchester School of Dance 07855 380739

Dance 5.00-7.00pm. Contact Colchester School of Dance 07855 380739

Stane Street Players 7.30-9.30pm. Contact [gill.mccubbine@hotmail.com](mailto:gill.mccubbine@hotmail.com)

### **Friday's**

Yoga 9.30-10.30am. Contact Natasha 07971 107835

Tai-Chi 1.00-2.00pm. Contact 07540 049625

Youth Club every other Friday. In March 1st; 15th; and 29th.



# The Three Colnes Diary

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1	Fri	Games Night 6pm (p.45)
2	Sat	
3	Sun	Forest Church 3pm (p.49)
4	Mon	Zumba Class, Colne Engaine; White Colne Winter Hub 8.30am (p.32)
5	Tue	Yoga Class Colne Engaine;
6	Wed	COPY DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE; Brew n' Chat, Earls Colne 2pm (p.18); 3.30 Express 3.30pm (p.39)
7	Thu	Brew n' Chat, Colne Engaine 2pm (p.18); Keep Fit Class Colne Engaine; White Colne Sewing Bees 7.30pm (p.23); Community Choir, Colne Engaine 6pm (p.48)
8	Fri	White Colne Stationmasters Community Café 9am (p.32)
9	Sat	Done To Death By Jove! - White Colne Event 7.30pm (p.37)
10	Sun	Mothering Sunday
11	Mon	Zumba Class, Colne Engaine; White Colne Winter Hub 8.30am (p.32)
12	Tue	Yoga Class Colne Engaine; St. Andrew's Book Club Meeting: 2pm at 8 Coggeshall Road, Earls Colne (p.48)
13	Wed	Brew n' Chat, Earls Colne 2pm (p.18); Film Club 6.45pm (p.23)
14	Thu	Brew n' Chat, Colne Engaine 2pm (p.18); Keep Fit Class Colne Engaine; White Colne Sewing Bees 7.30pm (p.23); Community Choir, Colne Engaine 6pm (p.48)
15	Fri	
16	Sat	Halstead Choral Music Event 7pm (p.24); Easter Eggstravaganza 9am (p.27) ; White Colne Village Market returns today 9am (p.32); Fundraising Bingo Event 7pm (p.55)
17	Sun	Café Church 6pm (p.50)
18	Mon	Zumba Class, Colne Engaine; White Colne Winter Hub 8.30am (p.32)
19	Tue	Yoga Class Colne Engaine; White Colne Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm (p.32)
20	Wed	Brew n' Chat, Earls Colne 2pm (p.18)
21	Thu	Brew n' Chat, Colne Engaine 2pm (p.18); Keep Fit Class Colne Engaine; White Colne Sewing Bees 7.30pm (p.23); Community Choir, Colne Engaine 6pm (p.48)
22	Fri	White Colne Stationmasters Community Café 9am (p.32)
23	Sat	Going Walk About (p.21); White Colne Community Garden Open Day 10am (p.33)
24	Sun	
25	Mon	Zumba Class, Colne Engaine; White Colne Winter Hub 8.30am (p.32)
26	Tue	Yoga Class Colne Engaine
27	Wed	Brew n' Chat, Earls Colne 2pm (p.18)
28	Thu	Brew n' Chat, Colne Engaine 2pm (p.18); Keep Fit Class Colne Engaine; White Colne Sewing Bees 7.30pm (p.23); Community Choir, Colne Engaine 6pm (p.48)
29	Fri	Good Friday
30	Sat	Luminous Does Easter 10.30am (p.5)
31	Sun	Easter Day

## Useful Numbers

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### Councils

Braintree District Council 01376 552525  
Colchester Borough Council 01206 282222

### Doctors

The Elizabeth Courtauld Surgery, Halstead  
01787 475944  
The Pump House Surgery, Earls Colne  
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Colne Engaine C of E (Aided) Primary School  
01787 222717  
Earls Colne Primary School & Nursery  
01787 222205  
Honywood Community Science School,  
Coggeshall 01376 561231  
The Ramsey Academy 01787 472481

### Essex Police

Braintree Police Station 0300 333 4444

### Village Amenities

Colne Engaine Village Hall 01787 223668  
Earls Colne Village Hall 01787 224370  
White Colne Village Hall 07585 558047  
Colne Engaine Village Shop and Post Office:  
01787 220163  
White Colne Village Market 07870 652321

### Village Groups

Colne Engaine Village Archive 01787 222080

### Youth Groups

1st Earls Colne Brownies 01787 224175  
1st Earls Colne Girl Guides 01787 220065  
1st Earls Colne Rainbows 01787 224913  
Scouts [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

If you are an officer of a club or group in one of the Three Colne Villages and would like to place information about the group's activities and events in the magazine for free, please contact the Editor (pg. 2).

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