

# Birdbrook Parish

## Village Playground



### TABLE SALE

### Date & time

Birdbrook Community Centre

To raise funds for refurbishing  
the village play area

To book phone Katie 07496 763573



## Essex Energy Switch

Essex Energy Switch offers county residents chance to fix costs and sign up to renewable energy. More info at:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/cut-energy-costs>



## Steeple Bumpstead Surgery Proposed Permanent Closure

The surgery building, small and limited in the provision it can offer, has not been utilised since early 2020. Patients are being supported remotely with consultations at Clements Surgery in Haverhill if they need to be seen face to face, where social distancing and infection control measures are in place to ensure they can be seen safely.

It is felt that patients now have access to better quality healthcare at the main Clements Surgery site, approx four miles away.

With this in mind, Unity Healthcare would like to gather the views of our patients and the local community about the proposal to permanently close the Steeple Bumpstead surgery and to continue providing a full range of quality healthcare services for all patients from the Clements site.

The engagement exercise will run between August 23 and October 11 and seek views on any possible impact this would have on patients transferred to Unity Healthcare from the Steeple Bumpstead Surgery.

For more information visit:

[https://www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/website/B82047/files/Patient\\_information\\_-\\_website.pdf](https://www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/website/B82047/files/Patient_information_-_website.pdf)





## Martin Gilbert



It may seem a little curious that I have spent so many years in the east of England, having been born quite a long time ago in Plymouth, way down in the south west of the country. This part of the world has clearly proved to be a good place to live. Having qualified to teach and then getting married, I set about looking for somewhere to start my career.

Alison and I moved into the Haverhill area originally intending to stay for three to five years. That was in 1974 ! Obviously, we have made this area our family home over the past forty-seven years. Our two children grew up here and attended the local schools and we have both worked in the region for all of that time. I taught at Castle Manor school for fifteen years and then taught for another twenty-two years in Braintree.

After we both retired, approximately ten years ago, we started looking to move into a small village as we had previously enjoyed life in Kedington several years ago. We both feel fortunate that it was to Birdbrook that we finally managed to move, and do not intend moving anywhere else as we feel very comfortable here. We both like to take an interest in nature, particularly birds, and enjoy walking and cycling, using eBikes I hasten to add, around the fields and lanes. It is particularly noticeable how many people in the village also take an interest in wildlife and are always prepared to share ideas and let you know what birds are around.

We have three grandchildren who are very dear to us, we love to watch them grow and to share in their hectic lives even though we are a couple of hundred miles away from them. We are extremely grateful to have the internet to help bridge the gap, especially so in these difficult times. Hopefully, we will all be able to return to some sort of normality later in the year.

Apart from family life my other main passion is for Rugby. I played for a local team in Plymouth, for my college and even for Haverhill for three years when we first moved here. However, I then stopped playing as I decided to undertake further study in order to develop my career. Even though it is rather difficult to get tickets these days I have been lucky enough to watch England play many times at Twickenham and have also been to most of the other grounds in the Six Nations. I even made it to two World Cup Finals. Nowadays I content myself with watching the games in on television or in The Plough.

In quieter moments I enjoy reading and doing crosswords, I also like to set or take part in the occasional quiz. Over the past six or seven years I have helped to raise close to £1000 for East Town Park by organising quiz evenings for the volunteers. Volunteering is something else that I enjoy, hence my reason for taking up the post of Under-Deputy-Groundsman for the Bowls Club and, of course, why I joined The Parish Council. In 2012 I was even one of the 30,000 Games Makers for the London Olympics; that was huge fun.

My two current projects are, one, trying to find funding to be able to replace the equipment in our play areas, and two, making the village pond look more respectable again. If you want to help with the former and would like to make a donation to the fund, that can be arranged. If you wish to make a contribution to the work at the pond, then please look out for any notices that I will be sending out as soon as we are able to get together again. Stay well, keep safe.

Martin



## Birdbrook Wild Life Column

Well, what a non-event summer was. I can assure you, it has officially finished as most of the Swifts have already headed off to warmer climes and yesterday I even saw a few family parties of swallows zooming southwards. The regular flock of village Swifts disappeared at the start of the month and they could be in Southern Spain or North Africa by now. Swallows seem to have had a difficult summer with many fellow birders reporting failed broods and reduced clutch sizes. There still seem to be a few House martins around the village and hopefully they have fared a little better. Some of you will have spotted a Hobby chasing the Swifts and Swallows around the village. Like a small version of a Peregrine they supplement their diet of flying insects (especially dragonflies) with Swifts, Swallows and Martins. They are also migrants and will follow the southern bound flocks of swifts and swallows all the way down to their wintering grounds in Africa.



Above: Redstart photo by Barry Williams  
Opposite: Woodpeckers by Jane Garnham

### Access to Wildlife Meadow Wanted

I am a hobbyist wildlife photographer based in Birdbrook looking for an area of woodland/meadow where I could set up some bird feeders and occasionally bring a pop up hide. Ideally fairly close to a car parking spot, I am happy to pay for access and would of course be respectful of property. If you think you could help please contact me at: [jane.garnham36@gmail.com](mailto:jane.garnham36@gmail.com)

**NB you can see Jane's stunning woodpecker photo on the page opposite. Ed**

Our resident common birds seem to have suffered due to the wet spring and I have seen very few young Blackbirds, Robins or Dunnocks in my garden. Surprisingly there seem to be good numbers of Greenfinches, a once common garden bird that has seriously declined in numbers in the last 10 years. Goldfinches also seem to have had a successful breeding season and perhaps their regular visits to garden feeders has helped them succeed where other birds less dependant on artificial foods have suffered. Great Spotted Woodpeckers have always been regular visitors to garden feeders and we have proof that at least one family of woodpeckers managed to successfully raise some young in Birdbrook. Many thanks again to Jane Garnham for the cracking shot of the female feeding one of the soon to fledge youngsters.

With harvest time in full swing it has been interesting to see the local buzzards, gulls and crows scouring the fields for any small creature disturbed by the farm machinery. As a big gull lover I have been delighted to see some visitors from further afield join the local gull flocks. At this time of the year the regular Black-headed and Herring gulls are joined by Lesser-black-backed and Common gulls. Whilst the Lessers' have probably bred on the Suffolk coast the Common gulls may have come down from Scotland and Northern Ireland and as winter approaches we will get additional birds from as far away as Russia. I appreciate gulls are not everyone's favourite bird but they are hugely interesting to study and many travel thousands of miles during the course of their lives. Perhaps if humans weren't such an untidy race and hadn't emptied the seas of fish our local gulls might still be "sea" gulls!

It's not just gulls, swifts and swallows that start migrating this time of the year. Many of our common summer visitors will soon be heading south. Whilst Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps will be with us for another month or so, Willow warblers, Whitethroats and Lesser whitethroats will be leaving us in the next few weeks. This is also a good time to spot one of our rarer summer visitors as they head down to their wintering grounds in Africa. Perhaps a Pied flycatcher or Wood warbler may turn up in your garden and I was lucky enough to have one of my favourite birds turn up in my garden two years ago. A stunning male Redstart stayed for about a week feeding on flying ants from our lawn and after several failed attempts I managed to trap and ring him. I think you'll agree it is an awesome bird!

Happy birding everyone!!

Barry Williams [baz\\_williams@hotmail.com](mailto:baz_williams@hotmail.com)



## Introducing Chadwells Stud

Chadwells Stud is a family run establishment, which began 5 years ago when we moved from London to the tranquillity of Chadwell Farm.

Fiona, Simon, and daughter Julia, work alongside their only member of staff, Birdbrook's own Katie Gentry.

Fiona juggles helping care for the horses with her full-time job as Financial Director of London wine company 'Wilkinson Vintners'. Simon is in charge of caring for the land and keeping the show on the road, while Julia works in the stables, trains the horses, and is the driving force behind the developing breeding program.

We breed and produce high quality dressage horses who are intended for international sport. We mainly sell them as foals, to homes across the UK, as well as with consistent interest from European buyers.



Above: Ziggy

We have bought most of our breeding mares as foals, while buying one or two older mares from Germany in the meantime, to start the breeding program.

We have had good success thus far. Multiple foals from our breeding program have gained Premium awards from the British Hanoverian Studbook, and many have sold to highly competitive homes.

When we choose stallions for our mares, we must look at the positive and negative traits for each of them, and only choose a stallion that compliments and improves the mare's negative traits. No horse is perfect, but we believe in only breeding from mares that have successful Dam lines (mare family), or from mares who have proved successful in sport and are of long-term good health themselves. (Much like in racing, where foals from 'black-type' mares are more valuable).

The stallions we choose often tend to be from Europe. Mainly The Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark. Julia often takes an annual trip to Germany in November, where the main Stallion Licensing's commence...she can see them in person and assess conformation and way of going/movement more easily. The mares are inseminated through Artificial Insemination, and the foaling season is usually between March and July, later than the Thoroughbred season.

Left: Fruity, first time out



## Friends of Haverhill Library 2022 Calendar Competition Closing date: 4th October



Our very own local photographic competition is free to enter and open to all. We would love to see your entries —and we have evidence of excellent local photographers just in this newsletter! Do share your photographic skills and the wonderful scenes around us.

The 2022 A3 wall calendar will be on sale early November at £7, featuring at least 25 of your stunning photos.

Full details: <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on/scenes-in-and-around-haverhill-calendar-competition>

Send your photo entries by 4th October to: [FOHCalendarcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:FOHCalendarcompetition@gmail.com)

## Mushrooms & Toadstools

Autumn is the best time for fungal forays. With more than 15,000 species in the UK, fungi make up an entire kingdom of their own. These curious beings are neither plant, nor animal, and their diversity is stupendous. Some are delicious, and others poisonous. Every habitat is home to a great variety of fungi, and autumn is the best time to explore this little-visited world: you may well be surprised at just how many you come across!

[https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/where\\_to\\_find\\_fungi](https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/where_to_find_fungi)



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## New Scientist Photography Awards 2021

Winners and runners-up for the three categories – The Natural World, Modern Life and Our Changing Environment – were chosen by wildlife presenter Chris Packham, award-winning photographer Sue Flood and New Scientist editors Helen Benians, Timothy Revell and Penny Sarchet. While the first and second-place entries for each category have already been decided by the panel, the overall winner will be judged by public vote. View shortlisted entries at <https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg25133503-900-amazing-images-make-new-scientist-photography-awards-2021-shortlist/> and (by 26 Sept) vote on the overall winner.

## Citizen Science Bee Hotel Survey

If you have a bee hotel in your garden, it is fascinating watching them fly 'to and fro' collecting items, and then sealing up the tubes with chopped up leaves. If you have noticed any activity in the last month, this short survey, will help Citizen Science in their quest to make bee hotels better for bees. <https://saviourbees.co.uk/citizenscience/>





## Defibrillator Training

Both communities in the Parish now are now served by defibrillators, one installed four years ago in the old phone box at Birdbrook, and the latest at the entrance to Eagle Farm car park in Baythorne End.

We will be arranging an awareness session soon in order to demonstrate how, if called upon, the defibrillator can be used with confidence.

The awareness session will be a good opportunity for any recent arrivals in the village to acquaint yourselves with the equipment & meet your fellow villagers, all will be welcome.

Anyone wishing to take part, in a session during September/October early one evening at the Community House in Birdbrook, please contact either:  
 Cllr Steve Rhenius: 01440 785219 or  
 Cllr Alan Cook: 01440 785458



## Haverhill community first responders

Hi everyone, I am part of a team of first responders that volunteer for the East of England Ambulance service. We are called by the Ambulance dispatch team to assist Ambulance crews that have been sent medical emergencies, such as cardiac arrest, chest pains, breathing problems to trips and falls. We are trained at the central training centre at Newmarket by the same people that train the Ambulance crews, we have to do a six day training course, this is learn how to deal with patients and what to look for, and deal with cardiac events, diabetes, anaphylaxis and much more, plus how to hand over to crews in a professional way. I have now been doing this for 7.5 years and at 80 years young I have, along with rest of our team have requalified for another 12 months. All responders throughout East of England must do on line and hands on to requalify every year, plus our monthly training to keep us updated with new development and scenarios. If you would like to be part of a team helping the public with medical emergencies, are fit and healthy and can drive why give it a try, you can find us on Facebook HAVERHILL, KEDINGTON and HUNDON COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS, just leave a message with your name and email and we send you details. If there is enough response we would gladly help you with setting up a group for Birdbrook and villages around you.

Stan Pridmore

## Hello From Your District Councillor

### Councillor's Community Grant

The community grant scheme gives funding to groups and organisations to support local projects and initiatives that benefit the people of the District. As your Ward Councillor, I have a maximum of £1,500 to give to local organisations subject to the meeting of criteria. Applications for funding can be discussed with me and the Scheme Guidance, providing full information can be found at: [www.braintree.gov.uk/community/councillors-community-grant-scheme](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/community/councillors-community-grant-scheme)

### Crime in the District

Theft of catalytic converters, vehicles or contents of vehicles (often a Ford Transit) and sheds/outbuildings, bicycles and parcels remains common. Several amounts of clothing from clothing bins mid-end July (perhaps heading for boot sales or web market!). Around 4<sup>th</sup> August a Spiderman rucksack containing £20,500.00 was stolen from a draw in a bungalow at Witham. Around 5<sup>th</sup> August about £700 worth of diesel was stolen from a tractor at Gt Bardfield. And particularly upsetting; on 3<sup>rd</sup> August a Chestnut Horse was stolen from Black Notley.

### Successful Fly-Tipping Prosecution (Baythorne End)

On 27 April 2020, a member of the public reported that two males were fly-tipping waste from a van over a bridge onto a disused railway line in Baythorne End, Birdbrook. Officers found evidence

that the waste originated from an address in Stevenage and were able to link this to a company that had carried out the work. The person operating the



company that carried out this work was also the registered keeper of the van. On 23 February 2021, a 41-year-old male from Haverhill was summoned to appear at Chelmsford Magistrates Court on charges of fly tipping and associated offences. He did not attend and the magistrates issued a warrant for his arrest. On 18 May 2021, the male was arrested and taken to Ipswich Magistrates Court where he entered a not guilty plea to the charges. A trial was held at Basildon Magistrates Court on 14 July 2021 and on hearing the evidence and obtaining further legal advice, the male changed his plea to guilty. He was fined, ordered to



pay costs which in total came to £1,156 and now has a criminal record.

### Protect Yourself By Taking Care With Your Waste

I would also urge residents who ask a third party to dispose of their waste for them, to always check that they have a valid Waste Carriers Licence before

doing so. There are some easy checks people can carry out to ensure they protect themselves and the environment:

1. **If you use a trader to remove your waste, ask to see their Waste Carriers Registration Number issued by the Environment Agency.** (Ask for their waste carrier number and vehicle details and contact the Environment Agency for a free instant waste carrier check: [www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information))
2. **Ensure you receive a transfer notice/receipt before your waste is taken away.**
3. **Check where your waste is going.** (Being a registered waste carrier means the person can legally remove your rubbish, but you still need to check what is going to happen to it. A legitimate waste carrier should not object to you asking these questions.)

### Steeple Bumpstead GP Services

The District Council is not able to influence the provision of GP services. However, I have been communicating with the Partnerships & Development Director, at Suffolk GP Federation CIC after I discovered that a few residents found that they were not registered with Unity Healthcare, Haverhill Practice. Unity Healthcare are keen to address this issue as soon as possible and have requested that residents contact them directly to resolve this.

With regards to future plans for Steeple Bumpstead Surgery, they have informed me that they do not have a firm position at present as to whether services will run from this building. They say they are currently in discussions about the use of the Unity Healthcare buildings 'post pandemic' and will keep me updated with developments as the unfold. They also said "I would urge parish councils and residents to be mindful of the extreme pressures they are experiencing across the NHS; the unprecedented and relentless increase in demand following relaxation of restrictions and the exhaustion of many of the staff who really do need some time to recover".

With best wishes to all,  
 Cllr. Diana Garrod

## Last Issue Word Search

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## St Augustine's Church Birdbrook



Next services at St Augustine's, Birdbrook:

**12 September**  
10.30am  
Morning Worship

**10 October** 10.30am  
Harvest Festival

**24th October**  
10.30am  
Holy Communion

For a full list of services across the benefice visit:

[https://7d1adb92-e7c6-4886-9845-f97f1a569147.filesusr.com/ugd/0ee4ed\\_e6c19cd64afd4184ac0e6e2da6df5e2e.pdf](https://7d1adb92-e7c6-4886-9845-f97f1a569147.filesusr.com/ugd/0ee4ed_e6c19cd64afd4184ac0e6e2da6df5e2e.pdf)

On-line services are aimed at the whole family and are also available afterwards so you can watch in your own time. Simply type the following links into your browser:

Facebook: <http://tiny.cc/7y6zlj>

YouTube: <http://tiny.cc/nx6zlj>

## Letter from Revd Canon Jonathan Lowe

### Johnny Appleseed

In my childhood, I was a member of the local Cub Pack. In reality, I only joined to play in the football team, but I found that I really enjoyed other activities as well. One of these was singing grace before all meals when we had weekends away. We had several we used but my favourite was always Jonny Appleseed. It goes:

*Oh, the Lord's been good to me.  
And so I thank the Lord  
For giving me the things I need:  
The sun, the rain and the apple seed;  
Oh, the Lord's been good to me.*

I loved the tune and didn't really think about the words at first but, after a few years, I began to wonder why we were singing about apple seeds. It seemed a bit specific and rather odd! Why was God thinking I needed apple seeds?

I decided to look into it. and the first thing I discovered is that Jonny Appleseed was a real person and then discovered he had a fabulous story to tell.

In the early 19th century Jonathan Chapman used to travel around farms in America with his Bible. He was a travelling preacher and would stay with local families as

he worked. In the evenings he would read to the family from the Bible because in those days not many of the families could read it for themselves. They looked forward to his visits and called him "Johnny Appleseed".

Why? Well on some farms he noticed the men were busy making apple juice. The apples were pressed and when the juice was extracted the pips were thrown away. "What a waste," thought Johnny: those little pips could grow into fine trees. So, Johnny asked if he could have some seeds. The man replied that he could have as much as he wanted. And so, Johnny filled his saddlebag with seeds. From then on, when he would visit a farm, after having read from the Bible, he would plant some of the apple seeds. He then made a little fence around them to protect them and to give them a chance to grow.

For over 40 years Johnny did this work, sowing the word of God in the hearts of people and sowing apple seeds in the ground. Everywhere he went he left something behind to give pleasure and nourishment to the farming people, both apple trees and the word of God.

At this time of year, many of us are busy tending our gardens, planting and weeding and watering to ensure that everything looks beautiful, and we get the best crop possible – but I wonder how many of us are tending as diligently and enthusiastically to our life with God?

If we want our relationship with God to grow, we have to plant the seeds of his word in our hearts, our homes and our lives together. We need to do this in order for anything to grow – nothing can grow if it's not planted, we know this in our gardens but often forget that the same applies in our lives as well. The great news is that God is ready and waiting to be our co-gardener. If we plant the seeds, God's love, God's peace and God's abundance will ensure a flourishing of them in our lives. As Jesus says in Mark Chapter 4, "It is like what happens when a mustard seed is planted in the ground. It is the smallest seed in all the world. But once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant. It even puts out branches that are big enough for birds to nest in its shade."

Johnny Appleseed was someone who understood the importance of tending to the spiritual things of this world just as much as the physical. He was someone that reaped a great harvest in both. I pray that you will be able to do likewise.

Blessings,  
Jonathan

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## Trees and Hedges in Conservation Areas

Please remember that if you want to reduce the size of, or completely remove, a tree in a conservation area then you do need to contact the planning department. This also applies if you want to remove a hedge. This normally doesn't cost anything.

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/planning-building-control/protected-trees-hedges/2>

Interactive map showing Braintree conservation areas:  
<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/planning-building-control/conservation-areas>

## Birdbrook Ladies Group



L: the First of the summer flowers.

R: Which smells better...the sweet peas or the home made cakes?

We are delighted to report that, following lockdown, Birdbrook Ladies were able to hold a first open-air cautious get-together in June when we visited Stour Valley Flowers. This was a relaxed and interesting visit to see the organic English flowers being grown and listen to Vicky talking about her evolving bouquet and events business....and of course it was so good to see old friends and feel as though life was beginning to get back to something a bit more normal. This was an inspiring evening when we were made to feel very welcome by a lady who manages to combine running a hands-on business with

## Meet our County Councillor Cllr Peter Schwier

Born and bred in Gt Maplestead a retired 3rd generation former farmer. Have served as a Parish Councillor and currently a Braintree District Councillor for the Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward as well as serving as your County Councillor, Deputy Cabinet Member to the Leader and Climate Csar.



a young family, ICU nursing, running and baking ! Watch out for flowers for sale at the roadside between Stoke-by-Clare and Clare.

In July we met for an informal Pimms and Strawberries social in Sue's garden – well it was Wimbledon fortnight. We enjoyed a relaxed chat and catch up, and we will continue in this mode in August with a BBQ for members and their partners.

Plans for the Autumn remain sketchy, due to the still uncertain nature of socialising and meeting, but we are hopeful that we will be able to something more normal in the Winter when of course we will need to be indoors.

As always, we are very happy to welcome new members. Contact Sue King on 788118 for more information.



## Marathon for Macmillan Cancer Support



Hello! I wanted to say a special Thank you! to everyone who I have seen out and about in our beautiful village when I've been out training! On the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 I am running the London Marathon. This is a Bucket

List item of mine & I was delighted to get through in the ballot in February. The starting point was learning to run!— and I downloaded the Couch to 5k & headed off the Moyns Park path! It's been a huge learning curve, but I've been loving every moment. I have met some lovely people in Birdbrook who have been so encouraging.

It's also a huge privilege to be able to fulfil a personal dream while raising money for a charity close to my heart, Macmillan Cancer Support who provided

amazing support when both my Mum and Dad were diagnosed with the Big C.

One of the ways that helps the miles go by is to dedicate a mile to someone - if you would like me to run a mile in memory of a loved one or someone extra special to you, then please let me know and I'm happy to add them to the special roll call I will carry with me on the day.

I appreciate it's not been an easy time for people but if you do have any pennies to spare then my donations page can be found at

[https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/19924\\_8569797\\_10078](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/19924_8569797_10078)

Any donations would be fabulous and help make a difference to those who need support, alongside the family & friends around them when a cancer diagnosis hits.



So, in the next few weeks if you see these bright mermaid leggings running around Birdbrook— give me a wave & a shout — it makes such a difference! Thanks again —  
Mandy Wilson x

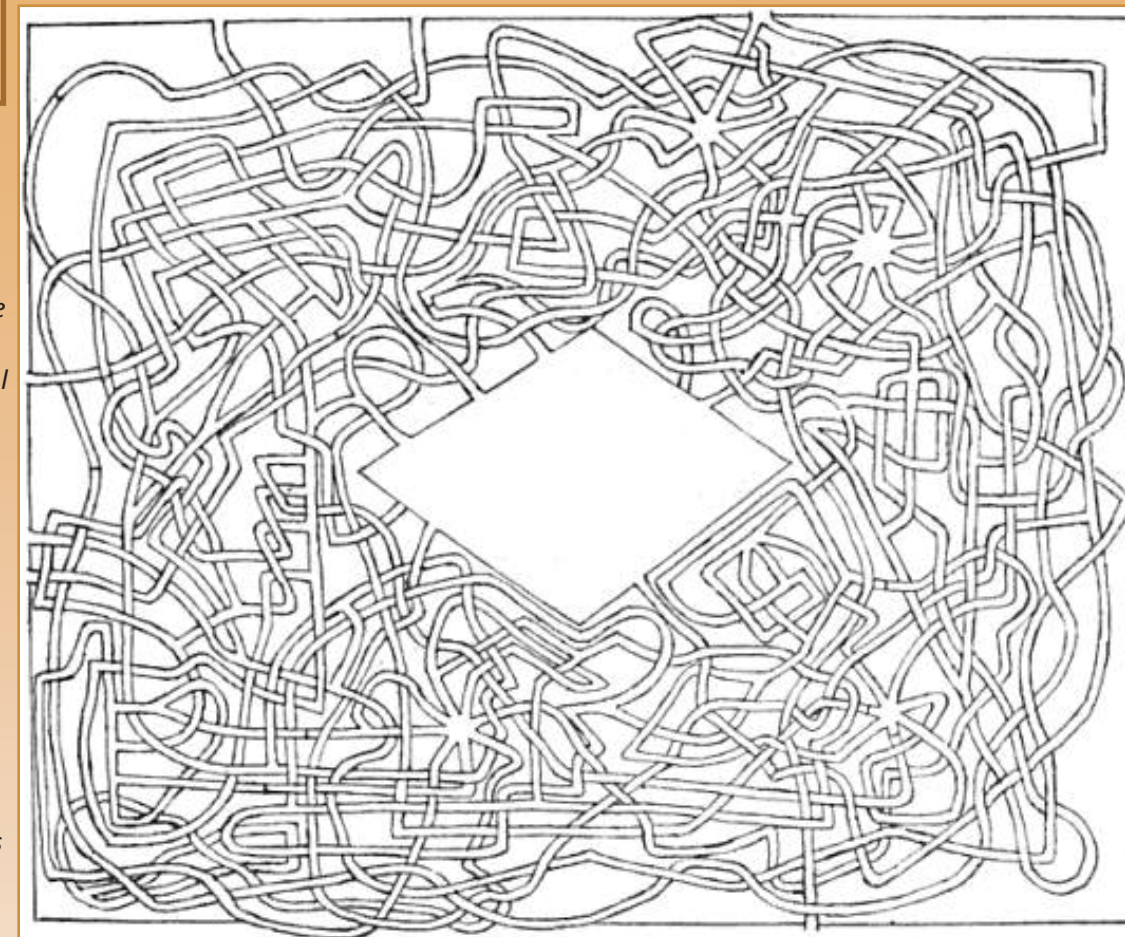
## Maze

The young Lewis Carroll composed this maze for a family magazine.

The object is to make your way from the outside to the central space.

It's acceptable to pass over or under another path, but a single line means your way is blocked.

Lewis Carroll, pen name of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, 1832—1898 as well as a writer of children's fiction was an illustrator, poet, mathematician, photographer, teacher and inventor.




## Night Sky from Birdbrook



M51 Whirlpool 8Edge 16thMar21 BAA

Astrophoto by Martina McGovern from her Birdbrook garden. The light from these distance Deep Sky Objects has taken, in many cases, millions of years to get to us.

We will be sharing more of Martina's stunning images over the next few issues of the BPN. Ed



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## The Colne Valley Arms, New England



The Colne Valley Arms formerly known as The Birdbrook Tavern is now available to hire after being refurbished. The function hall has beautiful ceiling drapes with starlight lights which sets the scene for any event.

We will be holding another Open day / Wedding Fayre in the new year.

We are also hoping to open our restaurant very soon. If you would like to speak with us about the possibility of holding your event at our venue do, please get in touch & we would be happy to help.

Our Facebook page is Colne Valley Arms or you can contact us on our mobile 07977 365966



## Essex Gliding Club



Perfect sunny September day for a flight in a glider. The club have flown a local scouts group, and this time a group of disabled enthusiasts from Sportability, who

had a great day out: [www.sportability.org.uk](http://www.sportability.org.uk)

## Seasonal Photo

Do send us your seasonal photos for inclusion in this, your magazine. Also, 4th October is the closing date for entering your photographs for the 2022 FOHL calendar, see p 5.



## Afghan Refugee Support

Essex County Council Donation has set up centres for anyone wishing to donate items to support individuals arriving from Afghanistan.: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/donation-points-set-up-to-support-people-arriving-from-afghanistan>

The numbers coming to Suffolk are low at the moment so Suffolk Council ask you to contact them:

[communications.team@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:communications.team@suffolk.gov.uk) if you think you might be able to help.

See also <https://suffolkrefugee.org.uk/our-thoughts-on-the-situation-in-afghanistan/>

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