

Parish E-News

Belchamp Otten,
Belchamp St Paul,
Belchamp Walter,
Bulmer and Ovington

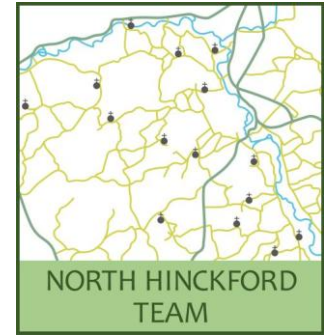


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Pastoral Ponderings



Dear Friends

Happy Easter to you all as we celebrate a festival full of love, hope and new life! Things that we are perhaps all longing for and with an ease of restrictions in sight, I hope you are feeling ready for new life!

This time of year, churches hold their annual meetings where they review the previous year. It is the role of the Vicar or Rector to write a report, firstly thanking the many people who help to keep our beautiful village church buildings as places of prayer, worship and rest and also to outline the previous year's events.

This year I thought my report would be very short with very little to talk about except closed churches, cancelled services and Covid! However, as I looked back over 2020 I was pleased to see that much had happened and been accomplished. With regular newsletters, lighting of candles, socially distanced carol singing and videos of Palm crosses, hot cross buns and Christingles and services on Youtube, Zoom and Facebook, I think the North Hinckford team achieved quite a lot considering the times we were living through. We have a lovely new logo (above) and a new website too (do visit if you haven't already www.northhinckfordteam.org).

I always end my report with looking ahead under the title of 'vision'. As good as it is to acknowledge what has happened it is equally important to look forward with hope. Today I invite you to ponder on what you have achieved, what you have accomplished during the pandemic. Let's not look at what we didn't do or couldn't do but at what we did do in those very uncertain and unprecedented times. There may only be small things but each achievement should be celebrated as part of the new life each of us experiences day by day. Whether it was to embrace Zoom or make bread, walk daily or reach out to a neighbour in kindness, let's celebrate every moment and be thankful and as we do let's look forward to things to come. Those moments we long for, be it to meet a friend, hug a loved one or share a meal with family are within reach!

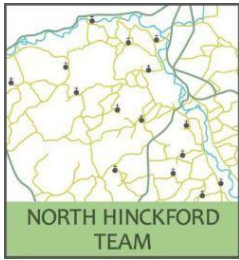
Easter offers us new life, hope and love through the celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Why not join with the North Hinckford churches this year and celebrate all that life offers.

With prayers

Gill

Rev Gill Morgan





Easter Sunday Worship

4th April 2021

North Hinckford Team

Belchamp Otten, Dawn Service

at 6.15am outside the church

Followed by Holy Communion (BCP)

at 6.30am in the church.

To book a place in church please contact

Sue Colson on 01787 278174

A coffee and bun will be available to take with you after the service.



EASTER



10.30am at Bulmer

Holy Communion

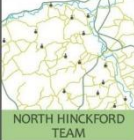
Places are limited, so please book yours with Liz

01787 269935 1gozna2@gmail.com

The service will be available live via Zoom

(SADLY, THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID, WE ARE UNABLE TO HOLD AN
EASTER EGG HUNT)

APRIL SERVICE ROTA

|  NORTH HINC FORD TEAM | 1 st April Maundy Thursday | 2 nd April Good Friday | 4 th April Easter Day White or Gold | 11 th April Easter 1 White | 18 th April Easter 2 White | 25 th April Easter 3 White/Red |
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| Alphamstone | Chelmsford Cathedral Easter Services https://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/lent-easter.html 11.00am Diocesan Eucharist with the Blessing of Oils | | | 9.30am Holy Communion | | |
| Belchamp Otten | | | 6.15am Dawn Service Followed by Holy Communion (BCP) | | | 9.30am Holy Communion |
| Belchamp St Paul | | | | | 9.30am Holy Communion | |
| Belchamp Walter | | | | | | |
| Borley | | | | | | |
| Bulmer | | | *10.30am Holy Communion | 11.15am Holy Communion | | 10.30am Morning Prayer |
| Foxearth | | | | 11.15am Morning Prayer | | |
| Henny | | | | | | |
| Lamarsh | | | | | | |
| Liston | | | 6.00pm Compline | | | |
| Middleton | | | | | | |
| Ovington | | | | | | |
| Pentlow | | | | | | |
| Twinstead | | | | | 11.15am Holy Communion | |
| Wickham St Pauls | | | | 10.30am Morning Praise | | 11.15am Holy Communion |
| Zoom | 2.00pm 'Last Hour' Reflection | 10.30am Holy Communion | 6.00pm Evening Prayer | 6.00pm Evening Prayer | | |

*If you would like to attend Easter Sunday service at Bulmer please book your place with Liz Fulcher 1gozna2@gmail.com 01787 269935, there are limited places available which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

BULMER TIDINGS



Maudie Violet Rowe (10th April 1917 – 1st February 2021)



Maudie was born in Wickham St. Paul's in the Spring of 1917 in the midst of World War One. She was the only daughter of Albert Rowe and Laura Humm who had moved into a rented cottage in the village from Bulmer as Albert had formed a partnership with Frank Marsh operating a threshing contract round in the area. The young family soon returned to Bulmer where Albert started his own very successful threshing business with his brother George. In 1921 he secured permission to build a prefabricated bungalow in The Street. Maudie was to live there for most of

her life, firstly with her loving parents and then in later years with her cousin and companion Dorothy.

Maudie ran a successful business keeping poultry and other farm animals and selling eggs and milk to the locals.

Sadly Maudie's mother died after a long illness in 1946. Albert remarried soon after and Maudie and her son Danny and Dorothy moved into Clematis Cottage further down Bulmer Street owned by her father. On his death in 1962 Maudie returned to The Bungalow where she remained until her 90's.

Maudie loved her garden and every year her efforts were appreciated by many who would witness the display and colour from the carefully tended Roses and other flowers that fill the garden every Spring and Summer.

Maudie continued to live a happy and simple life at The Bungalow surrounded by her numerous dogs, chickens, a Turkey called 'Billy' and several cats. Ill health finally led her to reluctantly leaving her beloved bungalow and she spent the final years of her life in great comfort with Danny and Barbara. She remained as independent as she could to the end, spent her days knitting, playing cards and dominoes and watching her favourite TV programmes with Barbara.

A few kind words from family and friends.....

Sally (granddaughter): When I think of Nana Maudie these are the things that immediately spring to mind – Dogs (a succession of Rovers and a sprinkling of others); Apple Pies; Knitting; Cards and Countdown. Nana was a huge part of our childhood we saw her every day!

Ashley Cooper: I first met Maudie about 48 years ago she was walking along the footpath beside one of our fields with her two beautiful golden Retrievers. She always seemed to walk briskly in a 'no nonsense sort of way' and clearly loved dogs. If ever I stopped for a chat, she would always greet me with a welcoming smile take an interest in what I was doing.

Maggie Skipper: My most vivid memory of Maudie is of her correcting Ashley (Cooper) when he was giving his history talk to our Skylarks Group. Also during a musical workshop at Skylarks her playing a 'squeaker' with her feet and always in time.

Barbara Rawlins: My husband and I moved in next door to Maudie in 1989. We came from a quiet peaceful Woodford so it came as quite a culture shock to live next door to so many turkeys, chickens and oh the cockerels! There were 9 of them all vying to be Top Dog or rather Top Cockerel. They all lived in the old railway carriage about 4 -5 metres from our bedroom window. Then one morning it was strangely quiet and Maude told us the fox had got in during the night and killed them all. Maudie then decided just to have a couple of turkeys one was named Billy who was very protective towards her.

Reg (Maudie's younger cousin): Lovely holidays spent with Maudie and her family in Bulmer as a young boy with my brother Eric and sister Olive. I often slept in 'Maudie's carriage'. I would help churn for Maudie to make butter.

Carol (Maudie's niece): I do remember your lovely cakes and biscuits of which you gave me several recipes. A great family favourite was 'Date Crispy Bars'.

Alison Brett: She would often stop and have a friendly chat when she passed me working in the garden. We would chat about the weather and flowers I had in the garden and sometimes discussed how to look after them. Maudie would look after the competition we had each month at WI where we were asked to bring an item, perhaps something knitted or a flower from our gardens, or a picture we had painted, and each member then had to place a coin by the one they liked the most and the winner was the entry that had the most coins. Maudie frequently won the flower competition.

Irene and Tom Dickinson: When we first came to the village, we had attended a police dinner dance and won a raffle prize of a brace of pheasants. I had never prepared a feathered pair so who did I turn to but dear Maudie. In 2000 Maudie had knee problem so I walked Rover each day. When walking we had many strange looks from passers-by as Rover often carried a rabbit home to Maudie in his mouth. Whilst Maudie was visiting Sheringham I was caretaker of livestock, Billy the Turkey, hens and often Rover. Billy liked ladies but not men. Poor Tom was totally intimidated by him whereas he would always go to bed for me without any problems. One day we had phone call asking us to help with an animal trapped in the garden. Tom and I armed with gloves found Maudie trying to get a stoat out of the netting covering the vegetables.

Peter and Wendy Rowe: Of course, like every other member of the Rowe family I can't remember Bulmer Street without Maudie. She was the last link with my father's generation. As a six- or 7-year-old I would come up from Upper Houses to play with Danny. Little did I know that we would finish up being her neighbour for the better part of forty years. I gave Maudie a small greengage tree. She happened to plant it in her garden close to our boundary. A few years a sucker from it came up on our side of the fence, so we got it back, a homing greengage! Maudie was all you could wish for as a neighbour, kind and considerate and always ready to help out. Such a lovely neighbour and cousin.

Maudie had one son Danny she now has a combined family of 6 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren she was very proud of them all.

Barbara and Danny have arranged Maudie's Memorial Tea Party on Saturday 17th July 2021 from 2pm until 6pm in Bulmer Village Hall. Any of Maudie's friends who would like to attend will be very welcome.



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**Gavin looks forward to welcoming you back and hopes you are thirsty!!
WARM WELCOME, CYCLISTS, WALKERS AND DOGS WELCOME**

Belchamp St Paul

National Day of Reflection - 23 March 2021

On the first anniversary of the UK lockdown the nation paused to remember those who died during the crisis in the past year. A minute's silence was held at 12pm, followed by a bell toll at St. Andrews Church, Belchamp St. Paul. Churchwarden, Michael Kingston, tolled a bell to commemorate this solemn occasion. We remember all those who have passed due to Covid and those who they left behind. Let us keep them forever in our thoughts and prayers. The Parish were encouraged to light a candle and place it on view, from 7pm, as a mark of respect and remembrance of the past year.



Michael Kingston, Churchwarden, assisted by Grandsons, Benedict and Luke.

Belchamp St Paul Village Playground



PLEASE can you HELP us to raise £5,000 for NEW PLAY equipment in Belchamp St Paul Village Playground? The BSP Playing Field Committee are looking to raise £5,000 to begin the refurbishment of the play equipment in the village playground and are hoping to raise more in the future, to complete the task. The children's village playground is in need of urgent attention. Some of the old equipment is now reaching the end of its shelf life and ongoing maintenance and repair comes at a cost. The only source of income received are from local football team match fees and the annual village fete. No financial support is received from the local borough council or parish council and the current COVID pandemic has severely affected finances. In order to repair or replace the old equipment, the committee wish to start fundraising. Any ideas, or volunteers wishing to help with this project will be grateful received. Unfortunately, we realise nothing major will be able to start until restrictions on social distancing are lifted and life becomes safe, however, in the meantime, to kickstart fund-raising a just giving page has been set up by Gill Jackson and can be accessed via the link: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/.belchampstpaul-playgroundequipment?utm_term=mdDRR2JZZ For anyone not online, but wishing to donate, cheques can be made payable to 'Belchamp St Paul Playing Field Committee' and delivered to Gill Jackson at The Rosary, Cole Green, Belchamp St Paul. The first target is to replace rubber matting under the slide and purchase new items including a replacement train and monkey bars.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give.



CRAFTY WOMEN

We meet via Zoom on the 3rd Monday of the month.

A very friendly group of crafters who get together to chat and share ideas and their knowledge of all things crafty

Next meeting 19th April 10.00am

For Zoom link email fi.slot@yahoo.co.uk

FINANCIAL PLANNING TIPS 93.

I start by hoping that everyone reading this has remained safe and well over the last month. I also hope you are managing to enjoy the magazine via its new e-delivery method. I know it is important for the parish to keep this method of communication open during such difficult times.

Whilst I have talked about life cover and insurance in the past, it seems, sadly, more appropriate than ever during this pandemic to remind people of the importance in having cover in place. It seems whenever you turn on the TV there is Roger Martin talking about his Over 50's policy!

I certainly have noticed that many clients who did not organize sufficient cover, whether for family protection or mortgage protection have been keen to ensure that everything is up to date in the last 12 months.

Life Assurance in its simplest form has been around for about 300 years. It is designed to pay an amount of money should the insured person die within the term of the policy. They are mainly used to cover a debt, such as a mortgage or other borrowing, or families to protect children or other financial dependants. These are usually called Term Assurance policies as the insured person knows how long they want the policy to last for.

These have evolved over the years and Critical Illness Cover is now something that can be included or added as a separate policy. This has mainly been due to advancements in medical technology and was often referred to as survivors insurance, because the insured now often survives the "critical illness". These policies used to cover a few major illnesses, such as cancer, heart attack, stroke and permanent disability, but now cover up to 30 or more conditions. Whilst the policies are naturally more expensive as they cover more conditions they are designed to make a payment as it is likely that one of the specified illnesses would severely impact on your life, or ability to work.

Cover can be level, so a set amount, or reducing, for example to cover a reducing debt like a mortgage. However, most of these policies have no value at the end of the chosen term, or period of cover.

You can also have whole of life policies, which as the name suggests cover the whole of your life. These clearly will pay out when you die, but also mean that you must be able to afford the premiums for the whole of your life. These are mainly used to cover either funeral costs or, as we quite often do, an Inheritance Tax Liability. This is because the policies are written in trust for a beneficiary and pay the amount on the death of the life assured. These funds can then be used to pay the Inheritance Tax bill, and are not liable to tax as they do not form part of the estate.

My Warren Buffet quote this month is "Risk is a part of God's game, alike for men and nations."

Should you have any questions about any points raised in this issue, or any other financial matters, please feel free to contact me, my details are below.



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