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August and September Editorial

August brings the sheaves of corn, Then the harvest home is born

Warm September brings the fruit, Sportsmen then begin to shoot

Thanks to everyone who completed last month's Survey. We are now processing the results. The Magazine Committee recently met with the Parish Council to discuss the future of the Magazine.

The Events Committee Ploughman's Lunch was on Friday 22nd July and was as usual, very well supported. There is no meeting in August and the next Lunch will be on Friday 23rd September. This will be at St. Barnabas and will be Pasty and Chips. Please book early.

Don't forget the Flower & Vegetable Show on Saturday 10th September at St. Barnabas. See the entry form inside if you wish to enter.

Also on 10th September is the Scarecrow Festival at the Cressing Community Church..... A busy weekend, you can go to both!

Enjoy the rest of the Summer.

Betty

DIARY. AUGUST and SEPTEMBER

August

- Tue.2nd. Art Group at St. Barnabas. 10.00-1.00.
- Tue.9th. Coffee Morning at St. Barnabas. 11.00-1.00
- Sun.14th. Holy Communion at All Saints. 9.00am
- Tue.16th. Art Group
- Tue.23rd. Art Group
- Thur.25th. Knit and Natter at St. Barnabas 2.00-4.00
- Tue.30th. Art Group

September

- Tue.6th. Art Group at St. Barnabas 10.00-1.00
 - Sat 10th. Flower & Vegetable Show - See inside
Scarecrow Festival at Cressing Community Church - See inside
 - Sun,11th. Holy Communion at All Saints. 9.00am
 - Tue.13th. Coffee Morning at St. Barnabas 1100-1.00
 - Tue.20th. Art Group
 - Thur.22nd. Knit and Natter at St. Barnabas. 2.00-400
 - Fri.23rd. Events Committee Lunch, 12noon
 - Tue.27th. Art Group
- All Art Group meetings are in St. Barnabas 10.00-1.00.





Cressing Community Magazine Survey July 22

Summary of results

Firstly, a big thank you to all those who took the time to complete the Community Magazine Survey both by paper and online.

It was very helpful to see the views of those that responded and the level of the response that was made.

Most who responded valued the magazine and the majority wanted to continue to receive a printed copy.

Quite a few people made some useful and interesting comments which we will be digesting and taking into consideration for future actions on how the magazine will continue.

There were many that made offers of help with the distribution of the magazine which will help greatly and they will be contacted through the month to see where they can best help.

There were a few offers of help with production also and we will be seeing how they can help

Decisions on the future of the magazine have yet to be made but the survey has helped to gain a picture of how it is perceived both by the comments, responses and numbers received.

Summary of Responses received:

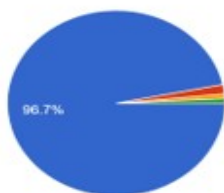
Online: 47, Paper: 76, Total: 123

890 magazines are printed and delivered, therefore an approximate 14% response rate. Around 11% when multiple household responses taken into account.

Do you value the magazine and wish it to continue?



123 responses



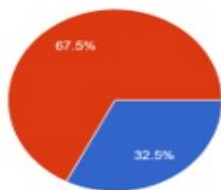
- Yes
- No
- Yes and no, I think the communication of local goings on is crucial and the magazine is great for the elderly.
- Online yes

Requests for paper copies:

88 addresses were left where they wish to continue to receive paper copies.

Would you be happy to have an online version only?

123 responses



- Yes
- No

Offers of help:

Would you be willing to help in any way? If so, please tick one of the following and leave your name and email address below

44 responses



- Production
- Distribution
- Finance



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CRESSING ART GROUP

We meet on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at St. Barnabas. If you would like to start painting, return to painting after a break or you sketch, please come along and give us a try. Please bring your own paints and canvas etc. We would also welcome people who enjoy adult colouring which is a good form of relaxation and can help with mindfulness. First session is free, thereafter £4 per session which includes refreshments.

We have met twice this month and the members have used several different mediums. We have used pencil, pen, watercolour, colouring pencils and pastels. One member has been making cards by painting a picture then sticking it on to a card. Painting can save you money!

In August we meet on the 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th. We now meet on the 5th Tuesday if it occurs in the month.

If you are interested, please contact me on 07599 182861. I will be able to tell you more about the group and advise you what to bring.

Vi Turner - Group Coordinator

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 2nd August at 10am.

If you have any queries please contact me on 07599182861.



Cressing Book Group

Our latest book was *This Lovely City* by Louise Hare, a love story and murder mystery set against a background of racial prejudice. Lawrie Matthews, an immigrant from the Caribbean who had arrived in London on the Windrush in 1948, works as a postman by day and a jazz musician by night, determined to make a good life for himself and for his girlfriend Evie. But things threaten to fall apart after he becomes involved in the discovery of the body of a mixed-race baby in a pond on the common. He has tried to help but finds himself treated as a suspect in the child's death.

Nearly all of us enjoyed this book which we thought had engaging characters and a plot with a genuine surprise at the end. It gave us many topics for discussion, for example forced adoptions and especially the shocking way the Windrush immigrants were treated. After being encouraged by the government to come to the UK to fill post-war labour shortages, all too often they were subjected to suspicion and prejudice, a situation unresolved even today after they were recently wrongly classified as illegal immigrants because of a lack of official paperwork. Just how welcoming is the UK to any people seen as outsiders? *This Lovely City* was a readable and thought-provoking book and we would be happy to recommend it to others.

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THANK YOU EVERYONE

The Committee and staff of Cressing Sports and Social Club would like to say thank you, to all of those who attended the Jubilee celebrations on Thursday 2nd June.

Thank you to Anna Maria and her team at Very Vintage Tea Party for providing the delicious afternoon tea, to Mandy for the Jubilee themed quiz, and to singer Paul who entertained us in the evening with everyone singing and dancing.

The weather was perfect, the children were angels, and a fabulous day was had by all.

With many days of preparation required to make sure it was a success, the feedback has been fantastic, and the many thank you cards, messages of support and numerous bouquets of flowers received by the committee and staff has been overwhelming.

We would also like to welcome the many new members who have recently moved to the area and are enjoying what we, as a social club have to offer, you will always get a warm welcome at our club so pop in and see us.

And finally, a huge thank you to all of our members and guests for their continued support, it really does mean a lot.....THANK YOU.

The Committee and Staff
Cressing Sports & Social Club

CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL – DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Cressing Parish Council held on 13th July 2022 at 7.00pm at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

Present: Cllrs John Lawton – Chairman, Colin Haines, Harvey Porrett and Steve Watts (part only)

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk/RFO and Proper Officer), County Councillor Paul Thorogood (part only), District Councillor Bob Wright (part only) and four members of the public (part only)

22/116 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT - The Chairman welcomed all attendees and reported as follows:

- i. The Willows – still no date for a decision by the Planning Inspector
- ii. Footpaths – it appears that footpaths are now being cut
- i. Jubilee Afternoon Tea – the Chairman agreed for the Clerk to make a statement:

“Councillors and attendees may have seen the Clerk’s Report in the July edition of the Cressing Community Magazine, and possibly some posts on Facebook prior to their removal. The Clerk’s Report was issued to Councillors and sent inadvertently to the magazine instead of the Parish Council Update that should have been published. I very much regret this happened, and I have apologised to the Secretary of the Cressing Sports & Social Club. I hope the Parish Council will accept my apology for this error and be assured that measures have been implemented to prevent this happening again.”

Christine Marshall, Parish Clerk

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the apology and it was accepted by all Councillors present. The matter is now closed.

22/117 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - The Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cllrs Lapper and Rowe.

22/118 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Members of the council are subject to the Local Authorities Code of Conduct Order 2007 (SI 2007/1159) (The Revised Code) with the additional, non-mandatory, section 12(2). There were no pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to items on the agenda to be recorded.

22/119 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION - The Clerk confirmed no matters had been raised prior to the meeting.

22/120 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS -

Cllr Bob Wright reported:

- i. Braintree Local Plan is due to be adopted at Full Council Meeting on 25th July. There is then a 6-week period for any legal challenges to be lodged. Any large planning developments now submitted will not be considered until after 25th July and decided within the conditions of the Local Plan.
- ii. National Grid pylons – BDC and ECC, as well as local MPs, have responded to the consultation and have asked for alternative of under-sea pipeline.
- iii. Cllrs Wright and Abbott have remaining Community Funds available for applications to be submitted.
- iv. Witham area Junior Sports Day held in Chelmsford – Cressing Primary School achieved first placed.

Cllr Paul Thorogood reported:

- i. BDC Local Plan – possibility that Parker Strategic Land may submit a legal challenge to the plan as they had done for both Ferring and Kelvedon’s Neighbourhood Plans.
- ii. A120 – Announcement expected soon, but Essex Highways remain concerned as to where the A120 will meet the A12. It is understood the preferred route has been submitted to Baroness Vere, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department

for Transport.

- iii. Rivenhall Incinerator – waste strategy aims to stop landfill but has been delayed. No contracts yet in place for Essex, but both Hertfordshire and Cambridge County Councils have entered into contracts for their waste to be transported to Rivenhall.

District Cllr Wright left the meeting.

22/121 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th June were confirmed as a true record with no amendments required. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Porrett.** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

22/122 CRESSING COMMUNITY MAGAZINE - Mr David Tilbury was invited to speak on behalf of the magazine team, and he outlined the current arrangements for distribution, both in hard copy and on-line. A survey is being carried out to gain the views of residents and what format they would prefer, but it is recognised that not all wish to view the magazine on-line. With the new developments there will be approximately 1,100 copies to be delivered and the meeting discussed how this could be achieved. The magazine is currently free to all residents, but costs iro £245 per month to produce, which figure will increase with increased printing and distribution.

Cllr Watts left the meeting

It was agreed when the results of the survey were available these will be shared with the Parish Council for consideration and the item will be added to the September meeting for discussion and agreement to the future of the magazine. The Chairman assured the team that the Parish Council will continue its support.

Cllr Thorogood and the magazine team left the meeting.

22/123 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES - The Clerk advised that one firm application had been received and an application form had been sent to another potential applicant.

22/124 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME - The Clerk referred to the paper previously issued to Councillors, who agreed that the NW scheme should continue in Cressing. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should progress further and authorised expenditure up to £200 to provide necessary resources. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lawton**
Action: Clerk

22/125 PLAYING FIELD

- i. Changing Rooms - The Clerk advised that the Specification for Works, required to advertise for tenders, had just been received. This will be checked for any queries or where clarification is needed, prior to sharing with the Chairman of CSSC and advertising on the Government's Contract Finder website in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Regulations contained within the Parish Council's Financial Regulations and as defined by The Public Contracts Regulations 2015. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. Seating for the playing field – S.106 application has been submitted. BDC have requested current quotations for the supply prior to processing. An order should be ready to submit in a few weeks. **Action: Clerk**

The other items listed on the Agenda will be postponed to the August meeting. **Action: Clerk**

22/126 3 PARISHES MEETINGS - Councillors agreed that Cressing did not gain from these meetings and consequently took the decision to leave the group. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, seconded: Cllr Porrett. Action: Clerk**

22/127 PARISH COUNCIL OPEN DAY - Councillors present agreed to host a further Open Day in line with the suggestions put forward. A weekday in October, venue St Barnabas, was preferred. **Action: Clerk**

22/128 FINANCE

- i. **Progress against budget:** The Clerk/RFO referred to the reports issued with the Agenda. There were no queries, and it was resolved to accept the reports. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Haines, all in favour**
- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 30th June 2022: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement at 30th June be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Porrett, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve June 2022 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed against May expenditure was presented. There were no queries, and it was resolved to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Porrett, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.

22/129 PLANNING

- A. **Appeals determined by the Planning Inspectorate:** None advised.
- B. **Appeals submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:** None advised. The Willows appeal continues.
- C. **Applications determined by Braintree District Council:** Those listed on the [Agenda](#) were noted.
- D. **Applications received by Braintree District Council:**
- E. 22/01678/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by conditions 3 & 6 of approved application 19/00739/REM | Land Adjacent [To](#) Braintree Road Cressing Essex – **NO COMMENTS TO MAKE**
- F. 22/01677/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 9 of approved application 16/02144/OUT | Land Adjacent [To](#) Braintree Road Cressing Essex – **NO COMMENTS TO MAKE**
- G. 22/01623/OUT | Outline planning application with all matters reserved, except access, for the erection of 2 dwellings with garaging. | Woodpecker Barn Mill Lane Cressing Essex CM77 8NU – It was agreed to submit an objection to this application due to blocking views across the Brain Valley and access onto Mill Lane which has a national speed limit of 60mph. **Action: Clerk**
- i. 22/01475/LBC | Remove external render to investigate condition of timber frame beneath; repair frame; and re-render. | Fowlers Farm Braintree Road Cressing Essex CM77 8DJ – **NO COMMENTS TO MAKE**
- D. **To discuss Applications received by Braintree District Council and consider if comments should be made** (Householder Application, General Permitted Development Order) – None advised.
- E. **Applications bordering parish for information** – none advised.

The Clerk took the opportunity to advise Councillors of an initiative being undertaken by District Councillors for Coggeshall Ward, that is being supported by neighbouring Parish Councils ([i.e.](#) Bradwell with Pattiswick and Stisted) requesting to prioritise the finalization of supplementary planning guidance on solar farms to identify and agree a policy for the best or least desirable locations, together with decision criteria. It is noted that one company alone, Low Carbon Ltd, are currently developing, have planning permission, or have submitted planning applications on 12 sites in Essex with many more around the country. Much of the land is classified at Grade Agricultural. It was agreed to request Cressing Parish Council to be added to the list of Councils supporting this proposed policy. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lawton. Action: Clerk**

22/130 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- i. A reminder had been received for the speed device to be recalibrated. The Clerk was asked to progress this.
- ii. Salt bag scheme – Cressing will not be entering into this scheme for 2022/23.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AUGUST AGENDA:

- i. Playground safety report
- ii. Open Day

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE SEPTEMBER AGENDA:

- iii. Co-option of Councillors
- iv. Cressing Community Magazine

22/131 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The Chairman requested the meeting to consider re-scheduling the August meeting. This was agreed and the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday **17th August** 2022 at **7.00pm at St Barnabas Hall, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing, CM77 8HG.**

Any items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 9th August 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Dates of 2022 meetings

AUGUST	17	7.00pm	
SEPTEMBER	14	7.00pm	
OCTOBER	12	7.00pm	



**CRESSING COMMUNITY CHURCH
SCARECROW COMPETITION AND FESTIVAL**

Saturday 10th September 2022

A project for the summer holidays

Make your own traditional scarecrow, show it off in your front garden from 5th until 9th September, then bring it to make a display in the church garden between 10.00 and 12.00 on 10th September

Age groups: 5 to 8

9 to 11

12 and upwards

Games and refreshments will be available from 14.00

Prize giving will be at 15.30

It's never too soon to start planning and working on your scarecrow to prevent rushing as September begins. There have been some wonderful entries in the past, so let's see what we can do this year!

Please register your entry on our website: cressingchurch.org by 5th September

CRESSING EVENTS VOLUNTEERS

Our Lunch event this month was a Ploughman's, which seemed to go down very well with our guests. Our Ploughman's Lunch was made up of individual pork pies, two types of cheese, ham, lettuce, tomatoes, coleslaw, pickles, French bread, and crisps, followed by Tea or Coffee, biscuits, and sweets. We were at St. Barnabas church Hall for this months Lunch, so our thanks for all their support.

Normally our Fun quiz is the talking point, but this very hot weather took pride of place, and we made sure there were jugs of ice water on each table even though it was a cooler day.

As normal our raffle plays an important part in our costing so thanks to all who support it one way or another. One of our guests who could not make it to the Lunch turned up with a gift of strawberries for our guests, what a great gift.

NEXT EVENT

No Lunch next month as we take a break in August, but as you will see below, we Will be back in September.

Friday 23rd September with Pasty & Chips from 12.00 to 2.00pm serving at 12.15 at St. Barnabus Church Hall. At a cost of £4.00.

Other Dates:

Friday 21st October Fish & Chips

Saturday 26th Nov. Pre- Christmas Party

If you would like to join us a warm welcome awaits you, but we do need you to book by contacting Pam, or Jackie, on 584170 or 327064

Our thanks as always for the support of all our guests.

Arthur on behalf of the CEV team

What's on at CRESSING COMMUNITY CHURCH August/September 2022

Sunday 7th August and 4th September Cafe Church

Breakfast is served from **09.30 until 10.15** followed at **10.30** by a short, lively, all-age service. Refreshments will be served following the service.

If you don't fancy breakfast, just come for the service.

**Sunday Services
at 10.30**

Children attend their own ARK group

**Bible Study
Wednesdays at 19.00**

**Prayer Meeting
Saturdays at 09.00**

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Cressing Community Church

Sharing God's love and truth where we are

Dear friends

I was reading the magazine of mercy Ships, a Christian charity, which run two modern ocean-going ships that are fully equipped hospitals. Since mercy Ships was founded, they have visited 55 developing nations; 601 ports; carried out 105,520 life changing surgical procedures, 489,317 dental procedures and trained 49,133 professionals in their field of expertise. I mention this figure to show the commitment of those who run and staff these ships. Christians have also made life saving discoveries, that have advanced medical care. Louis Pasteur discovered germs were the cause of infections; Joseph Lister, a Quaker, revolutionised sterile surgery; Humphrey Davy and Michael Faraday, both committed Christians, pioneered anaesthesia in surgery. Today many Christians still contribute to the advancement of medicine.

This brings me to one of the most common questions I'm asked, 'What has the church ever done for me?' Well, if I tried to list all the work that Christian organisations have done and are still doing, it would fill the whole of the Parish Magazine, so I'll mention just a few. The Christian Church was instrumental in starting: schools, orphanages, hospitals, in fact, the first two hospitals were started by Christians living under Roman rule. By monastic order, St. Thomas' and St. Bartholomew's were started. Great Ormond Street was set up by a Baptist. Today the Roman Catholic Church remains the largest non-government provider of healthcare and hospitals across the world.

All this information may push you to ask 'But what has it done for Me?'

You may have been married in or attended a funeral in your local church. A Minister or Chaplain may have visited a love one in hospital or spent time with them in the last days of their life. Someone from the church may have visited you in your times of need, providing a listening ear, a smile or a kind word, a good morning, how are you doing? You may have received support when needed or help from a food bank. You see from the start of the early Christian Church and now the Church is still has the heart of the people in its heart, and I am certain, over the next 2000 years the Christian Church will still be in the forefront of serving, sharing and saving.

Every blessing in His name

Dennis



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St Barnabas Church Letterbox

ENTRY FORM

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Age for children's classes:

Address:

.....

..... **Tel:**

Parental / Guardians Signature:

Please circle Entry No: of classes entering. Thank you

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45		47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	
Children's Sections:-										70	71	72	72	73	74

(All forms are shredded after the show)

SCHEDULE FOR CRESSING FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2022

Division 1 – VEGETABLES

- Class 1 – Largest Marrow (Weight)
- Class 2 – Four Runner Bean
- Class 3 – Four Potatoes
- Class 4 – Three Beetroots
- Class 5 – Three Onions
- Class 6 – Three Courgettes
- Class 7 – Five Carrots
- Class 8 – Five Tomatoes
- Class 9 – Five Cherry Tomatoes
- Class 10 – Collection of 3 Herbs
- Class 11 – Longest Runner Bean
- Class 12 – Two of any other Vegetable
- Class 13 – Collection of 4 kinds of Vegetables
- Class 14 – Collection of 3 salad Vegetables

Division 2 – FRUIT

- Class 15 – Dish of Plums
- Class 16 – Five Cooking Apples
- Class 17 – Five Eating Apples
- Class 18 – Five Pears
- Class 19 – Dish of any Soft Fruit
- Class 20 – Any Other Fruit

HINTS TO EXHIBITORS

Vegetables

The collection of vegetables should be in a box 46cm x 51cm (18"x20") approx.
Tomatoes should have their stalks on, which should be fresh and green.

Fruit

if, Blackberries are to be used for any other, fruit stalks should be left on.

Division 3 – FLOWERS

- Class 21 – Six Fuchsia Heads (May be Mixed)
- Class 22 – One Hybrid Rose
- Class 23 – Three Summer Blooms (not listed on schedule)
- Class 24 – Three Chrysanthemum (may be mixed)
- Class 25 – Three Dahlias (may be mixed)
- Class 26 – One stem of any Flower
- Class 27 – Any Houseplant

Division 4 – FLOWER ARRANGING

- Class 28 – Home grown garden flowers
- Class 29 – Variegated Foliage arrangement
- Class 30 – Miniature arrangement using Herbs
– 7.5cm x 7.5cm [3"x3"] max.
- Class 31 – Arrangement incorporating a hedgerow theme
- Class 32 – Arrangement using 5 Blooms
- Class 33 – Arrangement incorporating a small Watering can
- Class 34 – Posy suitable for a Corsage

Division 10 – CHILDREN

- Class 70 – Picture of a Crown [max A4 size]
- Class 71 – Vegetable model
- Class 72 – Six chocolate coated cereal cakes
- Class 73 – Bookmark, size 20 x 5cm (8" x 2½")
- Class 74 – "My Favourite Animal" – Hand written essay (1side of A4 max)

Wine

Use clear standard glass bottles with small label showing the ingredients, and "sweet" or "dry". These labels should be placed 2.5cm (1") above the base. Bottles should be corked with a stopper cork.

Jams

No maker's name to be left on jam jars used. Wax discs to be placed on the jam and cellophane covers on top.

Doors open at 9:00am for Exhibitors, All Exhibits must be staged by 10:00am on the morning of the show, No Exhibits can be accepted after 10:00am

Division 5 – HANDICRAFT

- Class 35 – Soft Toy, A Dog, max height 30cm (12")
- Class 36 – A Tea Cosy in any medium
- Class 37 – A Poem about "The Jubilee" (max five verses)
- Class 38 – A piece of embroidery featuring Nature (max. size A4)
- Class 39 – Painting of a Summer scene, any medium (A3 max excl. mount).
- Class 40 – Any Knitted or Crocheted article
Max size 45 cms
- Class 41 – Any other handicraft not included in schedule.

Division 6 – WINE

- Class 42 – A Red or Rose Wine
- Class 43 – A White Wine
- Class 44 – Homemade Cordial
- Class 45 – A Liqueur

Division 7 – JAM & PRERSERVES

- Class 47 – Any Jam
- Class 48 – Any Jelly
- Class 49 – Marmalade
- Class 50 – Piccalilli
- Class 51 – Any Pickled Item

Division 8 – COOKERY

- Class 52 – Victoria Sponge (as recipe)
- Class 53 – Apple Pie (pastry top and bottom)
- Class 54 – 5 Cheese Straws
- Class 55 – A Sausage Platt (10" max. length)
- Class 56 – Fruit Cake (20.5cm / 8" diameter)
- Class 57 – 5 Muffins (any flavour)

Division 9 – PHOTOGRAPHS

(Max size 5" x 7" / 17.8cm x 12.7 cm)

- Class 58 – A Jubilee Scene
- Class 59 – A Holiday Snap
- Class 60 – A Reflection
- Class 61 – Portrait
- Class 62 – A Flower or Plant
- Class 63 – Animal (Wild or Pet)

Cookery

All cookery in Division 8, must be covered with Clingfilm or similar material.

Victoria Sandwich Recipe:

175g (6oz) Butter, 175g (6oz) Castor Sugar
175g (6oz) Self-Raisin Flour, 3 large Eggs
Filling: 3 tablespoons Strawberry or Raspberry Jam;
Castor Sugar for sprinkling on top

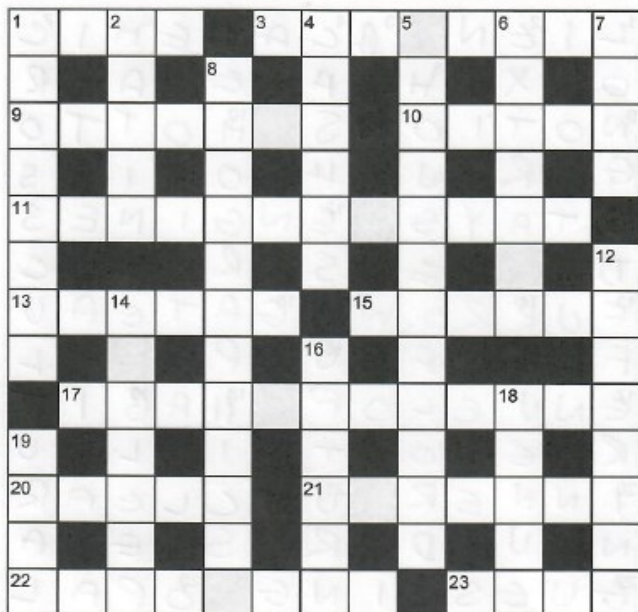
Flower Arranging

Maximum size for all arrangements is 46cm x 46cm (18"x18"). Arrangements in a basket should have the handle showing above the flowers.

Photographs

These should be prints of the standard size (7" x 5" max) and should be as received from the chemist and not cut down or enlarged. Photos should be mounted on white card with the caption written underneath and name of exhibitor on the back. This enables the cards to be pinned on a board without damaging the photograph.

SUMMER 2022 CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Mortgage company's claim (4)
3. Relating to education and scholarship (8)
9. Conceptions about something (7)
10. A sentence expressing the purpose of an organisation (5)
11. Remains in same place (5)
12. Moving parts that convert power into motion (7)
13. Narrow trench (6)
15. Rich cake with layers of cream and fruit (6)
17. Surround entirely (7)
18. Established routine (5)
20. Situated within (5)
21. Not easy to understand (7)
22. Estimating something without all the information to be correct(8)
23. Semi transparent gemstone.

DOWN

1. Showing patience in spite of troubles (4,9)
2. More than usual (5)
4. Collection so items of same type stored in a hidden place (6)
5. Data about a population (12)
6. Afternoon performance in a theatre (7)
7. Dealing with different societies (5,8)
8. Upper chamber in Parliament (5,2,5)
14. Money a business generates from the products they sell (7)
16. Improvement of upward trend *6)
20. Short high pitched tone (5)

ANSWERS TO JULY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 TRENCH (6)
- 5 ROW (3)
- 7 BELIE (5)
- 8 FISSURE (7)
- 9 BLOWS (5)
- 10 ISOLATES (8)
- 12 NETTLE (6)
- 14 ALLEGE (6)
- 17 FEMINISM (8)
- 18 HAUTE (5)
- 20 COUNCIL (7)
- 21 CREST (5)
- 22 EVE (3)
- 23 DELUGE (6)

DOWN

- 2 REISSUE (7)
- 3 CAUSALLY (8)
- 4 GLIB (4)
- 5 REMORSE (7)
- 6 WRESTLE (7)
- 7 BESET (5)
- 11 ALTITUDE (8)
- 12 NOWHERE (7)
- 13 TROUNCE (7)
- 15 GASPING (7)
- 16 REACT
- 19 EWER (4)



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL**launch of a new****CRESSING NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

Neighbourhood Watch is about local people working together to create safe and friendly places to live, so that crime is less likely to happen.

There used to be an active group in the village, however over time and with the changes to Cressing and Tye Green, this became dormant.

Gone are the days of information leaflets being hand delivered to houses. Now information can be shared electronically, and it is our aim to do this in the future. Cressing PC has joined the Essex Neighbourhood Watch scheme and will receive regular updates on issues that affect the residents of Cressing and Tye Green. These will be published via the Cressing Parish Council website (www.cressing-pc.gov.uk) and any urgent items will be posted on Facebook.

As well as regular updates, crime prevention advice, future campaigns and activities will be included.

If you would like to be included on the list to receive these updates by email, please send an email to clerk@creasing-pc.gov.uk so that we have your correct details. Email addresses will not be shared and retained only by the Parish Council for as long as you wish to receive these communications.

Materials are available to show that Cressing and Tye Green are part of Neighbourhood Watch and we can provide Neighbourhood Watch street signs, window stickers, nominated neighbour, and wheelie bin stickers. Just let us know if you would like any. Examples are:

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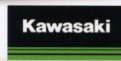
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News from All Saints Church & St Barnabas

Sadly, we have lost several people in the last month with connections to our village.

David Adams, who was a regular at church and whose family had strong ties with All Saints. He told me once that his father had made the wooden back drop to the altar. He will be sadly missed.

Barry Pawsey who went to school with myself and others in the village. He moved to Doncaster but was brought back to be buried with his wife in All Saints.

Judy Green, the daughter of Doug and Hazel who ran the Willows Pub for many years. Many people will remember her.

We are praying for them all and their families at this time.

To continue the research and remember those lads who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

(From our Archives)

Arthur Halls

He was resident in Cressing and enlisted in Chelmsford. He served as Private 250485 in the 5th battalion of the Essex Regiment. He was killed in action in Palestine on 2nd November 1917. He is buried in GAZA WAR CEMETERY, Israel and Palestine (Including Gaza) Plot VI, Row B, Grave 13.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and all the countries who are suffering starvation as a result of this war

Our next service will be at
All Saints on Sunday 14th August at 9 a.m.
All are welcome to attend
(From your Church Wardens)

The Vicar's Letter

Memorable

One of the immense privileges of my role as vicar is to conduct funerals. Although I never met most of the people who passed away, I get to know them quite quickly through their families and friends. Their stories, memories and pain paint a vivid portrait of a life intertwined with their own. The person may be gone, but their essence and most of all their love lives on in the people they leave behind.

But it's often only at the funeral itself, while listening to the eulogy, that I get to hear about that person's achievements and accomplishments. Those are important, but clearly not the first thing their loved ones remember or treasure about them.

In that sense death is a helpful perspective, reminding us of what really matters. Not a name on a plaque or a business, or a title or an award. Those can be welcome results of work well done, but when they become the actual goal other areas of our lives invariably suffer.

Instead, what people most talk about after someone has died is their kindness, their smile, their laugh, their ability to listen, to see the best in others, to invest in other people's lives. An encouraging word which helped somebody get through a tough day. A prayer someone prayed, a meal cooked after coming out of hospital, a lift offered, or a hug which dispelled loneliness.

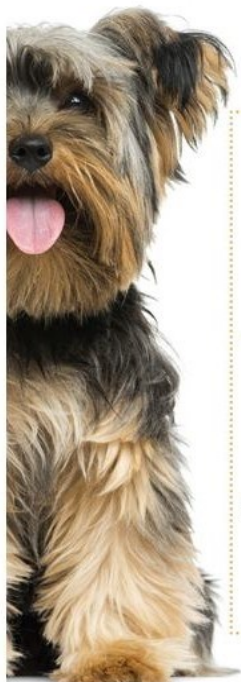
What all these things have in common, is that they appear small, relatively unimportant and often unseen. And if they are done well, they leave something behind. Not an indebtedness - oh, now I have to do something in return - but the kind of generosity and kindness which makes the other person feel worthy of that love. Because what we remember most about other people is how they make us feel about ourselves after they have left. Their belief in us, their love, their gifts, their time and wisdom shapes who we are.

Jesus has an interesting track record in that respect. Not everyone felt good about themselves after meeting him. People who sought after power and influence and societal standing, often left challenged or even offended. But others were transformed: a tax collector gave away his money, a prostitute found a new way of love, sick people were healed and the hungry were fed.

Ultimately a lot of funerals turn out to be celebrations - of lives well lived, of thankful hearts and almost always of funny stories. Idiosyncratic behaviours, hilarious mishaps and quirky anecdotes. Even the small things we do can have a huge impact. That means we can all be memorable, in a good way.

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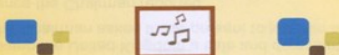
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GARDENING NOTES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

We are experiencing incredibly dry conditions at present and any 'grey' water that can be recycled is a bonus. I find washing up water collected in a bowl can revive a flagging shrub in a matter of hours. If you can, water first thing in the morning or mid evening when the sun is low.

Plant of the month for me is the *Agapanthus africanus* both the striking blue and white varieties make a bold statement in a flower border. Do read the label when you buy the bulb to make sure your garden can provide the right conditions. *Agapanthus* tend to like their roots restricted and are ideal grown in a pot, they can then be moved into a cool greenhouse or placed in a sheltered location for the winter. They are on sale at the moment, you will be spoilt for choice.

It is important to continue dead heading, especially annuals and repeat flowering roses. Look out for lupin aphid and cut the stems right down. Dahlias need to be staked and if you take out the side shoots the larger varieties especially, will reward you with excellent blooms.

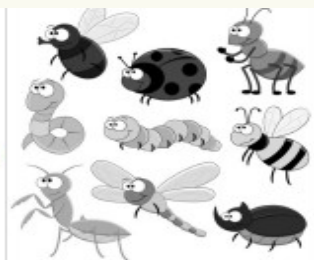
Try and 'wet' the greenhouse floor when watering in the evenings this will create humidity and help slow down excess drying out. Continue to dig up second early potatoes and pick French beans, courgettes and spring onions.

Remember it is important to keep yourself hydrated as well as your plants.

Keep cool.....The Arborist



LOSING THE LITTLE THINGS THAT RUN THE WORLD



I must admit that I have a love/hate relationship with insects. There are some that I like, some that I can put up with whilst there are others that I would prefer not to get too close to.

It is, however, very worrying to see that recent studies paint a grim picture of the decline of insects across the planet. Life on Earth depends on insects in some way. Insects make up over half the species on Earth, our planet depends on them, so their enduring disappearance is intensely concerning. The rate of loss of insect life is much faster than that of higher profile wildlife like birds and mammals—the local extinction rate for insects is eight times higher.

Many of the wildlife organisations were involved in gathering data on insect abundance during 2021 to establish a new baseline for Essex, this baseline is sure to have been effected by the recent heatwave and the many fires that the hot weather has caused, as well as the substantial loss and fragmentation of habitat and pesticide use.

Just looking around the area of land surrounding our cottage it is very evident that the insect population has suffered. The ponds dried up much earlier so many of the freshwater insects such as stoneflies, caddisflies and mayflies have disappeared. There are a few butterflies, but many of the plants that they thrive on for pollen have withered in the recent dry spells.

We depend on insects to pollinate our plants, disperse seeds, maintain soil structure and provide a major food source for many other species already in decline.

How can we help - let a small area in your garden go wild, get your children interested in bugs, join a wildlife group and take part in insect surveys. Buy flowers and plants that attract the bees and butterflies, All insects need water as well, how many times have you found an insect in a glass of water or wine you have left on the side ! Why not leave a small saucer of water outside each evening to help them

Whilst I realise the necessity of insects my love/hate relationship with them will never change.

Mosquitos — I stay clear of, but they do serve a purpose , they frequent water courses and ponds, and are consumed in numbers by frogs, and toads,who rely on these and other insects to survive.

Spiders - I can tolerate, they are abundant in our home because of the nooks and crannies in the beams. They do have a place and of course

deal with the flies that seem to arrive in the house from nowhere. The toleration subsides when one hovers above me from the ceiling when I am in bed, or the one that lives in a hole in a beam near the floor, and comes out and hisses at the cats. I have tried all ways of trying to catch it, but to no avail—probably because I have not been able to identify what species it is and worried that it might be one that's come in with the bananas and have a fatal bite!

Bees—I can tolerate and they are fine as long as you don't sit or tread on them—From experience this is not a good thing to do.

Wasps—Another subject. I have never understood what use they have in the world. I am assured by other conservationists that they do have a use, they keep other insects under control, and help pollenate plants. My only vision of them is that they quickly get angry and sting!

However it is a fact that our insects are in trouble, and there are many reasons why they need our help and we could all just do things that would help them survive and maintain the important roles they play.

We need to make room for the insects to survive by making space for wildlife and reconnecting the wild part of our landscapes.

We need to make safes spaces for them by freeing our land and freshwater from pollutants and invasive species.

We need to have a friendlier relationship with insects to stop their extinction—the hardest part as this is limited by our lack of understanding and awareness of the scale of the problem.

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CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

JUBILEE

The Jubilee Afternoon Tea on Thursday 2nd June was enjoyed by all who attended. A total of 150 invite tickets were issued which necessitated the use of both the Pavilion Hall and the Members' Bar to accommodate everyone.

Feedback after the event on Facebook, etc. was very positive. Here are just a few of the comments, many of which received numerous "like" tags:

JH: to Christine and Sally. Brilliant party organized by Cressing Parish Council and Sally at the Clubhouse Such a lovely spread of crustless oblong sandwiches filled with delicious things such as smoked salmon. Gorgeous cakes and scones also champagne for the toast to the queen. Marvellous afternoon. Congratulations

AM: Yes I really enjoyed, both the afternoon and evening, well done to both council and the Sports & Social club, lots people to thank including the hardworking young ladies serving us, but most of all the club bar staff for what must have been a very long day. Thank you.

PF: Absolutely fabulous afternoon and evening thanks so much I really enjoyed myself

We also received some super "thank you" cards afterwards too.

The food provided was very good and there was little surplus at the end! The Loyal toast was led by John Lawton, Parish Council Chairman, who also gave a short speech and drew the raffle. We had six very happy recipients of commemorative boxes of shortbread biscuits (4), a fresh fruit basket and an afternoon tea hamper. Everyone received a small commemorative gift (pen, trolley token, badge or coaster).

The Parish Council was fortunate to secure a small grant from the National Lottery to help with the costs, the final details of this are:

<u>BUDGET</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	
		Supplier	Expenditure
CPC	3,000	Britlabels	40
Grant	2,700	Very Vintage Tea Party	4,030
		Various suppliers	467
		Marks & Spencer	90
Total budget	£5,700	Total expenditure	£4,627

We were asked several times if the PC would be undertaking another event like the Open Day in 2021 as people found it useful to be able to speak in a relaxed environment and to find out what services are available to them. Councillors will be arranging this, probably in October, and it will be advertised in the Community Magazine as well as on the noticeboards and website in due course.

Unfortunately only two entries were received for the competition to create a Royal picture. As both of these were from children of the same family from outside Cressing, it was decided to cancel this competition.

PAVILLION CHANGING ROOMS

Information received from the Essex Football Association confirmed that the plans approved by Braintree District Council were acceptable to them.

A meeting was held with the Surveyors and three consultants (mechanical & electrical, structural engineers and building control inspection) to discuss results an examination of the existing foundations to the changing rooms as well as the required technical drawings needed to produce the Building Regulations and Tender specification. A few changes were made to the plans to provide for a drinking water supply and positions of radiators. Copies of these latest plans are available in the Parish Office.

A provisional timetable to complete the tender documentation up to commencing on site, is below:

- 27th July 2022 – issue tender package for inclusion on government's Contracts' Finder and Find a Tender services. Tender to be advertised on CPC website for local contractors to tender
- 10th August 2022 – contractors return tenders for analysis and cost comparison prior to Parish Council submitting to BDC
- 19th August 2022 – tender report recommending a contractor for the works, submitted to BDC for S.106 approval
- 22nd August 2022 – with BDC approval, CPC appoint a contractor
- Early September 2022 – pre-contract meeting with project team and local authority
- Mid to late September 2022 – works commence on site

These dates are all subject to receiving the necessary approvals from BDC for the various stages, but things are really moving along now.

PLAYING FIELD

Details and quotations for the supply of the replacement and additional seating for the playing field has been submitted to BDC S.106 officer and we are waiting for approval to place an order. We are anxious to get this completed quickly so that residents can benefit over the summer months.

When the seating is installed, it will be possible to plant the tree saplings and infill hedging around the playing field. At the same time a Jubilee Oak tree will be planted.

Later projects will concentrate on providing additional play equipment for younger and older children. We will also be looking at a small dog agility course for our canine residents to enjoy. We will have details of these available at the Open Day for your comments.

Christine Marshall
Parish Clerk

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