

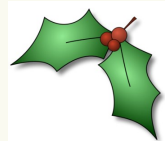
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DECEMBER EDITORIAL:

Hello everyone, another year has gone by and it is December again. Where does the time go? I think that 2021 has been slightly better than last year. Most of our village activities have started up again and we are managing to get the Magazine printed most months. Many thanks, of course, to Richard and Susan Simpson who arrange it on line for us each month.

As the year draws to a close, it is time again to thank all our regular contributors without whom we wouldn't have any articles for the magazine. We are also indebted to our loyal band of distributors who go out, rain or shine to deliver to everyone.

As we take part in various things going on in the village, it is very easy to forget all the volunteers who organise these things. Tables do not put themselves up and food and coffee, etc. do not put themselves on those tables. So a big 'thank you' from us to you all. Also to Dennis, who during the pandemic, has looked after the Food Bank for the many people in need. A need which still goes on.

The Magazine Committee wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. Keep safe everyone.

Betty, David Ronnie and Sue



DECEMBER/JANUARY DIARY

December

- Tue.7th Art Group – St.Barnabas 10.00-1.00
- Sun.12th Holy Communion at All Saints 9.00am
- Mon.13th Mobile Library in Jeffreys Road 10.00-10.30am
- Tue.14th Coffee Morning at St. Barnabas 11.00-1.00pm
- Thur.16th Community Christmas Tea at Cressing Community Church 1.45pm
- Knit and Natter Group at St. Barnabas 2.00-4.00pm
- Sun.19th Carol Service at All Saints Church 3.00pm
- Fri.24th Midnight Mass at All Saints Church 9.00pm

January

- Mon3rd Mobile Library in Jeffreys Road 10.00-10.30am
- Tue 4th Art Group- St. Barnabas 10.00- 1.00
- Sun 9th Holy Communion at All Saints Church 9.00am
- Tue.11th Coffee Morning at St. Barnabas 11.00-1.00pm
- Tue 18th Art Group- St. Barnabas 10.00- 1.00
- Fri.21st Cressing Events Committee Lunch at St.Barnabas 12 noon
- Mon.24th Mobile Library in Jeffreys Road 10.0-10,30am
- Tue 25th Art Group- St. Barnabas 10.00 -1.00
- Thur.27th Knit and Natter Group at St. Barnabas 2.00-4.00pm



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Cressing Book Group

Our latest book was *Actress*, a novel by Anne Enright. Norah FitzMaurice sets out to write the biography of her mother Katherine O'Dell, charismatic star of stage and screen and grande dame of Dublin theatrical life. 'My mother was a great fake', says Norah. Katherine's life had been a brilliant performance, from the way she ate her toast at breakfast to her biggest deception of all, her complete recasting of herself from English to Irish. Who was Katherine really? And why did she shoot the film impresario Boyd O'Neill in the foot and then become insane?

Our opinions were divided about this book, for example one reader was deterred because she felt totally unable to engage with the characters while another praised the way it successfully evoked the theatrical world of a particular time and place. One thought the many time shifts were hard to follow but another felt that they were a good reflection of how memories randomly surface and come together. We agreed that we'd enjoyed the comic moments and that the theme of a daughter's journey of discovery was an interesting one which had led us into much discussion about how easy or otherwise it is for children truly to know their mothers as people. In the end we decided that we'd be happy to advise other readers to give *Actress* a try.



CEV Soup report on our Lunch of 10th November

First I must thank Cressing Community Church for the use of their hall, and opening up for us at 9.30 in the morning so we could start preparing.

One of the best things about using their hall is the **Dish Washer**, and better still, the fact that Dennis insisted on our leaving all the washing-up to him and his dishwasher. Despite the very grey day our guests enjoyed their soup and roll while working out the answers to our quiz.

After tea or coffee had been served along with biscuits and sweets it was time for, our Christmas music bingo which produced two winning cards, then it was on to which table had won our fun Quiz. It was soon time for our raffle. Our special thanks, to those guests who added items to our raffle prizes.

Our next event is on Friday 21st of January a **Fish and Chip Lunch** back at **St. Barnabas Church Hall from 12.00 till 2.00pm serving at 12.15 the cost is just £5.00**, so why not join us for a chat, a brain tease, and good company.

To book a place, please contact Pam or Jackie on 584170 or 327064.

Thanks again to all our guests for making the effort of the whole team so worth while.

Arthur on behalf of the C.E.V team



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Twelve tips for Christmas and after



With Christmas rapidly approaching here are a few seasonal tips to help keep you safe at home, shopping, visiting, and after Christmas too:

1. If you need to store Christmas food and drink, presents and other goodies within garages and outbuildings, ensure what you are storing is out of sight and that the building is securely locked with good quality well fitted locks. Treat your shed to a shed alarm.
2. Avoid tempting window shopping burglars; don't leave presents and valuables on full view in front of a window. Having parcels delivered, may be out, make sure that you make suitable secure delivery arrangements to reduce the risk of theft.
3. Whenever leaving the house always ensure that your windows and doors are closed and locked (remember your face covering). Don't attract burglars to your home by leaving it in darkness; leave lights on timers, perhaps treat yourself to a TV simulator too.
4. Lock gates to keep unwanted visitors from getting to the rear of your home.
5. When you go to leave the house and find that your car is all iced up, don't leave it unattended with the engine running to de-ice it. It only takes a second to steal your car and it would invalidate any insurance claim.
6. Park safely; look for a Parkmark accredited car park www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder Check that your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave valuables and gifts on display in your car.
7. Whether an evening out or Christmas shopping keep your bags, handbags, wallets and mobile safe. Busy places make it easier for the sneak thief, so be alert at all times.
8. A Christmas get together – make sure that you have considered how you are getting home in advance and avoid using unlicensed taxi's. Ensure you drink responsible, social distance and are aware of your surroundings, whilst keeping your drink and belongings safe.
www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/FAQs/Category/personal-safety
9. Watch what you put on social media; check your settings to ensure that you are not broadcasting when you are not at home and the lovely gifts you may have received.
10. After Christmas don't advertise your nice gifts to the thieves by putting the empty boxes out for collection, disguise them, fold them up inside out or put them inside another non-descript box.
11. Record your new property free on www.immobilise.com , install tracking and security apps on relevant electrical and computer products.
- 12. Have a Great Christmas and New Year!!**

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THE NATURAL WORLD

In times of uncertainty reconnecting with the natural world is a wonderful medicine.



At a very early age I became acquainted with nature. My parents were lucky enough to have a large rambling garden, rather overgrown in parts, but an ideal place for a child to find exciting hidden places. I was an only child, without siblings to play with, and occupied my time discovering tiny creatures in the grass, watching the ants building their anthills, climbing trees, and listening to the sounds of the birds calling to each other. Throughout my life the interest continued, forever searching to discover the lifestyles of every creature imaginable, respecting their needs, never encroaching to close upon them, but learning all the time. It is an experience that I have been able to pass on to my children and grandchildren. When a child is involved outside with nature, all their senses get activated, they are immersed in something that is real, not as many focussed on one thing such as a computer screen. They are involved in seeing, touching, and when under supervision sometimes even tasting!

It would be ideal for children to be able to run loose and come back home muddy and happy at the end of the day, but in reality this is not likely to happen anymore. Safety is of course the utmost of importance so this means that parents need to get outside with them and explore with them. Even a walk to a local park can be a nature walk, collecting leaves, and pointing out the trees and bushes, and the creatures crawling along walls and fences. Many charitable organisations like the Wildlife Trust have a passion for outdoor learning, and try to make it easy for children to connect with the natural world and welcome thousands of schoolchildren to their nature reserves and centres every year.

Connecting with nature is a natural medicine, taking pleasure and immersing yourself and children in it gives a sense of happiness, relaxes you and feel at peace. In the past few months, nature has provided many of us with a vast amount of comfort.

Lin Wenlock

Cressing Community Church

sharing God's love and truth where we are

Dear friends

Over the Christmas season, we can experience a number of, what many call miracles: The Christmas tree lights working the first time we turn them on despite having been hastily stuffed into an old Ice cream tub from last year.

The joy of seeing your old auntie Flo opening the present you have just given her and telling you this was something she really wanted, when in fact you didn't have a clue what to get her!

The turkey being perfectly cooked, having spent too many hours in the oven, and the usual response you expect when you ask a child what they would like for Christmas: I'll have the money, but this time they say... 'O, I'll be pleased with anything you give, it's the thought that counts.' Maybe that is a slight miracle.

Besides all that, I want to share with you the most incredible miracle of all that happened at the very first Christmas. God did something absolutely miraculous, He gave a special gift to the world! God's gift for mankind was not money, or a gift wrapped parcel but His Son, Jesus. The miracle of Christmas is this: God sent us a message saying 'I love you and I want you to be in My family'. He didn't send the message by letter or by special delivery, He sent it with His Son, who brought that message Himself, when He became a man on earth. Jesus is the real miracle of Christmas celebrated by billions of people across the world.

That miracle of Christmas didn't stop there, God wants us to accept Jesus as His wonderful gift to all mankind. This special baby grew into a man who showed us how to find the way to a close relationship with our Heavenly Father.

On the very first Christmas, Jesus, God's Son laid aside His glory, and was born in the town of Bethlehem. Many people may know the story but they have left the gift to one side, unopened and undiscovered.

God's gift to mankind didn't stop all those years ago, it is still available today. God still wants us to accept Jesus into our lives, even though we may not be physically able to see Him, we can still experience His love and compassion for all mankind. My prayer for you this Christmas is that you find that gift and open it - taste and see that the Lord is good!

May you have a very happy Christmas, and find time in your celebrations to remember the true message of Christmas, the true love of Jesus.

Every Christmas Blessing in His name

Dennis

CRESSING COMMUNITY CHURCH NOTICES



December

Sunday 5th Christmas Cafe church - Breakfast served from 09.30 until 10.15, followed by a short informal family service.
 12th 10.30 Morning Worship

Thursday 16th Community Christmas Tea

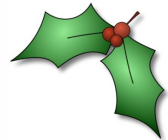


13.45 tea/coffee served

children from Lyons Hall Primary School will sing a variety of Christmas songs for us

15.00 afternoon tea will be served

19th 10.30 Family Carol Service
 24th 23.30 Candle lit Carol Service
 25th 10.00 Christmas Day Celebration Service
 26th no service



January

2nd New year Cafe church, from 9.30 as above
 9th onwards, morning services start at 10.30, everyone welcome

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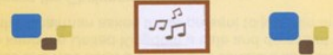
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Gardening Notes for December/January

As we approach the festive season now is a good time, at the beginning of the month, to gather branches from shrubs and trees in your garden with berries before the birds eat them!

If you have access to Pyracantha (Finethorn), Orange Glow is an attractive variety. Also try Callicarpa (Beauty Bush) which has mauve berries or one of the many Ilex (holly species). Not only will these attract wild birds to your garden but in addition there will be abundant material for wreaths and table decorations. The above are just a small selection of available plants from most local garden centres.

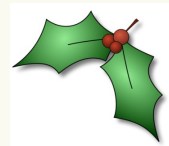
Now is the time to reduce bush type roses by a third. This helps prevent 'wind rock' during bad weather.

My recommended plant of the month is Daphne Odora. This compact shrub provides superb perfume in the garden at this dull time of year and is ideal for a smaller plot.

Winter digging can be carried out over the next two months. The weeds have ceased growing for a while. Remember to turn the soil over and bury small weeds so they rot down before working the soil in spring. If you prefer not to dig then add a good layer of compost, home made or spent from containers, covering the ground to suppress any small annual weeds. The mulch will rot down over the winter ready to provide a tilth to work in the spring.

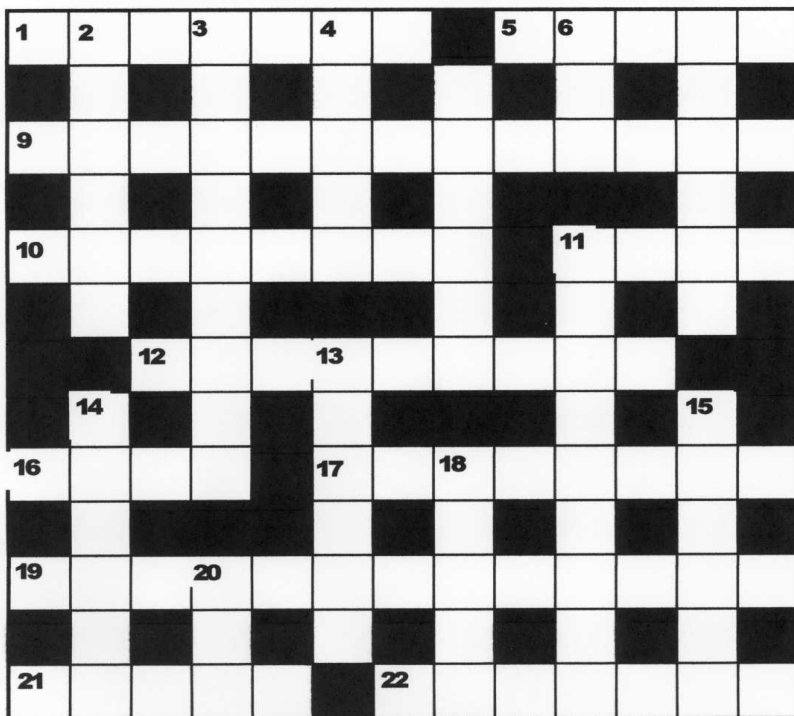
Enjoy your garden.....

The Arborist





CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Presents around the tree could be arranged like this (7)
5. Found inside the crackers (5)
9. Hung on the tree to enrich its appearance (4,9)
10. Necklaces and neck ties (8)
11. Great delight (4)
12. Imaginary tale or person (9)
16. Many people start one of these after the Christmas period (4)
17. There was a famous one in Boston (3,5)
19. Infrequent gathering of distant relatives (6,7)
21. Often found in the crown (5)
22. To move lightly and quickly (7)

DOWN

2. Thanksgiving bird (6)
3. A list of things to be done (9)
4. Home of an eagle (5)
6. Obligation to pay for something received (3)
7. The main course of a meal(6)
8. The way in which a person's hair is styled (6)
11. To oppose or resist something (2,7).
13. Greek goddess of fresh water (6)
14. An optical illusion (6)
15. Some will spend Christmas here (2,4)
18. Between Christmas and New Year. (1,4)
20. To decorate a cake (3)

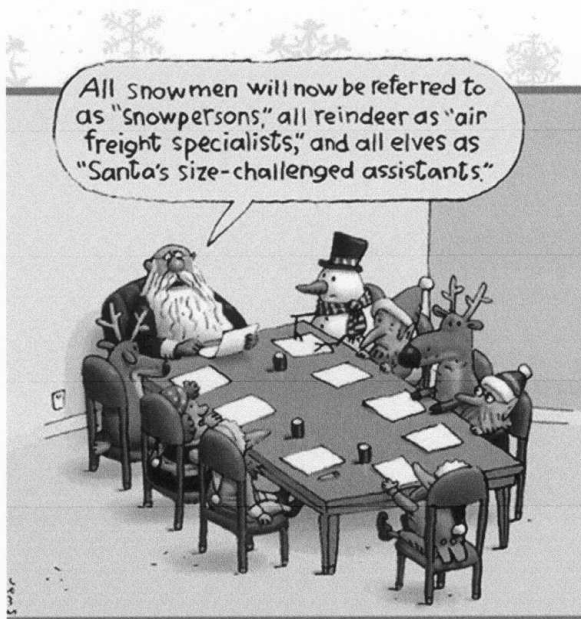
ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 ABBOT (5)
- 4 FLIRT (5)
- 10 THOSE (5)
- 11 RIGHTED (7)
- 12 YULETIDE (8)
- 13 EROS (4)
- 15 NIPPON (6)
- 17 REASON (6)
- 19 OARS (4)
- 20 DESCRIBE (8)
- 23 REHEATS (7)
- 24 ENDED (5)
- 25 IDEAL (5)
- 26 OSCAR (5)

DOWN

- 2 BROIL (5)
- 3 OVERTOOK (8)
- 5 LEGS (4)
- 6 RETURNS (7)
- 7 STAYINDOORS (11)
- 8 CRUDE (5)
- 9 ODDSANDENDS (11)
- 14 TEACHERS (8)
- 16 PARCHED (7)
- 18 BEAST (5)
- 21 INDIA (5)
- 22 SAGA (4)



The Year Santa Hired a Consultant

CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cressing Parish Council held on 10th November 2021 at 7.00pm at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

Present: Cllrs John Lawton – Chairman, Colin Haines and Harvey Porrett

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

21/157 CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME AND REPORT

The Chairman welcomed attendees and reported as follows:

- Tommys – The Chairman called for a vote of thanks to handyman Russell Drury and resident Keith Tatum for their work in overcoming the obstacles presented of differing size and shapes of posts for the erecting of Tommy statues. A letter will be sent to Mr Tatum for his involvement. A member of the public asked if it would be possible to have a Tommy fixed to the wall of the Post Office near to the village crest. This will be investigated. **Action: Clerk**
- As Clerk of Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council, the Clerk attended a meeting arranged by that PC’s County Cllr, with Cabinet Member for Essex Highways who advised speed limits around the county are being reviewed, especially near schools. Clerk queried re B1018 and Cressing School and this will be included in that review.
- CPC applied under a BDC scheme for trees and bulbs for planting in the Parish. 400 bulbs and 50 tree whips have been provided. The Handyman will plant the bulbs around the village and the positioning of the trees will be decided at the December meeting.
- Open Spaces Plan is being reviewed and the Clerk will ensure a wide coverage of projects can be included. **Action: Clerk**
- CPC contacted BDC concerning changes to the emerging Local Plan that had been made affecting Cressing Tye Green status without advising or discussing with CPC.
- Dust cart and litter pick will be held Saturday 20th November and Cllrs are asked for their assistance.
- It has been noticed that more trees have been removed from the Appletree site and this will be reported.

21/158 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cllrs: Watts, Rowe, Simpson and Lapper, and District Cllr Abbott. Cllrs agreed to accept these apologies. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton seconded: Cllr Porrett.**

21/159 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.

21/160 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The Clerk confirmed that no requests to speak had been received within the required notice period. However, an email had been received prior to the meeting seeking clarification on several issues and this will be responded to by the Clerk in due course. **Action: Clerk**

21/161 REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Thorogood reported on the following:

- i. Applications to the Local Highways Panel have been submitted with Cllr Thorogood’s support for consideration in budget 2022/23.
- ii. A new VAS/SID application process is now available online at Essex Highways and is also available on the Local Highway Panel website. This policy enables Parishes to buy signs to install

on the road network in places where speeding is perceived. The LHP will continue to install ones where a significant speeding issue occurs if a VAS is the most suitable measure. Those funded by Parish Councils must be:

- Sited 70 metres within the speed limit
- Speed limit must be in place for more than the previous 12 months
- The edge of the sign must be inset at least 450mm from edge of carriageway
- Not within 70 metres of another VAS or flashing equipment such as zebra crossing
- Full information will be forwarded to Councillors. **Action: Clerk**

iii. Cllr Thorogood will follow up the request for the speed limit on Polecat Road to be reduced.

iv. Details of outstanding pothole repairs to be forwarded to Cllr Thorogood to follow up. **Action: Clerk**

v. The Local Plan Group will meet in December, but it remains unlikely that the Plan will be adopted until 2022.

vi. Rivenhall Incinerator - There have been several objections to the Condition 66 application. PAIN will be preparing a list of questions to be passed to Priti Patel MP to follow up. If Option 1 is progressed (building the incinerator prior to any other development on the site) there is concern that the other waste management options will not be undertaken. Indaver have stated they will install carbon filters, but if this is the intent, a higher stack will be required and subject to a new planning application.

District Councillor Wright reported:

- Whilst BDC have yet to set their budget for 2022/23, it is known that it will be “tight” affecting projects and work throughout the district.
- Another two developments in the district totaling 600 dwellings have been agreed.
- A12 consultation now open online.

21/162 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th October 2021 were confirmed as a true record. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Lawton.** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

21/163 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

The Chairman introduced prospective councillor, Sally Griffiths, who met all the criteria for being co-opted, the application form having been sent to all Councillors previously, and requested Councillors present to vote on the co-option. The co-option was **proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Haines** Having voted, with no dissensions, the Chairman declared the voting complete, and the applicant was duly co-opted as a member of Cressing Parish Council. The Chairman invited Cllr Griffiths to join the other Cllrs at the table.

The necessary forms for acceptance will be completed after the meeting and the Clerk will advise BDC Governance accordingly. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Griffiths**

21/164 THREE PARISHES MEETING

This has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 30th November at Rivenhall. The Clerk advised of the topics to be discussed, but a formal agenda will be issued in due course. Cllr Haines and the Clerk will attend.

21/165 EMERGENCY PLAN

The Clerk provided the background of why Parishes need to have emergency procedures in place and how they would be implemented prior to the site of the emergency being managed by BDC Emergency Team and “blue light” services. Due to work arrangements, Cllr Lapper would not be able to continue as coordinator and it was agreed that Cllr Griffiths would now assume this role. The Clerk will work with Cllr Griffiths to progress the update. **Action: Cllr. Griffiths/Clerk**

21/166 FINANCE

i. **Progress against budget:** The Clerk/RFO referred to the reports issued with the Agenda. There

were no queries, and the reports were accepted. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Haines, all in favour**

- ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 31st October 2021: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement at 31st October be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Porrett, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve October 2021 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments made and cheques to be signed against October expenditure was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded Cllr Haines, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.

21/167 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The list of suggested charities to be supported by the Parish Council was discussed and agreed, as follows:

- Essex & Herts Air Ambulance
- Macmillan cancer support
- Farleigh Hospice
- East Anglia’s Children’s Hospice
- Havens Children’s Hospice
- British Heart Foundation
- Essex Respite and Care Association
- Upwards with Downs (Downs syndrome support)
- The Royal British Legion
- Essex Sight
- PARC Essex
- Barnardo’s

It was further agreed that a donation to each of £50 should be made in December, and the Clerk confirmed that this would use the balance of the budget for the current year and some of the carry forward from 2020/21. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Haines. Action: Clerk**

21/168 CRESSING ENVIRONMENT

- i. **Playing field** – the Clerk reported that an estimate of costs for the changing rooms was awaited and when received will be advised to BDC. This is a guide only and does not constitute any agreement of supplier or expenditure. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. The Clerk advised that a meeting will be held with a play equipment company at the playing field to discuss options for further equipment for a scheme to be put forward to BDC presenting potential future schemes under S.106. Suggestions will be put to the Parish Council once available for Cllrs to agree an overall plan for inclusion in the open Spaces Plan. In the meantime, **it was agreed retrospectively** for the Clerk to proceed. **Proposed: cllr Lawton, seconded: Cllr Haines. Action: Clerk**
- iii. **Highways** – the Co-ordinator of the Community Speedwatch Group was unable to attend the meeting and will be forwarding a report separately. A member of the group was at the meeting and reported that not all volunteers had yet been trained. The equipment has been used four times and feedback is awaited.
- iv. County Cllr Thorogood reported previously on applications to the Local Highways Panel, but **it was agreed** to submit a further application for the reduction of speed limit in Polecat Road. **Action: Clerk**
- v. **Insurance claim** – **it was agreed** to submit a claim for the damage to the seat destroyed at Polecat Road during a vehicle accident and also the costs of having the light fitting replaced. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lawton. Action: Clerk**
- vi. Cllr Porrett advised that the seat on Polecat road near the B1018, was rotten and in a dangerous

condition. As this is not owned by the Parish Council Essex Highways will be advised. **Action: Clerk**

21/169 BRAINTREE LOCAL PLAN

It was agreed to ratify the agreement previously given via email to the letter dated 4th November authored by Cllr Simpson to state the Parish Council’s views on the change of status of Cressing Tye Green in the emerging plan that had not been advised to, or discussed with, the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Lawton

21/170 PLANNING

A. Appeals determined by the Planning Inspectorate: None advised.

B. Appeals submitted to the Planning Inspectorate: None advised.

C. Applications determined by Braintree District Council:

21/02355/HH | Retention of single-storey 2 bay detached garage | Bannisters Tye Green Braintree Road Cressing Essex CM77 8HU - *application granted, position of garage changed*

D. Applications received by Braintree District Council:

21/03053/OUT | Outline planning permission with all matters reserved apart from access, for the residential development of up to 35 dwellings (including 40% affordable housing), with vehicular access, areas of landscaping and public open space. | Land East Of Braintree Road Cressing Essex – after discussion it was agreed to submit an objection to this application due to:

- Further increase in traffic to an already over-crowded road
- poor and dangerous access from the B1018
- inappropriate development of open farmland
- site not included in adopted Neighbourhood Plan
- development outside village envelope
- BDC have approved housing for more than the 5-year supply and site not included in emerging local plan **Action: Clerk**

21/03184/LBC | Installation of summer house and swim-spa in rear garden. | Tudor House Braintree Road Cressing Essex CM77 8JB – Cllrs raised no objections.

E. Applications bordering parish for information – none advised.

21/171 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Items for inclusion on the December Agenda:

1. *Cycle paths*
2. *Tree planting locations*
3. *Community Speedwatch report*
4. *Budget2022/23*
5. *Report from 3 Parishes Meeting*
6. *The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee*
7. *Rainbow Field*
8. *Emergency Plan update*

21/172 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at **7.00pm at St Barnabas Hall, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing, CM77 8HG**. Social distancing may be implemented, and face masks worn if required under Covid regulations.

Any items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 30th November 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

| Dates of 2022 meetings | | |
|------------------------|----|--------|
| JANUARY | 12 | 7.00pm |
| FEBRUARY | 9 | 7.00pm |
| MARCH | 9 | 7.00pm |
| APRIL | 13 | 7.00pm |
| MAY | 11 | 7.00pm |
| | | 7.30pm |
| | | 8.00pm |
| JUNE | 8 | 7.00pm |
| JULY | 13 | 7.00pm |
| AUGUST | 10 | 7.00pm |
| SEPTEMBER | 14 | 7.00pm |
| OCTOBER | 12 | 7.00pm |
| NOVEMBER | 9 | 7.00pm |
| DECEMBER | 14 | 7.00pm |

Annual Parish Meeting
Parish Council Annual Meeting
Parish Council Meeting

Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter – and it’s on the increase in Cressing Tye Green.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. Do you want to be responsible for this infection in children who play on the playing field – yes, there are some residents of Cressing who think it is acceptable for their dog to foul the playing field and then have children, adults and other animals step in it! **WELL, IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE**

It’s no wonder dog fouling is such a problem – there are estimated to be more than 8 million dogs producing more than 1,000 tonnes of mess every day in the UK alone.

Clean up after your dog

It is an offence not to clean up after your dog has fouled.

While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets.

Anyone who fails to clean up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

There’s no such thing as the dog poo fairy!



And as hard as it might try, a dog can’t pick it up either!

If you are over the age of 18 and commit dog fouling, you may receive a £100 fixed penalty notice. If you don't pay the fine within the required timescale this may lead to court action.

If found guilty, you may get a fine of to £1000 plus costs.

If you are under the age of 18, you may receive a warning and a letter sent to your parents or guardians.

The absence of litter bins or dog waste bins is not a reasonable defence for not clearing up after a dog in your care.

There are dog waste bins where people most commonly exercise their dogs.



*Cressing Parish Council, its
Councillors and staff, wishes
all residents of Cressing
Parish, old and new, a very
happy and safe holiday
season wherever you may be*

The Parish Office at St Barnabas will close at 3.00pm Thursday 16th December, re-opening at 9.00am on Wednesday 5th January 2022. email will be checked during this period, but may not be responded to. For emergencies please use the mobile telephone number 07933 306927 or call one of the numbers on the back page of the Community Magazine.

News from All Saints Church & St Barnabas

As we move closer to the Birthday of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and we start to prepare ourselves for Christmas, we think about all the presents we send and receive, and all the food and drink and celebrations that take place.

But following our Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial I am thinking of those 20 lads from our village that gave up their young lives for us, and did not live to enjoy any celebrations.

So I thought that it would be appropriate to research and remember who these lads were over the coming months.

(From our Archives)

Firstly:- Walter (Sidney) Adams

He was the son of Henry and Eliza Adams of Witham Road Cressing.

He served as a Gunner in the 205th Siege Battery Royal Artillery posted in Egypt. Records tell he was killed as the result of an accident on September 1917 at the age of 27.

He is buried in Tarrant War Cemetery, Egypt.

We would like to thank all who helped to make our Remembrance Service an appropriate and fitting occasion. Special thanks to Jonny for his bugling.

We will be holding our **Midnight Mass service** at the earlier time of **21.00** on **Christmas Eve** all are welcome. **Have a very Happy Christmas.**

Peter/Sue Church Wardens



WORSHIP SERVICES- JANUARY 2022

St. Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall

Every Week:

8.00 am Morning Prayer on Sunday or Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

1.00 am 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: Family Service (includes baptisms on 3rd Sunday)

5.15 pm 1st Sunday of the month: Choral Evensong

St. Nicholas Chapel, Coggeshall

9.00 am 4th Sunday of the month: Holy Communion or Matins

All Saints, Cressing

9.00 am 2nd Sunday of the month: Holy Communion

All Saints, Stisted

Every week:

10.30 am Service of the Word or Communion

Reflections

The Christmas season and the end of another year are usually a good time to reflect and take stock. Maybe last year gave us a bit too much space for reflection and this year we are all hoping for a more normal celebration: seeing friends and family, enjoying food and drink and perhaps even a bit of travelling. And maybe you are not the reflective type, you don't just like to sit and think back - too much of that can also be too much of a good thing. But reflections are all around us - in this festive and joyful season of light:

In ornaments: those colourful, shiny, sparkling baubles on trees reflect fairy lights, candle light, the light of a roaring fire. And if you look closer you can see amusingly distorted reflections of yourself or your surroundings in them. Having put them up, grab a cuppa, sit and simply enjoy looking at them.

In people's eyes: If you have family and friends round for the festivities or you are invited to celebrate with others, really take the time to look into people's eyes. Eyes reflect so much about a person, if you look closely you will find both pain and joy and see a story untold. And if you look even closer, you will see yourself, too, and realise how much you have in common.

The reflection in mirrors: some people like them, others hate seeing their own reflection. Why not stop for a moment to look, love and accept yourself. One of my favourite Christmas films is 'It's A Wonderful Life', a reminder that all our lives have meaning and make a difference to others.

The Bible says that Jesus is the exact representation of the Father, that He is the radiance or the reflection of His glory. (Heb 1,3). Jesus shows us the Father, His character, His essence perfectly. If you want to know more about God, get to know Jesus. Maybe for the first time, maybe again, seeing Him with fresh eyes. And let Him take you into the New Year, into a new adventure with Him.

So whether this season is calm or chaotic, there will always be moments of reflections to admire baubles, to look into people's eyes, to stop in front of the mirror and most of all, to look at Jesus.

Wishing you a joyful Christmas and a healthy New Year!

Rev'd Heike Prentice




CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 19 th December | St.Peters All Saints, Cressing Holy Trinity Bradwell | 5.15pm 3.00pm 4.00pm | Nine Lessons and Carols Carol Service |
| 24 th December | St.Peters. All Saints, Stisted All Saints, Cressing. | 4.00pm 4.00pm 9.00pm | Crib Service Carols round the tree Midnight Mass |
| 25 th December | St.Peters St.Nicholas | 11.00pm 9.00 or 10.30am | Midnight Mass Holy Communion. |

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Cycle Security – New bike for Christmas?



Cycle security is always an issue with many being stolen from locations including the town centre, residential areas, and educational establishments. Commonly cycles are not secured properly, don't make it easy for thieves: - 1. Double lock it - using two locks slows thieves down and makes your bike less of a target. Use two quality locks, at least one of which is a D-lock. Thieves are less likely to carry multiple tools, so use two different types of lock if possible. 2. Lock the lot - lock the frame and both wheels to a secure cycle stand. 3. Secure it - secure your bike as close to the stand as possible to give any thieves little or no room to manoeuvre. 4. Take removable parts with you - Take parts that are easy to remove with you, such as wheels, lights, baskets, or the saddle. Or use locking skewers or nuts which can increase security by securing the bike's components to the frame permanently. 5. Park securely - Lock your bike at recognised secure cycle parking. It should be well lit, overlooked and covered by CCTV.

Where do they go? Number of places: - locally, in a container abroad, to another part of the country, stored in premises for later sale or sold as either a cycle or cycle parts via the internet, or third parties.

By taking some appropriate precautions and using good quality security products, and using them well, should help you to keep your property safe. Use the best security you can afford. Don't secure a £2,000 bicycle with a £10-£20 lock! As a guide look to spend 10-15% of the value of the item on its security. Look for a "Sold Secure" certified chain **and** padlock or "D – Lock" preferably gold rated but certainly not below silver.

Make a note of the frame number, security mark the cycle, there are a number of different methods available such as www.datatag.co.uk, www.bikeregister.com, (others are available and can be found on the Secured by Design website below) and you can register property including cycles free of charge at www.immobilise.com. Take a photograph of the cycle and any areas of damage or marks of identification, some insurance companies may require one with the owner in the picture with it.

Don't forget at home: 1) don't leave garage doors open for long periods showing your expensive cycle and other property, 2) consider a "Ground anchor" or "Shed shackle" within your shed or garage to secure your cycle to, 3) look at your shed or garages security and ensure you have good locks and that the hinges are protected, 4) consider a shed alarm.

Check with your insurance company to see what security standards they require for your insurance cover to be valid.

For suitable security products see www.securedbydesign.com or www.soldsecure.com.

For further advice see: <https://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/how-safe-is-your-bike/>, <https://www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/bike-security> and <https://securityforbikes.com/bicycle-security-advice.php>



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If God had voice mail...

Most of have learned to live with "voice mail" as a now inescapable part of life; but what if some canny entrepreneur persuaded God to install voice mail? Imagine praying and hearing the following:

Thank you for calling Heaven. Please select one of the following:

- Press 1 for Requests*
- Press 2 for Thanksgiving*
- Press 3 for Complaints*
- Press 4 for Other Enquiries*

I am sorry, all our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners at present. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received. Please stay on the line.

If you would like to speak to:

- God - press 1*
- The Archangel Gabriel - press 2*
- The Archangel Michael - press 3*

To hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding - press 4

To find a loved one who has been assigned to Heaven - press 5, then enter his or her Social Security number, followed by the pound sign. If you get a negative response, hang up,

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other planets, and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive.

Our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow.

This office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again on Monday after 9.30am.

If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor.

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