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EDITORIAL:- MARCH 2023

'If March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb' Another old-fashioned saying that my mother was fond of using.

I hope you all enjoyed your pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. We are now in Lent. Of course, Lent is primarily a religious time but many people of no particular faith talk of giving things up for Lent which of course goes on till Easter. The favourite things to give up are alcohol, cigarettes and chocolate and some last until Easter but many don't. I usually try to give up chocolate and I often do quite well. We shall see what happens this year. I was once told by a Church Minister that he had given up giving things up!! We should really give what we save in Lent to charity and there are many charities desperately in need at the moment.

With Spring in the air, many keen gardeners are eager to get in the garden and get started and thinking about gardens, the Flower Show Committee are meeting shortly to arrange this year's show. As you will remember, last year it was cancelled as a mark of respect on the death of the late Queen. We should be able to give you the date of the Show in next month's magazine.

Don't forget, if you are feeling cold or lonely on a Thursday morning you can go along to the 'Keep warm and keep in touch' at St. Barnabas 10.30am-1.00pm, courtesy of the Parish Council.

The Events Committee lunch in March will be on Friday 17th at St. Barnabas and will be Pasty and Chips. Don't forget to book.

Well, keep warm and enjoy Spring when it comes!!

Betty

DIARY MARCH 2023



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- Tue.7th Art Group at St. Barnabas 10.00am-1.00pm*
- Sat.11th Film Night at Cressing Community Church 7.00pm*
- Sun.12th Holy Communion at All Saints Church 9.00am*
- Fri.17th Events Committee Lunch 12noon at St. Barnabas*
- Tue.21st Art Group at St. Barnabas 10.00am-1.00pm*
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GARDENING NOTES FOR MARCH

I make no excuse this month for repeating myself with the recommended plant of the month; Sweet Box [*Sarcococca confuse*]. An evergreen with the most superb white scented flowers it will flower in the late winter months and only a week or so back I was walking around a friend's garden when the pervading scent filled the morning air. This is a shrub growing up to 2metres in height and it will tolerate shade and will grow well against a shaded wall. Should you wish to prune for height and shape do so after flowering but you will miss out on the shiny black berries produced in autumn.

If you have potatoes chitting ensure they are in a frost-free location, likewise with dahlia tubers and begonias.

We are still experiencing hard night frosts so try to not walk on your lawn as it will damage the grass and when the thaw sets in there will be black foot prints which take a while to recover. Any dish or bird bath will need replenishing with water. I know in my own garden how the wild birds appreciate fresh water during the day both to bath in and drink.

Now is the time to take hard wood cuttings. Cut below the node [leaf joint] and place the cuttings, which should be seven to eight inches long, in a trench in the garden lined with sharp sand. This will assist drainage and encourage root growth from the cutting base. Back fill the rest of the trench with soil and there should be signs of leaf growth come mid to late summer. Remember to water should we have a dry period.

Hellebores are budding and coming into flower. One of the most well-known is *Helleborus niger* [Christmas rose]. The leaves can often look discoloured and shabby, so cut them off with a sharp pair of secateurs and this will enhance the look of the plant and the flowers will really stand out.

Onion sets can be sown either directly into the ground if it's frost free or in trays in a cold greenhouse or porch. Just keep an eye open for blackbirds as they enjoy picking at the green shoots and pulling the sets out of the ground!

The soil will soon be warming a little. Be patient, the planting season will soon be upon us.

Enjoy your garden.....*The Arborist.*



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Cressing Book Group



Our latest book was *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd, a novel set during the American civil rights movement of 1964. Lily is a white 14 year old who lives with her neglectful and unloving father. Her mother died when she was just 4, possibly accidentally shot by Lily herself, and she is cared for by Rosaleen the black maid. When Rosaleen goes to register to vote, she is taunted and abused by three white men and when she retaliates, she is arrested, then beaten up. Lily rescues her and the two of them hitch-hike to Sylvan, South Carolina, a town which promises to hold the secret of her mother's mysterious past. There, they are taken in by three black beekeeping sisters who introduce them to a different life, to the world of bees and to the image of a Black Madonna which guides the household.

We enjoyed this book. We thought it was well written with descriptions that brought the heat and landscape of South Carolina vividly to life. We thought the characters were well rounded and believable and we very much liked the three beekeeping sisters and especially the wisdom and kindness of the eldest, August. Along the way we learned a lot about bee keeping and we enjoyed the quotes from bee keeping manuals which began and set the tone for each chapter. Above all, we felt this book was eye opening about the racism prevalent in 1960s America, still something relevant to society now. We would be happy to recommend this book to other readers.

CRESSING ART GROUP



We meet on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at St.Barnabas. If there is a 5th Tuesday in the month we also meet. If you would like to start painting or return to painting after a break, or you sketch, please contact me on the number below to find out more information. You would need to supply your own paints and canvas etc. We would also welcome people who enjoy adult colouring which is also a form of relaxation and can help with mindfulness. First session is free, thereafter £4 per session, which includes refreshments. Currently there are 9 members who enjoy painting and sketching. We use various medium, including water colour, acrylics and pastels.

In March we will be meeting on the 7th, 21st and 28th.

If you are interested, please contact me on 07599182861. I will be able to tell you more about the group and advise you what to bring.

What's on at **CRESSING COMMUNITY CHURCH**

March 2023



Sunday 5th March Cafe Church

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Sunday Services
at 10.30

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Prayer Meeting
Saturdays at 09.00

Good Friday Communion service 10.00 7th April

Spring Film Night Saturday 11th March 2023

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The Late, Late Burns' Night

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We had lots of very complimentary comments afterwards, many wanting to do it again! Maybe we will.

Advance notice: **Beetle Drive 22nd April at 19.00**

For more information about our services and events go to our website: cressingchurch.org.

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Dear friends

Sometimes I feel that the pace of life is moving so fast, and I can't keep up! Then I remember this verse in the Bible "Be still and know that I am God".

Christmas was such a hectic time for many, partly because of the 'must have' Christmas advertising with little reference to the birth of Jesus Christ, the reason for Christmas. Once the Christmas period was over, the large shopping groups started their Easter marketing, starting from Hot Cross buns, which now become an all year around fruit bun instead of an Easter tradition. Chocolate Easter eggs also came onto the market.

Next, there was Shrove Tuesday, which is 47 days before Easter Sunday. For the food retail market, it means readymade pancakes, which again are sold all year round, available with 'Jiffy lemon juice' and various pour on sauces.

Next comes Palm Sunday, a time when the Church distributes Crosses made from palm leaves. So far, the retail trade can't make any money from that, but the marketing of Easter continues.

In the timeline of Easter is Good Friday, many believe this comes from the original name 'God Friday' it's the time when Christians remember the Crucifixion of Jesus at Calvary. Some Churches abroad use the name 'Sorrowful Friday' personally I prefer 'God's Friday'. As far as I know, Supermarkets have not found a way to cash in on the horrific death of Jesus nailed to a cross for the sins of mankind!

Then finally the Big Day! 'Easter Sunday'. For Chocolate manufactures, a great opportunity 'sent from heaven'. Easter eggs, Easter bunnies, special Easter edition boxes of your favourite chocolates.

For Christians, it's a time of celebration because Christ was raised from the dead, having paid the full price for the sins of mankind. Another promise of God fulfilled. Yes, I do like celebrating Christmas with all its traditions, Yes, I do celebrate Shrove Tuesday, and Yes, I do buy Easter eggs for my family, but for Christians around the world celebrate for the true meaning of Easter.

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COLLECTIONS OR CLUTTER?



There must be a word for it, but all I can think of at the moment is 'disorganised clutter'.

Over the years I have pursued various interests and hobbies. For instance as a young girl I collected stamps which I suppose made me a philatelist of sorts. The stamp album along with items and collections from other hobbies should long ago been passed on to other enthusiasts, to a charity shops or to jumble sales. However, they have travelled from home to home in every move I have made in case I was once again overwhelmed by a particular craze or specific hobby.

I now have a vast collection of what can only be described as 'junk'. It has grown over time with additions from relatives to enhance my collections, I realise now they were clearing out their clutter! This weekend when close family came to stay I realised that enough is enough, in order to accommodate them umpteen journeys had to be made into the loft transporting boxes of various items. A loft where already there is barely room to move as it contains many household items I feel loathe to throw out - just in case they prove to be useful again!

I have, in the past, made feeble attempts to dispose of things, but as each box is filled my eyes well up with tears of all the happy times that the various items from people, who have now passed away, have given me in the past, and back the box goes into the spare room.

Looking through all the collections I realise I am like a magpie which fills its nest with purloined rings and then goes off on a whim to collect shiny thimbles. Like the magpie I hop from one pursuit to another.

You name it, and at sometime in the past I have collected it, from porcelain, paperweights, Chinese fans and onto anything I fancied in between. It is really time that I should make a firm resolution to firm resolution to dispose of all this clutter, but my eye will, like the magpie, catch on something once again and a new collection will begin!

Lin Wenlock

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Back in 1829, Sir Robert Peel (the “*Father of Modern Policing*”) decreed that there are nine basic principles of Policing. The first principle and mission for Police Constables is to prevent crime and disorder, and that police effectiveness is not measured on the number of arrests, but on the lack of crime!

These principles still ring true today. Reducing and preventing crime is not only better for the economy but more importantly our health and wellbeing. As dealing with the aftermath of crime and ASB can leave a lasting impact on victim of crime and the wider community.

Everyday within Essex Police our Officers and Staff from our Community Policing Teams, Community Safety and Engagement Officers, Rural Crime, Business Crime Teams and Fraud Coordinators deliver crime prevention advice to help the public in reducing the opportunities for crime and ASB.

For specialist crime prevention advice, the force has a small number Crime Prevention and Designing out Crime Officers (DOCO), who provide tactical support for all officers and staff. Designing out Crime Officers looks at mitigating crime and ASB risk not just for the present, but for the future. A carefully designed building and wider environment with security at the heart of it is better than retrofitting measures later to fix a problem that could have been foreseen.

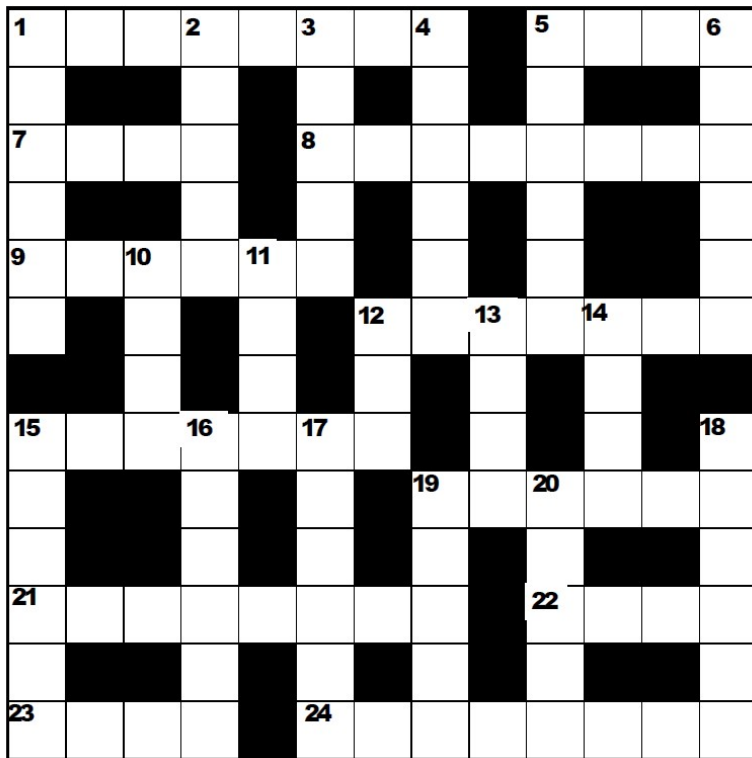
Additionally, as part of the planning process, the Designing out Crime Officers comment on new planning applications to ensure that the opportunities for crime and disorder to be ‘designed out’ at the earliest opportunity. They review various planning applications from new housing estates, hospitals, schools, town centre regenerations to name but a few.

The Designing out Crime Officers promote ‘Secured by Design’ (www.securedbydesign.com) to ensure that new planning applications have considered the impact of crime in their design.

Secured by Design (SBD) is the official police security initiative that aims at reducing the opportunities for crime and ASB. Developers around the UK can achieve SBD awards for incorporating crime prevention measures and techniques into their developments in all kinds of building sectors. SBD also developed and maintains a product-based police accreditation scheme– the Police Preferred Specification where independently tested security products and building material can be found.

In conclusion crime prevention is not just reactive and concerned with just the here and now, its core is around creating safer and exclusive places for everyone at all times.

MARCH 2023 CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Feeling sleepy, between being awake and asleep (8)
5. To harm or incapacitate (4)
7. Vocal solo (4)
8. To have moved restlessly (8)
9. A puzzling question (6)
12. Remedy for a headache (7)
15. To fight or argue with someone(7)
19. Famous by reputation (6)
21. Modern and recently developed (8)
22. Male monarch (4)
23. To dry or barren to support vegetation (4)
24. System of ideas intended to explain something (8)

DOWN

1. Preliminary version of documents (6)
2. Accustom a infant to solid food (5)
3. Deduce or conclude something (5)
4. Singing Alpine style (6)
5. Swiss cereal (6)
6. Something up to date (6)
10. Light bluish green (4)
11. To engrave (4)
12. Join something to something else(3)
13. American wild cat (4)
14. A spool (4)
15. Large droning insect found in hot countries (6)
16. Piece of thread (6)
17. To draw something out (6)
18. Wise sayings (6)
19. A soft toffee (5)
20. One who makes bread (5)

ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 DECAY (5)
- 7 SWIMMERS (8)
- 8 RENAL (5)
- 10 RAMSHACKLE (10)
- 12 EMANATES (8)
- 14 WILD (4)
- 16 FUSE (4)
- 17 CLEAVERS (8)
- 20 STALAGMITE (10)
- 23 SAMBA (5)
- 24 EMERALDS (8)
- 25 CHINA (5)

DOWN

- 1 DERIDE (6)
- 2 AFAR (4)
- 3 OWLS (4)
- 4 SMEAR (5)
- 5 PENKNIVES (9)
- 6 ASCEND (6)
- 9 LAMAS (5)
- 11 NAUSEATED (9)
- 13 EEL (3)
- 15 FASTS (5)
- 16 FASTER (6)
- 18 SONATA (6)
- 19 CANAL (5)
- 21 MADE (4)
- 22 EACH (4)



News from All Saints Church & St Barnabas

We have some very good news. Tayrina Ferguson is to become Pioneer Curate in Cressing beginning this summer/autumn. It is a very exciting time and, hopefully, we will have more to look forward to this year and we welcome her to our Parish. Some of you may have seen her on Zoom meetings during the pandemic when she conducted many Services along with Melanie.

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

(from our Archives)

Albert Jonathon Watson Corporal 304390, Killed in action 9th October 1916 aged 24. Resident High Barnet, Parents James & Edith Watson "Side View" Braintree Road Cressing. Served in 1st/5th Battalion Middlesex Regiment also known as London Rifle Brigade. Fought in France & Flanders,

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**Our Next Service at All Saints is on Sunday 12th March
at 09.00am All are welcome.**

Revd Melanie writes...

Winter continues to be difficult for so many people. Much has already been given up, been sacrificed, just to survive – to keep warm and to put food on the table. And we are witnessing the aftermath of the Turkey and Syria Earthquakes, where a number beyond our imagining have died and it is reported that potentially hundreds of thousands have lost everything and do not even have shelter to protect them from the freezing weather. The news seems to be nothing but dark and bleak.

But if we take a moment and stop to look around us, this is the time of year when we have days that are full of signs of God's amazing creation, of new life and hope. A beautiful sunny day; lambs gambolling in the fields; trees that are starting to blossom; and spring bulbs poking through which sometimes seem to grow as we watch them.

We are currently in Lent, a time when we recall the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. A time of drawing closer to God through reflection, penitence, self-denial and prayer. The 40 days of Lent reflects the time Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately after he was baptised by John the Baptist and before starting his own ministry, and which was a time of temptation by Satan.

Although generally referred to as the temptation of Christ, the Greek word for tempt also means test. 40 days and nights of fasting in the wilderness is a test that I think none of us can imagine or think we could survive, but I think we can all understand that surviving such an ordeal would be likely to make us stronger and better prepared for anything the future might bring. So perhaps this extreme test that Jesus endured was to give him a better understanding of, and the strength for what he would have to endure throughout his ministry.

Lent is also a time for *us* to think about temptation, what that means for us and how we will learn to deal with it - it is human nature to give in to temptation at some point. Few people fast for the whole of Lent but instead most of us give up something we love in remembrance of Jesus's sacrifice.

The temptation we need to learn to resist is temptation that leads us away from living as Jesus has taught us - to resist the temptation to look the other way or come up with excuses when we see someone in need or we are asked to help, in particular when it is for the poor or outcast, the vulnerable or marginalised. And this is perhaps the temptation we give into most – to stay within our own comfort zones rather than do what might be difficult and uncomfortable, even if we know that that is where we will find God.

With love and prayers for a Lenten period that brings us all closer to God.

Melanie



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CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023

Keep warm FREE coffee mornings - We now have some regular attendees on a Thursday morning, but it would be great to see more residents come along, especially if you are on your own or new to the village. You'll soon be chatting along with everyone there. Thursdays 10.30am till 1.00pm at St Barnabas.

Annual Parish Meeting - This is to be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 10th May at St Barnabas. This is specifically for local groups to present a report on their activities and to make residents aware of what is going on in the village. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see in Cressing, why not come along and let us know.

Local Highways Panel - With the support of our County and District Councillors I have been trying to push forward decisions on three of our LHP applications, as follows:

LBRA212043 - Braintree Road and Hawbush Green, Cressing - Parking A request to install barriers to prevent parking at the two stated : As the Parish Council has stated it will pay for the installation of these barriers and the application was submitted in October 2022, I requested an estimate of when we are likely to get the go-ahead on this, especially as the only cost to Highways will be for the validation process.

LBRA212049 - Lanham Green Road, j/w Boars Tye Road and Lanham, Farm Road - Street scene A request to investigate replacing various signage at junction: The Parish Council is anxious to have the signage improved at this junction bearing in mind that planning permission was granted at appeal for the development of 94 dwellings, and development of the Links Solar Farm is likely to begin quite soon, not to mention the building of the incinerator at Rivenhall. We want to prevent even more heavy vehicles being "lost" when they are trying to find both sites and coming through the old village.

LBRA212054 - Benton Close, Cressing, Braintree - Pathway Re-Surfacing A request to investigate replacing the greensward and kerbing with a harder surface: Parking at this location is becoming even more of a problem than when the application was submitted. I asked for an update on when we are likely to have some news.

I am advised that each of these applications are in validation, sitting in a queue waiting to be looked at by an engineer. Apparently, a lot of new or re-validations were added last year so there are many in the queue to be reviewed, however our LHP Officer is optimistic that these will be reviewed and assessed by the next quarter.

I have also chased for a progress report regarding the bends on the B1018 (scheme no. LBRA193001). When we had the period of rain recently, the bends were badly flooded again, causing a hazard to both motorists and pedestrians. Unfortunately, there is no news yet.

Playing field - Two of the new picnic tables (adult and wheelchair accessible) have been installed to the two existing concrete bases. New quotations have been sought for installation of the remainder as it has been some considerable time since the original quotations were received. Once these are available they will be forwarded to BDC for the installations to commence. BDC have reimbursed the cost of the new seats and benches from S106 funds.

Reports have been received of "yobs" congregating at the field in the late evening when they are pushing the children's swings high so that they are left hanging over the top rail. The effect of this is that children cannot use the swings until someone tall enough is able to swing them back over the rail to become usable again. It is also thought that this group of young people are congregating in the hut to "smoke". This has been discussed with the Police Community Safety Officer and he will arrange for patrols in the area to check on the field.

Changing rooms/S.106 - At last BDC have acknowledged that until we have an estimated cost for the demolition and re-build of the changing rooms at the Playing Field, we are unable to advise where the funding for the whole project will come from as they currently do not hold sufficient S106 funds for the complete job. At the moment they do not hold the other sums from agreements with developers and cannot fund projects in advance of the S106 money being received from a developer. BDC have reluctantly agreed that we can undertake the tendering process on the understanding that no contracts will be entered into nor contractors appointed until we are able to confirm all sources of funding to cover the whole cost. The tender notice is now live on the Government Contracts Finder service and through Mytenders who publish on other websites. If the project is to be funded solely from S106 money then the District Council will need to hold all of the money before a contractor can be appointed.

This now puts on hold for an unlimited time other plans for additional equipment on the field.

Street lights - Reports of faulty lights are quickly (usually within 24 hours) repaired if the fittings are owned by the Parish Council. Those owned by Essex Highways take considerably more time. In fact we recently had three that had not been working for some considerable time and each one had the comment from EH of "This **Street Light** has a known fault with **Light not switching on**. We are investigating a report that this light is not working to identify how it can be repaired."

My calls to EH about three lights not working in Heycroft Drive did not produce any results, so after seeking help from our County and District Councillors to get these repairs prioritised, I am very happy to report they were fixed w/e 27th January. My thanks to all. If you need to report a faulty light, contact the office and provide details of where it is and also the reference number printed on the pole.

Avondale - I receive calls concerning the overflowing dog and litter bins located in Crozier Drive. These bins have not been passed to BDC for emptying and the task is undertaken by Bellway's Maintenance Company. I will keep chasing them until residents in this area get the service necessary for a pleasant environment.



Eastlight - On his walks around the village, our Handyman, Russell, reports back to me any issues that need addressing, whether they be Parish Council responsibility or otherwise. Recently a few items have occurred with Eastlight.



Eastlight arranged for a camper van to be moved from Claud Ince Avenue as it was causing a nuisance. It was parked at the rear of properties in both CIA and Evelyn Wood Road. This was causing inconvenience for some residents as it was preventing access to rear gardens and garages. After meeting with their Intervention and Enforcement Co-ordinator for this area, steps were taken by them to identify the owner and remove the vehicle.



Russell also reported to me a low fence to the front of properties in Mill Lane where part had rotted and elsewhere posts had been removed and sharp jagged metal was a hazard. This was reported to the Estate Safety Manager and this has now been repaired. (Before photos left, after photo right.)



A further issue was spotted last week by Russell who advised me that the contractors undertaking the work to Eastlight properties in CIA had damaged the footpath from CIA into Forfields Way when a skip was replaced. This has been reported to Eastlight and they will arrange for repairs to be carried out.

Other points

Footpaths - During January a number of clearances were undertaken to keep footpaths clear, most notably through Wrights Avenue and the footpath from Jeffreys Road to Benton Close.

King's Coronation - The Parish Council are discussing events to celebrate this historic occasion. If residents have ideas perhaps they could let me know and I will put these to Councillors for discussion and comment.

Dog ownership - Owning a dog is a huge responsibility and that dog forms part of your family. As such, you would not permit it to foul inside the house and if it did so in your garden you would clear it up so that no member of your family is affected by it. That is what being a responsible dog owner is all about and it is no different to the responsibilities you have for clearing up after your dog if it fouls on the pavement or footpath, and especially the playing field. These areas are frequented by other dog owners and children on their way to or from school, or just playing on the field.

Cleaning up after your dog - It is an offence not to clear up after your dog has fouled.

If you are over the age of 18 and commit dog fouling, you may receive a £50 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** (you don't have to own the dog, you could be walking it for a friend or neighbour).

There are dog waste bins where people most commonly exercise their dogs, but if you think that a particular location needs a dog waste bin or you notice a damaged bin waste bin, let us know and we'll get it attended to.

Christine Marshall - Parish Clerk clerk@cressing-pc.gov.uk 07933 3076927

CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cressing Parish Council held on 8th February 2023 at 7.00pm at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

Present: Cllr John Lawton – Chairman and Cllr Colin Haines

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk/RFO and Proper Officer), County Cllr Paul Thorogood and District Cllr Bob Wright. No members of the public attended.

23/020 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT - The Chairman welcomed those who were present and advised that the meeting was inquorate (with less than the minimum of three Councillors being present) and consequently the meeting was cancelled. Agenda items would be taken to the next full Parish Council meeting on 8th March 2023.

Apologies for absence were recorded from: Cllrs: Clarice Drury, Alison Lapper, Harvey Porrett, Toria Rowe and Steve Watts

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8th March 2023, 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 28th February 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Cressing Community Speedwatch - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Cressing Community Speedwatch Group was set up approximately 18 months ago. Its aim is to reduce the speed of traffic travelling through our village and so make it a safer place to live. We have various monitoring sites in The Street and Mill Lane both of which suffer with traffic regularly exceeding the speed limit.

We are looking for new volunteers to join our group.

The training only takes about an hour and can be done on line. When you have completed this training it's up to you how often you volunteer to go out to monitor the traffic.

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CRESSING EVENTS VOLUNTEERS



Back at Cressing Community Church Hall for this month's Soup Lunch, for which I must say a big thank you to the C.C.C for not only the use of their dishwasher, but the equipment we would normally transport.

Numbers were down, which was just as well, as we were short two valued helpers, but we managed and those guests attending enjoyed the lunch.

The Soup Lunch always requires an early start, which was just as well as it gave us time to decide who would cover what, but our hard-working ladies are very adaptable and the preparations were soon underway.

Once guests had finished their Chicken or Tomato Soup and Roll, some including me having an extra bowl as there was plenty to spare, we decided we would test their knowledge of music, after serving Tea and Coffee along with Biscuits and sweets. Then it was time to see which table had won the combined fun and music quiz. Finally it was time for our raffle, which plays an important part in keeping our cost down, so our thanks to all who donate.

Our next event is a **Pasty & Chip** Lunch at St. Barnabas Church Hall on **Friday the 17th March** from 12.00 till 2.00 Serving at 12.15pm, the cost is being held at £4.00, so why not join us for a chat, a brain tease, and good company.

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