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## MAY EDITORIAL



'May brings flocks of pretty lambs, skipping round their fleecy dams'.

Since saying that I only knew this poem up to July, a friend called round with it all typed out for me. So now I have it till the end of the year.

Easter was lovely weather which was unusual. April seems to have flown. It's been an odd month for me, I have had three funerals and a wedding!

The Events Committee April lunch was on 22<sup>nd</sup> with the usual quiz and raffle, the Quiz wasn't as easy as it looked.

The May lunch will be Fish and Chips on 20<sup>th</sup> May at St. Barnabas. Please book early.

There are several events planned in Cressing for the Jubilee Weekend in June so don't forget to book. I wonder if anyone else remembers what they were doing 70 years ago when the Queen came to the throne. I was a Solicitors Secretary and was taking notes from my boss (we did shorthand in those days) and another member of staff came in and said that the King had died. I can see his shocked face now.

Well, enjoy the sun while it is shining!!

*Betty.*



## MAY DIARY.

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|-----------------------|---|
| Tues.3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Art Group at St. Barnabas (see note inside)                                   |
| Sun.8 <sup>th</sup>   | Holy Communion at All Saints Church 9.00am followed by Church Annual Meeting. |
| Tue.10 <sup>th</sup>  | Connections Coffee Morning at St. Barnabas 11.00-1.00pm                       |
| Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> | Beetle Drive 7pm at the Community Church                                      |
| Tue.17 <sup>th</sup>  | Art Group   |
| Fri.20 <sup>th</sup>  | Events Committee Lunch at St.Barnabas 12noon Cost £5                          |
| Tue.24 <sup>th</sup>  | Art Group   |
| Thur.26 <sup>th</sup> | Knit and Natter Group at St.Barnabas 2.00-4.00pm                              |



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## Cressing Book Group

Our latest book was *A Beautiful Spy* by Rachel Hore, a novel based on the true story of Olga Gray, an MI5 agent in the 1930s. Rachel Hore's fictionalised version of Olga, Minnie Gray, is bored with her routine life in Edgbaston. Her mother persuades her to attend a garden party, an event which turns out to have life-changing consequences because it's here that an acquaintance recruits her to work for Maxwell Knight of MI5. Minnie moves to London and, under cover of her secretarial skills, she is given the job of gathering information about the Communist Party of Great Britain and in particular about its co-founder Percy Glading who is suspected of spying for the Soviet Union.

The cover blurb made claims of 'phenomenal' and 'a treat of a read' but our reaction was very different. The first couple of chapters seemed intriguing enough but after that it was unfortunately downhill all the way. Our verdict was that this book was dull, mundane and repetitive. The author frequently told us about the dangers of Minnie's work and sometimes the plot seemed to be leading to some dramatic climax but then nothing much happened. We found Minnie herself irritating, constantly milling over the same anxieties about her role and relationships, and we felt that the ending, when at last it came, was unlikely and unconvincing. Although we had fun discussing its flaws, this uneasy mix of fact and fiction was not one of our more successful choices.



## CRESSING EVENTS VOLUNTEERS

Last time we had Sausage and Chip lunch was back in September 2019 or should I just say pre-covid, while fish & Chips is one of our Guest Favourites, we try ring the changes as much as possible, in June we plan an afternoon tea, and in July a ploughman's.

Our thanks this month go to St. Barnabas for the use of their and equipment, and to the Cyprus Fish Bar for delivering our meal.

As our Lunch was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April we decorate the tables with red and white servettes as we were so near to St. Georges day.

As normal, once we had served the meal, it was time to complete the quiz, an unusual one this month you had to identify body part from clues given. Tea or coffee along with biscuits, and small Easter eggs (thank you Irene) were served while guest racked their brains, then on to the Music questions, before totaling their scores to see who had won.

The final event of the Lunch is the all important raffle.



## NEXT EVENT

Our next event is a **Fish & Chip Lunch on Friday the 20th May from 12.00 till 2.00pm serving at 12.15 at St.Barnabas Church Hall Claude Ince Ave. The cost is £5.00.**

Our events are open to all, so why sit at home when **for £5.00** you can meet other residents, and hopefully have a good time. **But please book your place**, by calling Pam or Jackie on 584170 or 327064.

Arthur On behalf of the CEV Team

# Cressing Community Church

## Sharing God's love and truth where we are

Dear friends

Even if you have little knowledge of the Christian faith, you probably know why Christmas day is celebrated and maybe why Easter is celebrated, but what I do know is that these two major Christian celebrations are the time when the hospitality and retail businesses make most of their annual profits. It's easy to market the story of a cute baby born in a stable in some obscure town over two thousand years ago but marketing the cruel death is much more difficult.

That cute baby who grew up to be a man named Jesus, who died by crucifixion. Having been beaten and hung on a cross with nails through His hands and feet, a spear was thrust through His side, just to make sure He was dead.

Businesses have glossed over the bits they don't like and have succeeded by air brushing the pain and suffering and the reason for the death on the cross and have concentrated their marketing strategy on new life in the shape of Easter eggs. I often wonder why the third part of the story is ignored, when Jesus conquered death on that cross and, three days later, arose from His tomb. For this very important Christian celebration, cuddly toys and chocolate eggs don't cut the mustard!

The list of important days in the Christian faith does not end here, there is a fourth special day, Accession Day. You might find it difficult to plan your Easter break as Easter day is not on a static date like Christmas. Accession Day also moves dependent on when Easter falls, but it is always celebrated on the sixth Thursday or 39 days after Easter Sunday!

So, what is Accession Day? It is the day that Jesus finished His earthly mission and returned to His Father in Heaven. If Jesus did not return, then His mission on earth failed.

There's a story in the Bible that tells us about two of Jesus' disciples who were walking from Jerusalem to a town called Emmaus and as they walked together they spoke of their heartbreak at the death of Jesus. They talked all about their hopes and expectations of the Messiah. They thought Jesus was the one to rescue them from the oppression of the Roman Empire. As they walked and talked, a stranger came and walked beside them and asked what they were discussing. They told him about the events of the previous days. The stranger explained the Old Testament scriptures about Jesus, why He had to die on the

cross and rise from the grave, to fulfil what was said in the scriptures concerning Him.

We are told that their “hearts burning within us” when Jesus told them about the fulfilment of Jesus time on earth. Later we are told they returned to Jerusalem and told the assembled disciples ‘It is true! The Lord is risen and appeared to Simon”

I don’t know how the commercial businesses could market this Christian event, but what I do know that in one of my bibles I wrote the date when my eyes were opened and I saw the risen Lord and it changed my life forever, and the same can happen to you.

Every blessing in His risen name

*Dennis*



## What’s on at Cressing Community Church

May 2022

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Cafe Church**

Breakfast is served **from 09.30 until 10.15** followed at 10.30 by a short, lively, all age service.

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<b>Services</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Sundays at 10.30</b>	<b>Wednesdays at 19.00</b>	<b>Saturdays at 09.00</b>

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### May Event

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 19.00 Beetle Drive £5 including refreshments**

This fun game is suitable for all ages. If you have not played this before, we are happy to show you and support you all the evening. Don't be shy, give it a try, we will be in the hall behind the church.

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**CSSC Management Committee - 07944 082035**

## **PUBLIC MEETINGS OF CRESSING PARISH**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting**

(see article in April edition)

**7.30pm Annual Parish Council Meeting**

**8.00pm Parish Council Meeting**

## THE RIVENHALL PLATINUM JUBILEE FETE

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

To celebrate the 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth, there will be an afternoon fete with entertainment on Rivenhall village green starting at 2:00 pm.

After some words of welcome from the Rivenhall Millennium Committee's chairman Bob Turner, our first guests (the Chelmsford Silver Band) will play the National Anthem. Following that, the fete will be officially open with various stalls and information stands, and lovely cream teas can be purchased. The Silver band will play-on and give a selection of their lively music.

A fund raising raffle will be run all afternoon, and we hope to have several interludes provided by members of the Essex Caledonian Pipe Band.

Rivenhall's very own singer Charlie Staunton will be entertaining us at various times through the afternoon (as she kindly did for our 2021 Christmas social on the green).

From mid-afternoon (approximately 4:00 pm) a Bar-B-Q will be available and later the Essex Silver band will play a second set of their tunes.

During Charlie's final session, she will take a break at approximately 5:15 pm during which the raffle will be drawn: this will be followed by presentations to the winners of our special village Royal Scarecrow Competition. This competition will start the week before on Saturday 28 May and run for one week, so do keep your eyes open if you are driving through the village. The fete will close about 6:15 pm.

It is not too late to book a spot for a stall (please contact our Chairman Bob Turner or any Millennium Committee member). We would be delighted if people could offer gazebos - these are hopefully for a little shade from the beating sun - but possibly to provide shelter from a rogue summer shower!

Everyone is most welcome to come along

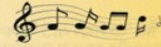
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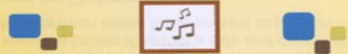
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## Spring Garden Crime Prevention (Part 1)

Hopefully by the time that you read this Spring will be established with the weather improving, inviting us out into our gardens. It is a good time to take a look around; are your fences and gates in good condition do you have good quality locks on gates, will they keep the unwelcome intruder out? To the front of your property where possible keep fencing, planting, and hedges to about 1.2m in height so that an intruder is not hidden from view. Protect your rear garden with 1.8m strong fencing, close boarded wooden fencing, and gates are a good choice and this can be topped with trellis or a plastic spiky topping such as [www.defendastrap.com/](http://www.defendastrap.com/) (warning signs needed). Panels should not be able to be lifted out of the posts, and avoid your fencing becoming a ladder by ensuring that the horizontal cross battens are facing into your garden.

Defensive planting: Security does not have to be just about locks, bolts, and spiky fence toppings; nature provides some excellent plants to keep people away. There are a number of attractive, fragrant plants of a spiky nature such as climbing roses, pyracantha and berberis and other planting of a dense nature that can work quite well. Have a chat at your garden centre or with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) for the right plant for the right location. We actively work with the RHS at Hyde Hall and there are a number of mature examples of defensive planting that can be viewed there, and some very knowledgeable people that can advise you.

New plants: Larger plants etc. can be secured to land or rootball anchors or plant through chicken wire covering the area with soil. Cement or bolt down containers to the ground. The RHS or your local garden centre or DIY store should be able to help.

Working in the garden: It is easy to get engrossed in what you are doing when working in the garden, if the house is empty it is wise to close and lock the door (don't forget the key though!). Remember when you stop for a break put your tools away, and at the end of the day as well as putting tools away put the wheelbarrow and wheelie bin away too. "It will add insult to injury" if your tools are used to break into your house, a neighbour's, nearby building such as a church, or provide a climbing aid or method of carrying things away.

New tools and lawn mowers: Be mindful of how you dispose of the packaging to your new purchases; don't advertise it to the thieves and burglars with your empty boxes on display outside for roadside collection. Fold boxes inside out or break them up and put them in bag for collection. If you are not using your lawn mower, jet washer or other put it away out of sight from prying eyes.

Property marking: It may deter a thief if your property or flower pots is visibly security marked with your house number and post code such as [www.creproducts.co.uk](http://www.creproducts.co.uk) or labelled if a forensic (hidden) property marking system is used such as [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com) or [www.selectadna.co.uk](http://www.selectadna.co.uk). You can also record the serial numbers of any tools at [www.immobilise.com/](http://www.immobilise.com/). If your property does get stolen with property marking and/or recording, there is a greater chance of you getting it back.

For suitable security products look for the Secured by Design or Sold Secure logo's and for further garden security advice see the following webpages:

[www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/)

[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

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## GARDENING NOTES FOR MAY

April certainly came in like a lion, what a surprise to see a covering of snow first thing in the morning. May on the other hand is when everything in the garden suddenly starts to grow and it's a case of what to do first!

This month's recommendation is Geum, a small hardy perennial with a number of colour variants from red to orange through to pale yellow. An ideal plant for the front of a border or rockery.

I have to say the flowering prunus [cherry] have been magnificent this year, now is the time to note down the name of a variant that appeals to you ready for purchasing in the autumn.

Agapanthus can also be divided this month, using a sharp spade as described in this column previously.

In the vegetable garden now is the time to harden off tomato plants for external planting and potting up same for the greenhouse, do not plant out though until the risk of frost is over. Potatoes should be earthed up to protect the crown and the developing 'spuds'. Runner bean canes can be erected, I tend to do this to avoid running out of room in the vegetable garden. Continue to sow radish, carrots, beetroot and a later sowing of broad beans.

Feed container grown shrubs and fruit trees with a granular feed, the former to sustain them during the summer months and the latter to improve fruiting yields.

Continue to move a hoe through the flower borders and vegetable rows, as I said earlier everything grows in May, especially the weeds!

Dahlia tubers can be planted out they should be sending up new shoots, pot them up if necessary and place them in a warm environment this will hasten the production of healthy stems.

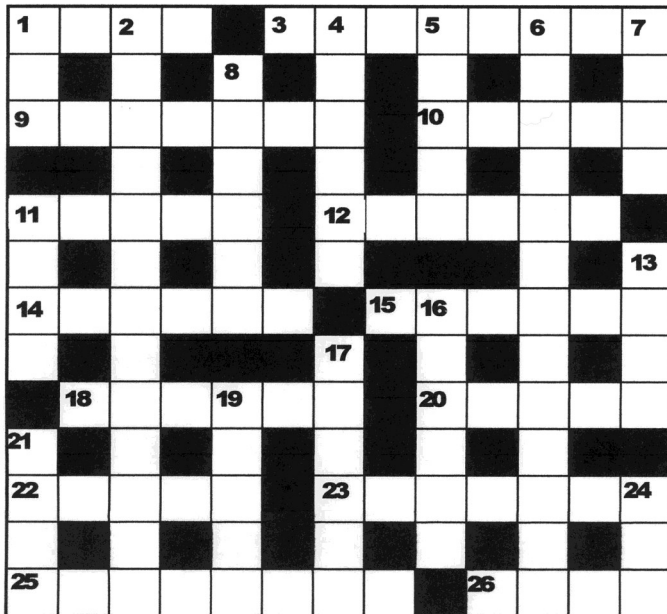
Lawn mowing is a constant and the blades can be lowered on the mower, avoid scalping the grass as this encourages moss and bald patches.

Lastly, take the time to sit and admire your garden and the hard work you have put in this spring.

That's all for this month..... The Arborist



# MAY 2022 CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

1. Head of the Roman Catholic Church (4)
3. A short band of tough fibrous tissue (8)
9. Think deeply that makes one unhappy or sad (7)
10. Make a speech (5)
11. A cotton twill fabric (5)
12. Period of interruption of electrical supply (6)
14. Express warm approval (6)
15. To burn the surface of something (4)
18. Argue about petty matters (6)
20. Smooth glossy fabric (5)
22. Latin name for heather (5)
23. One who rears animals or plants (7)
25. The form or structure of a persons body (7)
26. A heap of combustible material to be burned (4)

**DOWN**

1. An establishment licensed to sell alcoholic drinks (3)
2. The state of yielding financial gain (13)
4. Situated within a building or undercover (6)
5. In the process of development (5)
6. Unduly or unrealistically magnified (13)
7. To be full of or swarming with (4)
8. Extremely unpleasant (6)
11. To deal with difficulties (4)
13. Paradise sense (4)
16. Happen or occur afterwards (6)
17. Scottish carbonated soft drink (6)
19. Cloth used especially for military uniforms (5)
21. Retain possession of (4)
24. A cereal plant (3)



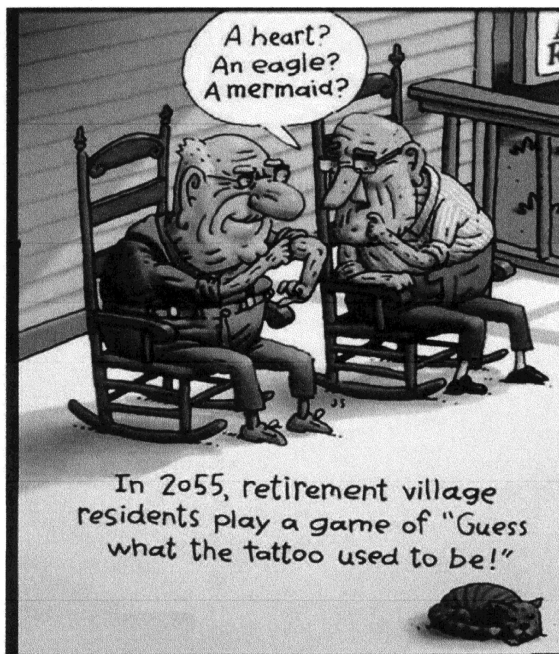
ANSWERS TO APRIL CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 6 ORIGIN (6)
- 8 ADAPTING (8)
- 10 ELITE (5)
- 11 CARROT (6)
- 12 HOVE (4)
- 13 TWENTYTWO (9)
- 15 SPINACH (7)
- 17 PARSLEY (7)
- 19 SURPASSES (9)
- 22 HATR (4)
- 23 SCRAWL (6)
- 24 BRUTE (5)
- 25 STUDYING (8)
- 26 SOLELY (6)

DOWN

- 1 PROTOTYPE (9)
- 2 ENDIVE (6)
- 3 MAJESTY (7)
- 4 CALCUTTA (8)
- 5 ONION (5)
- 7 GREETINGSCARD (13)
- 9 TORTOISESHELL (13)
- 14 VEGETABLE (9)
- 16 CYRILLIC (8)
- 18 CABBAGE (7)
- 20 SQUASH (6)
- 21 ACUTE (5)



## CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cressing Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.00pm at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

**Present:** Cllrs John Lawton – Chairman, Colin Haines, Alison Lapper and Steve Watts

**In attendance:** Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk/RFO), County Councillor Paul Thorogood and District Councillor James Abbott. No members of the public were in attendance

### 22/048 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT

The Chairman welcomed attendees and reported as follows:

- Afternoon Tea – hope all Councillors plus partners will attend. Need to reserve ticket via Christine
- The Willows – the period for final comments to the Inspector has now closed and it is hoped there will be a decision in May (although there is a backlog of cases)

### 22/049 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cllrs: Porrett and Rowe. These apologies were accepted. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Lapper.**

### 22/050 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.

### 22/051 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were in attendance and the Clerk confirmed no matters had been raised prior to the meeting.

### 22/052 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Paul Thorogood reported:

- i. Members' grants for 2022-23 have been reduced by 50%.
- ii. "Levelling Up" grants are being introduced and will be targeted at areas that have social issues.
- iii. National Highways continuing to survey all routes previously put forward for the new A120.
- iv. Rivenhall Liaison Committee have advised that Indaver (a Belgian/Irish company) have invited the Belgian Royal Family to visit the site. No further details available yet.

Cllr James Abbott reported:

- i. Ukraine – BDC have unanimously agreed to support DEC initiatives.
- ii. Local Plan – No update yet, expected late June.
- iii. Planning Committee has now refused three large developments.
- iv. A second access into the IWMF is expected to be approved.
- v. Abnormal loads into the IWMF site through surrounding villages will cause concern, although Indaver believe they will be able to use the Baileybridge into the site as used by the quarry. Cllrs expressed serious reservations about this as well as the proposed routes through Cressing, Silver End and Rivenhall.
- vi. Cllr Abbott has been appointed to the panel that will decide on the next Chief Executive for BDC.
- vii. Re-wilding Braintree scheme available for application, but these need to be on BDC owned land.
- viii. An application has been submitted to the Local Highways Panel to replace directional signage at Boars Tye Road 'T' junction and repair historic metal sign. Request also made to restore the unused highways storage area to planting, improve sightlines at Farm lane junction and resurface and kerb the junction and delineate where private use can be and where it should not be. The Clerk suggested that as an application for development at Lanham Green Farm a suggestion could be made to the landowner for contribution towards undertaking this work. **Action: Clerk**

### 22/053 LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

Cllr Thorogood and the Clerk brought the meeting up to date on applications submitted to the LHP, and in particular regarding Bulford Mill Lane. **It was agreed** that this will be raised as part of the Annual Parish Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm when the meeting topic will be traffic in Cressing Parish. The Clerk confirmed that residents affected in Bulford Mill Lane will be attending the

discussion.

**22/054 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were confirmed as a true record with no amendments required. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Lawton.** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

**22/055 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

**It was agreed** to notify Braintree District Council of the vacancies currently available for Cressing Parish Councillors and to commence the process of recruitment. **Proposed: Cllr Lapper, seconded: Cllr Lawton. Action: Clerk**

**22/056 FINANCE**

i. **Progress against budget:** The Clerk/RFO referred to the reports issued with the Agenda. These reports are to the financial year end of 31<sup>st</sup> March and are subject to Internal Audit. The Clerk will deliver the necessary documents to the IA to enable audit to be undertaken prior to preparation of the Annual Governance and Audit Report. **It was resolved** to accept the reports. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Lapper, all in favour**

ii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement at 31<sup>st</sup> March be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Lapper, all in favour**

iii. **A motion to approve March 2021 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed against March expenditure was presented. There were no queries, and **it was resolved** to approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded Cllr Lapper, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.

**22/057 GRANT APPLICATION**

Councillors discussed the grant application received on behalf of the Cressing Community Magazine for £1,200. **It was agreed** that with the increasing numbers of residents in Cressing Parish, this grant should be awarded. **Action: Clerk**  
Cllr Abbott left the meeting.

**22/058 PLANNING**

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

**B. Appeals submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:**

Planning Enforcement Appeal APP/Z1510/C/22/3290978 - Land at Il Salice (formerly known as) The Willows Inn, The Street, Cressing, Essex, CM77 8DQ (see minute 22/049 above)

**C. Applications determined by Braintree District Council:** None advised.

**D. Applications received by Braintree District Council:**

i. 22/00628/ECC | Consultation on Essex County Council application no. ESS/14/22/BTE - Continued operation of the Waste Transfer Station without compliance with condition 2 (approved details) and condition 3 (hours) attached to permission ref: ESS/02/19/BTE to allow an increase in overnight parking of HGVs and trailers from two to six and to allow operational hours to begin at 06:00 hours Monday to Sunday and Bank / Public Holidays. | ECC Waste Transfer Station Cordons Farm Long Green Cressing Essex CM77 8DL (braintree.gov.uk) – the Parish Council had no comments.

ii. 21/03214/REM | Application for the approval of reserved matters (in respect of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to outline planning permission 18/00549/OUT granted 14.12.2020 (Allowed on appeal) for 250 dwellings, open space and associated ancillary works | Land Opposite Sandiacres Long Green Cressing Essex – whilst the Parish Council had no comments to submit, it was very aware that part of this development will be adjacent to the Waste Transfer Station and may be subject to noise and odour from extended working hours.

iii. 22/00720/FUL | Erection of a two-storey 4/5 bedroom dwellinghouse with associated access road and landscaping. | Land Adjoining And To The Rear Of 1 To 8 Leyfield Braintree Road Cressing Essex – The Parish Council will continue with its objection to further development at this location due to vehicle access on to the B1018. **Action: Clerk**

iv. 22/00668/LBC | - Replacement of 2No. existing oil-fired boilers with new oil-fired boiler system,

including new thermostat controls and wiring, and replacement of 2No. flu vents with 1No. flu vent. - Entire replacement of ensuite into the master bedroom, including relocation of existing stud partition. - Replacement of 2No. existing downstairs toilets, including tiling of the floor. | The Old Barn The Street Cressing Essex CM77 8DQ

v. 22/00620/TPOCON | Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Gleditsia - Dismantle to leave monolith/ habitat stem at first union. Dieback evident in crown, multiple fractured/ hazardous limbs, poor unions - tree in close proximity to house, driveway and garden. Tree would not likely tolerate heavy reduction, and removal of all deadwood and hazardous sections would leave unbalanced and poorly structured remaining crown. | The Old Vicarage The Street Cressing Essex CM77 8DQ – the Parish Council had no comments to make, but is concerned about the on-going extensive works at this location having an impact on other trees.

**E. To discuss Applications received by Braintree District Council and consider if comments should be made** (Householder Application, General Permitted Development Order) – not applications advised.

**F. Applications bordering parish for information** – none advised.

### 22/059 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Clerk updated the meeting on discussions with CSSC and confirmed the date for Afternoon Tea had been changed to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June as requested by the Parish Council. Quotations from various catering companies had been received, but only one provided for table service and it had been agreed to proceed with this one. Costs were within the budget put aside by the Parish Council. The Clerk itemised the budget to include a commemorative gift for each attendee and a Jubilee oak tree to be planted. The preferred gift was noted and the Clerk will research sources for the oak tree. Positioning of the oak tree was discussed and it was agreed to investigate whether Essex Highways would permit this at the junction of Polecat Road and the B1018. **Action: Clerk**

### 22/060 PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk confirmed that planning permission had been granted for work to the changing rooms only. The proposal for a family garden would be refused and was removed from the application to ensure a positive outcome for the changing rooms. The Clerk will discuss the family garden with CSSC separately.

A meeting had been held with the surveyor to determine next steps and the Clerk requested Councillors to confirm their approval to the quotations below so that the required reports can be obtained for building control and specification documents are prepared.

- i. Mechanical and electrical (fee £3,000)
- ii. Structural, foundation and drainage engineer (fee £4,500)
- iii. Building Control and site appraisal (fee £1,450)

When these are complete the surveyor will prepare the specification too issue the Tender documents. **It was agreed** to approve this expenditure. **Proposed: Cllr Lawton, Seconded: Cllr Haines. Action: Clerk**

### 22/061 BDC STREET CLEANING AGREEMENT

**It was agreed** to enter into this agreement for a further year. The Clerk was requested to sign the Agreement documents and to issue the necessary invoice. **Proposed: Cllr Lapper, seconded: Cllr Haines. Action: Clerk**

### 22/062 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**Councillors approved** the revised/updated policies for adoption, as follows:

- i. Anti-harassment and bullying
- ii. Communications and Media
- iii. Code of Conduct
- iv. Financial Regulations
- v. Data Protection
- vi. Equality and Diversity
- vii. Grant Funding

The policies will be published on the website. **Proposed: Cllr Haines, seconded: Cllr Lawton. Action: Clerk**

### 22/063 THREE PARISHES MEETING

The report of the meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March was noted. There were no comments.

### 22/064 CRESSING ANNUAL MEETINGS

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Assembly, which is not a Parish Council meeting, will provide a discussion on traffic issues in Cressing Parish and Local Highways Panel applications. Cllr Thorogood agreed to ask an LHP Officer to attend. **Action: Clerk**

### 22/065 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- i. SSE has submitted account for March. This was queried as rate was incorrectly increased from 1<sup>st</sup> March instead of April. A new invoice will be submitted.
- ii. Office will be closed on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April.
- iii. A reminder was given for the self-build developer's meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE MAY AGENDA:

1. *The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Clerk)*
2. *Policies & procedures (Clerk)*

### 22/065 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at **7.00pm at St Barnabas Hall, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing, CM77 8HG**. Any Covid regulations in place will be closely followed: social distancing and face masks unless addressing the Council.

Any items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

### Dates of 2022 meetings

JUNE	8	7.00pm	
JULY	13	7.00pm	
AUGUST	10	7.00pm	
SEPTEMBER	14	7.00pm	
OCTOBER	12	7.00pm	
NOVEMBER	9	7.00pm	
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A Service of Thanksgiving will take place in May for families who have lost a loved one recently or in the distant past who wish to 'Light a Candle' in their memory. This very special Service of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 8th May at St Mary the Virgin Church, Bocking in Braintree at 3.00pm.

During the service those attending will be invited to bring a lighted candle, with the name(s) of their loved one(s) to the altar for a blessing, It is our aim to provide continual support to the bereaved, and we hope our annual 'Light a Candle Service' will prove helpful in this process.

We come together to remember those we have loved and that have died, to give thanks for their lives, to smile at the memories we hold dear, to shed a tear and to laugh. We come to comfort one another as we are surrounded by others who too have lost a loved one and know the feeling such a loss brings.

Bereavement is a disturbance of life's regular course that is deeply painful and distressing. It is likely to be encountered by us all. At the time of suffering, it is a bewildering and often very lonely and frightening experience. Death will strike the young and the old, the expected, the unexpected, the Christian and the non-believer. Each bereavement is unique, through bereavement we encounter some of the deepest realities of our existence and the fact is that everyone who dies leaves behind someone with a need for help, the bereaved.

It is hoped this service will give families the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for the lives of those who have died. This service, in the lovely surroundings of Bocking's beautiful Parish church, is open to anyone who would like to attend.

For further details please telephone **01376 573691/339300**

## **NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY**

### **Cressing Parish Council**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a vacancy has occurred in the office of Parish Councillor for Cressing Parish Council.

**An election to fill the vacancy will be held if ten local government electors for the electoral area so request. Such request should be made in writing and must include name, address and signature. Requests must be submitted to the Proper Officer (Chief Executive) of Braintree District Council at Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree CM7 9HB. The deadline for receipt of requests is no later than 5:00pm on 16 May 2022.**

**If an election is not requested as aforesaid the vacancy will be filled by the Parish Council as soon as is practicable.**

**Date: 26 April 2022**

**Mrs C Marshall  
Clerk to Cressing Parish Council  
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Claud Ince Avenue  
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CM77 8HG**

## News from All Saints Church & St Barnabas

It has been a busy time with all the Easter celebrations, together with the Organ Recitals on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. These were performed at All Saints Cressing, moving on to Holy Trinity Bradwell and finishing up at All Saints Stisted to celebrate National Organ Day. Many thanks to Tony Dunn who played the organ in each church and gave very interesting information on each instrument.

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

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(from our Archives)

### Bertie Crozier

He was the son of James Crozier, born in 1887, and lived in Cressing Street. Bertie enlisted in Battersea and served as Private 45262 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the South Wales Borderers.

He was sadly killed in action on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1917, in the second battle of Passchendaele.

There is no known grave, but he is commemorated on the CAMBRAI MEMORIAL, Panel 5, Louverval, Nord France.

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## **Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the people of Ukraine**

Our next service will be at  
All Saints on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 09.00am.

Followed by our Annual General Meeting (APCM)  
To elect Church Wardens and PCC members  
All are welcome to attend



## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Welcome to May - I quickly learnt since coming here that the month of May marks the beginning of the wedding season – at least here in Coggleshall, where St Peter ad Vincula and to a lesser extent also the lovely chapel of St Nicholas – are popular wedding destinations. These stunning places of worship, along with All Saints Stisted, All Saints Cressing and Holy Trinity Bradwell, are testimony to generations of people putting their trust in a faithful God. And of course all weddings have been carefully planned: guests have been invited, reception venues booked, flowers and gowns have been chosen, and the music and bells are ready to mark the happy event.



It is a privilege to meet with each couple, to get to know them a little and to hear their story of how they met, and about that moment in time when they knew: “He is the one, she is the one!” For some this is immediate, for others this conviction grows over time as they get to know and appreciate each other. There is no right or wrong, what counts is that by the time they say ‘I do’ they understand enough about themselves and the other to take this leap of faith – because what else can it be? There is no knowing what is ahead. In sickness and in health, for better for worse, for richer for poorer all point to the challenges and joys ahead. What matters is that these will be navigated, experienced and shared together. And it takes faith, that ability to believe in things we are sure of, even if they cannot yet be seen, to make this commitment.

And for most of May – to be precise until we celebrate Ascension Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, the church continues to celebrate the Easter Season. Yes, Easter itself, the day when Jesus was resurrected to new life was one specific event, but Easter didn’t end there! Jesus repeatedly appeared to his disciples – after all it took them a while to adjust, to believe and to understand. Because the implications are literally endless! Easter is not confined to Easter Sunday, because the power that raised Christ from the dead is on offer to us, each day, to live with and for this Jesus, who is still alive and whose love continues to transform our darkness into light.

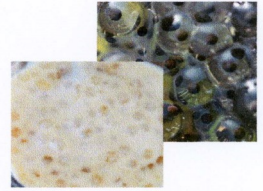
Our own faith journeys are not dissimilar to that of those wedding couples – we may have heard about Jesus, we may have gone to church occasionally, we have ‘seen’ Jesus from afar. The invitation is always to find out more, to get to know him, his words, his teaching. And then one day to realise for yourself: He is the One! And then to commit to following him, because there is no-one like him.

In the meantime, if you see one of our happy couples, if you hear the bells ring out on a Saturday afternoon, rejoice with them and raise a glass to their happiness as well as your own.

Heiko

## Mouthwatering Memories !

Looking after our granddaughters recently, we were reminiscing on things which were part of our lives as we grew up, things which today's children have very little knowledge of.



I referred to my favourite pudding, one which I always referred to as 'frogspawn', but better known by its proper name of tapioca. Two little screwed up faces appeared next to us - "Grandma, surely you didn't eat something that looked like frogspawn". "What did it taste like?"

The only way I could explain it was to say that it was very creamy and warm, a bit slimy and it slipped straight down your throat! I really loved it, that was until a few years ago when we were on holiday in Italy, and much to my surprise it was on the dessert menu. I was so excited I had to try it. My face was a picture when it arrived and I tasted it - it looked the same, but was cold and very unappetising and could very easily have been frogspawn!

There were many relatives to tapioca in the milk pudding family - Macaroni, ground rice and sago were common for a while, but I think that rice pudding is the only one which really survived although is now not very common. Blancmange seems also to have disappeared. At most children's parties when I was young, both blancmange and jelly were served. Often being set in a fancy mould shaped like a rabbit.

Evening milky bedtime drinks seem to have disappeared. Ovaltine was my favourite one. Probably because of the 'Ovaltiney' programme broadcast on Radio Luxembourg. I used to sing along with the opening song every night whilst drinking my bedtime drink. I wonder how many of you remember it?

We are the Ovaltineys, little girls and boys  
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 Would you like a song or story?  
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 Because we all drink Ovaltine  
 We're happy girls and boys.

Memories of Sunday teas also come to mind, they were always a bit more special. A ham or tinned salmon salad and afterwards, tinned fruit, usually peaches or fruit salad with evaporated milk. In the summer time the ice cream van would come round and a treat of an ice-cream brick would be allowed.

There wasn't the huge variety of fruit and vegetables throughout the year, they were much more seasonal and to have an orange or a variety of nuts was

usually just a Christmas time treat.

Trying to explain to the youngsters that there was no such things as supermarkets when Grandpa and I were their age was received with a gasp of surprise and disbelief. Gasps were heard again when we explained that you had to go to separate shops for your groceries, vegetables and meat. That from the grocers biscuits were not in packets but were served loose from a tin and put into paper bags. Also you could buy a selection of broken biscuits which contained different varieties such as Fig Rolls, Ginger Snaps, Rich Tea, Digestives and Marie. Butter was cut from a block and cheese and bacon were sliced to order.

For many years now we have been able to buy a wide variety of foods from around the world. Recipes contain items that in the past we may never even have heard of. Certainly many of the items, especially the increase in the level of fruit and vegetables have given us a more healthier diet, However, whether it was a good thing for everything thing to be available as and when we want it is debatable. Those of a certain age, I believe, have the ability to improvise and if not go without. The latest shortage is apparently cooking oil - my daughter has just phoned to ask if I've stocked up on it! No I haven't, and no I won't. It won't stop me cooking, in fact it will be much healthier to steam, boil, and stew dishes in the same way and probably much cheaper!

*Lin Wenlock*

## CRESSING ART GROUP

We have had several meetings. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at St.Barnabas. If you would like to start painting or 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 also a form of relaxation and can help with mindfulness. We do occasionally have demonstrators which helps to improve our painting.

We would like to thank the gentleman who donated some art equipment to our group. It had belonged to his late wife and was no longer needed. It was very kind of him and several members have made use of the equipment. Also we have another new member who just came along and decided to stay. The first session is free and thereafter it is £4 per session which includes refreshments. We are a very friendly group and make new members feel very welcome.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May I at 10am.

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Group Coordinator



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