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September 2019

“Craftsman’s Art & Music’s Measure”

30th September - 1st November 2019

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Monday, 30th September 2019

7 pm at Belchamp St Paul

The Festival opens with a service led by Bishop Stephen a features a special peal of bells. The Festival Choir will sing excerpts from Vivaldi’s Gloria & Rutter’s A Gaelic Blessing

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Ruminations from the Rectory.....

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy summer, with the joy of Revd Gill joining us at the end of June as our new Team Vicar. We hope she and Barry will enjoy living in this wonderful area. Revd Paul has now had his back operation, and we hope and pray for his full recovery. Helen Grover has completed her first year of studies at Cambridge for ordination, she goes off to summer school in a couple of weeks and then it is the beginning of year 2. Time flies by so quickly. Revd Sally had a holiday in our house at Wenhaston and she is enjoying her new post at Gravesend very much.

I am getting very excited about our South Stour Churches Festival in October. I want to publicly thank the little committee who have worked so hard to bring this off: Kim Humphreys, Celia Matthews, Jules Lampshire, Helen Morgan, Noel Riley and Janet Penfold. I would also like to thank our two Braintree Councillors, Cllr Iona Parker and Cllr Wendy Scattergood, for the two grants. Waitrose and East of England Co-op token scheme gave us further financial support. Indigo Ross Print & Design in Sudbury could not have been more helpful, as were Karzees mobile toilets.

Many, many local people have risen to make this a very special festival; local artists, craftspeople, composers, poets, musicians, choirs, jazz singers, travellers, historians, photographers, scientists... we are so fortunate to have all these locally, and this October is a chance to see this cornucopia of talent displayed, and performed, in our beautiful little churches.

This is Harvest time, I can hear the throb of the combines as I write. The crops are being safely (we hope) gathered in. In this festival, we are showcasing the harvest of our talents. Do come and enjoy the many free events.

God bless

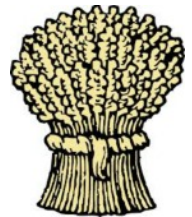
Margaret, your Team Rector

BORLEY AND LISTON HARVEST FESTIVALS

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Pastoral Ponderings

Dear Friends

I hope you have enjoyed the summer as now the leaves are beginning to turn a little brown and I can almost smell blackberry and apple crumble!

I am very thankful for such a warm welcome to the North Hinckford parishes. Rural communities aren't a stranger to me as I was brought up in Little Bentley, but it has been sometime since I have shared the roads with combine harvesters and tractors. From Little Bentley I moved to the Manningtree area where my vocation began at St Mary's Church in Lawford. I was ordained a deacon in 2009 and a priest in 2010. I served my curacy in the Harwich Deanery in the unusual post of Deanery Curate, after which I was called into chaplaincy and served as Chaplain and Lead Chaplain at St Helena (Hospice in Colchester) where I ministered for over 6 years.

As a family, my new husband, Barry, son, Will, and I are very much looking forward to exploring the area, meeting and getting to know more of you and enjoying all of the events that seem to be taking place in these lively and friendly communities. So, lots of new beginnings for us all.

September (not just January!) can be an opportunity for new starts. As the summer passes, the autumn brings a time of preparing for the winter. Often before we begin something new, or to prepare for another season in our life, we need to let go of things; objects, places, people and, sometimes, feelings and emotions too. The schools begin with blank walls having let go of last year's work, moving house makes us have a good de-clutter (speaking from recent experience!) and sometimes, too, we have to clear our minds. The leaves falling from the trees remind us of that. The branches of the trees let go of the old ready to rest over winter and to make way for the new. An inspirational quote on a Facebook post says "... remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come."

In some of our church services we have been looking at possessions, our riches and our treasures. To be rich in life doesn't necessarily mean having a healthy bank account or the latest, fastest model of car, phone or TV but it does mean to count your blessings; be thankful for all the richness of life.

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May the season of harvest be fruitful for you and your loved ones.

God bless

Gill

Rev Gill Morgan

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ON FOXEARTH & LISTON
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Notice is hereby given that 2 vacancies have occurred in the office of Parish Councillor for the above Parish.

These vacancies will be filled by the Parish Council co-opting a member/s of the public onto the Parish Council as soon as practicably possible.

If anyone is interested in being co-opted onto the Parish Council, then please register your interest by firstly contacting the Parish Clerk by emailing him on theclerk@foxearthandliston-pc.org by 31st August 2019, who will then supply you with the relevant forms.

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Meeting Dates / Times

Evening Meetings

Thurs 26th September

Quiz Night.

Thurs 24th October

TBA.

Thurs 28th November

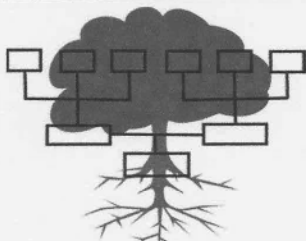
Christmas Social & Fundraiser

Thurs 26th December

No Evening Meeting

4th Thursday of each month 7 – 9 pm The Common Lands Room, The Christopher Centre, 10 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury CO10 2EU

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Tuesday 10th September

at Foxearth Village Hall



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CANON PETER SANDBERG

It was a sad and special occasion when, on Sunday 14th July, Canon Peter Sandberg conducted his last services before retiring, for the second time, after 17 years. Peter has been ordained for exactly 50 years and fulfilled a highly valued ministry in the North Hinckford Benefice, especially to the parishioners of Pentlow.

A low key celebration was requested so the congregation who attended the service were able to enjoy finger eats and wine in the Church afterwards. Martin, the Church Warden, gave a speech thanking Peter for all he had done in the village, as well as the Church, and presented him with a framed photograph of the church and a cheque. We raised our glasses to wish him a satisfying and healthy retirement.

Peter has replied: Dear friends of Pentlow and Borley, I just want to say thank you to all who came to my final services on July 14th, and all who contributed to the very generous gifts I have received. It has been a delight and privilege to have had the opportunity of this Ministry, and I thank you all for your love, support and friendship over the years. With all good wishes
Canon Peter.

Susan Fenner

CRIME PREVENTION

RHS Hyde Hall Summer Flower Show 2019

As part of a partnership working between Essex Police, the RHS, and Secured by Design we were privileged to have had a show garden designed and built for us at the RHS Hyde Hall Summer Flower Show. We added security measures to the shed and garden whilst the RHS included nature's own security in the form of defensive planting. Defensive planting being that of a spiky and or dense nature that will deter intruders. The show attracted a record 33,000 visitors and I think most them came through the show garden and spoke to us. A big thank you to all of you that dropped by for a chat, some very interesting conversations and I learnt from one that defensive planting goes back to Anglo Saxon times with farmers defending their crops.

It is proving to be a most rewarding partnership for all with each of us gaining from each other's expertise enabling us to provide a better standard of advice to yourselves, as can be seen in the new RHS Hyde Hall's garden security leaflet, which also lists some defensive plants and where to find mature examples of them at Hyde Hall.

Below is a link to a short video news article regarding the event:

<https://www.essex.police.uk/news/news-and-features/2019/08aug/safety-advice-given-to-thousands-of-gardeners-at-r/>

Heating Oil

Before it gets to autumn, you may be thinking about topping up your heating oil tank for winter. With the value of fuel, it is worth considering its security.

In the more isolated parts of the countryside, it is primarily domestic properties that have been targeted by the heating oil thieves, but we have also seen such thefts at farms and other businesses.

There are a number of **security devices available** that will help protect your fuel supplies - details of which can be found via your fuel supplier or local plumber's merchant. One such system is Tank Commander from <http://www.scrabosecurity.com/> which has "Secured by Design" accreditation, others can be found by searching the member companies at www.securedbydesign.com. These products will detect a dramatic drop in fuel and calls you on the telephone. There are also other systems that can be added on to an existing intruder alarm system, whilst others protect the filler cap and there are, of course, the conventional locks.

Another consideration would be **defensive planting, gates or fencing around the tank** concealing and restricting access it. Where possible, locate the tank under lighting in view of lived in rooms within the house.

If you would like further advice regarding security please look at the Essex Police website <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/>, the crime prevention website <http://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/>

Naturally we also ask locals to report any unusual activity to police in an emergency on 999 or after the event on 101 or to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Stephen Armson-Smith - Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer - 090819

A DAY TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

**Advent Quiet Day
on Thursday 5th December
9:30am – 3pm
at HOME retreat house
in Monks Eleigh in Suffolk**

In the run up to Christmas why not take time out to remind ourselves of the real meaning of Christmas, to slow down, take a step out of busyness.....

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LAST CALL FOR PLACES!!!

Bookings must all be in by 30th September

**PILGRIMAGE 2020 - 31 March – 3rd April
Launde Abbey, Leicestershire**

The 2020 Pilgrimage will be my last before we retire. We are going to return to Launde Abbey in Leicestershire from Tuesday 31st March till Friday 3rd April 2020. It is such a special peaceful place and I have lots of ideas of places to visit and people to meet, as well as building in time just doing nothing in gracious surroundings, with very good food! Our theme will be The Annunciation: Mary's "let it be!". The cost will be around £250- £280 and all rooms are ensuite.

Book in by sending a cheque made payable to North Hinckford Team Council for £50 to Helen Grover, Spring House, Pebmarsh, Halstead CO9 2NU or contact her for internet banking details

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1 and 3 World "first" on 20th July 1969 (4,7)
8 Dr Edwin devised first optical space telescope (6)
9 Group of travelling actors tore up revised arrangement (6)
10 Re-usable space travel vehicles developed by NASA (8)
11 Muse about large flightless birds! (4)
12 and 15 Space mission for 1 and 3 across (6,6)
17 Greek mythological god of love (4)
19 Rile Bert movingly; it's very bad! (8)
22 Broken tea set becomes part of property when mended! (6)
23 Austria's capital (6)
24 Old, ageing (7)
25 "Twinkle, twinkle little" (4)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Open for food and drink! (5)
2 Relating to repeated elliptical course around planet (7)
4 It tears around to find professional singer,dancer etc. ! (7)
5 Pilotless aircraft (5)
6 Solar system planet and Roman god of the sea (7)
7 First man to take "giant step", Armstrong (4)
13 Hand-held sunshade (7)
14 Porridge cereal (7)
16 Apparent, backed by fact (7)
18 Outer, area outside earth's atmosphere (5)
20 Talk wildly, incoherently (4)
21 Of the moon (5)

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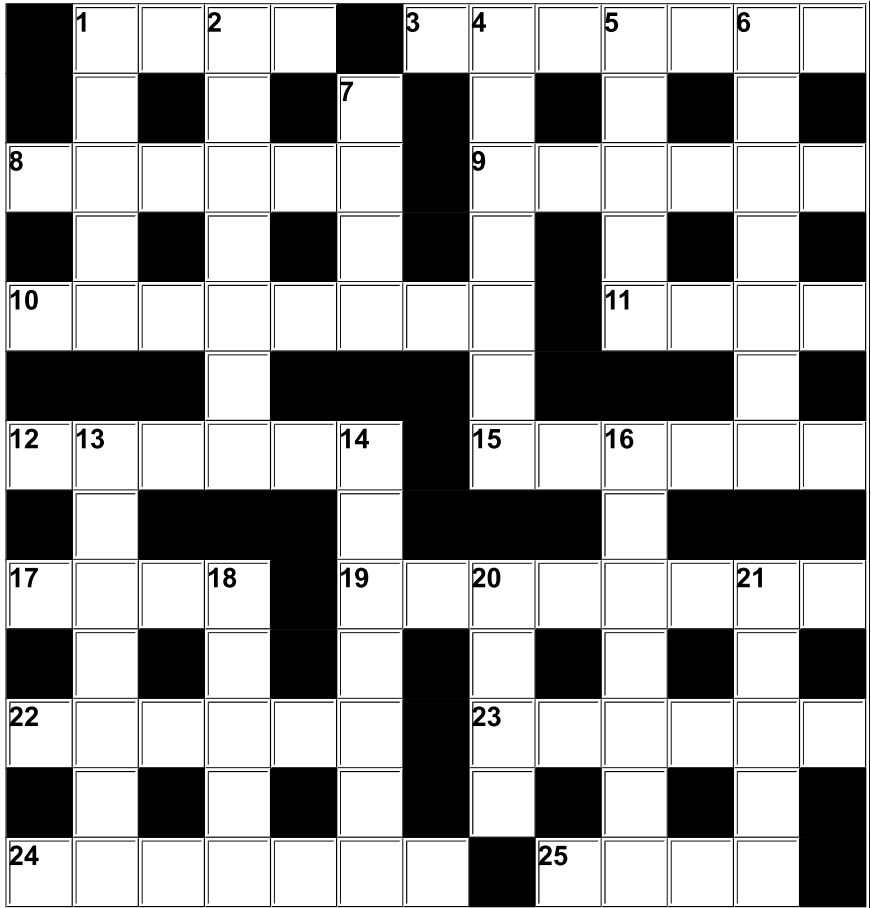
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PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 239

July 2019 saw the 50th anniversary of a very special event which provides a start for this month's general knowledge competition. Just a sprinkling of cryptic clues! Entries to the Editors by 12th September please.

Ken Nice

Entry of.....
 Add/Tel.....
 Email.....



JULY/AUGUST WINNER PRIZE CROSSWORD
Paul Martland of Borley
 A bottle of wine will be winging its way to you shortly

Prize Crossword No 238 (July/August) Solution
Across 1 Endgame, 5 Nose, 7 Sword, 8 Target, 10 Nile, 1 Sarajevo, 13 Octave, 14 Advert, 17 External, 19 Juno, 21 Rudolf, 22 Olive, 23 Spud, 24 Lottery.
Down 1 Eisenhower, 2 Droplet, 3 Aide, 4 Extras, 5 Normandy, 6 Siege, 9 Montgomery, 12 Overlord, 15 Erudite, 16 Lawful, 18 Trump, 20 Post.



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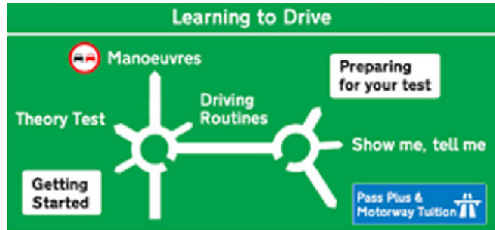
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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

“Craftsman’s Art & Music’s Measure”

The South Stour Churches Festival is a major arts, crafts, music and literary festival to be held in the 15 beautiful churches in the North Hinckford benefice on the Essex side of the River Stour throughout October 2019, celebrating the diversity of local talent in the creative arts in our 15 communities. A diverse programme of events will be hosted in the inspiring venues of our parish churches, giving visitors an opportunity not only to enjoy creative events but also to explore 15 beautiful iconic churches set in the stunning countryside of the South Stour Valley.

Join us for a month of creativity in the arts whilst also delighting in the architectural splendour of 15 historic churches and the surrounding countryside. All events are free to attend, although any donations to the individual churches are welcome. Art and craft items will be available to purchase at exhibitions, with a percentage of the sale price going to the church hosting the exhibition.

Craftsman’s Art & Music’s Measure, the theme of the festival, is a line from the hymn *Angel Voices Ever Singing*.

FIND MORE INFORMATION AT

WWW.SOUTHSTOURCHURCHESFESTIVAL.ORG

*Find information on events and services in the
North Hinckford benefice
www.northhinckfordparishes.org.uk*

*The South Stour Churches Festival is part of the
River Stour Festival
www.riverstourfestival.com*

South Stour Churches Festival



Programme of Events

Mon 30th Sept

Belchamp St Paul 7pm *Opening service with Bishop Stephen of Chelmsford, featuring a special peal of bells and 2 choirs*

Wed 2nd Oct

Lamarsh 3pm *"Fats Waller & the spirit of Paris" – an accordion concert with Peter Collier and David Ashton*

Thurs 3rd Oct

Alphamstone 2pm *Teddy Bears Picnic – storytelling and singing for children of Pebmarsh School to include blessing of the bears*

Liston 6pm *Bat talk & walk with Essex Bat Group*

Fri 4th Oct

Belchamp Walter 7.30pm *Concert of well-loved classical music on wind instruments by Stour Winds, 10 local musicians*

Sat 5th & Sun 6th Oct

Henny 10am - 4pm *Art & craft exhibition – various arts & crafts created by the villagers of Great & Little Henny*

Borley 10am - 4pm *Art exhibition staged by the villagers of Borley*

Sat 5th Oct

Belchamp Walter 11am - 2pm *Art, crafts and music events & workshops – learn a song, paint a picture, listen to the Belchamp Walter Singers, sample delights from the lunch club supercooks*

Tues 8th Oct

Middleton 6pm *Bat talk & walk with Essex Bat Group*

Lamarsh 7.30pm *Concert of ethereal ballads with Lamarsh singer songwriter Flo Davis*

Wed 9th Oct

Belchamp St Paul 2pm *Belchamp St Paul Primary School Harvest Service & art display on the theme Water. Teddy bears picnic and blessing of the bears*

Thurs 10th Oct

Bulmer 1.30pm *Bulmer Primary School in concert – poetry and music on the theme Around the World*

Pentlow 7.30pm *Poetry and music evening with Canon Peter Sandberg on the theme Over the Rainbow (with refreshments)*

Fri 11th Oct

Ovington 7.30pm *Talk by Barry Bowyer on "Tales and stories of Ovington in times gone by"*

Sat 12th Oct

Alphamstone 1 - 5pm *Display of Tithe records & map*

Belchamp Otten 7pm *Concert with the Abbot Consort of Voices and the world première of a piece written by Michael Aves especially for the festival*

Sat 12th & Sun 13th Oct

Middleton 10am - 4pm (Sunday 10am - 1pm) *Middleton's Got Talent - a mixture of exhibition and demonstrations celebrating the wide ranging talents of the villagers of Middleton*

Sun 13th Oct

Lamarsh 3pm *Talk "On and Off the Roadshow" by Bunny Campione of the Antiques Roadshow*

Alphamstone Village Hall 7pm *Film and talk by Janet Penfold about travels in a tall ship around the Pacific (with cheese and wine)*

Mon 14th Oct

Belchamp St Paul 6pm *Bat talk and walk with the Essex Bat Group*

Tues 15th Oct

Borley 7.30pm *Concert – The Mead Singers sing pieces by Ivor Novello and Gilbert and Sullivan*

Wed 16th Oct

Lamarsh 7.30pm *Rosheen and Cal Finnigan talk about their book "Letters from the Suitcase", based on Rosheen's parents' wartime correspondence*

Fri 18th Oct

Belchamp St Paul 7.30pm *Bell Ringing open evening. Discover the art and science behind this traditional method of summoning the faithful to prayer*

Sat 19th Oct

Twinstead 2pm *Wood turning demo by Tina Outhwaite – watch old and rare woods metamorphose into beautiful and useful items*

Sat 19th & Sun 20th Oct

Bulmer 10am - 4pm *Art exhibition – the work of artists & craftspeople of Bulmer, plus a display of bricks from the Bulmer Brick & Tile Company*

Pentlow 10am - 4pm *Art & Craft exhibition – Over the Rainbow, a display of art & crafts by the villagers of Pentlow*

Wickham St Paul 10am - 4pm *Art & Craft exhibition – a display of art & crafts by the villagers of Wickham St Paul*

Sun 20th Oct

Belchamp St Paul 10am - 4pm *Music workshop and concert by Sudbury Tenon woodwind & bass group – live rehearsal followed by concert at 3.45pm*

Gestingthorpe (Hill Farm) 2pm *Talk by Ashley Cooper on unearthing a Romano-British craftsman's village & villa at Hill Farm*

Tues 22nd Oct

Liston 9.30am - 3pm *Icons – a display, talk & hands-on workshop with Revd Margaret King (Booking required for workshop – see website)*

Wed 23rd Oct

Wickham St Paul 10am *Concert & coffee with the Kirk Quartet*

Wickham St Paul 6pm *Bell ringing open evening with Ted Laurence*

Fri 25th, Sat 26th & Sun 27th Oct

Alphamstone 11am - 5pm *Art exhibition - bookbinding, paintings, ceramics, and photos by local artists*

Sat 26th Oct

Twinstead 2.30 - 4.30pm *Spinning demo by Gill Read of the Lavenham Guild of Spinners and Weavers*

Alphamstone Village Hall 11am - 1.30pm *Pumpkin Patch – pumpkin competitions, games & café*

Alphamstone 7.30pm *"Desert Island Discs" with baritone Stephen Varcoe, interviewed by Andrew Marsden*

Sun 27th Oct

Twinstead 2.30pm *Walking the Labyrinth (meet at Twinstead church)*

Tues 29th Oct

Foxearth 10am - 4pm *Art & Craft exhibition, to include make and take card making sessions at 11am & 2pm*

Fri 1st Nov

Wickham St Paul 7.30pm *Festival Finale – Closing service to include Faure's Requiem sung by the South Stour Churches Festival choir*

Extended Exhibitions



1st - 30th Oct

Lamarsh

“Remote Places” – a small exhibition of amateur photos by Janet Penfold, taken on her walking holidays in different parts of the world.

10am - 4pm



30th Sept - 30th Oct

Belchamp St Paul

Photo & Art Exhibition “Celebrating the natural world” – a diverse exhibition of amateur photos, paintings, pottery and batik by Belchamp St Paul residents

10am - 4pm



30th Sept - 30th Oct

Belchamp St Paul

“Memories of the people and places of the Belchamps” – a display of bygone photos offering a pictorial social history of the Belchamps and Ovington.

10am - 4pm



7th - 20th Oct

Alphamstone

Photo exhibition – “Memories of the People And Places of Alphamstone”

10am - 4pm

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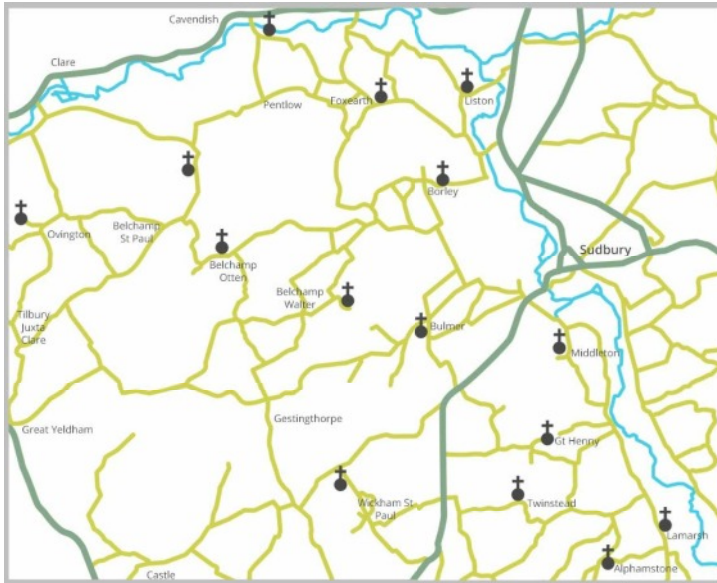
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 Bulmer *St Andrew*
 Foxearth *St Peter & St Paul*
 Great Henny *St Mary the Virgin*
 Lamarsh *Holy Innocents*
 Liston
 Middleton *All Saints*
 Ovington *St Mary*
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FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on 27th July 2019 with Cllr Tony Clayton in the Chair. There were two local residents present.

Councillor vacancies: A policy was agreed to fill the two vacant seats by co-option. Details would appear and applications invited via the Parish News.

Future meetings: Subject to the availability of the Village Hall, meetings were agreed for the following dates - 28th September 2019, 23rd November 2019, 25th January 2020, 21st March 2020, 23rd May 2020 (Annual meeting of electors followed by Parish Council AGM, 25th July 2020, 19th September 2020, 21st November 2020.

Closure of "essexinfo.net" web site: It was noted that this site would close in March 2020

Essex County Council report: Apologies were received from Cllr David Finch and a written report of his key messages for 2020 was received. Significant points were:

- A balanced budget - This had always been a priority for the Council and 2018/19 had been successful in that respect. To deliver the same in 2019/20 will require savings of £72m because of decreasing support from central government but the Council is on track to achieve a balanced budget again.
- Potholes - Between 2015 and 2017 reports of these in the county decreased by 47% bucking national trends. This reflects the hard work and additional resources deployed.
- Reducing air pollution and plastic use - working groups have been established to tackle these issues.
- Additional funding - has been provided for footway repairs, mental health and homelessness support.
- Essex 2020 - is the title of a programme being launched next year to celebrate the County's history as a home for all kinds of arts and sciences. More information as 2020 draws nearer!
- Efficiency and effectiveness - a survey of 150 upper tier councils placed Essex 7th for getting best results; in relation to comparably sized councils Essex came top. The survey took account of performance in key areas of children, disability and elderly services, housing and homelessness, waste and recycling. The fact that ECC have increased Council Tax in only 4 of the last 9 years was also relevant.



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... continued Foxearth & Liston Parish Council

- Devolution of funding - 15 parishes have expressed interest in being involved in a pilot scheme to handle minor maintenance e.g. grass and hedge cutting, footway and sign maintenance etc.

The full text of the Council Leader's report appears on the Parish Council web site.

Public Questions: In answer to an enquiry about the progress of cable Broadband Cllr Posen understood that connections in Foxearth may be made in October/November.

Footpaths: Cllr Robson reported that in accordance with the July programme some footpaths had been cut.

Next meeting: 28th September 2019 at 9.45am in Foxearth Village Hall

Ken Nice

LISTON BORLEY PENTLOW FOXEARTH TRUST FUND

Grants for educational development, community projects and religious purposes are available for individuals and organizations in our villages
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Garden Wisdom

The best time to take a cutting ... is when no one is looking.

Alan Titchmarsh

In September, due I believe to the earth clicking on a point or two on its axis, everything wakes up and starts growing again, and it is a lovely month of clear light, and often warm weather; a good month to be in the garden.

- Once the tassels of sweetcorn turn brown, check that they are ripe for picking: when ripe the kernels contain a milky liquid.
- It is still possible to take cuttings of tender perennials, such as *fuchsia*, *pelargonium* or *penstemon* to over-winter under cover.
- Continue to feed and deadhead summer bedding plants: well cared for, they can flower on until the frosts.
- Plan for next year's late summer colour by planting perennials such as *Helenium*, *Helianthus* and *Aster*.
- Leave marrows, pumpkins and winter squashes to ripen on the plants, but harvest before the frosts. Put the fruit on a wooden board or tile, to prevent soiling.
- Plant onion and shallot sets suitable for over wintering; on heavy clay, spring planting might be better.
- Continue harvesting apples and pears, to store in a cool, well-ventilated place.
- Harvest maincrop potatoes, and dry off before storing in a cool, dark, frost-free place.
- Sow winter greens, land cress, mustard spinach, corn salad and hardy lettuce for spring picking.
- Collect seeds from perennials, and dry off before storing.
- Start planting spring flowering bulbs in borders and containers.
- Lift and divide hardy perennials, move evergreen shrubs, and plant new shrubs and trees towards the end of the month.

September is a good month if you are re-thinking your garden, and most things can be moved around easily. It is also the best time to attack vine weevils, as the almost exclusively female species have produced around 1,000 eggs each by the asexual process of parthenogenesis. These will hatch into grubs which nibble the roots of plants, while the parent eats the leaves. Nematodes are the only way, these days, and this is the best time to use them, catching both parents and children. Good luck, but also enjoy the garden – warm, sunny, golden September days are to be treasured.

Cavendish Horticultural Society
9th September - Visit to Bressingham Gardens

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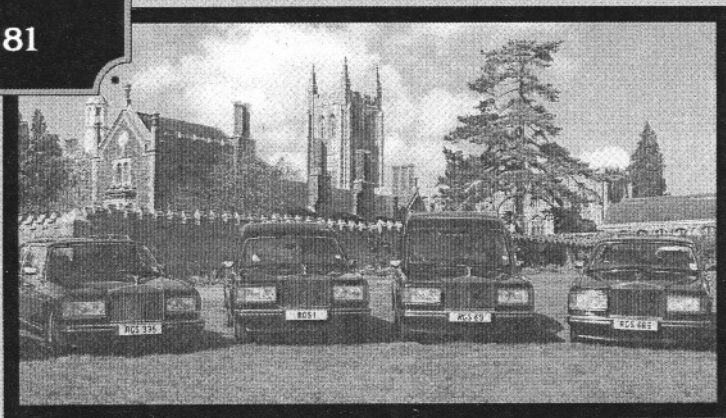
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Foxearth Church Organ Fund

I am sorry to have to say that I will no longer be making and selling preserves for the organ fund. The money and preserves have, once again, been stolen.

When I started this venture, I was prepared, on occasion, for light-fingered people to help themselves, but this has now happened once too often. I feel it is not fair on the generous folk who support this fund, to have their generosity abused.

The current tuning cost is £138 a year, which we have, so far, managed to raise. I thank all the people who, in the past, have provided me with produce and have saved their jam jars in order to keep costs down, so ensuring our magnificent Father Willis instrument is kept in good order. My apologies to the latest people who, in good faith, bought preserves and have had their money stolen. My thanks to all who have helped in the past to maintain this historic and beautiful organ.

Margaret Nice



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Thousands of pounds..... (well hopefully that grabbed your attention!) were not won or lost at the very jovial and fun games night at the beginning of August - however thousands of laughs were had!!!! Attendees to the village social games night played ping pong, darts and jenga whilst chatting, catching up with neighbours, enjoying snacks and a little tittle.

We would love you to join us, meet new people and maybe catch up with old friends - playing games is not obligatory just come along and enjoy the company - all ages are welcome.

The next social games night is Friday 6th September from 7.30pm till 9.30pm - to add an extra flavour to this one, we will be getting a fish and chip supper delivered for those that would like one - so bring along your pennies and place your order by 7.45pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Rachel Backshall

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EASY SAUSAGE CASSEROLE (ONE POT)

4 portions : Approx 1 hour to cook

Ingredients

1 tbsp olive oil	500ml cider
8 shallots	100g runner beans
8 sausages	1 medium courgette
100g pancetta lardons	100g frozen peas
1 tbsp plain flour	Fresh parsley
1 tbsp wholegrain mustard	Dash of double cream
300g new potatoes	

Method

1. In a casserole, heat the olive oil and fry the shallots, halved, for 3-4 minutes until they start to caramelize. Add the sausages, each cut into 3 pieces, and the pancetta lardons. Brown for 4-5 minutes, then stir in the plain flour and the wholegrain mustard. Add the new potatoes, halved if large, then pour over the cider.
2. Simmer, covered, for 20 minutes. Add the runner beans, cut into 2cm lengths, and the courgette, halved and sliced. Cook for 8 minutes. Season, then stir through the frozen peas, defrosted, chopped fresh parsley and a dash of double cream.



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A DELIGHTFUL VILLAGE WEDDING

It was a very happy occasion when, on Saturday 27th July, lovely local girl, Emily Isobel Smith, and Daniel Patrick Hayward, from Kent, were married in St Gregory and St George Church, Pentlow.

Large creamy white roses adorned the window sills and the Church was filled with smartly dressed friends and relations. The service was happily conducted by Rev Margaret King and the organ sensitively played by Brid McKee. Three well known hymns were sung, Grandmother to Emily, Mrs June Turner, read the lesson, while two friends read poems.



The bride wore a stunning long white lace dress with a short train and carried a bouquet of cream/white and green - these being the theme colours. Emily was attended by four adult bridesmaids, in striking jade green soft pleated long dresses, and two little flower girls in white. Rachel, the bride's mother, was also in a strong green outfit and large hat.

Fortunately, the weather remained dry for the duration of the ceremony and photographs - thanks to the prayers offered by Grandfather Vic Turner !!

A large marquee in the garden of "Gable End", the home of Rachel and John Smith, was the venue for the reception. Two musicians played quietly during the meal, where wine flowed freely; tasty small eats were passed around followed by BBQ salmon, pork, lamb and salads with assorted gateaux, cream, strawberries, tea and coffee.

The band struck up at 8.30pm and lively dancing carried on until the early hours of the morning. John, the brides father, put on an especially entertaining show. Emily and Daniel caught the train to London on Sunday morning and then went on to Scotland for their honeymoon, after which they will return to their home in Faversham, Kent. Emily is Head of English at Thomas Eveling School, Rochester, and Daniel is a Film Technician at the University of Kent.

We wish them health and happiness in their life together, and hope to see them in Pentlow from time to time.

Susan Fenner

FOXEARTH & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

On Monday 12th August, 19 members of the Foxearth History Society had a fascinating day-trip to the Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, near Maldon.

The aerodrome has the largest known surviving group of Royal Flying Corps buildings on a WWI aerodrome anywhere in the country. See www.stowmaries.org.uk

First opened in 1916, the aerodrome saw the birth of Air Defence in response to the first raids by Zeppelins on London and the southeast. It played a key role during the first London Blitz the following year, continued in its role until Spring 1919, then reverted to agriculture.

A newly formed Trust was able to purchase the land and surviving buildings in 2012, with the plan to save and restore dilapidated buildings, and reopen the site to the public. A small army of volunteers set to work, with stabilisation and reconstruction work being the first tasks.

It is remarkable to see what has been achieved in such a short time: a visitor centre and museum opened, the restored Airmen's Mess now provides lunches and teas and holds private events, and two hangar buildings display seven WWI period replica aircraft (some give flying displays). There are 22 buildings still surviving, that will take millions of pounds to fully restore, so fundraising for the future is another priority.

We were given a tour by a very knowledgeable guide. She explained the aerodrome's buildings and layout, and its role in fighting the German Zeppelins and planes that bombed SE England (including Sudbury) in WWI.

We heard stories of the young pilots who flew their flimsy planes on winter nights, up to 15,000 feet without oxygen - they were often too cold to move on their return to the ground, and had to be carried back to their quarters to recover. And, of course, some did not survive. Of the ten from 31 squadron who died, two were shot down by a Zeppelin, but eight perished in flying accidents: a mid-air collision, faulty maintenance, but often simply a lack of flying experience before being sent to war...

Stow Maries was never attacked in WWI, though in WWII a German aircraft mistakenly bombed the former hanger buildings (then used as cattle sheds), and a number of animals died.

After a hearty lunch in the Airmen's Mess, our group spent some time in the museum. This has been well laid out with everything from post cards, original artefacts and audio-visual displays – it really gave a good understanding of the air war and the “First London Blitz”. Even those who felt they knew about this period learnt a lot more.

Unfortunately our arrival had been delayed by closure of the only route the local council allow to be signposted, and the minibus Satnav did not offer much help! So many of the group plan to revisit another time – it is well worth it.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 10th September - The History of Cupola House

Clare Mathieson

As I write this at the 11th hour of the editors deadline, we are approaching midway through August, and have about 25 acres of wheat left to combine, along with 120 acres of beans - so we are almost there.



View from the combine seat

Up until a week ago, and the rain, we had been able to crack on with this years harvest and, so far, we are pleased with the yields and overall quality.

The barley harvest started on the 15th July, with the oilseed rape following on the 23rd July, and wheats coming in on the 3rd of July.

We have sold and moved all the barley, 496 tonnes, similarly the oilseed rape has been sold and already moved, with a total of 115 tonnes. The wheats are not finished and we are looking at a total yield of approximately 1600 to 1800 tonnes, if the last field runs as well as the others.

With my brother in law, Adrian, busy on the industrial side of the business and Peter, our father in law, out of action due to a hip operation, Thomas and I have tackled the harvest between us.

We have cultivated and recently drilled the oilseed rape and it has had a good soaking with the rain, which may be frustrating from a harvest perspective, but is essential for the rape to get a good start.

On the sheep front, our first few boxed lambs have gone to our customers but, since the really hot weather, the lambs have stalled in growing on and finishing, so it will be a while before the next batch is ready. This is often described as lambs going into a store period of growth

All the Blue Texel has been running with the pure Blue Texel ewes since early July so, hopefully, we will have lambs around December/January.

I do have one little moan, and just want to put a point across in a polite manner, as I have the chance to do so in this article - hopefully people will read and understand the reasons behind it.



Grain store filling with wheat

Down on the Farm continued...

... continued Down on the Farm

We are lucky to live in a beautiful part of the world, in a rural location and are blessed with many footpaths and rights of way.

In recent years, we have put a lot of time, effort and finance, into creating margins and areas on the farm which create and enhance wildlife habitats, along with corridors for many different species are struggling, especially the insects and ground nesting bird populations.

It is frustrating, and often soul destroying, to see some, not all, dog owners allowing their dogs to roam where they like, often not even on public byways or footpaths, but on parts of the farm that are not. Unfortunately, this can often be to the detriment of the wildlife we are trying to encourage to thrive. So, when you are out for your walk in our wonderful countryside, exercising your loyal pets, please be mindful that there are hidden beauties you may not even be aware of, that could be disturbed by a dog or dogs going about what dogs only do naturally, which could affect their chance to thrive and survive

I hope you've all had a great Summer so far as I look forward to a busy autumn - my favourite season.

Simon

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Mr and Mrs Martin Stuchfield, once again, offered their spacious grounds as the venue and Melanie Davies generously offered to run the event.

We were fortunate that it was a lovely day once again, and when the gates opened at 4.30pm eager people soon started to arrive.

It was encouraging to see folk sitting on the grass or chairs just chatting and enjoying a Pimms from Rachel or a drink from the bar professionally manned by Becky - who had run The Pinkuah Arms. The bottle stall groaned under the weight of 120 bottles of all varieties kindly donated by generous



people to John and Rachel Swan who ran the stall and, also sold the assorted raffle prizes given by local businesses, the whole stall was a handsome money earner. The free Bouncy Castle, provided by Dave was much in demand with the children, as were the games, supervised by Belinda and crew. Simon and Audrey supplied a large outside TV screen where a selection of cartoons and children's films were running, and the children could sit and watch. This was a new attraction and went down well.



Soon the aroma of the Hog Roast - supplied by Ben and Alison - wafted over the site, attracting hungry visitors to queue for a helping of this delicacy, accompanied with a square of professionally made stuffing by Tomme - also from The Pinkuah Arms - and apple sauce grown locally in Pentlow Orchards. Local chefs, David and Craig,

cooked the beef burgers, mushrooms and onions which were available as an alternative. An assortment of mouth watering desserts at £1.00 per slice was temptingly on sale by Janice and Juliette.

A large marquee, kindly on loan from The Chapmans, proved a welcome, roomy place for the famed "Robbie Gladwell" and his band to strike up at

... continued Pentlow Party

8.30pm encouraging the dancing to begin which continued with enthusiasm until late.

Once more, a very pleasant afternoon/evening was enjoyed by many people of all ages, resulting in a profit of £2,100 which, this year, will be divided between the Village Hall and St Gregory and St George Church, Pentlow.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way, donated items and not to omit those who came and spent their money, Mr and Mrs Stuchfield for the venue and Melanie and her committee who ran it so well.



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10th-14th: 7.30pm An Enemy of the People *Drama*

18th: 7.45pm The White Crow (15) *Film*

20th: 2.30pm/7.30pm His Way: The Sinatra Show

21th: 7.30pm Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde

22nd: 7.30pm Testament of Yootha *Drama*

26th: 7pm English National Ballet Akram Khan's
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The 1976 slogan for that years drought 'Save water, bath with a friend' may be taking matters to an extreme but the underlying message is - save water, it's precious.

Kelvin Hastings-Smith

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BIG BORLEY SECRET

One of the best kept secrets of the summer was revealed to the nation in the new Channel 4 series 'Secret Teacher', a new 'fly on the wall' programme exposing the pressures on the state education system. The programme follows a successful entrepreneur who has been placed 'undercover' as a classroom support worker in a school for a period of six weeks. But what does Borley have to do with this?

'Secret Teacher' featured local resident Katherine Just, Deputy Head of Haileybury Turnford Secondary School in Cheshunt. As the programme began Katherine (Kath) gave an interview to camera, which pulled no punches and which exemplified the difficulties that a school, such as hers, face. No funding for additional exercise books, additional teaching staff or any budget for the maintenance of the fabric of the school itself.



Picture of Kath Just with Paul Rowlett, Robin Newman, Principal, and two students from Haileybury Turnford Secondary School Website

Paul Rowlett, a successful entrepreneur and Chief Executive of Leicester based EverythingBranded.co.uk, was selected by producers to 'go under cover'. We learned from the programme that Rowlett struggled when he was at school. On leaving school, he joined the Royal Navy but on his discharge his fortunes took a turn for the worst in the worst possible way - losing his home, sleeping rough - before investing in a lap-top a loan of £500 and his future success. Who better then to encourage, inspire and motivate the pupils at Haileybury.

Part of the programme highlighted the shortage of teachers when an existing teacher had quit, requiring one teacher to attempt teaching a class of 60 pupils. Although the problem of staffing and under funding is not the main point of this four-part series, it is more about about how losers at school can become winners in business. If teachers and schools had more time to teach and nurture their pupils rather than worrying about budget deficits, such a programme need not have been made.

Kath has won plaudits for her no nonsense, no-holds barred take on the depressing state of state education. Telling it as it is, but also showing the

Big Borley Secret continued...

Continued ... Big Borley Secret.

compassion she has for her job, teaching and the care and advancement of her pupils - who all consider her to be a terrific teacher.

Kath placed her head above the parapet to show how every school and every teacher face difficulties in their day-to-day job. Her most telling and important comment of the whole programme. “State education should be the jewel in the crown, really, because these students are the people of the future, and what do we show them? We don’t value you. You’re not worth that nice new shiny building.”

Having already floored Rowlett by telling him that the government's last Budget allocated more extra money to potholes than schools, he simply responded: “I’m really, really shocked.” He was then motivated himself to seek out those pupils, who like his old self, were struggling. The result was a notable success for two of the 900 pupils at the school and for the school itself. Rowlett was so impressed (or horrified) by what he saw that he generously donated much needed cash to the school and continuing annual financial help.

Kath will have a valuable scrapbook of critical reviews for her achievements on camera from the Daily Telegraph, to the Times Educational Supplement and beyond.

Some of the reviews suggested that the programme may have been staged because of the presence of the camera in the school looking over Rowlett’s shoulder. The answer was that as only Kath and her Headmaster knew of the real reason for Paul Rowlett’s presence at the school, the school were told that he was considering changing his career and he was being filmed to see what skills and qualities he would need to work in a school.

Kath’s school was chosen from 500 randomly selected schools who were required to register an interest in taking part. The Channel 4 producers obviously could not resist the caring deputy head , who must have presented herself as manna from heaven and a TV audiences delight.

Well done Kath. Thank you for all you do for ‘the people of the future’ AND thank you all teachers for everything that you do .

Kath’s new celebrity status matches that of a former pupil, Laura Trott (Kenny) CBE, cyclist and GB’s most successful Olympian.

You can probably still view Kath’s episode of Secret Teacher on Channel 4 catch up service.

Kelvin Hastings-Smith

In Your Defence by Sarah Langford is an absorbing and easy read of the life of a junior Barrister plying her craft in the criminal and family courts. Sarah Langford is, in part, a local writer/Barrister, having a home in Suffolk.

If you ever wanted to know about the nitty-gritty of an advocate's job in the various courts this is the book for you. A comparison could be drawn with 'Secret Barrister' but this brilliant depiction of life at the coal-face of the law is more intimate and less political. Ms Langford's anecdotal glimpse into the human psyche is intriguing. She also lets the reader into her cases as she relates eleven such cases of varying nature from the Crown, Magistrate's and Family courts.

Her clever no nonsense narrative highlights the issues faced by her client, advocates and judges in any trial/hearing setting. Each new case starts with an extract from the section of the law that the chapter concerns. No need for a law degree to understand the law as these are only extracts from the statute concerned with the charge or issue facing her client. As her instructions proceed, the facts are then applied to the law. These are real cases (only the names have been changed) which are life changing in so many ways.

What also comes across is the vast amount of work that is put into her cases and which, in large part are conducted for legally aided clients. Inevitably there is an honestly held comment (in common with 'Secret Barrister') that junior Barristers are effectively being paid less than the minimum wage for what they do - and when you think that the work she does is life changing in so many ways it is shocking that she is paid so poorly.

I can guarantee that 275 pages will fly by and you, dear reader, will have enjoyed this excellent book giving a real insight into the wheels of justice.

The Hundred Year Old man who climbed out of the window and disappeared by Jonas Jonnason is an absorbing read and well worth a few humorous hours turning the pages.

The premise for the story, translated from Swedish, is the impending 100th birthday party being given of Allan, a resident of an Old Peoples Home. The Mayor and many dignitaries and press are in attendance waiting for Allan to come and blow out his candles. The last thing Allan wants is a party and definitely not to blow out any candles. He chooses instead to climb out of his window and escape what he considers the worst party ever.

Wearing his 'pee-slippers' he makes his way to the local bus station. From here the story takes off and he meets some intriguing characters on his journey to escape the party. Unfortunately, Allan draws the attention of some rough criminal types and ultimately the police who are looking for him, not because he has necessarily gone missing but also because he has been implicated in the ultimate crime.

A Good Read continued ...

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During his one hundred years Allan has achieved many things and met many people. This is the sub-plot of the search for the missing birthday boy.

The story is well told, amusing and gentle. I could not help thinking that I would like to meet Allan such an active man for a centenarian! Perhaps he is related to Forest Gump?

Our House by Louise Candlish is a roller coaster of a ride of emotions and is, perhaps, the ultimate page turner. At many places in the journey, one might be able to work out what-is-going-to-happen-next BUT you will be blown away by the final denouement.

Fi and Bram live in a desirable area of South London; they purchased their house when prices were not as expensive as today; they are raising their two sons there, and enjoy the camaraderie of the street on which they live. They are a happy family. Then, you guessed, something happens which changes lives forever.

This is not a typical read of its kind though. The story is told in the third person narrative, and also the first person of the main protagonists - one by way of a podcast and the other via a WORD document being drafted on a computer. The idea of relating a story via a podcast in a book is new to me and really works - there are even comments posted by listeners as to their thoughts and concerns!

An event occurs which snowballs out of control and the more one of the characters attempts to smooth things over, the worse it gets. This is a book you have to read. I cannot tell you more about the plot else I will spoil the excitement of a really good read. You cannot afford NOT to read this book even if you have to queue at the library, bookshop or wait for your Ebook to download.

The writing is solid, the research is spot-on and the events very real. Reviews elsewhere describe the book as “addictive, twisty and oh so terrifyingly possible”. Don’t take the reviewer’s word, or mine - read this book!



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What's Happening

SEPTEMBER		
Tues 3	7.30pm	Monthly Service of Healing Prayer at Ovington
Wed 4	10.30am-3pm	FoxeARTH and Nature Day at Foxearth Meadows
Fri 6	7.30-9.30pm	Foxearth Games Night
Fri 6/13/20/27	10am-12.30pm	Work Parties at Foxearth Nature Reserve
Sun 8	12noon-5pm	NGS Open Garden at Woodburn Cottage, Borley CO10 7AE
Mon 9		Cavendish Horticultural Society visit to Bressingham Gardens
Tues 10	7.30pm	The History of Cupola House, Bury St Edmunds – a talk by Pat Murrell
Wed 11		Mobile Library Pentlow 2.10-2.40pm & Foxearth 2.50-3.20pm
Sat 14	7.30pm	Foxearth Village Quiz with Hot Supper
Sun 15	3pm	Liston Harvest Festival at Liston Church
Sun 15	3pm	Open Air Service at Foxearth Meadows
Mon 16	10am-12noon	Crafty Wo(men) at Spencers Farm Shop Cafe, Wickham St Paul
Fri 20	7.15pm	Cavendish Bowls Club Race Night
Sun 22	10.30am	Borley Harvest Festival at Borley Church
Fri 27 pm/Sat 28 am		Moth Trapping at Foxearth Meadows
Fri 27	6.30pm	Pentlow Harvest Thanksgiving at Church followed by Harvest Supper in Village Hall
Sat 28		Deadline for Oil Buying Group Order
Mon 30	7pm	South Stour Churches Festival Opening Service at Bechamp St Paul
Mon 30		Deadline for booking your place on the 2020 Pilgrimage to Launde Abbey
OCTOBER		
Fri 4/11/18/25	10am-12.30pm	Work Parties at Foxearth Nature Reserve
Tues 1	7.30pm	Monthly Service of Healing Prayer at Belchamp St Paul
Wed 2		Mobile Library Pentlow 2.10-2.40pm & Foxearth 2.50-3.20pm
Sun 6	7pm	Liston Harvest Festival at Liston Church
Fri 11	7.30pm	Borley Harvest Supper
Mon 21	10am-12noon	Crafty Wo(men) at Spencers Farm Shop Cafe, Wickham St Paul
Wed 23		Mobile Library Pentlow 2.10-2.40pm & Foxearth 2.50-3.20pm

SEPTEMBER		WEST PARISHES				NORTH PARISHES			
Sunday	B Otten	B St Paul	B Walter	Ovington	Bulmer	Foxearth	Liston	Borley	Pentlow
1 st Sept	8.45am Communion	See Ovington		9.45am Communion GM	10.30am Family Service	10.30am Start the Month! Churchwardens	6pm Compline QP		11.15am Communion GM
11 th Trinity <i>Green</i>	PG								
Tuesday	7.30pm								
3 rd September	Team Healing Service at Ovington – GM								
Wednesday		10am Midweek Mass PG							
4 th Sept									
8 th Sept	10am Songs of Praise RB	10am Communion PG	9.45am Communion GM	11.15am Communion GM	10.30am Family Service MG, FG, GK	11.15am Family Service MG		11.15am Communion PG	11.15am Communion PG
12 th Trinity <i>Green</i>									
15 th Sept	10am								
13 th Trinity <i>Green</i>	Belchamps combined service at Belchamps Walter MHK								
15 th Sept		11.15am Harvest Festival PG/Precacher Ashley Cooper				10am Communion (BCP) Keith Holloway		10am Communion PG	6pm Evensong PG
13 th Trinity <i>Green</i>									
22 nd Sept	8.45am Communion (BCP)GM	10am Communion GM	6pm Harvest Service GM			10.30am Combined Harvest Service at Borley MHK			
14 th Trinity <i>Green</i>									
Friday									
27 th Sept									6.30pm Harvest Festival & Supper GM
29 th Sept	6pm Harvest Festival (BCP)GM								
Michael & All Angels <i>White</i>	10.30am								
Monday	Benefice Service at Wickham St Paul's								
30 th Sept	7pm Opening Service of South Stour Churches Festival at Belchamp St Paul Bishop Stephen								

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