

PARISH NEWS

LISTON : PENTLOW : FOXEARTH : BORLEY

April 2019

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Ruminations from the Rectory.....

Dear Friends,

I am writing this in early March with a gale blowing, as is right and proper for March! I am about to go on a course/retreat to Launde Abbey in Leicestershire to create another icon. I love the countryside around Launde; huge rolling hills, deep quiet valleys and the lambs will be frolicking. Last year at this time we had our Pilgrimage there and there had been lots of snow, now it is quite different and Spring is very definitely here. We shall be back at Launde next year for our Lenten pilgrimage. Do think about booking as places are filling up.

When you get this magazine at the start of April we will have said goodbye to Revd Sally and some of us are going to her licensing service at Christ Church Milton next Gravesend on 13th April at 2pm. We hope she will be very happy there. This date is the day after we all return from our epic pilgrimage to Sweden. I am so looking forward to this trip, making new Swedish friends and connections which I hope will continue well into the future as Belchamp St Paul's church twins with Torrskog Church and our Benefice twins with Arternmark.

We are getting very close to Easter now. There is something very special about going to the services during Holy Week as they help us understand the depth of God's love and his forgiveness as we follow Jesus towards his awful death on Good Friday. Take the time to take that in, then pause during Easter Saturday before we reach the glorious resurrection of Easter Day. The celebration is all the more joyful if we have taken our time in Holy week and not rushed to the Easter eggs on Easter Day.

As usual, we are holding a Tenebrae Service at 8pm on Wednesday 17th April at Alphamstone. This service begins with all candles lit and gradually one by one they are extinguished. There is beautiful music appropriate to Holy Week and, readings and poems punctuating the quenching of each candle till we are in complete darkness.

On Easter Saturday we are delighted to be welcomed back to St Mary's Ovington (our tiniest church) for the Easter Vigil which begins at 8pm outside with the dramatic, and sometimes chaotic, lighting of the New Fire. Indoors, we hear an overview of our redemption story, we renew our baptismal vows and the service reaches its joyful climax in the Holy Eucharist and the singing of the celebratory Easter hymns.

I wish you all a very happy Easter on 21st April, Christ is risen, He is risen indeed alleluia!

Revd Margaret, your Team Rector

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Social Events

June Eden Rose Evening or Garden Party TBA

Evening Meetings

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

Thurs 25th April **An Introduction to Art Therapy**

Victoria Tolchard

Thurs 23rd May **Games Evening**

Nicky Russell.

Thurs 27th June **No evening meeting**

Café Club @ Assington Country Kitchen Come and join us at our new venue 2nd Friday of each month from 12 - 2 pm, Assington Country Kitchen, Assington CO10 5LW Join us for an informal chat over coffee and a sandwich.

A relaxed, informal opportunity for people affected by cancer to meet over a cup of coffee or tea with people who have been through, or are going through similar experiences.

For more information contact: Ruth Worsley 01787 370978 email ruth-SACSG@outlook.com

MOBILE LIBRARY SCHEDULE:

17th April, 8th May
29th May, 19th June

2.10 - 2.40 pm Pentlow Telephone Box
2.50 - 3.20 pm Foxearth Old School

WE ALL MAKE COMMUNITY

Lent Series of Events

Do come and join us at various venues and on various days to see how important this statement is, especially in 2019. You will be most welcome and do not need to be a church member.

Tuesday 2nd April 10am: at Middleton Church. Will Ginno will talk about Sudbury Befriending Team who support vulnerable and isolated adults across Suffolk, including those with learning difficulties, mental health needs and older persons. His talk will expand upon the services the charity offers as well as their excellent volunteering opportunities.

Monday 15th April 12noon: at Middleton Church **A Very Frugal Lent Lunch** . Admission by donations to Sudbury Food Bank or monetary donation to them. (GF and DF food available)

We look forward to seeing you at any or all of these events
You will be most welcome

Borley and Liston Parish Church Council

VESTRY MEETING

-AND-

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

is being held at 10.30 am

on Saturday, 6 April 2019

at Purkis Farm, Borley Green CO10 7AQ

OPEN TO ALL

Anyone can vote at the Vestry Meeting but only those registered on the Church Electoral Roll can vote at the AGM

If you would like to be registered on the Church Electoral Roll contact Marian Dorey 01787 827547

GARAGE & SHED SECURITY

Whilst most houses have adequate security what is often neglected is the shed or garage, "nothing much in there" I hear you say, "Just a garden spade and fork", **but these are perfect tools for a burglar to use to get into your house.** Adds insult to injury when the tool used to break into your house is your own, so give it some attention.

Garages and sheds by the nature of their construction and position, especially when away from the house, are always going to be vulnerable. Quite often the supplied locks provide just the barest minimum security and are easily overcome so, always consider supplementing the existing locks with further locking systems both for the doors and items within.

On **garage** doors this could be by adding locking bolts to both sides of the "up and over door" or a garage door defender in the ground in front of the door, if you have side door don't forget the security on this too.

With **sheds** coach-bolt and plate the padlock hasp sections to the frame and door, use a good quality "Close Shackle" padlock or a key operated mortice lock; don't forget the hinges - ensure they cannot be unscrewed.

Consider using "Ground Anchors" or "Shed Shackles" to chain larger items such as ladders, mowers and pedal cycles to (again good quality padlock and chain); keep chains tight so that it is not in contact with a surface it can be struck against. Protect windows with a wire mesh and fit a curtain or white wash the windows to prevent prying eyes.

Visibly security mark your property with your post code and house number as this reduces the value to the thief; you can register serial numbers free of charge at www.immobilise.com . There are also a number of commercially available security marking systems available that are suitable for a wide range of products and others for specific products.

It is also worth adding security lighting and a shed alarm to the shed or garage, there are even alarms available that when activated call your mobile phone, these are relatively inexpensive and available from most DIY/hardware stores. If siting a new shed, where possible position it within sight of rooms in the house routinely occupied.

Products that are fit for purpose can found by looking for the "Secured by Design" or "Sold Secure" logos, or on their websites <http://www.securedbydesign.com/> or <http://www.soldsecure.com/> .

for further crime prevention advice see www.essex.police.uk/advice or www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com. There is also some good garden specific security advice from the RHS at:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=606#section-2>

Stephen Armson-Smith, Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer, 080319

FOXEARTH & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

The Rise & Decline of the Stour Valley Railways

by Robyn Lloyd Hughes



at 7.30 pm on
Tuesday 9th April
at Foxearth Village Hall

If you would like to join us please contact Clare Mathieson
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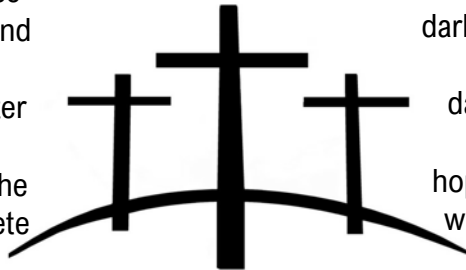
More information on foxhistsoc@gmail.com

TENEBRAE

**8PM ON WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL
ST BARNABAS, ALPHAMSTONE**

Please join us for this very moving service which is full of symbolism and helps us prepare for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

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Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

8pm 20th April
at St Mary's Ovington

If you cannot come to celebrate Christ's Rising on Easter Day, do come and join us for this beautiful ceremony. We begin outside the church by lighting the new fire, carrying candles into the darkened church; we renew our baptismal vows and then celebrate the first Communion of Easter



This service is for all 15 churches in the benefice.

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Pentlow 11.15 am

Bulmer at 11.15 am



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and a piece of cake ...

and sausage rolls !!!!

All Welcome!!!!!!



Please contact Pam on 07503940532 if you need collecting or would like to bring produce etc to sell on the day

CARDIAC ARREST RESPONSE SEMINAR

There will be a training session, led by Vaughan Preston, to teach villagers how to use the defibrillator, recently installed on the wall at Foxearth Village Hall.

The demonstration will take place during the coffee morning on 28th May and will start at 11 am

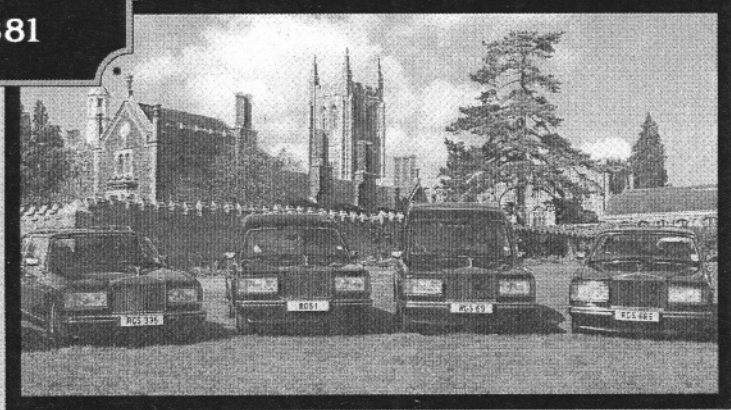


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in Liston Church on

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Tickets £20, (inclusive of Interval Canapes & Wine) in aid of Liston Church, can be booked on listonmidsummermusic@gmail.com or 01787 375900

In her official capacity as Royal Harpist, (an ancient post recently revived by HRH The Prince of Wales), Anne Denholm was seen & heard by millions on TV last summer, playing for the Royal Wedding of The Duke & Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry & Meghan Markle.

She has formed a vibrant duo with former Royal Academy friend, the Russian virtuosic Flautist, Alena Walentin, and presents this special Gala performance as part of Liston's annual MidSummerMusic Festival prior to an International tour.

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VIVIENNE NORAH HASTIE

1928 - 2019



Just three and a half months after we paid our final respects to her husband Jim, we assembled again at the West Suffolk Crematorium on 27th February to celebrate the life of Vivienne who died on 19th January 2019. Thus ended a 66-year association with Foxearth village for this well-known and greatly respected couple. An affectionate eulogy compiled by the family was read at the service.

Vivienne was born in December 1928 in Glemsford to Ethel and Walter Brown: she was their fourth and final child with brothers Henry (usually known as Harry), Clifford and sister Eva. She often recalled to her family, walking to her primary school with its Victorian stove and describing the friends she made - a very early one being Molly who stayed in touch for 85 years to share many birthdays and visits. Other memories from those days were the amount of walking and cycling that had to be done and the worry that her mother felt when Clifford joined the Royal Air Force, and the relief when the war ended and he resumed civilian life. Vivienne played her part in the war effort by knitting socks for soldiers. Marriage to Jim took place at Glemsford church in September 1953 and a long and rewarding life together was marked by a 65th anniversary last year. Moving to Huntsmans after their wedding Vivienne quickly became immersed in village life. She attended Foxearth church every Sunday and helped with cleaning and flower arranging and she delivered the Parish News by bicycle. To the delight of the couple's daughters, Judith and June, duly arrived. In addition to caring for her family, Vivienne's particular strengths were careful housekeeping and an ever cheerful approach to hard work and economy: qualities which Jim shared. As Jim often worked long days on the farm during harvest time, Vivienne decided that learning to drive would make life a bit easier and Jim's limitations as an instructor were no deterrent! Vivienne's patience won and she eventually taught her daughters to drive. Living on the outskirts of the village could have been lonely but Vivienne was a true countrywoman joining in so many activities. She collected for Cancer Research and the British Legion Poppy Appeal, was an active member of the Over 60s Club and the Women's Institute, taking Scottish country dancing, baking, dress and hat making, preserves, trips and outings all in her stride. If elderly neighbours needed a helping hand, Vivienne was there for them. Fetes, coffee mornings, bring and buy sales etc all benefitted from her willingness to help. She was also captain of the WI darts team - and not a lot of us knew that! In due course, grandchildren came along which meant meeting Simon and Rebecca from school and visiting Anna, Lucy and Charlie where they lived in France. Vivienne was a hands-on grandmother, never too busy to baby-sit, give cooking lessons, knit jumpers and a multitude of other helpful tasks. Until old age made it difficult Vivienne was a regular borrower at the fortnightly (now, alas, less frequent) library van where we would always have a chat about local issues.

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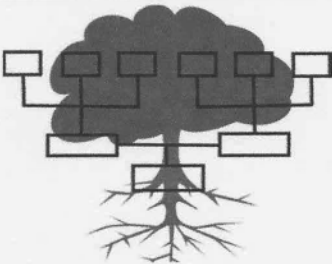
The health visitor attends the group once
a month for baby weighing and to
answer questions.

Please contact Verity on 07980993975 or
verity.bridge@outlook.com or join the
facebook group "Belchamp Little Acorns"
for further information.

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It was entirely fitting that at the end of the service a recording of Jerusalem by *Voices of the WI* was played. Vivienne was widely admired for her cheerful personality, her sense of community and her commitment to village life She passed away peacefully and will be missed but fondly remembered by all who had the good fortune to meet her.

Ken Nice



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NEWS FROM FOXEARH MEADOWS NATURE RESERVE



Update on the cattle

There are just two Dexters on the Meadows at the moment: a heifer called Wander and a bullock called Mars. They are both pretty placid and gentle. It's important, of course, that visitors to the reserve keep dogs on leads to avoid disturbing the cattle and the wildlife there. Over the spring and summer the cattle will be kept on the part of the reserve which is mainly drier riverside meadow leading up to the northern corner (towards the old railway embankment). This is to allow the vegetation to grow freely in the remaining part of the reserve during the nesting and breeding season for birds. An electric fence is now in place, which stretches across the reserve, but, as we want visitors to still be able to walk the lovely riverside route, Mark and volunteer helpers have constructed a cunning combination of stile and lifting gate, the latter wide enough for wheelbarrows and also to help dog-walkers and those who would find the stile difficult to negotiate. The whole job was done using scavenged and upcycled materials and I was impressed with the result!

Pond-dipping platforms

We very much hope the reserve will become a great outdoor learning resource for local schools. Working towards this, Mark and the Friday volunteers have built a handsome pond-dipping platform on the Island pond. A small section of sturdy DIY boardwalk along the western perimeter pathway gives another pond-dipping opportunity on some shallower pools.

A really helpful grant from the Foxearth Church & School Foundation is enabling us to equip with pond-dipping nets and inspection tanks.

We have taken invitations to visit the reserve to all the local schools, and we are hoping there will be a good uptake. We would love to see more young people enjoying the outdoors and nature and learning about caring for the environment.

Andy Jowitt

Volunteer Community Engagement Officer, Foxearth Meadows

12 Fields View, SUDBURY CO10 1BJ Tel. 01787 464010

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P.S. You can learn more about these and other stories through receiving the new quarterly Foxearth Meadows News & Prayer Letter. The second edition is now published and available for circulation. Please contact Andy by e-mail or post if you would like to be on the circulation list.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Festival at the end of Lent (6)
4 and 10 Spring precipitations (5,7)
8 Depart - for holiday maybe! (5)
9 Rabbits associated with 1 across (7)
11 Emperor who fiddled during combustions (4)
12 Terminate (3)
14 Tide turned for Julie and Kelvin! (4)
15 Maiden has assistant! (4)
18 Cured pork (3)
21 Frost (4)
23 Faulty position in football justifying free kick (7)
25 "Eau de" toilet water (7)
26 Swallow liquid (5)
27 Notorious shipwreck spot off Kent coast, Goodwin (5)
28 Shiny (6)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Listen! change and join the Army! (6)
2 Mix a dose of marine fare! (7)
3 11th (8)
4 Female relative (4)
5 Uplift - a rise negotiated! (5)
6 Learning session, no less, reorganised! (6)
7 Treat very badly (4)
13 Yellow, trumpet-shaped Spring flower (8)
16 Small asters, Michaelmas (7)
17 Small Spring flower from some species of which saffron is produced (6)
19 "." is the root of all evil" according to old song (5)
20 Every seven days (6)
22 Large fruit of the gourd family (5)
24 Ova associated with 1 across (4)



FOXEARTH NATURE RESERVE WORK PARTIES



Work continues a pace at Foxearth Meadows Nature Reserve. If you can spare some time to help, join Mark on Friday mornings. The sessions start at 10am and finish at lunch time. If you need to leave early or can even stop on into the afternoon, that's fine.

5th, 12th and 26th April

Please contact Mark to check that any given work party is going ahead before you come. The dates may be subject to change or cancellation. It is also helpful to have an idea of numbers attending.



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Working hours: Mon/WedThurs/Fri 09:00 to 17:30

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 235 Spring has sprung, gardens are becoming colourful again and the first Bank Holidays of the year will soon be with us - so there are the themes for some of this month's competition. Entries to The Editors by 14th April please.

Ken Nice

Entry of.....
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Prize Crossword No 234 (March) Solution **ACROSS** 1 Venice, 4 Canal, 8 Nomad, 9 Anagram, 10 Sardine, 11 Chan, 12 Rum, 14 Acre, 15 Easy, 18 Rot, 21 Omit, 23 Heiress, 25 Brother, 26 Ideal, 27 Egypt, 28 Census
DOWN 1 Vanish, 2 Numeric, 3 Co-driver, 4 Coal, 5 North, 6 Lament, 7 Saver, 13 Medicine, 16 Seekers, 17 Double, 19 Thorn, 20 Psalms, 22 Ivory, 24 Chat.

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150g caster sugar

Pinch of salt

4 large eggs, beaten

25g plain flour

TO SERVE:

1 tablespoon icing sugar

Whipped cream

METHOD:

1. Heat the oven to 180°C/fan oven 160°C/mark 4. Grease and base-line a 22cm spring-form cake tin. Melt the chocolate and butter in a mixing bowl placed over a saucepan of barely simmering water. You can melt the chocolate and butter in a microwave for about 1½ minutes but do it in stages, stirring 2-3 times, so as not to overheat the chocolate.

2. Cool a little, then stir in the sugar, salt and beaten eggs. Finally, stir in the flour. Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 20 minutes. The centre should feel a little soft but there should not be a wobble. Take out of the oven and cool in the tin on a wire rack for 20-30 minutes. Release the sides but keep the cake on the base as it is fragile at this temperature. For a slightly more solid cake you can leave it for a couple of hours at room temperature before serving. Dust with icing sugar before serving.

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Braintree District Council has agreed to take part in the second phase of Voter ID trials in relation to the Braintree District's Town and Parish elections on 2 May 2019. This means that every elector voting at a polling station in the Braintree District will need to show either one piece of photo ID or two pieces of non-photo ID before they are given their ballot paper.

All electors will be required to present means of identification from those prescribed by the Cabinet Office. Anyone not providing the correct ID will not be able to vote.

Any elector who does not have a means of identification from the prescribed list will have the opportunity to contact the Electoral Services Department at Braintree District Council and apply for an Electoral Identity Document.

All the details residents need to be aware of can be found on our website at www.braintree.gov.uk/voterid

We will also be informing the public in numerous ways such as newspaper adverts, bus shelters, direct mail to all households, as well as digital advertising including social media.

Key messages

- You need to bring ID to vote in local elections at polling stations on 2nd May 2019
- You need to bring the correct form of ID – check the list at www.braintree.gov.uk/voterid
- You can bring either one piece of photo ID or two pieces on non-photo ID. One piece on non-photo ID must have the voter's current address – check the list
- Don't worry if you haven't got any ID or any of the ID listed – you can apply for a free Electoral Identity Document - just call our Elections team who will be able to help you.
- All ID documents must be originals or a certified copy.
- Full list available at www.braintree.gov.uk/voterid

Spring should be here now, so let's enjoy it. I do hope that we have not already had it, with the mild days in February. Everything is blooming, and growing like mad, so there is work to be done.

- Plant container-grown trees and shrubs. Water well an hour before doing so and avoid planting too deep; the first roots should be just below the surface.
- Start looking for aphids on the shoot tips of roses. Squash before spraying, if you can.
- Move self-sown foxglove seedlings to a better position once they have 4 leaves, and water in.
- Make sure that hard-wood cuttings taken over the winter, and coming into leaf now, do not dry out.
- Sow annuals that prefer to be direct-sown such as *gypsophila* and *larkspur* in a weed-free bed.
- Plant up an alpine trough with a mix of equal parts John Innes no.2 compost and coarse grit, and top with a 2 cm layer of decorative grit. Alpines can bear a lot of cold, but very little wet, so the trough needs to be well-drained.
- Prune shrubby herbs such as sage, and trim lavender to 1 inch below the old flower stalks.
- Direct-sow vegetable seeds of calabrese, kohlrabi, cauliflower, carrot, peas, radish and chard.
- In late April sow the under-glass crops, runner beans, pumpkin and squash, to plant out after the last frost in May.
- Inspect gooseberry bushes for sawfly larvae, which become active this month, and squash.
- Fleece small and wall-trained fruit trees against late frosts.
- Plant chitted second early and main crop potatoes in prepared beds.
- Remove the spring flowers of perpetual strawberries, for larger fruit later.

Try not to be fooled by the weather: we can still get some hard frosts. Keep watering if things become dry, and don't be tempted to buy border and container annuals until mid-May at the earliest. Of course they are in all the supermarkets, but that is just commercialism. Hold back, and you won't be disappointed.

Cavendish Horticultural Society:

1st April - Evergreens for Every Situation presented by Matt Tanton

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

This morning two things happened to me. The first was a scary moment as I was starting my walk. A car was speeding towards me, the driver smoking, with only one hand on the steering wheel, and was driving into the low morning sunshine - she did not see me - thankfully she swerved just in time as I jumped for refuge into the nearby hedge. A close escape for both of us. But not to be outdone, on another separate morning, a van came hurtling around the corner from the direction of Borley Green - going very fast and into the bright early morning sun, this driver never saw me and would have run me down if I had not jumped out of the way. If the sun is blinding a driver wouldn't you think that the driver would lower the speed and drive with care?

The second was as I was walking the farm track. A rustle of bracken to my left and then a streak of orange/brown fur, sparkling in the sunlight, raced across my path and into the field opposite. The loveliest and fastest hare I have encountered so close.

I now have my vest number! 619. There will be no difficulty in deciding which way up to pin it to my vest and, if I collapse on the ground, the number will read the same whether viewed upside down or the right way up!

The politest school pupils I have passed on my walks so far live in Pentlow. This morning I passed half a dozen ambling to the school bus stop and they all said 'good morning'.

Today I reread the entry details for the Orwell Challenge and found that rather than 25k it is 25 miles! I thought I had done so well in walking my furthest yet - 12.5k. Hmmmm! think I need to go around the block a few more times!

Looking back on what I have written above, I sound like a grumpy old man!!

On a blowy March Saturday following a night of rain, I was surprised and a little dumbfounded to come across tens of earth worms either slithering or squashed on the road between Borley and Pentlow. Why would an earth worm cross the road? (answers to the usual address) Why didn't they just burrow under it?

I achieved 20k today!

The winds have been unrelenting. My trek, at times, felt like walking into a brick wall. I was not moving! However, when walking with the wind at my back I positively flew home to another slice of Julie's cake. I also felt that I had been to a wedding as I was covered in what looked like confetti - the beautiful blossom from trees and hedgerows had blown onto me and stuck to my jacket.

As I hurried home today to put this article together I noticed, in the brilliant early morning sun, a cat sitting on top of a BBQ lid - a Cat on a Hot Tin Roof - I muse!

I am walking 25 miles (!) in aid of the charity 'Friends of the Ferns' which supports the Sexual Assault Referral Centre based in Ipswich, covering the whole of Suffolk. This Centre provides much needed frontline assistance to those of our community who have been the victim of sexual assault. The facility provides a safe, secure environment for forensic examination and helps in these most devastating of situations. The Centre, which is a 'gold standard' for other SARCs in the country, is jointly funded by the Police and NHS. What is not funded are the immediate personal needs of a victim, be they clothing, travel expenses, counselling, toiletries, toys etc. These items and services are funded by FoTF, raising money through charitable donations and fund raising activities. The call on these resources is, unfortunately, huge.

SONNET to an Intrepid Walker

Shall I refer thee to a walker's way?
He is more resolute and set
To reach a target one score and five K
In June. The Orwell test will try
His stamina this lengthy course to stay.
So daily training is routine
And if you meet him, please do stop and say
"Good morning, Kelvin, well done you!"
Encouragement will help to make his day.
Rough winds may shake this well-wrapped chap and gusts
May blow his woolly cap away;
His charitable motive spurs him on.
So Kelvin strives to come to terms
To benefit Friends of the Ferns

Ken Nice

(with acknowledgement to W Shakespeare Sonnet 18)



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

I know it seems a long way off, but venues with enough room for all of us are getting booked up earlier and earlier. The 2020 Pilgrimage will be my last before we retire; we are going to return to Launde Abbey in Leicestershire Tuesday 31 March till Friday 3 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!"

20 rooms have been booked (we can book more). The cost will be around £250 - £280 and all rooms are ensuite.

Reserve your place by sending a cheque for £50 to Helen Grover, Spring House, Pebmarsh, Halstead CO9 2NU or contact her for internet banking details Helen.grover@northhincfordparishes.org.uk 01787 269223

EXCLUSIVE!

A decision was made in the editorial office not to mention the ‘B’ word in this issue. However, with all the confusion surrounding ‘meaningful’ and ‘meaningless’ votes, our readers may not have been aware of a Statutory Instrument that slipped into the various preparations for our exit from the EU.

The Brexit (Acquired Properties (Rural & Inlets) Licensed for Offloading Organic Lamb) Regulations No.4.

Such an innocent title hides some alarming news for our villages which will, no doubt, increase traffic through our quiet country lanes as people rush to snap up bargains galore.

The regulations provide for Village Halls (and coastal fisheries) to be designated as sub-warehousing and retail outlets to sell off stockpiled lamb squirreled away in preparation for Brexit, which are now surplus to requirements and about to reach their sell-by date.

Village leaders say that village halls will resemble “Poundland” stores for the brief period they will have to sell off the stock allocated to them by the Government. Prices will start at less than £1 - Euros will not be accepted.

Village Halls in Pentlow, Foxearth and Borley will open from midnight until midday on 1st April. Liston, which does not have a village hall, have been advised that the church may be requisitioned in the event that there is excess stock to be shifted from other locations. Be there early to avoid disappointment!

Kelvin Hastings-Smith



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The Society held its 20th Annual General Meeting in Foxearth Village Hall on 12th March 2019. There were 28 members and guests present'

Chairlady Lynda Rumble welcomed all especially Mr Slater, web site administrator for the Melford History and Archaeological Society.

A financial report was presented by Secretary Clare Mathieson showing a very satisfactory surplus of £420 in last year's activities and a bank balance of £2,500 of which £986 was the "ring-fenced" book fund. A grant of £250 from the Foxearth and Liston Parish Council was gratefully acknowledged. It was agreed that membership and guest fees should remain at £10 pa and £2 per visit respectively and Mark Mathieson was thanked for keeping the books. Clare reviewed a successful season in 2018 and outlined an attractive programme for this year; highlights would include a visit to the Stow Maries Great War aerodrome, including lunch in the officers' mess: also President Ashley Cooper and Lord Phillips reviewing their memories of Sudbury Market Hill and businesses around.(full programme available on www.foxhistsoc.org.uk)

Thanks to all members who helped by writing reports, providing refreshment, setting up the room and managing the web site were voiced by Ashley. Particular mention was made of Lynda and Clare who run the Society so expertly. On the question (by Clare) of whether we needed a larger committee the unanimous view seemed to be not to change a winning team - and a substitute's bench would be superfluous! Ashley expressed his delight at the vibrancy of the Society citing members' contributions such as John Geddes' research into Foxearth burials, Corinne Cox's archaeological test pit excavations and Isobel Clark's memorial stones work.

Andrew Clarke spoke about our constantly growing web site - with new material offered as he spoke - and noted that it was admired world-wide attracting about 2,800 visits each day.

After a break for wine and some delicious canapes, past Chairman, Alan Fitch, entertained us with reflections on his life so far. Born in pre-war London Alan experienced some family difficulties. A move towards Epping Forest just before war started fired up an interest in climbing trees - without mishap. This facility later served him well when he had a sign making business for 40 years and never lost his footing on a ladder; he saved that for after he had retired! Evacuation to Buckinghamshire during the conflict saw him (aged seven) fishing and - under the influence of a very much older colleague -smoking a

Foxearth & District History Society continued ...

... continued Foxearth & District History Society

pipe to deter midges. After Walthamstow Technical College Alan worked for a time at a division of J Arthur Rank where he was fortunate to meet such celebrities as Edmundo Ros and the boxer Freddie Mills and it was here that a fascination with cinematic technology developed. Called up for National Service Alan opted for the Royal Air Force signing for 4 years on the promise that he could follow his interest in mechanical engineering. He became a crack rifle shot, He met the love of his life, Jo, they married in 1958 and were blissfully happy until she sadly died. Alan later married again and this wife encouraged him to practise faith healing - a talent he had not discovered! And this is the point at which the narrative ended. Surely, Alan, there's more to come - at least another instalment. We wait with bated breath as an appreciative audience demonstrated.

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th April 7.30pm in Foxearth Village Hall when Robyn Lloyd-Hughes will talk about The rise and decline of the Stour Valley Railways.

Ken Nice



NOW YOU SEE IT ...

It is believed that there was mail in the post-box at the time awaiting collection. According to sources, this is not an isolated incident. Another post-box in the wider community has also been stolen.

Efforts to contact the Post Master at Sudbury have not been successful at press time.

Kelvin Hastings-Smith

STOLEN

Residents of Borley Green have been left post-less following the theft of their Royal Mail post box between 2nd and 5th March. Although the police have been notified, there has been no word on whether the post-box, or the culprits have been located.



...NOW YOU DON'T

Well it has been a pretty busy few weeks since we began lambing. The first 10 shearlings all lambed with no real disasters and, as I write this, we are up to 40 ewes that have all lambed and only 4 to go - all carrying twins.

I have to say that tiredness from lack of sleep is kicking in but which, I have to admit, has helped when it comes to trying to catch up with the latest goings on with Brexit as I tend to fall asleep whenever it rears it's ugly head on the news !!!!

Much to my youngest daughter Holly's delight, we have 5 lambs on the bottle which are currently being fed 4 times a day.

Apart from some showers and a few windy days with added rain, we have turned the ewes and lambs out as soon as possible once they are mothered up and feeding well.

On the arable front, keeping pigeons off the oilseed rapes has been another job that can not be left or forgotten at this critical stage of growth, otherwise the yield will be affected come harvest.

The rapes are having their last applications of Nitrogen at the minute, as are the winter barleys.

Two fields of winter wheat that have some areas of blackgrass have had a dose of spray to try and knock it back, to give the wheat a chance to grow away and, hopefully, smother it.

This will be followed by the other wheats having a spray application to suppress grasses, and any other broad leaved weeds, that are present. Once this has been done, the wheats will receive another 80kgs of

Nitrogen to give them a kick on as the temperatures begin to rise.

That should keep me busy for the rest of March and into April then it will be more fertiliser and some fungicide sprays on most of the cereals and rapes to keep them clean and healthy as they move through their growth stages

Look forward to filling you in on more goings on next month



One of our Mules that dropped triplets before we got her in the lambing shed

Simon

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- Do I have a choice of service provider over the Gigaclear network? *Yes. Our network is 'open service' so any ISP that wishes may provide services to residential and business users over our network. A full list of providers can be found on our website gigaclear.net.*
- How can I arrange in-home installation? *Once the connection point at the boundary of your property is ready for service, the next step is to connect your home. Your chosen ISP will give you more information about installation services and possible costs.*

How Low Can You Go?

Not an April Fool

The government are to bring in legislation to ban low level letterboxes on houses, flats and offices. Postmen and women have complained for years about the low level of boxes and back problems have been the number one cause of medical absences in the postal service.

However, don't rush to reposition your low lying post box, as the legislation will only apply to new builds and will be expected to become law by 2021.

Kelvin Hastings-Smith



Careless Love - Peter Robinson The end of this book leaves the reader with the impression that there is another to come to finish what has been started! That might sound odd for a Peter Robinson novel, particularly as this is his 25th DI Banks. Although he has neatly tied up the ends of a specific crime, there are a lot of 'ends' left which I am sure will lead to a cracking 26th novel.

This police procedural involves the mysterious death of a student found behind the wheel of a car in the Yorkshire Dales. She did not own the car or drive, there are no injuries and the car has not been involved in an accident. Some way away (miles) the body of a middle aged man is found - he looks to have stumbled down a steep bank - or was there something more sinister that brought about his death?

Banks gets involved and we meet up with the usual characters in the series, as well as DI Cabot's dad's new girlfriend, Zelda. Zelda has had an interesting past and an even more interesting present in terms of her work in helping to identify people traffickers and prostitution rings.

There are copious references to music (which is a trademark of Robinson's novel) which can be a tad irritating at times, but also great references and descriptions of Yorkshire. For a man who has lived in Canada for the majority of his life, Robinson can evoke a Yorkshire scene better than a Two Ronnie's sketch.

It may not be Robinson's best novel. It is worthy of a read and, if nothing else, it will act as an aide memoir for the next in the series.

Pinocchio Brief by Abi Silver is a very good court room thriller by this first time writer formerly a solicitor, so knows the legal system very well.

As the title might suggest, the background to the plot lines involves lies, or more particularly detecting lies. Experienced advocates may be able to spot lies being told on the witness stand but it is how those lies are interpreted that really matters and how the lawyer will convince a jury that they are or not.

Judith is a very experienced and celebrated barrister who is on the cusp of hanging up her wig. She has wound down her practice and intends to turn her back on the law for good. Judith has a very prickly personality. Enter Constance, a solicitor on the frontline of defending the nations criminals. Constance has been consulted by the mother of a boy who has been accused of the murder of a house master at his school.

The boy, from a working class family who has been fortunate to attend a public school, is obsessed by detail. His intelligence is such that the mundane 'difficult' problems are boring to him and too simple to solve but he has set himself a task and although he is uncommunicative he sets his legal team an almost impossible task.

A Good Read continued ...

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...continued A Good Read

Judith had been approached to assist in research in a commercial project little knowing that she would be attempting to penetrate and discredit that research in court. If the court were to be aware of this, she would definitely be hanging up her wig.

Because the description and narrative is so tightly written the plot speeds along dragging the reader in its slipstream. A cracking debut novel from a writer who I am sure we will be seeing a lot more of.



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ROADSIDE NUISANCES

Every year brings a new crop - and a recurrence of old ones - of those hazards to motorists and cyclists that lead to vehicle damage and extreme annoyance. This is not referring to misleading signs, over-grown hedges or kamikaze pedestrians but to the danger of potholes. Essex County Highways Department obviously have a budget to deal with the problem but it is a never ending task, and it is understood that a new way of tackling the issue is under consideration.

PIRAMS (Pothole identification, registration and monitoring system) is a concept to get you - the suffering public - involved in something that is, if not on your doorstep, then perhaps close to your front garden. "Adopt a pothole" was the first title given to the project but there were legal questions about the implied possession so that was tarmac ed over!

What PIRAMS requires is that you report a pothole to the Highways Department, who will then provide you with a document which you need to complete; the design of this is presently being drawn up by a committee but it will probably not be more than six to eight pages. It will be accompanied by a little pot of yellow paint for you to encircle your find. You will be asked to measure the hole including the depth and draw a map to show its precise location. In return you will be given a tracking number allowing you to keep abreast of its progress in the Highways Department scheme of things. You will be asked to report, via the dedicated web site, changes in the hole.

There is, of course, a reporting procedure already for bringing potholes to the notice of the ECC but PIRAMS is an attempt to make it more hands-on and more satisfactory for you. Apart from the sense of valuable public service that this will induce you are probably wondering what's in it for you. Well, various rewards have been suggested - but not, alas, a percentage discount off your Council Tax. You may be offered a one-to-one tutorial with environmental staff on how they deal with bed bugs or perhaps a 4am free ride in a gritter. Well - keep hoping! In the meantime, remember that this important innovation has been brought to you by the Parish News.



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FILM REVIEW BY ISOBEL CLARK

VICE

2019, USA, 15, 2 hours 12 minutes

Director: Adam McKay

Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Steve Carell, Bill Pullman, Sam Rockwell, Alison Pill

General Release from January 2019

This is a very enjoyable film, a slightly cracked burlesque nihilistic circus view of Dick Cheney's political career from working with Donald Rumsfeld under Nixon to being chosen by George W Bush (beautifully dished up by Sam Rockwell) as his Vice President to be the 'Toad behind the Throne' in the road to war and torture. All the corruption and rapaciousness is there, the politics are very dark: people die (in millions) but it is all just a 'job that has to be done'. Christian Bale becomes Cheney before our eyes, but at times becomes something of a caricature of a Mafia Don – death happens on a nod. Between political careers, when Democrats are in charge, he is an oil man, CEO of Halliburtons, for example.

Adam McKay has created a sort of circus, even a monster movie, but it takes a sometimes surprisingly sympathetic interest in its chosen demon, from his youth as a loutish drunken drop-out from Wyoming to his relationship and protectiveness towards his daughter Mary, a campaigner for gay marriage. Which puts Cheney the Republican into something of a conflict.

And where is Trump? Very much there – do please wait for the post-credit sting – because this is a film for liberals, for those who love to hate America. And yet...Cheney encouraged war in Iraq, brought in torture, thought of extreme rendition, was ruthless and highly intelligent in finding legal ways to support the President's actions and curtail inconvenient freedoms, but one really cannot blame America for everything that is happening today.

But don't miss it; as a film it is quite an experience.

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News from The Federation of St. Giles' and St. Andrew's C of E Primary Schools

Executive Headteacher: Mrs J Nichols



Reading Inspiration!

Inspired by World Book day Year 3&4 class created monsters holding their favourite stories. They sit very proudly on the Fox class window! Year 5&6 class took part in a live lesson with author Malorie Blackman on the BBC, while Reception class were busy making their very own Gruffalo!

Pancake Fun!

On Tuesday 5th February children enjoyed the pancake assembly where they joined in the fun by dressing up and discovering the story of the pancake race. Mrs Nichols also broke last year's record with 84 pancake flips in a row!



Gifts to the World

The first assembly theme of the term has been gifts and blessings. As part of this we have explored the amazing world that God has created for us, that this is His gift to us. The children then made a display of gift tags showing their blessing back to the world.

Snippets from the Diary

13th Mar	Wilderness Foundation Class Trip
20th Mar	SAT's After School Club (Year 6)
25th Mar	Wiggery Wood - KS2
27th Mar	Year 5/6 Volleyball Hedingham School
28th Mar	Relatives to Lunch, 12.15pm
5th Apr	Film Club, 3.30 - 5.15pm
25th Apr	KS2 Swimming Lesson
26th Apr	PTA Meeting, 3.30pm

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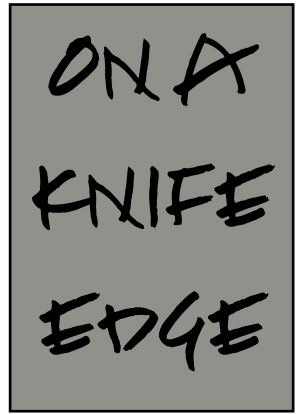


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Readers do not need me to remind them that there is a national knife crime crisis. There are many young people carrying and using knives which result in fatal stabbing or severe injury. While the Police and government seek to arrive at a solution, I bring you a cautionary tale.



A 60 something man, driving his car, is stopped by police on a routine roadside check. During the police inspection of his vehicle the police indicate the vehicle cannot be driven any further. The man gives over his car keys to the officer. On his key ring is a lock knife which he had been given some 10 years previously. It was not for use in his work. It was not part of his national dress.

No vehicle related crime was committed, but the man was prosecuted for possession of the lock knife and he pleaded guilty. The starting point for sentencing the driver is 6 months custody and he received 6 month suspended sentence and a 3 month curfew.

A penknife with a folding blade and a cutting edge of less than 7cm/3 inches can be carried in public.



It is illegal to carry any knife with a cutting edge in excess of 3 inches/7cm. There are exceptions, taking a knife to and from work and using the knife in connection with work (it must be kept safe at all times and not accessible by third parties) or if the knife is part of a national dress.

Never carry a knife in public as to do so may bring about a prosecution and a possible custodial sentence.

Kelvin Hastings-Smith

**CRAFTY
WO(MEN)
All Welcome**

Monday, 29 April NOTE: a week later than usual as 22nd is Easter Monday

10am - 12noon Spencer's Farm Shop Cafe, Wickham St Paul's

Bring your crafty things, enjoy a good natter, a cup of coffee & a cake!

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BROADBAND ON THE MARCH

Gigaclear have made good progress in connecting our villages to super fast broadband (or any broadband). Roads have been closed, which has undoubtedly caused frustration to residents but the contractor, John Henry Group, has been very open with communication. Each property that it proposes to pass as it undertakes trench work has received a letter advising precisely what is going on and when work is being undertaken.

Once the trench has been dug and the cable fed into it, the trench is filled and then, either the earth and undergrowth is put back and the verge is re-seeded, or, if the trench is across the roadway, it is asphalted, compacted and rolled. You would hardly ever know a trench has been dug.

Gigaclear hope to make further progress and look to start bringing the service into operation at around the end of June. The connection points have been located outside and on the roadside of properties. When the system goes live (or shortly before hand) residents will have the choice of having Gigaclear complete the connection to their property or have their own, or another approved ISP do so.

The position at the moment is that Gigaclear, as a wholesale internet provider, can sell 'space' in the fibre cable to other providers eg your existing provider who, in turn, will connect your property to the roadside connection (probably for a fee).

If you want to change to, or sign up to Gigaclear, we are informed that there will be no charge to make the connection to the property (provided it is within 100 metres of the roadside connection). Anything over 100 metres will incur an additional charge.

We have all waited a long time for a fast broadband service, so fingers crossed for a summer switch-on!

Please visit the Gigaclear website for more information and a list of current approved internet service providers.

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BORLEY CURRY NIGHT

The 1st March may well have been St David's day but it was also the night of the much acclaimed Borley Village Curry Night. There was a feel of the United Nations in the air as Borley Village Hall boasted representation and visitors from Pentlow, Foxearth, Liston, Rodbridge and Bulmer, as well as hungry villagers from Borley.

The Borley Village Hall Committee excelled with their eclectic mix of Indian themed curries and accoutrements which were on offer. There was not but a gravy encrusted container left at the end of the evening, much to the delight of those who had slaved over hot stoves over the previous two days.

It was an extra special evening as Ken Nice celebrated his 'something' birthday and received the applause of the Hall and a rendition of 'Happy Birthday'. Ken should know that he is an absolute treasure not only to Foxearth but to all the villages within our parishes for his musicianship, keen eye and countless articles and news items that he contributes to Parish News. Several attendees were hoping to get on Ken's good side by teasing from him answers to the month's crossword.

The evening was rounded off with a raffle, the star prize of which was deservedly won by Rosie Holt who enlisted husband Robin to carry home the weighty hamper!

Sticking to her guns on the question of 'Which country accounts for between 90-93% of the world production of saffron?' when all around her were confident in answering 'Spain', Carol Van der Sande's Iran answer meant that she was the winner of the Borley Village Curry night quiz with an almost perfect score. A suitable and expensive prize was awarded to Carol.

The Village Hall funds profited by £400. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the evening such a successful and entertaining event.

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FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on 2nd March 2019 with Cllr Tony Clayton in the Chair. There were 13 members of the public present.

Chairman's comments: The Chairman confirmed that the closure of Rodbridge for most of March for repairs would be on a 24 hour basis and not just for the hours that work was being done, as some signs misleadingly suggested.

Stafford Park: It was reported that a planning application would be considered by Braintree District Council on 19th March. The Chairman summarised the comments against the development previously submitted by the Council and these were agreed as being still applicable. They were that the traffic plan was flawed as there is no public transport, a majority of local residents are opposed to the development, local schools and other services could not cope with the influx that 100 extra dwellings would bring, no account is taken of the countryside and the area does not fall within the definition of a brown field site. Asked by the Chairman whether he wished to comment on these points, Mr McPherson said that he could but he would prefer to answer any questions. There were none. A comment was made from the floor that three major developments in Long Melford had impacted upon schools and doctors' surgeries.

Braintree District Council report: District Councillor Iona Parker outlined various issues mentioning in particular that Council Tax was likely to be increased, the councillor individual grant scheme would continue and garden waste collections had resumed. Initiatives included "Help for the High St", a Jobs Fair, police emphasis on road safety and more public involvement in planning.

Handy(wo)man: The Clerk agreed to make an application to the EALC Local Services Fund for £15,000 over three years for handyperson services.

Local traffic issues: Cllr Posen suggested the setting up of a working party, to include local representatives, to look at traffic issues in the two villages. This was agreed.

Broadband: Cllr Posen understood that County Broadband's fibre installation was proceeding and that BT intended to upgrade their system to fast (their definition) in 2019.

Footpaths: Cllr Robson reported that he had put "no horses" signs in appropriate spots. In relation to any handyperson service it was important to co-ordinate any maintenance, eg hedgerow cutting, with local authority services.

Next meeting: Saturday 25th May 2019 9.45am in Foxearth Village Hall. This will be the Annual Meeting of Electors to be followed by the Parish Council AGM

Ken Nice

APRIL		WEST PARISHES				NORTH PARISHES			
Sunday	B Otten	B St Paul	B Walker	Ovington	Bulmer	Foxearth	Liston	Borley	Pentlow
Tuesday 2nd April		10am Midweek Mass MHK							
Tuesday 2nd April		7.30pm Team Healing Service at Twinstead – MHK							
7th April	NO SERVICE	See Ovington		9.45am Communion PG	10.30am Songs of Praise followed by APCM	10.30am Start the Month! Churchwardens	6pm Eucharist MHK		11.15am Communion PG
Lent 5 <i>Purple</i>									
14th April Palm Sunday <i>Red</i>	10am Songs of Praise RB	10am Mathns JM	9.45am Communion PG		11.15am Communion PG	10.30am Family Service MG, FG, GK		10am Communion PS	11.15am Communion PS
Thursday 18th April		7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service PG							
Friday 19th April		12 noon Good Friday Service PG							2pm Walk of Witness PG
Good Friday									
Saturday 20th April		8pm – Easter Vigil and New Fire at Ovington MHK; PG							
21st April	8.45am	10am			11.15am	9.30am			11.15am
Easter	Easter Communion	Easter Communion			Easter Communion followed by Children's Easter Egg Hunt	Easter Communion			Easter Communion
<i>White</i>	PG	PG			PG	PS			PS
28th April	8.45am Communion (BCP) PG	10am Communion PG							No Service
Easter 2 <i>White</i>						There are services at Belchamp Otten (8.45am) & Belchamp St Paul (10am)			

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THE NORTH

HINCKFORD TEAM

Monthly Services of Healing Prayer at 7:30pm

Tuesday, 2nd April Twinstead -and- May 7th Pentlow 7:30pm

All welcome to these quiet reflective services Contact Revd Margaret 269385