

**GREAT
CANFIELD
NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN**



2020

CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2020

From September our weekly online Zoom service will move from Sundays to mid-week and all Sunday services will return to our church buildings.

The weekly Zoom service has enabled our communities to continue to worship together during lockdown and to meet in smaller groups after the service. Zoom has also been used for our monthly prayer meetings and Home Groups. We plan to continue to use Zoom to develop a new mid-week service for those who are available to meet via this platform. You will be able to join this service via your computer or via a phone link.

Sunday Services in St Mary the Virgin, Great Canfield

Date	Day	Time and Service Format	Officiant
6 th September	Trinity 13	11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	tbc
20 th September	Trinity 15	11.00am Harvest Festival	Rev'd Tim Goodbody
4 th October	Trinity 17	11.00am Morning Service	tbc
18 th October	Trinity 19	11.00am BCP Holy Communion	Rev'd Robert Stone
1 st November	All Saints	11.00am Morning Service	tbc
15 th November	2 nd Sunday before Advent	11.00am BCP Holy Communion	Rev'd Tim Goodbody

Mid-week services via Zoom @ 11.00am and led by Rev'd Robert Stone – Please see Six Parishes website for the weekly link

Starting Wednesday 2nd September and Wednesday 9th September and then moving to Thursdays from 17th September. There may be occasions when it is necessary to change the day of the service, please check the website for the latest information, www.sixparishes.org.uk.

Special Days - Joint Services

Date	Day	Time and Service Format	Church Location	Officiant
10 th November	Remembrance Sunday	10.50am High Easter War Memorial followed by a service in church	High Easter	Rev'd Robert Stone
30 th November	Advent Sunday	11.00am 10 Churches Worship	High Roding	Rev'd Robert Stone

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN GREAT CANFIELD
PRIEST IN CHARGE**

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and coping with the strange new world that is 2020.

One thing the pandemic has done has provoked lots of questions. Where did the virus come from? Was it intentionally engineered and released in the world? Will they ever find a vaccine? And of course: Why did God let this happen?

Perhaps it will surprise you to know that I don't have any easy answers to any of these questions, and whilst I would happily discuss the last one with you I would begin by saying that I don't know the answer.

Having questions is a natural response to the human condition indeed it is natural and an important part of the learning process. Haven't we all heard the small child ask "Why?" endlessly. As a busy parent that one question asked a hundred times an hour can be annoying and yet we should never tire of asking questions. Searching for answers is healthy.

This Autumn I hope to run a course called Alpha, which asks some important questions about God, Faith and Life, and it begins with the question "Is there more to life than this?" and when we have big questions "Where do we go for answers?"

Many people go to Google, friends, family, prayer, or search within. Christianity is for some a place to search for answers, and yet Christianity is not principally a set of answers to life's big questions. Christianity is an introduction to God, and the one who makes that introduction is Jesus.

Through the Alpha Course we give people a chance to ask questions, discuss their point of view and consider the evidence for whether Jesus might be the answer, and perhaps the stimulus for more life changing questions.

The pandemic means we may have to do the course via the internet but if you would like to be part of the discussion and ask some important questions please let me know.

Yours truly,
Rev'd Robert Stone, Priest-in-Charge,
The Rodings, Easters and Great Canfield

INTRODUCING OUR NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER Rev'd Tim Goodbody



During lockdown, Rev'd Tim Goodbody was licensed (via Zoom!) as an Associate Minister to the 10 churches. Tim recently started a new role at Chelmsford Diocese and in early August Tim and his family moved into High Easter Rectory. Clergy who hold Diocese posts are also generally licensed to the parish or parishes where they are living as Associate Priests, enabling them to provide additional support as part of the local clergy team. Tim will be supporting Robert and leading worship in our churches once a month. *Tim writes ...*

Dear Friends

By the time you read this I will be living in High Easter, and maybe even able to commute to my office in Chelmsford, depending on how things go. This has been a year of so much uncertainty because of COVID – 19, it seems as though the only events going ahead as planned are the grain harvest and 'flying ant' day! Still I am glad of this opportunity to introduce myself to the parishes.

Some readers will have met me before as I have taken services in some of the churches during the vacancies and attended deanery events in others over the years.

After ordination in 1998 and two curacies in the diocese of Salisbury, I arrived in this deanery in 2006 to live in Stebbing, with two young children and a dog. We moved to High Easter as a family of 5 adults and three cats. After 14 years of parish ministry during which the number of churches I served went from 4 to 8, but the number of people in the ministry team went from 3 to 9, I have been in my new job as Diocesan Director of Ordinands since May, though I have only been into my office 3 times to date as the Diocesan Offices are officially closed under lockdown and everyone is working from home. The job is essentially head of recruitment for the clergy, so if you'd like to know more about that do drop me a line.

It has been great to be able to go to church with you from home over Zoom; I have enjoyed our coffee breakout rooms, and I look forward to meeting you face to face when the circumstances allow.

As we settle in you'll probably see some of us exploring the villages on our bikes (I was a keen cyclist before lockdown, I promise!) so do give us a wave. We have always lived in villages and love rural life.

With every blessing

Tim

ST MARY THE VIRGIN GREAT CANFIELD CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT



It's the same old, new old. Well, not quite.

Last time I said I would expand on the future plans for works to the fabric and churchyard. In truth, nothing has changed much within these plans.

In order to make the church more suitable for modern worship and the needs of our community, we are investigating the provision of a toilet and small "kitchenette" area at the West end of the church (internally). I have had a brief chat with the Church Architect and we have a sketch idea that should work. The next step is to proceed with a formal Feasibility Study. We have applied to the Diocese for a grant to pay for this and await their deliberations. This may encompass other minor works internally to enhance the flexibility of use to cater for other Christian-focused activities to improve our outreach capabilities.

The pathway from the Lych Gate requires attention. It becomes easily weed-laden, is not flat and altogether problematic. Whatever we do we need to make it as maintenance-free as possible and in keeping with the rural church appeal whilst providing safe and appropriate access for all including weddings (long dresses and heeled shoes) and the disabled and wheelchair-bound.

Unfortunately, the preceding items have had to be put on hold whilst we deal with a more urgent issue. Those of you who are local to St. Mary's will have noticed a strange structure around the Lych gate. It is because the Lych Gate rocks. Not like AC/DC, more like the baby on the tree-top. The repairs could be expensive and take a while. The Lych Gate has its own Grade 1 listing and that likely means paperwork. Lots of it. We will need to get Engineers input to establish the most appropriate solution whilst retaining as much of the original structure as possible. We will need to seek permissions and funding, drawings, specifications and tenders. Then we can think about actually DOING something! That's why the scaffolding has appeared.

We are back worshipping **IN** St. Mary's. We had our first socially distanced service on 2nd August, the first service since 15th March. Thanks to all who attended, actually more than we had on the first Sunday in August last year. We are confident that we have everything in place to make worship as safe as possible. Our next in-house service will have been on 23rd August. Just like the old days! See schedule for the September services.

Come along and try our locally sourced Sanitiser!

David Turner

Churchwarden

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August 2020

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met in June and July via Zoom and the minutes of these meeting are available on the Parish Council section of the village website www.greatcanfield.org.uk.

Finance

Annual Accounts for the year to March 2020 - The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require smaller authorities, each financial year, to conduct a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and prepare an annual governance statement in accordance with proper practices in relation to accounts. There are slightly different procedures dependant on the level of receipts and payments in the year. Internal audits are always required, however for the year 2019/20, Great Canfield Parish Council exceeded the £25k threshold whereby a Parish Council can exempt itself from an assurance audit and therefore documentation has been forwarded to the external auditors for an additional review.



The regulations require information to be published on the Parish Councils website and this is now available for residents to view. A summary of the accounts is shown below.

£	Receipts (Ex VAT)	Payments (Ex VAT)	Net (Ex VAT)
Precept (Contribution from resident's council tax)	7,500		
Gladman appeal fund (Rec'd from neighbouring PCs)	15,000		
Other income (Easements)	150		
Clerk salary and expenses		2,363	
Grass cutting		930	
Insurance		320	
Village Hall hire for PC meetings		330	
Subscriptions		236	
Donations to Canfield Community, SSE		150	
Gladman appeal		20,413	
Other		611	
TOTAL	22,650	25,353	-2,703

The closing cash balance at March 2020 was £48,707 of which £42,103 is the balance of funds in the Canfield Nursery easement fund which are allocated to 'protecting Great Canfield and the surrounding countryside from threat of development and on capital projects in the village that benefit the community of Great Canfield'. If you have any plans which meet these criteria, please speak to the Cllrs.

Other

A suitable quote has been agreed for repainting the village sign and this will be removed for repainting off site. The Parish Council is grateful to County Cllr Susan Barker and the Essex County Council Locality Fund 2020/21 for a £500 grant which will cover the cost of repainting the sign.

By the time you read this, Essex Highways should have begun work on Green Street. The road is scheduled to be closed from 26th August for 15 days whilst Highways understand Micro Surfacing.

From Essex Highways website, *'Micro-surfacing is a slightly more durable and more expensive process which places a thin layer of a complete new surface on the road. It takes longer to cover a given area than Surface Dressing, but is used where roads are busier and the road needs more levelling off.'*

It has been unusually quiet in planning and there are no significant applications to report on!

Next quarter Parish Council meetings are as scheduled below. These continue to be held on the second Monday of the month at 8pm. It is anticipated that Parish Council meetings will continue to be held via Zoom for the quarter and until government advice changes around social distancing. Residents are welcome to join the Zoom meetings and the link required will be included in the agenda.

Monday 14th September 2020

Monday 12th October 2020

Monday 9th November 2020

Article from Cllr. David Finch, Leader of Essex County Council, for Parish newsletters, Sep 2020:

The future shape of local councils in Essex is being discussed, writes Cllr David Finch, the Leader of Essex County Council, with the opportunity to simplify the current system coming soon.

This month (September), The Government is expected to bring forward a white paper, which will begin the process of reforming local councils in 'two-tier' County Council areas.

From our discussions with the Government, it is clear that it sees the current two-tier system of county and district councils, or county and city or borough councils as imperfect, and that unitary authorities, which are responsible for all council services in a defined area, are seen as a better option for delivering services. In Essex, for example, this might lead to between two and four new unitary councils.

In a recent speech, the Minister for Local Government, Simon Clarke MP, also pointed to the importance of the future role of town and parish councils, as the Government looks at the potential to devolve more decision making to local level.

In Essex work has begun on what the new 'map' of Essex Councils might look like, with initial discussions having taken place over the summer. Across Essex, we have one of the most complex local government structures in the UK – one county council, 12 district/borough/city councils and two unitary councils in Southend and Thurrock.

There is a real commitment and ambition to consider how much more can be achieved with a simplified system.

Alongside this, and providing new unitary councils are agreed, the Government will also allow us to submit proposals for a 'Combined Authority', led by a directly elected Mayor. A combined authority would be represented by the leaders of the new unitary councils, and would be able to secure funding for investment in our economy and infrastructure. The ambition in Essex is to have proposals ready to submit following the publication of the White Paper.

I would stress that alongside this work, we will keep a focus on working with our partners and delivering for our residents and businesses throughout this period.

We have made a positive start on this work. Keeping residents and businesses at the heart of our thinking, and ensuring we get the best possible

deal and structures to support them in the future, is what will guide our thinking.



Cllr David Finch
Leader, Essex County Council

Get ready to *Stop.Swap.GO!*



Essex County Council has launched a new campaign making it easier and more motivating for residents to switch to walking, cycling or bus use across the County.

www.stopswapgo.co.uk encourages participants to share their progress and tips via an app and includes a 60 Day Challenge where there are many prizes to be won for completing small tasks. The initiative is also aimed at supporting those going back to school in September with helpful information and maps enabling families and young people to avoid traffic chaos as we continue social distancing. For information please visit the Stop.Swap.GO website!

We need some help for a
CHURCHYARD TIDY

We have lots of nettles etc, around the perimeter and other jobs.

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David Turner, Churchwarden

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Cancelled Events for 2020

What a terrible year so far! We hope that everyone is safe and well. It is a real shame, but the village hall committee has decided to cancel our planned events for this year to date and maybe for the rest of this year.

We took this decision due to the Covid-19 virus lock down restrictions and then due to the complications involved in holding gatherings with large numbers of people.

We have taken a lot of time to look at the government guidelines and risk assessments before taking the decision not to re-open for events. At this stage it also looks unlikely that the fireworks night will happen as outside gatherings are restricted to 30 people. Of course, this will be reviewed nearer the date with hopefully some more positive news.

Hall hire for private events

Wow! This has also been a complicated process to review all the government guidelines with regards to re-opening the village hall for private bookings. Thanks to hard work by Keith and Andrew we have finalised our risk assessments and adjusted our hall hire agreements to include all the restrictions on social distancing, the wearing of face coverings and detailing of the risk assessments that need to be carried out by anyone wishing to hire the hall. It is also going to be a big job to keep up with any changes in legislation / guidelines going forwards.

Therefore, the committee has decided that we will not be able to accept hall bookings for children's parties or private events at this stage. If anyone really needs to book the hall or is prepared to follow through with all the guidelines and complete the required risk assessments, then we can review on a case by case basis depending on the type of booking.

Please make all enquiries during this period to Jason Asser on 07710 842808 or email greatcanfieldhall@gmail.com

We are looking forward to the time when this Covid-19 crisis is over and we can get back to normal. Stay safe and all the best!



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HIGH RODING & GREAT CANFIELD WI

Although not being able to meet in the WI Hall for our usual monthly meetings we have enjoyed seeing each other on Zoom. For the June meeting there was a lot of chat about all that everyone was accomplishing during the lockdown with the showing of pictures of their gardens, craft items they had made and lots of other special things members had done.

We had a special July virtual meeting when Elizabeth kindly gave us on Zoom, a PowerPoint presentation of one of her canal trips on their narrowboat. We were taken on a circular journey along the Trent and Mersey Canal, River Severn, River Avon, Stratford on Avon Canal, Birmingham and Fazely Canal and the Coventry Canal. The scenery and views were spectacular and the whole journey was very peaceful. It was a great enjoyment for all of us.

Our August garden meeting was held at Carole and John's. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the meeting was split into two one and half hour slots with five members attending each session to comply with current government regulations of only six people from separate households meeting in a garden at any one time. The weather was lovely and seeing the fantastic vegetables, fruit and flowers grown by Carole and John amazed us all. A very enjoyable and relaxing time was had by everyone who was able to attend.

We hope everyone is keeping well and safe during these very unusual times.

Margaret Stevenson

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Deadline for the WINTER Newsletter is 20 November 2020

OBITUARY

Gwen Salmon

A native of Great Canfield, as Gwen was born in the cottages opposite to the church and moved to The Chestnuts after she was married to David.

A past member of the Parish Council. A keen needle woman. Excellent at dress making and alternations. Church flowers attendant. Helped David with the Guides and Scouts.

Much respected and sorely missed.

Dorothy Benjamin

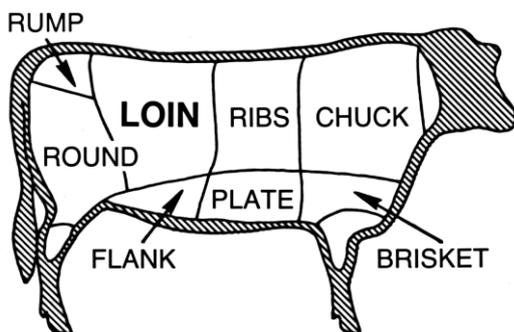
Who was married to Bob passed away in July. They had lived at Cranbrook, Church End and moved down to Bristol to be near their daughter Lynn.

Dorothy was an active member of St Mary's being the Clerk of the PCC. During her time she made a beautiful altar cloth with handmade lace, much appreciated and still in use.

For many years Dorothy was the Secretary at the local Central Rodings School with Mrs Gwen Nunn as Headmistress.

Bob and Dorothy were founder members of Great Canfield Carpet Bowls Club.

BEEF FROM CANFIELD BURY FARM



I have several joints for sale including Fore rib on the bone, Top Rump, Topside Corner Cut and a selection of braising and stewing cuts. Also Steaks and Oxtail are available.

BURGERS ON SALE

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GREAT CANFIELD TODDLER GROUP



Hello everyone, we hope you are all keeping well and attempting to find some normality in the ever changing Covid-19 situation. We are missing our Wednesday meet ups and seeing you all, but have decided that as things stand we would not feel comfortable starting the play group again in September. We will reassess again in December and will hopefully be able to open our doors again in the New Year. Thinking of you all.

HAPPY CIRCLE OUTING TO WOBURN SAFARI PARK 15TH SEPT 2012

On this Saturday visit to Woburn Safari Park the weather was bright and sunny with a late summer morning chill.

The coach-ride to Woburn was via the motorways and we arrived at 11.30am..

After checking in at the booking office we were each provided with a pocket guide. We set off on the circuit. Our driver, the ever obliging Dave, driving round at a nice slow pace and so giving thirty five pairs of eyes a chance to spot the animals. The larger animals were plain to see but others preferred to hide amongst the trees and shrubs. A keen eye would see such an animal and excitedly point towards it. The first few bends took us past zebras, rare horses and Ankole cattle. A little disturbingly buffalo and Southern White rhinos are allowed to roam at will but the safety of the coach height was reassuring. Also at this point a very stubborn ostrich refused to move from the middle of the road causing a hold-up. But who could complain about seeing this magnificent bird in such close proximity. Eventually a Park Ranger drove up in his vehicle to entice the ostrich away. Driving past antelopes, deer and wildebeest we arrived at the security double gates to enter the dangerous animals area. Disappointingly on this circuit the tigers and bears were reluctant to show themselves at all but Dave thought there might be time to come back later. One or two Canadian Timber wolves were roaming on their patch. I don't suppose they howl very often at Woburn, but imagine the cacophony of noise should all the animals make their various voices heard all at the same time! There would be wolves howling, lions and tigers roaring, elephants trumpeting, donkeys braying and cattle mooing.

Back to reality.

In fact, the family of lions were resting and very peaceful as we drove past them and out through the security gates again.

From a relaxed community to a busy one – the monkeys. Comical, entertaining, cute and destructive. We were amused watching one of them hitching a ride on top of a private car. We wondered if the occupants were aware they had an extra passenger. Suddenly, another leapt onto the coach windscreen and deftly swung onto the roof using the wing-mirror. No wonder a car's windscreen wiper lay at the side of the track! Surprisingly it had taken one and a half hours to travel round the park. It was time to have lunch.

Some of us had brought packed lunches, others ate at the restaurant or chose to buy an ice-cream and wander around. Indeed, if lack of time were not a consideration Woburn offers many other family attractions such as Penguin World, Sea Lion House, Birds of Prey, Treetops Action Trail and "swan" pedalo boats on the lake.



And so at 2.30pm. we set off on a second circuit, albeit shortened, to hopefully see the tigers and bears. We were in luck this time. Two lazy tigers were seen at a distance. They were sheltering from the breeze and lying near a hedge but obliged us with a flick of the tail and a twitch of the ear. Carrying on an American Black Bear lumbered from one hillock to another but taking long enough for us to appreciate his size and beautiful shiny coat. A second bear was sitting very still amongst the tree trunks and bracken. The camouflage was complete.

Also at this time there was more activity with the lion family. The group had dispersed and two of the younger members were having a "rough and tumble" play. An adult lioness gave us ample time to take photos of her. She gave a classic hunting pose on top of a log and held this position for several minutes as she sniffed the air while remaining motionless. A wonderful sight. Just before leaving the lions we were treated to the sight of 'daddy' lion. Housed in his own cage Kalanga majestically patrolled his cage perimeter.

The chance of a second circuit had certainly been worthwhile and our time at Woburn gave us much to remember.

To avoid the busy afternoon rush on the motorways we had a pleasant cross-country ride home through smaller towns and villages.

Liz Pickford



BOOK CLUB



Catch and Kill – Ronan Farrow

May was another socially distanced zoom meeting and the book we were discussing was *Catch and Kill* by Ronan Farrow. Ronan is a US investigative journalist (and incidentally the son of Mia Farrow and Woody Allen). He was one of the journalists at the centre of the exposure of Harvey Weinstein and the book sets out his investigations and efforts to get the story published.

The book set out the huge scale of wrongdoing, the complicity of many in the film industry, news organisations and even government. It shows the lengths to which those with power, money and influence can and will go to cover up wrongdoing.

The subject matter of the book was obviously not easy reading and the book itself split the group. Most did not enjoy it, disliking the subject matter, the writing style or both! The general feeling was that being a journalist does not always make a good author and possibly the book could have been better edited.

A couple of us did find it an interesting if challenging read on an important issue and most agreed that it is a story that deserves to be told. The book did give rise to a good debate about the subject matter however.

A Gentleman in Moscow – Amor Towles

June's meeting was a contrast in every way. For the first time in four months we met in (socially distanced) person and it was lovely to be able to catch up properly outside on one of the hottest days of the year – just glorious!

The book choice this month was also much more to everyone's taste. This book was pretty well universally enjoyed and the writing was much praised.

Set in Moscow and covering the period 1922-1954 it follows the life of Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov who is placed under house arrest for life in Moscow's Metropol hotel. He is placed under arrest rather than being executed, despite being one of the ruling class, due to a poem he published in 1913 which was seen to support the revolution. The book follows his life which is reduced to the comings and goings of the hotel, and shows us the effects of communism on hotel life over this period. He befriends a young girl, and later her daughter, all the while not leaving the confines of the hotel.

The writing is polished and the detail well drawn and interesting and it is a clever book which was the most popular choice the book club has read in a while so highly recommended.

Canterbury Tales – Geoffrey Chaucer

Our meeting in July was happily another opportunity to enjoy another sunny day in another lovely garden. We were sorry to miss Simon who had suggested this version of the *Canterbury Tales* which was a modern language translation by Nevill Coghill. He did send us his thoughts however.

Many of us had read parts of the *Tales* previously (mostly for O or A levels so many years ago). In general we were all in awe of the scale of the work and Chaucer's levels of knowledge and learning to have achieved such a work while holding high office. The way that he found a voice for so many different characters of such different backgrounds and told stories that still resonated in parts today is wonderful. He displays knowledge of the classics, of different languages and cultures, of science (and alchemy).

On the less positive side given the sheer size and scope of the work there were parts that we felt could have been significantly improved by being rather more succinct and we all struggled to a greater or lesser extent to get through the *Tales* we had chosen (we did not attempt the whole book although some were going to try to).

Overall an interesting if challenging read – we are aiming a little lighter next time.

FROM THE SPORTING ARCHIVE

Herts and Essex Observer 5th August 1882
Quoits Dunmow v Great Canfield

The return match between Dunmow and Great Canfield Clubs was played at Dunmow on Saturday 29th and resulted in favour of the home team by 19 points. Below is the score:

Dunmow	Great Canfield
Skinner – 17	W Tanner – 17
Bellamy – 14	Hart – 13
H Grout – 19	Bacon – 11
J Norman – 12	Lodge – 16
Bartrop – 12	Bowtell – 7
Cant – 19	Hockley – 13
Pepper – 9	J Tanner – 7
Harris – 12	Rolfe – 12
114	95

Two interesting matches were played at the King William, Leaden Roothing on Thursday July 27th before a large numbers of lovers of the game. The first match between Mr J Knight and Mr T Brace for 5 a side was won by Knight 7, Brace 5; 16th end. Knight 21, Brace 5; 25th end. Knight 29, Brace 10 – at the 29th end. Knight ran out a winner by 16 points. Score Knight 31, Brace 15.

The second match was between Mr J Knight and Mr G Brace, brother of the former player. It was a closer and more exciting game. Brace led off with a single and Knight a double. At the 6th end the game was 4 all; 16th end Knight 6 Brace 14; 22nd end 14 all; 34th end Knight 26 Brace 17 – at the 44th end Knight ran out a winner by 7 points. Score Knight 31, Brace 24.

Mr C H Webb looked after Mr Knight and the brothers assisted each other. After play 20 sat down to tea served by the hostess Mrs Boosey, the chair being occupied by Mr B Boreham.

FROM THE LOCAL NEWS ARCHIVE

Herts and Essex Observer
28th March 1903
A Farmer Fatally Kicked by a Colt

Mr George Bailey, a well known farmer, was helping to harness a young colt at Bullocks Farm, Great Canfield on Friday when the animal kicked him over the heart, killing him. Dr Harrison, coroner of Braintree, held the inquest at the farm on Monday. It was stated by Miss Evelyn Bailey, the deceased's sister, that her brother managed the farm for her mother.

Evidence given by Joseph Matthews, horseman, and another workman named Poole, showed that on Friday morning the deceased was assisting four others to get a halter on a four year old colt and was standing behind it. He gave the colt a touch with the whip to make it go forward when it lashed out with its legs, giving the unfortunate man a severe blow just over the heart. He was thrown heavily backwards and died in quarter of an hour.

Dr Tench who was summoned said he found the deceased dead. There were no external marks on the body and no bones were broken. Death was caused by shock, following a severe blow in the region of the heart. The Jury returned a verdict of accidental death and passed a vote of sympathy with the deceased relatives. Mr Charles Wall, foreman, expressed a hope that the neighbouring farmers would render the deceased's mother and sisters what assistance they could in carrying on the farm.

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WORDSEARCH Ice Cream Flavours

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RECAN
FUDGE
MAPLE WALNUT
COCONUT
HOKEY POKEY
NEOPOLITAN
ROCKY ROAD
GREEN TEA
BANANA
TIGER TAIL



GREAT CANFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB



Good News!!

For the first time in our glittering history Great Canfield Carpet Bowls Club we have gone 156 days undefeated. The last time we lost was on 10th March. As at the time of typing (14th August) that is:

156 days!

3,744 hours!

224,640 minutes!

There is nothing more to add, except -

13,478,400 seconds!!

But then, who's counting?

Actually, there's not a lot else to do at present. Like everyone, we've been locked down, blown around, boiled over and now washed out. We've just had thunder and lightning. It only leaves Cleethorpes winning the FA Cup and a Martian invasion to round off 2020.

2020, the year of Vision. We certainly didn't see this lot coming! Actually, we could see the arrival of the Martians as later in the year we were due to play (Phew! Nearly got a new suit, a Lawsuit).

We will return (hopefully) at:

Priors Green Community Hall
Bennet Canfield
Little Canfield
DUNMOW
CM6 1YE

Tuesday evenings 7.15pm

Fees: £10 membership for a full year and £2 per evening.

First evening FREE!

Tuition FREE!

Refreshments FREE!



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Venturing out from “Lock Down”

As the Covid19 restrictions are eased and we cautiously emerge from the security of our homes, whilst not wishing to alarm, we do need to remember to secure our property once again. Whether we are just going to the shops, going out for the day or perhaps taking that well deserved break make sure your home is secure and it looks like you are still there.

Just a few tips to remind you:

Ensure that windows, doors, outbuildings and gates are closed and locked correctly, make sure all tools are put away too. Remember with PVCu and similar doors – when locking lift the handle, turn and remove the key.

If you have a night latch and a mortice lock, ensure that you lock both not just the night latch.

No keys outside in hidey holes please, the thief will find them no matter how well you think they are hidden.

Create the illusion of occupancy: A radio on, a chair that looks like you have just got up, book or magazine open with a pair of spectacles and a mug next to it, a vacuum cleaner with the lead trailing out of sight (not plugged in), the usual signs of habitation and don't leave it too tidy.

Consider a doorbell that you can answer remotely on your smartphone. A lot of these you can add further CCTV cameras that you listen and speak through too.

Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights on when it gets dark, also consider a “Fake TV” unit discretely hidden from view.

If you have an intruder alarm, set it and before leaving ensure that your neighbours know who the keyholders are.

Keys to other cars; put them away and in a “faraday bag” if you have a keyless car.

If you are away for a longer period: Curtains open or curtains closed? – The worse thing is half open half closed, day or night the thief will know you are out. I go by the principle that some people do not close all curtains at night but most are open during the day especially in those “lived in” rooms. So as long as you have evidence visible that looks like you are in the house somewhere, then it makes sense to leave them open.

Delay ordering online purchases, before you go away. Alternatively, have them delivered to friends or family.

Use the Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service - they keep your mail for up to 2 months while you're away. Mail sitting on your doorstep is a sign that you are away.

Trusted neighbours may be able to help you by collecting your post, opening and closing curtains and they could park their car on your driveway.

Avoid discussing holiday plans on public social networking sites, watch what you are posting (including photographs) while you are away, or you may find you are giving useful information that the burglar may use.

Don't forget the car when you leave it unattended:

Close the windows and lock it, verify it is locked by the sound, the flash of the lights or try the handle.

Leave nothing on show, remember to the thief even the empty bag or jacket is inviting, they don't know what they may contain until your car has been damaged in the course of them breaking into your car.

Choose a safe place to park, with lots of visibility over it, if you can, look for a “Parkmark” accredited car park.

If you have any concerns about reporting to the police, you can contact the independent crime-fighting charity **Crimestoppers** who offer a secure 24/7 service, for information about domestic abuse or any other crime.

All information given to **Crimestoppers** is anonymous via **0800 555 111** or can be contacted anonymously at crimestoppers-uk.org online, and is passed to the police.

The only way anybody will know you contacted **Crimestoppers** is if you tell somebody.

Crimestoppers is not an emergency service, so it is important to contact the police immediately on 999 in an emergency.

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