

The flood that no-one seems to care about

Since the middle of November 2023, the end of Ulting Lane that joins the main B1019 from Hatfield Peverel to Maldon has been flooded. Despite numerous contacts with Highways, District Councillors and our MP, absolutely nothing has been done about it. We have been told that it is 'an unusual occurrence,' or that it was due to the 'heavy rains we've had recently.' Well, yes, the rains didn't help, but this flooding has been happening for many years. Having lived in the Lane since 1957 I have seen this flood many, many times - in fact in 1964 we couldn't go to school because the buses couldn't get through.

Highways did, in fact, come out to look at the water (and that's all they did) and then sent us a message to say "We have now completed works at this site."! As driving through this flood is not practical (or safe) for smaller cars, we have had to drive the other way down Ulting Lane, turn up the road to Ulting Hall, and then onto Does Corner and on to the main road that way. Even trying to get through Hoe Mill was also impossible for some considerable time but, thankfully, that road has now cleared. However, this diversion has meant a 3-5 mile additional journey with all the added costs that that entails. In the end the folk of Ulting Lane took it into their own hands to start

pumping water out of the junction and into the ditch, or down the drain when it could be located. Grateful thanks go to all those who helped where they could. Of course, the footpath has now been damaged almost beyond repair, and the potholes have become bigger and deeper. The ditches need clearing but, we are told, although on Highways land, it is "...beyond revenue team maintenance resource to undertake this" and so has been referred to the Surface Water Alleviation Scheme. So, another 'sloped shoulders' job. One wonders just what we pay taxes for. But hats off to the people of Ulting Lane who have bullied and harangued Highways, both online and on the phone (often hanging on for hours). With the recent very cold spell, the Lane was, for quite a while, like an ice rink, and thanks to those who provided salt to help alleviate this. Like the lads who cut back the dangerously overgrown hedge on the river bridge in Langford (another Highways responsibility that they failed to deal with) the people of Ulting Lane rose to the challenge. (Cont./ page 2)

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Editor's Note



Welcome to issue 38 in which we mourn the loss of two long-standing residents, one from each village – John Chalk from Langford, and Mary Jane Waller from Ulting. We also have to say goodbye to Roy and Merle Pipe from Langford, who have

moved into Maldon. You will have noticed from our cover story, the flooding at the end of Ulting Lane, which has been ongoing since early November. Appeals and reporting to Highways have yielded little, but our little village doesn't give up. I am assured by our MP, Pritti Patel, that she is 'on the case' but I don't think any of us are holding our breath for a resolution.

And the Parish Bouquet goes to...



This time the bouquet goes to Keven Beer, of the Lock House, Hoe Mill, Lester Magness, Vice Chairman of our Parish Council, Ian Croft and Tom Cobden, who came to the rescue and cut back the hedge over the river bridge in Langford, by the Museum of Power. This had become so overgrown that walking across the bridge was very

dangerous, especially when large lorries sped past. They did a wonderful job, and we are most grateful to them. The Museum of Power, I understand, looked after them with tea and refreshments and, I am told, if they are willing to do this again, a little earlier in the day, a hot cooked breakfast will be theirs!

Parish Council Meetings

Don't forget, Parish Council meetings are held on a Tuesday evening starting at 7.30 p.m. and dates for these can be found on the Parish Council website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/langford-ulting/>

Parish Precept

You will have noticed, if you have received your Council Tax notification yet, a slight rise in costs incurred by your Parish Council. This is due to the increased costs of tree work and churchyard fencing in the two closed churchyards of All Saints, Ulting, and St. Giles', Langford, for which the Parish Council is responsible. However, these increased costs have been mitigated somewhat by the generous provision by Essex and Suffolk Water of streetlights and a dog waste bin in Langford, for which we are extremely grateful.

The Accounts Summary for the Parishes will appear in the next issue of this newsletter. Rest assured that your Parish Council will keep local rates as low as we possibly can during this time of financial difficulties for everyone.

Places of Worship

St. Giles' Church, Maldon Road, Langford

1st, Sunday – Morning Prayer; 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays – Holy Communion, 5th Sundays – United Benefice Services. All services at 0930 (except United Benefice which will follow the service time of the church appointed).

In interregnum. Contact Irene Allen 01621 855447

For other services see notice on church door

All Saints Church, Church Road Ulting

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Services of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. on the

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month

2nd Sunday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 9 a.m. Common Worship with Holy Communion

Morning Office every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Everyone, of whatever persuasion, is very welcome at our services

Flooding in Ulting Lane (Contd./...)

Of course, officially, we are not allowed to do anything where it is a Highways responsibility, but as, obviously, they are not doing their job, who else will? Does this mean that we will have to start clearing ditches as well? Clearly the situation with this flooding cannot continue, and with Climate Change seemingly settling in with more storms and rain forecast, something must be done now!



Reasons not to mess with children

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

Obituary – John Chalk (1933-2023)



John Edward Chalk was born on 26th October, 1933, to Ted and Lucy, of Brick House, Langford, and was delivered by his Aunt Lily, who happened to be the local midwife at the time.

John attended Heybridge Primary School and Maldon

Secondary School, and was actively involved in both Cub and Scout groups. He was also an excellent chorister and sang, with his father, in the choir in St. Giles' Church, having been admitted as a chorister along with his cousin Michael Chalk, Martin Doubleday and Leonard Stubbings.

His behaviour in church was highly praised as is shown in the entry in the Parish Magazine of December 1947: "...We should like to draw attention to John Chalk's regular attendance and reverent behaviour in the Church choir to which he has belonged for six years. Those who undertake a job and stick to it through thick and thin are rare today and it is an asset which we all admire and wish that such an example might be followed by every boy and girl in the parish. John is now temporarily undertaking to blow the organ, a very necessary and acceptable service in which we are confident we shall find the same reliability that he has shown in the past." High praise indeed.

John had an older brother, Brian (see newsletter No 24, Summer 2019) and both of them worked on the family farm although, for those of you who knew both boys, they were as different in personality (if you'll forgive the pun) as chalk and cheese.

At 18 John joined the RAF at Upavon in Wiltshire and spent three years there.

He met his wife, Joy, when he was 19, and they married in All Saints Church, Maldon (now a part of our joined benefice) on 5th October, 1957. They began their married life in Orchard Cottage, just over the Ulting border, where their two daughters, Julie and Jane were born. In 1966 the family moved further up the Hatfield Road to Beavis Lea, a bungalow built in 1966.

John was a very patient man, and would always be willing to go above and beyond whenever he could. Indeed, when Jane started primary school in Heybridge, she couldn't take to school dinners so, during his lunch break, John would cycle to the school, bring Jane back, and then return her to school after lunch – nothing was ever too much trouble for him.

John also enjoyed all forms of sport. In his early years he played football for Great Totham as well as cricket for Langford. More latterly he played both indoor and outdoor bowls at Braintree and Maldon respectively.

Following a long and enjoyable working life, retirement for John meant many long hours in the

garden at Beavis Lea. He took great pride in looking after the lawns and flower beds as well as enjoying the fruits of his labours in the vegetable patch.

Even when not singing in the choir, John was a regular church goer, and was also a much-valued member of the Parochial Church Council, having served as a Sidesman from 1951-2000, as a PCC member from 1983-1988 and latterly as the PCC Treasurer from 1989 to 2018 – a most impressive record.

John was always to be found helping at events, be that for the church or the village, which included the setting up and taking down of stalls, ferrying items to Jacobs Farm in Heybridge for the annual Church Fete, and manning the 'Langford Allsorts' stand. His smile and sense of humour was always on hand and soothed many a difficult situation.

John was unfortunate enough to suffer bowel cancer later on in life, but never once did you hear him complain. He accepted the prognosis, and his faith kept him going.

But it was his family that was most important to John and, when his daughter Jane died in 2020 of cancer, it was a severe blow to him, and one from which he never really recovered. When Joy was unable to look after him at home, he went to Firstlings, in Heybridge, for his end-of-life care, and was well looked after there.

As expected, the church, for his memorial service on 7th November, was packed, and rang with praises for John and his kindness and patience. He was a much-loved friend and colleague, and he will be sorely missed by all of us. Rest in peace John.

Noticeboards in Langford and Ulting

For many years now, there have been noticeboards in both Langford and Ulting, but both have seen better days and desperately need to be replaced. Sadly, however, it will not be possible to replace the board in Ulting (currently on the wall of the Old School), as the new site envisaged for it has been blocked by Highways due to there not being a footpath or hard standing where the public could view the notices. Sadly, therefore, there will no longer be a notice board in Ulting, but there will be a new one on the Langford and Ulting Village Hall to replace the existing one which has been broken. This has now been bought and will be erected on 28th January, by strong members of the Parish Council (and friends). We will show you the new notice board in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, we would like to give grateful thanks to the owners of the Old School for allowing the notice board to be there for as long as it has, and to wish them well for their prospective new use of the building. It is such an iconic building with so much history and served its young inhabitants for many years.



'Seeds of Murder' in Langford!

Don't be alarmed, this is the title of the first book in a crime series by local author, Rosie Sandler, of Ulting Lane, Langford. 'Seeds of Murder' is the opening instalment of *The Gardener Mysteries*.

Rosie has been writing all her life, and is co-author of the 'Agatha Oddly' trilogy of children's detective books (HarperCollins), under the pseudonym Lena Jones.

She has appeared at events for the Essex Book Festival and her stories and poems have been widely published. Rosie says she loves gardens and is a keen 'armchair gardener', so the idea of having a gardener as a protagonist came quite easily. "As a writer, you get attached to your main characters, so it's a gift to have the space to develop them along the course of a series." Each book is set in a different location, so Steph Williams and her dog Mouse are almost the only characters who appear in all the books. Poor Steph has to solve a murder at every new



workplace!

Rosie says: "I'm currently working on final edits for book two, which is set in a fictional stately home in Derbyshire. I am supposed to deliver book 3 to my publisher by early April, but the setting has been changed twice - once at my editor's request, and the second time when Agatha

Christie's estate took a long time to let me know that I was not allowed to set a murder mystery at Agatha Christie's holiday home in Devon! I have the beginning of two manuscripts, but I now need to change the setting yet again. Luckily, I love my job!

'Seeds of Murder' is available to purchase in paperback from Maldon Books and The Works, as well as Red Lion Books in Colchester. It can also be purchased in paperback, e-book and audiobook from Amazon, Google, Kobo and Audible. Book 2, 'Murder Takes Root', will be out in the spring. [Photo of Rosie courtesy of Danny Jackson]

Langford & Ulting Art Show

This will be held again this year in the Village Hall, on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th March from 10am to 5pm on both days. Entry fee is £2, under 12s are free. Plenty of free parking and, as usual, plenty of teas and coffees, and excellent home-made cakes! But of course, there will also be wonderful pictures to buy, so do come along and support your local artists as we have some incredible local talent.



And it's Goodbye from Us...

As many of you will know, Roy and Merle Pipe have now left Langford and moved to Maldon. Merle has asked me to publish this little note:

"After nearly 33 happy years, we are moving up the hill. Old age and health have finally caught up with us. Langford has been such a big part of our lives: getting married and having our first child christened at St. Giles.' Roy was a server with Captain Humphries. We played tennis on the courts at the (now) village hall. The hall was a shed storing the mowers at that time. Watching cricket. Going to whist drives at the old village hall; after some intensive coaching from my father-in-law, I still got the booby prize. Coming from Great Totham, I only thought of Langford as the 'waterworks place.' I am sure, on our frequent visits to Does for tractor parts, we went via Spring Lane, missing out Langford. This probably so that Dad could call on his friend, Alf Ashby. I used to try to get the pet crow to talk (or was it a jackdaw?)

On moving permanently, we entered village life. I was Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee for many years, Caroline Spong and I organised WEA classes for over 20 years. We also helped with the annual Bonfire night and the Art Shows.

Roy served on the Parish Council, and I regularly attended the Langford Ladies' Club. We took lovely village dog walks along the canal. Spring walks in the bluebell woods at Langford Park. Litter Picking, Speed Watch, Coffee Mornings, Christmas Fayres, and Carols at the church. Breakfast or lunch at the Museum of Power or the Mill House Hotel and, more recently, the enjoyable Book Club at the Museum of Power. So much to do in this lovely village, making many friends along the way, especially when helpers at the 'Heavenly Supplies' village shop in the church. Happy times never to be forgotten."

We will miss Roy and Merle, but hope they will still keep in contact with us, and support us, as they always have done, at village events. So, we wish you both a happy move to Maldon, and thank you for the enormous contribution you have made to village life.

Did you know...?

Before the building of the Pumping Station, Langford was chiefly supplied with water from two public wells, both yielding, according to William Whitaker and John Thresh in their publication *Water Supply from Underground Sources* published in 1916, 'doubtful water.' Cottages some distance away from these wells used ditch water, which must have been of even more doubtful quality. No wonder there was such a high death rate amongst children.

Dr. John Thresh was, at the time, the world's leading authority on the chemistry and bacteriology of drinking water supplies, and formerly the first Medical Officer for Essex. 'John Thresh Way' in Langford is named after him. (See also Vol. 5 No. 2, Spring 2016 for more details on him.)

Ernest Doe, Ulting – 125 Glorious Years

On Saturday 24th June 2023, Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd., celebrated its 125th anniversary.

Since its humble beginnings shoeing horses and repairing implements in 1898, the family-owned business has grown and flourished.

The business spans five generations with managing director Angus Doe overseeing the business alongside his father, Chairman Colin Doe. It has established itself as the UK's largest family-owned full-service agricultural, construction and ground care machinery dealership, supplying and supporting equipment to a broad customer base, together with 19 country stores and two online e-commerce sites.



At the age of 17 Ernest Doe took up an apprenticeship with Mr. George Wood, blacksmith of Ulting. After Mr. Wood retired, he leased the shop to Ernest, who later bought the Freehold of the blacksmiths with the neighbouring farm.

In 1920, Ernest Snr's son, Ernie, persuaded him to buy some of the second-hand tractors that were being sold off by the Ministry of Munitions – predominantly Model F Fordsons – marking the beginning of Ernest Doe's tractor business. It became the Essex agent for the Case Company in 1930 when it launched its model L and C tractors; as well as Fordson tractor dealers. In 1936, Ernie and his brother Bert took over the running of the business and a partnership was formed between Ernest Snr, Ernie and Bert.

When war broke out in 1939, the Ministry of Agriculture formed a 'War Agricultural Committee' in each county, to support UK food production. The Essex membership comprising well-known successful farmers, was tasked with ensuring that every possible acre was put under the plough. 25 Fordson tractors and Ransome ploughs were made available to support the initiative, and Ernie was tasked with organising the use of the tractors, making space available at the Ulting site.

In 1943 the first branch was opened at Fyfield, with a further five to open in the next eight years. The contracting business also grew significantly during this time and E. Doe and Sons (Contracts) Ltd was established as a separate entity headed up by Bert. Ernest Doe and Sons Ltd., was incorporated to take over the agricultural business with Ernie and his son Alan, in March 1947.

All three of Alan's children worked for the business, and his son Colin, later became Managing Director from 1989 and Chairman in 2020. During a 30-year tenure as MD, Colin doubled the company's turnover and opened several further branches.

Ernest Doe & Sons' broad product range incorporates cutting-edge machinery and equipment, including tractors, combines, excavators, turf care, highway mowers and more. The company now operates 19 branches, including the Ulting HQ, covering eight counties across the South East and Anglian regions. Beyond its product offering and services, its commitment to providing personalised support and expert advice has gained its customers' trust and loyalty.

The most recent additions to Ernest Doe's machinery portfolio are Horizon Agriculture and FarmDroid – which promote sustainable land management and resource efficiency – together with a whole range of specialist fruit and viticulture machinery. Lithium-ion technology also features heavily in Ernest Doe & Sons' present-day machinery offering, particularly in the ground care sector. They are ideal for portable machinery and devices, storing large amounts of energy in a relatively small and lightweight battery. They provide a cleaner and more sustainable option, compared to traditional fuel powered machinery.

It is also committed to being a good corporate citizen and managing its business in a way that has a positive impact beyond its business operations.

Ernest Doe & Sons' remarkable milestone of 125 years is a testament to the enduring power of vision, determination, and a commitment to excellence.

[With grateful thanks to the article by Charlotte Harknett in *Farmer's Guide* of 27th August 2023. See also the *Langford and Ulting Newsletter* issue 2, Spring 2012]

When Two Giants Meet...

There was chaos down Crouchmans Farm Road when two lorries met when the road from Heybridge Approach to Langford Bridge was shut during the weekend of 24th-16th November. Traffic had been diverted and a lot of large vehicles found themselves on the narrow lanes round Langford and Ulting. However,

these roads were never designed for large vehicles and there are few places for turning round so, when they meet there is complete and utter chaos. Those who decide to close roads should take this into account in future!



Local Houses - Cedar House, Ulting



This beautiful old house was thought to have been constructed during the early 1930s, and had been in the same family ownership for over 50 years. Ideally placed, it has a wonderful view of beautiful gardens and fields beyond.

A sweeping shingle drive leads down to the house, and has two adjacent lawns which have established orchards and defined hedging to the boundaries.

The house was, for many years, the home of Martin and Mary Jane Waller (Martin having represented Ulting on the Parish council for many years), but due to Mary Jane's deteriorating health, the couple moved into St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Danbury. Very sadly, Mary Jane died in September 2023.

Obituary - Mary Jane Waller (1934-223)

Julia Carolyn Buchanan-Smith was born in Swanwick with two older siblings and they grew up on a fruit farm. Nicknames were in abundance in the family. Although christened Julia, she was always known as Mary Jane. She would later fox any comments of her paintings by signing them JC Waller, when everyone knew her as MJ.



Recognised early for her ability in dance, she was sent to Elmhurst ballet school, at the age of 11 and graduating at 16. She was taught classical ballet to the point of reaching a professional level. She also gained qualifications from LAMDA, and was presented to the Queen at the age of 21, as a debutante.

After Elmhurst, she was assigned to the Theatre Royal Bath for couple of seasons. A review in the South Eastern Gazette of 27th April 1954 of a performance at the Palace Theatre of *Magyar Melody*, a contemporary musical starring 60 members of the cast noted: "The comedy lead is well-played by Ron Norman as Mikki. He is particularly funny in a ballet dance sequence with solo dancer, Julia Buchanan-Smith, the prettiest and most nimble of the eight dancers".

Aged 19 she moved to London and joined Elizabeth Arden where she learnt the business of skin care, fragrance, and cosmetics. It was also a time of living the high life in London having met Martin on an ice rink -

dancing most of the night before going to work in the morning. They went to hear the latest big bands in town and went clubbing - dancing to fox trots and waltzes, Charleston and jive, both constantly in step with each other. Her dress sense throughout her life, was full of wild colours and vibrancy. They married in 1957.

When Martin took up a job for five years with Metal Box in Nigeria, MJ was thrown into bringing up three young children, embracing motherhood in Africa with all its challenges. On return to England in 1967, they brought and modernised Cedar House in Ulting and spent the next 53 years happily embracing life in Essex.

The Blackwater Sailing Club dominated MJ's life in the 70s, though with her plucky attitude, she took on a stint as Social Secretary, utilising her cooking skills to create delicious meals on a regular basis, for sixty people or so. Her skill at throwing people together and creating a social gathering was regularly tested. They once had 60 people over for drinks; frequently sat 20+ for dinner using a mishmash of table and dinner sets, serving up a range of food that MJ had prepared in the kitchen, using an ancient and slow Aga.

MJ had a love for mountains; skied with natural elegance until she broke an ankle that was bolstered with steel pins for years. But with an inexhaustible can-do attitude she continued doing things that she enjoyed. She took up tennis with her gang-of-four on a Thursday, and continued to play into her 80s.

MJ's creativity extended considerably to the medium of drawing and painting, and although with no formal experience of how to draw and paint, she threw herself into the medium with much experimentation. Her style was original, sometimes inventive, challenging the use of colour to determine a mood of a place. She studied Ulting church with over twelve versions in different light and times of year and made Blackwater mud a study of itself, with all its different hues. There were 220 paintings on the walls at Cedar House and many more given or put away. She exhibited at the Royal Academy summer show, at local centres in Maldon and was involved in Langford Art Show for many years. She enjoyed contributing to the Maldon Millenium Embroidery which was masterminded and designed by Humphrey Spender, who also lived in Ulting to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of The Battle of Maldon.

As a wife, mother, a creative home maker, managing a large house over many years, dealing with animals and nature fell naturally into her remit. MJ created a garden with John her dedicated and marvellous gardener for 28 years, turning dotty ideas into fabulous outcomes.

With her children, MJ's sense of fun and "let's do it" attitude led to many interests. She supported whatever they were doing, encouraging them to explore it. Her creativity and curiosity acting as a guiding light.

Martin and Mary Jane had enormous fun together. MJ fully supporting Martin's workaholic and dynamic approach to his career and life in general. Their lives full of joie-de-vivre no matter the adventures. She will be so sadly missed.

News from St. Giles' Church, Langford



Finally, there is news about a new priest. The Rev. Heather Atkinson will be installed as Priest-in-charge of St. Giles, Langford, St. Andrew, Heybridge, St. George, Heybridge Basin, and All Saints,

Maldon, on 22nd February, 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in All Saints Church (which is the largest of our churches). All are welcome to come along and witness the event and meet our new priest. Heather currently runs a parish in Bethnel Green, in London, so it will be a very different experience for her coming here. It is very interesting to note that her husband, the Rt. Rev. Adam Atkinson, was installed as the new Bishop of Bradwell on Saturday 4th November, 2023 at Chelmsford Cathedral. So, with four churches to cover and a husband as the new Bishop, Heather will certainly have a busy time of it.

It was also a delight to see our lovely Curate, Jordan Palmer, ordained in St. Peter's Church, Hutton on 30th September, and to go to his first 'mass' at All Saints Church on 5th October. It is really heartening to have young blood in the clergy.

We again hosted the blue and pink lights on our church to remember Baby Loss Awareness week in early October, and it was our privilege to do so.

On 21st October we had a most interesting talk by our organist, Rosemary Taylor, about her grandparents, who were missionaries in China during the Boxer rebellion, and to view all the incredible artefacts she brought to show us.

We held an Open Day on 28th October for people to come and see the wonder that is our beautiful, unique church, and all it had to offer.

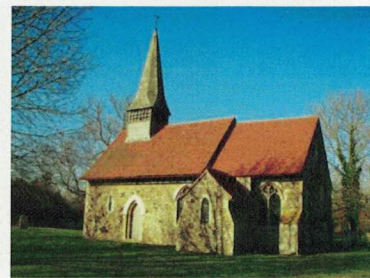
Our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November was a wonderful event, and raised £686 for church funds. Grateful thanks go to all who helped set up, and clear away the various stalls, and to all who came to support us, despite Maldon District Council shutting the road from Heybridge Approach roundabout up to the Railway Bridge. We are very grateful to all who still came to us even though they had a very long detour with no signs to help them.

We are planning more events in 2024 to enable us to raise the funds to reinstate the clock over the porch, which so many locals have been missing for so long. The problem has been that it is a very old clock, installed in 1946, and it has been very difficult to source replacement parts for it. However, we have now located these and we will be getting it up and running again as soon as possible. So it really will be a case of 'ringing in the New Year' (although a little later than planned!)

We do hope that you will come and visit our little church this year either for an event, or just to see what a fantastic little building it is – unique in that it has the only extant western apse in England. Now that really is something to be proud of.

News from All Saints Church, Ulting

The popularity of the Carols by Candlelight Service is an indication of how much people still want to be part of this very traditional way to celebrate Christmas. The church was lit by candles as it must have been



centuries ago when the same carols were sung, giving the Service a timeless quality. The readers told the story of Christ's birth with Bible readings and poems, and the Hadfelda Singers led the singing with young soloist Violet Bessant giving a lovely rendition of 'Infant Holy, Infant Lowly.' The refreshments which were served up afterwards were very well received, especially the hot sausage rolls and mulled wine as it was a very chilly evening. My thanks to everyone who took part, and those who provided the refreshments and decorated the church for this festive time of year.

And so attention now turns towards Easter, which will be heralded by a Service on Ash Wednesday, 14th February, at 7.30 pm, marking the first day of Lent. The congregation can, if they wish, have the sign of the cross traced on their forehead in ashes as an expression of repentance, and to identify with Christ. The ashes are made after burning the palm crosses given out on Palm Sunday last year. Even though you may not have attended this Service before, or may not wish to receive the tracing of ashes, you will be very welcome to come and be part of the congregation.

Palm Sunday will be celebrated during the 9am Service on 24th March when palm crosses will be given to everyone, and there will be another Service later that week on Good Friday, 29th March, at 2.30pm when Christ's Crucifixion will be commemorated. Easter Sunday follows, on 31st March, when the Service will start outside All Saints at 9am and the new flame taken into the church to light the Pastoral candle, the congregation lighting their own candles as they enter as a sign of new life coming into the church.

All Saints will also be celebrating Mothering Sunday on 10th March during the regular 9am Service. In fact, there is a Service every Sunday morning in All Saints at 9am, and everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

There will be an opportunity to find out more about the history of the church on Sunday 28th April from 2-5pm when All Saints will have an Open Day in conjunction with Ulting Wick Open Gardens for the National Garden Scheme. If you haven't yet visited Ulting Wick's gardens and seen the wonderful displays of tulips, now is your chance to do so with All Saints Church just a short walk across the meadow from the gardens there.

With loving prayers and blessings.

Revd. Derek



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Rainbows (age 5-7), Brownies (age 7-10)

and Guides (10-14) meet at the hall during term time

on Tuesdays. Enquirers can register their

daughters' details on the Girlguiding website:

[www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/)

[register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/)

Scottish Dancing – every 2nd & 4th Thursday

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Contact: diana.rogers2@btinternet.com

Community Speedwatch Group

Contact: Carly Truman carlyl Truman@gmail.com

St. John Ambulance

Fridays: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. 17 year olds, 8 p.m.-

10 p.m. adults. Contact: Edward Hennis

Edward.hennis1sja.org.uk

Glenn Mayes, Toastmaster & Independent Celebrant

4 Brockley Cottages, Ulting, CM9 6QX

(Tel: 01245 381577 /07826 339498)

www.east-anglia-toastmaster.com eastangliatoastmaster@gmail.com

Businesses

C.J. Ashby Forestry Ltd, Willow Barn, Witham Road, Langford,

CM9 4ST. Email: cj@ashby.co.uk

Beechenlea Maintenance Limited, Fairwinds, Crouchmans Farm

Road, Ulting CM9 6QS [Tel: 01245 381505/Fax: 01245 381835

Mob: 07473 705774 Email: james.sadler@beechenlea.com

Vegetation management, grounds maintenance, arboriculture, fencing, construction. www.beechenlea.com

Maypole Clinic: Maypole Clinic [Osteopath] Unit 3, The Barns, Howells

Farm Offices, Maypole Road, Langford, CM9 4SY (Tel: 01621 850111)

info@maypolehealth.co.uk; www.maypolehealth.co.uk

CML Microsystems Oval Park, Langford, CM9 6WG

(Tel: 01621 875500; Fax: 01621 875606) group@cmlmicrople.com

www.cmlmicrople.com

Ernest Doe & Sons Limited, Ulting, CM9 6QH

(Tel: 01245 380311), www.ernestdoe.com

Open Monday-Friday 8-5.30; Saturday 8-4

Essex & Suffolk Water, Langford Treatment Works, Hatfield Road,

Langford, CM9 6QA (Tel: 01245 491234)

www.eswater.co.uk

Feathered Nest Household Sundries

Jeanette Gribble (Tel: 01621 842132); maeldunejoinery@outlook.com

Jason Anderson Roofing, Birch Cottage, Maldon Road, Langford, CM9

6QD (Tel: 01621 843454); info@j-andersonroofingandupvc.co.uk

www.j-anderson-roofingandupvc.co.uk

Kevin Gribble, Joiner

(Tel: 01621 842132); maeldunejoinery@outlook.com

Mill House Hotel, Maldon Road, Langford, CM9 4SS

(Tel: 01621 841518) info@millhousemaldon.co.uk

www.millhousemaldon.co.uk

P J Downs and Sons (Boat movers & Showmen),

5 Little Hills, Langford Road, Langford, CM9 4SU

(Tel: 01621 854388; Fax: 01621 854390; Mob: 07860 641174)

www.pjdownsandsons.co.uk

Peartree Pantry, Peartree Farm, Spring Lane, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2JW

(Tel: 01245 381461)

R. Pipe Insurance, Langford Lee & 83 High Street, Maldon CM9 5EP

(Tel: 01621 85566) www.royppipeinsurance.co.uk

garrypipe@hotmail.co.uk / piperov@aol.com

Palmer's Property Maintenance Ltd, 3 Little Mills Cottages, Maldon

Road, Ulting, CM9 6PZ. Contact: Danny Palmer

(Tel: 01245 332233 / 07754 587477)

A Tail of 4 Paws, 9 Ulting Lane, Langford, CM9 6QB

(Tel: 07548 866025) www.atailof4paws.co.uk

Core Health Physio, Sarah Crosby Physiotherapist – Home visits

(Tel: 01245 801218 /07525 042529) sarah@corehealthphysio.com

Museum of Power, Hatfield Road, Langford, CM9 6QA

(Tel: 016221 843183) enquiries@museumofpower.org.uk

www.museumofpower.org.uk

Allen's Arrans, hand knitting for all. Commissions taken.

Irene Allen, 11 Ulting Lane, Langford, CM9 6QB (Tel: 01621 855447;

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Flower beds, weeding, vegetable growing. Contact: Nadiia

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