



St Andrew's now has a Curate-in-Charge A warm welcome to Revd Terry Walker



Daphne Allen

8.4.1928 – 17.1.2022

Daphne grew up on a farm in Abberton. In 1944 she came to work at Fingringhoe Hall, for the Furneaux family, looking after the dairy here. (Her recollections of this time appear regularly in *News & Views*.) In 1950 she married Derek Allen and shortly afterwards they set up home in

Ferry Road, Fingringhoe. In time there arrived two daughters, Linda and Wendy; later still came four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Daphne always made a significant contribution to village life and she and Derek took a very active part in the fight to maintain the ferry service – a rowing boat crossing over to Wivenhoe, giving access to train services and doctors' surgery. Sadly, after a High Court enquiry it was considered no longer viable and closed in 1953.

On 15 February St Andrew's Church was packed with family and friends for a moving celebration of Daphne's life, followed, on her instructions, by an excellent afternoon tea.

Gill Williams adds: It was very sad to hear of Daphne's death. As a stalwart member of the Fingringhoe Village Recorders she was always a very valuable source of information, having lived all her life locally. Always interested in local news, she had a great collection of newspaper cuttings – now in our records – and could always supply details of so many events. For any query, we were able to turn to Daphne for help; her memory was amazing. When she eventually moved to Church Green she was always happy to be called in to help after our meetings when a query inevitably ended with 'we must ask Daphne'. We shall miss her so much.



Fingringhoe's new minister, Revd Terry Walker, was given a warm welcome when he formally assumed his responsibilities as Curate-in-Charge of the Donyland Benefice at a service of licensing and installation in St Andrew's, Fingringhoe, on the evening of 10 February. The service was conducted by Colchester's Bishop Roger Morris and Archdeacon Ruth Patten.

In all, 132 people attended, including visiting ministers, ecumenical partners, civic and community representatives and worshipping members from both the Mersea and Donyland Benefices.

Terry was already well-known in our parishes through the support he offered in taking services and offering pastoral care during the three and a half years of vacancy following the departure of Revd Patrick McEune.

Terry is a self-supporting minister (that is, Chelmsford diocese does not pay him a stipend) and as such is able to offer our parishes two days a week plus Sunday and weekday services, as well as being involved in pastoral care. He is also a chaplain at St Helena Hospice, a role that he will continue to hold.

With the interregnum officially ended by Terry's licensing, we now enter the next chapter of our parochial history full of hope for the future.

Malcolm Hawksby, churchwarden

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Geedon Gallery

Spring Exhibition: Air, Land and Sea

open all over Easter
9–21 April daily 11am–5.30pm
(then by appointment until 15 May)

Both local and national artists:

Richard Allen, SWA; Mandy Dearsley, Cathy Constable
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James Hewitt, *Glimpse of the Blackwater*

Church Green Trust

The Friends of Church Green Trust will be hosting an Arts, Crafts & Community Market on Thursday 2 June as part of the village's Jubilee events. We welcome anyone from Fingringhoe or neighbouring villages who would like a stall to sell their arts/crafts and also any local groups who may be interested in a fundraising stall.

The event will be held in the Community Courtyard at Church Green: we have space for several stalls in the open-fronted cart lodges; others can erect gazebos around the space. All stall holders will need to provide their own tables, chairs and gazebos.

Stalls will cost £5, but should you have a successful day we would encourage a larger charity donation. Money raised from this event will go to the Church Green Trust and other local charities by prior agreement.

We are also looking for anyone musical who would be interested in volunteering to come along and play/sing a few songs during the day.

To enquire about reserving a stall, or if you are a musician, please email liz.cooper@btinternet.com

Accommodation available at Church Green Trust

One of our self-contained independent living properties for older people is now vacant. It consists of a living room, kitchen, one double bedroom and bathroom and is suitable for either a couple or a single person aged 60 or over. Priority will be given to current or former Fingringhoe residents. Applicants from surrounding villages, or with other links to Fingringhoe, will also be considered.

For further information and an application form please contact Phil Rushton (Secretary) on 07710 618998 or email secretary.cgt@gmail.com

Closing date for applications - 9 April 2022



Trustees sought for Fingringhoe Church Green Trust

Church Green, in the heart of the village near the Whalebone crossroads, was established in the early 1980s after a generous donation of land and outbuildings from the Fingringhoe Hall estate. It has six sheltered housing properties providing independent living accommodation for the over 60s, and community facilities set in the courtyard area. Many of you will be familiar with the local Post Office which moved into the recently-renovated community room in 2020. This also houses the village book exchange and hosts coffee mornings and chair yoga.

The properties are managed by a charitable trust, formed of up to ten volunteer Trustees. The Trustees, all living in or close to the village, come from a wide range of backgrounds and offer different skill sets. Despite previous appeals we still have Trustee vacancies and are looking for people who could offer some time and support to this small but important local charity. No special skills or qualifications are required, just a willingness to get involved with a charity set-up to benefit the village.

If you would like more information, please contact the acting chair, Richard Bailey by email at r@bailey55.co.uk

Liz Cooper



We have our very own NHW in Fingringhoe

NHW is about community and neighbours. It is not just nervous curtain-twitchers, it's people looking out and reporting suspicious behaviour.

Members receive regular emails with safety information and crime reports from local areas.

To become a member email:
fingringhoenhw@gmail.com

February seems like the month when winter really hits and the prospect of snow and freezing conditions seem incongruous with hoping that Spring is round the corner!

Winter is a busy time for our Ranger and his team because it is coppice season. Coppicing is a traditional woodland management technique that cuts back areas of tree growth when they have reached a certain height, to encourage new growth. We operate on a rotation of approximately 14 years. Once a section of trees and scrub have reached that age or height, they lack the dense under-story that is preferred by many small mammals and songbirds, especially the nightingale. When we cut a section back it also allows light to flood into that area, encouraging wildflowers and all that then follows, such as insect pollinators and the birds that eat them.

So at first it may seem odd that we cut back some trees, but it's a hugely beneficial process for wildlife. It is also a crucial way of managing the landscape, so it doesn't all become large mature woodland, which lacks the varied age structure (think a progression from grasses/weeds, bramble, small hedge, big hedge, trees) to provide as much habitat for as many wildlife species as possible.

This year we are trialling leaving even more dead wood and cut trees on the ground to create even more homes for small mammals and invertebrates. This will finish by the end of February, so we won't be disturbing our residential and newly arrived migrating birds, coming into to breeding season.



Fingringhoe Wick
Nature Reserve

In the warmer months ahead our Ranger will be doing other work. This year we will start planning a number of different 'build' projects, including investigating new pond-dipping platforms and looking for a solution to the flooding on the way to the intertidal area, as this appears now to be a recurring winter problem. This is a low-lying area in the path of a stream coming down along the border, leading into a wet reedy area, so one view is to let it carry on doing what nature intended and for us to find a way round. The bottom path along the intertidal area has also endured increased flooding from the reedbed and has remained boggy long after the obvious water subsided, so we have kept it closed to prevent disturbance to feeding waders on the mudflats.

As we come into spring, with nesting birds and the awakening of the adders, please may I remind any dog walkers that there is a set dog walk route on the reserve, along the drive. Also that our furry friends *must be on a lead at all times* – but they are very welcome to come and say hello in the visitor centre if you want to bring them in when you have a coffee.

Verity Hales, Site Manager

This is a very special year for several reasons: the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with its many events; also Abberton and Langenhoe will join the competition and there will be prize money of £100 kindly donated by N.P Tiling (1st prize £50 2nd prize £30, 3rd prize £20). Your amazing scarecrows all over the village will be a wonderful way to end a marvellous summer! The competition will still raise money for Stepping Stones Play and Learning Playgroup for children with special needs.

There are many ways our scarecrows can celebrate the 70 years of the Queen's reign: maybe you are lucky enough to have met her, attended a garden party, been at the Commonwealth Games, or Royal Ascot? Who can forget the Queen parachuting in at the start of the Olympics? We could have Kings and Queens in all their regalia sitting on beautiful thrones. For some, the most memorable event of her long reign was when she presented Sir Bobby More and the England team with the World Cup!

So, Fingringhoe, put your imagination to work, let's give Abberton and Langenhoe a run for their money. Your £2 donations for each entry should be posted through my door by 20 August, with your name and address, or ring me, leaving your phone number and your details. The Scarecrow Competition is open to everyone. Have fun.

Scarecrow Competition 20 - 29 August 2022





Choosing the right care home

It is important to remember when looking for a suitable care home that it is likely to be your 'home' for the rest of your life. This means you need to give some thought to who you are and in what kind of environment you will be most comfortable, as well as the more practical issues of the staff, the accommodation, level of care available, attitudes to visitors and so on.

How important is the location? Would you want to be able to go out and about while you still can and therefore want good public transport links? Do you prefer an urban or a rural setting? Are you a sociable person or do you need some quiet time in your own space in which to retreat? Knowing yourself and what you will tolerate before you even start the process of checking brochures and websites or visiting is crucial.

It is very useful to begin by gathering information about the homes in the area you are considering on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) website, where you can view past and present inspection reports, current ratings and recent findings. The next step is to look at individual care homes' websites and social media pages, such as Facebook and Instagram, to see not only how they present themselves but also what daily life appears to be like and if the residents look well cared for and happy.

Once you are at the stage of visiting the homes you have identified as potentially suitable, keep your eyes and ears open and trust your instincts. Some questions you may want to consider while visiting are whether the buildings and grounds are well maintained? Is there an accessible garden or courtyard? Does the home and its gardens feel inviting? Do the staff seem welcoming and friendly? Is the home clean and does it smell fresh? Are the rooms a comfortable temperature and well decorated? It is also important to know what activities are provided for residents' varying interests and abilities.

Most importantly, of course, is that the home keeps comprehensive records about you, your likes and dislikes, any medical conditions you might have, whether it provides both social and nursing care and also how it deals with any issues or problems with staff and visitor access. Choosing the right care home is a big decision and a long-lasting one, so you should never feel guilty about taking your time or visiting a chosen home more than once before you commit.

Suzanne Parmenter



Thank you for donating unwanted good-condition books, CDs, and vinyl records to Oxfam. Please continue to leave them in the donation box on the drive

of Myrtle villa, Abberton road, (opposite South Green Rd junction). I will take them into Oxfam, at St John's street, Colchester.



Many thanks, **Jackie Jones**

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Essex has hundreds of walks to download and print, free; it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. There is a



lot of walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. *Walking in Essex* (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place. There are walks from half a mile to over twelve miles long and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Everyone can find a walk to enjoy, whether you want to walk on your own or with a group.

Home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/essex>
john@walkinginengland.co.uk



Aveley Lodge Care Home is absolutely thrilled to be shortlisted at the National Family Business of the Year Awards 2022 as East Anglian regional finalists, and in the People's Choice Award. Please vote for us by visiting the link below so that our extremely hardworking and dedicated care team can be acknowledged nationally, especially after what they have had to deal with over the last two years! Thank you.

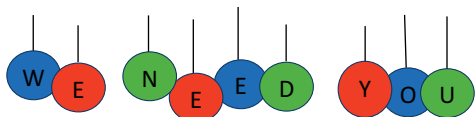
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Nominations close on 30 April 2022

PLEASE VOTE FOR US!



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and someone else?



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befriending@ageconcerncolchester.org.uk

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**Driveway
Sale
Sunday
11 September**



Once again in conjunction with Chrissie's very successful Macmillan coffee morning.

More information to follow but if you would like to register interest in taking part, please email

kyra2@btinternet.com

Our Spring term made an inquisitive start – the children went on explorative walks around the village, spotting donkeys, cows and sheep on their way. They learned about the importance of looking after our eyes (so many exciting things to find in the woodlands area with a magnifying glass!) as well as mental health through the use of *The Colour Monster* book. They enjoyed celebrating special events like Chinese New Year, sampling Chinese food and setting up a Chinese restaurant in their home corner, and Valentine's Day with a range of red- and pink-themed craft activities. Forest School sessions continue weekly and the children now cook their snacks over the fires at those – they love getting involved in making fires and cooking! As well as being guided by the EYFS, a lot of our activities follow children's interests too, so toy cars, trucks, water play, craft and construction are regularly offered and adapted to our current learning focus and themes.

As a registered charity, we are always on the lookout for donations from our community for the children to enjoy as part of their role play, so if anyone has any old mobile phones, tablets, laptops, toy construction or emergency vehicles, traditional kitchen scales or china tea sets, we would be very grateful. We also use a lot of wood at Forest School, both for fires and to practice our tool skills, so wood donations are also welcome. All donations can be dropped off at pre school in the village hall between 9am and 3.30pm.



We do still have available some funded as well as payable spaces for 2–4 year olds, so if you, or anyone you know, are interested in childcare in our lovely rural setting, please get in touch either by phone or by email to arrange a visit.

Corinna Smith, Administration Manager

01206 729731 jo.connell@romanriverpreschool.co.uk

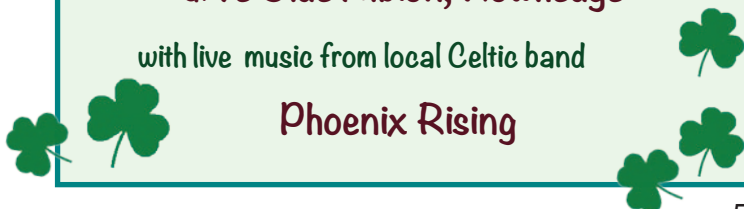
Come and celebrate St Patrick's day

from 8pm until closing time on 17 March

at **Ye Olde Albion, Rowhedge**

with live music from local Celtic band

Phoenix Rising



Update from the Parish Council

Play area at the recreation ground: In the last two *News & Views* we let you know that the Council wanted to refurbish the play area and had applied for two grants. I'm pleased to say that one grant was successful, and we have been awarded £2,000 towards the work. The other grant was oversubscribed and on this occasion we were not so fortunate. The good news is that the Council have agreed to fund the difference and work is under way. This will include cleaning all the play equipment, trimming the trees and foliage back, putting in new seating, repairing the Daisy slide and resurfacing with bark the area inside the fencing. Work has already commenced, and the rabbit and dog rockers have been replaced with new rockers and moved to the other side of the play area to make way for a see-saw in the future (funds permitting). Also completed so far is a tidy-up of the basketball surface. We also hope to paint the entrance gates, tidy up the goal posts, and look at how the surface under the cantilever swing can be improved. The play area may be closed for a day or two over the coming weeks – we apologise for any inconvenience but hope you like what you see when it is all finished.

New noticeboards: We have commissioned three new noticeboards to be built to replace the old ones in Dudley Road, opposite the Whalebone (near the phone box) and on the wall at Church Road, opposite Ferry Road. One half of each board will be available for the public to add their notices about local topics and information. The other half will contain Council information such as agendas, minutes, contact details and general council business.

Book swap: The Council have been approached by a student who would like to turn the old telephone box opposite The Whalebone into a book swap. The Council are in full agreement with this and have already removed the old

contents, and are in the process of installing a solar light. For more information about donating your unwanted books, please contact Petra, the Parish Clerk.

Road signs: We have been in contact with Essex County Council Highways a number of times to report broken, missing or new signage needed in the village. If you spot anything new that needs to be reported, please use the ECC reporting tool on their website:

<https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us>

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations: There are several events going on in the village over the four-day Jubilee weekend (Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June 2022) which are being organised by the Jubilee committee. The Council are hoping to add to the celebrations by putting up a beacon in Ferry Road, with a lighting ceremony and refreshments on the evening of 2 June. This is part of a coordinated event, with the lighting of more than 1,500 beacons nationwide to pay tribute to the Queen. More details will be on the noticeboards and website in due course.

Council meetings: We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (apart from August) at 7pm at the village hall. The public are welcome to attend and speak during the public session. The agenda will be on the website and noticeboards a few days before each meeting.

There is still a vacancy for a councillor on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Our website is <https://www.fingringhepc.org.uk>

Our email fingringhoeparishc@outlook.com

Petra Palfreyman, Parish Clerk
Fingringhoe Parish Council

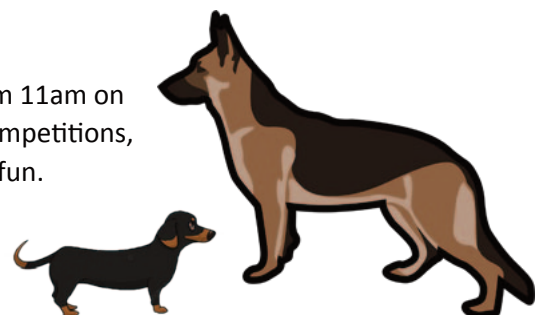


The Fingringhoe Green Group is excited to let you know that the Colchester Bike Kitchen is running a basic **Bike workshop** in the village on **Saturday 26 March**. Perfect for those of us who would like to cycle more but worry about punctures and why their gears are making that strange grating noise. **Free of charge**, but places are limited and can be booked via Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk – search for Colchester Bike Kitchen). Please bring your own bike if you'd like some hands-on practice. Kids and families are very welcome, please make sure you book enough spaces for everyone!

If the event is fully booked, please email liz.cooper@btinternet.com to go onto a reserve list or to express interest in a future event.

The **dog show** element of the jubilee celebrations (on Thursday 2 June from 11am on the recreation ground), will be great, including displays, have a go's, fun competitions, with stalls, refreshments and more. Please bring your dog along for family fun. More details to follow but if you would to be involved please email

fingringhoegreengroup@gmail.com



News from St Andrew's Church

Those *News & Views* readers who have kept pace with developments in the three and half years of clergy vacancy at St Andrew's might be somewhat puzzled by the front page news that Fingringhoe's new minister is Revd Terry Walker, not Revd Jude Bevan, as I reported in earlier issues.

The explanation is that the original concept for filling the vacancies arising in our benefice and the Mersea benefice from the respective departures in 2018 of Revd Patrick McEune and Revd Sam Norton underwent many changes.

The revised scheme by the time of Revd Jude Bevan's appointment in July 2021 as Priest-in-Charge of the Mersea benefice, envisaged her role as also including responsibility for the pastoral care of our Donyland parishes. However, on closer examination this proposal was found to be impracticable and after discussions between Revd Bevan, Bishop Roger and Archdeacon Ruth, and after consultations with our benefice Parochial Church Councils it was replaced with an arrangement under which our parishes would remain independent of Mersea and in the care of a minister of our own, with the title of Curate-in-Charge.

By good fortune, a candidate to fill the position was quickly found and on 19 December, Bishop Roger and Archdeacon Ruth announced the appointment of Revd Terry Walker, at that time Assistant Curate in the Mersea Benefice, as our Curate-in-Charge. He took his first Eucharist at St. Andrew's in his new role on Sunday 13 February. In due course, a new pattern for regular Sunday services in the three parishes and a schedule for services at Easter will be agreed. Meanwhile, the existing schedule will continue to apply in March, when services at Fingringhoe will be a 9.15am Eucharist (with Revd Walker officiating) on 13 March and a 9.15am Matins (lay led) on 20 March.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee: St Andrew's contribution to the village's celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over June 2–5 will be a themed display of flower arrangements. Daily opening times for visitors and those seeking space for reflection and private prayers over the four-day holiday will be announced nearer the time.

Malcolm Hawksby, Churchwarden

Prayer Requests

Come to me all you who are weary and burdened
(Matthew 11:28)

If you have anyone or anything you would like us to pray for, please write your requests (on the paper provided) and place them on the prayer board in the porch of St Andrew's, and we will pray for you.

The prayer team



Easter Lilies 2022

If you would like to remember your loved ones with lilies in church this Easter, please place their name/s with a donation of £3 per lily in an envelope. This can be put in the special box in the church or through Malcolm Hawksby's door.

Judy Kimmance

FOODBANK DONATION POINT

Please help us....

St Andrew's now has a donation point for the local Foodbank. We will have a collection box permanently in the church porch for collection of food, toiletries and pet food.

If you are out shopping and could spare an item, or have unused and unwanted items, the Foodbank and the families they support would be very grateful.

The Foodbank has been established to provide short-term, emergency food to individuals and families in crisis.

Colchester area Foodbank is in great need of items – it is the second busiest foodbank in Eastern England and during the year 2020 fed 6,449 adults and 4,796 children.

This problem is only going to get worse, with so many people facing hardship with the increased fuel bills, the impact of Covid, cost of living increases and so on.

If you can drop off donations at St Andrew's, here is a shopping list of the items the Foodbank needs right now:

milk (longlife–UHT) ♦ fruit juice (longlife) ♦ squash
pasta ♦ sauces

TINS of: rice pudding ♦ vegetables ♦ potatoes

TINS of: tomatoes ♦ meat ♦ fish ♦ fruit

tins or packets of custard

instant hot chocolate ♦ tea bags ♦ instant coffee

jam ♦ peanut butter

small multipack snacks (Penguin/Club/Twix)

washing up liquid ♦ washing powder/gel

male/female deodorant ♦ shampoo

razors ♦ shaving foam/gel

toothbrush ♦ toothpaste

carrier bags ♦ re-usable bags

pet food



Beetle Drive

7pm Fingringhoe Village Hall
on Friday 25 March

Join us for a family-friendly game & sociable evening
Crisps and non-alcoholic drinks will be supplied

tickets: £4 (adults) £2 children 8-16

(Not suitable for younger children
since the game involves changing tables)



tickets from:

Fingringhoe Post Office at Church Green
10am-1pm Monday & Friday; 1-4pm Wednesday
or on the door

in aid of Friends of St Andrew's,
which raises funds to keep
Fingringhoe's lovely medieval
church in good repair
Registered Charity No. 1112665



The Fingringhoe Platinum Jubilee Fête

**2 June 2022
11am to 4pm**



Dog Show & Display ♦ Farmers Market
Petting Farm at Picketts Farm
Craft Fair & Fun ♦ Games ♦ BBQ
Stalls ♦ Pimm's at the Whalebone
Plus, lots more !

Raffle Prizes: up to £1,000 of vouchers
to be won and many more great prizes!

Programme will be available shortly

Come join us at 9.45pm at the bottom of
Ferry Road, by the river, for the lighting of
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For further information please contact

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