



Update from the Parish Council

The play area refurbishment has now been completed and we have received some lovely compliments about how it looks now. After the damage caused by Storm Eunice, we had to wait for the insurance claim to pay for a new multi-play unit and damage to the fence, which has now all been settled. We have also installed two new animal rockers, a see-saw and some new seating. All the existing equipment has been cleaned up and the surface levelled, and new play bark installed. There are ongoing tree works, as a few branches are overhanging, but this will be done in the next couple of weeks. We also await the outcome of a Locality Budget grant which would help pay towards renewing the surface under the cantilever swing.

New Councillor: the Council welcomed Neil Gordon back to the Council in May, which means we are now up to full complement with Councillors. We look forward to working with Neil and his previous knowledge and experience will be an asset to the Council

Phone box: some of you may have seen the Facebook post requesting help with building the shelves for the phone box swap. The Council has a small budget for materials but is looking for a volunteer to build the shelves for us, to help get this project off the ground. If you can help, please contact Petra, the Parish Clerk, or any member of the Council.

Road signs: we have been in contact with Essex County Council Highways several times to report broken, missing or new signage needed in the village. The Council are frustrated by the lack of action, despite support and meetings with our Borough and County councillors, although we are assured that they are within the system. 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>



20 mph speed limit: the Council have supported a suggestion to have 20 mph speed limits within the village and Cllr Kevin Bentley has agreed to submit the proposal to the Local Highways Panel in the first instance, for a speed survey to collect the data needed to make the decisions.

Jubilee celebration: at the time of writing the June edition, the celebrations had not gone ahead but the events around the village were all so fantastic, that they all deserve a mention and a huge thanks to all the volunteers and supporters. It was a great achievement for such a small village and a weekend to remember. The Council are now looking at a plaque to go on the beacon, with the possibility of also adding a small residents' memorial space at the base for remembrance tributes, and another seat nearby. We hope you all liked the celebration mugs which caused the clerk a mild panic when they were delivered with a spelling mistake, as the printers used the wrong proof. At the time of writing, there are still some mugs available with the incorrect spelling on, for collection from the Post Office, if you would like a couple for your household.



Council meetings take place 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 noticeboard a few days before each meeting.

The website address is <https://www.fingringhoeipc.org.uk>
 The email address is fingringhoeparishc@outlook.com

Petra Palfreyman, Parish Clerk



Fingringhoe
Jubilee
Celebrations
2 June
2022





Thank you
to everyone
who took part
in any way



A note from your Editor:

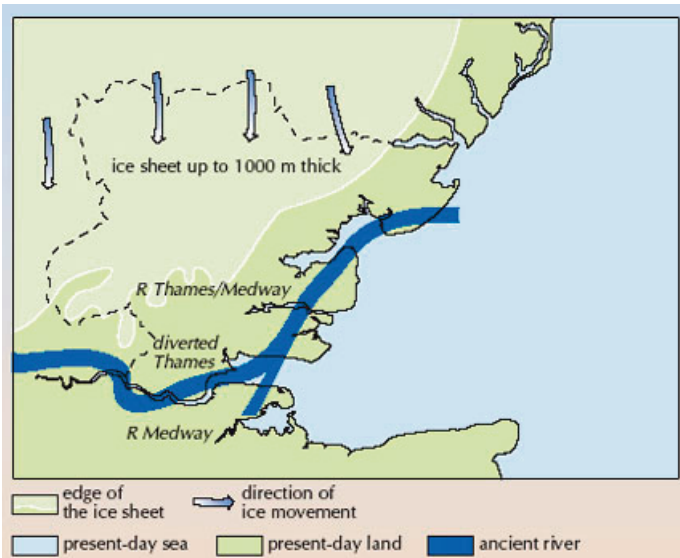
Many thanks to everyone who supplied photographs of our magnificent Jubilee Day. There were so many that I just made a representative selection for the previous two pages – and there was no room for individual credits.

The Thames at Fingringhoe

Until the 1970s, the Kesgrave sand and gravel deposits of north-east Essex, including those at Fingringhoe, were thought to be laid down by marine or glacial processes. It is now accepted that these deposits were a direct product of the proto-Thames drainage system. The river that became the modern Thames was diverted south to roughly its current position by the Anglian glaciation event (475-425,000 years ago), the last time a glaciation event reached north Essex. The hilly promontory on which Fingringhoe sits was the northernmost extent of the proto-Thames.



Maps: Open University, *Managing coastal environments*; Bing images



The sand and gravel deposits in Fingringhoe have been extracted since the early 1900s and shipped to London, an industry that ceased only very recently.

Dave Burnand

ROMAN RIVER

Festival 2022: 28 September–2 October

Wednesday 28 September

St Mary's Church, Wivenhoe 8pm

Ethel Smythe, whose opera *The Wreckers* was recently seen for the first time at Glyndebourne, wrote a stunning horn trio. BBC Young Musician winner Ben Goldscheider performs the trio alongside one of Brahms' best-loved works, with Rick Uttley and Callum Smart.

Thursday 29 September

St Peter ad Vincula Church, Coggeshall 8pm

The superb Marian Consort return to Coggeshall Church with its wonderful acoustics and warm atmosphere.

Friday 30 September

St Peter ad Vincula Church, Coggeshall 8pm

We are thrilled to have persuaded Martin James Bartlett, Essex-born winner of the BBC Young Musician of the year, to give a solo piano recital. Expect consummate musicianship and pianistic fireworks.

Saturday 1 October

St Peter ad Vincula Church, Coggeshall 6pm

The centrepiece of the festival, Mahler's great and much-loved symphony *The Song of the Earth*, with Marta Fontanals-Simmonds and the Wild Arts Orchestra – the new name for the exceptional players of the festival orchestra – conducted by our Artistic Director Orlando Jopling and led by Clio Gould.

Sunday 2 October

St Peter ad Vincula Church, Coggeshall 6pm

Beethoven's beautiful and dramatic *Pastoral Symphony* is paired with a new suite of the most intoxicatingly beautiful music from Janacek's wonderful opera *The Cunning Little Vixen*, a festival commission from the talented Iain Farrington. Orlando conducts the Wild Arts Orchestra

<https://romanrivermusic.org.uk>



I write this just as a little rain has started to fall – what a relief! However I imagine that the drought conditions will continue for a bit and drought obviously has severe impacts on our fish, rivers and streams. If you see dead fish, or fish struggling and gulping for air, please call the **Environment Agency hotline on 0800 807060**. Think also about the water we use at home, while our water comes mostly from reservoirs, this is extracted from rivers, so the less we use the better for our rivers systems.

After the Summer hols, September is all about the adult events, with a whole range of activities, including a Photography Workshop, Wader ID Course, the return of 'Migration Day' – where Essex Birdwatching Society and Swallow Birding spend the day with us. Very excitingly we have a new event – led by one of the exhibiting artists of the month, Lucia Hardy. She will be leading a Creative Walk: bring your sketchbook, camera, creative tools of choice, or just yourselves, and join us on a creative walk around the site as we get inspired by and connected to the beauty of the reserve. Lucia will facilitate a guided walk with stops using music, snippets of literature and art references to help you explore and enjoy the site anew in what promises to be an exciting and unique experience at Fingringhoe Wick.

Another first about which we are keen to sow the seed with you all is the **Fingringhoe Wick Memories Project**, in conjunction with the Fingringhoe Historical Recorders. We are joining up to record people's memories of visiting, working or anything else in relation to the nature reserve. So many people tell us about their fond memories, we would love to record them – they will be stored with the village archive and hopefully used at site in some way. We will launch this more formally later in the year, but watch this space for information on a day at Fingringhoe Wick when you can come in and speak to a Recorder. We would like to hear your own memories of visiting or working on the reserve, or those of friends or family who worked in the quarry. Before the drop-in day you can write things down to post or email over – and please spread the word to people who have moved away.



wild carrot

Talking of seeds, from now until the end of October it is **The Big Wild Seed Sow**, which is all about helping insects to thrive again by providing

them with pesticide-free, insect-friendly habitat. This campaign is part of the wider Action for Insects project. Wildflowers provide insects with food, shelter and places to breed. More wildflowers need to be planted and areas of this insect-friendly habitat need to be connected by wildflower highways across residential and urban areas. To this end we have packets of wildflower seeds to give away: our irresistible wildflower mix is made from 100% native wildflowers. The 27 native British wildflower species include both cornfield annuals (flowering from year 1) and a range of perennials (flowering from year 2 onwards). So come along and grab a pack! Plant them and the plot them on our website and watch Essex bloom! <https://www.essexwt.org.uk/big-wild-seed-sow>

Remember that our little meeting room is available to hire for meetings 9am-5pm, 7 days a week – or simply use the tea room as a base! Keep your eye out for these and future events on the facebook page: EWTfingringhoe and website: essexwt.org.uk See you soon,

Verity Hales, Site Manager

Fingringhoe Historical Recorders' Archive

The Recorders are a group of Fingringhoe residents interested in the history of their village. Since its formation in 1981 the group has been building an archive of material about the people, topography, buildings, activities, industries and events of the village. This includes press cuttings, letters, photographs, posters, trophies, books, maps, drawings and personal accounts that have been donated by villagers over the years. For earlier history the archive also has photocopies of old documents now in the Essex Records Office in Chelmsford, such as census records and old newspapers. The archive is stored in Fingringhoe Village Hall.

In order to make this material accessible to anyone interested in the history of Fingringhoe the archive has now been catalogued on computer. Each of over 6,000 items has been numbered, described briefly and scanned or photographed. These files will be updated from time to time to include newly-gathered material.

The archive may be borrowed in the form of a memory stick which has three files: Catalogue, Images and Guide (the last file offering advice on searches). The files may be copied to your device if you wish, and the memory stick should be returned within two weeks of borrowing. A deposit of £10 is required for the loan, refundable on return of the memory stick (unless, of course, borrowers are able to leave the deposit as a donation to the Recorders' slender funds). The Recorders will be glad to give help with searches. For further information, please contact:



Ann Bagley cwbagley6@aol.com



Litter picks take place on the **last Saturday in March** and the **last Saturday in October** – all are welcome and we meet at the village hall at 9am. There is more information on Facebook and the village noticeboards.

(Please note that it is first-come-first-served for equipment since we have a limited number of pickers and bag holders.

Driveway/table top sale: the next one will be on **Sunday 11 September 11-2pm**. The cost will be £5 per driveway. It was great fun in 2020 and we all had a chance to clear our unwanted clothes, toys, bric à brac and even furniture!!!! (I know 'cos I bought some!)

Our aim is to have fun and to raise money for a good cause - our very own *News & Views*!! As with the previous driveway sale we'll be combining our day with a McMillan Coffee Morning to be held on Chrissie Dowman's drive at Pyefleet Close. Bargains and yummy tea and cakes – what more could anyone want!

If you don't have any bulky items that would need a driveway you could just use a table top and even share space on your drive with other 'tablers'.

To register your interest please email Kyra on kyra2@btinternet.com

Fingringhoe Free Sunday continues to re-home items no longer required to other villagers. Please just put your unwanted items out on the first Sunday of every month, (perhaps also mention them on the village Facebook page – and see them disappear to a new loving home!)

Lindsey Raven Emrich

Neighbourhood Nestbox Campaign

I am itching to help our local bird life and especially those migratory species. As a Wildlife Champion for Essex Wildlife Trust, I now have the expert backing and knowledge of the EWT behind this project. I would like to conduct a survey of how many households already have bird boxes, and for what target species within the village. Then I will be able to see which areas would benefit from more nest boxes. Please do get in touch if this is something you would consider answering a few questions about and whether you would be willing to have a nest box. I will post more information on our village facebook page in due course but in the meantime please do express an interest at fingringhoegreengroup@gmail.com Your support for this would be fantastic. Let's get this village on the map for doing all we can for our vulnerable species.

Lindsey Raven Emrich

FINGRINGHOE FREE FIRST SUNDAYS

Display stuff you want to get rid of **FOR FREE**
outside your properties
on the first Sunday of every month

One man's junk is another man's treasure!
Let's avoid landfill at all costs!

We have our very own
NHW in Fingringhoe



What is NHW?

It is about community and neighbours.

It is not 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



ROWHEDGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Every **MONDAY**
in Rowhedge Village Hall
from 8pm to 9.30pm



**Everyone welcome – no experience necessary
and no auditions**

**Come along, sing, have fun
and an uplifting evening**

Contact Janet for more information
janet.canham@btinternet.com

GEEDON GALLERY

Autumn Exhibition

Photographs Pieces & Pots

Local photographers include Diane Butcher Kate Allsop
Ed Begley and the late Nicholas Hardinge

8–23 October 2022

Open 11am–5.30pm daily
Then by appointment until December 15th

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www.geedongallery.co.uk



Nicholas Hardinge, *Creosote Boys*

The Scarecrow Competition

Kim Cranfield has been organising the scarecrow competition in the village for many years, giving delight to us all. Kim has now left the village and would like to thank everyone who has taken part or given support in any way over the years. This issue of *News & Views* will be printed before the outcome of the 2022 competition is known, so Kim will provide a report for the December issue. We hope that someone will take over organizing this colourful, cheerful competition, and Kim will be glad to offer her support. For more information, please contact Kim

KimCranfield53@hotmail.com



Thank you, Kim !



Fingringhoe United Charities Trust

Fingringhoe United Charities Trust is a charity working in the village to help those in need. The Trust's funds are not limitless, but it supports those who fall on hard times, who find they need to travel because of illness or to take care of a loved one, and those bereaved and living alone. In the past, the Trust has supported people in training by providing tools and materials needed. Each Christmas, the Trust also gives a modest sum to all the single people in the village over statutory retirement age.

The Trust is run by Trustees, whose local knowledge is vital to ensure that those in need receive help when they need it most. Unfortunately, the Trust's current Treasurer /Secretary must resign, so a replacement is needed. Whoever takes on the role will be given training by the current Treasurer.

In addition to its charitable works, the Trust owns and manages the allotments on Ferry Road, together with the field behind them, and the Trustee who usually does this is also having to resign due to illness. A replacement Trustee, willing and able to take on responsibility for the allotments, is therefore also required. This will involve handling enquiries, keeping an eye on the allotments to ensure they are being kept responsibly, and taking annual rents.

Trustees generally meet in person twice a year – once in the summer and once in the run-up to Christmas. Between meetings, Trustees keep in contact via email to deal with matters arising, and extra *ad hoc* meetings are arranged if necessary. Trustees also deliver the Christmas gifts by hand around the village.

If you are interested in joining the Trustees and/or taking on the role of Treasurer/Secretary, please call 07926 100 034 or contact the Trustees at

fingringhoeunitedcharities@gmail.com

St Andrew's Church



Where does the time go? Six months have passed since I was given a very warm welcome at my licensing as 'Curate in Charge' of the Donyland Benefice at St Andrew's Church, Fingringhoe. May I thank you all for such a warm and continued welcome? As you know, I have lived across the Strood for many years, just passing through the villages. Now I have the chance to stop and get to know the surroundings and yourselves.

I've been walking round the village, looking in all the nooks and crannies (if you know of any good ones, let me know). I was loaned a couple of books on the history of Fingringhoe and surrounding villages; I'll have to remember to give them back. If you see someone wandering aimless around the village say 'hello' and if you recognise a Scottish accent, stop and have a chat. If it's not me, then you might have met a new friend, anyway.

The first Tuesday in August, from 2–4pm saw our first 'Coffee & Co' (Company) in St Andrew's, accompanied by some lovely cake. We had quite a few individuals drop in at various times for a coffee and a chat and a chance to meet old and new friends. Relationships are very important in life. How we relate to each other can make all the difference to our day. Coffee & Co will continue to be on the first Tuesday of the month, with the next on Tuesday 6 September, again from 2–4pm. Put the date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you.

Our service rota below includes timing of the services for each of the churches in your benefice, along with information of when our prayer group meets. If you have a family event you would like celebrated or commemorated in your church please contact Malcolm on one of the numbers included below to see how we can help. Thank you again for your warm welcome.

Reverend Terry

Benefice services: the current monthly schedule of Sunday services in the benefice is:

1st Sunday

9.15am Holy Communion, St Andrew, Abberton
9.15am Matins, St Andrew, Fingringhoe
11am Holy Communion, St Lawrence, Rowhedge

2nd Sunday

9.15am Holy Communion, St Andrew, Fingringhoe
11am Holy Communion, St Lawrence, Rowhedge
6pm Taizé, St Andrew, Abberton

3rd Sunday

9.15am Holy Communion, St Andrew, Fingringhoe
10am Matins, St Lawrence, Rowhedge
11am Holy Communion, St Andrew, Abberton

4th Sunday

9.15am Morning Prayer, St Andrew, Abberton
9.15am Matins, St Andrew, Fingringhoe
10am All Age Worship, St Lawrence, Rowhedge

5th Sunday

10am Benefice joint service (e.g. Holy Communion, Songs of Praise, or other), hosted in turn by each of the three churches. The next in the cycle will be a Holy Communion on Sunday 30 October at St Andrew, Fingringhoe.

Any changes to the schedule will be posted on the church gate and village notice boards; the Fingringhoe village Facebook page and the Donyland Benefice pages for each church on www.achurchnearyou.com

Benefice Prayer Group: meetings are held fortnightly at 3pm on a Tuesday with Abberton, Fingringhoe, and Rowhedge churches hosting in turn. The latest sequence is: 6 September, Abberton; 20 September, Fingringhoe; 4 October, Rowhedge.

Malcolm Hawksby, Churchwarden
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