



## In Praise of Malcolm Hawksby



Malcolm Hawksby moved to Fingringhoe in 1994. Within two years he became a member of the St Andrew's Church parochial church council. Subsequently he became a churchwarden, a founding member of the Friends of St Andrew's Church and later Benefice Administrator for the three churches in Fingringhoe, Abberton and Rowhedge. I don't think it is possible to over-emphasise the good work Malcolm has done throughout the Benefice, but I know more about his service to St Andrew's Church so will focus on that.

2023 has been a difficult year for Malcolm and he has decided that it is time to resign from all his church-related functions. At a United Benefice service at St Andrew's on Sunday 30 July his 27 years of service were appropriately acknowledged and celebrated.

A churchwarden has broad responsibilities for care of both the fabric of the church and its users. Many will know Malcolm through his warm welcome to regular services, concerts or fundraising events. His leadership at Morning Prayer services has always been greatly appreciated. Many others will know him through the thoughtful advice and support he gave to families preparing for baptism, wedding or funeral services. Most will know of the improvement projects that he co-ordinated, including: major structural repairs, a new heating system, a new kitchen area, a toilet, new lighting and a much-improved sound system. These projects involved hundreds of hours' work, obtaining approval from the church authorities, raising financial support, coordinating design detail with the architect and facilitating the work of the contractors. In addition to these major projects he also made himself available for routine inspections of the church and ongoing maintenance.

Malcolm has always been generous with his time and talent, arriving before everyone else to set up the church and leaving last after clearing up and locking the church. He was frequently to be found doing cleaning work or mowing in the churchyard. Over time, and mostly by default, he also covered the roles of PCC secretary, treasurer,

deanery representative and gift aid officer. Clearly the workload was very heavy.

By nature, Malcolm does everything to a very high standard. He brings to bear a powerful mix of energy, intellect, charm and good humour, and he leaves St Andrew's church, its records and its systems, in much better condition than he found them.

Dear Malcolm, thank you for all that you have done for the church and the community. We wish you a long and happy retirement. We hope that you will continue to worship with us from time to time. And if we are really fortunate you might again lead one of your ever-popular Morning Prayer services.

**John Newton**

One of Malcolm's many tasks as churchwarden was to read the draft of each *News & Views*, an official responsibility to check its suitability for publication by the PCC. Unofficially, he was an ace proof-reader, spotting any typos that had eluded the Editor's scrutiny, and he never had to be reminded about printing deadlines. Thank you, Malcolm.

**Lyn Rodley**

## Change of warden for St Andrew's

When the annual meeting of St Andrew's Parochial Church Council was held at the end of May, members were told of my intention to stand down as churchwarden for Fingringhoe, and administrator for the three churches of our benefice, posts I had held since 2004. How, then, to fill the vacancy for churchwarden, a key office in the church's governing body? Our good fortune was Sheena Taylor's volunteering to stand. She was duly elected by the PCC and later sworn-in by Colchester Archdeacon Ruth Patten on 3 July. (With my departure, the unique, non-PCC role of benefice administrator, created by the late Revd Rhys Martin when he took up his incumbency, is now defunct).

As he closed the annual meeting, Revd Terry Walker said he'd like to give all three parishes the opportunity of acknowledging my time as administrator and suggested the next benefice joint service of Holy Communion, to be hosted by Fingringhoe church on 31 July. 'Absolutely, not, no fuss, please,' I insisted, adding for good measure (and only half in jest) 'I won't turn up.'

Well, my pleas fell on deaf ears. When I stepped into church on Sunday 31 July I found, to my embarrassment, preparations had been made in secret for an after-service 'send-off' with wine, cakes, tributes and gifts. (Think 'surprise!' birthday party).

To be the object of so much kindness, praise and generosity from the many wonderful friends and well-wishers who had gathered from Abberton, Fingringhoe and Rowhedge was a truly humbling experience. Overwhelmed, I failed to express my appreciation



adequately – or even coherently – at the time. Let me now make amends by offering everyone, 'conspirators' and contributors alike, my sincerest, heart-felt appreciation for the tributes, cards and gifts that made the day so special and memorable. Two permanent reminders to be treasured are the beautiful hand-painted Greek Orthodox icons presented to me – one (so aptly chosen) of St Andrew, the other 'The Old Testament Trinity'. Both are now proudly and prominently displayed at home.

While retirement from all my PCC posts releases me to travel new paths at this late stage in life, it isn't intended to signal an end to my associations with the communities of St Andrew's, or Abberton or Rowhedge churches. I've always believed old men should know when the time is right to stand aside and make way for others. Quite simply, that time has come for me. I leave with treasured memories of a fulfilling chapter in my life and the hope of rewarding new challenges and opportunities in the future.

God bless you all, **Malcolm**

## From Fingringhoe Historical Recorders' Archive

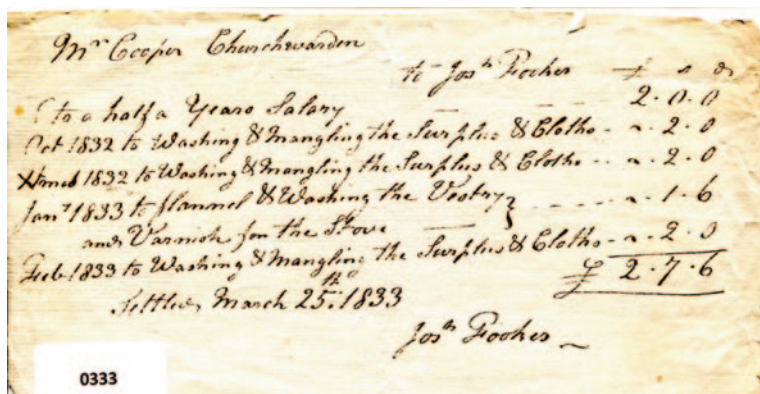
Item 0333 of the Archive is one of several records of the activities of churchwardens of the past. In this case, Mr Cooper, churchwarden in 1833, authorises payment of two pounds, seven shillings and sixpence to Joseph Fookes. This recipient belonged to the family of blacksmiths which served the village for many generations. He evidently had regular employment in the church, receiving £2 as half a year's salary. He was also paid for washing the 'surplus' (surplice – the white linen garment worn by priests) and (altar) cloths, a task that was apparently done every two months.

'Mangling' the laundry refers to the device some of us can still remember, used to squeeze the water out of the washing in the days before spin driers were available.



A 19th-Ct mangle

Lyn Rodley



Mr Cooper Churchwarden		
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and Varnish for the Stove		2 . 0
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## Update from the Parish Council

**Play area** We have now applied for a grant and can claim some £106 funds towards replacement of the cradle swings and possibly the Daisy slide. Unfortunately, grant funding is a slow process and, together with lead times for new equipment, this is unlikely to be updated for several months. We are pleased to report that the goal posts have been repainted between the many spring and summer showers.

**King's Coronation** To commemorate this event, the Parish Council donated a plaque to the school with the names of all the pupils, staff and councillors. This was presented by Councillor Ian Chamberlain in a school assembly before the end of term and was very well received by staff and pupils. We hope the school can keep the plaque to commemorate the coronation for years to come.



**Sand works verges** We have been looking into the ownership of these verges as there is often wild camping in these areas and unfortunately the visitors leave all sorts of unpleasant waste. We are still deciding which solution would be the best for that area.

**20's Plenty for Us** Further to the survey results which showed that many residents of Fingringhoe have an appetite for a reduced speed limit around the village, we will now raise a formal petition in support of the proposal, signed by residents. Once the final wording has been agreed, the petitions will be available around the village for signature.

**Noise pollution** An outdoor event earlier in the season caused upset and disturbance to some residents. The Parish Council were in contact with Colchester City Council (CCC) after the event and have been advised that any future noise disturbances should be reported to the Colchester City Council Environmental Protection Team, via their website [www.colchester.gov.uk/environmental-protection](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/environmental-protection)

**Road signs/works** If you spot anything new that needs to be reported, you can use the ECC reporting tool on their website [www.essexhighways.org/tell-us](http://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us) Please also copy the clerk in to [fingringhoeparishc@outlook.com](mailto:fingringhoeparishc@outlook.com)

**Fly tipping** Please report any instances of fly tipping to Colchester City Council via their website [www.colchester.gov.uk/better-colchester/fly-tipping](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/better-colchester/fly-tipping) If you cannot make an online submission, you can call the CCC general customer services line on 01206 282222 or email [customerservices@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@colchester.gov.uk)

**Garden waste collections 2024** From January 2024, there will be charges for collecting garden waste. The last free collection will be in the week commencing 18 December 2023. This is an 'opt in' service and you can still take your garden waste free of charge to the recycling centres (remember to book a slot); you can also share your garden waste bins (and costs) with your neighbours. The costs from January 2024 will be £30 for each wheelie bin (you can have up to four) and, from April 2024, £55 for the collections plus a £10 sign-up charge, so the first year will cost £95. [www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/2024-garden-waste-collection/](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/2024-garden-waste-collection/)

**Former councillor and chairman** The Parish Council were saddened to learn that former councillor and chairman of Fingringhoe Parish Council, Emily Bourne, passed away in May. The Council held a minute's silence as a mark of respect at the beginning of the meeting in June.

**Council meetings and information** 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 noticeboard a few days before each meeting.

**The Website** is regularly updated with information about the village. If you would like something added, please let the clerk know. Agendas and minutes of the meetings are also published on the website.

### Other Council information

The website address is [www.fingringhoepc.org.uk/](http://www.fingringhoepc.org.uk/)  
The email address is [fingringhoeparishc@outlook.com](mailto:fingringhoeparishc@outlook.com)



We have been so happy to see so many **pollinator pledge** leaflets displayed around the village in support of our campaign for insects. Every household within Fingringhoe received a pledge leaflet with a few simple choices on how everyone



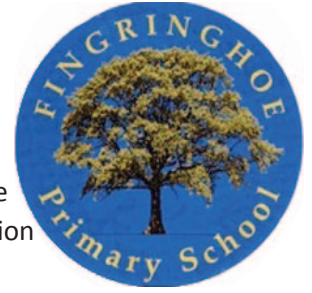
could help our pollinating insects. Its a sad fact that our insects are decreasing year after year, so being able to offer a little help village-wide has meant a lot! We would love to hear from those of you who displayed leaflets about any changes you made. You are then welcome to take the pledge notice down. The Fingringhoe Green Group will continue to work towards helping our pollinators within the village and we would always welcome any suggestions.



On 2 July the Green Group helped out at the Wick's first Reuse and Recycle Fair, along with Jan from the Rowhedge recyclers. We were among other groups and stalls there on the day and offered recycling collection and advice on those hard to recycle bits and pieces. It was great that some people had saved items and brought them to us on the day – so they didn't have to go into the dreaded mountains of rubbish that is landfill. It was a fun day and we were delighted to be included. For more information or if you would like to help us make a difference and join the green group- please do get in touch, we are a friendly bunch and have achieved great things so far.

[fingringhoegreengroup@gmail.com](mailto:fingringhoegreengroup@gmail.com)

## Welcoming pupils back to Fingringhoe Primary School for an exciting new year!



As the summer holidays draw to an end, the staff at Fingringhoe are abuzz with excitement in anticipation of the upcoming academic year.

We are thrilled to welcome back our pupils – each classroom has been refreshed, ready for the new term. The teachers have prepared an array of captivating topics, hoping to ignite curiosity and spark young imaginations.

I am very pleased to be returning to school this September following my period of maternity leave – I have certainly missed the children and staff whilst I have been away! It will be lovely to see how they have all been getting on.

We are all very much looking forward to a fresh start, eager to guide our young learners on a journey of discovery and growth throughout the coming term. We look forward to working with all of our families this year.

With very best wishes,

**Mrs H Coyle, Headteacher**



Wivenhoe's  
volunteer-run  
community  
cinema

Just across the river, Moving Image shows high-quality contemporary films from the English speaking and other countries, as soon as possible after their release on DVD; we also show the occasional family film.

This happens on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, in the William Loveless Hall, Wivenhoe, using an excellent large screen. You can join our mailing list by writing to [info@movingimage.org.uk](mailto:info@movingimage.org.uk)

You may also like to take out membership of Moving Image at £12 annually, bringing a reduced ticket price of £5 (you make savings if you attend six showings out of the 20+ offered each year). You are welcome to attend showings as a non-member for £7 per ticket. All payments are taken by card, not cash.

Films in the current season, beginning on September 5

*What's Love Got To Do With it? The Fablemans*

*Are you there God, it's me, Margaret*

*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry The Blue Caftan*

*Mad about the boy – The Noel Coward story*

*Blue Jean The Lost King*

Visit our website for more information:

[www.movingimage.org.uk](http://www.movingimage.org.uk)

# Geedon Gallery

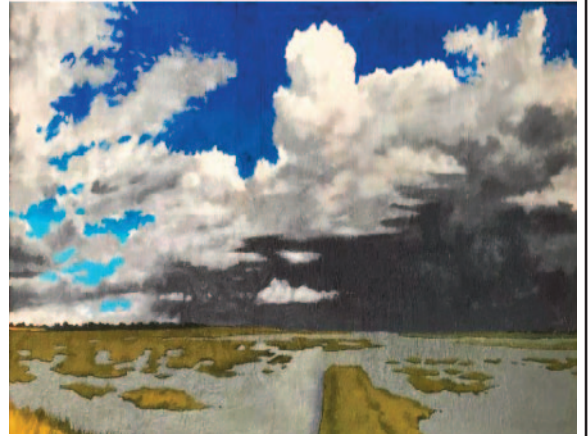
## ARTISTS OF TODAY & TOMORROW

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**07708 403292**  
[www.lioncornercommunityshop.co.uk](http://www.lioncornercommunityshop.co.uk)

## Yoga with Linds

Every Thursday night during term time:  
6:30-7:30pm and 7:45-9pm  
at Fingringhoe Village Hall  
Breathing exercises, mobility, relaxation  
in a hatha yoga style

Please do get in touch for more information:  
07974005441 or [lindsravenemrich@gmail.com](mailto:lindsravenemrich@gmail.com)

## Passenger Information

### Bus Network Consultation 2023

**Essex County Council (ECC)** is reviewing its support of **162 local bus services**. We want your help to ensure that our future bus network is ready to meet new levels of passenger demand and is providing value for money. **ECC** is therefore conducting this public consultation regarding these services.

The consultation will commence on **13 July 2023** and close on **05 October 2023**.

Please scan the **QR Code** below to complete the consultation.



Or visit <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/2023>

If you have any queries, then please contact us on: Essex County Council  
– 0345 603 7631



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**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.

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## News from St Andrew's Church

As you will all have heard or read by now, here at St Andrew's Fingringhoe we have had some changes. Malcom Hawksby, our much-loved churchwarden for at least 15 years, has retired and Sheena Taylor has been appointed as our new churchwarden. Thank you Malcolm for all your hard work and service to our community and our Lord.

Change is happening all around us, change is nothing new, life brings change, especially new life. Our lives change as we become responsible for new life, as we let them know they are loved, so when they make their own way in life they know they have someone who loves them and who they can turn to when they make a wrong turning in life, as we have done. The best we can do, no matter whether rich or poor, is to love one another.

**Revd Terry**

Monthly schedules of Benefice services like those shown here are also available online at the Donyland Benefice pages of:

[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

Any changes to the schedules will be posted on that website and also on the church gate and village notice boards and the Fingringhoe village Facebook page.

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact Curate-in-Charge, Revd Terry Walker: 07375 305460

[merseaisland100@gmail.com](mailto:merseaisland100@gmail.com)

### Would you consider joining the Friends of St Andrew's Church?



We are a charity, on a non-religious basis, set up to help maintain, repair and improve the fabric of our lovely medieval church, for the

benefit of our community and visitors. We put on fundraising activities about twice a year, and our funds also grow through members' subscriptions (£20 individual or £30 family annually). We would like to welcome new members, so please contact me if you would like to join us, or would like further information:

**Mark Jones, Chair**

01206 729360 [markdjones10@hotmail.com](mailto:markdjones10@hotmail.com)

### Sunday services September & October at St Andrew, Abberton, St Andrew, Fingringhoe and St Lawrence, Rowhedge

3 Sept	9.15	Holy Communion, Abberton
	10.00	Matins, <i>Lay-led*</i> , Fingringhoe
	11.00	Holy Communion, Rowhedge
10 Sept	9.15	Holy Communion, Fingringhoe
	11.00	Holy Communion, Rowhedge
	18.00	Taizé, Abberton, ALL WELCOME
17 Sept	9.15	Holy Communion, Fingringhoe
	11.00	Holy Communion, Abberton
	11.00	Service of the Word, <i>Lay-led*</i> Rowhedge
24 Sept	9.15	Morning Prayer, <i>Lay-led*</i> Abberton
	11.00	Holy Communion with Baptism, Fingringhoe
	11.00	Morning Prayer, <i>Lay-led*</i> Rowhedge
1 Oct	9.15	Holy Communion, Abberton
	10.00	Matins, <i>Lay-led*</i> Fingringhoe
	11.00	Holy Communion, Rowhedge
	13.00	Harvest Lunch at Rowhedge, ALL WELCOME
8 Oct	9.15	Holy Communion, Fingringhoe
	11.00	Holy Communion, Rowhedge
	18.00	Taizé, Abberton, ALL WELCOME
15 Oct	9.15	Holy Communion, Fingringhoe
	11.00	Holy Communion, Abberton
	11.00	Morning Prayer, <i>Lay-led*</i> Rowhedge
22 Oct	9.15	Morning Prayer, <i>Lay-led*</i> Abberton
	10.15	Café Church ( <i>tea, coffee from 10.00</i> ) Fingringhoe
	10.30	All Age Service with Mariners, Rowhedge
29 Oct	11.00	Holy Communion Benefice, Rowhedge
	16.00	All Soul's Service, Abberton

*Lay-led\* Service chosen by the leader – it could be Matins, Morning Praer, Service of the Word. Please note that Fingringhoe Lay-led services have changed to 10.00 for a two-month period, agreed by the PCC.*

### Wednesday services at St Lawrence, Rowhedge starting at 10.00

6 September & 4 October	Holy Communion	Revd Terry
13 September & 11 October	Holy Communion	Revd Terry
20 September & 18 October	Holy Communion	Revd Paul Bowtell
27 September & 25 October	Service of the Word	<i>Lay-led*</i>



**Butterfly Seekers**  
*Species to look out for this summer*

Find out more 

 Small white	 Red admiral	 Speckled wood	 Ringlet
 Peacock	 Small tortoiseshell	 Comma	 Small skipper
 Gatekeeper	 Common blue	 Meadow brown	 Large white

Butterflies play a vital role in our ecosystem. They offer pollination and pest control services, act as food sources for birds and help to brighten our days with their wonderful colour! A 2022 report from Butterfly Conservation concluded that butterflies have declined by 80% in distribution or abundance since the 1970s. To help combat the decline we have launched a campaign called **Butterfly Seekers**, which has a month to go. Until 30 September we are encouraging everyone to go butterfly seeking and share your sightings with us – through an App. Your data will contribute towards creating a county-wide map of butterfly observations, showing what species are found where, allowing us to create specific

conservation and management strategies. For details: [www.essexwt.org.uk/get-involved/campaign/butterfly-seekers](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/get-involved/campaign/butterfly-seekers)  
If plants are more your thing, we are also recording wildflowers in the Essex Bioblitz until the end of September: [www.essexwt.org.uk/get-involved/campaign/essex-bioblitz](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/get-involved/campaign/essex-bioblitz)

We have had some lovely kids' activities over the summer holidays and will look forward to spooky Halloween fun in October Half Term – events will soon be bookable on the website, keep your eyes peeled!

We are starting a free monthly Knit & Knatter group at 13.30–15.30 on the second Saturday of the month, starting on 9 September. Join our friendly and helpful volunteers for an afternoon of knitting and nattering! We can teach you if you want to learn, help you with your knotty knitting problems or just come and sit with us and we'll knit and natter together! Bring your own project to work on or we'll work on a project together. We plan: September – basic dishcloth; October – pumpkin; November – Christmas decorations.

And sign up for our Wader ID afternoon at 13.30 – 16.30 on 14 September (£15) to get up to speed for our returning overwintering birds on the estuary.

Verity Hales, Site Manager



Diane Butcher, Wetlands area, Fingringhoe Wick

## Fingringhoe Photography Competition and Calendar

Thank you to all who submitted entries, and to those who voted to decide which photographs will go into the 2024 Fingringhoe Calendar. The Calendar will be on sale at the Post Office shortly before Christmas.

## 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!

# ROMAN RIVER FESTIVAL '23

26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER  
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**At St Andrew's Church, Fingringhoe,  
Saturday 30 September, at 7.30pm**

The Roman River Festival will have an evening of music that explores the remarkable contributions of female composers to chamber music. Mezzo-soprano Marta Fontanals-Simmons, harpist Olivia Jageurs, and flautist Chloe Vincent will perform a diverse programme with compositions from Clara Schumann to Rosy Wertheim.

# ? Quiz Night

at Fingringhoe Village Hall

Join us for a fun quiz, raffle and sociable evening  
– bring your own drinks and nibbles –



7.30pm



on Friday 27 October 2023



**tickets in advance £5**  
or on the door at £6



tickets from the Fingringhoe Post Office  
(at Church Green, opposite the church)  
10am-1pm Monday & Friday, 1-4pm Wednesday)  
or phone: 01206 729 360



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## A note from your editor:

The new bus timetable, with a 174 or 175 every hour during the day, makes it much easier to visit Colchester by public transport, instead of using a car that has to be parked in increasingly full and expensive car parks.



**The more we use this service, the more likely it is to be maintained – so please get on the bus!**



Please send contributions for the next *News & Views* to Lyn Rodley (editor) **no later than 18 November 2023**  
to: [lynrodley@btinternet.com](mailto:lynrodley@btinternet.com) or hard copy to Lord Nelson House, Ferry Road, Fingringhoe CO5 7BX