JUNE 2022

FordhamTimes

New Editor

We are sorry for the delay this month!

Our previous editor **Brian Jones** has retired and we thank him for getting the Parish Magazine back up and running in 2019.

The Parish Council will be responsible for the editing of the Fordham Times for the remainder of the year. The magazine will be available electronically on the website, Facebook and e-newsletter.

To get a copy of the magazine direct to your email, scan the QR code below:





this issue With a Royal Theme Queens Platinum Jubilee P.2,3,15 Fordham Parish Council P.4,7,10,16 Essex County Council P.9,10

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 4th & 5th June 2022

Invitation Tree Planting Ceremony Sunday 5th June 2022 at 2pm Fordham Recreation Ground





For The Platinum Jubilee 2029

The Parish Council, Village Hall and All Saints Church have worked together to arrange a Queens Platinum Jubilee party this weekend and you can see more details on pages 2-3



MAGAZINE CONTENT Please send your submissions to the Editor by email: fordhamtimes@fordham-pc.gov.uk

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Live music ~ Stalls ~ Entertainment ~ Games ~ Hog roast ~ Bar * All profits to * Essex Air Ambulance * Royal British Legion & other local charities *

Sunday 5th June 2pm Tree Planting

on the Recreation Ground near the BMX track.

The Council will be planting an English Oak tree for Her Majesty the Queen for the Platinum Jubilee. Please join Councillors on the rec by the BMX track on at 2pm. Did you know about the two events over the four day bank holiday weekend:



Saturday 4th June 10am to 4pm

Village party at the John Owen Barn.

Bring a picnic, blanket and chair, a bag of 20p's to play traditional 'English Fete style games', enjoy entertainment from Colne Endeavour Band and The Bows 'n' Belles, have a wander round the variety of vehicles and purchase goods from the Local Craft Stalls, Hog Roast and Bar.

A great day planned with something for everyone.

Everyone welcome and Free entry to both



Special thanks to Cllrs Dave and Cheryl Chapman for managing the organisation of the event and all volunteers Who have helped along the way



Queens Platinum Jubilee Saturday 4th June 2022

Children's Challenge Design a Crown Fit for a Queen

As part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations there will be a crown making challenge.

Design and make a crown, which must be able to be worn, out of materials/fabrics of your choice.

Bring your Crown to the Jubilee event between 10am to 2pm.

Judging at 2.00pm Prizes presented at 2.30pm



Note: All entries must be able to be worn and be clearly marked with name and age group Three age groups: Reception and Year 1 Years 2 - 4

Years 5 - 6

Queens Platinum Jubilee Saturday 4th June 2022

Supporting Local Charities

The Parish Council will be donating ALL money made on the day to the following Charities:

- Essex Air Ambulance
- The Royal British Legion
- St Helena Hospice (via Crockery Smash)
- Colne Endeavour band (Donation bucket)
- Village Hall Charity (Tombola)









Chairman's Blog

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless but because they're priceless." Sherry Anderson

This edition of the Fordham Times is the first publication by our new volunteer editor, Kathryn Cameron our Parish Clerk. I therefore thought that I would highlight the importance 'volunteerism' as the theme of this month's edition 'chairman's blog'

It was with both sadness and concern that when I read an article by the Fordham Ladies Group in the March 2022 edition it finished by stating because of the low attendance levels '..... It is therefore with great regret that the Committee have decided not to continue with the group.'

I attended the AGM of the Village Hall Committee on 22 March 2022, I was the only member of the public in attendance. The Committee do an excellent job for the Fordham village community, but they struggle with support and volunteers.

I wrote to our Community Speedwatch Team Coordinator on 29 March 2022 and enquired as to what support could the PC provide to assist the vital service they provide to every member of this community and I was advised in reply, 'As far as material assistance we are well supported already thank youI guess the only thing we could flag up would be to have a few more volunteers.....'

Fordham In Bloom is another organisation within our community which has suffered from an absence of volunteers over the years thereby reducing their ability to look after our village green and open spaces.

Many will be aware that on 4 June 2022 we will be holding a terrific village Queens Platinum event on the fields next to the John Owen Barn. This event is going to need a substantial number of volunteers to assist on the day. Since before January 2022 we have been advertising for volunteers but to date, we have not received enough expressions of interest.

The bottom line is that if we as a community do not support our local groups by volunteering a few hours of our time then the service that we enjoy and dare I say, "sometimes take for granted" could be a 'thing of the past.' If you are able to volunteer to assist in any way then please get in touch with either myself or the Parish Clerk on Clerk@fordham-pc.gov.uk and we will forward your details to the local organisation that you wish to support.

Cllr George Branagh

Essex Book Festival comes to Essex Libraries

Throughout the month of June, we will be hosting thirteen author events for the Essex Book Festival at our libraries. We're very excited to welcome a mixture of new and familiar authors, such as Lindsey Davis, Julia Jones and Samuel Fisher.

We are also bringing back our everpopular Essex Authors Day. This is a great opportunity for aspiring and established writers to learn, improve their skills, share knowledge and experiences - and discover something new! Pick up writing tips and inspiration from a wide range of workshops led by experienced authors, editors and publishers; join in with or listen to our popular Writers' Slam or wander the Book Fair for networking opportunities. Entry to the event, Book Fair and Writers' slam is free. Microphone slam and workshop places must be booked in advance. There's no charge to participate in the Writers' Slam but tickets for the workshops cost £6 per person.

As well as events for adults, this year we have an amazing programme of events for our Family Fun Day on Saturday 18 June.

For more information and to book, please visit the full list of our author events, or visit the Essex Book Festival website."

https://essexbookfestival.org.uk/





FORDHAM HISTORY SOCIETY



Essex in the Napoleonic Wars Henry Johnstone & Joseph Pudney Fordham Waterloo Veterans

> Wendy Shepherd Tuesday 21st June 2022

> > 7.30p.m. Fordham Village Hall £3.00 on door

Contact wendyshepherd9@gmail.com 01206 617020





Fordham History Society

Following a very sunny Easter break, members met up on the 17th May where Sarah Doig talked about the subject of village signs. Sarah was a new speaker to us, but she had recently done a talk to Colchester Archaeological Group about Basil Brown, the archaeologist who discovered the Sutton Hoo burial.

Talking of archaeology, CAG and members of FLHS have been backfilling the site in readiness for the opening up of Phase 3 where one of the aims is to locate the original grave cuts from 1984, as these were not officially recorded in terms of location. Lots of work to be done over the next year and this will include seeking funds for writing up Phase 2. If you are interested in the dig and would like to participate in a more practical way, please contact Michael Hamilton-Macy who is the CAG chairman and also a Fordham History Society member email: <u>Mikehmacy@live.co.uk</u>. Michael will also be at The Queen's Jubilee celebrations on 4th June at the John Owen Barn representing the History Society where he will have more information about the dig and the archaeology of Fordham.

It was on June 18th 1815 that **The Battle of Waterloo** was fought between Napoleon's French Army and a coalition led by the Duke of Wellington and Marshal Blücher. This decisive battle concluded a war that had raged for 23 years, and it ended French attempts to dominate Europe, and destroyed Napoleon's imperial power forever. I will be giving a potted account of the Battle of Waterloo but with a focus on how the Napoleonic wars affected Essex and the surrounding villages close to Fordham. Henry Johnstone who lived in the village of Fordham after the war was a Waterloo veteran; he will be included in the talk alongside Joseph Pudney who lived in Stanway; but born in Fordham.

Wendy Shepherd

Parish Council commendations

This is the first year that our Parish Council have officially recognised and commended an individual or a group for special recognition. At our Parish Council meeting in January 2022, it was unanimously agreed by the Councillors that we would award two Parish Council Commendations to the following.



Councillor Lewis Barber

"Fordham Parish Council in recognition of his outstanding commitment and sustained determination thus ensuring that the village Traffic Calming concerns, have been taken forward and recognised within the appropriate Highways Departments as requiring attention. Your unrelenting efforts and your financial support have resulted in both the procurement of technical aides and substantial investment by the Essex Local Highways Panel"

Mr David Haynes & Fordham Speedwatch Team

"In recognition of the stalwart service provided to the whole of the Fordham Village Community by ensuring that there is a reduction of the average speed on our Roads, and by so doing not only do you educate drivers but also and importantly the Fordham Speedwatch Team under your direction, reduce the casualties on our Village Roads in both numbers and severity and in consequence the Speedwatch Team improves the lives of the village community through Road Safety".

"Fordham Parish Council commend you in recognition for your single handed community spirit and continuing labour to ensure that the overgrown cemetery paths and grave markers at the north eastern corner of Fordham All Saints Church cemetery are now accessible to the community and clear of invading vegetation". * Sadly Mr Yaghmour could not attend to receive his award due to a prior engagement

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in"

Spring Garden Security Advice Part 2 <u>– Sheds, Garages and Objects</u>

We spoke last month about garden security now we will look at sheds, garages, and objects within them. As mentioned before controlling access is your first line of defence and you may consider using good old gravel on paths and drives or round statues etc as an audible warning and/or a "Driveway Alert Monitor" (can be found by internet search). Sensitively and effectively placed lighting and CCTV may be considered to help protect outbuildings, ornaments, and statues but CCTV and lighting should not be your only thoughts on security. Don't forget motion activated lighting may also be triggered by animals and shrubs moving in the wind.

> Dear Dog Walkers, "Be sweet, pick up the heap, that your dog leaves behind."

Should your dog be taken short whilst out for its walk, then please consider others, remove their waste from any path, verge or walkway; where others may not notice and end up with poo on their shoe!

THANKYOU,

It is unhelpful, unnecessary,

This causes the spread of germs, infections for animals and humans alike,

Your dog, your job, CLEAN IT UP,

put it in the BIN provided!



Shed and outbuilding security: If you are installing a new shed try and find a place in view of the house and neighbours. The padlock hasp fittings of a shed should be coach-bolted to the frame and door, strengthen the fitting area with a metal plate inside and out; don't forget the hinges ensure they cannot be unscrewed. Cheap locks and padlocks are a poor investment; use good quality locks, look for a "Close Shackle" padlock or a key operated mortice lock to at least "Sold Secure" Silver or Gold standard. Protect windows with a wire mesh and fit a curtain or whitewash the windows to prevent prying eyes. NB some of this advice can apply to aviaries, kennels, barns, and other buildings of similar nature.

Garden Security Advice Contd...

On garage doors consider adding locking bolts to both sides of an "up and over door" or a garage door defender in the ground in front of the door. Don't forget the other doors and windows in the garage and secure them as you would in a house. LOCKS ARE A WASTE OF TIME IF YOU DO NOT LOCK THEM.

When storing larger items like motorcycles, cycles, lawn mowers etc consider a fixing set/ground anchor into the concrete floor, a heavy chain and again a good quality padlock to secure it. If the chain or lock is lying across the floor it could provide a surface for it to be smashed against so, try and keep it tightly secured. Consider a shed alarm if you do not have one, there are shed alarms available that contact you on the phone when activated such as www.uwatch.co.uk .





Products that are fit for purpose can found by looking for the "Secured by Design" or "Sold Secure" logos, or on their websites <u>www.securedbydesign.com</u> or www.soldsecure.com.

Tips for Statues, ornaments, and pots:

- Drill and secure with quality chain/padlock larger pots and ornaments to a secure surface.
 - Consider a Plant Anchors for valuable plants and pots.
 - Make the plant pot heavier with a layer of gravel at the bottom.
 - Some planters/pots can be marked/post-coded /etched carefully with a small Hobbyist drill or an indelible pen can work sometimes on the base.
- Hanging baskets can be secured with chains or cable ties BUT there is a danger the offender may simply wrench from the fixing point making even greater damage.

- Where possible position statues, ornaments etc in view of the house and neighbours.
- Photograph more
 unusual ornaments with
 a scale rule included.
 Where possible ensure
 statues and ornaments
 are in view of a house
 and have good lighting.
 Consider using a
 property marking
 product
- To ensure good provenance only buy plants, ornaments and architectural material from reputable sources and report any suspicions to Police/Trading Standards.

For further garden security advice see the following webpages:

www.essex.police.uk/cp/crim e-prevention/ www.securedbydesign.com www.soldsecure.com <u>www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profil</u> <u>e?pid=606</u>



Introducing our new Councillor

Helen Branagh



I was born in Bedford. Married to George for over 47 years. We have moved around England and settled in Fordham 3 years ago. I love the village and the outdoor space. We have two dogs. One called Finn(labradoodle) and a withdrawn Guide Dog called Quince.

I worked in the NHS for 37 vears as a nurse and now volunteer at St Helena shop at Peartree Road. Also love swimming (but not cold water) too much of a coward. With all the lovely countryside around us I just love walking around the village and surrounding area. I joined the parish council to see if I could help with the village community and help to improve the village community benefits.

Helen will be a member of the Personnel Committee and is planning to arrange litter picks for the village throughout the year.



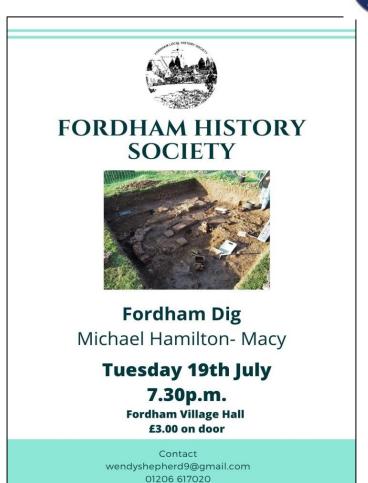
STROLL WITH A PATROL

Come and join your local officers on patrol in YOUR area and discuss issues within the area and show us area's that you feel are unsafe of make you feel nervous walking through. We hope to welcome partner organisations to walk with us so we can discuss making you feel safer in your community

We will be meeting in Fordham at The Three Horseshoes PH at 6pm on

Tuesday 19th July







Cllr Lewis Barber

Since my last update, I continue to work on the communities' priorities with Cllr Laws and the Parish Council.

I appreciate this is a difficult time for many households with the rising cost of living. That is why Essex County Council has support structures in place to assist with any households struggling, as well as investing in tackling some of the underlying causes of hardship in our communities. If you do need assistance, please do get in touch on the email above.

You will also likely be aware of National Grid's proposals for overground pylons across East Anglia. Although it is necessary for us to invest in our energy infrastructure to deliver greener, cheaper and more secure energy, I do not think the current proposals are appropriate. Offshore infrastructure is possible and I will be campaigning for this to minimize the impact of upgrades on our local environment.

I am pleased we are making progress on tackling road safety and other Highways issues. It is great to see the new village gateways installed to help promote safer speeds upon entering the village. I have also secured £17,000 from the Local Highways Panel for various road safety measures outside Fordham All Saints Church of England primary school, including a 20 mph zone and wig wags (lights). There will also be some refreshed road markings, vegetation trimmed and the signs tidied up and simplified. A design will be drawn up for consultation before, all being well, implementation. Secondly, the councillor in charge of highways has given his support for

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improved pedestrian infrastructure, such as a crossing, outside of the primary school. Investigations will now continue on how best to do so. I am pleased to see this application progress.

Thirdly, I am pleased to confirm that Fordham Parish Council, Wormingford Parish Council and Aldham Parish Council have placed an order for a speed indicator device to rotate around the three parishes. I contributed £4,200 from my locality budget to the three parishes to assist in buying this and they have put a lot of work in to get to this point. It has been more complex than we expected. The application to Highways for the licence to install on the public highway has been submitted and we are awaiting approval of the sites now. This will regularly rotate around the villages.

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Cllr Lewis Barber Continued

Fourthly, Highways are completing surveys of Fossetts Lane, Chappel Road and Rams Farm Road to see if they are eligible to be quiet lanes. I know my borough colleague Cllr Laws is particularly supportive of this idea and we will share an update as we receive it. This will not only help promote safer road speeds but also assist in the management of HGVs which we are looking to achieve.

I am pleased that Ponders Roads road is being, and once this article will have been published has been, repaired 11th-13th May. This is welcome investment. However, please also be aware that there is a planned road closure on Fiddlers Hill in Eight Ash Green from 22nd July to 31st August due to the installation of a new sewage connection for the new development in Eight Ash Green. This will of course be disruptive so I am working with Highways to see if we can change this to traffic light control.

I also appreciate the frustration that can occur when other Highways issues, including flooding, are not dealt with as quickly as we like. That is why at our recent budget meeting I voted for an additional financial contribution to Highways to assist and to ensure rural Highways get a fair deal. We only have a finite budget but please do let me know of any issues and I will do my best to secure the money for repairs/action. There is also a Property Flood Resilience Grant for up to £8,000 per property that the County Council provides to help address flooding problems.

On rural crime, I am pleased to see that the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst is consulting on a rural crime strategy. I will be working to ensure the views of the communities I represent are fed into this and I'd welcome any views you have on rural crime. Roger has been hosting public workshops on the strategy and I have requested for a session to be held in the area. There will be a 'stroll with a patrol' session organised between the local authority and police on 19th July at 6pm outside the Three Horseshoes, where the police and council will do

a walk around with the community to discuss issues we all care about.

ECC is currently working on its next stage of its new bus strategy. Myself and ECC more widely is committed to the promotion of sustainable transport and improvements in rural bus services. Please do let me know any views you have and I will ensure the Councillor in charge of bus services is aware.

Throughout the month, we send out local information to our email newsletter. If you would like to subscribe, please do let me know.

Finally, the situation in Ukraine remains troubling and distressing. The support from the community has been inspiring to see in these difficult times. I am receiving regular updates on this issue and Essex County Council has a website with information on how you can help here: https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/essex-stands-with-ukraine-what-you-can-do-to-help

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Fun Facts About the Queen

- I have nine thrones; six at Buckingham Palace!
- In 1954, I became the first serving monarch to circumnavigate the globe on a six month round-the-world tour with my husband.
- I have 'sat' for my portrait to be painted over 130 times!
- I send telegrams to congratulate people who reach the age of 100.
- I was the first, and so far the only, female member of the Royal Family to serve in the armed forces.
- Corgis are my favourite dogs. I have owned more than 30 corgis during my reign.



Affordable Housing in Fordham



Proposed new build properties Rams Farm Road, Fordham

<u>OPEN MEETING</u> Monday 20th June 2022 'Drop in' anytime between 4.00pm – 6.30 pm At Fordham Village Hall, Church Road, CO6 3NL

If you would like further details following the event, please contact eastdev@hastoe.com Hastoe housing association has been working with Fordham Parish Council and is proposing to build a small affordable housing development in the village.

The affordable properties will be available for people with strong local connections with priority to be given to applicants from Fordham.

We will be displaying our current proposals with a view to seeking constructive comments. Application forms will be available to register your interest and staff will be on hand to answer any queries you may have.

Hope Explored

An informal and relaxed three-week course for anyone who wants to find hope, peace and purpose in life. Three summer evenings in the John Owen Barn. Sundays 12th, 19th & 26th June, 6.00 - 7.45pm.

WHAT'S THE BEST FUTURE YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE?

HOPE **EXPLORED**

There are few emotions more powerful that hope. It's a spark inside you that brings a smile to your lips, a light that shows on your face, a feeling that lifts your head and pulls you forward. Hope is what keeps us alive. These days hope can be difficult to come by. But real hope is what the Christian faith claims to offer: a joyful expectation for the future, based on true events in the past, which changes everything about your present. You won't need to know anything about the Bible, and you won't be asked to pray or to sing. You can ask any question you like, or just sit and listen. The course is free of charge and each participant will receive a complementary Hope Explored handbook. Please contact the church office to book your place or to find out more (details below).

Regular Activities in the John Owen Barn Sundays - All Saints Club for 4 - 16 year olds, 10.00am All Age Service (Second Sunday of the month), 10.00am

Tuesdays - Babies and Toddlers Group Tuesdays, 9.30-11.00am

Thursdays - The Friendship Group, 2.00pm (Monthly)

Fridays - Community Hub Refill Shop, Fresh Bakes & Cakes, Fruit & Veg, Local Meat & Pies, Fresh Seafood, Chutneys & Preserves, 10.00am – 1.00pm

Fridays - Community Hub Post Office, 11.45am - 13.45pm

Fridays - 421 Youth Group for 11-18 year olds, 7.30 - 9.00pm Please visit the church website or contact the church office for further details.

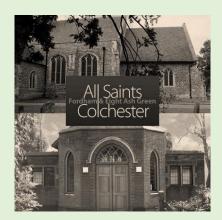
I look forward to seeing you over the jubilee weekend at the John Owen Barn on Saturday and the Church on Sunday. Please introduce yourself so that we can get to know one another.

Rev'd Francis Blight (Rector of Fordham & Eight Ash Green) <u>francis.blight@fordhamchurch.org.uk</u> 01206 243266

The Church office is open for telephone and email enquires Tuesday to Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm. <u>office@fordhamchurch.org.uk</u> 01206 243261 www.fordhamchurch.org.uk All Saints Church Fordham & John Owen Barn (CO6 3NL) Eight Ash Green Church (CO6 3HQ)



Jubilee Sunday 5th June 10am & 11.30am **Two Services of** Thanksgiving for our Queen's Lifetime of Service. Join us to celebrate the reign of queen Elizabeth at one of two church services. **10am at Fordham** Church 11.30am at Eight Ash **Green Church** Together we will celebrate her lifetime of service, both to Jesus Christ and to the four nations of the UK



All Saints Church Serving Fordham & Eight Ash Green

Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Fordham June 2022



Jubilee Saturday 4th June, 10am - 4pm Village Celebrations at the John Owen Barn and Field.

We are hosting the village jubilee celebration in the barn and one the adjoining field. We look forward to seeing you on the day. There will be a Hog Roast and bar, live music, stalls and games. This is a great opportunity for the village and church to connect together as we celebrate our faithful queen. All profits from the day will go to the Essex Air Ambulance, Royal Legion and other local charities. Our thanks go to the Parish council for all their hard work in organising the programme

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FEEDBACK

We want you to enjoy reading the village magazine. Let us know what you'd like to read about and we will see what we can do.

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