

# *Foulness Island*

*April 2019*

Easter-tide is with us once more at the end of this month. Easter recalls the death of Jesus by crucifixion on what we call Good Friday, and, more importantly, his resurrection on Easter Day. An event that was to change the course of history and the lives of millions of people since, it's probably fair to say that the Christian faith stands or falls by the events of that first Easter.

Many have asked the question, "Did Jesus really rise from the dead?" It is, after all, a reasonable question. Even Thomas, Doubting Thomas, questioned the other disciples' experience and remained doubtful until confronted by Jesus himself. The story is in John's Gospel, chapter 20, verse 24 onwards. Various arguments have been put forward, challenging the facts of Jesus' resurrection but they, rather than solve the mystery, have raised more problems in attempting to offer an alternative explanation.

Coming to terms with the truth of the resurrection is both challenging and life-changing, as it was for the disciples. We can no longer think of Jesus simply as an imaginative story-teller or moral teacher. The way he lived, the way he died, AND his resurrection should challenge us all as to the way we think about life and our death. In bringing Jesus back from the dead, God demonstrated the depth of his power, compassion and love for us and the truth of Jesus' life.

On Easter Day, along with Christians around the world, we gather together in our churches to celebrate our belief and faith in God through what he has made known to us in Jesus. The celebrations will begin with the words,

"Alleleuia, Christ is risen  
He is risen indeed, Alleleuia."

### **In Memoriam**

*In April  
we remember*

*John Abbott*

*Jim Dixon*

*Harold Hume*

*Gerald Key*

*Peter Shinn*

*Margaret Tillbrook*

*Gone but not forgotten*

### **Sunday Worship**

Our next gathering for Sunday Worship will be at 9am on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> when we shall mark Easter Day. You will be very welcome at this meeting. For further information please ring 217836.

### **Foulness Parish Council**

Due to the issue regarding the recording of meetings, the Parish Council continues to hold two separate meetings.

We are holding an informal meeting with QinetiQ, the DIO and the MOD which commences at 7.00pm on the night of Council meetings. This is for the Parish Councillors and the Parishioners of Foulness Island only.

### **QinetiQ Report**

*Early Start:* 20 March, 08:30 at DAT

*Illuminating Rounds:* 14 March, Q Battery – these are not distress flares.

*Havengore Bridge:* a reminder that the warning signals and sirens are currently not functioning so please take extra care on your approach to the bridge. Scheduled to be repaired by the end of March.

*Power Interruptions* – To be confirmed:

- 9 April between 08:00 and 10:00 – Courtend, Lodge Farm, Tree Farm
- 10 April between 08:00 and 14:00 - Churchend Village No.17 onwards, Churchend Village up to No.17, Churchfields, Rugwood Farm, Priestwood Farm
- 11 April between 08:00 - 14:00 - White City and The Chase

Interruptions are scheduled to last for 30 minutes providing no defects are found. Notices will be issued to affected households.

### *Weekend Road Works*

- 23 & 24th March – ETC Approach road
- 30th & 31st March Landwick to Hickman building, including the bus stop
- Large pot hole just before Havengore Bridge.

There will be full Traffic Management in place so there may be some minor delays experienced by tenants on these weekends.

Our thanks to Nicki Uden, Community Liaison Office and to Edwin Birch, Project Manager for this report.

### **Parish Council**

The Parish Council held its meeting on 13th March 2019 commencing at 7.15 pm.

County and District Councillor Mike Steptoe was in attendance.

The meeting approved the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2018.

Councillor Steptoe gave a report on County and District matters.

The meeting approved the bank reconciliation as at 31st December 2018 and the accounts

for the nine months to 31st December 2018. The meeting also approved the payment requests for the period December 2018 to March 2019 and noted the receipts during the period.

The meeting further approved the Asset Register as at 31st March 2019.

Finally, the meeting approved the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The meeting noted the guidance notes issued by Rochford District Council on the response to the Death of a member of the Royal Family.

There was nothing to report about the possible provision of a Post Office on the Island.

The Clerk reported on the letter he had received from James Duddridge regarding Parishioners' concerns about Havengore Bridge being stuck in an open position.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 10th April 2019 commencing at 7.15 pm. This will be preceded by an informal meeting with QinetiQ which will commence at 7.00 pm.



All documents presented to Council can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

Finally are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? Elections to the Parish Council will be held on May and, if you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk for an election pack and/or discussion of what this entails.

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### **Have things changed in 20 years?**

#### **Snippets from our magazine**

April 1999: Again there were complaints, but fresh ones, at the Parish Council meeting regarding the supply of electricity.

The Foulness Directory was prepared and available for giving to new residents. Although there is now a 'welcome pack' from other quarters, the Council-

prepared directory offered information on basic needs, even down to what day is dustbin day, or when clubs meet in the village hall.

Jill Blewett – remember her? – was moving away. She was looking to dispose of some furniture in exchange for a small donation to the church. A walnut tree she had been growing in a tub was planted and took well: it is still very fruitful today.

The quiz evening in aid of the Children's Society raised £168.

### **Foulness Conservation and Archaeological Society**

The Heritage Centre re-opens on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April for the first of this year's Open Days. If you have visitors for the weekend this could well be somewhere to bring them to see a little bit more of the island and learn about its past.

We shall be open from 12 till 4pm and if you are new to the island we shall be pleased to see you and get to know you.

If you feel you can offer us a little of your time we shall be equally pleased to see you – we can always find something for you to do!

We hope over the next few months to sort out and catalogue the many maps and documents we have been given over the years. If you would be interested in working on this, Bob can be found at the Heritage Centre most Fridays – you can find out what this would entail if you pop in and see him.

If you have had sight of “*Foulness – the years of change*” and suddenly something has popped into your head that wasn’t in the book – after all, memory works in mysterious ways – please do tell Denise what you’ve thought of. The book is now available as an eBook on Amazon and in that format additions and alterations can be made without too much trouble. To change the hard printed version we’ll have to wait till all copies are sold before we go for a second edition!

### Evening Echo

Have you ever wasted your time looking through the ‘small ads’ in the *Echo*? They are a constant joy.

Recently a “quite gentleman” spent some days advertising for a room in Leigh. Let’s hope he metamorphosed into a full gentleman.

Only this week an “oval child’s stool” was advertised. We can

forgive the missing apostrophe, but are unsure how a child can be oval. On the same day a “lovely cow hide rug” was for sale. Would it have been as good a bargain if the cow hadn’t been lovely?

Someone has been trying to sell for some weeks “ladies black leather *fir* top boots” – would they be more comfortable to wear if they were fur-topped?

And then there’s the perils of dictating your advert over the phone: there’s a “leaf blower slash sucker” for sale.

### Have you read ...

*Heavenly Constellations*

by Anne Dromeda

*Total Confusion*

by Kay Ottic

*Cosmetics to your door*

by A Vonn

*Gaslight and Hansom Cabs*

by Dick Ension

*Private Parts*

by Jenny Talls

*By the Skin of my Teeth*

by E Nammel

*Maths Without Numbers*

by Al Geebra

*My One and Only*

by U Neek

*It is a Record*

by Anna List

Thanks to Roy Eighteen for these

### Foulness Tide Times

April 2019

	AM		PM	
Sat 6	01.42	5.7	14.00	5.7
Sun 7	02.15	5.8	14.32	5.7
Sat 13	06.18	5.1	18.55	4.7
Sun 14	07.38	4.9	20.27	4.7
Sat 20	01.24	6.1	13.47	6.0
Sun 21	02.04	6.2	14.27	6.0
Sat 27	06.27	4.2	18.47	4.5
Sun 28	07.41	4.5	20.08	4.4

#### Have you tried ...

Lokanta  
127 Southend Road  
Rochford  
SS4 1HX  
01702 861 900  
[www.lokantaturkish.co.uk](http://www.lokantaturkish.co.uk)

This restaurant is situated in a former shop dealing in computers and software, in the parade between the Anne Boleyn and Warner's Bridge; seeing it in passing it had struck me as an odd sort of place to choose to site a restaurant, but having now been inside we are aware of the hard work that has gone into making a wonderful transformation from the former use.

They are open Tuesday to Friday, 17.30 to 22.00, and Saturdays and Sundays they open at 9am, and they serve an extensive range of breakfasts on those two days.

We chose to go mid-week, early in the evening, as we were four adults, a toddler and a carrycot. Having conquered the problem of parking – and it's no joy to find a place nearby – we were warmly greeted and seated comfortably without them turning a hair at the composition of our group. Having gone early it wasn't surprising that there were few customers, but by the time we left there were at least 30 diners, which is gratifying for a small restaurant on a lousy-weather-Wednesday.

Tuesday – Thursday they offer a 'weekday classics' menu, with one course at £7.99, 2 at £9.45 and three courses for £11.95. With what is on offer, you will certainly get more than a taste of Turkish cuisine, and current trends are catered for by the availability of a vegan casserole. It is always interesting to look for the similarities between Greek and Turkish cuisine (and the differences).

On Sundays there is a similar menu on offer at a slightly higher price; this does include the option



of a Sunday roast and is presumably very popular.

There is a sensible and separate drinks list, not just half a dozen items tacked onto the end of the food menu. There was a pleasant apple juice for the toddler, a decent beer for the male non-driver and Cypriot lemonade for the rest of us.

There is a list of 'starters, sides, small plates' with a range of hot and cold. Among them was hummus – this one came as smooth as silk and with no hint of garlic – as well as a seafood basket (with calamari, prawns and cod), a Middle-Eastern thin pizza, and calamari rings which the toddler enjoyed even if Mum didn't get much of a look in.

Then comes 'The Firepit' – a good range of various meats cooked on the grill, some served on skewers. There's a huge mixed grill, and a firepit sharer for 3-4 persons, a mixture of several of the grills, coming to the table at just under £60. The lamb adana disappeared, as did the chicken adana (both minced meat cooked on a skewer), the lamb cutlets on another plate came French-trimmed and were pronounced deliciously tender (and all disappeared bar the bones), and

the ali nazik was different and good: it was portions of minced lamb served on an aubergine puree with a tomato sauce and plentiful yoghurt. In addition to all the above, there's a fish and seafood section, and burgers and pasta on offer.

There is a takeaway menu which seems to offer most of the items on offer in the restaurant, and makes the firepit sharer much more attractive at £48.90! That just goes to show how much of a difference VAT makes to restaurant food.

There are various desserts on offer, two of which are of a distinctive Turkish origin, but by the time we'd eaten our two first courses we had no room for dessert, not even a portion of ice cream.

If you are familiar with Greek cuisine you will find many similarities between that and the Turkish/Mediterranean cuisine offered here, as we commented earlier, but I have to admit that there are some aspects of Turkish cuisine that I find far more filling than Greek. I shall need to be more aware of this next time, and I feel sure there will be a next time.

### **Mrs Elsa Kite**

We hear that our Land Agent, Mrs Elsa Kite, has gained promotion within Defence Infrastructure Organisation and soon will no longer be our 'go-to' person for this island.

As someone who was always willing to listen and who tried to do her best for us all within the constraints of finance she will be much missed.

Let us hope that her successor can build on her good work.

**And finally** ..... Two friends applied for jobs at the same firm and were called for interview.

The manager asked the first man to come in and said, "What would you be if you put a hand over one eye?"

The first man replied, "Half blind, sir."

"Well done", the manager replied. "Now what would you be if you put your other hand over your other eye as well?"

The man thought about and said "Totally blind, sir."

"Congratulations, you've got the job", the manager said.

On the way out, the first man said to his friend, "There will be two questions; the answers are 'half blind' and 'totally blind'."

So the second man goes into the office and the manager says, "I'm going to ask you two questions. If I cut off one of your ears, what would you be?"

Quick as a shot, the second man replied, "Half blind, sir".

The manager looked confused, but asked, "OK, but what if I cut off the other ear as well?"

"Totally blind, sir", came the reply.

The manager is astounded and asked "Why would that be?"

The second man replies, "Well, me hat would be over me eyes, sir".

*(I strongly suspect that the place where I found this joke was trying desperately not to be accused of using national stereotypes – Ed)*

*Items for publication. (an advert, an opinion, news, 'free to a good home') are always welcomed. For inclusion in the next newsletter, items should be with Denise at Hall Farm by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.*