

FRATING 2021 – Tendring District Local History Report

January – Easter - National lockdown #3 for Covid-19, with the local councils and food banks helping vulnerable people with supplies. Vaccination of OAPs had started. Many building projects were seriously delayed. All village meetings were via the internet. A new Parish directory for 330 homes was produced at a cost of £830 (last produced in 2017). Flooding in *Haggar's Lane*, *Bromley Lane* and *Holly Farm* led to landowners being asked to check drainage ditches and Anglia Water using tankers to take surplus water from the treatment plant.

January - *White Gates*, *Clacton Road* applied for a change of use to campsite, including conversion of an outbuilding to a shower and toilet block. A second agricultural reservoir at *Luffkins Farm* was also proposed and was opposed by the Parish Council.

March – The new Curate Rev Tim Solosy began work.

April – *St Mary Madgalene's*, Parish Church of Frating with Thorrington, reopened but people had to sit two metres apart, wear a mask, with no singing or refreshments. An ECC site visit to *Luffkins Farm* found that no aggregate had been removed from the site of the first agricultural reservoir for a year due to a lack of demand.

Crossways (Pallet Plus) sought planning permission for the erection of a warehouse extension, loading bay extension, HGV wash, service yard extension and ancillary works. Objections were raised and allegedly cars damaged by HGVs in the following months. In November, the Assistant Director of Planning for Tendring DC opposed the development due to the narrowness of Frating road for HGVs. On December 7th, Tendring DC Planning Committee voted to defer permission for the extension for six months; with the need to look for temporary changes and a potential long-term move to more suitable premises.

May – Parish Council meetings started again in person with the AGM. Two new councillors co-opted.

June – Death of Mike Brown, the Parish Recorder and former Parish Council Chairman.

June 21st - Reopening of the War Memorial Hall.

July – People started moving into the 67 new houses of the *Penny Fields* estate. *Moreham's Farm* sought permission to change agricultural buildings to five residences. *Kings' Arms* reopened.

July 28th – August 2021 - *Church Road* closed for high speed broadband to be fitted.

August 8th - Refreshments start again in church, but only individually wrapped biscuits can be used.

September – Monthly coffee mornings re-commence in *St Mary Madgalene's*. Parish Council agree to purchase pads and a battery for the defibrillator. Permission given for *Fieldfare*, *Bromley Road* to continue to use a swimming pool for commercial purposes.

October – No longer have to wear a mask in church all the time when sitting down. Mr Neil Naphine received permission for seventy additional parking spaces at the *New Gospel Hall*, *Colchester Road* (between ASGB and Bentley Brook.) *Hockley Place*, *Rectory Road* applied for a change of use to include a meditation studio.

29th Baxter Storey - Penguin Random House, a canteen at Penguin Random House, Colchester Road, Frating scored 5/5 for Hygiene.

31st combined Benefice Service at *St Mary Magdalene* followed by Brunch at the *Kings' Arms*, *Frating* for over fifty people.

December 7th - a car skidded on ice and went across the *level crossing in Frating Abbey Farm Road* where it was hit by a train. This led to six fire appliances attending and the closure of the railway between Alresford and Great Bentley. The driver abandoned their vehicle before the locomotive hit.

The outbreak of the Omicron variant led to masks being worn again and advise to *work from home*. Midnight Mass Services were cancelled across the Benefice after the Rector and his family were all tested positive.

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