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“Well done Hockley for pulling together to help each other through this crisis and to our wonderful NHS. We sincerely hope that every one of you stays safe.”

Covid-19: What we are doing and how you can help. We take the health and safety of all our residents, members and staff seriously and following government restrictions the decision was taken to suspend council meetings and close the Office and Old Fire Station. All planned public events are postponed until further notice. The services the council provides will continue for as long as possible and the Parish Clerk or Councillors can still be contacted by telephone or email if you have concerns. We are monitoring the situation closely as Government advice changes. Public health experts have been giving out lots of advice to try to stop the spread of the virus to help keep us all safe and links to the latest NHS information can be found on the Parish Council website. You can download this Newsletter and other information from our website for residents not on line.

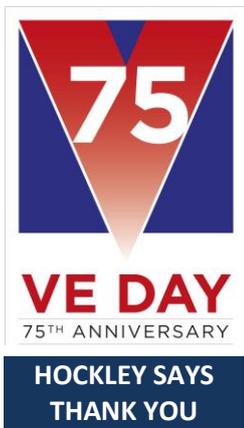


Coronavirus - Be a Good Neighbour

If you are concerned about your neighbour or if you need help yourself please call Hockley Parish Council 01702 207707 or Rochford District Council 01702 546366 or if necessary, the Emergency Services on 111.

Say Hello. Don't forget to ask:

- Have they got their medicine?
- Are they able to get essentials?
- Know the signs



VE Day 9th May 2020 Due to the impact of Covid-19 the planned activities and exhibition have been put on hold until later in the year. The Parish Council would still like to decorate the village centre with bunting and provide posters on our website for you to download and display in the windows of your homes in Hockley to say “Thank You” on VE Day.

Discover 2020 A group of needle workers from around the District, including Hockley Village WI, Hockley & Hawkwell WI and Hockley Parish Council, have taken part in creating a series of tapestries which will be on display during the Festival when a new date is announced.



ST PETER & ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH



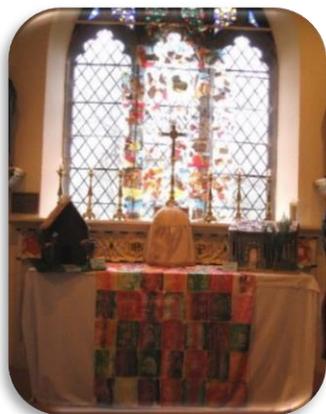
800 years – and the story continues

Hockley’s lovely church of Ss Peter and Paul, Hockley, was packed on Sunday, 16th February, 2020, for a service of blessing and thanksgiving held to launch a yearlong programme of events to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the church’s rebuilding in 1220. Parish Councillors mingled

with the guests who included HM Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst; Mark Francoise, MP; Cllr Robin Dray, Chairman of Rochford District Council, Dr Colin Wood, Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, Mr Richard Morgan and representatives from the community of Hockley. Clergy included the Fr Ken Havey, Priest in Charge, Hockley; the Rev Stephanie Stroebel, Associate Priest, Hockley; The Venerable Mike Lodge, Archdeacon of Southend, Colin Burwell, Bishop’s Chaplain. The celebrant was the Right Rev Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford. During the service children lit an 800th celebration candle; a

smaller version of which was presented to Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst and Bishop

Stephen. Candles were also given to representative children from local junior schools who had contributed in the making of a ‘stained glass window’, altar frontal and models of the church showing how it could have looked pre 1220 and after its reconstruction. After the service an 800th birthday cake was cut by Bishop Stephen.



MARYLANDS NATURE RESERVE People often ask why there are no bluebells to be found on

the nature reserve and that is because it is what is known as ‘secondary woodland’. That is woodland that has grown up on previously cleared land, unlike Hockley Hall and Gusted Hall woods which are ‘primary woodland’ having never been cultivated. Sadly last year one of the very ancient oak trees on the bank of the brook was blown down in the wind. Our rangers and contractor saw this as an opportunity to add to the diversity to the nature reserve and with the aid of chain saws cut out a quirky woodland seat.

Residents are reminded that the nature reserve is, as its name implies, a reserve for nature. We would therefore ask dog walkers to remember the need to protect wildlife and to please keep their dogs on a lead. Also, to make sure that they clear up after their pets not only on the pathways but in the wooded areas and meadows. **To report dog fouling problems please call Rochford District Council Customer Services on 01702 318111, or visit: www.rochford.gov.uk/streetscene**



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