

**TOPIC: Attack on farms & rural distress in 19th Century Essex
by Jef Page**

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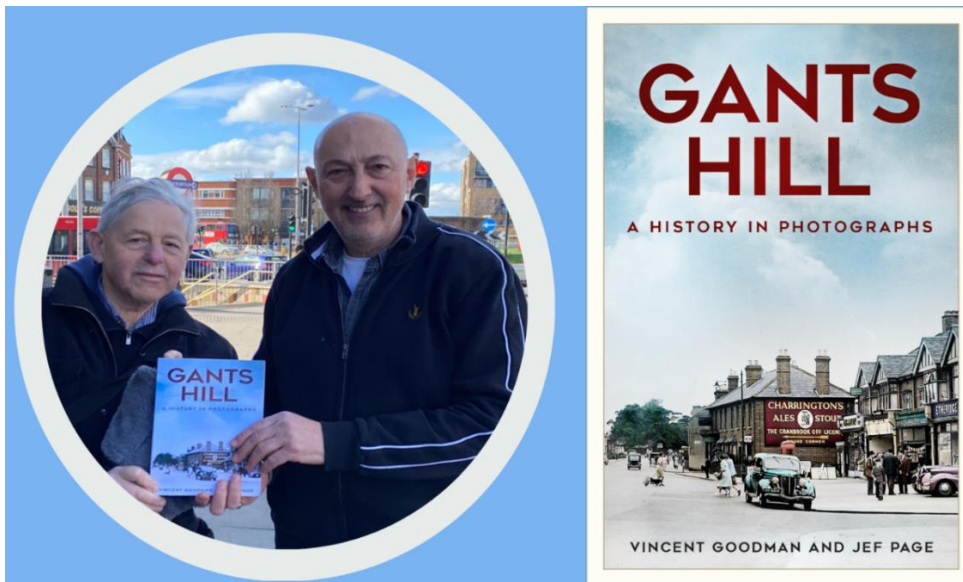
AT: Trinity Methodist Church, Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, CM1 2XB

Resume of talk:-

The talk is based on the booklet "*Men of Bad Character*" which concerns the arson attacks in Witham in 1828. Details are also included from "*Horrid Lights*" which deals also with later arson attacks in Essex (both pamphlets were published by the Essex Record Office). The lecture will also include points about Captain Swing.

Background:-

Jef worked in the National Gallery for nearly 25 years and before that in the British Library and British Museum. He is an experienced freelance lecturer for over 40 years on a variety of topics including art history, National, London and Essex. He is President of the Ilford Historical Society, Chairman of the Ilford Chess Club and a qualified BCF chess coach of children and adults. In 2023, he co-authored a photographic history of Gants Hill. Further information can be obtained on jefpage.weebly.com



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