

Farewell to Bishop John and Lydia from Rochford Deanery – July 2009

(to the tune of “I am the very model of a modern Major General”)

There’s Rayleigh, Rawreth, Rochford , there’s Ashingdon and Paglesham
Dividing up the deanery purse the treasurers might haggle some
Canewdon, Hockley, Hawkwell, both Great and Little Wakering
And out of all the deanery we are the ones who’re made to sing
We’ve bridges here a plenty commencing with South Fambridge
And going on to Hullbridge and ending up with Great Stambridge
We also have a prison formerly entitled Bullwood Hall
So we thought in retirement you and Lydia should have a ball.



We are the very model of an ancient Essex Deanery
From Rettendon to Foulness we are blessed with super scenery
We have Sutton, we have Shopland and last but not least Barling
We know that Giftaid helps us out all thanks to Mr Darling
We know how much a Bishop’s life is filled with exploits daring!
We know how much a Bishop’s wife is kind and good and caring
The Deanery would like to wish you now much fun and laughter
And remember with affection ‘til we meet in the hereafter!