



Christmas Table Arrangement Workshop



The Friday before Christmas we welcomed back Diana Barnes for her seventh Christmas Workshop. This year Diana demonstrated three designs in the morning – a tall design suitable for a unit/table, a low design for the dining table and a tied design also suitable for the dining table. The tied design was a little trickier to make but it dispenses with the need to use oasis. Oasis in its present form is not environmentally friendly but the manufacturers are working on improving its composition to make it more biodegradable.

The day started with a cup of tea followed by the demonstrations in the morning. We then had a light lunch before creating our own table arrangements. It was a very sociable and fun day with Christmas music provided by Elaine's husband Alan and we all went home with a beautiful arrangement to adorn our tables.

Many thanks go to Alan for the music and Sandra and Maggy for their invaluable help in collecting our lunch from Marks and Spencer, making tea, setting out the buffet lunch and doing the raffle. Diana always raffles some of her arrangements and gives the money to her chosen Charity. We will probably make a Wreath, Swag or Garland at the 2020 Workshop which means we can have the workshop early in December. I look forward to the next Workshop.

Joan Smith

Carpet Bowls Club

After a short break over Christmas the Carpet Bowls Club are back playing and have already played a League game. Three members entered the Essex Singles Competition at Braintree in January. John and Martyn successfully progressed to the Finals which will be played in March. Well done! Internal competitions are continuing and everyone enjoys playing for practice and fun on Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons.

Our Christmas Social was very successful. The evening began with the usual bowls competition which this year was won by Malcolm and John. Supper of jacket potatoes with toppings, salads and desserts followed. There was a prize for everyone in the raffle and the evening ended with carol singing. On New Year's Eve thirteen members gathered at the hall to see the New Year in. Gordon organised a fun game of bowls which was won by himself and Yvonne. Supper was then enjoyed, followed by a game of target bowls which was won by John. Before we knew it, it was almost midnight. We joined hands in a circle and at the sound of Big Ben the singing of Auld Lang Syne could be heard coming from the hall! A really good evening was had by all. The next social events are a Hatters Tea Party in

February and Ten Pin Bowling in March. At the time of writing four members are looking forward to a weekend playing bowls at Potters Leisure Resort.

Come and join us for a game of Carpet Bowls, a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit, lots of social events with a very friendly group of people. We meet at Chignal St. James Village Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm to 10.00pm and/or Thursday afternoons 2.00pm to 4.30pm (except the 1st Thursday of the month when we will play League matches in the evening). For more details contact Gordon Hillyear 01245 231406 or Yvonne Towns 01245 440189 or just turn up, we would love to see you.



Kemi Badenoch MP

holds regular advice surgeries offering help and support for local residents.

If you would like to contact Kemi, you can email kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk or call 0207 219 1943



HELLO EVERYONE, WE NOW HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE CHIGNALS & MASHBURY VILLAGES

Thanks to the Chignals & Mashbury Community Group we now have a facebook page up and running for the villages. We have some wonderful organisations and charities in the villages so let's spread the word and use the **Chignals & Mashbury Community Page** as a safe area to share any relevant information such as local events, fundraisers, concerns or items of interest.

Residents can access the community page by visiting www.facebook.com then entering **Chignals & Mashbury Community Page** in the search box.

Please note this is a private group.

Chignal Parish Council

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Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Chignal Parish Council held at the Chignal & Mashbury Village Hall, on Monday 13th January 2020.

2019/092 Chairman's Welcome

VE Celebrations on Sat 9th May – Event at 2pm in the Orchard (Blessing of a tree). 3pm to Village Hall (Hand bell ringing and Street party). Friday 8th May – Event at St Nicholas Church at 7pm with Bell Ringing and Community Singing. Sunday 10th May, potentially an event at Chignal Chapel. Tarmac – Area Z – restoration delayed to end of March due to the weather.

Chairperson Cllr Ballard

Councillors Nelson, Feltwell, Towns. Elwick, and Lewis

2019/093 Apologies for Absence

None.

2019/094 Register of Declarations of Interests and any requests for dispensation

Cllr Feltwell and Cllr Ballard item 2019/101– Croquet Club.

Cllr Towns 2019/101 - Village Hall

2019/095 Public Open Session

6 Members of the public present

Additional Plastic Recycling Bags will no longer be available from the Village Hall and Dog waste bags will no longer be issued by the City Council.

Three Elms Public House - The fabric of the building is already starting to deteriorate.

Good Friday 11am – Chelmsford 10k through the Chignals.

2019/096 Planning Applications

1. Current applications

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Status</u>
18/00001/MAS	Land North of Warren House Roxwell Road Writtle Chelmsford Essex	Pending Consideration
19/00659/S73	Riceen Chignal Road Chignal Smealy Chelmsford Essex CM1 4SY	Application Permitted
19/01934/REM	Land South West Of 213 Chignal Road Chelmsford	Pending Consideration

2. Persimmon Homes development updates

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Several dwellings are now occupied (6 or 7). The Haul road is being used as access because the new road is not available due to the BT poles that need to be removed.

40 Chignal Welcome/Information booklets have been given to Persimmon Sales office to hand out to the new homeowners.

91 New properties in Chignal Parish once the development is complete.

Landscaping may be delayed this year due to the new road not being completed.

Footpath link to Copperfield Road is in place but may not cover all dwellings.

3. Essex Highways Consultation TRAF/7178 - The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Broomfield/Chignal) (Combined Speed Limit) Order 20**. The Essex County Council (Woodhall Hill & Hollow Lane, Broomfield/Chignal) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 20**

Resolution:

Background

The Chignal Villages Design Statement (VDS), 2009 takes account of the planned residential development North of Copperfield Road in the North Chelmsford Area Action Plan. This new housing area, comprising Little Hollows and Copperfield Place, is served by Hollow Lane and the new access road which links to Chignal Road. The VDS provides guidance on highways issues which are relevant to the proposed new speed limits and plans to prohibit motor vehicles on sections of Hollow Lane.

Combined Speed Limit

The VDS, page 6 noted that on Chignal Road, Chignal Smealey, "speeding traffic remains a problem, but any measures taken should be appropriate for the rural context". The Chignal Parish Plan, 2016 also registered residents' concerns about speeding traffic, particularly along Chignal Road. The Plan includes a priority to "retain the character of our rural lanes and ensure that they are used appropriately and maintained in a safe condition".

Based on evidence from annual traffic counts carried out by Essex Highways, the Parish Council has on several occasions raised concerns about the detrimental environmental and social impact of increased numbers of vehicles at peak times using Chignal Road, specifically in our opposition to proposals for growth in north and west Chelmsford in the Local Plan and in comments on the change of priority at the proposed new Hollow Lane junction with Chignal Road/Woodhall Hill.

There are several highways issues that have been reported over the years by parishioners living along the section of Chignal Road from the junctions with Breeds Road and Copperfield Road:

*large year on year increases in volume of traffic especially at peak times, leading to problems for residents when pulling out of their drives, maintaining their roadside hedges and walking along the road because of the narrow, damaged or non-existent verges;

*perceived speeding by vehicles within the 40mph section;

*calls from residents in the 40mph area to have the speed reduced to 30mph which has not been supported by Highways and the Police as there is not continuous housing either side of the road.

In response to these problems experienced by residents living along Chignal Road/Woodhall Hill, the Parish Council made an application to the Local Highways Panel in 2018 for village entrance gates and speed recording devices.

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The Parish Council has no objections to the other proposed speed limit changes affecting Hollow Lane and the new housing estate roads on a related matter, the VDS wishes to avoid clutter of road signs and encourages the removal of unnecessary or redundant signs and their poles. Any signs should be harmonious to the rural character. Specifically, the VDS, page 19 recommends that, “the Highways Authority is encouraged to give consideration to reducing the number and visual impact of road signs at the junction of Hollow Lane and Chignal Road”.

Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

The Parish Council supports the proposed prohibition orders in Schedule 1: Woodhall Hill (Western Section), Chignal, from its junction with Chignal Road/Hollow Lane north east for approximately 20 metres; and, Hollow Lane (Existing), Chignal, from its junction with Chignal Road/Hollow Lane, south east then north east for a total distance of approximately 20 metres and from a point approximately 90.3 metres east of its junction with the eastern kerb-line of The Larthings, east to its junction with Clover Drive.

With regard to Schedule 2, the Parish Council agrees that an increase in traffic from the new housing developments on Hollow Lane to its northern section which joins School Lane/Patching Hall Lane would cause further grass verge damage, increased maintenance requirements and a potential increased risk of collisions. Residents of Little Hollows have reported that since the temporary closure over the last few months, this rural section of Hollow Lane has attracted many more walkers and cyclists and for this reason would wish to support permanent closure to motor vehicles.

Closing Hollow Lane to through traffic will increase pressure on Copperfield Road as this is the alternate route. It is also likely that this will add to the increasingly amount of traffic that uses Chignal Road through to Little Waltham. It is accepted that there is no easy solution to this problem as Broomfield has congestion problems which will get worse when the proposed new housing developments are completed.

As mentioned above, the Parish Council continues to voice its residents' concerns about the volume of peak traffic using Chignal Road and Breeds Road and has sought the support of the Local Highways Panel to reduce speed.

If Hollow Lane is to be closed to through traffic, priority should be given to these works and other appropriate traffic calming measures along the rural section of Chignal Road.

2019/097 County and City Councillors' Reports

- a. Essex County Councillor Report Army & Navy replacement still to be agreed. Hollow Lane closure. Chelmsford Plan. Website Planned before March Closure of Essex Net the Essex Record office is a great facility and has several events planned.
- b. Chelmsford City Councillor Report Apologies. Request for meeting with Head of Planning Policy about Chelmsford Local Plan and new Development Management still pending. Local Plan Modifications – expecting Inspector's decision shortly. Plastic bag issues to be reduced. Shortage of 3 and 4 bed houses.

Confirmation of the Monthly Minutes of 11th November 2019

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Resolution: Minutes confirmed

2019/098 Representatives' Reports: to note

- A) Playing Field Hedge has been cut.
- B) Village Hall Liaison Fete 1st Saturday in June. Steady

Bookings. New Clock.

- C) Newsletter Including Website Redesign of the Newsletter with templates. Request software up to £50
Resolution Software expenditure up to £100.

- D) Community Safety Burglary in the last two weeks. Agenda for the Community Meeting.

- E) Highways (to include Hedges) Nothing to report. Water running down the road rather than the

gully's or drains.

- F) Footpaths/Bridleways Nothing to report

G) Tree Warden Registered our Interest in planting more trees at Copperfield road. Gardening Express donated Daffodils and Tulips that the Parish Council - planted around the Village Hall, The Orchard and the Green at Little Hollows.

2019/099 Finance:

Account Balances:

Cheque Account	£	4,485.22
Saving Account	£	48,111.46

Income (in figures above)

Cheque Account	£	23.98 Interest
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Total £ 52,596.68

Breakdown within the Bank Account:

Orchard Account	£	896.17
CIL Monies	£	27,569.63

To approve Cheques to be signed and issued:

Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value	Budget Classification
100880	Chignal Village Hall	£90.00	Council Meeting Hall Hire
100881	Essex Pension Fund	£120.61	Clerks Salary

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100882	HMRC	£23.40	Clerks Salary
100883	Clerk wages & expenses	£128.11	Clerks Salary
100884	Grant to Chignal Village Hall	£1733.00	CIL
100885	Transcape	£8112.00	CIL
100886	Chelmsford DBF	£186.07	Newsletter
100887	Essex Pension Fund	£120.61	Clerks Salary
100888	Taylor's Agricultural	£180.00	Playing Field
100889	HMRC	£23.40	Clerks Salary
100890	Clerk wages & expenses	£102.98	Clerks Salary
100891	RCCE	£52.80	EALC/RCCE
100892	Chignal Village Hall	£346.67	CIL
100893	S. Middleditch - Hardfile	£99.99	IT & WEB

Total Payments £11,319.64

2019/100 Playing Field Improvements: final recommendations on work to improve the croquet playing surface, purchase of a mower to maintain the courts, installation of a gazebo and new football goal posts.

Concerns on the ongoing maintenance of the surface. The Constitution of the club. Set of accounts. Management plan. Croquet club should cut around the edges of the court that will be hard for the Parish Council contractor to cut. Ongoing maintenance of a mower to facilitate the cutting of the new surface.

The Gazebo would remain the responsibility of the Parish Council along with the Goal Post.

Resolution: Agree in Principle for the Improvements.

2019/101 Requests for CIL expenditure:

1. Shed for the Village Hall.
 'Storage Building' to replace the current wooden shed. Parish Council may need some storage. With CIL money available a more permanent unit would be required.
 3m x 3.5m. What Size would the Parish Council need?
 How much of a grant can be made available?

Resolution: Working Group – Cllr Elwick and Towns

2. Playing Field
 - a. Gazebo for the Playing Field £10,519 + VAT

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Resolution: Approved to proceed

b. Football Goal Posts £500.00

Resolution: Approved in Principle

3. Croquet Club

a. Croquet Court Improvements £5,161.85

Oak posts in lieu of softwood £60.00

Providing a longer height barrier £100.00

Resolution: A formal Club must be constituted. A grounds maintenance programme must be enforced.

Resolution: In principle the funding is approved.

b. Sit on Mower for Croquet Courts £4,000

Resolution: Decline this request for funding

Resolution Alternative Unit should be sought

4. Conservation - Wildlife Audit £400.00

Resolution: Approved up to £400

5. Village Hall Cil Request – Oversight – Vat to be agreed and paid at £346.67

Resolution: Approved

2019/102 Request for Grant Funding:

1. Community Committee Meetings – Hall / Committee room hire. £120.00

Budget £350

Spent £0

Resolution: Approved

2019/103 Update on VE Celebrations.

2019/104 Review and sign the bank reconciliation – The Clerk

2019/105 Update on the Options for a new Parish website to replace the Essex.Net website

Look at the e-voice .org site and pass information from Great Waltham to Cllr Nelson.

2019/106 Publication of an updated Chignal Information Booklet

This has been issued.

2019/107 Update on the Additional Cheque signatories.

Bank mandate to be presented to Barclays.

2019/108 Update on Online payments – standing orders for Pension, Salary and Paye

Defer until item above closed.

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2019/109 Discuss the date and theme for the community event: Improving Community Security

25th April 2020.

2019/110 EALC Training for Cllr Lewis at Great Dunmow

Next Dates Wed 18th March 2020 and Tuesday 10th March 2020 – cost £190 plus VAT
Training Budget £200 not used this Financial Year

Resolution: *Clerk to book Cllr Lewis on to the courses.*

2019/111 Should the Parish Council draft a policy for all overhead wires to be put underground.

Resolution *Approved – Clerk to Draft and issue*

2019/112 Should the Parish Council renew its membership of RCCE at the cost of £52.80 per annum – overdue renewal (1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020).

Resolution *Approved for payment*

2019/113 ANPR Cameras

Project brief on community safety and ANPR cameras circulated previously to members. Use as basis for article in Feb edition of Chignal News on community safety and the Community Meeting on 25th April.

2019/114 Items for next Agenda, 9th March at 7pm

Litter Pick 14th March 2020

Community Meeting Agenda

Update on VE Events

Annual Parish Meeting 9th March, 8pm

Discuss the status of the Three Elms

Meeting close 22.07

Will Adshead-Grant

Clerk to the Council

“FRIENDS OF THE CHIGNALS WITH MASHBURY”

Do you have an occasion when you need a helping hand?

If so, we can offer for example:

Assistance with Light Shopping

Help With Attending Appointments (Doctor, Dentist, Vets etc.)

Prescription Collection / Library Book Returns etc.

Help With Seeking Advice or Filling In Forms etc.

Companionship / Someone to Talk to

Light Domestic Duties etc., etc.

We realise that you may already have a kindly relative, friend or neighbour helping you in some way. However, on the odd occasion, there may be times that they are unable to be there for you. If so, please contact us between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on one of the following telephone numbers:

01245 440241 - (Helen), 01245 443497 – (Sarah),

07798 922219 - (Julia), 07856 951245 – (Maggie),

01245 440880 – Lynn),

01245 440339 – (Joan), 01245 440528 – (Barbara)

We will call you back as soon as possible to discuss your individual needs. Please leave your name and telephone number if we do not answer your call immediately.

Note: Please keep this notice handy as it might be useful one day.

**CHIGNALS & MASHBURY VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 24th February 2020 at 7.30pm
at The Village Hall, Mashbury Rd,
Chignal St James CM1 4TS
ALL WELCOME**

Wine Discovery

The wine group dressed up for their Christmas dinner in the village hall on Saturday 14 December and twenty-five or so of us enjoyed a delicious 3 course meal and some excellent wines taken from our stock.

To kick off 2020, Norman took the helm for our January meeting with a blind tasting. We had to try to determine the grape variety, country and price bracket of 3 white and 3 red wines which were covered in brown paper. Norman claimed that he had made this difficult task easier this time around as he had chosen one single white grape variety and one single red one. In theory, perhaps, but the wines were all so different that some of us managed to get the wrong grape and lost multiple points in one hit! More tasting practice obviously required...

At the end of another vibrant year for the wine group, we would all like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Norman and Joan for everything they do to plan and organise our convivial and informative evenings.

Sue Davies



VILLAGE HALL FETE 6TH JUNE 2020

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HELP US TO ORGANISE AND SET UP THE FETE THIS YEAR.

CAN YOU HELP US TO SET UP MARQUEES AND TABLES ON THURSDAY 4TH AND FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2020 FROM 10 O' CLOCK ONWARDS, OR TO BREAK DOWN, PACK AND CLEAR UP AFTER THE FETE ON SATURDAY 6TH JUNE FROM 4PM?

WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP - JUST ONE EXTRA PAIR OF HANDS FOR I HOUR MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR WORKLOAD.

VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO BE WELCOME TO HELP DURING THE EVENT.

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR ARENA EVENTS OR STALLS PLEASE LET US KNOW.

IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT NORMAN SMITH on 01245 440339 or: normansmith880@btinternet.com

THANK YOU.

CHIGNALS & MASHBURY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Community Photos - Table Arrangement Workshop



Community Photos - Crib Service 24/12/2019



Community Photos - Crib Service 24/12/2019



Chignal Community Meeting

**Saturday 25th April 2020, 10 – 12.30.
Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall**

Community Safety will be the main topic for discussion at this year's Chignal Community Meeting on 25th April.

During this informal session, there'll be an opportunity to learn how to use the defibrillator that has been installed in the Village Hall car park and we shall invite your views on issues such as fly-tipping, litter, road incidents, thefts from homes and businesses, hare coursing and anti-social behaviour and most importantly, how we could work together to tackle these problems as a community.

The Chignal Parish Plan, published in 2016, identified 8 key priorities: we'll present a brief progress report on how all of these have been delivered and will then focus specifically on actions to promote community safety.

Priority 5. Community Safety.

We need to improve communication in the community about criminal activity and provide information about what to do in emergency situations.

Objective 17

To ensure that residents are well informed about their own security by promoting better communication of crime prevention and reporting methods and emergency planning procedures.

Key Task

Facilitate public debate on whether to resurrect The Chignals Neighbourhood Watch and encourage volunteers to manage the service for local residents.

Given the lack of volunteers coming forward to manage a conventional Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Chignal, the Parish Council has been investigating other means of monitoring and reporting criminal behaviour, such as the installation of ANPR, (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) cameras.

ANPR cameras are increasingly common and are widely used by the Police and Private and Public Car Parks. They normally record continuously, saving a still image displaying the number plate. In daytime the vehicle is clearly visible but at night apart from the clear number plate, only an outline of the vehicle can be seen. All footage is stamped with the time and

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date. The digital output of the camera is recorded by a Network Video Recorder (NVR). This may be a single channel unit close to each camera or a multi-channel unit which could be remote from the cameras. The NVR's are connected to the Internet and the recording or live feed can be viewed by any PC, tablet or phone with the required software and access credentials. The recorded footage is automatically overwritten after a pre-defined time and would not normally be accessed and viewed unless either an incident occurs or a vehicle on a watch list is identified.

To find out more about the possible use of these cameras and other ideas for improving our safety, please make a note in your diaries to join us on 25th April. We shall start at 10.00 and will be finished by 12.30, with coffee and cake at half-time!

For more information about the Community Meeting, please contact Lynn Ballard by email: lynn_ballard@btinternet.com or by phone: 01245 440880.

Save the Date

Saturday Sept 19th 8pm St Nicholas Church

Bat Walk, in conjunction with Bats in Churches and The Essex Bat Group.

More details to follow.



ODD JOBS WANTED !

I am raising funds for my World Challenge trip to Borneo and Malaysia in 2021, organised through my school. To help raise some money I am looking for some jobs around the garden for example log stacking, weeding, clearing and painting etc. All money raised will go to helping local communities and wildlife in the two countries.

Contact annamcd@mail.com for more details. Thank you, William Nuttall



Women's Institute

Our Social afternoon on the 2nd. January proved to be very popular with our members who brought along an interesting assortment of crafts and games.

In February our thoughts turn to springtime in the garden with our speaker from Abercorn Garden Centre.

Our meeting on the 5th. of March promises to be amusing with a talk on "Saucy Postcards".

On April 2nd. we have a long awaited visit from Eve Regelous and her talk "Everything stops for tea" which I'm sure everyone will enjoy.

If any of these talks appeal to you, please come along, visitors are always welcome. We meet at 2pm for a 2-30 start.

Wendy Steele.

North Melbourne Library

Open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00- 5:00pm.

Visit www.essex.gov.uk/libraries for any information or phone 03330 132682

North Melbourne Library has a wide range of books to loan, DVD's, spoken word, reference titles, and photocopier. Connect to the internet on our 5 Public Network computers with use of a scanner and printing facilities or use our Wi-Fi enabling you to connect with your own laptop, tablet or smart phone.

Community Tea



Come and join our group for a friendly and sociable chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Once a month on a Saturday at 2pm.

1st February, and 29th February 28th March

We continue to have 6 to 8 ladies who regularly join us for their monthly get together.

Community Led Scrabble, North Melbourne Library



Every Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Please drop in for a fun game of Scrabble.

Rhyme Time & Community Led Stay & Play



Every Friday Morning

11.00 -11.30 – Rhyme Time

11.30 – 12.00 – Stay & Play

For our younger customers we deliver a Rhyme Time for age 5 and under and their carers. Come along and join in with popular rhymes, songs and stories. This is then followed by a friendly chat and toys available for everyone.

Block Builders Construction Club



Alternating Saturday Mornings

10.00 -11.30

January 25th, February 8th, February 22nd.

Get creative at our monthly club with our selection of building blocks.

Fun for all children and parents too. Refreshments provided.

North Melbourne Library continued

Adult Craft & Knitting Club

Get creative and join in the fun twice a month.

Tuesday– 10.30 – 11.30

4th February 18th February 3rd
March

For further dates contact the
library please.



Come and join our friendly group for a morning of creativity. Have some time to yourself to work on your projects in a social environment. Bring any crafts you have from home such as knitting, crochet, sewing, card-making etc.

Forthcoming events.

We have a **Love Your Library Day** on Saturday 15th February, 10.00-12.30

Play games and practice programming with OZOBOTS!

ALSO

Come and join the fun at our **“CAT & DOG”, CRAFT AND FUN MORNING**

On Tuesday 18th February 10.00 -12.30

Individual Tablet Taster Session

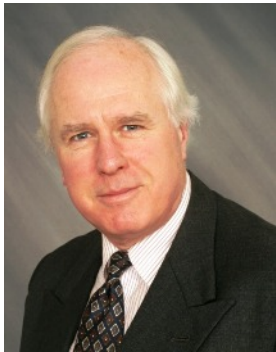
Have you got a new iPad or tablet and are not sure how to use it effectively? We are holding individual Tablet sessions, fortnightly on a Saturday, when you can ask our staff any questions you may have.

Saturdays – these sessions are bookable.

Saturday 10.00 - 11.00 (fortnightly)



Please call 03330 132682 to book a slot and bring your own tablet along to the session



SWITCHING OFF DUPLICATE STREET LIGHTS TO SAVE CO2

Many of you may have noticed that there are a number of street lights of the County Council's 129,000 that are not working. In most cases this is because they are awaiting an upgrade to LED lamps. However, total replacement of the old sodium lamps (which are no longer being manufactured) will take a little while yet. In the meantime, Essex Highways is taking action to switch off some duplicate street lights that illuminate the same area and where they perform no useful function and waste energy. It is now planned to switch off a small proportion of identified duplicates – working with District and Borough councils in the process. This move will not greatly reduce light or affect safety but will mean that we will not be burning lights that are unnecessary. It will ensure we are doing all we can to reduce carbon emissions, helping The Council's commitment to mitigate climate change. Safety will not be compromised. If you have a problem with street lights use the Report It tool on <https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/tell-us/report-street-lights.aspx>

All STEAMed up

Have you heard about Essex 2020 – a Year of Science and Creativity? Inspired by the British Science Festival it is coming to Essex for the first time in almost 200 years and is set to be the County's biggest celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) ever.



Now is the chance for businesses, schools, community groups and individuals to be part of the Essex 2020 programme. Whether you have an arts, tech or science event underway or are keen to bring an idea to fruition – the County Council would love to hear from you. Please go on line to <https://www.essex2020.com/>

The Essex Lottery

This month celebrates the two-year anniversary of the Essex Lottery. Thanks to all those who buy an Essex Lottery ticket each week, Essex County Council has so far donated over £150,000 to good causes across the County benefiting organisations such as Chelmsford Community Radio, Kids Inspire, Friends of Columbus School and College, Open Road and many others. Players can win free tickets for the next lottery or prizes of £25, £250, £2,000 and £25,000 - if their numbers match the winning combination.

Your participation provides vital extra funds to make a truly positive impact in local communities. For a chance to win and help a good cause please check out <https://www.essexlottery.co.uk/>

Essex Highways wins award for employing serving and former Forces Personnel

Essex County Council's partner in Essex Highways, Ringway Jacobs, has achieved the Armed Forces Covenant Silver Award for employing serving and former members of the Armed Forces.

Essex Highways employs 8 ex-Regulars and 4 Reservists and under the Armed Forces Covenant will look to offer other opportunities to former members of the Armed Forces.

If you have any problems about County Council matters please let me know on 01245 421524 or email cldr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk.

John Aldridge CC February / March 2020

Gardening Club

Our remaining winter programme, with all meetings being held in the Village Hall except the March one, is as follows:

Wednesday 19th February, 7.30pm - 'Plants of the world used for food', Lin Blunt

This interactive talk covers plants we use in the garden, plants used for food, spices, building etc and looking at where they come from around the world, including their natural habitat and how they may be produced commercially.

Lin is a horticulturist with 20 years teaching experience at Writtle College focused on plant propagation, identification, and international horticulture. The love of plants and mountains took her to Nepal and her long term involvement in the country. Currently Lin is the Chair of the Gorkha Development Scheme in Nepal.

Wednesday 11th March, 2pm- Propagation Practical

To be held in Janet Campen's lovely garden in Chignal St James, located between the village hall and the community orchard, the session will be hosted by our club Chairman Jean Watson. It will cover propagation relevant to the time of the year (seeds, softwood plants and some hardwood plants). Covering growing media and growing requirements, plus demonstrations of some propagation techniques. Attendees will need to bring their own secateurs/penknives, trowels, plant labels, gloves, an assortment of flower pots (small to 3 litre in size) and pen and paper for notes. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Finish time will be around 4.30pm, allowing enough time for refreshments!

Note: if the weather on that day is inclement, there is a reserve date of Wednesday 18th March.

If you would like further information or to reserve a place, please email the address below.

Wednesday 15th April, 7.30pm - Annual AGM and quiz night, plus plant swap

Dates for the summer garden visit programme from May to September will be released in the next issue of Chignal News.

The club welcomes new members and we're a friendly, informal club where you don't need to be an expert to enjoy the varied talks, demonstrations and visits. All our meetings and garden visits are open to guests and non-members. We offer a free taster evening in the Village Hall to anyone who is thinking of joining the club. For more information, please email Elaine at gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com.



I've noticed the first Easter eggs are already stacked in neat rows in the shops. This seems very early! But as I write this my thoughts are turning to Lent.

Do you mark Lent in any way? Lent is a strange kind of time ...and in many ways it seems to be going out of fashion. There was a time when everyone would be discussing what they would be giving up for Lent... anything from chocolate to wine, caffeine, sugar etc. I

wonder if perhaps it's because it's not understood.

Historically Lent was a solemn time when Christians fasted and gave up things, they enjoyed in order to help them prepare to remember Holy Week... to remember the death of Jesus on the Cross and then to prepare to celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Easter is the biggest party time for the Church! Like any big celebration preparation is important if we are to make the most of it.

We can spend our lives going too fast and life can pass us by. In this age of mindfulness Lent gives us a perfect opportunity to pause, to take time to reflect on life and how we're journeying through it. Jesus said that He came that we might have abundant life... full and overflowing (John 10:10). Lives lived like that come out of knowing who we are and who we're designed to be. There's also a quiet joy that comes out of knowing that we are truly loved just as we are. By dying on the cross that first Easter Jesus showed His great unconditional love and opened up for us a new way of living and the possibility of a new way of life.

During the Lent season you might like to take time to pause and reflect on what makes you feel full and overflowing with life and love. What tops up your soul and makes you feel whole? What could you do more of or less of? Even if you are not in the habit of reading the Bible (easily accessible on the internet now) you might like to read and think through the bible passages in Mark's gospel chapters 14,15 and 16 and see all that Jesus did to declare that love to us. You might like to celebrate Easter at a church service. And if you'd like to chat about what new life as a Christian might look like please do get in touch with me, I'd love to have a chat with you.

Have a thoughtful Lent and a Very Happy Easter.

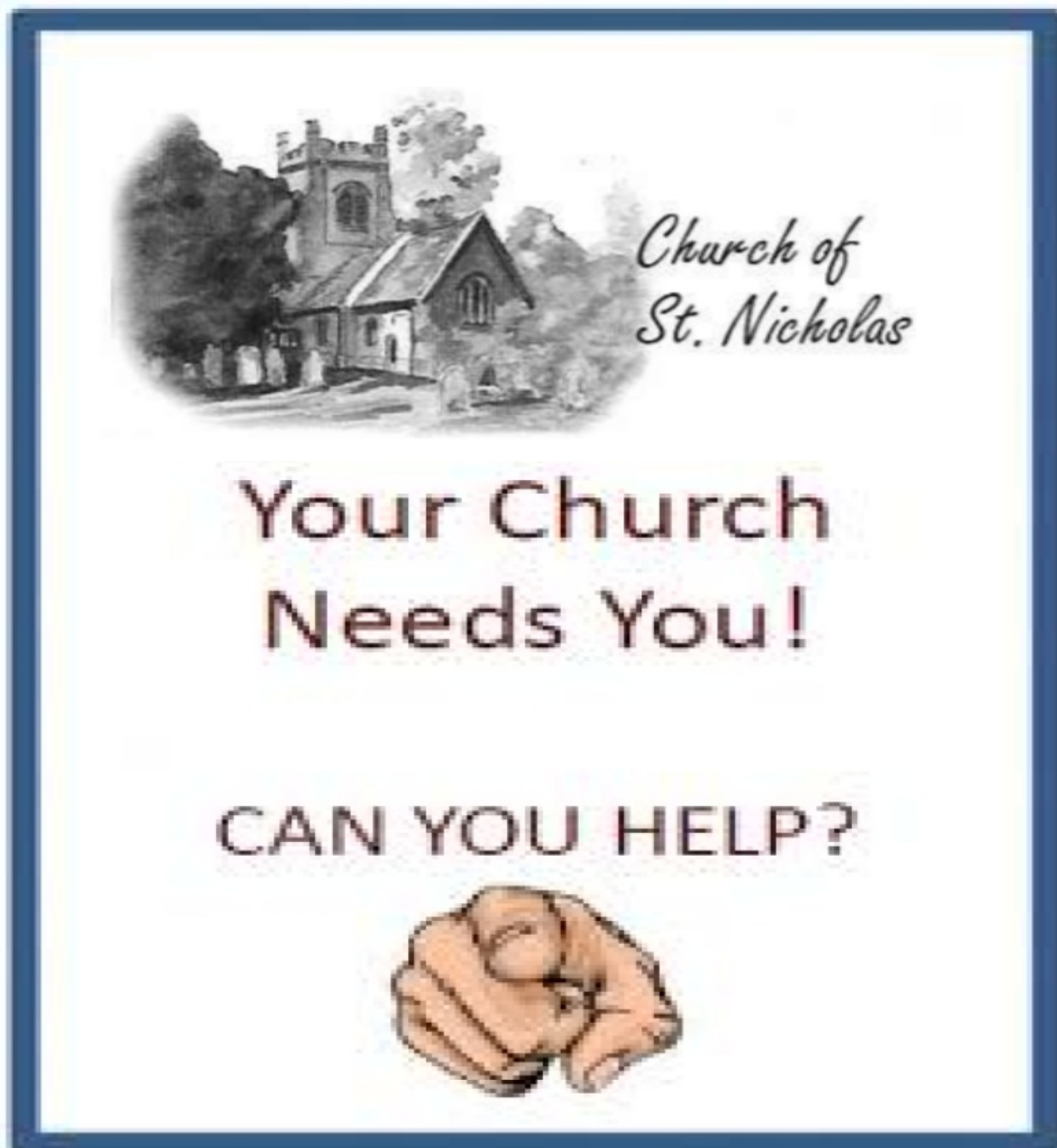
God Bless

Rev Sandra

Church Services at St. Nicholas

Services: Sunday 15th March communion 22nd March Family service Mothering Sunday
April 12th Easter Sunday 19th April Communion , May 17th Rogation - Wilderness Centre
Chatham Green, 24th May & 21st June Fathers day , 19th July , 16th August Joint Service,
29th November Joint Service.

APCM - 22nd April Village Hall 7pm



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Why Does St. Nicholas Need You?

Our Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM) is on Wednesday 22nd April 2020 at 7pm, in the village hall. We hope that you will come along, especially if you can offer some help to support St Nicholas' Church.

Currently, we have four members of the PCC: Nigel Bevitt-Smith; who is treasurer, Linda Nelson; secretary, Tony Towns; acting chairman and Cherry Scott. Nigel is intending to stand down from the PCC but is prepared to continue as treasurer. Tony and his wife Helen do much of the preparation for services and host the visiting clergy, Cherry is a great source of local knowledge and provides advice and guidance.

We have a group of ladies that regularly help clean the church and arrange flowers, volunteers also help with the churchyard clearances.

The legal administration, bookings of weddings, baptism, funerals and visiting clergy is done by the benefice administrator, Alison Bates, which is a great help, as we are now without an incumbent vicar.

All services need to be organised, this work is mainly done by Tony and Helen, who helped keep St. Nicholas running, when there was no vicar, for over 11 years until, Revd Caroline Brown, became the new incumbent, but they cannot carry on doing this forever, they would like to be able to take more of a back seat!

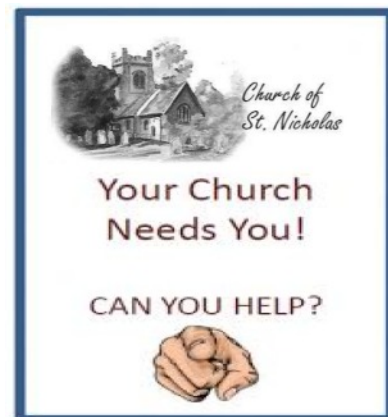
Revd Caroline has now moved to another parish and the PCC are in the process of working with the other parishes to select a new incumbent. It is important, that St Nicholas' voice is heard in this process and for this we need some "new blood" to come forward and take up the mantle of helping St Nicholas keep going for the benefit of us all.

I am, by a good few years, the youngest of the PCC members and some of the other members would love to be able to hand over to a "safe pair of hands". Ideally, we are looking for a church warden, but we would be extremely grateful, if you would be prepared to become a member of the PCC and help spread the responsibility of running St Nicholas.

We know that the residents off the Chignals and Mashbury hold a great affection for St. Nicholas church. We have a healthy (for the size of the village) regular congregation at our monthly services and at special services the church is often full.

Our village assets, such as: the church, the chapel, the cricket ground, the "pub", the village hall, the green, and the orchard are precious assets that need to be supported or we risk losing them, as has already happened with the Three Elms. Volunteering has health benefits to the volunteer, so if you could help us and would be willing to join St Nicholas' PCC, please let me know or come along to the APCM

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Chignal Chapel

Dear neighbour,

We are working with a charity who recycle old, rusty or broken bikes.

We are asking if anyone, or someone you know, has such a gift to pass onto a worthy cause.

Please contact :
Sylvia on 07935 963989

F.Y.I.



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Thank you on behalf of Chignal Chapel

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN CHIGNAL VILLAGES

Various groups in the villages have collaborated to organise a weekend of events to celebrate this momentous anniversary in the Nation's history.

Each event welcomes you to take part during the weekend starting on Friday 8th May to Sunday 10th May.

FRIDAY 8TH MAY

ST Nicholas Church, Chignal Smealey CM1 4TA

6.55pm The Cry for Peace around the World.

7.00pm Churches and Cathedrals – Ringing out for Peace. Please bring your own bell, e.g. bike, door and handbells etc to help us along.

Followed by a celebration of community singing and refreshments.

SATURDAY 9TH MAY

Chignals and Mashbury Jubilee Community Orchard CM1 4TS

2.00pm

The Archdeacon of Chelmsford will be dedicating a tree to mark the occasion. The Orchard committee will encourage us to admire the orchard and talk about memories of 'Dig for Victory' etc.

Chignals and Mashbury Village Hall CM1 4TS

3.00pm

The Writtle Handbell Ringers will give a demonstration of bell ringing followed by an opportunity for us to join in.

A bring and share tea party using food typical of the time will follow. (Spam, fish paste and corned beef sandwiches etc are encouraged). Tea/coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Bring your own beer etc if required.

The afternoon will continue with singing and dancing until 6pm. The format will try to recreate the tea parties that took place at the end of the 2nd World War with the hall decorated and images of memorabilia on display.

Union Jacks and fashions from 1945 are encouraged but not compulsory.

SUNDAY 10TH MAY

Chignal Chapel, Mashbury Road, Chignal Smealey CM1 4TE

10.45am a Service of Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

You are invited to take part in all or some of these events. All events are free. We want to make it a memorable village event.

It would be great for villagers to decorate the roadside/garden with bunting and flags that week too.



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