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Merry Christmas & a Happy New New Year



"The Chignals" featured in a two hour long BBC Essex Radio show, "Your Essex" which was broadcast live in the studios on Thursday 24th October. BBC Essex Presenter, Ian Wyatt interviewed six Chignal residents, (Brendon, Chris, Lynn, Martyn, Norman and Steve) to discover something about our history, businesses, clubs and community activities. It was an exciting experience and a great opportunity for us to put The Chignals on the map. You can listen to the broadcast using this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07q8cr8>.

The Chignals segment starts 1hr:05 into the programme "



"Following the well attended Harvest Festival service at St Nicholas Church, the Community Orchard held its "Fruit Celebration" on 20th October in the warmth of the Village Hall. Visitors were treated to a bountiful harvest of Essex heritage apples and pears and exotic quince plus a range of fruit preserves, home-made cakes and pastries.

We still have some quince left, plus recipe cards, if anyone would like to try some. Please email: chignal.mashburyjubileeorchard@hotmail.co.uk"

Carpet Bowls Club Report for November 2019 Chignal News

Since our last report the club has started playing Carpet Bowls on Thursday afternoons instead of the evenings when it tends to be cold and dark. We would love you to join us on these winter afternoons for a game of bowls, cup of tea/coffee and biscuit and plenty of friendship and chat.

The summer saw us playing the last of our friendly matches against clubs such as Leaden Roding, Black Notley and Ford End. These are always very enjoyable, relaxed evenings which end with everyone sitting down to a lovely supper.

Our summer internal competition for the Forget-Me- Not trophy has been played and was won by Marian and Peter Butcher – well done! The winter internal competitions for pairs and singles are about to get underway.

Some of our club members played in the Essex Ladies against Men's Charity afternoon in Braintree. This is always a fun afternoon with lots of friendly rivalry between the ladies and men. Much to the ladies dismay the men were once again crowned champions!! Three of our members took part in the Essex Triples Competition successfully winning through the round robin games to go through to the first knockout match. Unfortunately, they didn't progress any further. Six members very recently played in the Essex Pairs Competition at Braintree. One pair lost two games and won one, another drew two and won one but unfortunately didn't progress to the next round. However, the third pair won two of their games and lost one and progressed to the next round but didn't go any further.

League matches which are played during the winter months have started. The club have played three so far with mixed results. There are three more games to play before Christmas so still time to improve and hope for better things to come.

Those of you who regularly read our report will know that social events feature highly in the life of the club, most of which involve food! Recent events have included a trip to the Civic Theatre to see Evita, a walk round Heybridge Basin followed by lunch at the Tiptree Tearoom, Ten Pin Bowling at City Bowl also followed by lunch and a trip on the Ongar to Epping Steam Railway which included fish and chips. Our most recent social event was the club's Annual Dinner at the White Hart, Little Waltham which was enjoyed by all. All of these events were very successful. At the time of writing members are looking forward to the Christmas Social in December.

Come and join us for a game of Carpet Bowls and lots of social events 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.



Please join us for the village Carol Service at Chignal Chapel (CM1 4TE) on Sunday 22nd December at 3PM in friendship with St Nicholas Church, Chignal Smealey.

“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 at the moment. 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),

07798922219 - (Julia), 07856512245 – (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.

We would especially like to thank Maggie who has recently offered her help for the “Friends of the Chignals with Mashbury” venture.

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

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Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Chignal Parish Council at the Chignal & Mashbury Village Hall, on Monday 9th September 2019

2019/045 Chairman's Welcome
Chairperson Cllr Ballard
Councillors Feltwell, Nelson, Towns, Elwick

Concerns that the Chignals is a fly tipping hotspot. 8 incidents in Chignal road 2018, 7 incidents in Mashbury road and 7 in Breeds road.

2019/046 Apologies for Absence
Cllr Anstey

2019/047 Register of Declarations of Interests and request for dispensation
Cllr Town – Village Hall Committee – item 2019/056

2019/048 Public Open Session
8 members of the public
1 mop spoke in support of the removal of the green triangle – item 2019/053

1 mop – removing of the goal post in the village play are – concerns with the robust nature of a removable one

2019/049 Planning Applications

1. Reference: 19/01325/S73

Address: Riceen Chignal Road Chignal Smealy Chelmsford

Description of works: Variation of Condition 1 to previously approved planning application 19/00659/FUL (Construction of detached dwelling house and detached garage/cart lodge and retain existing vehicular and pedestrian access.) To amend the detached garage to allow a room in the roof.

Resolution: Reject

This proposed amendment to the approved planning application shows a garage / cart lodge which is the same size and dimensions as the original plans: the main changes are the installation of a first floor, two dormers and a side window, with an internal staircase for access to upstairs.

The location and height of this 3-bay cart lodge was recommended for refusal by Chignal Parish Council on the grounds that this was too large, dominated the site and was positioned forward of the proposed properties. It was also noted that the floor area of the proposed garage appears to be larger than the semi-detached properties.

The proposed cart lodge is nearly 6 mts tall and with the dormer windows would have considerable presence. It would dominate the rural street scene, contrary to the guidance in The Chignal Villages Design Statement, (VDS) page 7 which states that "most houses in the parish are set back from the road in large gardens with drives and garages. Wide spaces where fields extend between many of the individual or groups of houses are

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a key characteristic of the Chignals, providing good views of the surrounding countryside and emphasising the rural nature of the villages”.

Externally two pitched dormer windows have been added to the front (south east) elevation with a single window in the (north east) elevation which will overlook the road. The VDS page 21 gives guidance on roofs and dormers, “conversion of roof spaces frequently results in inappropriate dormer windows”.

The drawings indicate that the roof room will be a “Studio” which at 8.6mts x 6.0mts will have a floor space of just over 50 sq. mts but with sloping sides that follow the pitch of the roof. An internal staircase has been added to give access to the upper studio room. The drawings are not in enough detail to indicate if any drainage or services are being installed, but if it is, it could lead easily to a conversion of this proposed “studio” into a living / bedroom with an end-suite facility.

Whilst two separate dwellings were rejected on this site as being over development, this cart lodge with a total floor area of over 100 sq. mts total floor area, (around 1100 sq. ft) is larger than the average three bed new build.

Resolution Chignal Parish Council recommends refusal of this amendment to allow a room in the roof of the cart lodge. Should the City Council decide to approve this amendment, the Parish Council would wish to see the addition of the following condition: “the room in the garage/cart lodge hereby permitted shall be used only for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house known as ‘Riceen’ and as such, shall not be used for any trade, industry or other use whatsoever or as independent residential accommodation”.

2. Chelmsford Local Plan

Proposed Modifications

Warren Farm: additional area marked in green on the western edge of the development for recreational use. Parish Council proposes a change to the wording of the proposed Chelmsford Draft Local Plan, Main Modification 14, to read: “land allocated for future **informal** recreational use and/or SUDs **and managed to create a landscape buffer and to increase biodiversity**”.

Resolution – to inform the City Council of the Council’s recommended changes to the Local Plan Main Modification 14.

Master Plan for the Growth Area North of Broomfield

Bloor Homes Community Stakeholders Meeting, 12th September. Councillors supported the creation of a woodland buffer on the western edge of the development to mitigate the impact of the proposed buildings which are likely to be visible from parts of Chignal parish.

Resolution – to inform Bloor Homes of the Council’s recommendation.

3. Persimmon Homes development updates

1. Street Lighting - Agreed on reduction from 14 streetlights down to 3 at the conflict points that will be owned by Essex County Council.
2. Planned Road Closure: Chignal Road and Hollow Lane.
Old Hollow Lane has now been removed. The New Road is being constructed and will be tarmacked next week. It will link to the old Hollow lane as a cycle path.
Advertising boards have been installed and are excessive in size.
The old Village Sign on the green island: contact Highways Rangers to review and remove to preserve.
Current Chignal Road is due to be worked on any day. Held up by a BT pole that is waiting to be removed.

2019/050 County and City Councillors’ Reports

- a. Essex County Councillor Report Morning Apologies. Nothing to report – attended the Coffee

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b. Chelmsford City Councillor Report
Morning

Apologies. Nothing to report – attended the Coffee

2019/051 To note the Orchard Sub Committee minutes of 6th September

Resolution: Noted

The Orchard team is going to rake up hay – 10th Sept, 09.30 onwards

2019/052 To confirm the full Council Minutes of 8th July 2019

Resolution: Confirmed

2019/053 Representatives' Reports: to note

A) Playing Field Has been cut. Defer the rest to the agenda items

B) Village Hall Liaison Very busy. Fully used. Agenda item to follow.

C) Newsletter Including Website 200th Edition. Replacement for Essex.net is due before March

2020

D) Gravel Liaison Bridleway footpath is open.

Close the item.

E) Community Safety Defer to agenda item

F) Highways (to include Hedges)

Removal of the Bennett island at the Chignal Hall Lane j/w Mashbury Road,
Chignal St James = LCHE 152093 – Estimate Q3

- o Resolution – Yes approved by PC

Damage to the lay by at the Grange, Chignal Smealey and potholes on Chignal
Road between Langley's Corner and the breeds road junction.

- o Ask Highways for a possible solution to the laybys
- o Cllr Feltwell will create a list of potholes

Update on the LHP bids for Village Entrance gates and speed repeater sign on
Chignal Road. LCHE182033

- o In validation

Complaints about road traffic levels on the Chignal road – do we need another
traffic count?

- o Defer count until Spring 2020 when Persimmon Homes site occupied

G) Footpaths/Bridleways – nothing to report

H) Telephone Box - Chignal St. James – nothing to report

I) Tree Warden - request for another tree walk in the autumn. One Saturday in October.

2019/054 Finance:

Account Balances:

Cheque Account	£ 4,436.29
Saving Account	£ 48,087.48

Income (in figures above)

Cheque Account	£65 income of Orchard
Savings Account	£24.71 Interest

Total	£52,523.77
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To approve Cheques to be signed and issued:

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Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value
100863	Chelmsford City Council – Parish Election Costs	£77.00
100867	DBF – July Newsletter	£141.55
100868	DM Payroll Services	£36.50
100862	PKF LittleJohn	£240.00
100856	Payroll – Clerk – August	£93.53
100858	HMRC_ August	£23.40
100857	Essex Pension Fund - August	£120.61
100859	Payroll – Clerk – September	£93.53
100860	HMRC - September	£23.40
100861	Essex Pension Fund - September	£120.61
100864	Village Hall hire	£130.00
100865	Mr Middleditch – Orchard Expenditure	£3.75
100866	CLlr Nelson – Software for website	£48.99

Resolution: Payments were approved, and cheques signed

2019/055	Report on the Playing Field improvements	
	1. Creation of 4 Parking spaces near to the entrance gate –	£10,000
	2. Improvements to the Lawn Croquet surface -	£ 5620
	3. Gazebo with fixed seating	£8516
	4. Trim and Tidy hedges between Village Hall and the playing field	£312
	5. Replacement of the football goal.	£500

Three or more quotes have been sought for each item.

Plan to be issued prior to the November Parish Council meeting

2019/056	Requests for Cil expenditure:	
	1. Shed for the Village Hall.	
	<u>Resolution: Defer to November</u>	
	2. Sound System for the Village Hall. –	
	Option 1 - £3300 – full system installed	
	Option 2 - £1733 – full system – self install	
	Option 3 - £1682 – kit installation	
	Hearing loop not included due to the variety of manufacturer	
	<u>Resolution: Approve Option 2 – available October</u>	
	3. Safety Training for Orchard Volunteers	
	£700 from Writtle college	
	Minimum of 8 Volunteers required	

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Resolution: Approve the use of Writtle College

4. Parish Information Pack reprint
Estimate £300 for 600 copies

Resolution: Draft copy to be issued to the Parish Council

Resolution Approved

- 2019/057 Co-Option to fill the current vacancy of one Parish Councillor.
Role is being advertised.
- 2019/058 Update on options to improve the security of the Parish
Recommendation to install a three-camera system. Cameras to be installed on commercial property. Signage must be up around the villages.
Guide price £2000 per camera with a web viewing portal.
- 2019/059 Sewage Tank Regulation 2020: Proposed meeting organised by Cllr Aldridge for Parish Councils with the Environment Agency.
Dates and Venue to be Confirmed
- 2019/060 Review and sign the bank reconciliation.
- Resolution: Reviewed and signed.**
- 2019/061 Budget Meeting date to discuss and agree the precept for 2020/2021
- Resolution 2nd October In the Meeting room. 11am.**
- 2019/062 Confirmation of the External Auditors report and the details of the audit.
Some issues with the asset valuation – however this are an observation.
- 2019/063 Vacancy on the Parish Council – duplicate item - closed
- 2019/064 Items for next Agenda 11th November – 125 years of the Parish Council.
1, Shed for the Village Hall
2. Proposal Playing field improvements
3. Update on the security of the Parish
4. Orchard Committee – VE Day Celebrations 2020
5. Co Option
6. Precept
7. Open the Village Hall during high temperatures.

Meeting closed 21:00

Will Adshead-Grant, Clerk to the Council

Chignal Parish Council: Consultation on proposed improvements to the Playing Field

Background

At the Chignal Community Event in February 2019, residents considered various ideas for developing recreation facilities that could be funded from Community Infrastructure Levy monies, including a number of possible improvements to the Playing Field. Based on these discussions, at the Parish Council meeting in May we agreed a series of recommendations on future facilities and uses of the playing field. These were listed in full in the May edition of "Chignal News" and included: car parking for casual users of the playing field and community orchard; provision of a shelter; improving facilities for playing croquet; replacing the goal post; and, reviewing the boundary fencing and hedges. The meeting in May also established a small working group to develop the recommendations.

At the July Parish Council meeting members of the working group presented their report on the playing field improvements: creating 4 car parking spaces by moving the gates further into the field; replacing the goal post; hedge management to improve visibility between the Playing Field and Village Hall; improving and marking out an area for playing croquet; and, installing an oak gazebo with fixed seating.

Over the summer, costs were obtained for these items and considered at the Parish Council meeting in September with a recommendation that residents should be asked for their views on the new facilities and improvements to the playing field in the November edition of "Chignal News". Unfortunately, the publication of "Chignal News" has been delayed so the article consulting on the playing field proposals was emailed to Chignal residents and posted on the three parish notice boards in advance of the Parish Council meeting on 11th November. This information was also delivered by hand to residents who had expressed an interest in the playing field plans but who are not on the parish email list.

Given the short period for public consultation and that only one resident responded with comments, it was decided at the 11th November meeting to approve only those proposals which had been non-contentious and supported by residents at the Community Event:

1. The provision of 4 car parking spaces for casual users of the playing field and the community orchard by moving the entrance further into the playing field.

Cost: £8,419.17

2. Improving visibility between the playing field and village hall by removing the ivy from the large tree at the access point and cutting back and clearing the overgrown hedges and shrubs.

Cost: £312.50

Consultation on other improvements to the Playing Field

Please see the accompanying drawing which shows indicative locations of all of the proposed improvement works on the playing field. We should like to receive your

Chignal Parish Council Playing Field

comments on the four remaining works as detailed below so that they can be considered at the next Parish Council meeting on 13th January 2020.

1. Install a new Oak Framed Gazebo 4mts x 3.5mts, with a cedar shingle roof which will include oak fixed seating benches to three sides.

The Gazebo will sit on a concrete base with an extended area around the building as a mowing strip. It will be fully boarded at the back with half height boarded sides to give protect from the weather. The floor will have sandstone paving.

Cost: £10,519.10

2. Mark out and make improvements to the grass area for the Croquet lawn.

This includes preparing the area and rolling with a heavy roller, feeding and treatment to the grass along with the maintenance of the grass for the first year. 1mt high Oak posts would be installed around 3 sides of the perimeter of the Croquet lawn to mark and protect the area from vehicles as shown on the drawing.

Cost: £5,161.85

3. Provision of a cylinder mower with a trailed seat to allow the Croquet Club to maintain the improved grass playing surface.

Cost: £4,044.00

4. Remove the existing football goal post and replace with a new “full size” goal post. The exact permanent location of this to be agreed but the drawing suggests moving further down the field to be clear of the Croquet lawn.

Cost: £500 (estimated)

If you have any comments on these Playing Field proposals, would you please email them **by Friday 20th December** to: chignalpc@gmail.com or send to:

Mr Will Adshead-Grant, Chignal Parish Clerk, c/o 45 Cherry Garden Road, Great Waltham, Chelmsford CM3 1DH

**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**

Chignal Parish Council Playing Field Plan



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Note:

Resignation of Cllr Anstey

Thanks for leading the Parish Plan, Defibrillator. Over 5 years' service. Best wishes for Shropshire.

Co-Option of New member

Jon Lewis is welcomed to the Parish Council.

2019/065 Chairman's Welcome

Highlighted BBC Essex has covered the Chignals in two radio programmes – The Orchard, The Village Hall, Local Businesses, Bats in Churches project. 83.9kgs of food donated to the foodbank during Harvest Festival and the Orchard Fruit Celebration. UK Power networks random power cuts highlighted. WW 1 display was out on the parish display boards.

Chairperson Ballard

Councillors Anstey, Feltwell, Nelson, Towns, Elwick and Lewis

2019/066 Apologies for Absence

None

2019/067 Register of Declarations of Interests and request for dispensation

Cllr Ballard – Member of the Croquet Club – 2019/075

Cllr Feltwell – Member of the Croquet Club – 2019/075

Cllr Towns – Member of the Village hall Committee – 2019/076

2019/068 Public Open Session

13 Members of the Public

Stella – RCCE – United In-Kind Campaign across Essex. Support from Provide. Learning together, connecting with each other and being kind to one another. Working to reduce loneliness as this can lead to poor health. Work to highlight best practice and training. 'Timebank' allows volunteering to be banked for exchange and does create some insurance liability cover. Potential contact with the Chignal Community Group and the Chignals with Mashbury Friends Group and exchange of best practice, such as the Chignal Information Booklet.

Telegraph Wires - Trying to influence Open Reach to put wires underground. Can the Parish Council have a policy of all overhead wires to go underground?

Playing field improvements – Email has been sent out, Information on noticeboards, some information has been put into some resident's doors and details are in the Parish News – but this has not reached residents yet.

"Hardoak", Chignal St James – Concerns about highways incursion onto Mashbury Road on a blind bend by the red barriers put in place 2 months ago.

2019/069 Planning Applications

1 . 19/01522/FUL Single storey rear extension to The Orangery, The Green, Chignal St James

The proposed single storey rear extension is to provide a therapy pool. No information is provided in the application on the drainage arrangements for the pool. There are concerns about possible chemical pollution from wastewater draining into the River Can.

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Permission was granted earlier this year for an 8m x 5m flat roofed white rendered building to provide storage and a garden room (19/00275/FUL) for The Orangery. It is noted that this proposed building is not shown on the drawings accompanying this planning application. This building is large in relation to the garden area at the rear of the house. The proposed rear extension to the house plus this garden building would together form an almost continuous 16 meters of solid wall immediately adjacent to footpath 24. The proposed rear extension and the outbuilding would also be visible from bridleway 33 which links The Green to Pengy Mill.

The Orangery is very close to the water meadows bordering the river Can in an area of local landscape value which has a high sensitivity to development. The Chignal Villages Design Statement, (Page 21) recommends that developments such as extensions should not fill the available space as it is important in a rural community to provide views of the countryside beyond. The cumulative effect of the garden building and the rear extension is considered to be overdevelopment of this site.

If the rear extension was to be approved, this should be on condition that the garden building (19/00275/FUL) should not be developed. In addition, the therapy pool should be used only for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the residents of 'The Orangery' and as such, shall not be used for any trade, industry or other use whatsoever.

The Parish Council would recommend refusal of this application unless the above conditions are imposed.

It was noted that this application has now been approved with no mention of the Parish Council's comments.

The City Council to be asked whether the Environment Agency commented on the application regarding possible pollution of the River Can. This stretch of the river is tested on a regular basis.

2. Persimmon Homes development updates

Persimmon Phase 2 has started to have the foundations installed.

Persimmon Phase 1 – some of the houses have been completed and the expectation is that some owners will move in before Christmas.

The new road has been built but the BT poles at either end leading onto Chignal Road have not been removed so this has delayed the work. The old Hollow Lane has been partially removed and no delivery vehicles have used this road for the last two months. This area will be landscaped. Utilities are sporadic with both Water and Electricity being taken offline.

The new haul road and a cut through to the Old Hollow Lane are being used to access the site.

Resolution: Contact Chelmsford City Council Planners raising concerns that the correct access to the Persimmon Homes site has not be put in place.

2019/070 County and City Councillors' Reports

- a. Essex County Councillor Report - action is being taken on issues raised at the Coffee Morning
- b. Chelmsford City Councillor Report - will attend next Coffee Morning on 4th December

2019/071 To note the Orchard Sub Committee minutes of 8th November 2019
Increasing yield of fruit from the Orchard this year.

Resolution Noted

2019/072 To confirm the full Council Minutes of 9th September 2019

Resolution Confirmed

2019/073 Representatives' Reports: to note

- A) Playing Field - Suggest a Hedge Cut around the Playing Field before March
- B) Village Hall Liaison - Temporary Heating issue – should be fixed later this week.

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First Saturday in December Mince Pie event

First Saturday in June for the Village Hall fete

- C) Newsletter Including Website - Large volume of articles has delayed the newsletter
Consider changing the publication date of the newsletter.
Next edition before Christmas.

- D) Community Safety - New Representative – Jon Lewis
Defibrillator is owned by the Parish Council
Training Course online – to be arranged at Village Hall

- E) Highways (to include Hedges) – Report potholes online and inform Malcolm Feltwell

- F) Footpaths / Bridleways - Nothing to report

- G) Telephone Box - Chignal St. James – Nothing to report

- H) Tree Warden - Chelmsford City Council has pledged to plant 150,000

trees across the area.

2019/074

Finance:

Account Balances:

Cheque Account £ 7,720.88

Saving Account £ 48,087.48

Income (in figures above)

Cheque Account £747.21 VAT

Cheque Account £3692.50 Precept

Total £55,808.36

Not received yet Cheque Account £133.62 - CIL

To approve Cheques to be signed and issued:

Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value
100869	Chelmsford DBF	106.89
100870	Cllr Feltwell - orchard	115.56
100871	Cllr Anstey - printing	207.00
100872	TAYLOR AGRICULTURAL	234.00
100873	clerks' wages - November	93.53
100874	HMRC - November	23.40
100875	ESSEX PENSION FUND	119.75
100876	clerks' wages - October	93.53
100877	HMRC October	23.40
100878	ESSEX PENSION FUND	119.75
100879	DM Payroll	£36.50

Resolution **The Payments were approved**

2019/075

Proposal on the Playing Field improvements

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Car Parking - Create 4 Parking spaces with a lockable height restriction bar. 3 quotes received.

Resolution: Expenditure approved

Improve access from the Village Hall and remove hedging

Resolution: Expenditure approved

The Football Goal

The Croquet Lawn and Maintenance – Croquet Club to provide a maintenance plan.

The Gazebo

Resolution: Defer until the next meeting in January

2019/076

Requests for CIL expenditure:

1. Shed for the Village Hall.

A timber building would be £10-£12,000 but a more substantial storage building would be £15,000.

8.5m long by 3.5m wide. Clad like the Village Hall. Electric lighting installed.

Resolution – Item to be reviewed by the Village Hall committee to investigate specification and potential costs.

2019/077

Update on options to improve the security of the Parish.

ANPR cameras for the Parish between £6,000 and £12,000.

Resolution: Defer until next Community Meeting in Spring.

2019/078

Sewage Tank Regulation 2020: Proposed meeting organised by Cllr Aldridge for Parish Councils with the Environment Agency.

Resolution Confirm with Cllr Aldridge

2019/079

Review and sign the bank reconciliation.

Resolution: Confirmed and agreed

2019/080

Budget for 2020/2021

Resolution Budget approved at £7600

2019/081

Precept for 2020/2021

Resolution Agreed at £7600: an increase of 2.83% but this will be a reduction per band D of £5.93 per annum.

2019/082

Discuss the requirement to Purchase an external Hard File for the Parish artwork

Resolution: Agreed to spend up to £100

2019/083

Discuss the situation at The Three Elms public house

The public house has closed. The expectation is that this will not re-open as a business.

2019/084

125 years of the Parish Council – Formed 1894

4th Dec 1894 was the first meeting with 5 Councillors.

2019/085

Discuss VE Day celebrations 2020

Community Group and the Orchard Committee has plans for Saturday 9th May and the St Nicolas Church has arranged bell ringing on Friday 8th May.

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2019/086 Option for a new website to replace the Essex.Net website

Resolution: Sub Committee to be created to look at options led by Cllr Nelson

2019/087 Publication of an updated Chignal Information Booklet: copies to be delivered with Chignal News

2019/088 Opening the Village Hall during high temperatures.

Resolution: Defer to next meeting

2019/089 Additional Cheque signatories required

Resolution: Cllrs Nelson and Lewis to be added to the account.

2019/090 Online payments – standing orders for Pension, Salary and Paye

Resolution: Approved

2019/091 Items for next Agenda
Conservation – Cllr Lewis
Playing field
Website
Community event
Training for Cllr Lewis

Meeting closed 21:45

Will adshead-Grant

Clerk to the Council

VE Celebrations

STOP PRESS

Two dates for your diary!

Saturday 9th May 2020

Friday 31st January 2020

As you may be aware there are national celebrations taking place 8th/9th/10th May 2020 to celebrate VE Day.

Here in our village, plans are being made to celebrate on Saturday 9th May, to include a tree dedication in the Orchard, followed by bell ringing in the Village Hall, a display of wartime stories and possibly a tea party and other activities. As it's a bank holiday weekend we want you to pencil this in your diary, so the event is a success. Details to follow nearer the time.

Putting any event on involves a certain amount of funds, so, The Community Group is kickstarting the funding pot by hosting a quiz night at the Village Hall on Friday 31st January at 7.30 pm.

Tickets will be £10 per head to include either a fish or chicken and chips supper.

Tables of 6 to 8 people, please. We would really like each club in the villages to host at least one table. Individuals are warmly invited to get a table together with friends and family too. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

To order tickets, choices of meal and pay for tickets please email to sandra on:-

Sandbail57@hotmail.com.

**Monies to: - The Saddlery, Mashbury road, Chignal St. James
(07909564905)**

Women's Institute

Our Annual Lunch last month was a great success. Members enjoyed an excellent hot meal with time to relax and chat afterwards.

This month on the 7th we have Geraldine Beaurain coming to speak to us about "Mary's Meals", a very worthwhile charity.

On the 5th of December we are holding our Christmas Party with entertainment from Rick Christian, followed by a traditional Christmas tea, just the thing to get us in a festive mood.

Rushing ahead to the New Year, we are meeting on the 2nd of January for a social afternoon of crafting, board games and art or simply come along to chat with friends. An ideal opportunity to unwind after Christmas. If any of these meetings appeal to you please drop in, visitors are always welcome.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month, 2pm for a 2-30 start.

Wendy Steele.

North Melbourne Library

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

4th January 1st February 29th February 28th March

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



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.



Saturday 10.00 - 11.00 (fortnightly)
these sessions are bookable

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

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.



North Melbourne Library continued

Block Builders Construction Club

Alternating Saturday Mornings

10.00 -11.30

11th & 25th January 8th & 22nd February 7th March

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

Fun for all children and parents too. Refreshments provided.



Adult Craft & Knitting Club

Get creative and join in the fun twice a month.

Alternating Tuesdays– 10.30 – 11.30

7th & 21st January 4th & 18th February

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

Half Term Craft Event for Children

Tuesday 18th February

10:30 – 12:30

Support your local library, come and join the fun and make some exciting crafts.



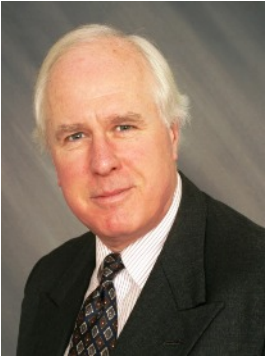
Love Your Library Day

Saturday 15th February

Love Your Library day is a celebration of the huge amount of services and opportunities available to you.

If you love Essex libraries as much as we do come along to North Melbourne Library and see what we offer.





Libraries to stay open

Essex is one of the few Councils in the UK to retain all its libraries and I have been working continuously with Parish Councils in Writtle and Broomfield to ensure that the library services for book lending and the use of PCs will be maintained for every resident that wishes to use them. Further, I am heartened that both Parish Councils have a clear view that Libraries can become vibrant centres for many of the community activities required by our growing population both young and old.

I would encourage everyone that uses, or wishes to use, these Libraries to make their views known to the respective Parish Councils on what they would wish to see incorporated in them, so plans can be made for the future.

Incidentally, the County Council has agreed to award grants of up to £18,000, over a 3-year period, towards the cost of implementing greater community use of our Libraries across the County.

A community libraries webpage which provides more information and answers to frequently asked questions is at <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation/community-library-services/>

County Council Climate Change Commission

A new cross-party Climate Change Commission has just been set up by the County Council. It will meet later this year and have an initial budget of £250,000, to fund and support environmental initiatives that look to reduce CO₂, reduce waste and pollution, promote sustainable transport and work to combat climate change. A new Cabinet post of 'Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change Action' has been created to lead the Commission.

The County Council has also introduced an Essex Forest Initiative - a £1 million tree project which means planting 375,000 trees across the County over the next 5 years - equivalent to the size of 210 football pitches, which will capture 60,000 tons of carbon.

The County Council is already committed to:

- Reducing energy consumption by replacing all streetlights with low energy LED bulbs
- Installing solar panels on ECC buildings, saving 258 tons of CO₂
- Removing single use plastics from across the ECC estate
- Investing £50m a year in bus transport and converting 60 buses to lower emission standards
- Improving park and ride, installing electric vehicle charging and creating more cycleways
- Leaving 63km of special roadside verges wild to encourage the growth of rare flowers and support animal habitats

All these initiatives have my whole-hearted support

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

John Aldridge CC October/ November

Gardening Club

Our next meeting in the Village Hall is two weeks away:

Wednesday 20th November 7.30pm start.

'Christmas decorations and traditions with a Hungarian theme', Zsuzsa Serer from Herbal Haven

A horticulturist and agronomist, Zsuzsa returns to talk to the club after a few years' absence. Zsuzsa studied and grew up in Hungary. The talk will be interactive with some demonstration, covering how Christmas has developed over the years, how it is celebrated in Hungary, what traditions there are, with decorations and so on. Designed to be entertaining and the audience can get involved too! Zsuzsa moved to England in 2003 to study the English language and after 2 years joined Herbal Haven (www.herbalhaven.com), where she helped with growing/propagating and covering the talks for them. Alongside that she also worked for a charity teaching gardening to adults with learning difficulties. About 5 years ago she set up Spicesotic plants (www.spicesoticplants.co.uk) with her partner who is also a horticulturist, which is an online business selling orchids and tropical plants.

Thanks to Julia Emberton and Janet Cassels for covering refreshments.

The remaining dates and topics for our 2019/20 winter programme (all 7.30pm start except in March) are:

Wednesday 15th January

'Greenhouses – All you need to know to get the most from your greenhouse'

Delivered by the club's Chairman Jean Watson, this talk will cover all the basics of owning and using a greenhouse. Covering equipment to use, maintenance and care of a greenhouse including shading, ventilation, heating, watering and hygiene, propagation and growing of seeds and plants, plus much more.

Wednesday 19th February

'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

Gardening Club Continued

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 18th March (final date and time tbc) A Propagation Practical

To be held during daylight hours in Janet Campen's lovely garden in Chignal St James, located between the village hall and the community orchard, the session will cover propagation relevant to the time of the year (seeds, softwood plants and some hardwood plants). Covering growing media, pots and growing requirements, plus demonstrations of some propagation techniques. Attendees will be able to get their hands dirty! Attendees need to bring their own secateurs/penknives, gloves and pen and paper for notes.

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

We will be looking for volunteers to cover refreshments at all the meetings in the New Year, so please let me know if you can help.

All of our winter meetings are open to guests and non-members. We offer a free 'taster' session so people can see if they would like to come along more regularly or join the club. Please pass this on to anyone you think may be interested in trialling or joining the club.

I hope to see you on the 20th November.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.



- 1. Jean Watson, Chairman of the gardening club presenting the Essex Gardening Clubs Trophy to the Purleigh team captain, winners of the inter club gardening quiz.**
- 2. Chignals & Mashbury gardening club quiz team, Kate, Maggie and Janet.**

Wine Discovery October

October's meeting was interesting because the focus was on 'purity of fruit'. Colin Legg, who always presents a thoughtful selection, chose wines which displayed a clear fruit quality. This resonated with me as I think it's often what I'm looking for in a wine and I am sometimes disappointed.

Colin chose three white chenin blanc wines, all from South Africa. One, pictured, was from the Co-op. It had a great balance of acidity and richness with hints of creamy vanilla, banana and peach. A great buy at £9. And without a doubt, great fruit quality.

The net was spread wider for the red wines when we dipped into Chile, South Africa and Spain. The one which grabbed me was the South African shiraz, partly because it came from a truly stunning vineyard, I'd visited during a past trip to Cape Town – Vergelegen. If you are ever in the Stellenbosch area, do go – it's the most beautiful place, owned by a Dutch family. This elegant wine was very fruity, blackcurrants we thought, plus had a woody, smoky quality but key was that the balance between the fruit and the oak was spot on.



Many of the wines this time were sourced from a new supplier to us – ministryofdrinks.co.uk who charge £12.99 for delivery but offer a superb selection of wines and Colin feels that their prices are cheaper than anywhere else.

Sue Davies



The Macmillan coffee morning at the end of September raised £267

A BIG THANK YOU

from Steve & Kate



Attending the Macmillan coffee morning and the kind donations received from residents not able to attend the event are helping make a difference.

£29 Could pay for a Macmillan nurse for one hour, helping people living with cancer and their families receive essential medical, practical and emotional support.

£52 Could help run our Online Community Forum for over an hour. Typically that would give nearly 750 people affected by cancer both emotional and practical support.

£292 Could keep a typical Macmillan information and Support Centre stocked with all the information resources it needs to support people affected by cancer for one month. These resources include booklets, guides, directories and leaflets.



Community Photos



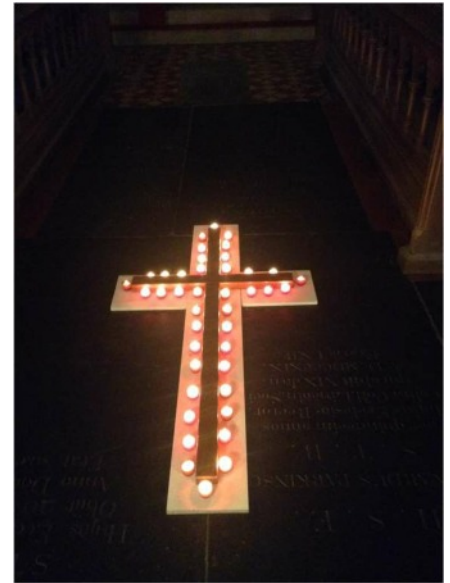
Seven teams entered the inter club gardening quiz hosted by Chignal & Mashbury gardening club in the village hall.



“ Fruit Celebration ” on 20th October in the warmth of the Village Hall. “

Time to Remember

In the cycle of the seasons I always find November is a nostalgic time. As the days shorten, the trees grow bare and we hunker down for Winter I always find memories of the past are uppermost in my mind. It's the time in the year when we focus on loss and remembering. For many churches up and down the land the start of November focuses on All Saints; a time to remember loved ones we no longer see, to light a candle in their honour and to give thanks for the good times and memories of them. Every year we hold services where people can do just that, and many people find it a really helpful and moving time.



Just a little way into November, we remember again the ultimate sacrifice made by so many people during the First and Second World Wars and many conflicts since. This remembering is an interesting counterpoint; because no doubt as you read this the shops will be urging us to think of celebration as they fill up with Christmas goodies. The organised amongst us will already have bought Christmas cards, and some may already have written them. Excitement for children will be growing, and no doubt lists will already have been started to be complied.

In a few short weeks, we will be ready to welcome the Christ Child into the manger, but first it's good to remember, to think about and say thank you to so many people- those who have impacted on our lives, some we might have known well and some we might only have heard about in family stories or village tales.

Sometimes when I see our war memorials and the names engraved into them, a name jumps out at me. I think about that particular person and wonder what that their life was like, where they lived, how they died, and if they left a wife, sweetheart or family behind.

There are no longer any veterans left from the First World War and there are very few left in the country from the Second, but we must never forget to tell their stories. We need to tell the generations to come, about those who came before and not leave them simply reduced to a name on a memorial. We are all so much more than just a name. Each of us is precious in God's eyes and each of us is unique with our own life to lead.

The bible tells us that all Christians are saints, not just those who are famous in history. What will our stories be, when the time comes for them to be passed on? At some point in the future we may well be names on a memorial stone. What will people say about us?

Blessings Rev Sandra

Memories of Ken Buck

Ken who died earlier this year had lived at Woodside Chignal Smealey since 1978. He was born in Woodford Green and started work at the age of 16 in the City of London as a trainee Chartered Surveyor. He enjoyed scouting and other outdoor activities which he had to fit around his correspondence course studies. He married Carol in Colchester in 1960 and moved to Billericay where their daughter Jacqueline was born. They had two more children Steven and Phillip. They moved to Great Baddow in 1964 and made friends with the Smith family who lived opposite, before moving to Chignal. The last few months of his life were spent living in Long Melford where he had moved to be near his son.

Ken had many interests. He was a founder member of the Chelmer Bridge Club where he was Foundation Chairman, then Secretary and President from 1989 – 1990.

Ken will be remembered by many for his work in the Rotary Club, where he was Secretary of the Branch and became District Governor in the year 2008 – 2009. This was a very active period for Ken and he found it a great eye opener seeing all the achievements of the Rotarians both locally and internationally. He joined the Chelmsford Mildmay Club in 2009.

Ken was active in the village where he was Chairman of the Parish Councillor in the 1980's. He was a Committee Member and Trustee of the Village Hall up until he moved to Long Melford. He was one of the members of the sub-committee tasked with delivering the new hall. His expertise and knowledge gained from his many years of working for a national surveying firm (he had taken early retirement from his position as Technical Director in 1996) were of great benefit when scrutinising and finalising the various legal documents. He was very proud of the new hall and was keen to show it off to his friends and family.

Ken was a quiet gentleman who kept himself to himself. He had suffered personal sadness losing his wife Carol to a rare form of cancer in 1984. He married Dorothy in 1989 at St Nicholas church. In 1992 his daughter Jacqueline died in a mountaineering accident on Ben Nevis, one day after her 30th birthday. When Dorothy became ill he devoted himself to her care and it was only when she needed 24 hour care that she moved into a nursing home where Ken spent many hours at her bedside.

His lasting memorial to the village is the "Village News". He produced the first edition in September 1986 and continued to edit the "Village News" until September 2006. During those 20 years he published 121 editions on a regular two monthly basis.

In his last edition he explained why he started this labour of love : *"The Parish Newsletter had ceased some years previously, when our then Vicar moved away from the area and I found that I was delivering notes around the village of several different organisations, the church and the Parish Council to mention but two, and I thought that it would be a good idea to bring them all together in a single newsletter to be delivered free to all households in the area"*.

Ken returned to the village for a day shortly before his death visiting several people presenting them with documents relevant to their organisations. One visit was to the Chairman of the Parish Council where he presented a complete pristine set of all the Village News's he had produced, neatly filed in three files, in date order.

30th November 2019

Soup-a-thon, Star gazing, Hot Dogs and Cake

The Village Folk came along to see and identify as many stars and planets as they could, with Mike's help (our astronomer).

The queue for the soups seemed endless. Let's face it, on a cold winters night who wouldn't want hot soup, we had chicken carrot, potato and leek and butternut squash. Hot dogs, onions and various sauces were also served before another surge for soup.

Malachi was in charge of producing hot marshmallows these were then followed by cake and strudel.

John one of leaders was overwhelmed by the number of young people. He thoroughly enjoyed hearing their stories.

Many of us went into our school room, which was nice and warm. On display were some crafts for sale.

All proceeds will go to Sanctus, a homeless charity in Chelmsford, we raised £74, which we hope will help them especially at this time of year.

Big thanks to Irene, Ryfka, Mike, Allan, Mike and John – without them our event would not have worked.

Many thanks to everyone that came, your support was deeply appreciated.

Blessings to you all.

Sun 15	9.30am	Communion – FE
	9.30am	Communion - LL
	11.00am	Communion – GW
	11.00am	Service of The Word – LW
	11.00am	Communion – The Chignals
Mon 16	9.00am	Morning Prayer – GW
Wed 18	9.00am	Morning Prayer – LL
Sun 22	8.00am	Communion - LL
	9.30am	Celtic Service – FE
	11.00am	Communion – GW
	11.00am	BCP with Carols – LW
	3.00pm	Carol Service – The Chignals & URC
	3.00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols – GW
	5.00pm	Carol Service – GL
Mon 23	9.00am	Morning Prayer – GW
Tue 24	3.00pm	Crib Service – GW
	3.00pm	Crib Service – LW
	5.00pm	Crib Service – FE
	5.00pm	Crib Service – The Chignals
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion – GL
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion - GW
Wed 25	9.30am	Christmas Day Communion - FE
	10.00am	Christmas Day Communion - LL
	11.00am	Christmas Day Communion - GW
Sun 29	10.30am	Joint Service - FE

GW - Great Waltham, FE - Ford End, LL - Little Leighs,
GL - Great Leighs, LW - Little Waltham

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St Nicholas Church

Chignals & Mashbury War dead project.



Lieut Harry Mann

An exhibition of pictures and records of the men from the Chignals and Mashbury will be on display after the Remembrance Day service on Sunday November the 10th.

Residents are also welcome to come along to St Nicholas between 3-5pm, when we will be serving tea and cake in addition to coffee and cookies in the morning.



Alfred Perrin and family

Crib Service 5pm Christmas Eve

We are having another of revd. Sandra Sykes entertaining crib services at St Nicholas. Please bring along your children to celebrate.



BBC Essex have visited St Nicholas church. They met with people involved with the Bats in Churches project, from St Nicholas Church, Essex Bat Group and Bats In Churches. Parishioners are able to hear the interview by going onto the BBC Sound website during November. The interview will be broadcast on the radio on Sunday November 3rd, 6.40am and again at 7.40am on BBC Essex Sunday morning Faith programme. The programme will also be available for 30 days after broadcast on the BBC Radio Essex website.



St Nicholas would like to thank people for their generosity of gifts for Chelmsford Food Bank donated at the Church Harvest Festival service.

Chignals & Mashbury WW1 Remembrance Project

To mark the 100th anniversary of remembrance day 1919 – 2019

Over 50 people attend the Chignals and Mashbury Remembrance Project exhibition after the Remembrance Day service on Sunday 10th November and between 3-5pm when tea and cake were served. The exhibition features pictures and records of the men from the Chignals and Mashbury who lost their lives and how the villages were affected by military manoeuvres and Zeppelin raids along with other WW1 local memories. The prints and mounting were funded by proceeds from Helen Towns table at the village table top sale and other fund raising such as selling bags of Tonys manure. St. Nicholas church also kindly gave us a grant from St. Nicholas funds towards the costs.



Part of the launch of the exhibition at St Nicholas church.

If you have any knowledge about the following men or local WW1 events we would love to hear from you to enable us to do further research. steve.middleditch@btinternet.com

Chignal St James: William John Collins, Brick Barns. Charles Sidney Collins, Brick Barns. Arthur May, Near Three Elms. Edward May, Near Three Elms. James Charles Perry, Near Three Elms. P Sewell. William Harry Mann, Chignal Hall. Frances Léon Asnong, Chignal Hall. John Gandy. Alfred Perrin, No, 2 Nr School. **Chignal Smealey:** Charles William Boreham. Alfred Fewell, No2 Greys Cottages. Charles Frederick Turnbridge, Chessins. **Mashbury:** L Buck. M Clayton. B (Bertie) Groves. T S Monk.



Jackie and Helen with Helens Poppy Day inspired cup cakes.

Zeppelin over Chignal St James

Historian Miller-Christy writing in the Essex Review in April 1926 was living in Broomwood Hall, Chignal St James at the time said that 'About twenty minutes to one, I was awakened - not by the explosions [of distant bombs] (which had ceased temporarily), but by the excited crowing of the pheasants in the woods round the house and the loud bellowing of the cows in the neighbouring farm. I knew 'something was up' (in more than the colloquial sense), so I arose and went to the window. At once I heard a Zeppelin - L32, as was ascertained later - passing in front of the house, a mile or so distant, coming from the direction of London and proceeding east or south-east. I could not see it in the darkness; but came to the conclusion that it would not be passed as 'fit' by a medical tribunal; for it lacked the familiar note of a healthy Zeppelin and was both 'wheezy' and slow of gait. I decided that it had been 'pricked' (as one would say of small winged game) in the London district, where the guns had been so busy. It passed slowly into the distance and I went back to bed.' This suggests that the anti aircraft guns had done some damage to the L32 This was later confirmed, as according to obituary in The Times Group Captain Sowrey (as Second Lieutenant Sowrey became) in October 1968 the airship was twice hit by shells from anti aircraft guns near Purfleet.

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