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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHIGNALS WITH MASHBURY

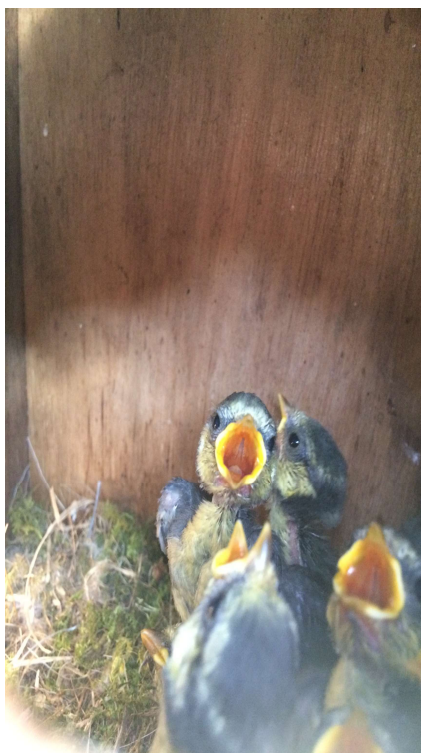
Chignal News

The Chignal Nest Box Project – Martin Nutall

For my volunteering section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze award I have surveyed the recently installed nestboxes around the village for three months from late March. I had to go out for an hour a week to survey the nestboxes and note down my findings. As expected most of the boxes were uninhabited however, a few had some inhabitants in them. Others around the village who have boxes in their gardens have said whether they had any birds in them. Blue tits were common inhabitants in addition, we even had a squirrel nesting in an owl box!

The types of boxes that were made as part of the project were: woodpecker, tawny owl, barn owl, little owl, bat, kestrel and garden birdboxes. We suspect that the owl and kestrel boxes will begin to have owls and kestrels nesting in them in the coming years. They probably will not be inhabited in their first couple of years as it will take time for the birds to get used to them and find them. So next time you are out in the village have a look up at some of the trees as see if you can spot any of the boxes.

I would like to thank Jon Lewis for helping me and guiding me in this project and for lending me his wildlife trail camera, which I used to capture some exciting images of wildlife in our village including badgers and deer.



Chignals & Mashbury

Carpet Bowls

Introducing afternoon bowls on Thursdays from
10th Oct. 2019, 2.00. - 4.30. p.m.



At Chignals & Mashbury
Village Hall

CM1 4TS

No experience or
equipment needed.

CARPET BOWLING

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

We also meet on Tuesdays at 7.30.p.m.

Contact Gordon on 01245 231406



Great Waltham Village Choir invite you to a
One Day Workshop 'Time to Sing'

on Saturday October 12th at Chelmer Valley High School from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

If you enjoy a day singing then come along and join the fun. By the end of the day you will have experienced what it is like to be part of a group working together to achieve a goal.

Why not give it a go?

Cost will be £10 and bring your own picnic and pencil!. Tea and coffee available.

Further details from Clare Lyne 01245 361996, clare.lyne11@googlemail.com;

Malcolm Ward 01245 [360149](tel:01245360149), mgm.ward@yahoo.co.uk

“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

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 any of the following telephone numbers:

01245 440241 – Helen, 01245 440528 - (Barbara), 01245 440880 - (Lynn), 01245 445245 - (Sandra), 01245 443497 - (Sarah) 01245 231758 – (Anne), Julia - 07798922219, Joan 01245 440339

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

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

Please call us if you need help with transport to the ‘Coffee Morning’ held on the first Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall all are welcome.

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

Chignal Parish Council

C/O 45 Cherry Garden Road , Great Waltham, Chelmsford , Essex, CM3 1DH

Tel: 01245 360811 Email: Chignalpc@gmail.com

Clerk: Will Adshead-Grant

Chair : Lynn Ballard

Vice Chair : Linda Nelson

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Chignal Parish Council at the Chignal & Mashbury Village Hall, on Monday 8th July 2019.

- 2019/027 Chairman's Welcome
Some issues with metal drain covers / manhole covers being removed.
Community Group arranging a litter pick on 11th October. Some walks around the Parish being arranged with a member of the group getting training via Chelmsford City Council.
- Chairperson Ballard
Councillors Anstey, Feltwell, Nelson, Towns and Elwick
- 2019/028 Apologies for Absence
None
- 2019/029 Register of Declarations of Interests and request for dispensation
None
- 2019/030 Public Open Session
Gate at the Bridleway 33 – offer to open it in the mornings but query about who will close it.
Request for signage on the gate about picking up dog litter and taking it home.
Community group is working on a new edition of the information pack ready for a re-issue.
Fly Tipping/ ANPR cameras in the Parish – offer of assistance to set up.
- 2019/031 County Councillors' Reports
Drain covers have been replaced. Grass Cutting issue on bridleway 33 has been raised. Hollow Lane lighting – discussions to reduce this to two or three lamps.
- 2019/032 City Councillors' Reports
Visit to Gardening Express on Tuesday planned after several attempts to contact the owner by phone has failed.
A collection of asbestos was delayed by the approved contractor being available to collect.
- 2019/033 To note the Orchard Sub Committee minutes of 26th June 2019
New bench is in use.
Resolution Noted
- 2019/034 To confirm the full Council Minutes of 13th May 2019.
Resolution Confirmed
- 2019/035 Representatives' Reports: to note
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| A) Playing Field | Defer to item on the agenda |
| B) Village Hall Liaison | Awaiting quotes on a sound system. Wired system.
Dishwasher installed and in use |
| C) Newsletter Including Website | Printed copy in the next week. |
| D) Gravel Liaison | Bridleway completed and in use.
New bore holes have been created. |
| E) Community Safety | Defibrillator has been installed. |
| F) Highways (to include Hedges) | Concerns with Potholes, photograph and report
– Contact Cllr Feltwell.
Hedge Visibility concerns – Householders |

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| G) Footpaths/Bridleways | Footpaths overgrown.
Sign posts are occasionally missing. |
| H) Telephone Box - | Nothing to report |
| I) Tree Warden | 17 people joined a walk around the pit and village green. |

2019/036	Finance:		
	Account Balances:		
		Cheque Account	£ 2,606.40
		Saving Account	£ 51,062.77
	Income (in figures above)		
		Income (Orchard)	£85.00
		Interest	£15.73
	Total		£53,669.17

To approve Cheques signed between meetings:

Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value
100838	Safety Tec Ltd- Defib	£1439.10
100839	Toolport - Tent	£489.89
100840	NIWAKI - Ladder	£249
100841	Buzz Supplies - Dishwasher	£1860.42
100842	Tinctleton Lifestyle - Bench	£674.10
100843	Hall Hire	£70.00
100844	Signs of Cheshire – Board for Defib	£426.00
100845	HMRC	£23.40
100846	Essex Pension Fund	£120.61
100847	Clerks Salary	£130.80
100848	Cllr Anstey – Parish Expenses	£140.38

To approve Cheques to be signed and issued:

Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value
100849	Essex Pension Fund	£120.61
100850	Clerk's Salary & Expenses - May	£108.43
100851	HMRC	£23.40
100852	Insurance – Annual Renewal	£223.44
100853	Village Hall – Defibrillator Electrical work	£410.00

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100854	Chelmsford DBF	£130
100855	Cllr Ballard – 6 x hand lens	£65.68

Resolution: The Cheques were approved and signed.

- 2019/037 Discuss the Playing Field – Surface, Boundaries and Shelter.
Several meetings have been held to discuss options.
- Improvement to Parking
 - Create 4 Car parking spaces. Move the gates in to the field to create the spaces.
 - Additional hedging
 - Single Goal Post
 - Look to purchase a foldable / temporary Goal and net
 - Dispose of the original unit
 - Tree area by Village Hall
 - Improve access between the VH and Playing area
 - Cut back the ivy
 - Improves the view from VH
 - Croquet Club
 - Preferred area for the pitch marked.
 - Install some small oak posts to mark the pitch but not block access.
 - Small Open Shelter
 - Oak Gazebo with a pitched roof.
 - Open on the sides
 - Some Fixed Permanent seating

Resolution: The Plan to be in the next Chignal Parish News.

- 2019/038 Management of the Grass Verges and Village Green
Agreement with the Chelmsford City Council to half cut and then full cut the verges in the Parish.
The Village Green is used for dog walking, walking and children's games.
- Proposal to leave some of the areas on the Village Green uncut to allow wildflowers to flourish agree with the Parks Department.

Resolution: The Proposal was approved.

- 2019/039 Co-Option to fill the current vacancy of one Parish Councillor.

Resolution: Advertise the Vacancy on the Parish Noticeboards, Newsletter and e-mail.

- 2019/040 Update on options to improve the security of the Parish including ANPR.
Cameras should be installed on a building. Each Camera would have a NVR. This information can then be accessed via the internet. Signage is important. Data controller required. Estimate capital cost of £3000 per camera. 5 Cameras suggested. Working life of 5 years per camera. Camera around £600 and NVR £400. Ongoing cleaning of the camera lenses. Potential to increase the precept by £5-£10 or discuss with local business owners.

Proposal: Discussions with local business and landowners to find suitable location.

Resolution: The proposal was passed.

- 2019/041 Review and sign the bank reconciliation

Resolution: Approved and signed

- 2019/042 Sewage Tank Regulations – 2020 – Any discharge to a water course / soak away
Information is difficult to obtain.

Resolution Contact Cllr Aldridge for Information.

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2019/043 Welcome/Information Pack
Editing work underway.

2019/044 Gardening Express Delivery Lorries
Parking on the verges had continued up until early June 2019.
There is no evidence to suggest that this has continued into July

Resolution: Continue to Monitor the roads.

Meeting Close 21:10
W.Adshead-Grant PSLCC
Clerk to the Council



The Chignals & Mashbury Jubilee Community Orchard

Don't miss the main event in the Orchard's calendar – this year's **Autumn Fruit Celebration is on Sunday 20th October**, starting around noon following the Harvest Festival service at St Nicholas Church in Chignal Smealey at 11.00.

Some of you have already had a taste of the very early George Cave dessert apples – harvested and beautifully presented by Moira and the Queen cooking apple tree is laden with wonderful rosy fruit.



We'll have dessert and cooking apples, pears and quinces plus a range of fruit preserves for you to try and take away. If you have any surplus fruit, vegetables or preserves, please feel free to bring them along on the day to share with others. Hot apple juice and mulled cider will be served plus some homemade goodies to nibble.

Parking will be in the Playing Field opposite and toilet facilities will be available at the Village Hall.

We look forward very much to celebrating the orchard harvest with you.

Lynn and the Orchard Committee

Email: chignal.mashburyjubileeorchard@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Council Vacancy

1. There is a Vacancy on the Parish Council
2. The Returning officer at Chelmsford City Council has indicated that a by-election has not been called and that the Parish Council can fill the vacancy by co-option
3. If you are interested in serving as a Parish Councillor, please write to the Parish Clerk confirming that you are qualified to be a Councillor (see Appendix A of the attached Co-option procedure),
4. Candidates will be invited to speak at the next Parish Council after which a vote by Councillors will take place.
5. Co-Option is by interview.
6. The Parish Council Meets in Jan, March, May, June, August, , October and December each year on the Second Monday of each month.
7. The address of the Clerk to the Parish Council is:

The Clerk to the Parish Council
45 Cherry Garden Road , Great Waltham ,
Chelmsford ,Essex CM3 1DH

Any queries can be supported by e-mail to
chignalpc@gmail.com

Dated Wednesday 1st Sept 2019
William Adshead-Grant PSLCC
Clerk to the Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL CO-OPTION PROCEDURE

Introduction

If no request for an election is received by the City Council by the date of the Notice of Vacancy, the Electoral Services Department will advise the Parish Council that it may co-opt to the vacancy. Co-option is the process by which the Parish Council selects a new Councillor and it is done as an agenda item within a regular Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council manages the process of co-option by itself and aims to demonstrate that it is fair and transparent by following the procedure set out below:

Procedure

1. The Parish Council invites interested candidates to write to the Clerk by a specified date via notices placed on its noticeboard and website. Candidates will be asked to confirm that they are qualified to be a Councillor (ref. Appendix A) and to give a brief

explanation of why they would like to be a Parish Councillor. Copies of the information received from candidates will be circulated by the Clerk to all Councillors prior to the meeting of the Parish Council during which the co-option will be considered.

2. At the Parish Meeting candidates will be invited to say something about themselves and what they would like to achieve as a Parish Councillor. Each candidate will be allocated a maximum of six minutes.
3. In a closed session of the Parish Council meeting, without the public present, Councillors will discuss and consider the candidates. The public are invited back into the meeting before voting takes place.
4. Voting will take place by secret ballot. Councillors will have one vote per vacancy. In the event of a tie between two candidates for one vacancy the Chairman will exercise his casting vote.
5. If there is only one candidate for one vacancy they are not automatically co-opted – a yes/no vote will take place.
6. The successful candidate/s will be declared co-opted to the Parish Council and, after signing the declaration of acceptance of office paperwork, will be asked to join the meeting.
7. The successful candidate is a Councillor in their own right and is no different to any other member; co-option is a legitimate form of election as part of the election process.

Appendix A

A person is qualified to be elected and to be a Councillor if:

- They are a British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen and on the relevant day (that is, the day of nomination or election) they are 18 or over.

AND

- The person must meet at least **one** of the following criteria
 - (1) on the relevant day and thereafter they continue to be on the electoral register for the parish,
 - (2) during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish,
 - (3) during the whole of the twelve months before that day their principal or only place of work has been in the parish.
 - (4) during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have resided in the parish or within three miles of it.

Except for qualification (1), these qualifications then continue for the full term of office, until the next ordinary elections. Certain people are disqualified from standing, and these include paid officers (including the Clerks) of the council, bankrupts and those subject to recent sentences of imprisonment.



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More chances to WIN from 17 August 2019

- WIN cash prizes from £25 up to the £25,000 Jackpot
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- Support us from just £1 a week and help make a real difference to our Village Hall

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causes

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www.essexlottery.co.uk

and search for: **Village Hall**

Players must be 16 years and over and physically based in the UK



October Litter Pick

October Chignal Village Litter Pick

**Organised by the Chignals and Mashbury Community
Group Saturday 12th October at 9.30 am.**

Due to the amount of rubbish that finds its way onto our verges we are once again organising a mid-year litter pick on Saturday, 12th October at 9.30 am, meeting at the Three Elms car park.

Gloves and pickers will be provided from the Council, but we will not be provided with the means to dispose of the rubbish. Therefore, we ask as many people as possible to join in with the litter pick and collect just one bag of rubbish each that you can then dispose of in your own black bin. We will have someone driving round to take your collection back to your home. Large items will be reported to the Council's fly tipping team.

We aim to finish by 11.30 to meet at The Three Elms for coffee or an early lunch.

So, come and join in for a worthwhile cause, a chat, a walk and a gathering afterwards.

We appreciate that not everyone can either pick litter or be available on that date and we know many of you pick rubbish up throughout the year. However, if you could pick up litter near your home in the week leading up to 12th October, that would help us a great deal. Just send us an email to chigandmashcommunitygroup@hotmail.com or leave a message on 07909 564905 (sandra bailey) to let us know that you have done so. That way we can concentrate on other areas.

Hope to see you then

Women's Institute

Another busy year for the W.I. is drawing to a close.

In October we will be having our Annual Lunch in the Village Hall, brought to us by Jeans Catering Services.

In November we have Geraldine Beaurain coming to talk to us about "Mary's Meals". Which brings us to December and our Christmas Party, this year really has flown past.

Already we have some great speakers and events planned for 2020 so do drop in, visitors are always welcome. We meet on the first Thursday of the month, 2 for 2-30pm.

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.

14th September 12th October 9th November, 7th December

We have a speaker coming from Nat West Bank to advise us about scams on telephones and emails on 14th September, do join our group to hear about this.

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

Re starts on Friday September 6th

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



Saturday Morning 10.00 – 11.30

7th Sept, 21st Sept. 5th October 19th October.

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.

Tuesday – 10.30 – 11.30am

September 10th, 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 speaker from Nat West Bank coming to talk about scams on emails and mobiles on Saturday 14th Sept. at 2pm

Individual Tablet Taster Session

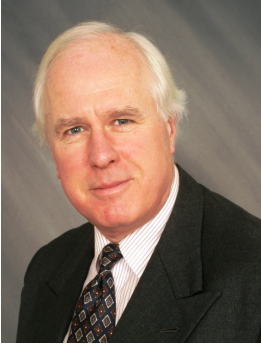
Have you got a new iPad or tablet and are not sure how to use it effectively? We are holding individual Tablet sessions, fortnightly on a Saturday, when you can ask our staff any questions you may have.



Saturdays – these sessions are bookable.

Saturday 10.00 - 11.00am (fortnightly)

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



Libraries to stay open

I am pleased to confirm that all Essex Libraries are to remain open. After a consultation revealed a renewed enthusiasm for the library service. Residents were asked what they thought of the library service, its buildings and how they saw the future during the 12-week consultation, after it was revealed that book lending was dramatically declining year on year across the county.

Just over 20,000 people replied to the survey and it showed that people across Essex have reignited their love for libraries with many communities offering to run the service and the buildings in the future.

The new service strategy proposes a future for every single library in Essex, as well as giving them the opportunity to expand. It also commits that no libraries will close in the next five years. The strategy focuses on developing an investment plan to improve libraries and work with community groups or other partner organisations to set up community run libraries, with the aim of ensuring a library service is retained in every current location, and potentially established in three or more new locations. A £3m investment programme for library services will be introduced to:-

1. Improve libraries to deliver a consistent, high-quality look and feel across the County
2. Up-date library management computer systems
3. Review extending opening hours
4. Upskill staff and volunteers to improve the service to users
5. Embrace new technology and 'smart libraries' functionality that enables users to choose when and how they access books and learning materials
6. Deliver more outreach than ever before – taking the library service into a wide range of communities.

The investment includes grant funding of £18k over three years, an initial donation of books, refresh of reading materials and support to community-run library groups to train volunteers.

After scrutiny by Place Services and Economic Growth Policy Committee this the package will be agreed by the ECC Cabinet

Footway Repairs

During the coming months Essex Highways will focus on the repair of pavements, or as engineers call them 'footways'. Together with other County Councillors I have been asked to liaise with the 11 Parish Councils in my County Division to identify locally important footway problems. On receipt of the most pressing cases Highways will expedite necessary repairs alongside the other more routine work they do in fixing risk-assessed faults and delivering programmed capital works.

The funding is not unlimited, so in the guidelines provided, all County Councillors have been asked to prioritise up to five specific footway or kerb defects in their Division. This may be a mixture of specific 'spot defects' (i.e. a specific footway hole, broken, missing or damaged single kerb stones and so on) and/or limited 'length defects' i.e. problems which lie along a stretch of footway, kerbing or verge. I have received, as you would expect, quite a number of footway defects which are now being processed by Highways for prompt action

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 July / August

Gardening Club

Following visits to three beautiful gardens so far this summer, there is only one remaining garden visit:

Thursday 19th September at 2pm. Field Cottage, Pound Gate, Stebbing, nr Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 3RH

Third of an acre plant lovers oasis reinvented in 2010 on a very flat sandy site with fields on two sides giving good views across the valley. The borders are packed with herbaceous perennials and shrubs for all year round interest with emphasis on drought and wind tolerance as the garden is on top of a small hill which can be very dry during the summer months. There are approximately 40 different varieties of hemerocallis, chosen to flower at different times, as well as numerous Iris, hostas, shrub roses, ferns and grasses, followed by Michaelmas daisies and sedums for late summer interest. A medium vegetable garden provides year round crops.

Cost: £5.00 to include tea/coffee and cake.

If you would like to attend this garden visit, please email Elaine at gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com. Payment is made on the night and non members are welcome.

The winter talks programme will start on Wednesday 17th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We will be hosting an Intersociety Quiz with several other gardening clubs in the Chelmsford area. It promises to be an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

On Wednesday 20th November we have the welcome return of Zsuzsa Serer from Herbal Haven. Zsuzsa has visited the club a few times in the past and has always delivered a very interesting talk.

Diary dates for the remainder of our winter programme in early 2020, which all start at 7.30pm, are as follows:

- **Wednesday 20th January**
- **Wednesday 19th February**
- **Wednesday 18th March**
- **Wednesday 15th April**

The club welcomes new members and we're a very 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

Wine Discovery July

The wine group welcomed George Unwin from Baythorne Wines to their June meeting. Baythorne Wines are located at Baythorne Hall which is on the road from the Hedinghams towards Haverhill. There is now an antique shop, a farm shop, a butcher's shop and a café there as well as the wine shop so it's a nice destination for a trip out.

We tasted a range of mainly French wines focusing on the Languedoc – this was partly as George had recently returned from a tasting trip to this area of southern France. We learnt that the Languedoc is producing some truly interesting and experimental wines these days. The appellation rules are not as restrictive as in other regions of France so there is more room for innovation – for example, unusual blends of different grape varieties – and foreign wine makers have settled in the region, bringing fresh ideas too.

One of the best wines we tasted was a 2018 Malbec (unusual for the Languedoc) from La Forge Estate. The wine maker is Jean-Claude Mas, the well-known and established Mas family being pioneers of new style Languedoc wines (their strap line is 'Le Luxe Rural depuis 1892'). When the Mas family took over this vineyard, one of the improvements they made was to reduce yields to 2.5 tonnes per hectare, half of what used to be produced. The wine is aged in used oak for 8 months, softening the tannins, and retails for £11.99.

In July, the wine group spent a warm evening sitting on the patio of the village hall, enjoying the view over the fields and tasting some wines from our stock alongside a cold buffet meal. Thanks to Joan and her team for organising this.

Editor's Note



I hope you enjoy this edition, which I have just realised is the 200th edition of the Chignal News. The news has evolved since I agreed to take on editing the newsletter. All articles are now received via e-mail and the newsletter is published on the website. It is available via e-mail for those who wish to subscribe to the contact list. I am always happy to receive articles from parishioners, especially the younger members of our community, so if you have something that you think may be of interest, please e-mail it to chignalswe@btinternet.com.

By the time you read this article, I will have, with my friend Jane, hopefully, completed a walking marathon, in aid of Macmillan, from Chestow race course to Monmouth. If you wish to donate to this good cause please do so on our giving page :

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janefandlindan>

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Catch up over a cuppa, and enjoy some great home made treats.

The money we raise at our coffee morning will help make sure no one has to face cancer alone.

We look forward to seeing you there.

For further details contact steve.middleditch@btinternet.com

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CHELMSFORD, CM1 2TX

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St. Nicholas' Church - Autumn and change is in the air

Autumn is in the air. Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. Fields are shorn and bumper crops are in our farmers barns. Children and teachers are back at school. It is time of new beginnings, the new school year, a time of change. This is often a time of looking back and looking forward.

And it is a time of change for me, moving on from the Chignals with Mashbury and the other churches, with many fond memories. I never thought I would be a rural vicar so I never went to any of the training about being a rural vicar at college (although I have done training since then in this area), but I have loved being here among you and hearing people's stories.

It has been a real joy working with the folk in the church and community of The Chignals with Mashbury and it has touched my heart that such a small community is so committed to the church, a gem, in its midst. I do love St Nicholas. It has such a wonderful feel about it, always open, and set in the glorious peace of the churchyard especially when the primroses spread their blanket near the church. But the real gems are the people, people who make sure that things work and have such a commitment to community. Of all my churches this one feels the most rural even though it is so close to Melbourne, and I remember well when I first came to the job and was driven round the lanes by Tony and then when I tried to find my own way I kept getting lost because the roads always seemed to bend round and come back on themselves. The number of times I'd proclaim, 'h I m here!' I have learnt so much and been so enriched by people. I have discovered the

importance of harvest and rogation, connecting with the land and the seasons. It has been good tying up harvest with the apple orchard seeing real fruitfulness and sharing in action. It is good to mark the church calendar as it turns especially Christmas and Easter and it is wonderful that such a small community has about 80 people come to the Crib service. I will never forget the beautiful white poppies projected onto the church for Remembrance to mark the end of WW1. The response to the vision and giving campaign was amazing, the support that the community showed for the church, and now the community is supporting us with the bat project in the church so people understand about bats and we work to preserve our church and also provide a good environment for the bats to thrive.

And we have shared the christening of our children and grandchildren, marriages of those we hold dear and saying goodbye to loved parishioners at their funerals.

Rather than thank individuals, which always runs the risk of missing someone key, I want to thank groups of people. When we moved to monthly services our regular numbers jumped from 3 to 12, so thank you to all of you who have stepped forward and now come to church more regularly. Thank you to all of you in the community who have supported us in different ways, especially the parish council and it has been great seeing the new village hall take shape and chatting to people at the village fete. Thank you for everyone who helps with the church including churchyard clearups, flower arranging and cleaning and providing refreshments.

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I also want to thank the PCC without whom so much would not have been possible. And I know change can bring uncertainty about the future, about what will happen next. The PCC has been invited to a meeting with The Rev. Eliabeth Snowden, Archdeacon of Chelmsford on 30 September and I am sure they will report back to you the outcome of this meeting.

So I wish you all the very best for the future, knowing that you, and all those you love, are deeply loved and blessed by God

May the road rise to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm upon your face

and the rain fall soft upon your fields and garden

and until we meet again

May God hold you in the hollow of her hand.

With love and appreciation

Revd Caroline Brown

Services

Autumn Church services at St Nicholas

Sept 19th 11am Caroline's last Communion service at St Nicholas

October 20th 11am Harvest Festival with Janet Nicholls, farmers daughter and diocesan advisor for rural matters (who spoke at Vision and Giving event)

November 10th 11am Remembrance Service with Roger Bearman and Bill Styles

November 17th 11am Communion service

You are warmly invited to my last service at Great Waltham on Sunday 29th September at Great Waltham at 10.30pm

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