

AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL CHIGNAL PARISH MEETING
TO BE HELD MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022 AT 20:00
At the Village Hall

Welcome

The Chairman of the Parish Council will Chair the meeting of the Parish.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Parish Meeting on 8th March 2021

2. Chairman's Report

3. Club and Group Reports

a) The Chignals and Mashbury Community Group

Summary for the Chignals and Mashbury community Group 2021

As for most groups over the last year, we have been met with challenging times when much of what we wanted to plan was not possible due to covid restrictions and social distancing. We still held our group meetings on Zoom – which was really enjoyable – not just thinking of planning events, but meeting with each other and chatting about life!! During those meetings we managed to organise a village litter pick which we all carried out individually and with the help of other parishioners near their own homes.

We managed to carry on with delivering Welcome packs to new residents – some of which were really grateful for the information and doorstep contact. It offered them a warm welcome despite not much else going on in the village!

During the school summer holidays we trialled a meet up for children in the playing fields every Monday. Unfortunately for whatever reason it was not well supported, but those that came still enjoyed themselves. We are not sure whether this is worth pursuing this year.

A family picnic/get together was organised in September – again in the playing fields with over 50 people attending. A very low key affair, but much enjoyed. It was so nice to be able to chat amongst friends and neighbours and the ice cream van attending was the highlight for many!

In September we ran a social night at the village hall – people bringing their own refreshments for a chat and some games. It was well attended by about 50 people.

We tried the same event again in January, but with a much fewer turnout which was a shame. Those that came learnt a few more games which we all enjoyed.

Going forward we are organising a quiz night on Friday 25th March in the village hall . To date we have sold 70 tickets with the hope of selling a few more tickets before the night. Tickets cost £10 including fish/chicken and chips supper.

The main event for this year will be the queens jubilee in June. We are planning, along with the Orchard and the Village hall to have a village get together to celebrate this occasion. Plans are underway!

Our meetings have now resumed at the village hall, but Zoom was definitely a good alternative!

b) The Chignals and Mashbury Village Hall

Village Hall Management Committee Chairman's Report for 2021

It was another year dominated by Covid 19. We started with the Hall closed and the Management Committee meeting virtually. However, we felt that we might be able to get back to a more normal way of working early in the year. We had acquired suitable paint for the wooden exterior walls of the toilet block and intended to get on with some maintenance but even there we were defeated, this time by a long spell of wet weather. The Hall reopened as a Polling Station on the 6th May and fully from 1st July. Things got off to a slow start with meetings and events operating under restrictions but they

eventually picked up and we had a full programme of events with regular clubs and private hires taking place from October onwards. Various levels of restrictions were needed as Government regulations and advice changed. Having missed the Village Fete in 2020, we were hoping that we could hold one in 2021. We wanted to make it a very special occasion acknowledging the events which had been cancelled and involving more groups than just the Village Hall. We felt it unlikely that we could organise something for the normal June date but we felt it may have been possible in August or September. Unfortunately, things didn't work out and we missed another year. Our biggest success was that we finally received CIL funding from the Parish Council for our new storage building and it was finally built. First, we had to remove the contents of the existing building and then dismantle and remove it. Many thanks go to Tony Townes for helping us move and temporarily store our stuff and to Josh Smith for his help with the loading and unloading. Once that had been completed, a reinforced concrete base was laid and finally the new building was erected. The new building is 8.4m x 3.6m x 2.3m with a pent roof, built from black, feather-edged cladding so that it matches the Village Hall. It is divided into two separate areas, one for the Village Hall and one for the Parish Council. The building has internal lighting and power and I believe it will be a great asset for many years to come. Another success was gaining funding from the Covid Safe Community Buildings Fund. We have received funding for: • an awning over the patio; • a floor cleaner; • electrical hand dryers in the toilets. These should all be fitted and working early in 2022 The Hall requires some maintenance activities as follows: • the exterior painting to the wood cladding on the toilet block needs to be completed; • the rainwater down-pipes are getting blocked; • the interior paintwork needs touching up; • Some tidying up outside is required; • Some minor adjustments need to be made to the new Storage Building. Members of the Committee will try to address these issues as and when they can. Finance details are available on request. In summary, the finances have been stabilised by grant funding available to support things like village halls through the pandemic. The Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to keep hiring rates for the regular users and external hirers the same for 2022 as they were in 2021. I feel I should also remind people of the Village Hall page on the Chignals website: (<https://e-voice.org.uk/chignal-parish/>) As Chairman, I must point out that keeping the Hall running requires input from the Committee Members, most of which goes unnoticed. Even when the Hall was closed, there were regular meetings via video conferencing and work to do with the risk assessments and planning for re-opening. I would like to thank the Committee Members for their commitment, time and help during the year in keeping this Hall running. This Village Hall is a superb asset for the Chignals and Mashbury and keeping it going would be so much easier if there were a few more people to share the load. Two of our long-standing members have retired from the Management Committee but we have been able to recruit two new members to replace them. Even so, we need more new members to take part in the running and management of this great facility. The work is not onerous, we have six meetings a year and enlist the members' help from time to time to carry out tasks such as routine maintenance. The main input is ideas and some new members would give us a fresh perspective on how we do things. The more members we get, the more we can share the work. If you are interested in joining the Committee or know someone who might be, please contact anyone on the Committee

Andy Emberton

c) [Chignals and Mashbury Gardening Club](#)

d) [Chignals and Mashbury Carpet Bowls Club](#)

e) [The Chignals and Mashbury Women's Institute](#)
Chignals & Mashbury W.I. Annual Report for 2021.

Due to Coronavirus restrictions we were unable to resume our usual monthly meetings until July when we met in the garden at Grays Farm. From August onwards we were able

to meet in the Village Hall and welcomed our members back to a programme of interesting speakers including the Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Jude Deakin. We also enjoyed our Annual lunch in October and ended the year with a "Mad Hatters" tea party to celebrate the start of the Christmas season.

We have an exciting year ahead as we will be celebrating our 70th. Anniversary as well as the Queen's Jubilee.

We currently have 21 members, we meet on the first Thursday of the month at 2-15pm, details of forthcoming meetings are posted on the notice board in the Village Hall.

Visitors are always welcome.

Wendy Steele & Gloria Nichols, joint Presidents.

f) Chignal Cricket Club

g) Chignal Wine Discovery Group Report

Last year I reported on how we managed to keep the group going despite COVID and looked forward to a time when we could return to the Village Hall.

Fortunately, that time came around reasonably quickly and we were able to meet in the hall for our July meeting which traditionally is the last meeting of our year. That meeting took the form of a picnic with wine of course and we were able to make the most of the excellent weather on the patio.

We returned to our usual monthly meetings in September and these have continued ever since. In December we held our Christmas function which was a sit down dinner enjoyed by all. Membership remains healthy with attendance at meetings being around the 30 mark.

h) St. Nicholas Church

i) Chignal Chapel

j) Croquet Club

Croquet summary for 2021

Although we had said goodbye to four of our members due to them moving away, We still managed to field two courts most months in the season. Everyone felt a spring in their step being allowed back with others once again and enjoying each others company. The weather was kind to us – don't recall any games being called off due to bad weather and we definitely benefitted from the use of the new playing field pavilion. It has been a very welcome addition to our gatherings. Once again, David Lomas found himself taking home the cup. However other members are growing ever more confident at their playing abilities and therefore I am sure his position may well be challenged this year! We finished the year with a fish and chip supper in the village hall, when we also celebrated Maggy Randall's birthday along with a very short but enjoyable firework display.

We look forward to another great season and would welcome any new members to come along and enjoy the fun.

k) Chignals & Mashbury Orchard and Orchard Friends

l) Chignal Coffee Mornings

m) Chignals Table Tennis Club

n) The Chignals with Mashbury Friends Group

Report for Chignals with Mashbury Friends Group March 2022.

The Chignals with Mashbury Friends Group has continued to operate as it has done so since its formation. It is made up of parishioners willing to provide their contact details which are made public via The Chignals with Mashbury News letter so as to provide when able to do so one off help when needed by any parishioner who is in the unfortunate position of not having available a friendly neighbour or family member to help them in their time of need. Uptake is very low, any contact made is treated in a confidential manner. This is seen as a positive response rather than negative, a good indicator that we live in a caring community and parishioners are looking out for each other .

It runs completely independently of any other community group, secular or otherwise. Any parishioner is welcomed to seek or offer support as a friend of the group .Thank you to all those who support the group to function in any form.

Report supplied by Helen Towns

Any other clubs

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