



Jackie and Julie would like to thank all those who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Village Hall, helping to raise around £500

Three Elms - Charity Cheque Presentation



Every Tuesday, the Three Elms hold a "Charity Round" during their popular quiz nights. Thanks to the generosity of quiz players a £1000 cheque was presented to Farleigh Hospice.

Is there something in the water?

From the grapevine comes news of some great successes in our village. First Class degrees have been awarded to no less than three of our village students:

Gemma Moorhouse BSc Hons in Chemistry from Nottingham University
(plus the prize for top marks in Year 3)

Laura Smith BSc Hons in Equine Science from Oxford Brookes University

William Anstey BSc Hons in Building Surveying from Reading University

Congratulations to you all on your hard work and good luck in your future careers.

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St Nicholas Services

September 30 th	Canon Appleford
October 7 th 3p.m.	Harvest Festival
14 th	Canon Thompson
21 st	Reg Morris
28 th	TBC
November 4 th	TBC
11 th 11a.m.	Remembrance Sunday
12a.m.	Holy Baptism
18 th	Reg Morris

All Services at 11 am unless shown otherwise.



In June we made a return visit to a garden in Good Easter. It was a much warmer day than our August visit last year. Not only was the garden looking good but the house owners had organised a band to entertain us and it was good to have husbands, friends and members of other WIs with us. Songs from the shows echoed through the countryside! The committee provided an excellent tea. Also in June we entered a few items for the Essex Federation Summer Show at the Cathedral, we didn't come away with glittering prizes but congratulations to Edna Hillyear who gained 19 out of 20 marks for her sweetcorn relish.

In July we had an excellent talk on hypnotherapy by Tessa Bull from Maldon. Tessa explained how even very serious phobias can be healed. Tessa was a very calm person and we all felt better for her talk. Also in July Myra made a very brief appearance in one of a series of films made about the WI and shown on BBC4. (No one has asked for her autograph yet!) On July 13th we enjoyed a ploughman's lunch at Grays Farm organised by Helen Towns. We were lucky with the weather again and the setting in a barn at the farm was just perfect. Many thanks to Helen and to everyone who helped in so many ways on the day.

In September Barry Kaufmann-Wright showed us amazing pictures of wild flowers, he was most impressed that we knew the names of all of them! In October, one of our members, Anita Howard shared with us her adventures in the Galapagos Islands which was excellent..

The WI have been meeting in The Village Hall for 55 years so it has seemed very strange to be using other premises, we have been warmly welcomed at Chignal Chapel and St. Andrews.

We are delighted that Geryl Scott has joined us as a member and we are ending this year with a potential of three new members in 2008.

Diary Dates

November 1st

A.G.M and decorative ideas

December 6th

A Christmas social with tea and entertainment.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings

Wine Discovery

June saw a very interesting blind tasting (you do not know what wine is in front of you) hosted by Sue and Graham as they raised the hackles and prepared us for a contest between England and France. Eight wines had been selected, 2 each of sparkling, white, rose and red, one of each from England and one of each from France, our task was to ascertain which wine came from which country. I hear many of you saying that should be an easy task, but English wines have improved greatly in recent years with many of the famous champagne houses planting vineyards in Kent (an advantage of global warming?). As the sparkling wine made its way around the table, heavily cloaked in brown paper, I noted a few worried faces amongst the group as they realised this might not be quite so easy as they thought. The sparkling split the group with about 50% getting the Anglo / France split correct. A similar story greeted the white and rose wines and again congratulations to the hosts who had thought to decant the Alsace from its distinctively shaped bottle into something less conspicuous. The big surprise came with the red wine, no one was expecting the English wine to be very good and as a result most people chose the better wine to be French.



How wrong we all were, the English wine was a medal winner of distinction. Once again the wine club tasting introduced many in the club to good quality wines from a source right under our noses that many of us would not have previously considered. Based on the tasting I for one will be willing to give selective English wines a try!

With the village hall out of action for July we were pleased when Gill and Dave offered their garden for an informal tasting and BBQ evening. John selected the wines based on a theme of 2 grapes (Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah/Shiraz) from 3 continents (South America, Australia and New Zealand, France). Everyone was able to mingle informally while tasting the wines that, as always, were excellent and showed the different styles of the continents and how wines made from the same grape can vary so much. Many thanks to all of those who helped organise the evening, to those who provided the food, and of course to Gill and Dave for hosting. The wine club next meet in the Village Hall on October 12th, if anyone is interested in coming along or would like to know more then please contact Dave on 442474.

Bowls Club

Bowls Club Nights are held at the Village Hall on Tuesday and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.
New players are always welcome



Contact:- Ann or Geoff Coates - 01245 441515
Gordon Hillyear - 01245 231406

Gardening Club

On 27th June Club members went on an evening visit to the Old Rectory Gardens at Boreham, we experienced torrential rain, but everyone enjoyed the visit, especially the tea and cakes served from the garage. Luckily, the weather was wonderful for our annual garden supper in July, which was kindly hosted by Janet and Tony Campen in their beautiful garden. It is helpful to see what grows well in our area. Janet very generously gave away some of the plants that she propagates from her own garden.

The Autumn programme of talks started with Deep Bed and traditional vegetable growing with Peter Morris (RHS FNVS) Peter is a qualified

Horticultural Judge for vegetables, so the evening was extremely informative and inspiring.

The meeting was well attended and we were pleased to welcome three new members.

Two popular speakers are returning ; firstly John Walker on 17 October with 'Plants that changed the World' and then on 21 November Margot Bishop with 'Going Dutch'.

New members and guests are most welcome.

**Contact John Dennis
01245 440289 or**



Chignal Cricket Club

We have now reached the end of a very successful and historic season for the cricket club. The 1st eleven team came runners up in Division 2 of the Mid-Essex cricket league and have gained promotion to division 1 for the first time since joining the league. The 2nd eleven just missed out on promotion from division 8 finishing 3rd, 8 points short of the team in second place.

We are having a Race Night at Chignal village hall on Saturday 13th October to raise funds for the continued running of the club, if anyone would like to come along and support us you would be more than welcome. Entry is £5 per person (pay on the door) we will be providing a buffet but you will

need to bring along your own drinks. Doors open at 7.30pm and the first race will commence by 8pm.

If you would like to keep up to date with news regarding the cricket club please take a look at our website.

<http://chignal.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>

The new season will begin at the end of April 2008 and if you would like to come along and support us you would be more than welcome.

Contact Linda Bird, Fixture Secretary on 01245 363279

Village Hall

The Village Fete, held at Wood Hall on Saturday 2nd June was very successful; again the weather was perfect for the occasion. We raised over £2100, mainly for our Village Hall improvements, but the Committee also made donations to Farleigh Hospice and the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade.

A big thank you to Norman & Beryl for the use of Wood Hall and also to all the helpers, there is a lot of work to make this day happen and without the volunteers it would not take place. We are already planning for next year and again the need for more help is the major concern. Over the next few months we will be specifying where help will be required, so please give us your support and volunteer.

As has been reported previously, we have now raised the funds for the first stage of improvements to the Hall – thanks to Kate Middleditch, our funding officer. Work started on June 18th and is progressing well. As I write, the roofs are going up on the toilet block and the extended storage room. We are looking to have the toilets completed by the end of August and all work on this first stage finished by end of September, when the Hall will be ready for hiring again.

After an official opening to thank all our supporters we move on to the next stage – replacing the windows in the main Hall.

Gordon Hillyear (Chairman)

Chignal Parish Council

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF CHIGNAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9th JULY 2007 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

The Police Community Officers introduced themselves and explained their role in the Community, reporting that there had been two burglaries in the Parish recently at the Pig & Whistle and Ash Rise. They then responded to parishioners questions as follows:

Charity Events – it was asked if warnings could be given to advertise that charity events were taking place through the parish but it was explained that the Police are very rarely made aware of these events.

Speeding in Chignal Smealey – the Officers confirmed that a further check will be carried out by the Traffic Division. Problems have also arisen with slow moving vehicles, some towing horseboxes, and if names can be provided, the police will speak to the drivers.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A parishioner expressed concern that planning permission for a change of use had not been obtained for barns at Chignal Hall. The Borough Council has been informed and it is hoped that the necessary action will be taken.

A letter has been received from a parishioner following an accident on the bend between Brick Barns and Pieces Cottage, requesting that crops be planted further back from the road to improve visibility. It was felt that overgrown verges have also caused obstructions and the Borough Council will be notified of the problem.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14th MAY 2007

The minutes of the meeting were read, agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Telephone kiosk Chignal St. James – Ann Salmon has written to English Heritage enclosing photographs of the kiosk and surrounding areas requesting that 'listed building' status be granted.

A meeting has taken place with the owners of the nursery regarding the delivery lorries causing obstructions but some lorries are still turning on the Green.

The notice board near the Church has been repaired and thanks were extended to Gordon Lee for carrying out the remedial work and agreeing to improve the visibility to the notice board at the Three Elms.

PRESENTATION TO JOHN DENNISS

A gift voucher was presented to John as a mark of appreciation for all his hard work on behalf of the Parish Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded the Councillors of the importance of completing the Register of Interests, which on completion will be retained by the Borough Council.

CHAIRMAN'S AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chairman reported his attendance on a Course, the costs for which will be shared with Roxwell Parish Council.

Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation – The Chairman attended a meeting to discuss the need for 1200 sites in East Anglia with between 52- 87 in the Chelmsford Borough.

PLAYING FIELDS – it was reported that a second quotation for grass cutting has been received but the current contractor provided the most favourable price. The grass is being cut regularly and consideration will be given to cutting back the hedge at the next meeting.

VILLAGE HALL LIAISON – the extension works have commenced with completion expected in the next 6 weeks. Thanks were expressed to the Church Warden for offering the use of the Church Hall for the meeting if the Village Hall was unavailable.

NEWSLETTER incl. WEBSITE – John Denniss has agreed to continue as part of the distribution team for the Newsletter. The editor now has the necessary programme to maintain the Chignal Website.

GRAVEL LIAISON – the meeting was advised of a change of personnel in the ECC liaison team. There is now a 10 year plan for the site and Lafarge is hoping to put on an exhibition showing proposals in the Village Hall in the Autumn. The next liaison meeting will be on site at 10 a.m. on 25th September 2007.

HIGHWAYS – it was reported that some potholes have been filled but a number still need remedial work. There are problems with flooding on the road near Brettons because of a field drain emptying onto the road but the problems will be resolved by the Borough Council in the Autumn.

FOOTPATHS – a parishioner has written to thank those responsible for cutting and clearing the footpath between the Green and the Three Elms.

RURAL TRANSPORT – the next meeting will be held in November.

VDS – it was reported that the 7th edition of the draft has been completed. The designer has given a presentation on his computer and a design sub-committee formed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors were advised of a training session on the new Code of Conduct.

PLANNING

Stevens Farm – new timber gates – application approved
Chapel House – dormer window – application approved
Woodside – single storey conservatory – application approved

St. James Church – detached garage – decision awaited.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12th November - 7.30p.m.

Many of you will have heard of the increasing problem of waste disposal in Essex and other counties. Whilst the Chelmsford Borough Council is responsible for waste collection in our area, the County Council is responsible for its ultimate disposal. In the past, most waste was simply dumped in landfill sites. Today not only is the available capacity of such sites diminishing and costs increasing, but they will in future be subject to an escalating landfill tax, increasing from the current £24 per ton by £8 each year. By 2009/10 Essex will be paying the Treasury £17.9 million per annum for landfill alone. That equates to 3.6% of your current council tax bill!

The County Council is therefore focusing on improving the recycling of our waste - currently approaching 40% - with a goal of 60%. For the remaining secondary waste we will be developing ways to extract more of the recyclable materials (glass, metals etc) and generate gas for power production from material that will rot down, using "anaerobic digestion" processes. Residual waste that cannot be re-used can either be landfilled, at increasing cost or turned into "solid recoverable fuel" (SRF) that can also be used for power generation. Essex needs to embrace these new techniques so that we can achieve a high rate of recycling. We certainly don't wish to see mass burn incineration in our county and we don't want to rely on landfill, which is not only wasteful, but environmentally damaging. However, we do need secure energy supplies and an environmentally friendly, renewable way of

generating that energy and efficiently utilising waste that cannot be recycled.

The watch words are
REDUCE, RE-USE & RECYCLE.

I am pleased to see that in the last round of the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) disbursements there were awards totalling £43,000 for Broomfield, Writtle, Roxwell, Little Waltham, Great Waltham, Ford End and Highwood. This represents approximately a third of the £134,000 allocated by the ECC for the Chelmsford area. The CIF has facilitated pump-priming to obtain far greater sums which have been employed to provide a wide range of community projects and I am confident that, due to its success, this form of capital funding will continue over future years.

Cllr. John Aldridge

Email cllr.john.aldridge@essexcc.gov.uk



Letter from PCC Secretary

Hello Again,

Last month we had a very unusual service! It was supposed to be a Christening, but at ten to eleven there was no sign of any guests. At eleven there was still no sign of any guests or a baby in sight! The vicar decided to start the service but then he decided to ring the mother to find out if there was some mistake. The mother told him that the Christening was not until twelve o'clock. The vicar decided to press on and have the Christening at the end. We all agreed that it was better that way, so everyone was happy.

I must apologise for not updating the cleaners' rota, however, I had had a very busy seven weeks. The church has remained clean, so I thank you all for carrying on as usual. One of the visiting clergy was most impressed with the

Churchyard and said he thought it was the best kept Churchyard in the district. Many thanks from the PCC to the anonymous grass cutter. September 15th was the day of the Churches Cycle Rides; we had at least 16 riders sign in at the church, many thanks to Helen for organising the drinks etc.

We are still fortunate to have our two regular clergymen on alternate Sundays, so that we can still have Communion every other week. The other services are taken by our kind friend the Readers, who; in spite of our small congregation, all assure us that they like coming and of course they give their services for free. We would still like to welcome more people from the Village to the Church.

Joy Shipcott - Hon. Sec. St. Nicholas PCC

St. Nicholas' Church

As you will know, Tony has been very busy with the harvest and Alan has been moving house, so that the latter cannot find any of the Church papers, making it more difficult to give much of a report this time.

We are able to state that Alan and Joy's telephone number has not changed from 251275.

We continue to have services each Sunday with the support of retired Clergy and several Layreaders. We would not be able to function without their support. Thanks also to Jane Mitchell; who plays the organ two Sundays each month, and Pauline who plays an occasional hymn when Jane is not present. We are also supported by a band of helpers who clean, and/or provide flowers for each Sunday and cut the grass in the Churchyard.

We were invited to the celebration of Holy Communion at All Saints, Kings Road to

acknowledge fifty years of service in the Ministry by Revd Audrey Cousins.

In addition to Sunday services, Harvest Festival was celebrated on Sunday 7th October, followed by tea in the village hall.

We have had one Baptism during the last month and another is planned in November. Baptisms are held with the additional help from Canon Thompson.

In spite of several requests to both the Borough Council and the County Council, we have not to date had any assurance that the state of the road adjacent to the Church entrance could be repaired. Please take care on wet days; one of

us has already fallen over. Here is hoping for better weather from now on!



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