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Mid Summer Picnic in The Community Orchard

Chignal residents at the Mid-Summer Picnic hearing about the healing powers and former uses of many of the wildflowers growing in the orchard. (Photo below:)



Barbara, Sarah, Joan, Janet, Carolyn and Lynn inspecting the yellow lips and violet teeth of a Yellow Rattle flower. (Photo below:)



Carpet Bowls

Since our last report life has been somewhat quieter for the club. We have played a number of friendly matches against local clubs including Broomfield, Leaden Roding, Tipps Cross and Ford End. These are always very relaxed matches and end with everyone enjoying supper together.

On Tuesday 18th June we held our internal Mike Bell Trophy competition. The day was enjoyed by all and the games were very close. The winners were Audrey Smith and Gordon Hillyear. Well done! In the evening we all enjoyed a lovely meal at The White Hart in Little Waltham. Our next event also involves food and will be the Strawberry Supper in July.

COMING SOON

Carpet Bowls in the Afternoon

Thursday afternoons 2.00pm to 4.30pm

(except 1st Thursday of the month)

From Thursday 10th October we will be playing Carpet Bowls in the afternoon instead of the evening. We would love you to join us in the afternoon rather than venturing out on cold dark nights.

For now we continue to meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7.30pm to 10.00pm. For more information contact Gordon Hillyear 01245 231406 or Yvonne Towns 01245 440189. COME AND JOIN US!

Women's Institute

Unfortunately last month our speaker, Eve Regelous, was unable to be with us so she sent her husband, Peter, along instead.

Peter kept us in stitches with his tales of life as an entertainer working in pubs, clubs and other "dives", later on in his career he became an "extra" appearing in films and television programmes. Our members enjoyed his talk so much that we've asked him to come back and give us the next instalment in his colourful life.

We are all fervently hoping that the weather will stay fine for our July Garden Meeting.

August finds us back in the Village Hall with Gloria Nichols talking to us about Town Twinning. Gloria has visited and enjoyed the hospitality offered by the towns that are twinned with Chelmsford.

In September we have Gordon Bailey, a metal detectorist, as our speaker. If any of these meetings appeal to you please come along, visitors are always welcome.

Wendy Steele.

Wildflower Walk Photos

Some photos taken by Julie Mawer and Jon Lewis of the wildflower walk on 22 June around the restored landfill site near The Green.



Chignal Parish Council: - Installation of a Defibrillator

We now have an automatic defibrillator in a cabinet at the Village Hall car park. This is designed for use in an emergency by the public. The cabinet has a key code lock, the code is C1945, this is posted on the internal Village Hall notice board and registered with the ambulance service who can supply the code if you dial 999. The Village Hall postcode is CM14TS.

The defibrillator is stored in a zipped orange carry case; it is battery powered and can be moved to wherever it is required. The unit is simple to use and once switched on, gives clear voice prompts to the user.

It is recommended that you watch the manufacturer's video. The emergency use section runs between 1.30 and 4.00 minutes and will allow you to familiarise yourself with the defibrillator.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPOPC8ut-Ww>



The Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall - Fete

This year's fete was held on June 1st at the Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall and playing field and was a great success, raising over £2100 for village hall funds.

Although we were almost blown away by the wind on Thursday and Friday which meant we were not able to put up the gazebos until Saturday morning, the weather was kind on the day and a good time was had by all.

Visitors made the most of the sunshine, enjoying cream teas, barbecue food and ice creams outside throughout the afternoon. On the field the attractions included face painting, sales of plants, cakes, honey, books and bric a brac, games for all ages including the ever popular coconut shy and bowling for the pig, plus raffles, Wine Discovery Group 'lucky dip' and tombola.

Tony Towns very kindly donates, delivers and takes away the straw bales that we use each year for the central arena. This year the main attraction in the arena was a very well supported fun dog show, kindly organised by the Finchams. Classes included: the owner who looked most like their dog; dog with the waggiest tail; prettiest/handsomest dog; walks/sits best on the lead and, best fancy dress. The dogs were adorable and their humans were very well behaved.

St Nicholas' Church ran free crafty fun bat activities for the whole family alongside an educational display on all things bats provided by Essex Bats Group in conjunction with the church's Bats in Churches project. As always village clubs and organisations were able to promote their activities free of charge, either by organising a display or event showcasing their group, such as the WI information table, or by running stalls that are closely linked to their activities such as the Gardening Club looking after the plant stall. This year the Chignal Nest Box project was on display with demonstrations by Jon Lewis, whose idea it all was, of how to put the boxes together. Funded by a Chignals parish grant the project provides free nest boxes to

parishioners for garden birds, owls and bats. We were also supported again this year by Essex Trail Events who chose to use the fete as the start and end point for a 5.5 mile run/walk/jog on local footpaths which was greatly enjoyed by all the participants. The village hall fete has been an annual fixture since the 1960s and, believe it or not, there are some committee members from those early days who are still organising and helping with the event. This will give you some idea of the age range of the committee who spend the two days before the fete putting up marquees, gazebos, tables and chairs, among many other things. All of this very heavy equipment has to be taken out of storage and carried, pulled or pushed onto the field but this year we were fortunate to have some much younger people from the villages, Simon Emberton, Josh Smith and Belinda Kols, to name just three, helping us with the setting up. Their energy levels never seemed to drop and they made the job so much easier. When the event had finished on Saturday they reappeared, helping to dismantle and pack up tents, tables and chairs quickly and efficiently. Thank you for your hard work, the committee is very grateful to you. There are many other people who work behind the scenes every year to make the event a success - thank you to everyone for all the items that you donate for the stalls and to use as prizes, and for your time spent manning stalls, making, baking and organising - the list is endless and your continued support is invaluable.

See you at next year's fete on Saturday 6th June!

**The Village Hall is an independent charity administered by a management committee of volunteers and is entirely self funding. All of the profits raised from the day go to village hall funds to pay for the running and maintenance of the building and also help to subsidise the hire charges.*

The Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall - Fete Photos



(Left) Left to right, Maggy, Sandra and Sue handing over a tombola prize.



(Right) Beautifully presented hampers for the raffle.

“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

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

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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 13th May 2019 .

2019/001 Election of Chairperson

Resolution Cllr Ballard

2019/002 Signing of the Chairpersons Declaration of Office

Resolution Paperwork Signed

2019/003 Election of Vice-Chairperson

Resolution Cllr Nelson

2019/004 Chairman's Welcome
Chairperson Ballard
Councillors Nelson, Feltwell, Anstey, Elwick

2019/005. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Towns.

2019/006 Register of Declarations of Interests and request for dispensation

None Requested

2019/007 Public Open Session

6 members of the public

Planning 2019/008 – item 4 Member of the public – Please support the application.
Note large increase in Fly Tipping over the last 12 months. Landowner had to bear the cost of removal: in Roxwell over £10,000; in Chignal £5000. Two lots of asbestos dumped in ditches.

Item 2019/018 Several thefts in the village and surrounding area. Caravan stolen. Cameras for the village to be looked in to.

2019/016 – Details on the Commercial dishwasher for the Village Hall

2019/008 Planning Applications

1. Reference: 19/00763/FUL
Address: 5 The Larthings Chignal Chelmsford CM1 4FL
Description of works: Single storey rear extension and internal alterations

Objective 20 in the Chignal Parish Plan supports opportunities for local residents to improve their homes in line with the Chignal Villages Design Statement (VDS).
The VDS, page 20, supports extensions which are sympathetic to the property and in harmony with the surroundings.

This application is for a kitchen / breakfast room extension that links the house to the garage and lines up with the back of the house with just a small projection of 755mm from the existing building out into the rear garden.

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The extension roof line follows the existing building, with a matching Velux window in the roof. It is proposed to match all the external finishes which on this house are a cream render finish with slate roof tiles and with matching windows/ bi-fold doors.

The VDS also considers the impact of extensions on adjoining residents and recommends that they should not fill the available space. This extension cannot be seen from any other properties that are adjacent so it is not considered that this extension will have an adverse impact on local residents.

Resolution: The Planning application is approved by the Parish Council

2. Reference: 19/00659/FUL
Address: Land Between Marshalls And 4 Ash Rise Chignal Road Chignal Smealy Chelmsford
Description of works: Construction of detached dwellinghouse and detached garage/cart lodge and retain existing vehicular and pedestrian access.

This application is to relocate the garage / cart lodge to the front of the property and to the right hand side as you drive in, an amendment to the rear exterior finishes, proposing a feather edge boarding and also a slight change to the pitch of the main roof.

The block plan shows the location of the cart lodge garage to be concealed partly behind a new native hedge to be planted as part of the works but it appears to be forward of the proposed properties. It is noted that the floor area of the proposed garage appears to be larger than the semi-detached properties.

The rear boarding or roof pitch would be acceptable but it is not possible to consider the impact of the height of the garage/ cart lodge without access to the elevation drawings. Drawing numbers 656/30 and 656/31 noted in the application are not available to view. It is assumed that these would show the garage elevations and details and the external finishes and whether the garage would be all or partly open or has doors etc.

Without access to a full set of drawings, along with the external details and finishes to establish the appearance of this garage, the Parish Council would not wish to approve this application.

Recommendation: The Planning application is Refused by the Parish Council

3. Reference: 19/00616/FUL
Address: Woodhall Farm Chignal Road Chignal Smealy Chelmsford
Description of works: Retrospective change of use to canine day care.

Priority 7 in the Chignal Parish Plan deals with housing and economic development. Residents supported the recommendation that any applications for new businesses should have conditions attached to cover access by HGVs, adverse noise, pollution, parking and week-end working.

The application states that this business has been operating from these buildings since 2015 and employs 7 local people, including an apprentice from Writtle College University. It is only open during the day from 7am to 6pm and is closed in the evenings, at weekends and on bank holidays.

The company handles approximately 50 dogs a day (250 a week) for exercise and day care which allows the owners to have "free time". The Parish Council has not been made aware of any concerns about the operation of this business by local residents.

The Chignal Villages Design Statement, page 20, states that when agricultural buildings are converted they should retain their original 'barn' character. The application states that there will be no changes made to the external appearance of the three existing agriculture farm buildings, or the three outdoor exercise areas.

This business would appear to be an appropriate use of the existing agricultural buildings and is an employer of local people.

Recommendation: The Parish Council approves this planning application

4. Reference: 19/00646/FUL
Address: Dyers Bungalow Chignal Road Chignal Smealy Chelmsford

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Description of works: Single storey rear and side extension

Objective 20 in the Chignal Parish Plan supports opportunities for local residents to improve their homes in line with the Chignal Villages Design Statement (VDS).

The VDS, page 20, supports extensions which are sympathetic to the property and in harmony with the surroundings. The proposed extension would improve the appearance of the bungalow, providing a pitched roof over the whole of the extended bungalow instead of adding a flat roof over the extension. In addition, it is noted that the application states that all materials, i.e., bricks, roof tiles and windows will match the existing bungalow.

The VDS also considers the impact of extensions on adjoining residents and recommends that they should not fill the available space. It is not considered that this extension will have an adverse impact on local residents nor will it affect views of the countryside beyond the site.

Recommendation: The Parish Council approves this application.

5. Progress report on the Persimmon Homes development

Show House should open June / July. Sales office is open.

8 properties have been released in the first phase.

Expecting first on site in November / December.

Footpath connecting the site to Copperfield Road has nearly been completed.

Improvements to the Chignal Road/Roxwell Road junction: planned closure of Chignal Road Road from 25th May - 3rd June. There will be delays and temporary traffic lights on the A1060 from 25th May until the 30th Sept.

2019/009 County and City Councillors' Reports

- a. Essex County Councillor Report Fly tipping commercially arranged and coming out of London. CIF money now to be administered by the EALC. Funding is consolidated with other funds.
- b. Chelmsford City Councillor Report Apologies

2019/010 To note the Orchard Sub Committee minutes of 8th May 2019

Resolution: Noted

2019/011 To confirm the full Council Minutes of 11th March 2019

Resolution: Confirmed

2019/012 Representatives' Reports: to note

- A) Playing Field No Report – Agenda item 2019/ 015
- B) Village Hall Liaison No Report – Agenda item 2019/ 016
- C) Newsletter Including Website Website needs some editing. Specification of works for the next meeting.
- D) Gravel Liaison No entry sign is now up. Set of gates has been put up (open) to prevent Vehicles. Bridal-way on restored landfill site opening in June.
- E) Community Safety No Report
- F) Highways (to include Hedges) Potholes are causing damage to tyres. Some have been marked for repair Continue to report to Essex County Council.
- G) Footpaths/Bridleways Essex Council has been reviewing the footpaths in the Parish for maintenance work. Community walk – 12th June
- H) Telephone Box - Chignal St. James Nothing to Report
- I) Tree Warden Planting at the junction with Copperfield Road inspected regularly. Next inspection in 2 weeks.

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2019/013	Finance:		
	Account Balances:		
		Cheque Account	£ 8,045.60
		Saving Account	£ 26,047.04
	Income (in figures above)		
		Income (Orchard)	£45 (not included in Figure above)
		CiL	£26,188.23 (not included in Figure above)
		Precept	£3692.50 (Included in Figure above)
	Total		£60,325.87

To approve Cheques signed between meetings:

Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value
100827	Orchard Rent	£200
100828	Village Hall Meetings	£150
100829	Clerk Salary & Expenses - April	£532.34
100830	HMRC	£36.60
100831	Essex Pension Fund	£53.76

To approve Cheques to be signed and issued:

Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value
100832	Ealc - Subscription	£126.19
100833	Essex Pension Fund	£120.61
100834	Taylor Agricultural – Grass Cutting	£156.00
100835	Mr S, Middleditch - Printing	£93.15
100836	Clerk's Salary & Expenses - May	£108.43
100837	HMRC	36.80

Resolution: The Cheques were approved and signed.

- 2019/014 Defibrillator: progress report
- i. Posts £305 (+vat)
 - ii. Polycarbonate Cabinet £1170 (+vat)
 - iii. Agree ongoing maintenance costs.
 1. Battery lasts about 5 years - £150 replacement
 2. £410 quote to connect the electricity
 3. Pads to be replaced every 2 years (if not used) - £35

Resolution: Proceed to order

Thanks to Cllr Anstey and Previous Councillor Steve Middleditch for the work on this.

Chignal Parish Council continued

2019/015

Proposals for the Recreation Areas based on feedback from the Community Event
The report was in the Chignal News.

1. Car Parking for casual users of the playing field.
Highways unlikely to support a new entrance.
Potential to create a new lay bye for parking.

Resolution: Consult with Highways.

2. Provision of a type of shelter in the playing field
A pavilion was discussed but a gazebo style building was a better option.
The Croquet club to be consulted

Resolution Discuss with the croquet club and then consult the community

3. Improving the playing surface for the croquet club
Hollow tineing, rolling and application of weed killer

Resolution Discuss with the croquet club and then consult the community

4. Review the boundaries of the playing field for maintenance.

Resolution: Review the boundaries for the next meeting.

2019/016

Requests for Cil expenditure:

1. Safety Ladder for the Orchard;
Reviewed three quotes.

Resolution Approval to purchase the £249 Ni-waki

2. Benches for the Orchard
Reviewed three quotes.

Resolution: Approval to purchase Alexander Rose £674.10

3. Commercial Dishwasher for the Village Hall – Estimate £1800

After reviewing three quotes it was agreed to order. To be in place for the 1st June, in time for use during the Fete.

Resolution Approved to Purchase the unit

4. Marquee – Tent for Community Use
Reviewed three quotes,

Resolution Purchase from the House of Tents at £419.99 plus carry bags at £69.99– house of tents.

Resolution Parish Council asset available for community use.

5. Shed for the Village Hall – Estimate £5000

Resolution Defer to the next meeting

Resolution Martyn / David / Lee to discuss and agree way forward

6. Sound System for the Village Hall - Estimate £1800

Resolution Defer to the next meeting

2019/017

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

Resolution: The Position to be Advertised at the end of June.

Chignal Parish Council continued

2019/018 Discuss options to improve the security of the Parish.
Images from the cameras must go to the police control room.

Resolution Contact Police – Cllr Anstey

Resolution Contact Highways – Cllr Elwick

2019/019 Chelmsford CC Parish Forum on Planning Matters - 13th June 7pm

2019/020 Notification of a Cycle Race in the Parish

Resolution Contact Highways – Cllr Elwick

2019/021 Terms of reference of the Orchard Committee – Cllr Ballard
Minimum 2 Cllrs

Resolution; Update the Terms from 4 members to 2 members of the Parish Council.

2019/022 To confirm and sign the Annual Governance Statement which forms section 1 of the Annual Return for Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other smaller authorities in England for the year ended 31st March 2019.

Resolution: The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and agreed and signed.

2019/023 To adopt the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019 – Pre-Audit and to sign the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2019.

Resolution: The Annual Accounts were reviewed and agreed and signed.

2019/024 To Re-appoint Mr Maurice Howard as the Internal Auditor – The Clerk

Resolution: Approved

2019/025 Review and sign the bank reconciliation

Resolution: Reviewed and signed

2019/026 Items for next Agenda

- Sewage Tank Regulations – 2020 – Any discharge to a water course / soak away
- Welcome Pack – Cllr Elwick
- Feedback on the consultation on the croquet playing surface in the playing field
- Feedback on the type of shelter for the playing field.
- Feedback on the review of the playing field boundaries
- Feedback from the ANPR discussions with Highways and the Police
- Soundsystem for the Village Hall - update
- Storage shed for the Village Hall - update

Meeting Closed 21:30
Will Adshead-Grant PSLCC
Clerk to the Council

J's Hospice

Chelmsford's 3K Family Fun Run and Marathon

On Sunday 20th October, The J's Hospice is holding its first Chelmsford 3K Fun Run. This family-friendly event is suitable for all ages and abilities - you can walk, jog or run the 3K course and prams and well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

The route starts and finishes in Central Park, taking in some of the city's beautiful parks, and everyone who takes part will be given a medal when they cross the finish line.

The 3K Family Fun Run is raising money for The J's Hospice which is part of Havens Hospices. The J's supports young adults with life-limiting conditions and their families across Essex, providing specialist care in the comfort of their own homes and in the community.

It only costs £5 per person to take part and children under 5 can join in for free. It's a great, fun way to get the whole family exercising together while raising money for a local hospice charity. To find out more and sign-up online, go to www.havenshospices.org.uk/chelmsfordfunrun .

If you're looking for a greater sporting challenge, The J's Hospice Chelmsford Marathon is also on Sunday 20th October. The 26.2 mile course is on road and tarmac paths that take you through the city and out into the nearby countryside before returning to Central Park to finish. Online registration is open now at www.havenshospices.org.uk/chelmsfordmarathon

The J's Hospice is looking for volunteers to help make both events a big success. If you can help with the pre-event organisation or you can volunteer on 20th October (e.g. at a water station, as a marshal or helping with baggage, t-shirts and at the finish funnel) please contact Lucy: lucy.burgess@thejshospice.org.uk or 01245 475474.

Thank you to the Chelmsford office of Aon, the professional services firm, which is kindly sponsoring both events.



Ferleigh Hospice Launches its 23rd Cycle for Life

Farleigh Hospice is delighted to announce that this year's 'Cycle for Life' will be taking place on Sunday 15th September and pre-registration is now open. The annual cycle offers cyclist's three scenic routes through the beautiful mid Essex countryside, all starting and finishing at Farleigh Hospice, North Court Road, Broomfield, Chelmsford, CM1 7FH.

Cycle for Life routes:

20km: A family friendly route, ideal for the beginner or younger cyclist.

50km: Perfect for all ages and abilities, a relaxed cycle through all eight of the beautiful Essex Rodings.

100km: Blends a more challenging bike ride taking you through the Rodings, the picturesque villages of Thaxted and Finchingfield, and then 35km of the 2014 Tour de France route.

Dominique Brunning, Events Manager said: "Our annual 'Cycle for Life' provides the perfect opportunity for local people to have fun, enjoy the beautiful mid Essex countryside, and support their local hospice. If cycling is not for you but you would still like to get involved, then why not volunteer? We have a variety of roles including greeting participants, marshalling to handing out medals. Whether you are cycling or giving up your time to volunteer, you will help make a huge difference to Farleigh. Every penny that is raised will help us to provide care and support to anyone affected by a life-limiting illness, or bereavement, free of charge."

To register for Cycle for Life or to volunteer on the day visit: www.farleighhospice.org or contact our events team on 01245 457354 or email events@farleighhospice.org for more information.



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.

6th July, 3rd August , 14th September, 12th October

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

Community Led Scrabble, North Melbourne Library



Every Tuesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Please drop in for a fun game of Scrabble.

Rhyme Time & Community Led Stay & Play



Every Friday Morning

11.00 – 11.30 – Rhyme Time

11.30 – 12.00 – Stay & Play

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

Block Builders Construction Club



Saturday Morning 10.00 – 11.30

13th July, 27th July, 10th August, 24th August.

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

Fun for all children and parents too.
Refreshments provided.

North Melbourne Library continued

Adult Craft & Knitting Club

Get creative and join in the fun twice a month.

Tuesday – 10.30 – 11.30am

Tuesday 2nd July, 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 start our exciting Summer Reading Challenge for all children in the summer holidays. Early joining day is 20th July.

Please come and join in the excitement, stickers, folders, medals and a certificate are some of the things you can have when you join in the fun. Please tell your parents/carers it is all free!

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

**We need
someone
to become
involved in
researching
Mashbury's
World War
One
casualties?**

A group of Chignal residents have been working on researching and preparing a display and exhibition in memory of the young men of Chignal parish who died in World War One.

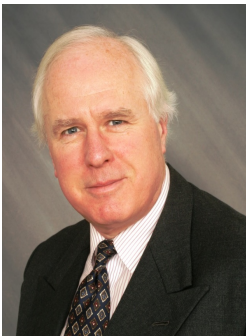
We would like to invite any residents of Mashbury or the Chignals who would like to become involved and research Mashbury's WW1 casualties and incorporate their findings into the display and exhibition planned for November 2019.

As far as we know three men from Mashbury lost their lives and it would be nice to find out where they lived, what regiments they joined and any local or family history.

We plan to prepare a display and small exhibition to be shown at St Nicholas Church, North Melbourne Library and the Village Fete next year and hopefully The Chelmsford Museum and Highlands House.

If you would like to become involved please contact Helen Towns or Steve Middleditch.

From the County Council



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.

New Domestic Abuse Helpline in Essex

I would like to draw your attention to new helpline which has been launched to help people in Essex, Southend on Sea and Thurrock who are victims of or who have experienced domestic abuse.

COMPASS, which went live on 1st April, is a new 24hrs a day point of access for victims of domestic abuse in all three areas and provides information, advice and guidance from a trained members of staff and, where appropriate, assessment and access to specialist services. Its function is to increase accessibility to ensure victims of domestic abuse get the right support at the right time. This initiative is funded by Essex County Council in partnership with the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex. It will help women, men and young people aged over 16 to access specialist support including community-based services and specialist accommodation to help them recover and move on from domestic abuse.

The COMPASS telephone number is 0330 333 7444 and the website is www.essexcompass.org.uk

Three New SEND Schools to be built in Essex

Three new schools are set to be built in Chelmsford and Witham, greatly expanding the provision of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) places in Essex to provide 209 new much-needed school places for children and young people with autism and social and emotional health needs.

Two schools will be built on the old St Peter's College site in Fox Crescent, Chelmsford, and one will be built on a site close to the New Rickstones Academy in Conrad Road, Witham and will be centrally funded by £23m in grants from the Department for Education.

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 June/July 2019

Gardening Club

There are two remaining garden visits this summer:

Wednesday 10th July at 7pm. Keeway, Ferry Road, Creeksea, nr Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, CM0 8PL

Large, mature country garden with stunning views over the River Crouch. Formal terraces surround the house with steps leading to sweeping lawns, mixed borders packed full of bulbs and perennials, formal rose and herb garden with an interesting water feature. Further afield there are wilder areas, paddocks and a lake. A productive greenhouse, vegetable and cutting gardens complete the picture.

Cost: £7.50 to include tea/coffee and cake.

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 to include tea/coffee and cake.

If you would like to attend either of these garden visits, please email gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com. Payment is made on the night.

The winter talks programme will start on Wednesday 16th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Speaker tbc. Thereafter they will be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month until April, excluding December.

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 to anyone who is thinking of joining the club. For more information, please email Elaine at gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com.

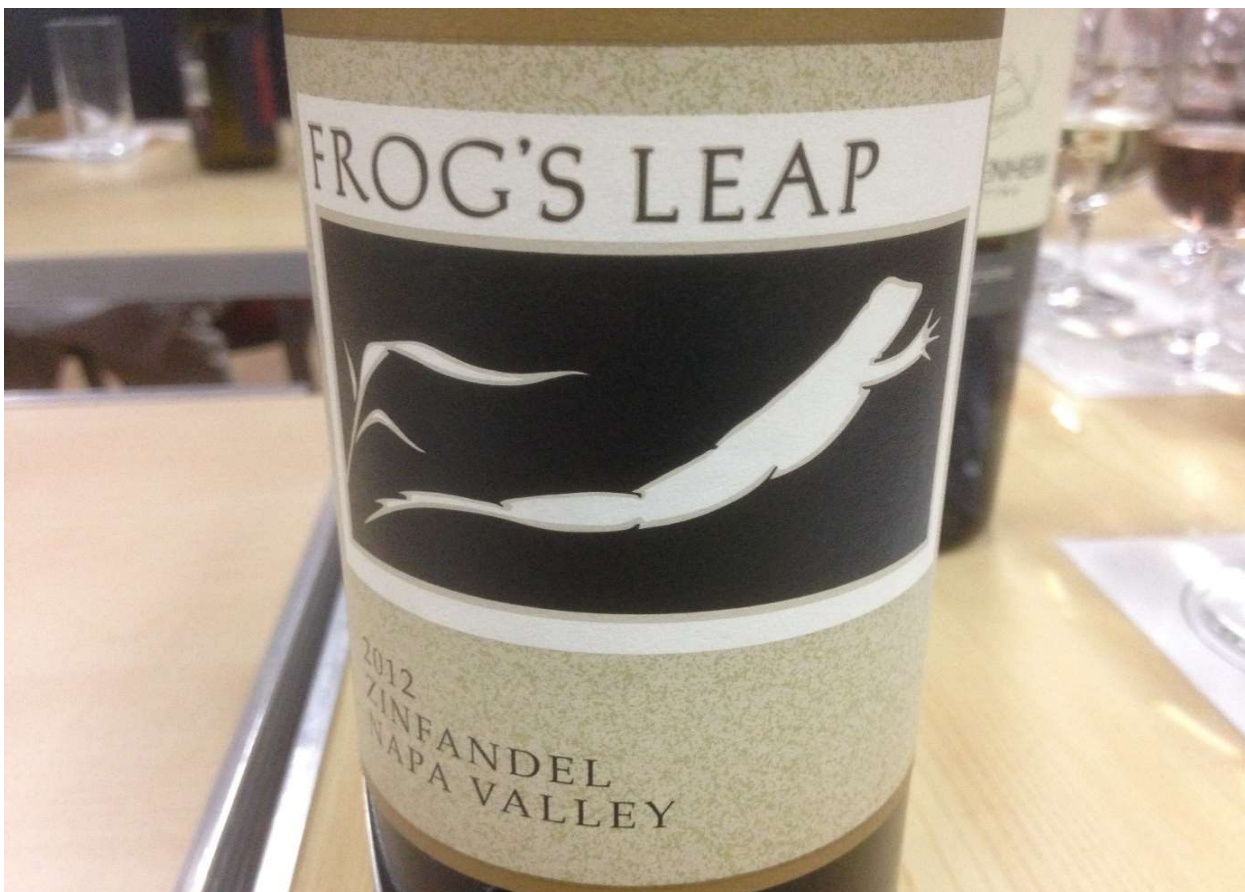
**Regards,
Elaine**

Wine Discovery May

In May, members were treated to a well-researched evening of tasting led by Andy and Roland – to the extent that they appeared to have spent a long afternoon and evening tasting at least 3 wines for every one they chose to present to us!

The theme was wines for alfresco dining – so focusing on a good range of wines to enhance smoky, often spicy, barbecued food. We tasted a French rosé from the Loire Valley, an English white wine from Devon, a Riesling from Australia, a Chardonnay from Burgundy, a Malbec from Argentina and a Zinfandel from California.

Aldi featured highly, predictably, in the list of suppliers – and it's true that the wines were pitched at a fantastic quality: price ratio, notably the beautiful rosé from Touraine which is part of Aldi's Exquisite range and retails for £5.99. Victoria Moore said in last month's Good Food Magazine that this wine smells like a 'bowlful of bright red summer berries – absolutely delicious' - and we agreed. We also tasted some great wines from the Wine Society and the Frog's Leap Zinfandel won my vote for best label!



Sue Davies

Wine Discovery March

In March, we welcomed back Charles Eaton from Nethergate Wines, near Bury St Edmunds (nethergatewines.com), who presented an interesting range of Australian and Italian wines.

Whilst we tasted a delicious Australian sparkling wine from De Bortoli, we discussed the popularity of Prosecco. Nethergate saw sales of Prosecco multiply rapidly post the 2008 recession when it was no longer fashionable to spend lots of money on Champagne. Prosecco became the party wine of choice in the UK. The peak of the market has now passed however, with sparkling wine sales overall taking their first dip in 5 years in 2018. Consumers are increasingly looking around for something a bit different from Prosecco, especially for personal or corporate gifts.

A highlight for me was a Nero d'Avola/Sangiovese blend from Italy, pictured right. Nero d'Avola is a grape I discovered on a trip to Sicily – it's one of Italy's most important indigenous varieties, originating in the town of Avola in southern Sicily but now all over the island and elsewhere in Italy. It has sweet tannins and plum or peppery flavours and I really love it. This one beats the Nero d'Avola I've been picking up in my local supermarket as an everyday red hands down – and for more or less the same price!

Sue Davies



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If you need help with registering please contact Steve Middleditch at steve.middleditch@btinternet.com or 01245 440569

I will be happy to assist.

St. Nicholas' Church

Rev'd Jackie and vicar in training Elsie and I led a Pentecost service in school. With the help of whizzing balloons and lots of noisy participation we told the children about the first Pentecost when the Holy Spirit blew in like a roaring wind and fire and filled all the people with courage, power and the ability to tell every nation about God's great love. It's a powerful bible story which tells us a lot about the nature of God. Then on Trinity Sunday in church we thought about God as three in one i.e. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit -three persons yet one God. This is a very big God!

The nature of God is always hard to get our heads around. Attempts to rationalise God and put him into a neat box are bound to fail. Words are never adequate when describing such a big God. In the end we need more.

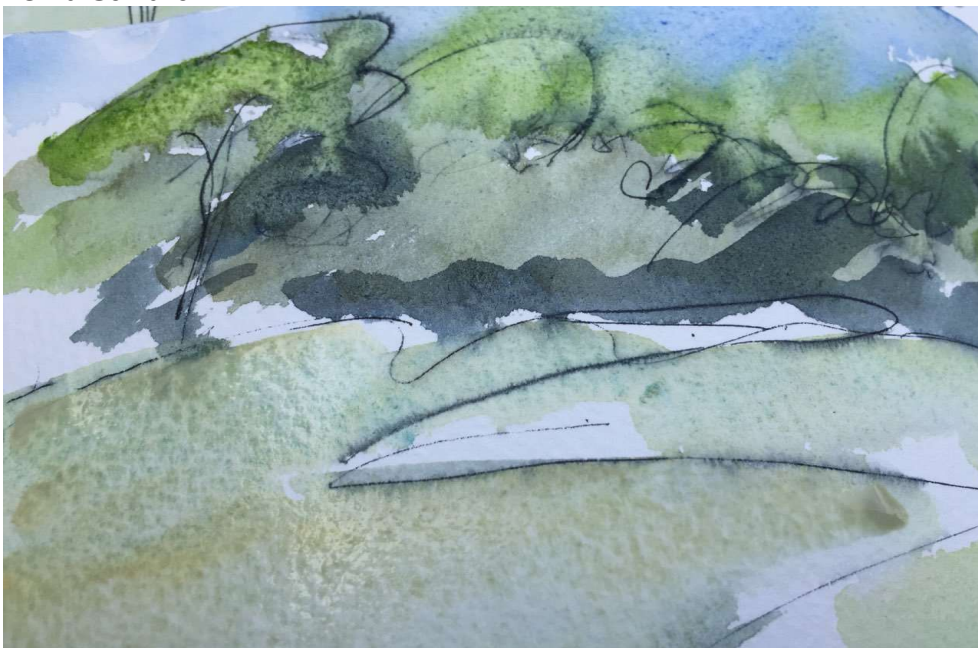
At the end of the school Pentecost service we offered to bless anyone by anointing their hands or forehead with Holy oils . As a visible sign of the joy and energy of the Holy Spirit we mixed (biodegradable) glitter in with the oil. I could see that this physical act spoke powerfully to the children about the nature of God and the ways in which he/she blesses us.

One way I like to imagine the Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is as a divine dance, continually relating to each other with love and inviting us to join in with that dance. Both Pentecost and Trinity Sunday show us that God is never static but always moving - always before, behind and beside us, hemming us in with love.

Someone I know teaches Circle Dancing and told me there is something about the physicality of dance and people moving in unison in response to music that is a foretaste of heaven. Elsie is an artist as well as a trainee vicar and she painted a beautiful picture after a dog walk where she said 'the trees and fields seemed to be dancing'.

Whether circle dancing, anointing with oil, taking a walk with the dog in the beauty of Creation, or being a listening ear to a friend in need we can be sure that God is always beside us. He is not contained only in the church or the bible but to be found all around us. If we look carefully for him/her maybe we will spot the signs.

**Have a blessed Summer
Rev'd Sandra**



St. Nicholas Church Services & Activities

It has been announced that The Revd Caroline Brown, who is currently Priest in Charge of Great Waltham and Ford End, The Chignals, Great & Little Leighs and Little Waltham, has been appointed Priest in Charge (House for Duty) of St. Augustine's North Springfield. Caroline will be licensed by the Bishop of Bradwell on Tuesday 5th November 2019. We do not know any details, yet, for a replacement for Caroline, but we wish her well in her new role.

It has also been announced that The Revd Jackie-Dee Thornton, who is currently Assistant Curate in all of the above parishes, has been appointed Chaplain to the Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford Campus, with effect from the end of August 2019. Jackie will be based at the Cathedral and will continue her curacy there. A date for her licensing will be confirmed in due course. We also wish Jackie her good luck in her new appointment.

Services

Summer service – 21st July at 11am,

Joint Service 18th August at 10.30 am – St Nicholas'

Joint Service 29th September 10.30 at Little Leighs, presentation from CHES and Caroline's last service in the benefice.

19th October Harvest Supper 6pm – at Essex Young Farmers HQ, Chatham Green,

20th October Harvest Service – Janet Nicholls,

November War Memorial event Sunday 10th November

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