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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHIGNALS WITH MASHBURY

# Chignal News

## The Chignal's Nestbox Project



The Chignal nestbox project is a Chignal parish grant funded project to provide free nest boxes to parishioners and to put up boxes in suitable locations.

We had our first building session on Sunday morning of July 1st and built 27 garden bird nest boxes. The boxes are built using good quality pine planks and should last at least 10 years. Boxes for small (blue tit, wren); medium (sparrow, robin) and large (starling) birdboxes were made and if you would like to have one or more boxes for your garden please contact us at [chignalnestbox@aol.com](mailto:chignalnestbox@aol.com).

The next session will be to build owl and bat boxes for the Orchard and parishioners with large gardens. Hopefully this session will take place at the village hall in late July. If you would like to join us in the building session please contact us on [chignalnestbox@aol.com](mailto:chignalnestbox@aol.com). Thanks to Andy, James, Robert, Steve,, Michele and David for their help in building the boxes. Also many thanks to Bob Parsons who donated 7 box blanks for us to build.

Jon Lewis

# Wine Discovery

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Tastings in April and May were led by group members, showcasing some wines encountered on recent trips to France and South Africa.

Pauline and Sue got together to present some Burgundy wines. Pauline focused on a range of white Macon from a favourite producer called Talmard. Having tasted around the region on a few occasions, this producer remains a reliable firm favourite. At the farm gate, the whites we tasted cost around the 7 euro price point. You can normally find at least one Talmard Macon in the Wine Society's selection, costing £10 or £11. Sue sourced a rosé Crémant de Bourgogne (sparkling) and a pair of red wines. The really pricey one was disappointing!

John recently took a wine tasting tour around South Africa and came back inspired to talk to the group about South African wines. He chose a selection from Majestic which showcased a range of grape varieties including the South African cornerstones of Chenin Blanc (white) and Pinotage (red). One of the favourites was a blend of Shiraz, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon from the Stellenbosch area (Rustenberg RM Nicholson 2016, £11.99).



Sue Davies  
June 2018

## CTTC - Chignals Table Tennis Club

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“The Chignals Table Tennis Club has now been established for a year. We have a current membership of 28 ranging in age from 14 to a lot older and we meet once a week in the Village Hall on Wednesdays from 4.30 to 6.30 in the afternoon. We have 3 tables and we mainly play doubles which ensures that everyone gets plenty of games as we probably average about a dozen players each week. Expertise varies considerably but there is enjoyment whatever the ability and a great deal of noise and fun is had by all.

We have just enjoyed our first function which was a barbecue after a table tennis session. The weather was perfect and we set out the tables on the terrace at the back of the Hall to enjoy the salads brought by the members, barbecue food and strawberries and cream in the early evening sun.

New members are welcome, not just from the Chignals, and we have several people who live outside the villages but close by. Annual membership is only £5.00 with a £2.00 playing fee. If you would like to join us please just come along to one of our sessions. We are about to start our Summer break and will restart on 5th September.”

# Women's Institute

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In July our meeting will be held in the beautiful garden at St.Mary's Cottage, fingers crossed for fine weather.

Our August meeting finds us back in the Village Hall where we will be trying "Art for Relaxation" and in September we have Mr. Manny Robinson coming along to tell us the Irving Berlin story. Many of us will remember and enjoy the music of Irving Berlin so this should be a real treat.

As usual our meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm for a 2-30 start.

Visitors are always welcome.

Wendy Steele.

## COFFEE MORNING

For Charity

at ST. MARY'S

COTTAGE

Chignal St. James

## FOLLOWED BY AN

OPEN GARDEN

AFTERNOON

Come along for a chat, tea and cake, and a wander round the garden.

SAT. 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 10 am  
to noon

Plants, Produce, Raffle,  
Cakes, Cards, Crafts.

EVERYONE WELCOME



## The Mashbury Maidens Rode the Night

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Our team completed the ride in about five hours – actual cycling time, but it took a lot longer, largely due to the extreme weather conditions. Before we started there were warnings about the impending bad weather and we were advised to avoid metal grids and white lines as these are very slippery when wet.

All was well at first, but then the lightning started, great forks across the sky but no rain. This all changed at the first stop (about 13 miles), we had just arrived when the rain started. It absolutely bucketed it down but luckily, we were able to shelter until we could get our wet weather gear on. Once it eased off we set off in light rain until we got to Richmond and there was another downpour which turned Richmond High Street into a raging torrent. We took shelter and carried on when it eased off. We all finished but we do look a little dishevelled! Despite the weather I don't think many women gave up, but there were at least 450 punctures repaired. I have never cycled in such weather, so I am very proud of everyone who took part and raised over £1.5 million for women's cancers.

Thank you to everyone that donated and if you still want to donate please donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/linda-nelson4>

# North Melbourne Library

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Open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00- 5:00pm.

Visit [www.essex.gov.uk/libraries](http://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.

7<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> August 1<sup>st</sup> September

We recently had a very entertaining speaker, Brian Southall, talking about his experiences and contacts in the music business.

## 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



**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**

30<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> July

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

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## **Adult Craft & Knitting Club**

**Get creative and join in the fun twice a month.**

**Tuesday– 10.30 – 11.30am**

**26<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> August**

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.

## **Stop Press! Calling all children!**

**Our Children's Summer Read adventure starts on 21<sup>st</sup> July until 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

**Join and become a Mischief Maker, pick up your Map of Beanotown , a treasure chest, scratch and sniff stickers, medals and bookmarks. Who knows what you will discover!**

**Be the first to join on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

## **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

# Chignal Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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## **Chignal Parish Council**

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

Tel: 01245 360811 Email: [Chignalpc@gmail.com](mailto:Chignalpc@gmail.com)

Clerk: Will Adshead-Grant

Chair : Lynn Ballard

Vice Chair : Linda Nelson

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Chignal Parish Council at the Chignal & Mashbury Village Hall, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 .

**1. Chairman's Welcome**

Chair Ballard

Cllrs Middleditch, Nelson, Anstey , Elwick, Feltwell, Towns

**2. Apologies for Absence**

None

**3. Public Open Session**

3 members of the public.

Automatic Gunfire heard in the Parish during the day – Information to be requested from the Fire Police and Crime Commissioner

Cutting of road side verges – Plantlife.org.uk – Discuss with Highways

**4. Register of Declarations of Interests and request for dispensation**

Nothing declared

**5. County and City Councillors' Reports**

- a. Essex County Councillor Report - Apologies
- b. Chelmsford City Councillor Report

**6. To adopt the Budget Committee minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Adopted

**7. To adopt the Orchard Sub Committee minutes of the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Adopted

**8. To confirm the full Council Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Adopted

**9. Representatives' Reports: to note**

- A) Playing Field Hedge needs cutting and height reduced (tractor cut) – 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Discussion on going about storage pavilion and croquet pitch
- B) Village Hall Liaison Road closure concerns for Village fete on 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- C) Newsletter Including Website Newsletter has been issued
- D) Gravel Liaison Permissive bridleway by the summer 2018.  
Gating may need to be reviewed
- E) Community Safety Solar powered Defibrillators might be an option: possibly one to be sited at the Pig & Whistle and another at the VH  
BT e-mail fraudulent concerning online payments
- F) Highways (to include Hedges) Survey of highways and ditches to be added to highways report
- G) Footpaths/Bridleway No issues
- H) Telephone Box - Chignal St. James No issues

# Chignal Parish Council continued

- l) Tree Warden Surveying of former orchards in Chignal and Mashbury as part of the Orchards East Project.

**10. Finance:**

**Account Balance :**

Cheque Account      £ 14,703.15

Saving Account      £ 33,261.20

**Income**

24 <sup>th</sup> April	Precept	£3340
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Cil – Brick Barns	£405.57

**To Note Cheques to be signed and issued**

Date	Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value
14.05.2018	100758	Business Services at CAS Ltd - Annual Insurance	£189.98
14.05.2018	100756	Chelmsford City Council - Orchard Rent	£200
14.05.2018	100753	EALC	£127.02
14.05.2018	1000752	Clerks Wages	164.35
14.05.2018	100755	PAYE	41.00
14.05.2018	100754	Broomfield Parish Council	£740.26
14.05.2018	100757	Chelmsford DBF - Printing	£105.21
14.05.2018	100759	Chignals and Mashbury Village Hall	£50

Approved and signed

**11. Update on the Chelmsford Local Plan**

Submission was made. Comments are on the portal. 7<sup>th</sup> June CCC Development Policy Committee to agree the final submission to go to the inspector.

Chelmsford City Council are creating a procedure for master plans for proposed growth sites with >250 houses. If there is a neighbourhood plan in progress then the Parish Council will be invited to engage with developers (Writtle and Broomfield).

The plan is still to reach the examination in public stage by October / November 2018

**12. Noticeboard Maintenance (Varnish etc)**

Pictures of all three noticeboards were displayed. All noticeboards have water damage to the noticeboards. There is a need to upgrade the noticeboards and put on a better preservative. Cllrs Towns , Middleditch and Elwick to review requirements and report back to the next meeting.

**13. Little Hollows Noticeboard**

# Chignal Parish Council continued

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Some concerns raised by residents on the requirement for noticeboard. Online options are available (Facebook / Parish news and website). Debate on the best location and feedback from residents.

*Resolution: The Parish Council has decided not to invest in a noticeboard.*

*Resolution: Discuss with Persimmon if a noticeboard could be sited on the development.*

**14. Persimmon Homes Building update.**

No dates are available at the moment but Persimmon plan to issue a newsletter in May. Concerns raised about infrastructure and planned works.

**15. GDPR – Discuss ICO**

The DPO can be the Clerk. GDPR legislation will pass by the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.  
.GOV. e-mail information

*Resolution: Contact through EALC about .GOV – Cllr Nelson to Draft requirements*

*Resolution: Contact direct to EEC John Aldridge – to support*

**16. Speeding within Chignal**

Possible speed watch team, up to date traffic data needed, SID being borrowed from Great Waltham

**17. Meeting with Highways (29<sup>th</sup> May or 12<sup>th</sup> June) to be confirmed**

Send information to John Aldridge for meeting: CPC highway issues report and road survey from Cllr Feltwell.

*Post Meeting: Both reports sent to Cllr John Aldridge for the highways meeting.*

**18. Grant requests received**

- a. VH Providing a hard surface to the overflow car park – Budget £14,000 for a porous surface.
  - 1. Agreed in Principle
- b. VH Replacing the storage shed – Budget £4,000
  - 1. Agreed in Principle
- c. VH Relocating the electrical pole at the rear of the hall – Relocation cost £20,000
  - 1. Low priority
- d. Bird Box
  - 1. Agree to fund up to £500
  - 2. Agree to Pay for the Village Hall hire

**19. To confirm that the Clerk has had a satisfactory appraisal and his pay rate has increased by one spinal point backdated to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.**

Confirmation and increased to SP21.

**20. Discuss various concerns raised over the volume of lorries at Garden Express.**

Concerns discussed

**21. Items for next Agenda (these cannot be discussed at this meeting)**

- a. Update on traffic and planning issues concerning Garden Express – Cllr Anstey

Meeting Closed 21:38

Will Adshead-Grant

Clerk to the Council



# The Village Hall - Fete Report 2018

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We enjoyed beautiful weather at this year's village hall fete, which was held at the hall and playing field on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Over £2,500 was raised for village hall funds.

The number of visitors was swelled this year by the Essex Trail Runners who had their start and finish point at the fete for a local rural run. After the run had finished many of them stayed on to enjoy cream teas, possibly to help to take their minds off their nettled legs. Children made the most of having the central arena all to themselves as a safe play area, enjoying hula hoops and badminton racquets with giant shuttlecocks (and their parents seemed to be having a good time in there as well).

Most of the village groups play a significant role in the fete with many of their members organising and running stalls and events related to their clubs. Residents who are not affiliated to particular societies also come forward to offer skills such as face painting, resulting in some very enjoyable activities and extra interest for visitors.

Our thanks to all those people who came before, during and after the event to help put up and break down, clear up, wash up and put away, organise events, bake cakes, run stalls, give items for prizes or to sell, and for supporting the event by spending generously on the day. The hall is entirely self funding and relies on fund raising activities and income from hire charges to pay for maintenance and running costs.

Thank you and see you again at next year's fete on the first Saturday in June.



# Chignals & Mashbury Jubilee Community Orchard

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Our community orchard, established in 2013, is getting noticed! We've been asked to provide information on the fruit trees that were planted and how we manage them, records of wildlife and wild plants and details of community events, to include in a major regional survey of historic and current orchards.

Orchards East is an environmental and cultural project covering six counties in the east of England, including Essex: [www.orchardseast.org.uk](http://www.orchardseast.org.uk) Funded by the Heritage Lottery fund and based in the School of History at the University of East Anglia, it's about discovering and understanding the past, present and future of orchards in eastern England, and will last for three years. The project extends initiatives already developed by Suffolk Traditional Orchards Group and the East of England Apples and Orchards Project. A collaborative project working with existing county orchard groups, other interested organisations and orchard owners, Orchards East hopes to stimulate interest and engage a wide range of new volunteers in all things orchard! We've been given maps showing orchards in Chignal and Mashbury that date back to the nineteenth century and we've reported back on their current state. Most of them are no longer in use as orchards but there are some fruit trees in gardens and in hedgerows that are remnants of former orchards attached to farms, large houses or churches and rectories. Many thanks to those of you who have shared your knowledge and stories of former local orchards.

We'll be going along to the first meeting of a new Essex Orchards Group at the end of this month and look forward to exchanging ideas on how to care for our fruit trees, manage meadow areas and put on interesting and fun orchard events. If you are interested in getting involved in looking after your community orchard or in attending events, please get in touch through the Orchards Friends email: [chignal.mashburyjubileeorchard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chignal.mashburyjubileeorchard@hotmail.co.uk)



# Gardening Club

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There are two remaining garden visits this summer:

**Tuesday 17th July at 2pm. Jericho Cottage (and Megarry's Antiques), The Green, Blackmore, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 0RR**

Small walled wildlife, woodland garden with mature trees, shrubs, bamboos, palms and ponds. Historic Romany Vardo and Victorian Glasshouse. Primroses, bluebells, camellias, rhododendrons and later hydrangeas, euphorbias and geraniums clothe the ground, while a canopy of wisteria, rambling roses, honeysuckle and kiwi vine shade the patio and pergola. The garden is an untamed hidden oasis. Also has an antique shop. Cost: £8 to include tea/coffee and cake.

**Wednesday 19th September at 2pm. Hannams Hall, Thorpe Road, Tendring, Essex, CO16 9AR**

17<sup>th</sup> century house (not open) set in 6 acres of formal and informal gardens and grounds with extensive views over open countryside. Herbaceous borders and shrubberies, many interesting trees including flowering paulownias. Lawns and mown walks through wild grass and flower meadows, woodland walks, ponds and stream. Walled vegetable potager and orchard. Cost: £6.50 to include tea/coffee and cake.

This year's garden supper was hosted by Barbara and Robert at Maple View. It was a lovely evening, the garden was beautiful and Robert ran one of his trains for us. Many thanks go to Barbara and Robert for hosting the supper - the food was delicious.

Please email [gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com](mailto:gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com) if you would like to attend any garden visit. Payment is made on the night.

## Community Coffee Mornings

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There are two monthly coffee mornings held in the Chignals on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The one on the first Wednesday is held at the Village Hall and the one on the third Wednesday in the United Reform Church.

The coffee mornings are a good opportunity to meet and get to know local people. We hope to see you at the coffee mornings - (we also serve tea!)





Supporting

CHIGNALS & MASHBURY  
VILLAGE HALL

Make the most of  
**Summer**  
Help the Community Shine!



**Supporting our cause means the sun  
won't be the only warmth we feel this year**

**Help us to make a difference to our community – Support our  
good cause**

**Tickets are just £1!**

**We can do so much more with your support**

**It's a WIN WIN for us both – you also get the chance to win up to  
£25,000 every week!**



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

## Ordinary Times

Recently I have had the honour of officiating at two very different weddings. The walls of St Martin's were bursting with the rich sounds of a soul/gospel singer and throaty saxophone and the urge to dance was irresistible! The other was a farmer's daughter who arrived at St Mary's on a tractor and left on a tandem and the church was filled with the glorious scent of flowers arranged in wellies. Both weddings were a total joy! It's a sad fact of life that in the midst of joy there is also sorrow and I have also helped families arrange funerals and say their final goodbye to loved ones. Church life is split into 'seasons' and after Christmas, Lent, Easter then Pentecost we are now in the long period we call *Ordinary Time*. The liturgical colour of this season is green- signifying life and growth.

Life is a wonderful journey with peaceful, maybe even boringly mundane stretches punctuated by the peaks and troughs; mountains and valleys. It can often feel far from ordinary but more like a roller coaster. For things to be ordinary might feel like a real blessing to some of us and in fact there is a Chinese blessing which goes " may you live in ordinary times." Many of us will at times feel overwhelmed by what life can throw at us. These days especially we are under a lot of pressure in life - expected to do so much, achieve so much, and we can feel that visible 'success' is everything; that we must be seen as coping. Like the old Beatles' song *Eleanor Rigby* we can keep a jar by the door for the special smile we put on as we go out to face the world.

It is important to remember that we can get broken and to be kind to ourselves. To find the things and the people that feed us peace and renewal. One of those things for me is time spent doing mundane tasks at the stables, sweeping and mucking out with the dog by my side; taking time to pause and reflect and just notice the good things around me. My father was hard working but spent a lot of time doing nothing, just leaning on a gate and watching the world go by. That's where he found peace. Where do you find rest and peace? We aren't made to go at 100 miles an hour all the time and if we do we can soon get overwhelmed and find ourselves sucked into deep water. I know this has and does happen to me. These are the times I call on Jesus to hold me and help me; to be the hand I can grasp and find safe footing again. Psalm 73:23 *Nevertheless I am continually with you: you have taken hold of my right hand.* Be kind to yourself. May we all live in ordinary times. Revd Sandra (image by Yonsung Kim)



# St. Nicholas Church Services and Activities this Summer

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As usual we will have Sunday services at Ford End at 9.30am and at Great Waltham at 11 am.

## **Services at St Nicholas:**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9 am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas

Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> 11 am Communion Service

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 9 am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas

Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30 – all 6 churches coming together at St Nicholas so slightly earlier time

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 9am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas

Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> 11am Harvest festival – give thanks for the harvest and all our blessings and also thanks for the generosity shown by people of their time, talents and donations for the church

## **For your diary:**

Sat September 29<sup>th</sup> 11am Ordination of Revd Jackie Thornton at Great Waltham Church so that she will be a priest – you will need a ticket

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am Joint service to celebrate Jackie being priested at Great Leighs church. All welcome.

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