## The Mashbury Maidens Ride the Night Again

No. 192 May 2018



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Caroline Edwards and I, having completed the 100Km Ride the Night 2017, just had to sign up for this year's ride. Our team is slightly different this year, as Jan decided to become support crew, so we are joined by Louise Claydon (who was a livery at Mashbury) and her sister-in-law Julie Claydon. All of us have been affected by cancer, either personally or through the loss of close family and friends. So if you would be prepared to donate to fight cancer please donate through my just giving page. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/linda-nelson4. We set off from Windsor race course at 9.30 pm on Saturday 26th May, ride to Buckingham Palace and back to Windsor. Carolyn and I have been training around our villages, Pleshey, High Easter, Good Easter and Great Waltham. This training was somewhat delayed by the bad weather, but we are now managing at least 3 training cycles a week, ably supported by Carolyn's husband John. As we cycle, I have been struck by the amount of litter in the verges and also the poor state of the roads, which can be dangerous as we try to increase our speed and endurance. I know both these issues are of concern to many parishioners, but there does not seem to be an easy solution to these problems. On a brighter note, now that Spring has finally sprung and Summer is approaching, there is a great deal of beauty in our parishes, The primroses and pegles have been fabulous, the blossom is so beautiful and colourful, it is as if nature has produced a fabulous display to cheer us all up. We have also started to get to know some of the cycling community, as we often meet them as we stop for a cheeky snack at the Snug in High Easter (It is necessary to maintain our energy levels after all). If you meet us during training please have patience as you pass and wish us well on the night. Linda Nelson

The competition season is coming to an end and this year the club came fourth in the Chelmsford West League – well done everyone. During the Autumn and Winter various members entered the Essex Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours competitions. The Singles was the only competition where players progressed further than the knockout stages and congratulations go to John Manning and Kevin Francis who went through to the finals day. Four members played at the charity competition organised by Wimbish Carpet Bowls Club. It was a very enjoyable afternoon but unfortunately they didn't progress to the finals day.

Internal competitions continue and by the time you read this report we will have held our AGM when Kathleen Huggett and John Manning, being winners of the Ladies and Men's Singles competitions, will play for the Bill Hawkes Trophy.

We now look forward to playing some friendly matches against other clubs and recently spent a very enjoyable evening at Broomfield where we were successful in winning. Our next friendlies are against Gt. Waltham and Black Notley.

On the social side of things a Shrove Tuesday/Valentines Social was held in February when everyone enjoyed Fish and Chips followed by pancakes.

We would love to have new members come along on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays 7.30pm to 10.00pm in the Village Hall. All equipment is provided and tuition will be given. If you would like to join us check with either Gordon Hillyear 01245 231406 or Yvonne Towns 01245 440189 that we are not out playing at another club that night. We wouldn't want you to have a wasted journey. Look forward to seeing you. Sadly in March we lost one of our most longstanding and loyal members, Myra Wilkins. Myra joined our W.I. in the 1970's and served as our President for twelve years. As well as being renowned for her extensive knowledge of Heraldry, Myra was also an accomplished artist, flower arranger and poet, a very gifted and talented lady whom we will all miss.

Unfortunately our March meeting was cancelled due to the snow but we hope to invite Sheila Gunson, "The Bag Lady" back next year.

Our April speakers, Sheila and Diane are from "A cross", a charity that helps sick people visit Lourdes and in May we will hold our A.G.M.

In June our speaker will be from "Interact", a charity that supports young people. W e hope to have a W.I. information table at the Village Fete in June, so please stop by and say hello.

Wendy Steele.

## The Chignals with Mashbury Friends Group

We are a small group of friends who are pleased to be able to help residents (whether new to the neighbourhood or not), in a variety of different ways. Over the years we have proved that a friendly face can do much to help a person whatever their needs may be. This may be introducing them to village activities, clubs, like minded people etc, or something more practical e.g. companionship, someone to talk to, light shopping etc.

We realise that you may already have a kindly relative or friend helping you in some way, however if you feel that we might be of assistance, please do not hesitate (leaving a message if needed) by phoning one of the following people:-

Helen	on	01245 440241	Barbara	on	01245 440528
Joan	on	01245 440339	Gill	on	01245 442474
Lynn	on	01245 440880	Sandra	on	01245 445245
Sarah	on	01245 443497			

# CHELMSFOR FESTIVAL 23rd June - 15t July 2018

Chelmsford Festival of Art and Culture is a new family festival full of music, art and dance. The festival will launch in the town centre on Saturday, June 23 with a host of entertaining activities, and will include after that, a week long, city-wide programme of art and cultural events.

The fun will consist of art exhibitions, music performances, a carnival parade, storytelling, circus performers, ghost walks, science, dance and art workshops, and much more. Other highlights include the Sound of Essex Festival (a youth music festival to celebrate music from schools across Essex) and the Chelmsford River Festival, including the dragon boat race.

Chelmsford Festival is a community-led, charitable initiative run by local volunteers working collectively to bring the community of Chelmsford together.

For more information, find us on Facebook or visit our website at chelmsfordfestival.org



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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

Clerk: Will Adshead-Grant

Chair : Lynn Ballard Vice Chair : Linda Nelson

Minutes of the Meeting of the Chignal Parish Council at the Chignal & Mashbury Village Hall, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

- 1. <u>Chairman's Welcome</u> Chair Ballard Cllrs Feltwell, Towns , Anstey , Elwick, Nelson,
- 2. <u>Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr Middleditch
- 3. <u>Register of Declarations of Interests and request for dispensation</u> None
- 4. <u>Public Question Time</u> 6 Members of the Public Blocked Culvert – Green by phone box – follow up with Highways

#### 5. <u>County and City Councillors' Reports</u>

#### a. Chelmsford City Council

Business Investment Development for city centre is going ahead; A1060 litter pick; Lt Hollows residents are now appearing on her register; she will ask again whether Chelmsford City Council will sell us the orchard site.

#### b. Essex County Council

Essex reviewed cladding on its own properties – independent contractor on Fire Safety. Investment in Independent Living accommodation. Retention of Business rates - 50% to Central Government and 50% to District Councils. Big Switch currently running. Superfast Broadband – Chignal December 2019.

#### 6. <u>To adopt the Budget Committee minutes of 08 Jan 2018</u>

Resolution: Minutes Adopted

#### 7. <u>Budget Committee - receive a report of the meeting held 12 March 2018 from the Committee</u> Chairman,

Review of high priority community projects agreed in principle. Grant paperwork now required. Bird Box project the most popular. Defibrillator the most popular safety project.

#### 8. <u>To adopt the Orchard Sub Committee minutes of the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018</u>

Resolution Minutes adopted

#### 9. <u>To confirm the full Council Minutes of the 08 Jan 2018</u>

Resolution: Minutes Confirmed

#### 10. <u>Representatives' Reports: to note</u>

A) Playing Field

- Trees on the Boundary Hedge to be reviewed.
- B) Village Hall Liaison

## **Chignal Parish Council continued**

C)_	Newsletter Including Website	Local Tradesman directory on line?
		Agreed to continue to issue Parish News to Mashbury
D)	Gravel Liaison	Permissive Bridleway to be discussed ECC / Tarmac
E)	Community Safety	
F)	<u>Highways</u>	Verges in a poor state due to large vehicles
		ECC Maintenance Programme due to be issued March
		Ditches need pipes.
G)	Footpaths/Bridleways	Trees down on footpaths and bridleways have been cleared
H)	Telephone Box - Chignal St. James	Nothing to report
I)	Tree Warden	Large tree on bend between Langley's Corner and the
	church	<ul> <li>hanging branches cut back. Continue to monitor.</li> </ul>

#### 11. Finance:

<u>Account Balance :</u>			
Chee	que Account	£ 11,476.43	
Savi	ng Account	£ 33,261.43	
Income: 05.03.18	Interest	£16.58	
		£	

Income		
05.03.18	Interest	£16.58
Cash Income		
15.10.2017	Fruit Celebration	£61.80 (Banked)
Nov 2017	Community Group - Halloween	£107.00 (Banked)
06.01.2018	Orchard - Wassail	£11.76 (to be banked)

#### A) To Note Cheques issued since the last meeting.

Date	cheque nr	ltem	cheque value
04.03.2018	100743	Clerks Salary and Expenses	£185.25
04.03.2018	100744	HMRC – PAYE	£41.20

#### B) To Note Cheques to be signed and issued

Date	Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value
11.03.2018	100746	cancelled	
11.03.2018	100747	Refreshments for Community Event	£10.38
11.03.2018	100745	March Chignal News printing	£130.00

#### 12. Update on the Chelmsford Local Plan

Discussed at the community meeting. Summary of main points has been issued. Consider that the plan is not sound. Final version of the planning consultants reports due on 13 March. North West Parishes will support / endorse the information.

Comments will be e-mailed to City Council to meet 14<sup>th</sup> March deadline.

#### 13. <u>Feedback on the Community Event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March</u>

Very positive meeting. Good mix of residents from across the parish. Several projects identified for the CIL monies.

14. <u>Clerks End of Year Appraisal (Spinal Point review)</u> Defer to Personnel Committee

#### 15. <u>Feedback on the Litter Pick on 10<sup>th</sup> March</u>

Good Pick. Large items collected by Chelmsford City Street Clean. Fewer people but more rubbish collected over the weekend. Good turn-out for the Litter Pick from Little Hollows residents.

Resolution: Clerk to chase Chelmsford City Council - Windscreen to be picked up from the dustcart issue

#### 16. Noticeboard Maintenance (Varnish etc)

Thanks to Cllr Elwick for the repairs to the noticeboard by the phone box. All three noticeboards need to be varnished and weather proofed.

#### 17. <u>Little Hollows Noticeboard</u>

Contact Countywide to confirm a location. This will be a Metal noticeboard.

#### 18. <u>Confirmation of the minutes of the Budget (Planning and Transport Consultants) Committee</u> 07.02.2018

Spend approved up to £800

Resolution Minutes Confirmed

19. <u>As required by legislation, notice is hereby given that Will Adshead-Grant will be admitted to</u> <u>membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme operated by Essex County Council,</u> <u>following the necessary 7 days public notice. This item will be included in the Agenda of the</u> <u>meeting of the Parish Council on 12th March 2018.</u>

Resolved: Will Adshead-Grant to join the Essex Pension Scheme. The paperwork was signed.

#### 20. Items for next Agenda (these cannot be discussed at this meeting)

• Items can be e-mailed to Clerk

Meeting closed 19:56 Will Adshead-Grant Clerk to the Parish Council

#### **Opportunities for Community Funding**

During 2017/18 the County Council launched three separate initiatives that give local communities access to funding to make improvements in their local area:-

- The Local Connections Fund £500,000 committed to support community-led activity, using a crowdfunding platform known as The Essex Crowd Movement. https://www.spacehive.com/movement/theessexcrowd
- 2. The Local Services Fund £500,000 to support more formal, traditional services by being more locally responsive and to improve local places. <u>http://www.ealc.gov.uk/local-services-fund/</u>
- 3. **The Essex Lottery** The lottery is open to anybody aged 16 or over who is physically based in Essex. Tickets cost £1 and the Jackpot can be £25,000. <u>www.essexlottery.co.uk</u>

If you find you are struggling to attract funding for your organisation, why not visit, **Essex for Communities**, a funding database which can help you to find suitable grant funding opportunities that could help enable delivery of your projects. <u>www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/essexcommunity</u>

#### **Opening of new Children's Library and Family Hub**

**Chelmsford's** new children's library and state-of-the-art hub for family services was officially opened in March after a £316,000 revamp. This unique facility was created thanks to two major funding streams - the Community Infrastructure Levy (Chelmsford City Council) and the "Library Opportunities for Everyone Innovation Fund" which is managed by Arts Council of England. The makeover project has put the library at **County Hall** at the heart of family support services in the City, where library employees, health and social care workers, along with staff and volunteers from other support agencies have come together to create a one-stop shop for free family services.

Almost half a million people visited Chelmsford Library in the past year, which makes it the perfect venue to provide these other vital services under one roof. Why not pay a visit to see what the Library has to offer

#### Essex County Cricket Club

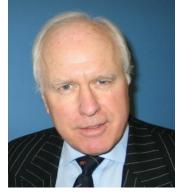
And finally! Now that the Cricket season has begun a reminder that, as County Champions, Essex County Cricket Club's players and employees celebrated their historic victory at a special ceremony at County Hall. The Club's new President, David Acfield, who played more than 400 first-glass games for Essex and won four championships, also gave a stirring speech at the event.



If you have any problems\_about Council matters\_please let me know on 01245 4121524 or\_email <u>cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk</u>.

My blog can be found at <a href="http://dnn.essex.gov.uk/chairmanblog/Home.aspx">http://dnn.essex.gov.uk/chairmanblog/Home.aspx</a>

John Aldridge CC April 2018



#### Essex Trail Events oin the fun of the fete

A timed 5 mile run/walk/jog is being organised by Essex Trail Events starting and finishing at the fete on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. If you would like to join in the cost per entrant is £5 (which includes a £2 voucher to spend at the fete – yes you really will have earned that delicious cream tea or burger!). Register in the playing field from 12 and you will be issued with a set of directions to follow. Visit their website for more details: <u>https://essextrailevents.com/</u>



#### Books Wanted for Village Fete (2 June)

Time to clear those shelves. As ever The Village Fete Book Stall needs good quality books to sell. Donations can be brought on the day or delivered to Carolyn or Lesley from Tuesday 29 May onwards (please call prior to delivery - 01245 441406/445132) Hope to see you there.

## **Chignal Nestbox Project**

The Chignal Nestbox Project aims to make and distribute free nest boxes to households within the Chignal Parish. At the recent Chignal Community Event, this suggestion was rated as high priority and now awaits funding approval from the council. We would like volunteers to help make the boxes (no previous experience necessary) and would like to know whether you would like to put up a box or boxes in your garden. The first stage of this project is to make boxes with entrance holes that are suitable for different types of birds:-

SMALL – for Blue tits, wrens, goldfinches MEDIUM – Sparrows, great tits, chaffinches LARGE – Starlings OPEN – Robin, blackbirds, wagtails BAT – for roosting bats

If you would like one or more of the above boxes, or would like to join us in box-making sessions, (probably at the village hall) please contact us via <u>chignalnestbox@aol.com</u>.

Jon Lewis and Maggie Mills

## Community

#### <u>Help in your Garden</u>

I am Scott Thomas (Moat House) and I am currently in Year 10 at Chelmer

Valley High School. In July 2019 I will be participating in a World Challenge expedition to Namibia. I will be away for 3 weeks with the majority of time spent working on a community based project in a remote village (possibly building a classroom, well or something similar). While we are over there we will also have the opportunity to explore the local area.



Part of the challenge is to raise the money to fund this

expedition. I am offering my services to anyone in the village. I would primarily offer help in the garden however I would also be open to doing any other jobs.

Please contact me if you would like anything doing. My email is: scott2002thomas@icloud.com and my phone number is 01245 442474.





## Sunday 8th July 11:30 - 4:00pm Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall

Tell friends and family!

Cakes, toasties, teas, scones, paninis, coffee and loads more!

All funds raised will go towards a World Challenge expedition to Namibia in 2019 to work on a rural community project.















## **Gardening** Club

Now that the better weather has arrived, these are the dates for our three garden visits this year:

#### Monday 21st May at 6.45pm. Rookwoods, Yeldham Road, Sible Hedingham, Essex, CO9 **30G**

Rookwoods is a tranquil garden with a mix of mature /young trees and shrubs. The herbaceous borders feature columns of tumbling Madame Alfred Carriere roses. Two pleached hornbeam rooms lead to a wild flower bed, buttercup meadow & ancient oak wood. Cost: £10 to include tea/coffee and cake (all proceeds go to NGS).

#### Wednesday 20th June at 7pm. Dragons, Boyton Cross, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 4LS

A plantswoman's <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acre garden, planted to encourage wildlife. Sumptuous colour-themed borders with striking plant combinations, featuring specimen plants, fernery, clematis, and grasses. Meandering paths lead to ponds, patio, scree garden and small vegetable garden. Two summerhouses, one overlooking stream and farmland.

Cost:  $\pounds$ 7 to include tea/coffee and cake ( $\pounds$ 3 goes to NGS).

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

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 (£3 goes to NGS).

Please email gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com if you would like to attend any garden visit. Payment is made on the night.

#### Our annual cheese and wine evening will be held on Friday 29th June in Barbara Miller-Radley's garden in Chignal Smealey. It will be a 7pm start. The cost will be £10 per person to include cheese, wine and nibbles plus desserts. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the first two summer garden visits.

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. For more information, please email gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com.

## **Community Coffee Mornings**

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

Supporting our cause may not change the whole world, but it could change the world for us

• Your support will make a difference to our community – play for just £1 a week so we can improve the lives of local people

be someone's sunshine

- For every £1 ticket The Village Hall will receive 50p back, a further 10p goes to other great causes in the local area
- Give us a little to make BIG impact and create lasting change
- Whilst it's better to give than receive you also get the chance to win up to £25,000 every week!

To start supporting - visit:

#### www.essexlottery.co.uk

and search for: Village Hall

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



## **COME AND PLAY CRICKET!**

Whether you are a complete beginner, haven't played for years or just want a new club.. everyone is welcome!

Fixtures are played every Saturday throughout the summer.

For more information contact Matt or James using the details below.



Matt Porter: James Mawer: 07842 116801 07720 610718 mattjp@aol.com jamesmawer@hotmail.com



#### **RUFFLED BY GRACE**

I am in the middle of sorting arrangements for a flurry of weddings at the moment. I love marrying couples! It is such a joy to share in their special day and help make it a memorable and beautiful occasion. I like to do my bit to ensure that it is a day bursting with joy. A wedding is a wonderful celebration of love – but it is just the wedding day and the marriage comes afterwards.

At the wedding couples make a solemn vow to support and be there for each other always. When we prepare for the day couples are often surprised that they don't say 'I DO' but 'I WILL'. The declarations and vows taken in marriage are a public decision to love. It's a decision that the couple will need to remind themselves of every day - I will love you however easy or hard our circumstances ; I will love you even when it may be the hardest thing to do; I will love you even when I don't feel like it!.

The marriage vows remind me of what it is like to have faith in God. I think faith, like falling in love, is something we at first feel, then we have to make a decision to hold to throughout our lives 'I WILL believe'. Life, like marriage, is often extremely hard with some rough paths to tread. We can fall and fail because we are all human. That's when we need to draw deep and remember what touched us to believe that we are part of a greater story- that there is something holding us that is so great we really can't fully understand it this side of life. And that something is a great well of Love that we can trust and that will never desert us.

I recently became friends with Revd Michelle who is a wedding pastor in Paris. Almost her whole ministry is taken up marrying people or helping them to renew their vows in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower. What a joy that must be! Her company is called 'Ruffled By Grace'. That is my prayer for me and for you. That no matter how hard life might feel sometimes, no matter how often we fall or fail, we will be ruffled by God's grace and always be reminded that we are held in that overflowing unending Love.

Revd Sandra Sykes

Associate Priest

Do you care about our church?

You are invited

by St Nicholas church, Chignal Smealey to a free supper with wine

on Friday 15th June at 7.30 at the village hall

Hear about our achievements & vision for the future

& join the club of those paying our running costs

Keynote speaker: Revd Janet Nicholls We will ask for your time, talents and a donation

RSVP by Monday 11th June to

linda.nelson@btinternet.com 01245 442625 with this parish news you will have received a letter which gives fuller details.

## What's been happening *A sad good bye*

It was sad to say good bye to Myra Wilkins, and her son Huw did her proud with a lovely tribute and Helen Towns spoke of her as a friend and neighbour of many years. We remembered all that she had brought to the village and her strong character. She had of course left instructions about how things should go and the church looked beautiful with flowers of yellow and orange, which was her choice. Afterwards we all went to the Pig and Whistle, which laid on a veritable feast. Myra will be missed by all of us who knew her and loved her.

#### AGM

Thank you to all those who came to the AGM and for your support.

What is notable about the Chignals with Mashbury is how supportive the community is, and how well church and community work together. An example of this is the orchard committee putting on an apple swop after the harvest festival. This year we have also replaced the rather antiquated heating system so we are now warm in church, and also replaced the roof that was stolen when thieves took our lead. We have replaced it with a lead substitute as there seemed little point in replacing the lead with more lead for the thieves just to come back, especially as the roof in question is so low. At the same time we raised the roof level to allow for a toilet in the future.

When we were thinking about the year ahead it was agreed that one of the key focuses for the year is going to be getting our money sorted so that we can pay our day to day running costs. We do hope you are able to join us for our special event on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June – see below.

#### **Rogation Service**

On Sunday May 6th 62 adults and over 20 children gathered at Grays Farm, Chignal Smealey and walked round the farm finding cider and apple juice cooling in a pond, blowers and bubbles, finger torches for the kids. We blessed the crops and sung some favourite songs. We toasted marshmallows and squished them between chocolate digestives - very indulgent. Helen had prepared a great BBQ and the weather definitely shone kindly on us. Some of the kids blew enormous bubbles. Tony had hooked a trailer up to the tractor so we went for a ride sat on hay bales. Thank you for the hard work, generosity and hospitality of Helen and Tony - and look out for Rogation next year at one of our other farms.

St. Nicholas Church Services and Activities this Summer

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

#### Services at St Nicholas:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 9am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> 11am Caroline and Jackie will be leading the service Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 9am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> 11am Fathers day service – do come and celebrate with Dad Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> 11am Communion Service Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 9am 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 September 10.30am Joint service to celebrate Jackie being priested at Great Leighs church. All welcome.

