

Chignal Cricket Club

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It was another enjoyable season for Chignal Cricket Club as the team finished in sixth place in the T Rippon Mid Essex League Division 8. The team won six matches in a row in June and July to put themselves near the top of the table and a promotion challenge, but couldn't quite maintain their form and ultimately finished in mid-table – winning half of the 18 games over the course of the season.

Once the season came to an end in the last week of August, attention turned to making much-needed improvements to the pavilion at Chignal Cricket Ground to secure its long-term future. A generous grant from the parish council was instrumental in helping fund the materials needed to replace the pavilion roof. Club members volunteered their time during the second week of September to carry out the work. The whole roof (rafters and all) was replaced which should ensure the club doesn't experience problems with water leakage in the future.

Everybody at the club would like to thank Chignal Parish Council for their assistance in ensuring this project came to fruition. Harsh weather in the winter months has often left the club needing to carry out extensive repair work ahead of each season, but we hope that this new roof will provide a lasting solution that preserves our historic pavilion.

As always, the team is on the lookout for players of all ages and abilities to get involved with the club. If you'd like any more information, please feel free to email chignalcc@hotmail.co.uk. You can also check our website www.chignal.co.uk for updates on activities at the club.



Carpet Bowls

Summer is now well behind us and the last three friendly matches of the season have been played. Enjoyable evenings were had by all but unfortunately the club were unsuccessful where the results were concerned. The club's internal Forget-Me-Not Trophy has been played for throughout the summer and this year has been won by Yvonne and Martyn Towns.

Our League Matches are about to get underway with the first being against Stock at home. We have played the first round of the Chelmsford West Area Shield, which once again was against High Easter away and which they were successful in winning. Our own internal winter pairs and singles competitions are soon to get underway. Three members, Gordon, John and Kevin entered the Essex Triples Competition and progressed to the second round but unfortunately were then knocked out. Two pairs have entered the Essex Competition in November.

Bowls is not all about competitions and our ordinary club evenings are all about fun and practice against each other.

Socially, the club have been to the Civic Theatre to see a very enjoyable production of 'Top Hat', spent a morning Ten Pin Bowling and are looking forward to a meal out in November.

We have been pleased to welcome new players which is great but would love to have lots more of you joining us at the Village Hall on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 10.00pm. All equipment is provided and tuition will be given. Give either Gordon Hillyear 01245 231406 or Yvonne Towns 01245 440189 a ring before you come to ensure we are not out playing an away match and to save you a wasted journey.

SAVE THE DATE

Quiz Night at the Village Hall

Saturday 2nd February 2019

Raising money for my World Challenge expedition to Namibia in July 2019.

Please mark your calendar! More information will follow!

Call Scott for details or to book your table!

01245 442474

Women's Institute

Our November meeting promises to be interesting as we welcome our speaker, Rick Christian, a singer and songwriter.

In December we get into the festive mood with a cracker making demonstration followed by a traditional Christmas tea.

Looking ahead to January, our speakers are the "Doppelgangers", this meeting is sure to be amusing and perhaps a little confusing. If you haven't heard of them then do come along, visitors are always welcome.

We meet in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm for a 2-30 start. Merry Christmas everyone!

Wendy Steele.

Community Notices

Advance Notice: Chelmsford 10Km Road Race - Sunday 18th November (afternoon)

Chelmsford Athletic Club are holding their annual 10K road race on Sunday 18th November. It is anticipated that approximately 600 runners will start at 2 pm from the Chignal Road/Copperfield Road junction, run around the 'Chignal loop' (past the Pig and Whistle, Church, Three Elms etc) and on to finish at the Chelmsford Sports and Athletic Centre. Expect disruption from about 1.45 pm as runners gather for the start and then gradually thin out as they run around the loop. By 3 pm all runners should have pretty much completed the course. (by 2.30pm Copperfield Road – St Nicholas Church section should be clear).

Thank you for your consideration.

Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall Management Committee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 25th March 2019 at 7.30pm

All residents in the Chignals and Mashbury welcome

Chignals & Mashbury Jubilee Community Orchard

Have we got the balance right?

Visitors to the Fruit Celebration on 14th October had a lovely afternoon chatting with friends, enjoying home-made cakes and sharing produce, but not in the Orchard as planned as there was steady drizzle to drive us into the welcoming dry Village Hall. Pride of place on the produce tables was held by the enormous crop of Quinces from the orchard that we were able to harvest this year with all three trees obviously enjoying the summer heat.

Less happy were the Apple trees with few of them setting fruit and the developing apples becoming very soft and prone to rotting and bird and insect damage. Joining the Essex Orchard Group (ESORG) gives us a wonderful opportunity to talk to other fruit growers about successes and failures and in this instance to discover that we are not alone in having a poor apple crop. As well as the heat the long, cold and wet spring was blamed for poor pollination.

But this swings and roundabouts effect doesn't just apply to what crop we can pick. At the very first meeting to propose a Community Orchard those who came were strongly in favour of making it as organically managed as possible. That we have done and the Orchard is quickly becoming rich and valuable in its biodiversity. Bumblebee nests are worked around. Visitors to the Orchard could admire the handiwork of our nest of Common Carder Bees with the carefully combed moss making a roof over their heads. The magnificent Eyed Hawk-moth caterpillars were removed to a tree better able to cope with their appetites and the diversity of wildflowers is welcomed for the Bees, Moths and Butterflies it attracts.

But what about the more damaging of our visitors? We continue to suffer from early-season aphid which feed on the new Apple shoots and distort them as they grow. Squishing them is tricky as they live in curled up foliage. We could spray them but they are eaten by nesting Blue Tits and Ladybirds and anyway most distorted shoots can be pruned off the following winter. Red Ant nests have made the ground uneven and a Mole has joined in to make a well-developed tunnel complex around the Queen Apple tree. Is a bit of a rough surface acceptable if it means that Green Woodpeckers can feed on the Ants?

We hope we are carrying out your wish for how the Community orchard should be managed. There are lots of opportunities for you to agree or suggest a change. Speak to any Orchard Committee member, write to us at the Orchard Friends email or come to the annual public meeting held just before the Chignal Parish Council Annual



Meeting each May.

The Community Orchard Committee
chignal.mashburyjubileeorchard@hotmail.co.uk

Croquet Club

Following the approval in principle at the last Parish Council meeting various options have been considered for the location of a good playing surface for croquet including sharing the cricket ground which the cricket club kindly offered. As a flat and level surface is required which needs to be protected from rabbits, and as the Parish Council does not own the cricket ground, the village playing field is considered the most suitable location to invest in such a facility. The most suitable location within the playing field is at the northern end of the playing field next to the vehicular entrance as this location would have the least impact on the playing field and particularly would not impact on the space available for the annual village fete. It is also further away than the existing croquet area from residential properties adjoining the playing field.

In addition, a small pavilion is proposed on the northern boundary of the playing field to provide shelter from rain or sun and to provide secure storage. It is proposed that the design would complement the new village hall.

It is considered that the croquet court and the pavilion as proposed would together be a positive and aesthetically pleasing addition to the playing field. The pavilion and the croquet court would be available to those using the playing field for events such as family days and could provide an additional focus at the village fete for another activity perhaps such as a simple crazy golf incorporating croquet hoops. It is also hoped that the pavilion would promote new activities.

A diagram of the proposal is shown on the next page.

FESTIVE COFFEE & MINCE PIES MORNING SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER 10 until 12 Noon

Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall

**Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall, Mashbury Rd,
Chignal St James, CM1 4TS**

Come along and catch up with friends over coffee and mince pies at the village hall on Saturday 1 December. There's always a lovely festive atmosphere with seasonal background music and our spectacular new Christmas tree and decorations. Donations of items for the Raffle and festive Bring & Buy would be very welcome.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

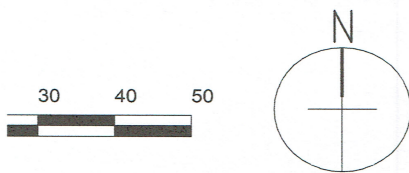
All profits to village hall funds.*

**The Village Hall is managed by volunteers and is entirely self funding. All maintenance and running costs are met from monies raised from hire charges and events such as this one. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.*

Croquet Club



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Chignal Parish Council

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Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Chignal Parish Council at the Chignal & Mashbury Village Hall, on Monday 10th September 2018.

1. Chairman's Welcome

Criminal activity in the last 2 weeks. Commercial dumping of material (70 tonnes) on private land and theft of diggers. Automatic Number plate recognition signs could be discussed as a possible deterrent. The Fire, Police and Crime Commissioner has funding available, open until the end of the month.

Chair Cllr Ballard.

Cllr Feltwell, Anstey, Nelson, Towns and Middleditch

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Elwick

3. Register of Declarations of Interests and request for dispensation

Item 12 - Croquet club – members Cllr Middleditch, Ballard and Feltwell

Item 11 - Village Hall car park – Cllr Towns chairman of the committee

4. Public Open Session

Signage of no through road – waiting on Local Highways Panel validation

Footpath from Little Hollows to Copperfield road – temporary route is in discussion with belief it will be in place by Christmas 2018.

5. County and City Councillors' Reports

- a. **Essex County Councillor Report** – Drain cover being removed is being investigated. Writtle PC employed a local security guard over the summer. Hare coursing being highlighted. EALC AGM. Members meeting on the 17th Sept to discuss various issues and delegation of powers to Parish Councils .

Concerns raised by members on blocked drains and gullies – information to be sent to Cllr Aldridge.

- b. **Chelmsford City Councillor Report** - apologies

6. To adopt the Orchard Sub Committee minutes of Friday 7th September

Resolution The Minutes were adopted.

7. To confirm the full Council Minutes of 9th July 2018

Resolution The minutes were confirmed and signed

8. Planning

Eastern parcel Land north of Copperfield Rd - 14/01672/DOC/4 - amended plans (2)

To report on the meeting held with Essex Highways and City Council Planning on 5th September and to approve the Council's comments on the amended plans.

Chignal Parish Council continued

Concerns that the haul road should be the same or a similar level to the current Hollow Lane.

Concerns with street lighting in this rural area. Essex County Council Highways maintain that this is an Urban development that will be served by an urban road.

Resolution: the comments made were approved

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

A) Playing Field - The field side hedge around the field should be cut: cost approx. £150. The roadside hedge should be lowered but there is a chain link fence inside the hedge.

Resolution: Hedge cut approved

B) Village Hall Liaison – several booking up to the end of the year

C) Newsletter Including Website – superfast broadband has reached the Villages. Update required on the website – the Requirement will be advertised to work on the website.

D) Gravel Liaison – Motor bikes are being ridden around the site and the theft of equipment is slowing down the work to open the bridleway.
Meeting likely in Mid-October.

E) Community Safety – Fly tipping incident. Some smaller areas around Hollow Lane have litter. Broadband cables in place all around the village. BT seems to be the only provider of fibre to the house. Telephone lines will also switch to fibre in the future.

F) Highways (to include Hedges) - wooden blocks by the edge of the road.

G) Footpaths/Bridleways – nothing to highlight

H) Telephone Box - Chignal St. James – nothing to highlight

I) Tree Warden - Walk to be planned once the restored landfill bridleway is open

10. **Finance:**

Account Balance:

Cheque Account £10,318.84

Saving Account £33,294.37

Income

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| Interest on Savings Account | £16.59 |
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To Note Cheques signed between meetings

| Cheque nr | Item | Cheque Value |
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| 100775 | Notice Board of Cheshire – 50% Deposit | £1035 |

Chignal Parish Council continued

To Note Cheques to be signed and issued

| Cheque nr | Item | Cheque Value |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 100776 | James Mawer – Cricket Club | £810.55 |
| 100777 | James Mawer – Cricket Club | £437.07 |
| 100778 | Clerks Wages and expenses | £266.22 |
| 100779 | Essex Pension Fund | £57.58 |
| 100780 | DBF – Chignal News | £82.65 |
| 100781 | DM Payroll – ½ year payment | £36.50 |
| 100782 | PAYE / HMRC | 40.60 |
| 100783 | Village Hall Hire | £150 |

11. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) bids

- To receive further details and approve the purchase of a mower for the Community Orchard
 - Mower and trailer cost of £1573
 - Log Cabin for £1560

Resolution: Clerk to order on behalf of the Parish Council

- To receive an update on the proposed overflow car park and shed for the Village Hall
 - Planning permission from previous applications is in place
 - Three quotes are being arranged.
 - Shed - Timber
 - Standard unit being priced up.
- To receive an update on the CIL Expression of Interest forms submitted to the City Council for 3 projects to mitigate the impact of additional traffic on Chignal Road
 - Bid for SID has been left to LHP
 - Village Gates at Chignal Smealey has been left with LHP
 - Trees, wildflowers and bulbs planting at the junction with Copperfield road and Chignal road has been approved by the Panel. Chelmsford City Council would maintain.

12. To approve a proposal by the Chignal Croquet Club to construct two new croquet courts on the Playing Field

Resolution: Agreement in principle to proceed but with the final position of the pitches to be agreed.

13. To approve in principle to contributing towards the cost of engaging Planning and Transport Consultants to appear at the Chelmsford Local Plan Examination in Public in conjunction with the North West Parishes Group

Resolution: Agree in principle up to a maximum of £1000

14. To receive an update on the Parish Litter Pick on 20th October, organised by the Community Group

Everything in place to make this a great community event.

Chignal Parish Council continued

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

1. CIL bids: Community Orchard Committee
2. Community security measures such as Number Plate Recognition and CCTV Cameras
3. Defibrillator
4. Croquet courts
5. Chelmsford Local Plan
6. Budget meeting for the precept – Clerk to suggest dates and use the Committee Room

Meeting Closed 21:23

Will Adshead-Grant

Clerk to the Council



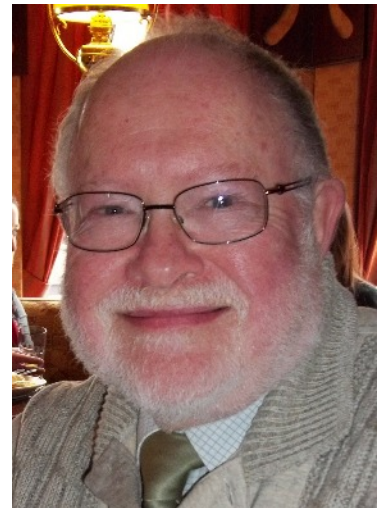
In Memorium

The family of the late Eve Pitts of 2 Ivy Cottages, Chignal St James wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and donations to Cancer Research UK received in their recent sad loss. It really has meant so much. She was one popular little lady.

A special thank you to Reverend Caroline Brown who conducted such a memorable uplifting service/celebration of Eve's life.

Malcolm Hindmarsh

The family would like to thank all those who came to his funeral. We were very moved to see so many there. We would also like to thank those who made donations to the British Heart foundation. This amounted to over £300. We have been overwhelmed by all the cards, letters and messages of sympathy which have been so kindly sent to us.



Farleigh Hospice - Santa Fun Run Tickets on Sale

Early bird tickets are now on sale for Farleigh's popular Santa Fun Run, sponsored by Tees Law, providers of legal and financial advice. On Sunday 2nd December hundreds of runners will dash, dance and prance through Chelmsford Central Park, raising money for Farleigh Hospice.

As part of the ticket price each adult will receive a free Santa suit and children will receive a free Santa hat. Dogs (on leads) are also invited to dress up as Santa's little helpers at this family friendly event. We will even be presenting an award to the best dressed pooch!

Dominique Brunning, Fundraising Manager for Farleigh Hospice said: "This fantastically festive event is celebrating its 10th anniversary and every year we are amazed and delighted by the array of Santa outfits. It's the perfect event for all the family, so ho, ho, hurry and buy your Santa Fun Run tickets now and help your local hospice continue to care for those living with life-limiting illnesses in mid Essex."

Tees Law said "Tees are thrilled to be sponsoring the Farleigh Hospice Santa Fun Run for 2018, in recognition of the fantastic work they do. We're delighted to be involved in such a fun and inclusive Christmas event. We have a Tees team of enthusiastic Santa runners (and a couple of 4 legged friends) who are excited to be taking part and supporting the event on the day, so please do come over and say hello!

Save up to 50% by buying your early bird tickets. Advance tickets cost £12 per adult and £5 for under 18s. Limited on the day tickets will be available at a cost of £20 per adult and £10 for under 18s.

For more information or to purchase your tickets visit

www.farleighhospice.org/santa



Litter Pick

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent litter pick to tidy up our villages. As well as a good turn out on Saturday 20th October, many of you picked up litter near your homes during the week. The difference made was noticeable. Let's hope it lasts! As well as tidying our verges it was a very sociable morning. We were delighted to be joined by newcomers Victoria and James along with their three children.

Sophie from Stevens Farm was more than pleased to show us what she collected near her home.

Many thanks to The Three Elms for use of their car park during the litter pick.

The Chignal's and Mashbury community group

Gardening Club

Now that the nights are drawing in, our winter programme of talks kicked off on 17th October with an informative talk by Bill Butcher entitled 'What have the Victorians ever done for us?'. The speaker detailed the plant hunters of the Victorian period, and explained a range of technologies introduced at well known estates and gardens at the time, including Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, Chatsworth and Kew Gardens.

An outline of the remaining 2018/19 programme is as follows:

Wednesday 21st November. 'My time working at the Gibberd Garden' - Jean Watson

Wednesday 16th January 2019. In-house session (Topic tbc)

Wednesday 20th February. 'A very British garden' - Darren Lerigo, Modern Mint

Wednesday 20th March. 'Wildlife Gardening' - Lorna Shaw, Essex Wildlife Trust.

Wednesday 17th April. Annual AGM and quiz, plus plant swap.

All talks start at 7.30pm in the village hall. For further information, please contact us by email at gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com or just turn up on the night. We offer a free taster session to anyone thinking of joining the club.

Chignals and Mashbury Gardening Club



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!)



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www.essexlottery.co.uk

and search for: **Village Hall**



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.

10th November 8th December 5th January

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

October 20th November 3rd November 17th

December 1st December 15th December 29th

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

Fun for all children and parents too. Refreshments provided.

North Melbourne Library

Adult Craft & Knitting Club

Get creative and join in the fun twice a month. Tuesday–

10.30 – 11.30am

6th November, 20th November, 4th December, 18th December

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.

Check the library website for a Christmas children's event during the Christmas holidays

www.libraries.essex.gov.uk

Our recent Poetry event was enjoyed by all who attended. Anita

bringing with her a display of memorabilia from the 50's era which

took us all down memory lane!

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

From Essex County Council



Essex surface dressing programme complete for this year

This summer 250 miles of Essex roads have been covered in 3,652 tons of binder and then 38,000 tons of stone chippings, which have been rolled in to form a new top layer to prevent potholes forming. The technique, known as surface dressing can be viewed at www.essex.gov.uk/surfacing Surface dressing techniques future-proof the road surface to prevent potholes, but can only be done in warm, dry weather. Since the spring the pothole-fixing crews have patched over 1,000 potholes every month in Essex.

The County Council is currently working with the Essex Association of Local Councils to identify volunteer parish councils which could assist in working with Highways in delivering a range of highway services to their communities. Highways will also be discussing with the City Council how they can work together on improving our roads and how to take advantage of the £1.2million of match funding announced by the County Council in May this year

Task force to define future for the Army and Navy

What happens at the Army & Navy junction affects all of us who use Chelmsford's roads! As you know following the discovery of damage to the base of one of the supporting pillars of the flyover, it was closed for safety reasons in September. Engineers have been commissioned to conduct a full and detailed inspection of the structure to enable its safe reopening at the earliest opportunity.

Meanwhile a special task force, made up of key partners and agencies, including Chelmsford City Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership, local councilors and the MP for Chelmsford are working to explore the future options for the junction, local road infrastructure, planning and finance issues.

More than 3,000 school places created in Essex in time for the new term

Thousands of pupils returned to new and improved schools this September as part of the County Council's plans to meet growing demand for school places across the county. It is investing £315million in creating new school places, with £75 million having been spent on completing new schools and expansion projects in time for the start of the 2018/19 academic year. That means 2,325 additional primary places and 1,110 secondary places have been created across several sites in Essex in the last year.

Locally, the Beaulieu Park School opened its doors on 12th September welcoming its first cohort of 60 reception aged children in two classes. In September 2019, 180 Year 7 students will be admitted. Year on year the school will grow, providing 420 places for local children between four and eleven years old by 2024 and 900 places for local children between 11 and 16 years old by 2023

For more information please visit [Meeting the demand for school places in Essex 2018 - 2027](#) which provides the background to school place planning, including the anticipated demand for places in each district of the County, as well as likely solutions.

If you have any problems about County Council matters please let me know on Tel. No. 01245 4121524 Mobile 07827 976997 or email cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk.

John Aldridge CC - October 2018

St. Nicholas Church

Food glorious Food!



Harvest time revolves around food! This weekend I was in school with farmer James Hawkes for a Family Breadmaking morning. James loves to help children understand how bread doesn't simply land on the shelves of the supermarket or bakery but there is a process from field to table. He demonstrated how to make a loaf and then we all had a go.

It was exciting watching the yeast rise and some thought it smelt like a pair of old smelly socks! The dough was mixed and stretched and pulled and kneaded, then proved before being stretched and pulled and kneaded again. Our appetites increased as the size of the dough grew and we were amazed at how such a small amount of ingredients could produce such big wonderful loaves! We then ate some of the bread with butter and jam.

The next day at our church's Harvest Celebration children acted out the story of how a meagre 5 loaves and 2 fishes fed 5000 people. We thought about how we had each brought a small amount of produce, money or toiletries for Help the Homeless but how together that would make a real difference to the lives of those who were sleeping rough on the streets of Chelmsford.

God's nature is extravagant and generous and overflows with love for us all. We all need love as much as we need bread to eat. Jesus said "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never go hungry." At Harvest we give thanks for this love and all the blessings we receive and then its our job to pass on love and blessings to others.

Revd Sandra

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