



Community Photos



Photo (above) of the Community Orchard Fruit Swap - held on 18th October followed by a shared lunch in the Village Hall



Photo (left) of Malcolm giving the telephone box a facelift



Photos (above) of locally harvested produce and pumpkins on display for Halloween (Steve & Kate Middleditch)

Community Notice

Advance Notice: Chelmsford 10Km Road Race -
Sunday 22nd November

Chelmsford Athletic Club are holding their annual 10K road race on Sun 22nd November. Although the course start may be slightly different from previous years (if building/road works in the area) it is anticipated that approximately 600 runners will start at 2pm 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 3pm all runners should have pretty much completed the course. (by 2.30pm Church - Copperfield Road section should be clear).

Thank you for your consideration

Please note that this edition will be the last one for 2015

Gardening Club

Gardening Club

Hasn't the Autumn colour has been spectacular this year in our gardens and in the countryside and many of us are still picking tomatoes and even courgettes.

For our first talk of the season, Jackie Kingdom spoke very eloquently about the life of Edward Augustus Bowles and the garden he created at Myddelton House. Significantly, there are over 40 plants named after Bowles; perhaps the most well-known being the perennial wallflower *Erysimum* 'Bowles Mauve', the grass *Carex elata* 'Bowles Golden Sedge' and the snowdrop *Galanthus plicatus* 'Augustus'. Bowles penned the term 'galathophile' for avid collectors of rare snowdrops. Guided tours are offered at Myddelton House, noted for its Wisteria and Bearded Iris collections: a possible gardening club visit in May.

John Cullen, an experienced local gardener and RHS Dahlia Judge, entertained us in October with practical tips on growing, propagating and showing Dahlias. John and colleague Malcolm brought several buckets of cut Dahlias, from their collection of over 300 varieties for us to judge and take home afterwards. Sharing some of the tricks of the trade to impress the judges, we were initiated into the art of 'burping' the dahlia stems to give them a longer vase life!

Our next talk is on Wednesday **18 November** when Maike Windhorst, a very popular speaker, will tell us all about "Restoring a Victorian Orchard and Cider Making": some inspiration and practical tips for when our orchard is in full production.

On Wednesday **20 January** the topic is "Lilies and related plants", when we will welcome back Harry Brickwood, RHS Chelsea medal winner from "Orchard Cottage", Hockley.

On **17 February** we will hear about "365 days in the life of a bulb: make the most of flower bulbs in every corner of your home & garden throughout the year", by Paul Harrison and on **16 March** there's a chance to learn about "Propagating herbs" by Zsuzsa Serer from Herbal Haven, www.herbalhaven.com

*Please note that our talks up to Christmas will be held at the **Village Hall**, Mashbury Road, Chignal St James and then due to improvement works at the village hall we will move to **The Chapel**, Mashbury Road, Chignal Smealey from January to April. The meetings start at 7.30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.*

You don't have to be a member of the gardening club or be an experienced gardener to enjoy these talks so why not come along and give it a go! **For more information, please contact Graham Andrews (Chairman) on 01245 442625 or Lynn Ballard (Secretary) on 01245 440880.**



Women's Institute

In September we had a rather unusual meeting, our Speaker had not arrived so after the business we decided to have our refreshments including our Celebration Cake (the W.I. is 100 yrs old this year) and a delicious lemon cake and sandwiches. After lots of friendly chat and cups of tea, the Raffle and Competition, the enjoyable afternoon had flown by and it was time to go home!



We also had a second Celebration when we were invited by Walthambury W.I. to join them for "Afternoon Tea" and Craft Exhibition which was open to the public. In the beautiful Church at Gt. Waltham we were entertained by a splendid 'Steel Band', a very happy and successful afternoon.



Some of the Craft and many excellent knitted blankets and jumpers donated by Our W.I. and family and friends, were later taken to the packing warehouse to go with 'Felsted Aid for Deprived Children' to Chernigiv in Ukraine.

Bowl's Club

Although summer is a quite period there has still been a lot going on at the Club. Our "Forget-me-not" 2 wood competition played during the summer saw Sharon and John Manning retaining the Trophy. We played Friendlies against Leaden Roding and Black Notley, winning both. On the serious side we have now played the first round of the West Area Shield, beating the holders Tipps Cross. We also met Chelmsford Social Club in the seasons first league game, winning 8-0, so a good start all round. Finally Sharon, John and Audrey Smith represented us in the Essex County Triples and after a long day they were beaten in the semi-final - well done.

Socially in September we held a Quiz night, open to all and well supported, which got the brains working. On the 9th September 11 members did a casual walk around Pleshey and then adjourned to the "Compasses" at Little Green for a very enjoyable lunch. (Photo below)
We continue to meet every Tuesday and Thursday night at 7.30 pm until the end of the year, when we will move to RHP Bowls Club on a Monday night whilst the Village Hall is re-built.



Dates for Your Diary

The annual Wassailing will be held at the Orchard on Saturday 9th January at 5pm. This is a fun event where the trees are blessed so please try to come along.

Quiz - The Three Elms pub is holding a quiz in support of the church fund on Monday 30th November at 7.30pm.

Wine Discovery Group

Our September meeting was a real family occasion. Dave Thomas gave us a presentation of Australian wines and Gill provided the cheese. Four of the wines Dave presented were sent as a gift for the Group from our Australian friend Matt Edwards who came to England 10 years ago and became Chairman of the Wine Group when Colin Rye stepped down as Chairman. Matt returned to Australia four years ago and is working for Laithwaites in Australia.

The wines Matt sent were:

Spot Light Vermentino 2013

Margan Semillon 2010

Thorn Clarke Mount Crawford 2013, a Riesling and

Deep Gully 2014, a Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon

In addition to the above Dave bought:

Jim Barry Cover Drive 2013, a Cabernet Sauvignon and Turkey Flat 2012, a Shiraz

Matt designed the label for the Deep Gully and the cricketers amongst us really appreciated the humour of his design.

Those members who were unable to be present will be pleased to know that there is plenty of wine left over for them to sample. All the wines were very well received and it has been decided that we shall purchase more for the Christmas meal.

Thank you Dave for an enjoyable presentation and to Jill for the delicious cheese.

Joan Smith

Community Matters

WHIST DRIVE on FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER

Everyone is welcome to this very enjoyable social evening at the Village Hall.
Start time 7.30pm, £2.50 entry includes light refreshments.
Prizes for the raffle always welcome

FESTIVE COFFEE & MINCE PIES MORNING

Saturday 5th December 2015 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the village hall.

Come along and catch up with friends over coffee and mince pies at the village hall. There's always a lovely festive atmosphere as the Bowls Club decorates the hall for Christmas. There will be a raffle and festive bring & buy; Phoenix Cards will be in attendance for all your last minute cards and gift wrap shopping.

Items for the raffle and Bring & Buy would be welcome. This will also be the last opportunity to buy books from the large selection that we have available. There is a good assortment to suit all tastes, including 'holiday reading', biographies, gardening, cookery and more, so do see if there is anything you would like.

All profits to village hall funds

From the County Council

Leftover Paint Campaign



Leftover paint is a material banned from general waste in liquid form and treating paint-related waste costs the Essex over £600,000 last year. If we all do our bit and consider our options before throwing leftover paint away, we could potentially make huge savings. Over the coming weeks, the County Council will be raising awareness about how we can cut the costs of treating paint-related waste by disposing of leftover liquid paint in the right way. Leftover paint can be shared and reused, or hardened before disposal. If you want to find out more about hardening liquid paint for safe disposal or donate it to a Community RePaint scheme visit <http://ow.ly/RrkZX>

Summit to put cycling on the map in Essex

Following the growing enthusiasm for cycling, fostered by the Olympic Mountain Biking at Hadleigh in 2012 and last year's stage 3 of the Tour de France, transport bosses, cycling organisations and council chiefs met in early September to explore the future for cycling in Essex and how to maximize the use of the increasing number of new cycleways in the County. The County Council is now working in partnership with Active Essex and national partners to discuss a new cycling strategy for the County. Cycling is growing as a means to get around our localities better, as a healthy option and as a popular sport. The first thing to do though is to get your view on how cycling in Essex should be developed for the future. To inform the new Essex Cycling Strategy I am asking for your help by completing an online questionnaire. To view the draft strategy and access the questionnaire please visit:

<https://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=792>

Following the consultation, the strategy is likely to be finalised and adopted towards the end of this year.

Public Health urges older residents to take up the offer for shingles immunisation

As many of us know, Shingles can be painful and uncomfortable and some people are left with pain lasting for years after the initial rash has healed. It can even be fatal for 1 in 1,000 cases in adults over 70. But did you know that since September 2013, the shingles vaccine has been routinely offered to those of us aged between 70 & 80 years old in a bid to boost immunity against the disease and provide protection against it in later years. This year only those who are aged 70 - 72 and 78 -79 on 1st September are eligible. This simple, safe injection is all that is needed to reduce the risk of getting Shingles. Those unlucky enough to get the disease in spite of being vaccinated tend to get less severe symptoms. For further information do please consult the [NHS Choices](#) website or check with your GP.

Chignal Parish Council Meeting 14th September 2015

Present:

Cllr Mr Christopher Anstey
Cllr Miss Lynn Ballard (Chair)
Cllr Mr. Steve Middleditch
Cllr Malcolm Feltwell
Cllr Ms Linda Nelson (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Mr Andrew Jenkins
Cllr Mr. Martyn Towns

In Attendance:

Mrs. Janet Mills (Parish Clerk) and 5 Parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Nicolette Chambers, Chelmsford City Council
Cllr John Aldridge, Essex County Council.

The Chairman raised a motion for the change in the order of the agenda. In order to keep the planning timetable, two planning items were to be considered at item 16 of this agenda. The Chairman requested that these be taken under item 10 of this agenda. With no objections the motion was carried.

2. Register of Declarations of Interests

Cllr Martin Towns as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee declared an interest in Planning Application 15/01472/FUL now at item 10 of this agenda.

3. The Minutes of the Meeting of 13th July 2015

The Chairman gave a note of thanks to Cllr. Nelson for chairing the meeting in her absence. The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising From The Minutes

a) Notice Boards.

Cllr Towns reported that a contractor had recently quoted £733.58 for the repair to one notice board. The Clerk had been tasked to seek alternative contractors. The Clerk felt it necessary to declare that the person contacted regarding the repairs was related by marriage to a family member. Strict governance would apply: a contractor would be selected by the PC through the evaluation of competitive quotes.

b) The Triangle, Chignal Hall Lane

Cllr Nelson reported that an email had been sent regarding the matter, a response for Highways was awaited.

c) Chignal Smealey Passing Places

ECC Highways had advised that work would be completed by January 2016.

d) Work to Hollow Lane

ECC Highways had given the following update. At present the developer was carrying out onsite works and both Highways Dept and Chelmsford City were to visit the site. With regards to the work on Hollow Lane a preliminary design sketch had been provisionally agreed between Countryside Properties and the Highways department. A legal agreement was being drafted for them to carry out the works required under planning to Hollow Lane and the Highways Department were currently awaiting the submission of the detailed design, for checking and approval. This new design would involve less abortive works if or when the Persimmon road was constructed.

Cllr Middleditch joined the meeting

e) Gardening Express

Further to the public meeting held by Gardening Express, the PC had written to the agents expressing residents' concerns regarding the proposed development of the site. The agents had replied to the letter, giving assurances regarding off road staff parking and that Gardening Express would liaise with CCC planning department regarding the installation of hard standing, which would permit even the largest lorries to enter and leave the site in forward gear. The timetable for the development of the site was unknown. PC Members agreed that with winter approaching, installing the hard standing before developing the rest of the site would be vital not only for staff parking and delivery lorries but also for construction vehicles. The PC would again write to the agents to seek timescale information and clarification regarding development intentions.

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f) UK Power Networks

A public meeting had been arranged with representatives of UK Power Networks for the 30th September at 7pm in the Village Hall. Cllrs Anstey, Middleditch and Nelson would attend. Cllr Nelson would co-ordinate the event.

5. Public Question Time

A member of the public questioned whether the proposed new Village Hall could become a Broad Band relay/substation, as this could benefit the local community and could generate an income. The meeting was advised that the Village Hall Committee would consider this suggestion in the future.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave the following report:

a) There had been a number of incidents of 'fly tipping' in the locality. Posters displaying the penalties for these actions had been erected those present were asked to keep vigilant.

b) ECC grass verge cutters had not only again damaged the manhole cover at Howletts corner but also had damaged some temporary road a) signs when cutting grass recently. The matter had been reported to the Highways department. The Clerk would inform Cllr Aldridge regarding the matter.

c) A note of thanks was given to Cllr Anstey and those involved for the excellent work in progressing the Parish Plan. There are also opportunities to discuss the parish plan and other issues with Parish Councilors at the monthly Village Hall coffee mornings.

d) CCC Planning Department is seeking suitable sites for housing development as part of the new Chelmsford Local Plan and is currently evaluating its Call for Sites. A significant number of speculative sites had been put forward in Chignal and adjoining Broomfield Parish. Green Belt policy does not apply to Chignal Parish as advised at the last meeting. The PC would consider the implications of the proposed development sites and views of residents on housing and other types of development would be sought through the forthcoming Parish Plan Questionnaire. The CCC Planning department would be pleased to receive the outcome of the Parish Plan Questionnaire regarding potential housing developments. The PC would have an opportunity in late October/early

November to comment on CCC's initial response to the Call for Sites. Members agreed to meet separately on 2nd November to consider the PC response and would consult with adjoining Parish Councils as appropriate.

7. County and City Councilors' Reports

No Reports at this time.

8. Parish Plan

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th July were noted and approved. Cllr Anstey, Chairman of the Parish Plan committee informed the meeting that three meetings had taken place. The residents Questionnaire was close to being finalised. These would be delivered to each property in the Parish. Whether an additional specific questionnaire should be developed for children, was currently being discussed. The RCCE was guiding the committee through the process.

9 Orchard Committee

The minutes to the meeting held 8th September were noted and approved. Cllr. Feltwell, chairman of the committee informed the meeting that the orchard had been cut and maintenance was continuing. There was to be a 'clean up' weekend on Saturday 19 September to which everyone was welcome. A fruit celebration had been organised on Sunday 18 October to coincide with the Harvest Festival event at St. Nicholas church. Preparations for a Wassailing event in January were in train. Whether there should be an event to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, which coincided with the third anniversary of the opening of the orchard, was been considered.

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10. Planning Applications – the following was noted

Decisions to Note

Application 15/05104/TPO T4 - Oak - adjacent to the rear boundary of 16 Spenlow Drive - Trim back overhanging branches by 3m maximum, to suitable growing points. G1 - Field Maple on the rear boundary of 16 Spenlow Drive - trim back overhanging branches to mirror the remaining overhang of the Oak. **Application Permitted**

Application 15/05180/TPO Address: Western Parcel Land North Of Copperfield Road Chelmsford Essex - Description of works: T5 - Oak - eastern boundary - crown reduction by 4m max (over extended laterals) and shape over remainder of crown to leave natural profile, cutting to suitable growing points and clean out deadwood. **Application Permitted**

New Applications

In order to keep to the planning timetable the Parish Council had already submitted comments on Application 15/00548/FUL - Holly Spring, Mashbury Road Chignal St James Proposed side conservatory and made the following comments. **No Objections raised** -

Pending Decision

New Applications to be considered

The following applications were considered and following comments made.

Application Number 15/01472/FUL- Village Hall, Mashbury Road Chignal St James –Proposal Demolition of existing Village Hall and construction of new hall to be attached to existing wc facilities.

Cllr. Towns, as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee gave details of the proposed plans to the meeting. Cllr Towns then left the room whilst the plans were being considered.

Cllr Towns Left the meeting.

Members considered the plans and made the following comments. The PC was pleased to support the development of the Village Hall facility for the Parish. The PC raised no objections.

Cllr Towns Rejoined the meeting.

Application Number 14/00976/NMAT/1- Western Parcel Land North of Copperfield Road Chelmsford Essex- Proposal Non-material amendment to permission reference 14/00976/FUL (Residential development of 60 dwellings) to amend the drawing referred to in Condition 14 from no N00250-PL-001 rev C to No N00250-PL-001 rev D to substitute pumping station with sub-station. – **No objections raised.**

Application 15/01339/FUL – Sunnyside, Mashbury Road, Chignal St James - Proposed two storey rear and side extension. The overall development was in keeping with the Village Design Statement and did not affect neighboring properties. There may be a slight loss of symmetry on the side extension, which planners may be able to improve. The porch may need a little attention as this is not quite in-keeping. – **No objections raised.**

11. Representatives' Reports – the Meeting noted the following reports:

A) Playing Field

The Grass had not grown very much recently. The hedges were being looked at to see if they required trimming. Broomfield Football Club would like to use the facility again this year.

B) Village Hall Liaison

Cllr Towns outlined some of the proposed improvements to the Village Hall these included the following:

The Hall would be slightly wider all round. The Kitchen was to be extended in to the existing small meeting room. A larger meeting room was planned next to the front door. The patio was to be extended and there were to be double doors to the rear. There would be better lighting to the front and car park and the rear of the building. The external features would remain very similar to the existing building. The internal features would change to include a vaulted ceiling. The Village Hall Committee would need to manage the Competitive Tendering Process as part of the process. Work was scheduled to start in late autumn. No Hall bookings would be taken after December 2015. Local clubs and societies were currently making their own alternative arrangements.

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The PC would need to make a formal approach to the United Reform Church regarding using the Chapel for Parish meetings.

C) Newsletter Including Website

A note of thanks was given Wendy Steel for delivering the Newsletter in part of Chignal Smealey over many years. In the future, these deliveries would be covered by Tony Mawer. The clerk was now updating the website with historical meeting papers.

D) Gravel Liaison

Large scale earth works had now been completed. Restoration work would continue until the end of October. The Bridleway was being completed. An invitation for people to view the restorations was expected shortly.

E) Village Watch

There had been Fly tipping in the area and agricultural machinery stolen from Beaumont Oaks recently. Heating oil had been stolen in neighbouring parishes of Gt. Waltham and Good Easter. Residents needed to remain vigilant.

F)Highways - Reported under matters arising above.

G) Footpaths/Bridleways

The poor state of the bridleway at Beadles Hall was to be reported to Cllr.Chambers. CCC had a contract and timetable for maintenance.

H) Telephone Box - Chignal St. James.

A note of thanks was given to Cllr Feltwell and others who had worked very hard to prepare and paint the Telephone box.Those present agreed that the box looked very smart.

I) Tree Warden - No report at this time

12. Finance – the following was noted and approved.

a) Current balances: current account £6,925.54 and £3,238.93 saver account.

b) Cheques issued since last meeting were noted as follows, £75.53 Chelmsford DBF Newsletter July and £184.80 Community Action Suffolk for PC insurance.

c) Budget meeting. Members considered dates for the annual budget Meeting. 2nd November at 7pm was agreed. Members agreed that the PC initial response to the CCC Call for sites would also be discussed at this meeting.

13. Correspondence for Information

The Parish Council had received an invitation to put forward names for the new residential roads to be developed at Hollow Lane. Members preferred names that reflected the rural location and natural countryside. Members proposed that Larthings Lane would be their preferred choice for the main access road as this had historical connections with local field names. As did Taylor's Field. This would be a second choice as an alternative. The PC would also put forward the ideas associated with local trees, wild flowers or crops for the other roads associated with the development.

14. Late Urgent Business

In order to keep to the planning timetable, the following Planning applications were to be considered.

Application Number 14/00976/NMAT/1-

Application Number 15/01472/FUL-

The Chairman moved that these items be considered under item 10 of this agenda.

15. Date of Next Meeting of the Parish Council

11th January 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

UK Power Networks (UKPN) Meeting

A meeting was held on the 30th September in the Village Hall with UK Power networks. This meeting was well attended by parishioners. A frank discussion of the issues ensued and a commitment was made to complete the tree works. Trees were considered to be the main cause of the numerous power cuts that had been experienced by parishioners. Parishioners were also reminded that compensation may be payable for extended power cuts. Details are available on the UKPN website.

St. Nicholas' Church

HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS

Many of those at the lunch sharing in the Village Hall and the fruit swap in the Orchard then went onto the church, where we all enjoyed partaking of the bread made from scratch during the service. (Photos below)



SERVICES

Sunday 8th Nov 10.55 am Remembrance Day

Wed 11th Nov 9 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th Nov 11am Communion

Wed 9th Dec 9 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th Dec 11 am Communion

Christmas Eve 24th December Crib -

(service time to be confirmed - check the Chignals website or the church notice board)

With every blessing, Revd. Caroline

Chignal Chapel - URC

Village Carol Service on Sunday Dec 20th @ 3pm at Chignal Chapel

followed by tea/coffee and mince pies.

Offering to be for Children in Distress



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