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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHIGNALS WITH MASHBURY

# Chignal News

## Superfast Broadband

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### Superfast Broadband is available in the Chignals

You may have seen BT Openreach engineers in the villages over recent months installing new fibre optic cables on the poles. The good news is that after a lot of chasing by Councillors Chris Anstey and Steve Middleditch Essex County Council and BT Openreach have delivered the fibre service ahead of their published schedule of December 2019.

At present Chignal St James and parts of Chignal Smealey are active at the exchange, the parts of the parish that are not connected at present are due to be upgraded soon.

As the Superfast Essex interactive map is only updated once every three months your property may still be showing the 2019 date instead of showing that your property can be connected to the fibre cables now.

A few residents have upgraded their contracts already and have had the fibre cables extended to their houses by BT and a new router installed. They are reporting a vast improvement to their previous internet connection.

If you wish to see if your property can be connected and upgrade your account you can contact BT to check prices and take out a new contract. Alternatively you can speak to your existing supplier to check if they are able to upgrade your property to fibre on the new cables.

Steve Middleditch. [Steve.middleditch@btinternet.com](mailto:Steve.middleditch@btinternet.com)

# Carpet Bowls

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Since our last report the Club's AGM has taken place. The Committee for the coming year were elected and various competition trophies presented. The Bill Hawkes Trophy was played for and this was won by John Manning.

The Annual Mike Bell Trophy internal competition was played on a Tuesday in June, a departure from the usual Saturday, as it made booking an evening meal much easier. Some very interesting and close games were played with the runners-up being Shelia Evans and Kathleen Huggett and the winners were Sharon and John Manning.

In the evening everyone enjoyed a very good meal at the Spotted Dog, Barnston. During the summer Carpet Bowls continues with club nights and friendly matches against local clubs. Four friendlies have been played, two being won and two lost. Four members played a Ladies v Men Charity Fun Competition at Braintree on an extremely hot Sunday afternoon in August. The ladies maintain the heat was the only reason they were not successful this year!! Monies raised were for the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.

Social events feature highly in the life of the club. The Annual Strawberry Supper was held in July. Kevin Francis organised a short fun bowls competition, which was won by Roy Smith, after which everyone tucked into cheese and biscuits and strawberries and cream. A visit to Ingatestone Hall proved both informative and enjoyable. A different type of bowling was enjoyed when some members tried their hand at Ten Pin Bowling. Lunch was enjoyed after the bowling. It is hoped to arrange another Ten Pin Bowling morning as this one was so successful. Looking ahead a trip to the Civic Theatre to see 'Top Hat' has been booked for September.

As the evenings draw in and Autumn approaches, it will be too dark to do the garden, so why not swap an evening of TV for an evening of Carpet Bowls. New members are always needed and made very welcome. Come and join us on Tuesday and /or Thursdays 7.30pm to 10.00pm in the Village Hall, Chignal St. James. All equipment is provided and tuition will be given. Just turn up one evening or if you would like more information give either Gordon Hillyear 01245 231406 or Yvonne Towns 01245 440189 a ring.

# Women's Institute

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Our garden meeting in July was very successful, with many members and friends attending. We were all thankful for the shady trees in Janet's beautiful garden and the plentiful supply of much needed cold drinks, a lovely afternoon.

"Art for Relaxation" at the August meeting proved very popular, our members enjoyed chatting whilst colouring in and their work was displayed at the end of the meeting. Sadly, due to health problems, Manny Robinson is unable to join us in September but we have a speaker from the legal profession who, no doubt, will have some good advice for us.

In October we are holding our annual lunch, which is a members only event but visitors are always welcome at all our other meetings, details of these can be found on the notice board in the Village Hall.

Wendy Steele.



## The Chignal Nestbox Project

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The Chignal nestbox project had another build day at the village hall on 4th August. In total 7 blue tit/wren boxes, 4 little owl, 3 tawny owl and 6 bat boxes were made, thanks to the skills of David and Sue, Lee, David, James, Robin, Andy, Lynn and Andy, Chris, Carolyn and William.

If you would like to have a bird or bat box please let know by email to [chignalnestbox@aol.com](mailto:chignalnestbox@aol.com). All boxes are free to parishioners as costs have been covered by a grant from the Chignal Parish Council.

Jon Lewis

# 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.

1<sup>st</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> October 10<sup>th</sup> November

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**



**Friday Morning ....Starts again in the new term on Friday September 7th**

**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**

September 8<sup>th</sup> September 22<sup>nd</sup> October 6<sup>th</sup>  
October 20<sup>th</sup> November 3<sup>rd</sup> November 17<sup>th</sup>

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

11<sup>th</sup> Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 9<sup>th</sup> October 23<sup>rd</sup> October 13<sup>th</sup> November 27<sup>th</sup>  
November

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;**

We are delighted to welcome **Poet Anita Marie-Sackett** to our library on Friday 12 October at 2pm

**Anita** will be reading and talking about her poetry.

Tickets £4 Contact Essex libraries on 0345 603 7628, or book online at [www.libraries.essex.gov.uk/events](http://www.libraries.essex.gov.uk/events)

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

1. **Chairman's Welcome**

Chair Ballard

Cllr Ansley, Middleditch, Nelson, Towns, Feltwell

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Elwick

3. **Public Open Session**

3 Members of the Public

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

Nothing declared.

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

a. **Essex County Councillor Report** - Concerns on the proposed redesign of the junction with Hollow Lane and delays in constructing the foot/cycle path connecting to Copperfield Road..

b. **Chelmsford City Councillor Report** -.Gov e-mail possible: Loughton Town Council use this email address. Purchase of Community Orchard site by the Parish Council refused. The 1 acre site was previously used for hay making and now houses air monitoring equipment which requires a 20m space around it and no overgrowth by trees. Persimmon Homes has been served with a Temporary Stop order for 28 days. Enforcement team investigating next steps if Persimmon fails to address the concerns raised.

6. **To note the Orchard Sub Committee minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Fruit Celebration event planned on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. Orchard fruit will be a bit limited due to the hot weather and aphid damage.

Resolution: *Noted*

7. **To confirm the Monthly Council Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Resolution: *Confirmed*

8. **Planning Applications :**

1. Re-use and conversion of existing buildings on site to a residential dwelling.  
Planning Application  
Barn South Hillcroft Chignal Road Chignal Smealy Chelmsford Essex  
Ref. No: 18/00882/FUL

The Structural Engineer's report on this building seems to indicate that it needs demolition and rebuilding to comply with current building regulations for insulation, ventilation, and daylight openings. It comments that the roof, external boarding, the timber stud walls and the unreinforced concrete floor slab need substantial repair or replacement so there would not be a lot left of the original structure.

There are also no services to the plot so Electricity, Water and drainage would have to be installed. The photographs show rotten timbers, cracked concrete floor slab and years of decay in the structure.

# Chignal Parish Council continued

In the Chignal Villages Design Statement, (page 18) reference is made to “the trees and hedges in and around the good sized housing plots in the Woodhall area of Chignal Smealey helping to maintain the rural feel and the gaps between the properties emphasise the rural location by showing that there are no buildings behind”.

The need for any additional housing in this part of Chignal is being met more than adequately by the new residential development in the parish north of Copperfield Road.

The Parish Council also has concerns regarding access to this site as it has limited sight-lines on a blind bend, on to the Chignal Road. The Parish Council made similar comments in relation to a previous planning application for a house on this site (14/01320/OUT).

**Resolution: the application be refused.**

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

- A) Playing Field Hedge cut required; proposals for croquet pitch improvement and relocation being considered; access to the field has been raised and possible bottoming out of cars – this will continue to be monitored.
- B) Village Hall Liaison fete raised £2500 for hall funds. The committee needs more volunteers to help arrange and maintain the fete going forward.
- C) Newsletter Including Website new issue just released showing the variety of activities in the villages. The website needs a review / update.
- D) Gravel Liaison no meeting recently. Meeting due on the bridleway. It's been cut ready but it's still locked.
- E) Community Safety West Chelmsford is still 2<sup>nd</sup> safest place in Chelmsford. Defibrillator still requires a grant to fund it: likely through Chignal Community Group. Fibre Broadband may arrive later this month!
- F) Highways (to include Hedges) Concerns with ditches and lorries driving over the ditch edges. The ditches should or can be piped.
- G) Footpaths/Bridleways Community Group planning local walks in liaison with Parish Council.
- H) Telephone Box - Chignal St. James Minor repair required.
- I) Tree Warden nothing to report

## 10. **Finance:**

### **Account Balance :**

**Cheque Account      £ 13,003.13**

**Saving Account      £ 33,277.78**

### **Income**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Interest on Savings Account</b>	<b>£16.58</b>
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### **To Note Cheques to be approved signed :**

Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value
100760	Clerks Wages and expenses - June	203.43
100761	PAYE June	44.60
100762	Bird Box Project - Expenses	140.14
100763	Taylor Agricultural – Grass Cut	312.00
100764	Essex Pension Fund - June	62.93

# Chignal Parish Council continued

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100765	RCCE – Annual Membership	£52.80
100766	Clerks Wages and Expenses - July	£162.91
100767	PAYE July	£40.60
100768	Essex Pension Fund - July	£57.58
100769	Chelmsford DBF - Printing	£83.79

11. **Discuss Noticeboard Maintenance (Varnish etc) – Cllr Elwick**

New metal noticeboards would be cheaper than repairing the old wooden ones. Agreed in principle: size and prices required.

12. **Note that the Parish Council is required to Register with ICO at a fee of £40 for Parish Councils**

*Resolution      Approved*

13. **Proposal that the Parish Council purchases a folding sweeper for the Village Hall to clear the floor after meetings. (Estimate <£100)**

*Resolution      Approved*

14. **Confirmation that the football pitch will be used twice a month for training.**

Team from Springfield have asked permission to use it twice a month for training on a Saturday.

*Resolution:      Approved subject to croquet pitch location.*

15. **Discuss the Persimmon Homes development, north of Copperfield Road and any possible enforcement action**

Temporary Stop Notice ceases on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Chelmsford have taken this enforcement action seriously.

16. **Discuss the meeting on the Chelmsford Community Infrastructure Levy – Bids for additional works up to £95,000 in the area of Little Hollows development.**

Bids to be in by the 16<sup>th</sup> August. Potential projects to mitigate the impact of additional traffic on Chignal Road discussed with the City Council:

- White Entrance Gates on Chignal Road, Chignal Smealey – consult Jon Simmons (Local Highways Panel).
- A Solar powered SID on Chignal Road, Chignal Smealey
- Tree planting on the wide verge alongside Chignal Road between the junctions with Copperfield Road and Mashbury Road – consult City Council Parks service.

**Resolved: to work up and submit funding bids for these three projects**

17. **Does the Parish Council wish to review its membership of the Rural Community Council of Essex- cost is £44 + Vat ( £52.80) ?**

**Resolved      Yes . Renew membership.**

18. **Meeting with Highways (29<sup>th</sup> May) additional details to be discussed**

*Resolution: Minutes to be forwarded to Cllr John Aldridge for distribution to the other attendees.*

19. **Discuss the funding application from the Cricket Club**



# Chignal Parish Council continued

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20. **Chignal Cricket Club**

a. **£1000 for the roof of the Cricket Pavilion (materials only)**

b. **£1500 for a new mobile practice net facility**

**Total £2500**

*Resolution In principle supported with condition of encouraging community involvement and advertising open or cricket practice days.*

**Chignal & Mashbury Jubilee Community Orchard**

a. **£2,000 for a large and more secure shed**

*Resolution In principle approved up to £2000*

b. **£1530 for a sit on mower**

*Resolution A mower is required. Model to be submitted and costings to be resubmitted.*

c. **£350 for delivery and installation**

**Total £3,880**

*Resolution; Delivery and installation subject to type of shed.*

20. **Update on traffic and planning issues concerning Garden Express**

Currently enforcement with Chelmsford City Council.

*Resolution: Continue to monitor the situation*

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

- Follow up on the Orchard Mower
- Chelmsford Local Plan

Meeting Closed 21:29

Will Adshead-Grant

Clerk to the Council

## Chignals & Mashbury Jubilee Community Orchard

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Come and have a look at how your community orchard has been developing this year at our **Community Orchard Fruit Celebration** on **Sunday 14 October from 3pm – 5pm**. If you have any surplus fruit or preserves, please bring them to share with others, along with a picnic. Teas, coffees and soft drinks will be provided. Car parking will be available on the playing field.

For further information, please contact the Orchard Committee:  
[chignal.mashburyjubileeorchard@hotmail.com](mailto:chignal.mashburyjubileeorchard@hotmail.com)

## Charity Coffee Morning at St. Mary's

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A Big Thank You to all who helped to make the Event an enjoyable and successful morning.

We were able to send a generous donation to the Chernobyl Children, and three other Charities.

Many Thanks to all who attended. Janet Campen.

## Litter Pick

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Last year the Chignal and Mashbury community group organised an additional litter pick in October which proved to be very worthwhile going by the amount of rubbish that we found!

We are planning to do the same this year on Saturday 20th October, meeting at 9.30 am in the Three Elms car park. We will have drivers to take people to Chignal Smealey, Little Hollows etc where needed. The same as last year, those that wish can then enjoy a lunch at the Three Elms after.

We appreciate that not everyone can either pick litter or be available on that date. However, if you could pick the litter up near your home in the week leading up to the 20th October that would help us a great deal. Please could you send an email to [chigandmashcommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chigandmashcommunitygroup@hotmail.com) or leave a message on the phone number below to let us know that you have done so. That way we can concentrate on the verges that have no properties near them.

We do hope you can come along for an hour or so to help - and have a good chat along the way! Pickers, gloves and bags will be provided. Look forward to seeing you there.

Sandra Bailey 07909 564905

# Gardening Club

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Our remaining summer garden visit for 2018 is as follows:

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

A 17th 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, payable on the day.

Our winter programme of talks starts on Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm in the village hall. Speaker details tbc. This will be followed by talks on the 3rd Wednesday of every month until April, excluding December. The full programme of talks will be available shortly.

We welcome new members and we're a very friendly club where you don't need to be an expert to enjoy the varied talks, demonstrations and visits. For more information, please contact Graham Andrews (Chairman) on 01245 442625 or email [gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com](mailto:gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com)



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## 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

*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**

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£25,000 every week!**

**[www.essexlottery.co.uk/support/chignals-and-mashbury-village-hall](http://www.essexlottery.co.uk/support/chignals-and-mashbury-village-hall)  
to buy your ticket and for more information**



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 28th September  
10.00am – 12.00pm

CHARITY FUNDRAISER  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Catch up over a cuppa,  
enjoy some great  
home made treats.

The money we raise at our coffee  
morning will help make sure no one  
has to face cancer alone.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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For further details contact [steve.middleditch@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.middleditch@btinternet.com)

# 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:**

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.

A new website for all six of our churches is being planned. This will mean that, whichever church you type into Google, our new website will pop up. The website will have information about our service times, events and news, village activities and clubs, who to contact and much more, including a “members” login to allow access to pew sheets, minutes of meetings, etc.

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