

MacMillan Coffee Morning



Jackie Turner and Julie Mawer organised another very successful MacMillan coffee morning at the village hall on Friday 24th September. Thanks are sent to all those who supported this very worthwhile cause, which raised of £500.

Yours truly and my friend Sandra; pictured above, attended on my horses Opal and Gina, then Sandra and I went back later; minus the horses, to enjoy the rest of the morning and especially the lovely cakes on sale.



We were all so sad to hear the news of Edna's death and send our most sincere condolences to Gordon. Another member Eileen Beeching from Chignal Road also died a few weeks ago. They will both be greatly missed.

In August Mrs. Lucasta Edwards from Broomfield, gave a most interesting demonstration on colours which suit different people and how our clothes can be worn more successfully. I'm sure there must have been a few wardrobes given the once over since that talk!

In September we had a return visit from an old friend Miss Celia Reed from Ingatestone, who gave one of her interesting and delightful talks and demonstrations about spinning. The movement of a spinning wheel is very calming.

In October we are looking forward to hearing Mr. Doug Killick from Chelmsford tell us about Essex at war starting with the Battle of Maldon in 991 and going through to the Cold War.

Visitors are always welcome.

November 4th AGM and line dancing with Mrs. Glenys Watkins

December 2nd Join us for our Christmas Social.

Myra Wilkins 440 659

Chignal4Art meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Village Hall. Come along any time between 12noon and 4pm. If all the people who tell me they may come along turned up we would need a bigger hall! Come along and try!

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. Details from Myra as above.

Dates for Your Diary

WHIST DRIVE

FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER at 7.30 p.m.

CHIGNALS & MASHBURY VILLAGE HALL

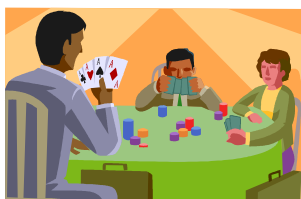
THIS IS A FUN EVENING NOT TO BE MISSED!

ENTRANCE IS £2.50 AND INCLUDES LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS

RAFFLE

Proceeds to the hall funds



Christmas Coffee and Mince Pies at the Village Hall

Saturday 4th December 2010 10 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Come along and have a chat with friends over coffee and mince pies.

This is a lovely start to the festive season, with all the Christmas decorations and tree in place, tealights on the tables and carols playing in the background.

Raffle and Bring & Buy

All of the proceeds are for the upkeep of the village hall.



Wine Club



The wine club kicked its new year off in September with a presentation by Steve and Mat, two of our members. We started the evening with a vintage cava (sparkling wine) – with a price tag similar to that of champagne it was good, but personally I prefer champagne. The whites and reds were of the usual high quality but the highlight of the evening was a vintage Port (Mat had recently been to Porto). Not the sort of bottle that many of us would regularly buy, it was as much like a wine as it was a port, and like a wine it needed drinking up. We were not short of helpers on that front.

Our Chairman had been away in September so unusually we held our AGM a month late in October. The main items agreed were that annual membership should remain unchanged at £15 with standard tasting evenings also remaining unchanged at £7.50 per evening. Norman and Mike agreed to stay on as Chairman and Treasurer respectively. I have also stayed on in my position as Secretary but have decided to stand down as Publicity Officer. Steve has kindly taken on this role so, you can (hopefully) look forward to a new style to these articles.

The evenings are very sociable and we always look forward to meeting new members. Trial evenings are charged at a flat fee of £10 that includes tasting at least 6 wines and enjoying cheese and biscuits at the end of the evening. Please feel free to come along and try out some fantastic wines. The wine club meets at 8pm on the second Friday of every month (except August). For more information please contact Dave on 01245 442474.

Yoga



Our last Yoga session in the Village Hall was on Tuesday 19th October. We have decided not to continue beyond half term as the winter approaches and coldness sets in, we are a small group and the hall takes some time to warm up in the mornings.

Thank you to all those that have attended during the 9 months the Yoga class has been running, we hope you have enjoyed and benefited from doing so. Sara will continue providing Yoga classes at Newlands Spring Community Centre on Mondays 9.40 a.m. – 11.10 a.m. and Wednesday 7.15 p.m. – 8.45 p.m., she is also able to provide 1-1/(few) tuition if interested privately. If you would like to find out more please do call Sara McKeon on 01245 358941 or 07738 557461.

Bowls Club

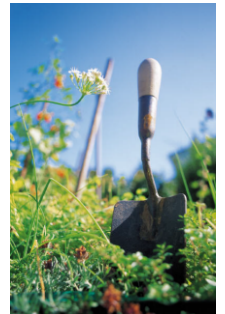
Sadly I have to report the death of one of our longest serving members, Edna Hillyear, who died last month. Edna had been a member of the Bowls Club since its beginning, and for the past few years had been our Treasurer. She was a valued player in our matches and contributed greatly to all our social occasions. She will be very much missed by everyone.

Gardening Club

Our Winter series of talks started with a talk by Thady Barrett on soft fruits. The talk was well attended and we all enjoyed the strawberries Thady brought for us to try. In October, we had our club supper at the Rose and Crown in Great Waltham. We had a lovely meal and then after the meal we enjoyed the music being played by members of the public. Thanks to Richard and his staff for looking after us so well.

Our next event; on the 17th October at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, is a talk by Mick Lavelle on the sustainable garden.

The evenings are very sociable and we always welcome any newcomers, so please come along. If you want more information please contact John Denniss on 01245 440289 or Graham Andrews on 01245 442625.



Chignal Cricket Club 2010

Another cricket season has come to an end with mixed success.

The 1st team who played in division 1 of the Mid Essex League had a very good season, after a convincing win in the final game of the year they finished as champions and will be playing in the premier division in 2011 for the first time in the clubs history. Well done to all concerned!

The 2nd team who played in division 9 of the same league did not have such a good season and were relegated to division 10 for 2011.

Cricket Club AGM – 10th November 8pm in the village hall.

If you would like to read more about the club, results, statistics etc, please visit our website

<http://chignal.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>



From the County Council

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will present the **Comprehensive Spending Review** to Parliament on 20th October this year. The results of this long awaited announcement will dictate how close the **County Council** is to making the very significant savings that will almost certainly be required to meet the current and future financial pressures and budget cuts. The **County Council's** progress to meet this need is covered by the **EssexWorks Transformation Programme**; which is reviewing all the County Council's services and facilities; looking at where they are now and where they may be required in the future so that the best services can be maintained for the best value where they are needed most.

The **Programme** has, over the past few years, made good progress in reducing costs and providing better value for money; and whilst it is ahead of the game at the moment, there is little doubt that greater effort will be needed in the next few years. Currently the **Programme** is on track to reach its target of £89 million of savings by 2010/11 against its longer term target of at least £300 million by 2012/13.

As part of this challenge for better ways of working, **Kent County Council** and **Essex County Council** have submitted a joint proposal to Government Ministers for approval to create a **Local Enterprise Partnership**; which will promote economic growth, attract investment and create jobs. It will cover those areas that matter most to residents and businesses both sides of the Thames; such as trade skills, housing, tourism, transport and infrastructure. The joint proposal, which has my full support, will, if approved, be fully implemented by April 2011. For further information visit nds.coi.gov.uk

And finally, on a more optimistic note, I am pleased that the **Communities Initiatives Fund** continues this year. The latest round of bids to for our area closes on 29th October with decisions on funding being made in February 2011. For an application form and guidance notes go to the website

www.communityinitiativesfund.co.uk or speak with John Zammit on 01245 430097

If you have any problems about **Essex County Council** matters please let me know on 01245 421524 or Cllr.John.Aldridge@essexcc.gov.uk

Editorial by Linda Nelson

Summer has passed in a blur and now we are enjoying the fruits of Autumn, the hedgerows are laden with sloes, hips and we have pounds of blackberries in the freezer, ready to be made into jam or used for crumble with apples from the garden. In these hard economic times, we should take advantage of nature's bounty and enjoy "food for free". I made some nettle soup from a recipe googled on the internet and very tasty it was too.

When times are hard, whether through illness, bereavement or economic problems, it is sometimes the simplest of things that help us to cope - a kind act from a friend or even a stranger, can make you feel you are not alone in dealing with a tough situation. I always find the serenity of the countryside around us a great source of comfort and help to find a sense of peace. I hope many of you feel the same way.

On a sad note Edna Hillyear; who lived in Mashbury, and David Chamberlain; who lived in Chignal Smealey, recently passed away, heartfelt condolences go to the bereaved families.

Chignal Parish Council

UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF THE MEETING OF CHIGNAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Gary Disley from Buzcom explained to the meeting how an internet service can be made available to the residents of Chignal who are unable to receive Broadband at the present time. It was confirmed that the telephone box in Chignal St. James is now the property of Chignal Parish Council. A circular has been distributed to local residents requesting a list of volunteers to keep the kiosk clean and also for ideas on its use.

County Councillor Aldridge explained that the County Council is looking at costs and in order to save money, has signed an economic partnership with Kent which includes, as encouraged by Central Government, using the same suppliers.

Cllr. Aldridge reported that the Chief Constable needs to achieve a large saving between 2010 and 2012 which will have an impact on policing throughout the County.

Councillor Chambers explained that the Census will take place on 24th March 2011 and volunteers will be required for various positions to help complete the Census.

Grants up to £10,000 are still available to Parishes but the closing date for applications is 21st October.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

VILLAGE HALL LIAISON – Representatives were asked to contact the Committee to ask about the possibility of having a Broadband connection in the Village Hall.

NEWSLETTER INCL. WEBSITE – A list of deadlines for the Newsletter will be included in the next edition and the editor requested that all Clubs update their information particularly if there have been changes to personnel.

GRAVEL LIAISON – The next meeting will be held on 13th October 2010. The removal of the Cemex plant will be completed by the end of September. Progress with land raising has a completion date for final restoration for the end of 2012 but this might be difficult to achieve because of problems with sourcing suitable waste streams. The resurfacing of Pengymill Lane has yet to be completed.

VILLAGE WATCH – The Chairman explained that the co-ordinator, Tony Wilkins, has decided to retire and a volunteer to take on the role is needed. Tony was thanked for the efficient and dedicated way he has carried out his duties for many years and it is hoped a successor can be found

HIGHWAYS – Roads in the Parish are in very good condition following the resurfacing work and it was reported that the damage to the verge near the church, caused by builders lorries will be repaired shortly.

FOOTPATHS /BRIDLEWAYS – There have been no objections to the proposed diversions. .
PLANNING

The Bungalow – demolition and erection of new dwelling – a decision is awaited.

Pieces Cottage – appeal against enforcement notice re marquee, gates and posts – the appeal was dismissed.

Westleas – single storey rear extension – the application was approved.

Hunters End – two storey side extension – the application was approved.

Broomwood Manor – retrospective application to alter roof on single storey element – pending

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STANSTED AIRPORT – it was agreed that no action be taken on a request to contact the Minister of State for Transport.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A coffee morning will be held on Friday 24th September in the Village Hall.
- b) An invitation has been received from the Parish Church for all parishioners to attend the Harvest Festival at 3 p.m. on Sunday 3rd October followed by tea in the Village Hall.
- c) A Whist Drive is being held in the Village Hall on Friday 22nd October 2010.

LATE URGENT BUSINESS

It was confirmed that the broken signpost near Langleys Farm has been reported to the Highways Department, the broken arms have been collected and repair work will be carried out as soon as possible.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 1st November 2010.

From the Borough Council

Communication with Parish Councils

The Council has received feedback from some parish councillors that communication between the Borough and Parish Councils could be further improved. A popular method of communication identified by parish councillors was the development of a newsletter to relay relevant information back to them.

In response to the comments the policy team have committed themselves to producing a quarterly 'e-zine' electronic newsletter to be produced and emailed out during the months of September, October, January, April and July.

The objective of the newsletter will be to improve communications between the Borough Council and Parish Councils, to increase the awareness of the strategic direction taken by the Borough Council and to inform parish councils of various activities they may wish to become involved with.

Town Centre Management

There will be no street market trading on Saturday 30th October because the whole of the High Street will be used by the "Street-Diversions" – a unique annual showcase of international theatre designed to bemuse and amuse the citizens of the Borough and many visitors to the Town Centre.

Works have begun to renovate the High Chelmer Shopping Centre fascia on Market Square. Pret a Manger is looking to take the unit currently occupied by the Cornish Pasty Co.

2011 Census Day 27th March – are you available?

In England and Wales the census is planned and carried out by the Office for National Statistics every ten years. Each household is asked to complete a questionnaire and the information is used by the ONS to provide population estimates which government, local authorities and other organisations use to fund, plan and deliver public services such as healthcare, education, housing and transport.

In the ten years since the last census there would have been many changes, people come and go and families will have grown, expectations and lifestyles will have shifted changing the face of local communities.

There are jobs available offering various roles: census collectors and special enumerators will go out to the community and encourage people to complete the questionnaires. For more information on the roles, locations, dates of employment and pay rates visit the www.censusjobs.co.uk.

Nicolette Chambers Member Chelmsford Rural West –

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North Melbourne Library

You can now bring your laptop to the library and make use of our free WiFi service!

During November and December we will be running some Family History Taster Sessions where you can re-search your family history and get help accessing the Ancestry website. Sessions are limited so need to be pre-booked.

When you have finished your shopping at Morrison's why not pop in to see us and pick up ideas for your Festive menus. We also have a selection of books on Christmas crafts and ideas to keep little ones busy during the holidays.

On Saturday 27th November we are holding a Christmas Children's Craft session between 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. with lots of ideas for Christmas.

Do you need help in using a computer? During January & February we will be holding some 'Fingertip Facts' sessions with hints and tips on using a computer to suit beginners.

Mandy Simioni – Library Supervisor

North Melbourne Library (Attached to Newland Spring School)

Dickens Place, Cooperfield Road, Chelmsford

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St. Nicholas' Church



Greetings to you all from St. Nicholas Church. We hope that you all enjoyed the summer. Here at St. Nicholas, we have had a busy time. We have had the honour and privilege of sharing with four couples their marriage. Some of you may have heard the church bells ringing to mark these happy occasions.

On a sadder note, along with Gordon and family we shared in giving thanks for the life of Edna Hillyear, a lady who will be remembered for her gentleness.

On all five occasions the church was full. It is lovely to see the church being used; this is encouraging for us at St. Nicholas and the parish. 'The Friends of Essex Churches' Ride and Stride took place in September. Our special thanks to Lynn from Pitt Cottages; who along with a friend, cycled across Essex on a tandem and raised £100. Well done Lynn for this magnificent effort. Thank you also for the ladies who acted as hostesses, greeting the visiting cyclists.

Special thanks to Linda Nelson for publishing some photographs of the church polishing morning in the September edition of the Chignal news. We are very grateful to our recent polishing team: Joan Smith, Sandra Bailey, Myra Wilkins, Julia Bevitt Smith, Steve Middleditch

and Helen Towns. Our thanks also to the cricket club and local farmer Chris Philpot for providing us with parking facilities for the weddings and thanks giving service.

A very big thank you to all of you who supported our harvest celebrations. In the region of 96 tins of tomatoes and 4 kg pasta is on its way to Eastern Europe via Harvest for the Hungry. Special thanks to all of you who helped decorate the church, it looked beautiful and it was encouraging to see the church full. Thanks also to the ladies; who provided the harvest tea, the cricket club and village hall committee; who allowed us to use their facilities.

'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body and be thankful.' Colossians 3 verse 15. Best wishes to you all. Tony Towns (church warden tel. no. 440241)

From the Church Register

Marriages:-

Steven John Riley to Gillian Margaret Willcox – 8th August 2010

Matthew Ryan Reed to Jenna Lee Mumford – 4th September 2010

Andrew Lewis Bond to Ann Judith Swaine – 9th September 2010

James Peter Ruffels to Samantha Louise Harrington – 18th September 2010


Service of thanks giving for the life of Edna Hillyear - 16th September 2010

Dates for your diary

Worship every Sunday at 11 a.m.

United Carol Service with URC at St. Nicholas – Sunday 19th December at 3 p.m.

Children's Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 3 p.m.


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