

# Church Clean Up Day

Volunteers are pictured below giving the church a good clean. If you could find any time to help clean the Church, arrange flowers or work in the church yard please contact Tony on 440241.



Steve Middleditch up a ladder



Left to Right Joan Smith, Sandra Bailey, Helen Towns, Myra Wilkins, Julia Bevitt Smith (& Steve behind the camera).

# Pig and Whistle Presentation



The Pig and Whistle Pub Quiz charity round raised a £1000 pounds which was donated to The J's Hospice on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Ann Salmon; pictured in the centre, is one of the regular "quizzers". Ann is usually the one behind the camera taking the photos! Many of Ann's photos have been featured in editions of the Chignal news and are in the photo albums on the parish website.

In June I did a demonstration of flower arranging called 'Garden Party Flowers' and it depicted the variety of people who are asked to the garden parties at Buckingham Palace. These included mayors, soldiers, bishops, charity workers, ambassadors and individuals who have contributed in many ways to their community. There were seven arrangements and each one was a raffle prize. It was very pleasing that we were joined by three visitors that afternoon, Elizabeth McLaughlin who was a past president of our WI, Doreen Purvis who was president of Broomfield WI and Alice Scott, Cherry's granddaughter. In July we went to Braintree for our garden meeting, Fiona, our hostess made us most welcome. Again we were very lucky with the weather and as usual the committee provided a magnificent tea. Fiona has a large house and a two acre garden which she looks after herself with a little help from a gardener. Fiona is a member of Black Notley WI and Chelmsford Gardening Club. Marian Garvey, from Walthambury WI, who had been our delegate at the National AGM in Cardiff, gave a very clear account of the meeting and all the events which took place. In August we are looking forward to hearing Mrs. Lucasta Edwards telling us about 'Colours to look your best'. Our Quiz will be on Friday October the 1st, it has always been an evening of good fun so do come and join us. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, it would be good to see more ladies join in and of course gentlemen can come as visitors too.

September 2nd Spinning Miss Celia Reed  
October 7th Essex at war from 991 to 1960 Mr. Doug Killick  
November 4th AGM and line dancing with Mrs. Glenys Watkins  
December 2nd Join us for our Christmas social.  
QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY OCT. 1st 7 FOR 7.30pm

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. Due to holidays numbers have been down lately but a small group has had happy and relaxing afternoons, attempting, but not always succeeding to paint! Come and join us. Details from Myra as above

## Dates for Your Diary

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 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**



You are invited to attend a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Please support this event, which raises money to help cancer sufferers.

## Wine Club

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As I write this article in the August rain I remember the beautiful weather we enjoyed in June and July and the evenings enjoyed by the wine club. The evening in June was a “Premium tasting”, that is the wines were of a better quality (greater cost) than we would normally taste, on this occasion they averaged over £30 per bottle and were purchased from Odd-Bins. We began with a champagne (Billecart) and ended with a red (Margaux). As one would expect, the wines were excellent but were they worth the premium that was being paid? Or do we pay a premium for the label? If you would like to know then come along to the wine tastings where you will also be able to sample these and many other wines. Thank you Norman for organising the evening.

The month of July is when club members meet for a social BBQ where we do not have any formal tasting but are able to mix more freely. The evening has a real family feel with members bringing salads, trifles and sticky puds to enjoy with the unopened bottles from the years wine evenings. The weather was fantastic and it only leaves me to say a big thank you to all of those who contributed to the evening and to Gill and Dave for hosting the BBQ in their garden.

The wine club meets on the second Friday of every month (except August). For more information please contact Dave on 01245 442474

## Yoga

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Yoga in the village hall continues every Tuesday during term time 9.15 am – 10.45am. The Autumn classes start on 7<sup>th</sup> September through to 14<sup>th</sup> December (excluding October 26<sup>th</sup>).

The classes provide gentle exercises to improve and maintain flexibility as well as relaxation towards the end. Each exercise can be performed to a varying degree of difficulty/stretch meaning that the class is suitable for most and that new members can easily slot in amongst existing.

We are a small and friendly group and if you would like to come along or are interested to find out more please do call Sara McKeon on 01245 358941 or Gill Thomas on 01245 442474. You would be very welcome to join us.

## Bowls Club

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The Club held a Strawberry Supper and Quiz Night in July. The evening began with a Quiz organised by Ann and Geoff, with some interesting facts about our county town brought to light - I think we all know now where Friendship Bridge is!. After the Quiz, the end scores of which were very close, all enjoyed cheese and biscuits followed by strawberries and cream. A raffle was held, the monies from which go to the Club charity of the year Essex Air Ambulance.

On one Tuesday in July, we had a break from bowling and enjoyed an evening of “pitch and putt”. I believe the last group just finished before dark!.

Also in July we played away against Little Waltham and after a keenly fought game achieved a long sought after win. The Club recently entered a bowls competition run by Great Easton and held in Foakes Hall Dunmow. Yvonne and Martyn, Kevin and Sandra represented the Club and did exceptionally well.

We have matches against Broomfield and Black Notley in August and are entering the Stock Pairs competition in September, also in the autumn we are entering the annual ECCBA competitions at Braintree.

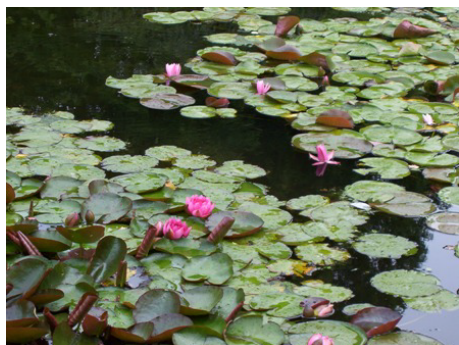
In August we held the Mike Bell Trophy competition followed by an evening meal.

# Gardening Club

Our last visit of the Summer season was on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 to Beth Chatto Gardens, Elmstead Market, Near Colchester. The visit was well attended by about 20 members. Kate Middleditch kindly took the photographs below. Unfortunately, your's truly missed the visit, I unexpectedly had to have an operation on my hand, so I was in Broomfield instead! The Gardening Club had arranged a guided tour of the garden which was very interesting and informative. It is a good garden to visit as it contains plants that do well in Essex and the gravel garden never gets watered, so if you have never been it is not too far to go and I have been reliably informed that the cakes there are very good, at least that's what Graham told me!

As Autumn approaches, we start our Winter series of talks, the first talk is at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall. The subject is Fruit Trees for the small garden by Thady Barrett. 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.

## Visit to Beth Chatto's



Hello everybody. I thought it time I gave you all a little reminder of what I do and why I am doing it, and a bit of an update of how the project is going. Village Agents are here to give advice and information to older and more vulnerable people in rural areas, or anyone that may need our help. We are all trained advisors, fully checked by the Criminal Records Bureau and carry photo identification and act independently of Social Care and other organisations. I can come and visit you in your own home, to support you and help you access the services you need in as uncomplicated a way as possible.

In the last few weeks I have helped local people with everything from the life changing - including getting a housing transfer, installing emergency pendant alarm systems and adapting homes with grab rails, stair lifts and easy-access baths, to more commonplace but equally important activities, such as finding transport to doctor's appointments, obtaining free energy saving plugs and smoke alarms, helping people to stop smoking, and removing wasps nests. I have also been trying to attend local events to meet as many of you as possible.

Earlier this year the areas we covered were extended due to the project's success. I am now pleased to report that I cover Roxwell and Great and Little Waltham as well as my original areas of

the Chignals, Mashbury, Pleshey and Good Easter. Between us, the 12 agents in Essex cover the vast majority of the rural areas in the districts of Chelmsford, Braintree and Maldon - to see the complete list please visit our website [www.villageagentsessex.org.uk](http://www.villageagentsessex.org.uk).

If you or anyone you know could do with my help please contact me to arrange a confidential, free home visit on 07540 720609 or [jo.metson@vaessex.org.uk](mailto:jo.metson@vaessex.org.uk). I have space on the Village Agent website to promote local events and services too and we are getting a lot of "hits" so please contact me to let people know about your group or event. I would also love to come and chat to any groups that I may have missed on my rounds so far to explain further what I do!

Jo Metson

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# Chignal Parish Council

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## UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF THE MEETING OF CHIGNAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Jo Metson the Village Agent attended the meeting and reported that the service has exceeded all its targets and a decision will be made in October on whether it will continue after March 2011.

PCSO Bennett explained that she has now received speed gun training and will pass on her knowledge to resident volunteers to enable them to operate the speed guns.

There has been no further progress in purchasing the telephone box in Chignal St. James as the repairs to be carried out by British Telecom are still outstanding.

It has been agreed by the Borough Council that the grass cutting of the field near Howletts Corner is not the responsibility of Chignal and the Council Tax will be adjusted accordingly.

The electoral role will be amended to include 1 and 2 Waterhouse Cottages in the Parish of Chignal and not Great Waltham.

The Chair expressed concern that there will no longer be police personnel based at Melbourne Police Station as they have been redeployed to Moulsham Police Station. The Clerk has written to the officer in charge requesting assurances that there will be no changes to the police presence in Chignal.

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group will be in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and parishioners were invited to attend.

## SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLAYING FIELDS** - it was reported that maintenance work has been carried out to the concrete boundary posts.

**NEWSLETTER INCL. WEBSITE** – contents for the next edition are being finalised and it was explained that, as the Newsletter is now much larger and because of added pictures, it is not always possible to e-mail the complete publication, but it can be downloaded in colour from the internet.

**FOOTPATHS /BRIDLEWAYS** – it was reported that diversion orders will be approved by Essex County Council shortly.

**HIGHWAYS** – thanks were expressed to Gordon Lee and Councillor John Aldridge for their persistence in requesting that resurfacing work be carried out to all roads in the Parish. The work is now almost complete with the exception of a small area near the

church damaged by builders lorries which will be repaired shortly.

**VDS** – Congratulations were extended to all involved in the completion of the VDS copies of which have been distributed to all parishioners. Additional copies can be obtained from the Clerk at Parish Council Meetings.

## COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

C. Cllr. Aldridge explained that there will be changes to police response times but any problems should be reported to him and he will take appropriate action.

Councillor Chambers reported that there will be changes to the law from May 2011 which will be explained in the Autumn edition of 'Life'

Councillor Chambers next surgery will be held between 11 a.m. and 12 noon in the Village Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

## PLANNING

**Dyers Hall** – retrospective application for ménage and floodlights – approved

**The Bungalow** – demolition and erection of new dwelling – a site visit will be organised shortly.

**Pieces Cottage** – appeal against enforcement notice re marquee, gates and posts – a site visit has been arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Westleas** – single storey rear extension – a new application has been submitted

**Maple View** – replacement garage and conservatory – approved

**Hunters End** – two storey side extension – a decision will be made week commencing 19.7.10.

## LATE URGENT BUSINESS

Concern was expressed by some parishioners *about* the number of notices going up near bridleways about shooting giving the impression that shooting was going on all the time. The Chairman agreed to contact the people concerned asking that notice be given on when these activities will take place.

**Broads Green Gravel Pit** – it was reported that lorries have been emptying soil on the site. Councillor Aldridge explained that this was unofficial action and an enforcement order has been issued by Essex County Council for the work to stop and the spoil removed.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

# From the Borough Council

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Councillor Nicolette Chambers, Member Rural West

## **Customer Services Centre update**

From 21<sup>st</sup> June Chelmsford Borough Council has been operating a temporary reception area on the ground floor of the Coval Lane building. This will be in place until the work on the Civic Centre reception is complete and where we will be able to offer an enhanced customer experience, which will happen towards the end of the calendar year. The purpose of the refurbishment is to bring together Housing, Benefits and Council Tax services in one place for the Borough. This was following some customer journey mapping where we learned how customers must currently provide their personal information to each of these services separately queuing in different locations for each one. Centralising these three services as a priority brings physical changes to the Civic Centre buildings, back office and process transformation and new staff to deliver this improved service.

The overall aim of the project is to improve the customer experience, reduce duplication for both customers and staff and will also produce savings in terms of energy efficiency.

## **Food Waste Collection**

The Borough Council now provides a comprehensive, all year round kerbside collection service of materials for recycling and composting. One of the further improvements planned in the next couple of years is to introduce

a separate collection of food waste so that this material can then be composted, rather than being sent for disposal in land field sites. It is anticipated that this will increase the diversion rate (currently just over 36%) by at least a further 10%.

## **Executive Arrangements**

A change in the law means that later this year Chelmsford Borough council will have to decide on how its political structure will work after May 2011. The Council will have the choice between having a Mayor directly elected by the voters of Chelmsford or a Leader elected by the other members of the Council which is the current system. The aim is to give greater authority to an elected representative to run the Council. The views of the residents will be sought during Autumn.

## **Chelmsford Borough Council website**

The site has been designed to be accessible, informative and easy to use. It is always changing but not everyone has access to Internet services. I am available to point you in the right direction with any queries you may have so please telephone me on 01245 456719

Finally I will be holding a Ward Surgery in the Village Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Please come along if you wish to discuss matters relating to the villages of Chignal or Chelmsford Borough Council  
Telephone 01245 456719

# MP Surgeries

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## **Rt. Hon. Sir Alan Haselhurst M.P. Interviews 2010**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at THAXTED :** The Guildhall, Town Street from 5.45 - 6.30 pm

and at **SAFFRON WALDEN:** The Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street from 7.00 - 7.45 pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October at BOREHAM:** Village Hall, Main Road at 5.15 - 6.00 pm

and at **DUNMOW:** Foakes House, Town Council Office, 47 Stortford Road from 6.30 - 7.15 pm

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November at STANSTED:** Parish Council Office, Crafton Green from 5.15 - 6.00 pm

And at **SAFFRON WALDEN:** The Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street from 7.00 - 7.45 pm

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at BROOMFIELD:** Broomfield Community Centre, 158 Main Rd from 5.15 - 6.00 pm

And at **DUNMOW:** Foakes House, Town Council Office, 47 Stortford Road from 6.30 - 7.15 pm

*No appointment necessary but if you require any assistance please ring 01799 506349*

If you would like to receive Sir Alan Haselhursts' e-newsletter then please e-mail [office@saffronwaldenconservatives.net](mailto:office@saffronwaldenconservatives.net) for the attention of Katrina Robinson.

# St. Nicholas' Church

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Greeting to you all from St. Nicholas Church. It was very encouraging to see so many of you at our recent concert. Our sincere thanks to Julia and Steve Smart, their family and friends for providing us with a rich variety of music, but none of this would have been possible without the support of "you", the local community, for eagerly supporting this venture. Our special thanks go to the Cricket Club for allowing us to use their facilities, the Village Hall Committee for lending us their marquee, the Wine Club for organising the drinks reception, to Myra for taking care of the flowers and to the gentlemen who very willingly helped to erect and dismantle the marquee, all of which contributed to a truly beautiful summer's evening. We raised in the region of £840 (after costs), which will be divided between Farleigh Hospice and Cassie's Wishing Well Appeal.

We would like to publicly thank the following people:

Ken Mead; for making and providing us with a wheel chair ramp;

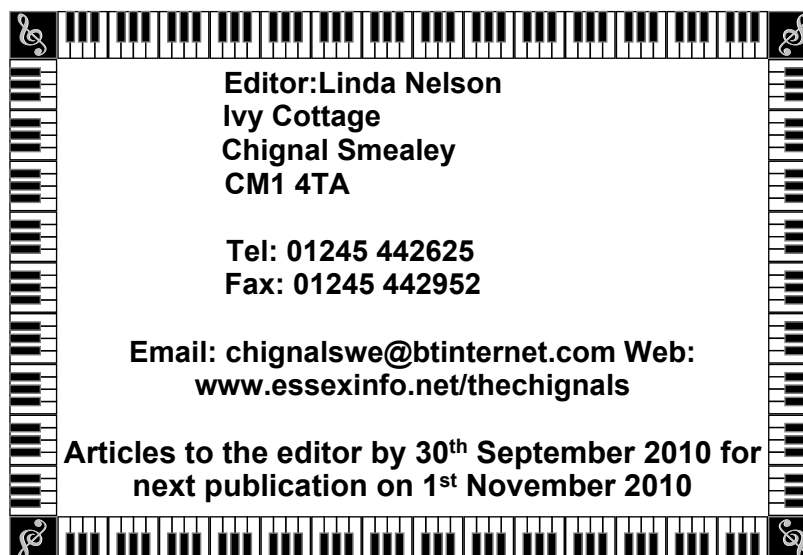
The Wilkins family, Tony for donating more of his church guides (price £1 – available at the back of the church), Hugh for taking some internal photographs and Myra, who with Audry Wilmot have been tending some of the old graves in the church yard. Thank you also to the Cater for keeping the graves at St. James so beautiful and to all of you who help to clean and polish our little church.

Harvest Thanksgiving and celebrations will be held on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Nicholas and will be followed by afternoon tea in the Village Hall. We will be collecting tinned tomatoes to be distributed overseas via "Harvest for the Hungry". You are all warmly invited to join us in thanking God for the provision He generously gives us through food, family and friends. We look forward to seeing many of you. You are all invited to tea.

The Friends of Essex Churches sponsored "Ride and Stride" is to be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. We usually get quite a few visitors to our church. They always appreciate a friendly face. If you feel able to spare us an hour or two to welcome our cycling visitors or would like a sponsor form, please contact Helen or myself. Sponsor forms are available at the back of the church.

We wish all our children and young people "well" as they return to their studies. If I can be of any help do not hesitate to contact me it is quite likely I will be able to find someone that can. Tony Towns (Tel no: 440241)

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