



Chignal News

This edition follows fairly closely after the last edition, as we are trying to implement a publishing and distribution schedule. Articles will need to be sent to me by the last day of the month in which there is a parish council meeting. I will send the file to the printers around the 15th of the following month so the newsletter will be available for distribution on the first of the month in which there is a parish council meeting. This means that for the next edition articles should be with me by 30th September and the newsletter should be distributed on the 1st November. To ensure a Christmas Edition articles need to be sent to me by 20th November so the newsletter can be distributed on the 15th December.

In the last edition a new dance class was advertised, unfortunately this class has been cancelled, as it is too far from Chelmsford for some of the participants.

Linda Nelson - Editor

Chignal Chapel

Parishioners may remember hearing of a man called David Wilkerson - an American pastor who went to work in New York to help young people caught up in the gang and drug culture there in the sixties. He wrote a book called *The Cross and the Switchblade* which was made into a film. He was the founder of a movement called "Teen Challenge", which is still working today to help young people with addiction problems in England.

On Sunday 13th Sept. at 10.45 a.m. we have a team coming to the morning service to do a presentation about this work. Anyone interested in all this would be warmly welcomed.

We shall also be celebrating Harvest Festival at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday 11th Oct. This will be followed by a buffet lunch, so please give us a call on 01245 442198 if you would like to come to this. Please feel free to come to lunch (about 1 p.m.) even if you can't make the morning service. The meal is all part of our thanksgiving and offerings will be for the work of St. Lawrence Children's Hospice in Romania.

Malcolm Hindmarsh

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St Nicholas

Morning worship every Sunday unless otherwise stated.

Saturday September 12th
Friends of Essex Churches
Sponsored Ride and Stride

Saturday October 3rd
Decorating the Church for Harvest

Sunday October 4th
Harvest Festival 3pm followed by
tea in the village hall. N.B. No
morning service

Bowls Club

The Club has played two matches since May, playing Ford End in June and against Little Waltham away in July. We won the match against Ford End but lost against Little Waltham. Our next match is against Broomfield in August. These matches against other local Clubs are always enjoyable with a buffet supper at the end and a chat with old and new friends from the other villages.

At home our monthly Target Bowls competition continues until October with so far, Emma and Gordon Lee being the winners of the bottle of wine.

In July, while the Village Hall Car Park was being re-surfaced, we had a change from bowling on Tuesday, and ten of us played Pitch and Putt at Waterhouse Lane. In spite of a "drop of rain" everyone enjoyed the outing.

In August another outing is planned, a visit Hylands House with a guided tour, followed by tea.

If anyone is interested in trying their hands at owls, either ring 441515, or call into the Village Hall on Bowls nights, Tuesday or Thursday, 7.30 to 10 p.m.

Wine Club Summer BBQ

The Wine Club summer BBQ I thought was a great success; the weather was fantastic (unlike last year) I thought the BBQ food was great, Thanks to David and Graham, I thought that the attendance was fantastic and I am sure that everyone that came really enjoyed the evening, The wine I am sure was great except from a bottle where the cork was not put in properly at the factory and air was getting into the bottle, It was lovely to see Molly again (Jenny's Baby). There was a good game of bowls at the end, it was so dark then we had to put a raspberry on the small ball so that we could faintly see it, I thought the people

who played bowls were very good but of course I could have done better!! The wine club usually meets on the 2nd Friday of every month,

I have never been but I have heard it is very enjoyable!! I went to this BBQ as it was at our house; I got to stay up until



1am when everyone left!! If you are interested in joining please contact Dave on 01245 442474. The Wine Club next meets on September the 11th.

Article By Owen Thomas, Aged 10.

Village Hall

The past month has been quite as far as activity in the Hall, the user Groups taking their summer break. This has allowed us to have the Car Park re-laid, by local contractor Anderson's, without too much disruption in the use of the Hall. Thanks to the grants received from the

Awards for All Lottery and the Essex County Council Community Initiative Fund we now have a first class Car Park with just the disabled parking to be marked out to finish the work.

Gardening Club

The last of this year's gardens visit was to Saling Hall, the home of Hugh Johnson a famous wine guru and best selling author. Hugh personally welcomed about 15 members of the gardening club to his garden. He gave a brief talk about the history of the house and garden before

allowing us to walk around the garden, first into the walled garden then into the open spaces and woodland gardens. More details can be seen on the Saling Hall website: <http://www.salinghall.com>. I hope you enjoy some of the pictures I took of the visit. Linda Nelson



The winter series of talks starts on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The talk is entitled "What's in a name" and the speaker is John Walker. In a break with tradition the annual meal is being held in the Autumn rather than the Summer. This year it will be at the Three Elms on the 21st October 7 for 7.30. There will be a choice from a set menu or from the usual pub menu but all meals must be booked in advance. If

you are not able to attend the September talk please let us know if you want to come to the meal so we can confirm numbers with the Three Elms. The November talk on the 18th is entitled "Behind the scenes at Chelsea" given by Wol Staines. New members are always welcome to our talks just come along or contact John Denniss on 01245 440289 if you want any information about the club.

From the County Council

I was very proud to be re-elected as the County Council member for Broomfield & Writtle but following the election in June it is back to business as usual. I have retained the Chairmanship of the Economic Development and Environment Policy / Scrutiny Committee and have been appointed a member of the Essex Police Authority. I have listed my other official roles on the County Council website (<http://www.essexinfo.net/johnaldridge/>).

Many of you will have noticed that a temporary 40 mph speed limit has been imposed on the Chelmer Valley Road and A130 Essex Regiment Way for one year. This is the prelude to the creation of a second **Park & Ride** facility and will enable the construction of fast track bus lane to get people into the centre of Chelmsford. It is hoped that if the new Park & Ride proves as successful as that built at Sandon, it will improve travelling times into Chelmsford from the north east of the County and make another significant improvement to relieving congestion in the Chelmer Valley.

The **Essex Rural Commission**, instigated by the County Council in 2008, will be producing its long awaited report this month. It has been tasked with considering how to improve the quality of life in rural Essex. Its recommendations will be given close scrutiny by the County Council to see where it can use the Commission's findings to inform the future **Essex Rural Strategy**. This whole process will enable our rural environment to be protected and sustained not only against challenges that are facing our communities now but those that will face us over the next several decades. Watch this space!

Essex Trading Standards is there to help protect the public and honest businesses from rogue traders and illegal practices. It is currently promoting a "**Buy With Confidence**" scheme to help householders when inviting small businesses and service providers into their homes. Businesses that are vetted by Trading Standards guarantee not to take advantage of householders and their employees are CRB (Criminal Registration Bureau) checked. The scheme has been well received by Essex businesses which recognise that it adds value and encourages trust. It is hoped to get many more businesses to sign up to this initiative. For more information visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/introduction.php

As usual, I would like to remind all voluntary and community organisations that there will be a further round of awards under the Essex County Council's **Community Initiatives Fund** for capital projects. The closing date for this year's applications is Friday 6th November. You can obtain application forms from Beverley Davies on 07929 543523 or online www.communityinitiativesfund.co.uk

If you have any problems about County Council matters please let me know on 01245 421524 or cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk



Chignal Parish Council Meeting

UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF THE MEETING OF CHIGNAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PCSO McDonald attended the meeting and explained that two minor incidents had been reported in the Parish recently regarding motor vehicle misuse. Parishioners at the meeting reported nuisance with cars parking late at night in the Village Hall car park and also an attempted break-in at a house near the Three Elms.

PCSO McDonald clarified the public rights of way on bridleways confirming that motor cycles are not allowed on bridleways. PCSO McDonald can be contacted on 01245 400833.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions were asked on the current situation with the planning application for the extraction of gravel and formation of a reservoir opposite the Village Hall and it was explained that the application will not be presented to the July Committee.

Concerns were expressed at the amount of ragwort growing in the Parish.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had attended the VDS public consultation meeting and was very impressed with the presentation. The Chairman thanked the VDS Committee for all its hard work. Thanks were also expressed to all the parishioners who had organized the very successful Village Fete on 6th June.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLAYING FIELDS - the grass has been cut regularly and is in very good condition.

VILLAGE HALL LIAISON – it was reported that the lock to the Village Hall notice board has been repaired. Work commenced on the resurfacing of the car park on 13th July and is expected to be completed by 17th July.

NEWSLETTER INCL. WEBSITE – it was suggested that, to ensure earlier dates for distribution of the Newsletter, definite dates be set to meet targets.

GRAVEL LIAISON – the next liaison meeting will now be held on 24th July. There is no further information on when the resurfacing to Pengymill Lane and work to the culvert will be carried out.

FOOTPATHS /BRIDLEWAYS – it was reported that the stile near the Orangery on the Green is to be replaced with one of a more acceptable height.

Councillors volunteered to walk the footpaths in the Parish and agree on a programme of works with the Parish Paths Partnership to improve footpaths and bridleways.

HIGHWAYS – it was explained that although some potholes have been filled, some, including a large one between Beadles and the Pig and Whistle, are still outstanding. The contact number for reporting highways problems is 0845 603 7622 or by e-mail <http://www.essex.gov.uk>

VDS – it was reported that the public consultation meeting on 13th May was well attended and many constructive comments received. The latest draft will be submitted to the Borough Council on 3rd August following a meeting with the Parish Council on 27th July.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Chambers reported that the North Chelmsford Area Action Plan is progressing. The Borough Council has launched a new initiative for redundant residents (RISE) to offer support and advice for people facing redundancy and also a website to access trained advisors for people suffering financial hardship on 01245 606454. Councillor Chambers reported that the Citizens Panel is up and running and parishioners are encouraged to make comments throughout the year to the Borough Council.

PLANNING

Gravel extraction and formation of a reservoir opposite the Village Hall – the application will not be submitted to the July Committee and no further information was available.

Brittons Hall Farm – landfill site – surveys on invertebrates living in the area have been received and a decision should be made within 21 days. The Old Rectory – extensions – the application has been refused.

Blue Cottage – alterations to side extension – pending.

Woodfall Chignal Smealey – first floor extension – drawings are being examined by the Parish Council and observations will be made to the Borough Council at the appropriate time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 7th September 2009.

St. Nicholas' Church

Greetings to you all from St. Nicholas Church. Due to the short span of time since we last wrote our news is minimal. However we would like to take this opportunity of thanking Gordon Lee for repairing the church lawn mower and to Philip Clarke for his hard work in keeping our church yard tidy. Philip has now officially resigned from his position as "grass cutter". We are very grateful to him for his many years of hard work and wish Patricia and him the very best for the future. Maintenance of the churchyard is under review, we will update you in the next edition of the Chignal News.

We would like to remind you that the Friends of Essex Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride is to be held on September 12th. Sponsor forms are available at the back of the church. We always get many visitors to our little church and if you feel able to help as a steward, your time would be very much appreciated. Our cycling guests appreciate a friendly face. More details are available from Helen Towns (tel no: 440241)

Our Harvest Festival Service is to be held on Sunday October 4th at 3 p.m., followed by tea in the village hall. Gifts of tinned tomatoes to be sent to Eastern Europe via Harvest for the Hungry,

would be very much appreciated.. This proved to be very popular last year. The Church will be decorated on Saturday 3rd at 10 a.m., gifts of flowers would be appreciated, but better still your time.

Sunday worship continues to be held at 11 a.m., everybody is warmly welcomed. We have recently had several new faces to take our communion service, which we have found encouraging and uplifting.

We wish all our young people and children well as they return to their studies.

Best wishes to you all

Tony Towns – Church Warden - 440241

Please note

In the last edition of Chignal News there was an incorrect spelling of a name. It should have read, Rev., Canon Carla Hampton, not Carl, please accept our apologies.



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