

# The Chignals Information & Welcome Pack

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Information and contact details about the services, community groups and facilities for the residents of Chignal St James and Chignal Smealey



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHIGNALS WITH MASHBURY

# Chignal News

This issue of the Newsletter is being delivered with a copy of the latest Information and Welcome Pack. This gives information and contact details for all the main Clubs and Societies in our Parish together with details of our Churches and Pubs. Phone numbers are listed for all the local services. We hope you will find this a useful publication, especially if you have recently moved to the Chignals. Should you require additional copies, please contact Chris Anstey – [Chris@Ansteyc.co.uk](mailto:Chris@Ansteyc.co.uk) 01245 441406.

ps: "Spot the deliberate spelling mistake on the cover!"

# Bowls Club

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The club are enjoying playing friendly matches against other local clubs and have played Black Notley away and Ford End and Broomfield at home. Four club members played in an Essex Charity Ladies v Men Fun Competition at Braintree. This was a very friendly afternoon where the various Essex Leagues played against each other. The men won on points but the ladies scored more shots! The proceeds were donated to Essex Dementia Care.

Two more friendly matches are to be played in September. Then come the Autumn the League Match programme will start, along with Internal and External Competitions. Club evenings have been made easier with the arrival of a carpet roller which has been purchased with a donation from the Parish Council for which we are very grateful – thank you. No more bending down rolling up mats on the floor!

The club has enjoyed two social events. Firstly, the Strawberry Supper which started with various quizzes, followed by cheese and biscuits and lots of strawberries and cream. Secondly, a Fish and Chip Supper which started with a fun bowls competition that was won by Audrey Smith – well done Audrey! Delicious Fish and Chips then followed.

Come and give Carpet Bowls a try, there is no obligation to play in competitions, just come and play for fun. All equipment is provided. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30pm to 10.00pm in the Village Hall. If you would like more details just give Gordon a ring on 01245 231406.

## Litter Pick

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**What a load of rubbish!**  
**October Chignal Villages Litter Pick**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10 am.**



Due to the amount of rubbish that finds its way onto our verges, it has been decided to trial a mid year litter pick on the 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10 am, starting from and finishing at The Three Elms Pub. Many of us already pick up rubbish during the year, but it was felt that there is still enough rubbish out there to warrant another village clear up.

This is the first event to be organised by the community group (see earlier article) and we very much welcome your support.

Whilst we can obtain the equipment from the City council, unfortunately we will not be provided with the means to dispose of the rubbish.

Therefore we ask as many people as possible to join in with the litter pick and collect just one bag

of rubbish each that you can then dispose of in your own black bin. We will have people driving round to take pickers where there is most need and take the bags back to your home. Large items will be reported to the City Council's fly tipping dept.

We aim to finish by 11.30 to meet at The Three Elms for coffee or an early lunch.

So, come and join in for a worthwhile cause, a chat, a walk and a gathering afterwards.

If you can help in any way, please email the Community group on [chigandmashcommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chigandmashcommunitygroup@hotmail.com) or call Sandra on 07909564905

Many thanks

# Women's Institute

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In July we were blessed with glorious weather for our garden meeting. Members brought a plate of food to share and partners and friends and guests from other local clubs were invited to join us for a lavish tea in the garden at Grays Farm. Our thanks to Helen and Tony for their hospitality.

For our August meeting we were back in the Village Hall where members were encouraged to be creative arranging flowers in a tea cup. One of our members, Elaine Doe, a retired florist, demonstrated and instructed us in this delicate art and the resulting arrangements were very pretty.

By the time this newsletter reaches you we will have had our September meeting, a return visit from the delightful Carol James, this time with a talk about Teddy Bears, sure to be popular!

If you'd like to try something different, why not pop in on October 5th to hear about "Project Pico".

Remember, you don't have to be a member, visitors are always welcome. We meet on the first Thursday of the month, usually in the Village Hall at 2pm for a 2-30 start.

And now a date for your diary...

The W.I. are holding an Autumn Coffee Morning on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>. October, 10am till 12 noon, in the Village Hall.

This will be a great opportunity to beat the Christmas rush and buy some beautiful handmade gifts and cards and there will be lots of other goodies too. Don't miss it!

Wendy Steele

## The Chignals with Mashbury Friends Group

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We are a small group of friends who are pleased to be able to help residents (whether new to the neighbourhood or not), in a variety of different ways. Over the years we have proved that a friendly face can do much to help a person whatever their needs may be. This may be introducing them to village activities, clubs, like minded people etc, or something more practical e.g. companionship, someone to talk to, light shopping etc.

We realise that you may already have a kindly relative or friend helping you in some way, however if you feel that we might be of assistance, please do not hesitate (leaving a message if needed) by phoning one of the following people:-

Helen	on 01245 440241
Barbara	on 01245 440528
Joan	on 01245 440339
Gill	on 01245 442474
Lynn	on 01245 440880
Sandra	on 01245 445245
Sarah	on 01245 443497

# North Melbourne Library

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, photocopier and FAX service. 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.

## Rhyme Time

**Friday Morning 11:00 -11:30 – re-starting 15<sup>th</sup> September**

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.

## Community Tea

Come and join our group for a friendly and sociable chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Usually held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October – 2.00pm**

## Crimestoppers visit

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November – 2.00pm**

Come along to our community tea where there will be a short presentation from Crimestoppers, an independent charity helping law enforcement to locate criminals and help solve crimes.

## Adult Craft & Knitting Club Club

Come and join in with 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.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – 10.30 – 11.30am**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – 10.30 – 11.30am**

## 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 morning and afternoon sessions where you can ask our staff any questions you made have.

Saturdays – bookable AM or PM sessions


**Saturday 10.00 - 11.00am** (fortnightly)

**Saturday 14.00 - 15.00pm** (fortnightly)

Please call to book a slot and bring your own tablet along to the session

## North Melbourne Library's mini Fun Palace

This is the first year Melbourne Library will hold a mini fun palace.




**North Melbourne Library**  
**Saturday 7 October, 10am-4pm**

A day of exploring the science and art of optical illusions

Make your own optical illusion,  
motion flip book and colour mixing spinner

For further information contact Essex Libraries  
on 0345 603 7628 or visit [libraries.essex.gov.uk/events](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events)



[www.funpalaces.co.uk](http://www.funpalaces.co.uk)

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Explore the science and art of optical illusions with displays and activities for all the family.

# Telephone & Broadband Services in the Chignals

The Parish Council invites you to come along to a public meeting at the Village Hall on **Monday 2nd October at 7pm** to hear from Openreach and Superfast Essex about plans to improve our telephone and Broadband services in Chignal.

Several of you have told us about particular problems that you've experienced with your telephone service over the last two years, such as line faults and loss of service, often for several days. These issues have been reported in detail to Openreach and we are expecting to hear about scheduled improvements that should make the service more reliable and fit for purpose.

The Chignal Parish Plan identified communication of the roll-out of new Broadband technologies to Chignal residents as a Key Task. Steve Middleditch has been acting as our Broadband Champion for the past year, giving us regular feed-back from Superfast Essex on their plans to extend new Broadband services to Chignal. He has identified several questions that we expect Superfast Essex and Openreach to address at the meeting, such as:

1. When the Openreach Survey of Chignal Parish will be completed?
2. When we will be informed of the result?
3. When and who will be making the decision of when to proceed with the work?
4. When will the installation work start?
5. What actions will be taken if houses in Parish are not connected by the new timeframe (Sept-Dec 2018) on the Superfast Essex interactive map?
6. What speeds will we be likely to obtain after connection?

If you would like any further information about the meeting, please contact Lynn Ballard on 01245 440880, email: [lynn\\_ballard@btinternet.com](mailto:lynn_ballard@btinternet.com) or Steve Middleditch 01245 440569, email: [steve.middleditch@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.middleditch@btinternet.com)

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**  
**Friday 29th 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.  
For further detail contact [steve.middleditch@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.middleditch@btinternet.com)

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# Chignal Parish Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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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 Meeting of Chignal Parish Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

#### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

**Chair** Cllr Ballard

**Cllrs** Towns,Anstey,Nelson,Middleditch

**Clerk**

The Local Plan Preferred Options consultation responses are to be reported to CCC's Development Policy Committee on 13 July: Cllrs Ballard and Towns to attend as observers. The report summarises the main points raised by respondents but does not indicate development sites. Further evidence has been commissioned by CCC on: Transport Modelling of key road junctions; Plan viability and delivery; flooding; CIL charging schedule and green infrastructure. This further evidence and the consultation responses will inform the Pre-Submission Local Plan, for consideration by the Development Policy Committee meeting on 28 September and a third round of public consultation in the Autumn. Chignal PC will be represented at a meeting of the North West Parishes at the end of July to consider how the group will continue to work together to influence the Pre-Submission Local Plan.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Feltwell

#### **3. Register of Declarations of Interests and request for dispensation**

None declared

#### **4. To Approve the Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Approved

#### **5. Public Question Time**

2 members of the Public. Issues raised on Hedge Cuts to aid motorist visibility,a litter pick has been requested on the 7th October, Update to Welcome pack.

#### **6. County and City Councillors' Reports**

##### **a. Cllr John Aldridge Apologies received from Cllr Aldridge**

ECC are due to switch all street light over to LEDs. The main project, which starts in September this year, will install a further 23.000 LED street lights across the County by January 2019. ECC will be investing £9.1 million on this conversion to part night time lighting - saving over £21 million in the next 20 years

- A total Of 13 local authorities have formed a committee with ECC (Essex Countywide Traveller Unit) to create a shared understanding of how, with the assistance of the Police, we can manage and remove unlawful encampments.
- Notwithstanding the Broad Band issues specific to the Chignals, ECC has signed 4 new contracts which together make up Phase 3 of the Superfast Essex programme. This brings in £24 million under this latest phase.
- I am now in discussion with the Police District Commander, Chief Inspector Ronnie Egan, to organise a Parish Council's representative meeting later this year when PCs may wish to raise any policing issues that affect their residents. Dates to be advised.
- Also, on the retirement of Lord Petre after 15 years as our Lord Lieutenant on 4<sup>th</sup> August, the new Lord Lieutenant will be Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst.

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b. Cllr Nicolette Chambers      Apologies received from Cllr Chambers

## 7. **Update on Open Reach on Telephone issues**

Due to a misunderstanding at Open Reach no member of their team was available. Superfast Essex - potentially going to be overhead cables (cheaper and faster to connect). Date has moved several times current date suggested is September 2018 to 300 houses. Potential to call a Public Meeting.

*Post Meeting: Openreach confirmed they will attend a public meeting in the village hall in October.*

8.            **Budget Committee - receive a report of the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 from the Committee Chairman, including an update on actions from the Parish Plan and any Applications for use of Community Infrastructure Levy Funds.** Grants were awarded for the table tennis club and the Carpet bowls club. IT costs of £70 approved. Transparency funding applied for. RCCE membership approved for another year. Agreed that the Parish Action plan will move from Budget to Main meeting.

## 9.            **Orchard Sub-committee – receive a report of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Several items highlighted that would be useful for the Orchard - Event Marquee, Storage pavilion in the playing field, tractor mower, electricity supply to the orchard, flagpole, village signs and new orchard shed. Orchard account balance £1074.24. Income £33.20 and expenditure £25.08 with approved spend of £30.00 for a new cable

## 10.           **Planning Committee**

**Decisions to Note: Application Number 17/00250/CUPAQ.** Determination as to whether the prior approval of the local planning authority is required for the proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development, Barn South of Hillcroft, Chignal Road, Chignal Smealey. - **Application Refused**

Update on 17/0075 Enforcement on Land NWest of Pieces Cottage

### New Applications for Consideration:

#### A). Reference: 17/00710/FUL

Address: Building At Roxwell Quarry Roxwell Road Roxwell Chelmsford Essex

Description of works: Siting of two containers and a small structure in association with the running of Boyton Hall shoot

*Resolution: As part of the planning application for the restoration of the landfill site (ES/05/15/HL) which was approved by Essex County Council in May of this year, it was stated that "the former office building and associated infrastructure located close to the concrete area will be removed". Notwithstanding this intention and the permission granted, another application was approved earlier this year (16/02097/FUL) by the City Council to change the use of the former staff mess room to the Boyton Hall Shoot building as the owners, Tarmac had allowed this building to be used for the Shoot during the past 2 years. Chignal Parish Council was not consulted on this application.*

*The current application is for retrospective permission for an additional 2 metal containers and a further structure to provide facilities and store equipment for the Shoot.*

*It is accepted that the containers appear to be necessary for the effective management of the game brought onto the site but the Parish Council does not consider that containers such as these should be allowed to become permanent storage buildings. They should be acknowledged as temporary structures*

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*with a condition that they be removed after 3 years. To prevent the further industrialisation of this site, we would wish to include a condition that limited the use of the containers to the Boyton Hall Shoot. If this use were to cease the containers and structure should then be removed.*

*The building, containers and structure can be seen clearly from the public footpath that runs parallel to the river Can. The impact of these industrial buildings in the countryside could be reduced by the planting of an appropriate landscape screen using native trees and shrubs.*

## **B).Reference: 17/01092/FUL**

Address: 1 Spindle Wood Chignal Chelmsford CM1 4FL

Description of works: Single storey rear extension

*Resolution: It is noted that this is very large single story extension in the back garden of the property that could impact on some of the neighbouring properties.*

## **C). Reference: 17/01088/FUL**

Address: 215 Chignal Road Chelmsford Essex CM1 4SS

Description of works: Two storey side extension and single storey side extension to garage, including alterations to existing garage roof

*Resolution: This is a large two storey extension but not out of keeping with neighbouring properties. We have concerns about cars parking on Chignal Road and reversing onto this busy road so would wish to see sufficient on-site car parking and vehicle turning space provided as part of this application.*

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

### A) Playing Field

Regular Cut , Regular Use

### B) Village Hall Liaison

Fete was good - well attended - repeat in 2018 - 1st saturday in June 2018 , Feedback from users being reviewed , A green area behind the Village hall has now been created.

### C) Newsletter Including Website

### D) Gravel Liaison

a Permissive Bridleway 3m wide with grass surface will be opened in August. Area Z application expected in September and Tarmac has offered regular meetings with CPC.

### E) Community Safety

2nd Safest area in Chelmsford. PCC to arrange recruitment of 200 Police officers. Interested in Rural Police.

### F) Highways

Request the Highways report on the traffic speed survey findings by at the Pig and Whistle.

### G) Footpaths/Bridleways

Local Are Forum too be consulted

### H) Telephone Box - Chignal St. James

### I) Tree Warden

repeat of tree walk planned in the autumn.



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## 12. Finance: to Note and Approve

### A) To Note Cheques issued since the last meeting.

Date	cheque nr	Item	cheque value
01/06/2017	100694	EALC annual fee	£102.46
01/06/2017	100698	Writtle Parish Council- Local Plan Consultancy	£375.04
01/06/2017	100696	Business Services - Insurance	£190.00
01/06/2017	100697	Xylem Holdings – Table Tennis Table	£289.00
07/06/2017	100699	Xylem Holdings – Table Tennis Table	£289.00
01/06/2017	100695	Cllr Anstey – Expenses - Badges	£12.84
30/06/2017	100703	Kate Middleditch - refreshments	£5.00

### B) To Note Cheques to be signed and issued

Date	Cheque nr	Item	Cheque Value
10/07/2017	100700	W.Adshhead-Grant - Expenses	£21.68
10/07/2017	100702	Cllr Ballard - Keys	£9.80
10/07/2017	100701	RCCE subscription	£52.80
10/07/2017	100704	Taylor Agricultural - grass cutting	£234.00
10/07/2017	100705	Chelmsford DBF	£87.86
10/07/2017	100706	Cllr middleditch - music	£13.09
10/07/2017	100707	Sandra Bailey	£11.00
10/07/2017	100708	Village Hall	£40.00

## 13. Presentation of the Gift of the tables and chairs to the Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall committee

## 14. Presentation of the Gift of the two table tennis tables to the Chignal Table Tennis Club.

## 15. Items for the Next Agenda

- Parish Action Plan
- Local Plan
- Website
- Road Surface in Chignal - When will it be surfaced.
- Potentials Items raised for CIL - Village Gates, Fire Beacon, Flag Pole, Carved Village Sign, Gates into Playing field.

**Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.  
The meeting will be preceded by a Budget Committee Meeting to be held at 6.30pm.**

**Meeting closed 21.04  
will adshead-grant  
Clerk to the parish council**

# Wine Discovery

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The wine group completed their year's tasting in July with a cold buffet for 30 people in the village hall. Tables were set and decorated and the new hall looked stunning. We were fortunate to have a beautiful summer's evening allowing us to have pre-meal drinks on the patio as well as in the hall. (Photos below) On this occasion we hired caterers and the members had a relaxing evening enjoying delicious food and wine as can be seen in the attached photos.

Joan Smith

The Chignal Wine Discovery Group meet on the second Friday of every month. If you are interested in wine and would like to know more please contact:

Dave on 01245 442474

We are **unable to have the hall on the second Friday in September** so our meeting is to take place on **Friday 15 September**. Please note that we are starting at the earlier time of **7.30pm as it is our AGM**.

Following the AGM Norman will be doing a presentation of American Wines. I am providing the cheese this month. Please could you let me know by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** whether or not you are coming.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday.

Kind Regards,  
Norman and Joan



## Autumn Colour Tree Walk 14<sup>th</sup> October 10.00 - 12.00

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You may recall that during the Chignal Tree Warden's Walk in May, it was suggested that we could repeat the route during the Autumn to see some glorious golden and red tinted leaves, a variety of fruits and nuts and discover how our local deciduous trees and shrubs prepare themselves for winter.

For those of you who came along in May, it'll also be a chance for some tree identification revision!

The route is likely to be similar to the Spring walk but this time we also plan to walk along a path created in a part of the restored landfill site to see the tree planting blocks, wildflower meadow and ponds.

**The Route:** the Tree Walk starts at The Green, off Mashbury Road, Chignal St James, Chelmsford CM1 4TY where there is some limited car parking opposite the former St James Church, and it finishes at the "The Three Elms" pub in Mashbury Road CM1 4TZ. It offers the chance to see a variety of mature trees, new plantings, meadows and arable land, managed hedgerows, thorn scrub and water areas.

1. Start at The Green in Chignal St James for an introductory chat and look at the trees on The Green. Walk southwards on the bridleway towards Pengymill, with a chance to see the landscape restoration of the landfill site along the new permissive bridleway.
2. At Pengymill cross the river and turn right to return to The Green on the footpath that runs along the river and emerges next to "The Orangery", pointing out the water meadows, poplar and willow plantings, thorn scrub and the huge ancient oak near the concrete bridge over the river.
3. From The Green, we would take the footpath through St James Church and emerge onto Mashbury Road almost opposite "The Three Elms". This section of the walk would be more concerned with hedgerow management and arable farming.
4. End of walk at The Three Elms real ale and cider pub for refreshments: cooked lunches and variety of baguettes.

If you are interested in joining this free guided walk, please contact Lynn Ballard, Chignal Tree Warden on Tel: 01245 440880, Mobile: 07811 178966 or by email: [lynn\\_ballard@btinternet.com](mailto:lynn_ballard@btinternet.com)

## Fire Safety at all ECC premises



In the wake of the dreadful fire at Grenfell Tower, the County Council have recognised and applauded the heroic efforts of the London Fire Service which demonstrated the very best of public service. The Council also paid tribute to and commended the community and voluntary organisations who pulled together to support the victims of the tragic fire.

As a consequence of this terrible event the County Council has arranged for a thorough investigation into all buildings which it owns or maintains in Essex, to ensure that any cladded buildings are reviewed and comply with appropriate national standards. Meanwhile the Council have also agreed to set up an independent all-party commission to ensure the safety of ECC staff and the public at all its premises.

## Superfast Broadband Essex Phase 3 Rollout

More than 24,000 homes and businesses in Essex have been added to the Superfast Essex broadband rollout programme under a new £24 million investment designed to reach many (but not all) of the remaining areas not yet included in plans for superfast broadband. Phase 3 of the Superfast programme is to be delivered in parallel with Phase 2 and is set for completion by December 2019.

## Essex Highways installs Britain's first 'smart' streetlights

Britain's first 'smart' streetlights have been installed in Essex offering the potential to monitor pollution, create Wi-Fi hotspots and even guide driverless vehicles. Over the past two years, Essex Highways engineers have installed more than 10,000 energy-saving LED streetlights across the County. The Council has committed the funding to upgrade another 23,000 streetlights to LED lamps by January 2019, in a bid to save £21 million in energy and maintenance costs over the next 20 years.

## Queen appoints new Lord-Lieutenant for Essex

Her Majesty The Queen has appointed the new Lord-Lieutenant of Essex to replace Lord Petre when he retires in August after 15 years as the Royal representative in the County. Jennifer Tolhurst, a current Deputy Lieutenant, will take over from Lord Petre, who will stand down on 4<sup>th</sup> August after turning 75 - the obligatory retirement age for the Sovereign's representatives. For the past 15 years, Lord Petre has served the people of Essex. His term of office has been marked by a commitment that has earned him enormous respect and affection throughout Essex. His unstinting work with charities and the uniformed services has only been equalled by his unfailing good humour and ability to put all he meets at their ease.

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If you have any problems about County Council matters please let me know on 01245 4121524 or email [cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk) and see my blog <http://dnn.essex.gov.uk/chairmanblog/Home.aspx>

**John Aldridge CC July – August 2017**

# Gardening Club

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We meet at the Village Hall in Chignal St James at 7.30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from September to November and January to April for fascinating talks on a wide variety of topics. We also organise three garden visits during the summer months, an annual coach trip, and the plant stall at the Village Fête.

Diary dates for our 2017/18 winter programme are:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.** An in-house session, representing a break from our normal format, we will gain an insight into the history and running of Alwick Garden in Northumberland. This is a contemporary pleasure garden designed for interest in every season. With many themed gardens including the Poison Garden, the Serpent Garden and the Rose Garden, there is something to spark the imagination of every age group! Plus there will be a bring and buy sale of your surplus fruit and veg, plus homemade chutneys and jams.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.** David Gillam will be coming to talk to us on the subject of 'What's New in Gardening?' An informative session on the latest must have plants and current trends, discussing what is new, different and worthwhile...or not!

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.** A regular speaker for Plant Heritage in Essex, Brian Wickendon will present on winter gardening and colour, a timely topic for this time of year.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018.** We are pleased to welcome back Mike Abel who will be giving a talk on soft fruit. Covering everything you need to know from growing to pruning, pest control to harvesting, there will also be a question and answer slot to help you with any issues you may have growing your own soft fruit.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February and 21<sup>st</sup> March.** Topics and speakers to be confirmed in the next edition of Chignal News. **Save the dates now!**

We welcome new members and we're a very friendly, informal club where you don't need to be an expert to enjoy the varied talks, demonstrations and visits. All our meetings are open to guests and non-members. We offer a free 'taster' session so you can see if you would like to come along more regularly or join the club. We hope to see you in September. For more information, please email:

[gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com](mailto:gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com)">[gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com](mailto:gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com)  
or just turn up on the night.

## Community Coffee Mornings

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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!)



# Halloween

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AN EVENING OF SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN  
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!  
JOIN US IF YOU DARE.....

A family Halloween evening will take place on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> commencing in the Jubilee Orchard with a 'pumpkin parade' at 6.30pm. We will all set off, with our 'lit up' lanterns (LED lights will be supplied) through the orchard and playing field to the village hall garden, where we will put our pumpkin lanterns on display ready for judging. If you haven't got a pumpkin bring any kind of lantern you can with you. There'll be prizes for both adults and children for the best pumpkins and Halloween costumes.

A traditional Halloween supper of jacket potatoes and sausages will be served followed by dessert and tea or coffee. During the evening you can have a go at bobbing for apples (the dry version), along with the lucky dip and raffle.

Tickets are £5 in advance and include LED lights and entry into the pumpkin carving and costume competitions, supper, children's soft drink and tea or coffee. Bring your own bottles & glasses if required.

EMAIL [chigandmashcommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chigandmashcommunitygroup@hotmail.com) for tickets. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT THROUGHOUT THE EVENING AND EVERYONE SHOULD WEAR SUITABLE SAFETY CLOTHING OUTSIDE. CHILDREN ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR PARENTS/CARERS.



# The Chignals & Mashbury Community Group

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A new voluntary group has been set up to encourage and enhance community activities in what is already a great place to live!

The idea was an outcome of the Parish Plan Launch morning when some villagers volunteered to start up this new group .

The community group's aim is to bring our clubs together in joint ventures, to kick start other clubs and also to organise community events, sometimes fundraising for a particular cause.

We are a group of 9 villagers who have already put our heads together to thrash out many ideas of activities and events people would like to see take place.

We have two dates for you to put in your diaries – another litter picking morning on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October (see separate article) and due to public demand, the return of the Halloween Family Fun Evening on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 pm ( see separate article)

We do hope that you would like to support any future events and activities and come along when you can.

To find out more about the group, pass on ideas or if you would like to join our group in making things happen, please email [chigandmashcommunitygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:chigandmashcommunitygroup@hotmail.com) or speak to:-

Elaine Hinchliffe, Emma Cummings, Kate Middleditch, Joan Smith, Julia Emberton, Maggy Randall, Maggie Mills, Sandra Bailey 07909564905 or Sue Lomas.

We all belong to at least one of the already successful clubs in the village, but not every club is represented so far. If your club is not represented and you would like to fill in the gap, please let us know!

## New Fitness Club

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The Chignals and Mashbury Community Group are proposing to start a new Fitness Club. Quite a bit of interest has already been shown and an instructor has been found. The weekly sessions of one hour are to take place on Wednesdays at 3pm in our lovely, airy, heated and air conditioned new village hall. Taster sessions of chi ball, pilates, yoga and low impact resistance have been offered (to be paid for of course) so that the group can choose their preference. The cost, to be confirmed, works out at approximately £8-£11 per session depending on whether you opt for a 6-week block booking payable up front or a drop in session.

The instructor's and hall availability and the most popular day and time have been taken into consideration when choosing the club day. I am sorry if the day and time does not work for you.

Please would you contact me on [joansmith0912@btinternet.com](mailto:joansmith0912@btinternet.com) or telephone 01245 440339 to show your interest. It is hoped that everyone who would like to come can be accommodated but numbers are limited.

Joan Smith

# The Chignals & Mashbury Community Photos

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Members of the gardening club at Hoses hall



Table Tennis in the Village Hall





# St. Nicholas Church Diary Dates

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## **September**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - 9am Morning Prayer We pray for the local community. If you would like us to pray for anything in particular do contact me.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

11am Communion service with Revd Carolyn Tibbott and Revd Julie Harding from Broomfield

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Church Tidy-up from 10 am Cheese and soup provide for lunch - if you could spare some time to help we would be most grateful*

## **October**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm Harvest supper with entertainment £5 in Chignals village hall – come along as this is on your local community and meet people from all 6 churches. Tickets and information from Helen Towns [graysfarnessex@gmail.com](mailto:graysfarnessex@gmail.com) 01245 440241

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 11am Harvest festival with Revd Caroline Brown  
Come and give thanks that all is safely gathered in and for our many blessings in life

## **November**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 9am Morning Prayer

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11am Communion with Revd Sandra Sykes and Revd. Jackie Thornton

## **December**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December Joint Carol Service at the United Reform Church at 3pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 5pm Crib service with Revd Sandra Sykes  
Fuller details of Christmas services will be on website or available from Alison our administrator.

## **Services elsewhere**

There is usually a service at Ford End at 9.30 on a Sunday and Great Waltham at 11am.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 6pm Chelmsford Cathedral Deacons ordination including Jackie Thornton – arrive early to get a seat but all welcome – the service does last 2 hours!

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10.30am Great Waltham Jackie's first service with us as deacon followed by food to share (provided by church people)

***Carol singing in the pub – we would love to do this again this year – contact Alison Bates our administrator if you are interested.***

***[admin@littleandgreat.org.uk](mailto:admin@littleandgreat.org.uk) 07957 228467***

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Alison Bates our administrator [admin@littleandgreat.org.uk](mailto:admin@littleandgreat.org.uk) 07957 228467

Revd Caroline Brown [cjbrown432@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cjbrown432@hotmail.co.uk) 01245 364081

# St. Nicholas' Church

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Dear friends

Which is your favourite season? Spring with the promise of new life, daffodils and fresh green leaves or languid summer with longer days and sun on our faces and easy fun out in our gardens or on the beach or cosy winter of big jumpers by the fire or my favourite, Autumn: season of mists and mellow fruitfulness with trees decked in orange, red and gold splendour, slanting sunlight and stunning sunsets, harvests mainly gathered in. I guess I also love that we live in a place where we can see the seasons turning, and know that the year has a rhythm. So here we come to September again, a time of new beginnings.

And part of our new beginning this year is to welcome Jackie Thornton as our curate – she has been working as a lay worker over the summer and on 30<sup>th</sup> September she will be ordained deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral. The Church of England can be a bit weird and the terms don't make much sense but Jackie is an assistant vicar who is learning her trade having spent time in college learning the theory – as well as being a Mum and working with the Schools Youth Ministry. Phew!

So why are new beginnings important? And why might you want to come along and celebrate this with us? The new beginning I have had recently is the birth of my youngest grandson, Roman who is now 3 months old. It is wonderful to see this new person develop and grow and trust us and being loved by his parents and begin to smile and interact with the world and take pleasure in kicking his legs and waving his arms and make his toy make a (rather annoying) noise. Pleasure in the simple things of life, a chance to see again what matters in life and to see the world afresh. I love the way little children are delighted and intrigued by the most ordinary of things, a puddle, a cigarette end, a bug, whatever next!

And this service for Jackie is a new beginning for us, a chance to refresh ourselves and Jackie brings fresh eyes, not like a child – obviously – but still that sense of something good and new starting.

What people say about coming to our services is that find it friendly and welcoming, everyone is accepted as they are and there is a warm sense of community.

So the possibility of coming to either Jackie's ordination in the Chelmsford Cathedral on 30<sup>th</sup> September, or our Sunday service at Great Waltham on 1<sup>st</sup> October with food afterwards (details for both below) is that you will have a good time and a sense of something new starting for you as well as us.

Come and join us.

Revd Caroline Brown

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