

The Chignals welcome pack

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



Chignal Parish Notice Boards

The Parish Council has provided three Notice Boards where you can see a map showing local footpaths and bridleways, details of up-coming events and activities such as Coffee Mornings and Quizzes, public information notices and Parish Council Agendas. The Notice Boards are located at The Green and outside the Village Hall in Chignal St James and by St Nicholas Church in Chignal Smealey.



Village Green, Chignal St James



Village Hall, Chignal St James



St Nicholas Church, Chignal Smealey

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WELCOME TO THE CHIGNALS

Welcome to your new home and community! This booklet is designed to give you a simple guide to our Parish activities. We invite you to join village life and trust that these activities will tempt you to come and get involved in some of what is on offer, as well as giving you some useful information.

Although our villages are spread over a 5+ mile radius there is much going on and all the Clubs and Associations would be delighted to welcome you to join in.

It is emphasised that no advertising revenue has changed hands and that the information given below is by no means exhaustive. An attempt has been made to gather a range and variety of useful and relevant information but any suggestions/additions would be welcomed. Look out for 'Chignal News', the bi-monthly newsletter and check out the website www.essexinfo.net/thechignals for further information.

We also welcome any ideas for new activities in the villages, so if you have any thoughts about running or suggesting activities please come along to a Parish Council meeting or talk to anyone in the village about starting up something new.

Chignal Parish Council

The Parish Council meets every two months in the Village Hall, (on the second Monday) and considers planning applications and any other matters referred to it by local residents, Chelmsford City Council, Essex County Council and by Central Government. Council meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for members of the public to raise concerns and ask questions. The Annual Parish Meeting is held each March when the floor is given to local clubs and groups to report on their activities. All meetings are advertised on the Parish Council notice boards and the Chignal website. Residents can bring to the attention of the Parish Council anything that concerns them, by speaking to a Parish Councillor or contacting the Clerk, Mrs Janet Mills. If matters raised are not the responsibility of the Council, the Clerk can bring them to the attention of the proper authority.

The Parish Council has a wide range of powers related to local matters:

- Managing community amenities and services, such as the playing field, community orchard, notice boards, phone box, village website and newsletter and providing email

alerts on community safety issues.

- Monitoring the performance of local public services, such as local bus services, public rights of way, roads, drainage, signposts, community policing, domestic refuse collection, litter picking, mobile library, etc.

- Championing community interests and supporting local groups and village events.
- Liaising with local private businesses whose operations may impact on the Parish, such as gravel extraction, waste disposal, telecommunications, power supply and agriculture.
- Engaging in the Chelmsford Local Plan and supporting community led plans, such as the Chignal Villages Design Statement and The Chignals Parish Plan.
- Securing external funding to support a wide range of community projects, such as the establishment of the community orchard and providing small grants to local organisations, for example, part funding tree work in St Nicholas Churchyard.

Contact: The Parish Clerk
 Mrs Janet Mills, 13 Witham Road,
 Black Notley, Braintree CM77 8LR
Email: chignalpc@gmail.com
Tel: 01376 741899
www.essexinfo.net/thechignals/parish-council/parish-council-members

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Your City & County Councillors

Essex County Council, the local government body covering Essex, is responsible for matters such as highways, public transport, waste and recycling centres, education, libraries, health and social care, rights of way and country parks. Chelmsford City Council provides day to day services, including housing, local planning, refuse collection, street cleaning, leisure services, organising elections and maintaining the electoral roll. Each type of council in Essex, including Parish Councils, is independent of each other, although the different tiers of local government work together in partnerships to deliver services.

Essex County Councillor

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Chelmsford City Councillor

Cllr Nicolette Chambers
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The Parish Playing Field

The Playing Field (owned by the Parish Council), adjacent to the Village Hall in Chignal St James, is available for hire.

Contact Martyn Towns

Tel: 01245 440189

Email: the.tudors@hotmail.co.uk





The Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall

The Chignals & Mashbury Village Hall is owned by an independent Charitable Trust and run by a management committee made up of volunteer residents. The hall is currently being rebuilt having been awarded a significant sum from a successful Community Fund application. The former hall, an ex-Army hut erected in 1952 and with

many subsequent modifications, has been demolished and the new hall is due to open in early 2017 for regular use by many Clubs and Societies. The hall is available to all for hire.

For Hall bookings contact
Cherry Scott
Tel: 01245 441241



Front elevation of the new village hall

The Chignal News

The Chignal News is the bi-monthly newsletter for the Chignal villages and Mashbury. It is published just before the Parish Council meeting and contains the previous month's Parish Council minutes and a report from the County Council. In addition, it provides information about the activities of local clubs and groups which include the Carpet Bowls Club, the Gardening Club, the Jubilee Orchard, the Wine Discovery Group and the Women's Institute. There is community news, helpful advice and information about village activities based at the Orchard, the Village Hall, St Nicholas Church and the United Reformed Church. It is free of charge and is delivered to all the households in the Chignals and Mashbury.

The Chignal Website

The Chignal Website provides local information, community news and photographs. It can be accessed at www.essexinfo.net/thechignals. It also contains an archive of previous issues of Chignal News and all Parish Council Documents will be published on the website.

The local clubs, groups, St Nicholas Church, the United Reformed Church, the Jubilee Orchard and the Village Hall all have pages on the main site.

Articles of interest for both the newsletter and website are welcome.

The editor can be contacted by email

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The Chignals & Mashbury Jubilee Community Orchard

The Community Orchard in Chignal St James, near to the Village Hall, opposite the Playing Field, was created in the spring of 2013 for the enjoyment of local people in the Chignals and Mashbury and for visitors to our villages. It's a delightful place to sit, relax or have a picnic at any time. There are over 70 fruit trees, mostly old varieties of apples, pears and plums originating from Essex and Hertfordshire plus quinces and a mulberry. To increase its value for wildlife, native fruit bearing shrubs have been planted around the edges and a wildflower meadow sown to augment existing plants such as Scabious, Knapweed, Bee Orchid and Cowslip.

The orchard was funded through the Lafarge-Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund with support from Edible Essex and the Woodland Trust. It is managed by Chignal Parish Council with a team of volunteers who maintain the orchard and organise a wide range of exciting community events throughout the year.

To join the growing band of 'Orchard Friends' and find out more, see 'Chignal News' and the Chignal website:

www.essexinfo.net/thechignals

Email: chignal.mashburyjubileeorchard@hotmail.co.uk

Community Agents Essex

Community Agents Essex is a county-wide network of agents and volunteers who support older people and their informal carers to find and develop independent living solutions from within their local community.

Contact: Jo Pike

Email: jo.pike@caessex.org.uk

Tel: 07540 720609

www.communityagentsessex.org.uk/Joanne Pike .

Chignals & Mashbury Women's Institute



We hold our Meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm for 2.30pm in the Village Hall, *(temporarily at the United Reformed Church during 2016 until the new Village Hall is available.)* We have a variety of interesting speakers each month but in the summer we have a garden meeting held at one of the members' gardens and an annual lunch in the spring. We are a very friendly group with 21 members. We arrange outings or join other Clubs for 'Days Out'.

On the third Thursday of the month, in the afternoon we have a 'Knit & Knatter' group to knit squares for blankets for charity, also tiny hats, jackets and shawls for the neo natal department at the local Hospital, or even 'teddies for trauma'. Some members bring along their craft items and share their skills with other members. For the non knitters there is always a game of Scrabble. Visitors are always welcome.

Contact: Janet Campen. President.

Tel: 01245 440223

Mobile: 07811 462834

Email: JCampen@hotmail.co.uk

Chignal Coffee Morning

A warm welcome is extended to residents of all ages to join neighbours for a chat over tea/coffee and a selection of cake and biscuits at this informal event

Contact: Sarah Scott

Tel: 01245 443497

Venue: Chignals & Mashbury

Village Hall (*temporarily at Chignal Smealey United Reformed Church until the Village Hall has been rebuilt*)

Time: 1st Wednesday of every month 10am to noon

Price: £1 donation

The Chignals with Mashbury Friends Group

We are a small group of residents who are pleased to be able to help other 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, 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 in the first instance:-

Contact: Helen Towns

Tel: 01245 440241

The Chignals with Mashbury Community Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library

We have various subjects and levels of difficulty. If you are looking for something to occupy your time and like doing jigsaw puzzles, then why not telephone to ask for a selection of puzzles to be brought to your place of residence, so that you may choose any that you may like to try. The puzzles may be borrowed for 4 weeks, after which a request to have the puzzle(s)

collected using the phone number below must then be made. There will be no charge for this.

Contact: If you are interested, please telephone 01245 440528 to request a visit. If we are unable to answer your call, please leave your name and telephone number and you will be called back as soon as possible.

Chignals and Mashbury Carpet Bowls Club



Formed over 25 years ago the Club meets every Tuesday & Thursday evening 7.30 -10pm at the Village Hall. Apart from our own enjoyable domestic games we play in the Essex League and also Friendlies against the local villages.

There is also a good social side to the Club with Pub walks, quiz nights, party nights and evenings out for dining.

Currently our membership is 21 and new members are warmly welcomed. All equipment is supplied so come along to try your hand and have a cup of tea.

Contact: Gordon on 01245 231406 or Yvonne on 01245 440189.



Chignal Cricket Club

Chignal Cricket Club, based in the village, plays in the T Rippon Mid Essex League, with matches taking place every Saturday throughout the season, which runs from May until September. We are always on the lookout for new players, with all ages, abilities and levels of experi-

ence welcome. If you'd like to learn more about the club, please visit our website www.chignal.co.uk.

Email: chignalcc@hotmail.co.uk

Or give club secretary Matt Porter a call on 07842 116801.



Croquet Club

The croquet club was formed after two villagers joined in a Village games tournament just before the official Olympic Games in 2012. They had such fun that they

wanted to start our own croquet club in Chignal. So, starting in April each year and finishing in October, we meet on the first Sunday in the month at the village playing field at 10.30am – weather permitting! We take our own refreshments (*wine and picnic not out of the question!*) and normally finish early afternoon.

All adults are welcome, so if this is something you would like to do please phone Lee Bailey on 07917 718567 for further information.



Chignals & Mashbury Gardening Club

Are you faced with creating a garden from scratch, putting your own stamp on an established garden or tackling an overgrown patch? Help and inspiration is at hand: come and meet your new neighbours and pick their brains on what grows well locally and how to deal with unwanted pests and plant diseases. Many members are old hands at creating imaginative gardens and growing fruit and vegetables and all of us share a common love for plants and our local countryside. We're a friendly bunch and welcome newcomers: why not come along for a free taster to try out one of our talks or garden visits.

Our gardening talks are held at the Village Hall in Chignal St James,

starting at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from September to November and January to April. Garden visits are a great way to get ideas for your own plot and run from May to July. We welcome non-members on these trips as well so please join us – you don't need to have any gardening knowledge to enjoy these beautiful gardens.

For more information, see the 'Chignal News' and the website www.essexinfo.net/thechignals

Contact: Graham Andrews (Chairman) on 01245 442625 or Lynn Ballard (Secretary) on 01245 440880

Email: gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com



Chignal Wine Discovery Group

As the name implies one of the objects of this group is to discover new wines and hear about other aspects such as their production. The group was formed in 2003 and has grown from fairly small beginnings to the present where it now has around 40 members.

We meet once a month on the second Friday of each month and usually have a presentation from an external speaker such as a wine merchant, although sometimes the presentation is by one of the members. In July we hold a barbecue and in December there is a highly popular Christmas meal.



The group does not profess to be experts and we try to make our evenings enjoyable and sociable occasions. We are always pleased to hear from potential members if anyone is interested in joining.



Contact: Norman Smith
on 01245 440339
or Dave Thomas
on 01245 442474.



St Nicholas Church

Congratulations on living in this beautiful part of the world.

Welcome to our community!

You have chosen a spot which makes the most of being near Chelmsford, but also on the edge of a lovely rural community with all the benefits of that. You are part of the Parish of St Nicholas with St James in the Chignals with Mashbury and are welcome to be part of our community.

You have a right to be christened, married and buried in our beautiful church of St Nicholas, which is a hidden gem and always open.

We are in Chignal Smealey CM1 4TA – go to the Pig and Whistle and keep going straight on for

about a mile and we are on the left. We usually meet every month on the third Sunday at 11am and are about 10 people, but more people come for Mothering Sunday, Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day and our popular crib service on Christmas Eve.

We are one of a group with five other churches. At our churches in the Leighs we have a Funday club every week for children and we have a monthly Family service at Ford End, Great Waltham and Little Leighs. St Andrews Church is also just up the road and their website is www.st-andrewschurch.co.uk.

If you want to know more, do get in touch with one of us.



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Administrator
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07957 228467



Linda Nelson
Church Secretary
linda.nelson@btinternet.com
01245 442625

Chignal Chapel



Chignal Chapel (United Reformed Church) has been a place of worship for over 170 years. (It was formerly a Congregational Chapel). We meet for Sunday Service at 10.45am. We have a monthly

Coffee Morning on the third Wednesday in each month from 10.30am to noon. A friendly welcome awaits you all at either of these. We have no Sunday School at present but children are also very welcome. Special services for Christmas, Harvest Thanksgiving and Church Anniversary.

Contact: Malcolm Hindmarsh (Local Leader) or Irene Hindmarsh (Secretary) on 01245442198 for further details. Our postcode is CM1 4TE.



The Pig & Whistle

The Pig & Whistle is Chelmsford's premier cosy country dining experience serving lunch light bites, sun terrace dining, evening specials menu and generous



Sunday carvery. Experience our warm, relaxed and cosy welcome in the Chelmsford country-

side. Hospitality and home cooked food six days a week.

Opening Times:

Monday - Closed (*Bank Holiday Mondays 12noon to 5pm*)

Tuesday to Saturday:
12noon – 3pm, 6pm – 11pm

Sunday: 12noon – 7pm
(*Regular carvery sittings start at 12:30pm and 4pm*)

twitter.com/Pig_AndWhistle
facebook.com/PigWhistleChelmsford
instagram.com/pigwhistlechelmsford
Brendan

Woodhall Road, Chignal Smealey,
Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 4SZ
01245 443 186
info@pigandwhistlechelmsford.uk



The Three Elms

We are a traditional and CAMRA award winning village pub, supplying a warm and friendly atmosphere for the partaking of beverage sustenance and 'banter'. We are situated 1 mile from our big sign on Chignal Road.

We supply freshly cooked, home-made food, a large range of



traditional ciders and 4 ever changing 'Real Ales'.

We have live music nights, special menu nights, fundraising quizzes and events and



Real Ale and Cider festivals.

We also have an original bar billiard table, dart board and we compete in the Essex Petanque League.

Please see our website for more details

The Three Elms, Mashbury Road,
Chignal St James CM1 4TZ.

01245 443151

www.the-three-elms.com



Bus Service

The service operates on Tuesday and Thursday through Chignal St James and Fridays and Saturdays through Chignal Smealey, all at about 10am. All buses terminate at Railway Street, Chelmsford with returns at 1pm
(Lodges 01245 231262 for the latest timetable)

Royal Mail

Deliveries usually late morning.

Post boxes and collection times – there are rural post boxes in the wall at Stevens Farm, Chignal St James, by St Nicholas Church in Chignal Smealey and at Ash Rise also in Smealey – normally collected around 4.30 – 5pm Mon. – Fri. and approx. 8am on Saturdays. *(Additional local post boxes are situated outside Bethel Chapel in Chignal Road and in Copperfield Road en route to Morrisons.)*

Library

North Melbourne Library
Dickens Place, *(opposite Morrisons)*
Copperfield Road, Chelmsford
CM1 4UU.

Tues, Fri, & Sat. 9am – 5pm

Tel: 01245 442292

Also – Witham Mobile Library arrives at The Green, Chignal St James every other Friday
12noon – 12.15pm

Tel: 01245 492758 for details or www.essex.gov.uk/libraries for visiting dates

Recycling and bin collections

Thursdays – phone 01245 615800 or www.chelmsford.gov.uk/recycling for what goes out when!
Fly tipping – phone Chelmsford City Council 01245 606606 and ask for 'fly tipping'.



Milk rounds

Milk and More – 3 times a week on Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday.
www.milkandmore.co.uk
Tel: 0345 6063606

Drainage, Septic Tank maintenance and emptying

There are several local companies providing this service – see phone books or ask a neighbour for a recommendation.

(e.g. *Roe Environment Ltd*
01621 740704 www.roeenv.co.uk)

Broadband & Mobile

For both the service providers signal strengths are currently very variable throughout the parish and mostly poor – before committing to a new service consult a neighbour.

Oil and LPG supplies

For competitive quotations combined ordering saves money. See if your neighbour is a member of a club. For Oil you can consider

www.oil-club.co.uk and log in to join the Good Easter & Roxwell heating oil club. For LPG try www.lgpessex.co.uk

Doctors' surgeries

Little Waltham – 01245 360253

Melbourne House – 01245 354370

Writtle – 01245 421205

Dickens Place – 01245 442628

Tennyson House – 01245 260459

Local Shops

1. Supermarket – Morrisons is in Dickens Place, Newlands Spring – also has a Pharmacy. Open 7am to 9pm Mon – Sat & 10am to 4pm on Sunday.

2. Walthambury Stores in Great Waltham – also has a Post Office Counter. Open Mon – Sat 7am to 9pm. Sun 8am to 12.30pm.

Emergency numbers

Anglian Water

08457 145145

UK Power Networks

0800 1699970

Environment Agency (Floodline)

08459881188

Gas

National Grid Emergency Services
0800 111999

NHS Non Emergency

111

Chelmsford City Council

01245 606606
(out of hours 07836 256688)

Essex County Council (Highways)

Can be contacted online
[www.essexhighways.org/transport
- and-roads.aspx](http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx)
or tel 03456 03763
to report either pothole or surface
water damage.

Additions or amendments to either: Sandra Bailey 07909 564905 sandbail57@hotmail.com
or Nigel Bevitt-Smith 01245 440020 bevittsmith@homecall.co.uk

Police

Always dial 999 in an emergency.

To report a non-emergency crime
you can:

- do it online service
www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online
- Call the non-emergency number
101 or alternatively 01245 491491
- Call in at a police station
- Use the minicom service on
01245 452828.

*The minicom service is a typewriter de-
vice that allows people certified deaf or
with hearing or speech
problems to make contact.*

There are also other offences that
may be committed - (unnecessary
obstruction, criminal damage etc)
speak to your local Neighbourhood
Policing Team to discuss any such
issues.

Chelmsford Police Team members
for the Chignals are CURRENTLY:

Inspector: Andy Sawyer,
Sergeants: Philip Morley
and Perry Land

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Road map of the Chignals



EMERGENCY MEETING POINTS

We have two emergency meeting shelters in the village that will be available if shelter is required during major incidents.

- Village Hall Shelter: Mashbury Road, Chignall St James CM1 4TX
- Chignall Chapel Shelter: Mashbury Road, Chignall St James CM1 4TE