

## BELCHAMP WALTER E-NEWS



Thank you for signing up for Belchamp Walter e-news. The primary purpose of this e-News is to inform residents about activities in the village. We welcome your feedback and please forward this to your friends and neighbours and encourage them to subscribe by emailing [bwalterenews@gmail.com](mailto:bwalterenews@gmail.com).

*Jan and Monika*

### RECENT EVENTS

#### Church Yard Clean Up

After several days of rain it was dry on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October when a small group met in the churchyard for clean up. We started by the gate and worked our way along the south side. In addition to pulling up endless nettles and weeds, lower limbs of the yew trees were trimmed, a rotten tree was pushed over revealing a wasp nest, some stumps were removed and ivy from the church wall was stripped off.

After all their hard work, the workers enjoyed a BBQ.

The churchyard looks so much better – many thanks to all who gave up their time.





## Film Club

The third Friday of the month means film night at the village hall. The October film night was also pie night – a choice of steak and ale pie with short crust pastry, chicken and mushroom with puff pastry or mushroom, leek and sweet potato with short crust pastry. All were served with creamy mash potato and peas and carrots. Dessert was ginger parkin with custard or cream or pavlova nest with fresh fruit.

The film was Water for Elephants.

Contact Monika on [monika.shepherd@btinternet.com](mailto:monika.shepherd@btinternet.com) to become a Film Club member and receive emails with details on food and film.



## MacMillan

You may remember we raised nearly £1,500 for MacMillan this year. Our MacMillan contact, Olly, reached out to Anne to thank us again for all our work. He said that collectively our past coffee mornings have raised in excess of £6,000 (£6,105.32 to be precise). This means we have provided MacMillan the potential to fund and provide one of the following:

- Twenty £300 grants. These are supplied to the most vulnerable affected by cancer. On average £891 is added to a household budget when a person has been diagnosed and whilst their complete their treatment. The grants contribute towards easing that financial pressure; or
- 182 hours of MacMillan nursing care, their expertise and the associated services that they offer.

This information puts into perspective what Belchamp Walter has been able to achieve on MacMillan's behalf.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### What Events Would You Like?

The suggestion box is always open. If you have an idea or see an event at another village that you think would be good for our village please send your ideas to [bwalterenews@gmail.com](mailto:bwalterenews@gmail.com)



## Quiz Night

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of November 7:00 pm start.  
The great BW Quiz Night returns.

Quiz and two course supper for £15, quiz only £7 per person. Bring your own drinks. Tables of six.

To book your place please email Lou Scott on [lou5woulfe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lou5woulfe@yahoo.co.uk)

If you are interested don't delay for too long as, at the time of writing, there are only four tables left.



## Film Club



Next date Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

## Christmas

Yes it is only October but the village has lots of Christmas events planned.

### Christmas Wreaths

#### *Workshop*

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 11:00-2:00pm

Learn how to make your own Christmas wreath in a workshop session at the village hall. All you need for a nature inspired pine wreath will be provided.

£45 per person with lunch and refreshments provided. Limited spaces so please email to book your space

[friendsofbelchampwalterchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelchampwalterchurch@gmail.com)

#### *Pre-order*

No time or don't fancy making a wreath? Pre-order and we will deliver in early December

Large (16") – £28

Small (12") –£20

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### Christmas Decoration Workshop

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10:00-12:30

Join Lou Scott at the Village Hall to learn how to make your own Christmas decorations. Everything you need will be provided and you will take away the know how to make more decorations at home.

£20 per person, £25 family ticket (one adult and up to two children)

Savoury and sweet refreshments supplied.

Limited number of places. Please book through

[Lou5woulfe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Lou5woulfe@yahoo.co.uk)



### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

#### Light Up Belchamp Walter

The Village Hall Christmas event will start with family friendly Christmas films from 1:30 – 4:00 followed by lighting up the Christmas tree with mulled wine and festive nibbles.

Save the date – more details to follow



### Church News

#### Services

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 11:15am - All Soul's Service

Refreshment and fellowship after services, all are welcome



### Belchamp Walter Christmas Tree Festival

Please take part in our Christmas tree festival. We hope you put decorated small trees on all the window ledges and every nook and cranny in the church to celebrate the Christmas season.

Claim your tree from Monika (donation of £5 requested). Trees will be displayed from 5<sup>th</sup> December until Christmas Eve, all are welcome to visit the church and marvel at the creativity. You can also pick up a voting sheet when you visit to nominate your favourite tree.

On 15<sup>th</sup> December we invite you to out fundraising 'canapés, mulled wine and music by candle light event' where the winning tree will be announced.

Please email [monika.shepherd@btinternet.com](mailto:monika.shepherd@btinternet.com) to claim your tree.



### OTHER NEWS

Robbie Gladwell and Special Friends are raising money for the My Wish Charity at Bury St Edmunds Hospital. The event runs over three nights Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. You can purchase tickets here: [Sudbury Quay Theatre | Robbie Gladwell & Special Friends 2023 - Sudbury Quay Theatre \(quaysudbury.com\)](#)



## Flooding on the Highways Network

We have had some very wet weather, causing flooding in several areas.

Essex Highways is continuing to carry out works to minimize the impact of floods on the roads and will continue to work in all types of weather as long as it remains safe to do so.

If you come across flooding it can be reported through the [Tell us](#) tool on the Essex Highways website. The communications teams also put info on their social media channels, so follow them for the latest information. If it is an emergency – such as a fallen tree- and potential risk to life please call 0345 603 7631.



## Essex Explorer Magazine Autumn/Winter 23

The magazine highlights seasonal activities in Essex Country Parks and green spaces and showcases elements of our heritage and culture. The articles are aimed at inspiring and encouraging Essex residents to explore Essex through activities, events and projects.

The printed version of Essex Explorer is free and can be found in the largest libraries. The digital version can be downloaded here:

[Essex Explorer Magazine](#) | [Explore Essex](#)  
([explore-essex.com](http://explore-essex.com))





## Mobile Library

The Mobile Library is scheduled\* to visit the village every third Saturday. It parks at the Crossroads from 11:40-12:10 (see below for dates).

Not a member of the library? You can join on the bus. A library card will allow you, without charge, to order books on line, pick them up on the bus – or browse the selection of books on the bus.

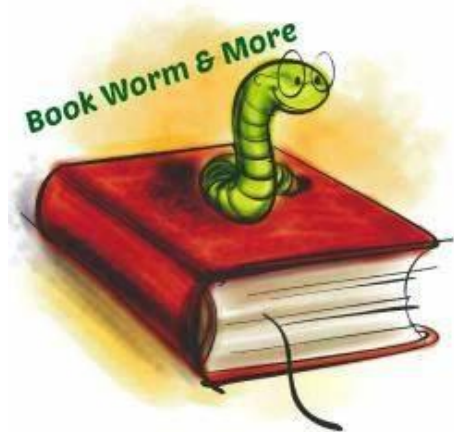
But, there is more. You can read books electronically. You can also read many newspapers and magazines electronically through a free Pressreader account.

The next scheduled\* stops are:

- Nov 14<sup>th</sup>
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

The eagle eyed will notice that we have said the library is ‘scheduled’ to stop.

Occasionally the bus to be cancelled (driver illness for example) but the library will call to let you know. A wonderful underused service in our village.



## **CLASSIFIED ADVERTS**

To advertise here please send copy to [bwalterenews@gmail.com](mailto:bwalterenews@gmail.com)

### **Baby Sitting**

Are you looking for babysitting services in the Belchamp Walter area? Leila Aitken is 15 years old and looking for babysitting jobs in the area.

She has experience with young children.

Please message Leila if interested  
07544861675.

