

## BELCHAMP WALTER E-NEWS



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*Jan and Monika*

We start the e-news with a message from Jane Walker:

It's with great sadness that we report the passing of David Ferdinand. David was a stalwart of the Village Hall Committee and served as Secretary for a number of years. As he did with everything, he tackled this role with great enthusiasm and his sense of humour was ever present.

When he stepped down from post, he continued to support village events.

David will also be fondly remembered for being an important member of the Belchamp Walter Singers. There was always laughter and energy bursting from the back row of tenors, usually led by him. Whenever we wear our special choir t-shirts, for which he generously paid, we are always reminded of his kindness and humour.

He was a keen sportsman, with a particular love of rugby, and when illness prevented him from being quite so active, he continued his walks round the village and was always happy to stop and swap a story or two.

Our thoughts are with Julie, all her family and their wide circle of friends.

*Jane Walker - Chair, Belchamp Walter Village Hall Committee.*

### **Village Hall Committee**

#### *Gourmet Meal*

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 30 people experienced an evening of culinary delights. After a glass of prosecco, olives and a selection of nuts on arrival diners were treated to a six-course meal starting with Amuse-Bouche - Blue cheese & pear pikelet, beef & horseradish choux bun, devilled quail's egg with chorizo. Then there was a choice of two soups – Thai chicken, ginger and coconut or French Onion with a cheese crouton. The entrée was - Matjes herring on a celeriac remoulade, beetroot, apple, pickled onion & a horseradish & herb cream, or the Belchamp Walter Salad – Mixed leaves, cucumber, Pancetta cubes, avocado, sundried tomatoes, blue cheese, toasted pine nuts & a balsamic vinaigrette. The main event - Chicken & tarragon, served with Dauphinoise Potatoes, green beans & Carrots. A slight rest with the Entremets – a watermelon sorbet, followed by a choice of desserts – Sticky toffee pudding with home made vanilla ice cream, or Tarte au citron with raspberries. The meal was finished with coffee or teas and petits fours.

The food was delicious as was the atmosphere and the music. Huge thanks are due all those who cooked, served, washed up and played music to make this such a special event. In addition, the event raised much needed funds to maintain our lovely Victorian village hall.

#### *Film Club*

The ever popular Belchamp Walter film club is back. It will be held on the third Friday of every month, except in the months of August and December. It is a 7:00pm start for a two course meal and the film will start at 7:45pm. Bring your own drinks and please let us know of any dietary requirements in advance. You can have all this for the very reasonable cost of £12.00 per person (£5 contributions towards the hall costs are asked for if no meal is taken). If you are interested in joining the club please email [monika.shepherd@btinternet.com](mailto:monika.shepherd@btinternet.com). Members will be emailed the details of the upcoming films.

#### *Coronation Celebration*

Come and join the royal garden party at the village hall on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Catch up with your neighbours over a tasty meal. Starting in the afternoon and going on to evening. Free entrance and a free lunch, licensed bar, evening BBQ and music. **Save the date.**

#### **Friends of Belchamp Walter Church**

##### *Quiz Night*

The Friends of Belchamp Walter Church (FOBWC) is holding a quiz night on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm at the village hall. At the time of writing, there are a few seats left. If you are interested please book your place by contacting [friendsofbelchampwalterchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelchampwalterchurch@gmail.com), £7.50 a person, bring your own drinks. Funds raised will go towards having the 14<sup>th</sup> century wall paintings surveyed and 'museum' cleaned.

##### *Annual Meeting*

The FOBWC annual meeting will be held in the village hall at 7:00pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome. Please do come and learn more about its aim to raise funds for the much needed restoration and improvements to the fabric of the village's beautiful and historic church.

##### *Plant and Bake Sale*

The FOBWC plant and bake sale will be back on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at the church. Opening at 11:00, come along and pick up some beautiful plants for your garden at prices cheaper than you will find at your local garden centre. Plan to stay for lunch as St Mary's Cafe will be serving delicious sweet and savoury food.

#### **Church News**

##### *Annual Meeting*

The Belchamp Walter Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:00pm in the village hall. For our lovely church to be there for those important days – christenings, weddings, funerals, Christmas, Easter and Harvest it needs to be there every day. Anyone over 16 is welcome to attend the meeting and/or raise a question. Would you like to find out more about the church committee, the Parochial Parish Council? Please contact Helen Krelle 01787 237545.

##### *Easter Day*

Come and join the dawn service at the church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Rise early and at 05:50, gather around the fire to witness the sunrise. There will be song and praise followed by a short service in the church after which breakfast will be served.