

BELCHAMP WALTER E-NEWS



Happy 2024 to all readers. We hope you had a lovely Christmas. Apologies this e-news is a bit late as it should have gone out last week, blame it on the mulled wine and mince pies and other festive nibbles.

The primary purpose of this e-News is to inform residents about activities in the village. Thank you for all the lovely comments, if you have suggestions for additional content please do write by emailing bwalterenews@gmail.com. As always please encourage others to subscribe so that they can get timely updates on village events.

Jan and Monika

RECENT EVENTS

PCC OF ST MARYS BELCHAMP WALTER

Belchamp Walter Christmas Tree Festival

On Friday 15th December people gathered at the church to view the mini trees entered into the Christmas tree festival. Participants had been very creative with decorations ranging from miniature wooden, to handmade felt, to natural, to edible. All the trees were carefully displayed and many were lit. The church looked wonderful.

In addition to the onerous task of judging a winner in each of the two categories (adult and child) attendees had to consume mulled wine and canapés. Just before 7:00pm the worthy winners were announced:

- Child - Sid and Roo Perella
- Adult – Julie Ferdinand

Many thanks to everyone who supported this event by buying a tree and decorating them so imaginatively, to Belchamp St Paul Primary for supporting the children's entries and to everyone who came along and judged. This was a fund raising event and we are delighted that it raised £300, which will go towards the 2023 Parish share which supports the church and keeps it open for the village as well as the worshipping community.





Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

On Christmas Eve there was a lovely service of carols, six lessons and a short prayer. The church was full, the readings beautifully presented and it was so nice to hear so many voices singing the carols. Afterwards there was mulled wine and lots of 'bring and share' canapés. A wonderful warm atmosphere in the church was shared by all and marked the start to Christmas.

If you attended for the first time or even a second or third time, then please remember that you will be welcome at any of the services which take place on the first Sunday of the month. A warm welcome and fellowship always awaits all who enter the doors of St Mary's. No promise of mulled wine, mince pies and sausage rolls after every service but there is always tea coffee and cold drinks on offer and biscuits and cake. So please feel free to return at anytime or just pop into the church for some peace and quiet, it is open every day from 9:00 until dusk, unless the weather is really nasty in which case it might be closed a little earlier.





Craft Workshops

After the successful Christmas decoration workshop, the PCC plans to run future workshops in 2024. At moment the ideas are

- Essential oils – horse chestnut laundry liquid, tumble dryer balls, face serum and hand cream
- Beading – learn to make a beaded rose
- Easter – fabric egg

More details in a future BW e-news.

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



Church News

Services

Sunday 7th January 11:15am – Holy Communion

Refreshment and fellowship after the service, all are welcome



FILM CLUB

Film club will return on the third Friday of January 19th 2024. In BW e-News#9 you might have read that that the rumour was the film might relate to “*The hopeless quest to find a wild cankered dingo*” and in BW e-News# 10 that the film is about “*The assignment had no prayer giving a croaked ending.*” If that is still gobbledegook to you...best you go along to the film and see what it is all about.

Contact Monika on monika.shepherd@btinternet.com to become a Film Club member and receive emails with details on food and film. We have some great menus and films lined up for the year.

WHAT'S ON IN BELCHAMP WALTER 2024

A new feature in e-news – future events. Save the date, more details will appear closer to the event in a future e-news:

Date	Event
Friday 19 th January	Film Night – 6:45 for food and 7:30 for the film. Please note earlier start due to length of film
Friday 16 th February	Film Night
Friday 8 th March	Quiz Night – in aid of Friends of Belchamp Walter
Friday 15 th March	Film Night
Friday 19 th April	Film Night
Friday 17 th May	Film Night – date subject to change
Saturday 18 th May	Plant Sale – FOBWC at the church

OTHER NEWS

Christmas tree recycling

If you are looking to recycle your real Christmas tree following the festive period, there are many ways to do this. The Council will be collecting them from various locations across the district on. They will collect real trees and wreaths, however you must remove all decorations before recycling the tree. They cannot take artificial trees or wreaths containing wire and trees must not be taller than 6'7".

- The Old Council Yard, Hedingham Road, Great Yeldham, CO9 4HS, Saturday 13 January 2024 09:00 - 09:30am
- Butler Road car park, Halstead, CO9 1JA, Saturday 13 January 2024 11:00am - 11:30am
- Long Melford Old School Car Park – 8th January 2024
- Sudbury – Kingfisher Leisure Centre (next to the bottle banks) 9th January 2024



Bottle Banks

Surprise, surprise people have rather a lot of empty bottles at this time of year but did you know leaving your bottles at side of a full recycling bin is considered to be fly tipping? You could be fined.

The company responsible for the bins will just pick up the bins leaving the clean up to who owns the land.

Hang on to your bottles for a couple of weeks until the bins are emptied – don't be a fly tipper.



CLASSIFIED ADVERTS

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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.

