

BELCHAMP WALTER E-NEWS



Finally spring has sprung and apologies it has been so long since the last e-news. 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 updates on village events and find out about planned events.

Jan and Monika

RECENT EVENTS

Film Club

The March film club showing was *Going in Style*. Three lifelong friends, played by Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, and Alan Arkin, decide to rob a bank after their pension fund is wiped out. Their audacious plan leads to comic mishaps as they seek justice and financial security. The food was a chicken, leek and cider gratin followed by ice cream and delicious summer berry sauce.

The April film club showing was *Oppenheimer*. It follows the life of J Robert Oppenheimer, the American theoretical physicist who helped develop the first nuclear weapons during World War II. The food was a superb salmon en croute with steamed seasonal vegetables followed by warm chocolate brownies with cream.

The May film club was one week early because of the plant sale and it showed *A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood*. Apparently a “warm cosy hug of a film” starring Tom Hanks as Ted Rogers – an American institution for many years. The food was chicken cacciatore with mashed potatoes and a salad and dessert comprised amazing individual pavlovas, with strawberries and cream.

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

Friends of Belchamp Walter Church

Quiz Night

The Quiz night on 8th March at the Village Hall hosted by the Friends of Belchamp Walter Church was very popular and tables were sold out. Eight teams participated and two teams tied for first place. Our quiz master, Dave Poynter, as always, set a challenging and at times fiendishly difficult series of questions some of which caused great hilarity.



A substantial and delicious glazing platter of delicious cheeses, pate, chutney and other goodies was provided for each table.

Unfortunately we were all having so much fun we forgot to take photographs of the event.

Our thanks go to all who participated. Playing extra games and buying raffle tickets. We couldn't do this without you. The event raised almost £650 which will be put towards the costs of the roof repairs of St Mary's

Village Hall Committee

Coffee Morning



A Coffee Morning has been established. Come along for coffee and cake, catch up with friends and neighbours on the first Friday of each month from 10:00-12:00.



Race Night

Race night returned to the village hall on Saturday 13th April which was quite fitting as it was the same day as the Grand National. People bet on horses, bought horses and generally screamed the place down. Thanks to all who helped run this event and, in particular, our amazing Master of Ceremonies Mr Philip Poels. It was a wonderful evening and raised just over £450 which will go towards the running and maintenance of the village hall.





Belchamp Baps

Another opportunity for food at the Village Hall! The fourth Sunday of each month breakfast is served at the Village Hall. The first event was on Sunday 28th April. People chose from sausage, egg and bacon baps, with a vegetarian option available. It was so popular, despite the appalling weather, rumour has it that the menu offering will be expanded next month to include a full English breakfast – from baps to breakfast.

NORTHERN LIGHTS IN BELCHAMP WALTER

The evening of Friday 10th May the film club wasn't the only show in town. The aurora borealis put on an incredible show for people who were up and looking north. If you missed it, please see below some incredible photos courtesy of Al Perez.





UPCOMING EVENTS

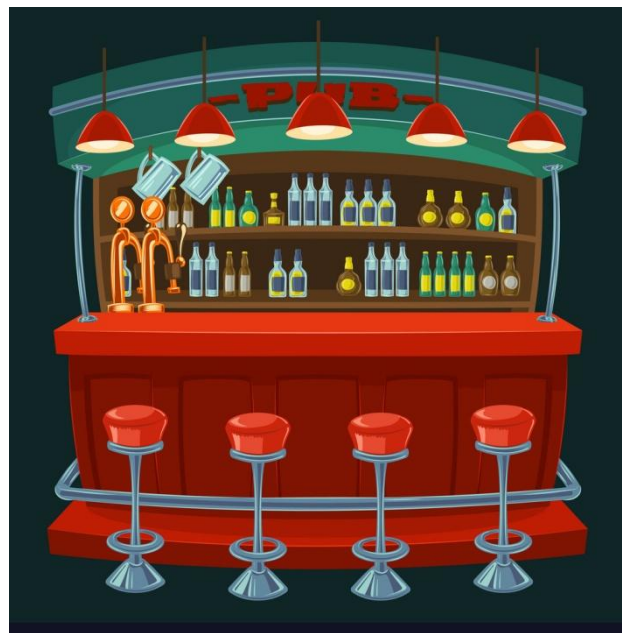
Village Hall Committee

Pop up Pub

The Belchamp Walter pop up pub returns to whisk you away to a world of conviviality, laughter and great libations!

Friday 24th May 7:00pm

Real cask beer, wonderful wine and great company.



FOBWC

Plant and Bake Sale

The FOBWC plant and bake sale will be back on Saturday 18th May at the church. Running from 11:00-13:00. Come along and pick up some beautiful plants for your garden at prices cheaper than you will find at your local garden centre.

St Mary's Cafe will be serving delicious sweet and savoury food with lots of cakes to take away.

If you want the best pick of the plants better arrive early – last year people were queuing before opening time and some plants were sold out within 30 minutes.



CHURCH NEWS

Services

Sunday 2nd June 11:15am – Holy Communion

Refreshment and fellowship after the service, all are welcome



BELCHAMP HALL GARDEN PARTY

You are invited to a Garden Party to be held on the grounds of Belchamp Walter Hall, on Saturday 6th July 2:00-5:00. Enjoy a glass of something cold, and possibly fizzy, nibble on delectable canapés and listen to a jazz band. There will be a silent auction with some wonderful items. Save the date, tickets will go on sale towards the end of May.

This will be a wonderful event, on the beautiful grounds of the hall. Church tours will be available. All funds raised will go towards the church parish share. The running costs of the church (parish share, insurance, electricity, inspections and other costs) amount to almost £30 per day.



Village Hall Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. The Village Hall Committee will be considering the results as it develops the 2024 calendar of events.

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



Survey Results

There were 17 responses to the survey, 15 of which were from people who have attended events at the village hall.

Respondents were very positive about the film club saying that it was an enjoyable evening and good value for money. Quiz nights were also rated very highly.

People felt that the hall was not very warm in winter and the chairs were not comfortable for long sessions. There were also some comments about the quality of the sound system. Unfortunately the village hall is an old, poorly insulated, building and, therefore, it is a challenge to keep the hall warm during cold weather. The village hall committee is looking at the location of the speaker to see if the sound can be improved. Unfortunately, the committee does not currently have funds available to replace the chairs.

There were several suggestions for future events including:

- *Talks*
 - Ancestry
 - Local history
 - Wildlife/gardening
- *Pop up pub*
- *Table Tennis*
- *Barn Dance*
- *Bingo*
- *Karaoke*
- *Coffee mornings*
- *Food events*
 - *Wine and cheese*
 - *Country themed*
- *Table top sale/village garage sale*

The Village Hall Committee will keep this feedback in mind as it develops the calendar of future events.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

There are several organisations in the village with differing responsibilities. These organisations include:

- Village Hall Committee
- Friends of Belchamp Walter Church
- Parochial Parish Council
- Parish Council.

Some people might not understand the roles, responsibilities and aims of these organisations, so this e-news, and future e-news, will provide some background on each of these organisations, what their aims are and their membership. This e-news starts with the Friends of Belchamp Walter Church (FOBWC).

Friends of Belchamp Walter Church

This is a charity, founded in July 2021, with a purpose to “conserve, maintain, and improve the fabric, furnishings and fittings of St Mary’s the Virgin Church, Belchamp Walter.” FOBWC has no religious affiliation and all the funds it raises are restricted to the church building and are not used for any of the worship activities. The FOBWC meets approximately four times a year and, since its inception, has raised over £9,000.

In 2023, the FOBWC raised funds through hosting a quiz night, a plant and bake sale and a wreath making workshop followed by a wreath sale. In addition to these fundraising activities, funds are raised through people becoming a friend. These friends have set up regular standing orders to FOBWC. In 2023 these standing orders totalled £350. There was also an anonymous donation of £2,000.

The FOBWC gave £2,220 to the Parochial Parish Council to pay for the extension to the church fencing. The FOBWC has also committed to pay £4,000 towards the cost of the roofing work on the church which is planned to start in July 2024.

The FOBWC also organised the second annual church yard clean up. Thanks are due to all who came down to help clear away the brush. The churchyard is looking so much tidier and the clean up meant that the fencing could be extended.

The current FOBWC membership is as follows:

Frances Attwood (chair), Helen Krelle (secretary), Jan Munro (treasurer), Emma Morse, Alice Raymond, Lou Scott, Pete Scott, Mick Shepherd and Monika Shepherd.

If you value the historic building and want to help preserve it for future generations why not become a friend? Think of it as buying a friend a monthly cup of coffee.

WHAT'S ON IN BELCHAMP WALTER 2024

Save the date, more details will appear closer to the event in a future e-news:

Date	Event
Saturday 18 th May	Plant Sale – FOBWC at the church
Wednesday 22 nd May	Village Hall Committee Annual Meeting
Friday 24 th May	Pop up pub
Sunday 26 th May	Belchamp Baps
Wednesday 30 th May	Introduction to Family History
Friday 7 th June	Coffee Morning
Friday 21 st June	Film Night
Friday 5 th July	Coffee Morning
Saturday 6 th July	Garden Party – Belchamp Walter Hall
Saturday 13 th July	Pop up Pub
Friday 19 th July	Film Night
Sunday 28 th July	Belchamp Baps
Friday 4 th October	Quiz Night

OTHER NEWS

Litter Picking

The Parish Council needs someone to pick up litter and keep our beautiful village clean and tidy. This is a paid position so if you are interested and would like more information please contact the clerk on clerk@belchampwalterpc.uk.

Nominate the Village Hall

The Benefact Group “does financial services differently” – it gives all available profits to charity and good causes. Movement for Good is their annual programme of giving and they will be donating over £1million to charities nominated by members of the public.

How it works: £1,000 draws:

- From Jan 1st 2024 – 19 Dec 2024. anyone can nominate their favourite charity or charities for an award of £1,000 – it’s one nomination per charity, per person – i.e. you can nominate more than one charity but you can only nominate a charity once
- You can nominate a registered charity, not-for-profit organisation or community interest company in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man.
- There are six £1,000 draws in 2024.
- The more nominations a charity gets, the better their chances of being drawn, so once you’ve nominated please share with your network.

Please consider nominating the Village Hall. Click here [Movement for Good - Nominate a charity for an award.](#)



Essex Explorer

The Spring magazine can be accessed here:

The magazine gives 24 things to do in Essex, information on wildlife and walks,





THE ELGIN STRING QUARTET

return to

LISTON CHURCH

6 pm on Friday, 14th June 2024

with a fabulous programme to include

Orlando di Lasso, - Excerpts from the motets Prophetiae Sibyllarum
Valentin Silvestrov - Quartetto Piccolo (1961) : Icone (2004) - Adagio
César Frank (1822-1890) - String Quartet D major

ADMISSION BY DONATION: £15

Tickets available on the door or in advance from

Susi Morrow 07753 292919 / 01787 313331

susievelynmorrow@gmail.com

Refreshments will be served following the concert

PROCEEDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF LISTON CHURCH

SHARPENING SOLUTIONS & OPEN CHURCH

**at Borley Church on
Saturday, 22nd June 2024
10 am - 2 pm**

**SHARPENING SOLUTIONS RETURN TO BORLEY
SO YOU CAN SHARPEN UP YOUR ACT**

WHAT CAN BE SHARPENED?

Almost anything that you cut with! Garden tools including shears, secateurs, hoes, spades, hedge trimmers & chain saws, kitchen implements such as knives/scissors

BORLEY BAKES WILL PROVIDE A SELECTION OF SWEET AND SAVOURY DELIGHTS TO EAT IN WITH TEA/COFFEE, OR TAKE HOME

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