

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.

Jan and Monika

Village Hall Committee

Film Club

The first film night was held on Friday 17th March. There were 16 of us present. After enjoying a two-course meal we settled in to watch Operation Mincemeat. It is always a different experience watching a film on the big screen. Participants were asked to send any suggestions for future films to Monika so that we can develop a 'coming up next' list.

Thanks to Dave P and Pete for setting up the hall and to Tilly for serving. Your help is much appreciated.

The next Film Club will be on Friday 21st April, 7:00pm for food and 7:45pm for the film start. An email with details will go out to film club members next week. 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.

Coronation Celebration

Please join us at the Village Hall to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday the 7th May.

The Royal UK website says the following:

“Neighbours and communities across the United Kingdom are invited to share food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches on Sunday 7th May 2023, in a nationwide act of celebration and friendship. From a cup of tea with a neighbour to a street party, a Coronation Big Lunch brings the celebrations to your neighbourhood and is a great way to get to know your community a little better.”

We are organising an afternoon and evening event to help the community celebrate. You will soon be receiving (or may already have received) a flyer through your door giving general details of the event. More details will follow in a few weeks.

Highlights are as follows:

- Event starts at 3:00 P.M.

- Lunch will be provided. More details to follow
- Games and entertainment for all the family
- Licensed bar throughout the event
- Live Music
- Paid BBQ in the evening

If you want to attend, please e-mail BWCORONATION@GMAIL.COM for catering purposes

Can you spare some time to help? We are always looking for helpers either on the day or in advance to help with the preparations. Please contact the following if you can spare some time:

Jane Walker 07533266841

Dave Poynter 01787881620

Peter Scott 07962188499

Belchamp Walter Singers

Some of the live music will be provided by our wonderful Belchamp Walter singers. Their rehearsals start next week. If you fancy joining in please email the choir master monika.shepherd@btinternet.com.

Friends of Belchamp Walter Church

Quiz Night

The Friends of Belchamp Walter Church (FOBWC) held a quiz night on Friday 24th March. It was sold out and a great time was had by all. Huge thanks are due to Dave Poynter and his family for running a most entertaining quiz where knowledge of chocolate was pitted against knowledge of past chancellors of the exchequer. The questions were fun and wide ranging. Can you name four of the six countries that border the Black Sea with an extra point for getting all six? A few teams could name four and one team got the bonus point. The funds raised will go towards having the 14th 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 29th 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. Learn how you can become a friend and help preserve the village's beautiful church.

Plant and Bake Sale

The FOBWC plant and bake sale will be back on Saturday 13th 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 Parochial Parish Council (PCC) Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday 22nd March at 7:00pm in the village hall. The PCC members were elected and they are David Gerrard, Polly Gerrard, Helen Krelle, Terry Raybould, Martin Runnacles, Louise Scott, Pete Scott and Monika Shepherd.

In addition Monika Shepherd was elected as churchwarden. 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 9th 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.

Church Building

In the last week Arte Conservation conducted a survey of the wall paintings in the church. The paintings have also been 'museum cleaned.' The survey will give the PCC a much needed base line on the condition of the paintings so that we know what needs to be done to preserve for future generations. The cost of this work will be funded by a grant and funds raised by the FOBWC.

The church roof and porch are in need of repair. The tower, Nave and Porch roofs need maintenance and repair work. Quotes received for the three sections are approximately £20,000. Five grant applications are in to help fund this and we have been advised of £8,000 towards the project from Friends of Essex Churches Trust. As this is less than half of what is needed, we are hoping the other grant bodies we have approached will be equally as generous.

Your donations to the church can be restricted to particular projects, so if you would like to donate towards the roof repairs, please do get in touch (janmunro.ca@gmail.com PCC and FOBWC treasurer)

Elections

There will be a full district and local elections on Thursday 4th May. You will need to bring identification in order to vote. If you haven't registered to vote you can do so here [Register to vote - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) the deadline for registration is midnight on Monday 17th April.

We do hope you are enjoying e-news. If you have any ideas for future content please do contact us at bwalterenews@gmail.com

VILLAGE MARKETPLACE

Wanted

MUGS ALERT!

If you have a few mugs you no longer need or want... could you donate them? I would really appreciate your help, as they are needed for choir practice and the Film club. If you email me on monika.shepherd@btinternet.com I can collect.



For Sale

SOFA SO GOOD!

Parker Knoll Boston Three piece suite plus footstool. The two armchairs are fully operational recliners run from mains or emergency battery pack. The sofa is a two seater non recliner and comes with a footstool. This was purchased in 2017, is in excellent condition and has many years of wear left. Collection only from Belchamp Walter.

Price £1,250 o.n.o. Contact Colin or Anne 01787 378910



