

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.

Monika and Jan

RECENT EVENTS

Pop-Up Pub Night

On Friday 8th September, the Village Hall was the site of a pop-up pub night. It was a lovely warm summer evening, so many sat outside. It was a great opportunity to meet with friends and catch up on what they had been up to over the summer. There was real ale on tap and hot pub food available from the kitchen. There were plenty of games including billiards and darts.



Ride and Stride

The next day, Saturday 9th September, St Mary's opened its doors to riders and striders. Ride and Stride raises money for Historic Churches Trusts and individual churches. The funds raised by riders and striders to St Marys will be split 50:50 between the Friends of Essex Churches Trust and St Marys. In addition to refreshments, savoury and sweet, St Mary's offered church tours and opportunity to ring the bells.

Saturday was one of the hottest days of the year but even so approximately 25 people participating in the ride and stride visited St Marys. They enjoyed refreshments and a cool resting place before continuing to another church. There were also over 15 visitors who came enjoyed the church tours and bell ringing.

Our own Julie Ferdinand at Springgate Farm was a rider raising funds. If you haven't sponsored her yet, it isn't too late!



There were some other visitors to the church who were neither riding nor striding!



Vintage Car Rally

You might have noticed some spectacular vintage cars on the day of the Ride and Stride – pure coincidence, but there was a vintage car rally starting at Belchamp Walter Hall on the same day. The Hall was one of four starting points with cars all headed to the rally which ended in Lavenham.

Before starting their rally, many of the car owners came across to look at the church. One of the rally participants is an organist of some repute and those in the church at the time were treated to a short impromptu organ recital. He has played at Long Melford, Lavenham and St Peters and St Gregory in Sudbury and said the Belchamp Walter organ was lovely.





MacMillan

One of the most popular Belchamp Walter Village Events took place on Saturday 16th September. The tents were up and the sun was shining. Inside the hall the food was laid out. There was a stunning selection of cakes, and other sweets with savouries in the form of quiches, scotch eggs, sausage rolls to name a few.

Outside, the stalls included local produce, plants, and wood turned items and pottery from two talented village artisans. Other stalls included tombola, guess the weight of the cake and bean bag toss. In addition was a spectacular raffle.

The day was a great success with a steady stream of guests who spent generously and seemed to be in no hurry to leave.

The village raised £1,445.55 which is an amazing amount for a small village such as Belchamp Walter. The funds raised from this event equate to funding a MacMillan nurse, and all the expertise they provide for people affected by cancer, for over a week.





UPCOMING EVENTS

What Events Would You Like?

There are three village organizations that put on village events. All three put on events to bring the community together but also raise funds for the following purposes:

- The Village Hall Committee – paying for the operating costs of the village hall and keeping the grade two building in a state of good repair
- The Parochial Parish Council – paying for the operating costs of the church, including parish share, thus keeping the church open
- The Friends of Belchamp Walter Church – maintaining the fabric of the church

Below you can see the events that are currently planned but we would like to know what events *you* would enjoy. Please do send us your ideas.

Karaoke, Bingo, Coffee morning, periodic international supper club, educational talks?

Also what sort of Christmas event would you like to see?

This is your opportunity to be creative as you like. Send your ideas to bwalterenews@gmail.com



Quiz Night

Save the date Quiz Night is coming on Friday 10th of November. Brush up on your general knowledge and start forming your teams of six. Booking details to come.



Film Club



The ever popular Belchamp Walter film club is back, with the 2023-2024 season starting on Friday 22nd of September.

Film club is 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 with the film starting at 7:45pm. Bring your own drinks and please let us know of any dietary requirements in advance.

Contact Monika on monika.shepherd@btinternet.com to become a Film Club member and receive emails with details on food and film.

Belchamp Walter Singers

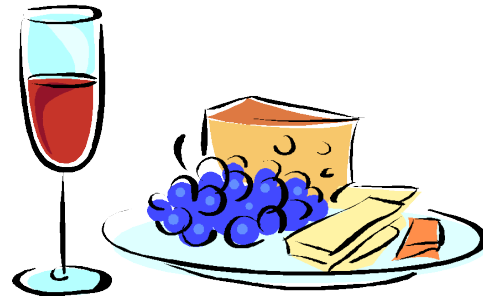
The Belchamp Walter Singers will start practicing on Tuesday 3rd October. They will practice every week on Tuesdays from 7:15-9:00pm until the end of November. They will be singing at the Gestingthorpe Craft Fair on Saturday 18th November and also at the Quay Theatre. Robbie Gladwell and Special Friends are raising money for the My Wish Charity at Bury St Edmunds Hospital. The event runs over three nights Thursday 30th November to Saturday 2nd December. If you would like to join the choir contact Monika on monika.shepherd@btinternet.com. Can't sing but want to support this event and see the choir? You can purchase tickets here: [Sudbury Quay Theatre | Robbie Gladwell & Special Friends 2023 - Sudbury Quay Theatre \(quaysudbury.com\)](https://www.quaysudbury.com)



Friends of Belchamp Walter Church

Wine and Cheese

This event has been postponed



Church Yard Clean up

Last year we held the first church yard clean up and made great progress on the south side of the church yard – clearing away scrub, brambles removing some small saplings. We will continue with the good work Please join us at the church yard on Saturday 14th October from 10:30am (rain date Saturday 21st October). Bring gloves and gardening tools etc. Afterwards there will be a free BBQ for the workers. We will be advertising closer to the date but if you can participate please email bwalterenews@gmail.com.



Church News

Services

Sunday 1st October 11:15am Harvest Celebration Service. Donations for the food bank gratefully received.

Refreshment and fellowship after services, all are welcome

Belchamps Harvest Celebration

Sunday 24th September – join in with the other villages for an all Belchamps Harvest Celebration Service on Belchamp St Paul Green 2:30 start with a service at 4:00pm



OTHER NEWS

Garden Waste

Braintree District Council will be charging for green bin pick up from 2024. If you already have a green bin, you can continue to use this when you subscribe. For new, replacement or additional bins, a £34 one-off charge will apply per bin, plus an annual subscription fee to pay for collections.

The full-year subscription fee is £55. However, you can take advantage of a half-price early bird discount in the first year if you sign-up to the service by 30 November 2023. This will reduce the price to £27.50 for 13 months (March 24 to March 25) which works out at £1 per fortnight.

If you have previously upgraded to a 240L bin, you may continue to use this for the same price until such time as the bin needs to be replaced, at which point a 180L bin will be offered (there is no longer an option to have a 240L bin).



Essex County Council – Energy Switch

The Essex Energy Switch is back The Essex Energy Switch is a group buying scheme for gas and electricity. It is free to register and there is no obligation to accept an offer. The more people that register, the greater the collective buying power of the group.

Furthermore, all Energy Switch suppliers must provide 100% renewable electricity, helping to reduce carbon emissions in the county as part of a move towards net zero.

Pre-approved energy companies will bid at an auction to see who can offer the lowest energy tariff. Once the winning bidder has been selected, anyone who has registered will receive a personal offer. There's no obligation to switch – but for customers who decided to proceed, the process is taken care of by the winning supplier.

Registration can be done online at www.essex.gov.uk/energyswitch, or by calling the Big Community Switch registration line on 0800 048 8439 to register and receive correspondence by post. Lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am to 5.30pm. If you are looking to sign up you should have a recent energy bill to hand.

WHAT'S ON?

BELCHAMP WALTER – September/October 2023

Sunday 3 rd September	-	Holy Communion Service at the church. 11.15am. Refreshments and chat after the service. You are all very welcome.
Friday 8 th September	-	at the Village Hall. Pop-up Pub Night. 7.00 – 10.45pm. Snacks, Games, Cash Bar. everyone welcome.
Saturday 9 th September	-	At the church 11.00 – 2.00pm. Ride and Stride Fundraiser. Church Tours and Café open for lunch, drinks and cakes to support RIDE & STRIDE for ESSEX Churches.
Saturday 16 th September	-	at the Village Hall – Annual MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Fundraiser. Savoury and sweet treats, Produce Stalls, Games. Join in to make a difference.
Friday 22 nd September	-	at the Village Hall – FILM NIGHT – 7.00pm for meal and film, 7.45pm for film only. Email monika.shepherd@btinternet.com to become a Film Club member and receive emails with all the details.
Sunday 24 th September	-	Join in with an all Belchamps Harvest celebration and service on Belchamp St. Paul Green. Details tbc.
Sunday 1 st October	-	11.15am at the church. Harvest celebration service. Donations for Food Bank gratefully received. Refreshments and fellowship after, all are very welcome.
Week beg 2 nd October	-	Belchamp Walter Singers practising for November Charity Concert at the Quay. Date and time tbc. (email as above for details).
Friday 13 th October	-	at the church, time tbc, FOBWC Wine and Cheese Fundraiser. All welcome.
Saturday 14 th October	-	in the Churchyard from 10.30am – Churchyard clear-up with free BBQ after. If inclement weather, event will be on 21 st October. Please see posters in village and FB.