

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

Film Night

The 2023/2024 Film Club season started on Friday 22nd September. The evening started with a tasty two course meal of stuffed peppers with a mascarpone/roasted pepper sauce served with green beans and jewelled rice, followed by bakewell tart and cream. The film was Top Gun: Maverick. Tom Cruise is back doing what he does best – flashing the mega watt smile and flexing his bizarrely ageless body.

♪♪♪♪ *It took our breath away* ♪♪♪♪.





Belchamps' Harvest Celebration

On Sunday 24th September the three Belchamp villages came together to celebrate Harvest Festival on the village green. It was a lovely event.

Local crafters were invited to host stalls, vintage utility vehicles turned up to join in the fun and there were also some farm vehicles for the children to look over and climb up into. A local farmer brought along some very cute sheep and the children certainly enjoyed seeing them. Even though the weather was a bit dull the ice cream van did a roaring trade. A local face painter set up stall and soon had a queue of children eagerly awaiting her lovely designs.

Teas, coffee, cakes, scotch eggs and other delights were available to purchase by donation along with some village made preserves.

Throughout the afternoon a local band played a selection of well-known and much enjoyed musical numbers and they even joined in playing the hymns for the service totally unrehearsed and without the music for the most part, very impressive.

The main event, the Harvest Festival service itself, was led by Rev Gill Morgan with the assistance of the band playing. The singing of the popular harvest hymns was joyful and fun with everyone joining in. Many kind people had brought donations which were later taken to the food bank in Sudbury.

All in all it was a lovely occasion and hopefully it will become an annual event hosted by the three villages with more people joining in as it gets to be better known and publicised. There are lots of ideas for expanding it in the future. If you have ideas please feel free to put them forward or book a stall for next year.

A total of £265 was made which was divided equally between our three churches. This was a really good sum for what was a very hastily put together event with little publicity due to lack of time.

Many thanks must go in particular to Holly Chaplin for the vision and hard work she put in to creating this event and to all the others who helped in getting it set up and finally all those who attended and made the event such fun. Thank you one and all.

From our roving reporter: Lou Scott



UPCOMING EVENTS

What Events Would You Like?

Thank you for your suggestions for future events, and thank you for all the kind remarks about e-news. It's not too late if you have more ideas about any future events.

In particular, what type of Christmas event would you like? The Village Hall Committee is meeting on Thursday 12th October to discuss this matter, so if you'd like your ideas to be considered please send an email quickly.

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



Quiz Night

Save the date, the Great Belchamp Walter 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.

If you want to brush up on your quizzing skills, Little Yeldham has a few tables left for Friday October 13th – see the end of this e-news for the flyer.



Film Club



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.

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 are removing some small saplings. We will continue with the good work Please join us at the church yard on Saturday 14th October from 10:00 am (rain date Saturday 21st October though the forecast looks good for the 14th). Bring gloves and gardening tools etc. Afterwards there will be a free BBQ for the workers. There are signs around the village. Even if you can only come for an hour or so that would be wonderful. The more people the better. If you can participate please email bwalterenews@gmail.com.



Church News

A course in Christian Studies is coming to a place near us. The Course in Christian Studies is a two year course exploring the Christian Faith with others, delivered weekly on Tuesday evenings between 7 and 9pm in the Barn, Stoke by Clare (10 week terms). The new course will commence in January 2024, but there is a 'taster evening' planned for the 17th October at 7pm to find out what it is all about and how it is delivered. The tutors will be Revd Liz Paxton and Revd Dr Karen Smith – do come to the taster evening to meet them and find out a little more about it. If you would like to know more before committing, please don't hesitate to call Revd Liz on 07932160594 or email revlizpaxton@gmail.com



OTHER NEWS

Pot Holes

Potholes won't get repaired unless Essex Highways knows about them. It is very easy to report them on line:

[Tell us - Essex County Council
\(essexhighways.org\)](https://www.essexhighways.org)

But you probably knew about reporting potholes but did you know it is possible to claim for repairs?

[Pothole claims: How to claim for pothole damage |
MSE \(moneysavingexpert.com\)](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com)



The Essex Highways link above allows you to report other defects as well. The blocked storm drains on Otten Road, the corner on the hill before the entrance to Eyston Farms, frequently cause flooding. This is dangerous as it is on a blind bend and cars are often on the wrong side of the road to avoid the water. The matter was reported to highways but it was deemed not to be a priority, so, unfortunately we will have to live with the flooding until it is cleaned as part of the regular maintenance schedule.

Essex County Council – Consultation Booking Process at Recycling Centres

Essex County Council has launched a consultation on the booking process currently being trialled at Essex recycling centres. An evaluation of the booking process has shown that, based on user survey feedback, overall satisfaction with the booking system is high. The consultation is now open to gather resident's views on whether to keep the booking process permanently at all sites. If you would like to respond to the consultation please visit www.essex.gov.uk/recyclingcentrebookings

HELP NEEDED!

Belchamp Walter Churchyard Clean Up



10am until 3pm, 14th October

(in case of inclement weather, 21st October)

Everyone welcome even for a short time

**Please bring your own tools – spade,
fork, rake and loppers**

Refreshments provided.

Hotdogs at 3pm (bring own beer)

WHAT'S ON NEAR BY

LITTLE YELDHAM VILLAGE HALL



FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2023

7.00PM FOR 7.30PM START

TICKETS £6.00 PER HEAD TO BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE
TABLES OF FOUR - PRIZES FOR THE FIRST AND LAST TABLE

CHEESE, BISCUITS AND SNACKS PROVIDED

LICENCED BAR AND RAFFLE

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT FOR ALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE (Cash only please) FROM

North End - Sue at bookings.lyvillagehall@gmail.com

Church Green - Rachel at rachpink12@hotmail.com

Little Yeldham, Tilbury Juxta Clare & Ovington -

Mary at events.lyvillagehall@gmail.com

Not on email? - call 07905 668852