

## 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](mailto:bwalterenews@gmail.com).

*Jan and Monika*

### RECENT EVENTS

#### Belchamp Walter Quiz Night

The brilliant Belchamp Walter Quiz night returned to the village hall on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>. Six teams racked their brains to answer the devious questions asked by Dave Poynter our resident Quiz Master General. At the end of the night it was team 'No Idea' or was it 'Clueless' who triumphed with team Belchthorpes winning the prize of Christmas dinner in a bag...mince tart flavoured crisps anyone?

For those who weren't there on this night, here is a taste of the fiendish questions....answers at the end of the e-news.

1. Streets of London: Which street is patrolled by a cat named Larry?
2. Streets of London: Antique shops have mushroomed here.



3. Formerly known as: What was formerly known as backrub?
4. Politicians: Who is this?



And my personal favourite in the pairs round:

5. What two tools are used to write Braille?

Huge thanks to all who cooked, cleaned and prepared for this event to raise funds to maintain the village hall.

### Film Club

The third Friday of the month means film night at the village hall. In November the film was Allelujah with a star studied cast that included Judi Dench, Derek Jacobi, Jennifer Saunders, and Russell Tovey. The food offering was a main of lasagne and a pudding of tarte au citron.



Film club will return on the third Friday of January 19<sup>th</sup> 2024(!) – rumour has it the film might relate to “*The hopeless quest to find a wild cankered dingo*”.

Contact Monika on [monika.shepherd@btinternet.com](mailto:monika.shepherd@btinternet.com) to become a Film Club member and receive emails with details on food and film. We have some great films lined up for next year.

### **Gestingthorpe Christmas Craft Fair**

Parking was tight unless you got there early for the craft fair at Gestingthorpe Village Hall. You might wonder why the Gestingthorpe Craft Fair gets a mention in the Belchamp Walter e-news.

Firstly the Belchamp Walter singers, ably led by Monika Shepherd, entertained the visitors – and there was audience participation.



Secondly, BW's own Artful Dabber, aka Sara Perez, was face painting and selling crafts, ably assisted by Leila Aitken. You can see more of Sara's amazing work on [Face Painter Sudbury | The Artful Dabber](#).



## 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 your village please send your ideas to [bwalterenews@gmail.com](mailto:bwalterenews@gmail.com)



## December

### Christmas Wreaths

*Workshop*

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 11:00-2:00pm

**Sold out**

*Pre-order*

Thank you to those who ordered wreaths – we will deliver late November/early December



### Christmas Decoration Workshop

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10:00-12:30

Join Lou Scott at the Village Hall to learn how to make your own Christmas decorations. Everything you need will be provided and you will take away the know how to make more decorations at home.

£20 per person, £25 family ticket (one adult and up to two children)

Savoury and sweet refreshments supplied.

A few places still available. Please book through

[Lou5woulfe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Lou5woulfe@yahoo.co.uk)



### Church News

*Services*

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11:15am – Holy Communion

Refreshment and fellowship after services, all are welcome



### Belchamp Walter Christmas Tree Festival

Thirty little Christmas trees have gone to their decorators.

The trees will be displayed from 5<sup>th</sup> December until Christmas Eve, all are welcome to visit the church and marvel at the creativity. You can also pick up a voting sheet when you visit to nominate your favourite tree.

On 15<sup>th</sup> December 5:00pm-7:00pm we invite you to our fundraising 'canapés, mulled wine and music by candle light event' where the winning tree will be announced. If you could donate a plate of canapés to the event that would be lovely, please let Monika what you will bring.

Please email [monika.shepherd@btinternet.com](mailto:monika.shepherd@btinternet.com)



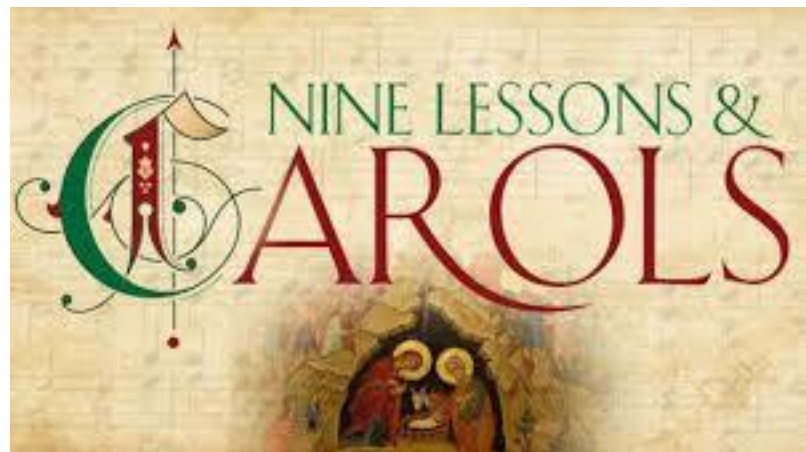
### Christmas Eve

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm  
Lessons and Carols

Come to the church experience the wonderful atmosphere and take part in the lessons and carols.

Mulled wine and festive nibbles will be served after the service.

If you are interested in reading please email Monika.



### OTHER NEWS

Robbie Gladwell and Special Friends are raising money for the My Wish Charity at Bury St Edmunds Hospital. The special friends includes our own Belchamp Walter singers. The event runs over three nights Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. You can purchase tickets here:

[Sudbury Quay Theatre | Robbie Gladwell & Special Friends 2023 - Sudbury Quay Theatre \(quaysudbury.com\)](https://quaysudbury.com)



### **Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner**

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) for Essex is asking county residents for their policing and community safety priorities to identify public appetite for investing more in Essex Police and Essex Fire and Rescue Service.

You can complete the survey  
here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MVKC3H/>

The survey seeks to identify appetites for investing more in Essex Police and Essex Fire and Rescue Service, understanding what you feel would be a reasonable level of additional investment and how you would like to see any extra investment spent.

Your views will then feed into the Essex Police and Essex County Fire and Rescue funding process for the financial year 2024/25.



### **Essex County Council**

The consultation on the county council's 2024/25 budget is open until Sunday 3 December. It can be completed here:  
<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/rci/ecc-budget-consultation-2024-25/>



## **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.







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Quiz Answers:

1. Downing Street
2. Portabello Road
3. Google
4. Jeremy Corbyn
5. Stylus and Slate