

## 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*

We hope you had a wonderful summer, despite the somewhat dodgy weather. As we come into the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, there are a lot of village activities planned, as outlined below. This is quite a long e-new so, for your convenience, there is a handy “What’s On” at the end of this e-news.

### PAST EVENTS

#### St Mary’s Church

##### *Folk Music on a Summer’s Night*

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August there was a wonderful evening of folk music in the Church. We welcomed the Dutch/English folk band Duynvolk. They entertained approximately 50 guests with lots of songs and tunes. At the interval guests were invited to snack on some spectacular canapés while they sipping a glass of wine. In the second half of entertainment some decided to jig along to the music! A great time was had by all and the event raised £480 which will go towards paying the annual parish share. After the event we hosted Duynvolk at the village hall for a late supper.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Village Hall Committee

#### *Pop-up Pub*

Come to the Village Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 7:00-10:45pm for a Pop-up Pub Night. There will be real ale, a cash bar, pub grub and games. Everyone welcome.



#### *Quiz Night*

Save the date Quiz Night is coming on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Details will be provided in a future e-news. You will be asked to book in advance.



#### *Film Club*



The ever popular Belchamp Walter film club is back, with the 2023-2024 season starting on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:monika.shepherd@btinternet.com) to become a Film Club member and receive and email with details on food and film.

### *Belchamp Walter Singers*

In the second week in October, the Belchamp Walter Singers will start practicing. They are singing at the Gestingthorpe Craft Fair on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If you would like to join the choir contact Monika on

[monika.shepherd@btinternet.com](mailto: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 \(quaysudbury.com\)](#)



### **MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 11:00-13:00. This has always been a very well supported event and hopefully it will be the same this year. Weather permitting, we hope to make this an outdoor event again this year but even if the weather doesn't behave we will be there. Please come and join us for cake, savouries, refreshments and so much more. As in previous years eat in or take-away services will be available.

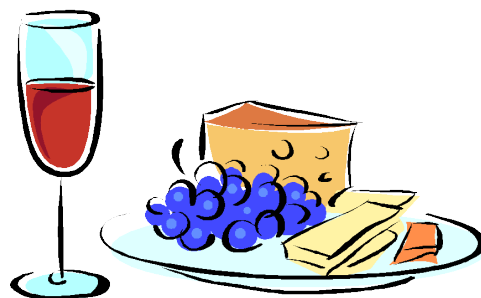
If you are unable to attend but would like to donate please look for one of the posters with the QR code or contact Anne Doman (01787 378910) or Becky Poynter (01787 881620).



### **Friends of Belchamp Walter Church**

#### *Wine and Cheese*

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October - The Friends of Belchamp Walter Church (FOBWC) will be holding a wine and cheese fund raiser in the church. Come along, have a glass of wine, nibble on some tasty cheese and crackers. Exact timing to be determined.



### *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 14<sup>th</sup> October from 10:30am (rain date Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October). Bring gloves and gardening tools etc. Afterwards there will be a free BBQ for the workers.



### **Church News**

#### *Services*

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 11:45 am Holy Communion  
St Mary's Belchamp Walter

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> September – join in with the other  
villages for an all Belchamps Harvest Celebration  
Service on Belchamp St Paul Green – exact timing  
to be decided.



## OTHER NEWS

### St Mary's Church

#### *St Mary's Wall Paintings*



The church has some outstanding 14<sup>th</sup> Century wall paintings. In March Arte Conservation surveyed the paintings to determine the current condition so that options for their cleaning and long-term conservation could be assessed.

The paintings were restored by the Bakers in 1964 and subsequently cleaned and stabilized by the Wall Paintings Workshop in 1996.

The good news is Arte Conservation found the paintings “survive in remarkable good condition.” Some minor areas of instability were found but there is no evidence of any significant deterioration in most areas. They did have a few minor concerns, mostly in relation to the stability of plaster.

The bad news is that Arte Conservation recommends costly further work to ensure the paintings are conserved in the long term. They recommend:

- Lime-based grouting in places to ensure adhesion to the flint-based rubble wall is maintained;
- Surface cleaning to remove dirt and grime, together with the removal of remaining fragments of later limewash and splash marks; and
- Repairing the damaged areas of lime render on the north wall to ensure the render continues to provide protection for the wall paintings internally.

The cost of the survey was £2,200. The PCC obtained a grant of £900 from the Church of England Church Care Church Buildings Council. The Friends of Belchamp Walter Church will contribute the remaining £1,300.

The quote for the recommended work on the wall paintings is £10,860 plus VAT. We may be able to apply for a grant towards the cleaning and lime-grouting from the same council who gave a grant of £900. A grant towards the repair of the outside of the building would need to come from another source.

#### *St Mary's Porch and Roof*

The church needs work on the porch and roof. There are three elements to the roof repairs:

- Repairs to the lead rolls on the tower;

- Repairing loose tiles on the nave; and
- Repairing the medieval porch.

The work has been scheduled in early November so you can expect to see scaffolding up at that time. As you can imagine this will be a big bill. The estimate is £19,800 but, as VAT can be claimed back on this project, the amount needed is £16,500. The funds have been identified come from the following sources:

Friends of Essex Churches	£8,000
Benefact Trust	1,800
Fullerton Trust	2,500
PCC	4,200

## WHAT'S ON?

### BELCHAMP WALTER – September/October 2023

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	-	Holy Communion Service at the church. 11.15am. Refreshments and chat after the service. You are all very welcome.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	-	at the Village Hall. Pop-up Pub Night. 7.00 – 10.45pm. Snacks, Games, Cash Bar. everyone welcome.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> September	-	at the Village Hall – FILM NIGHT – 7.00pm for meal and film, 7.45pm for film only. Email <a href="mailto:monika.shepherd@btinternet.com">monika.shepherd@btinternet.com</a> to become a Film Club member and receive emails with all the details.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Join in with an all Belchamps Harvest celebration and service on Belchamp St. Paul Green. Details tbc.
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> October	-	Belchamp Walter Singers practising for November Charity Concert at the Quay. Date and time tbc. (email as above for details).
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	-	at the church, time tbc, FOBWC Wine and Cheese Fundraiser. All welcome.
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	-	in the Churchyard from 10.30am – Churchyard clear-up with free BBQ after. If inclement weather, event will be on 21 <sup>st</sup> October. Please see posters in village and FB.