

BELCHAMP WALTER E-NEWS



Thank you for signing up for Belchamp Walter e-news. If you have suggestions for additional content please do write by emailing bwalterenews@gmail.com. As always please encourage others to subscribe so that they can get updates on village events and find out about planned events.

Jan and Monika

RECENT EVENTS

Film Club

The June film club will feature a delicious menu of traditional beef and pork meatloaf, with parsley potatoes and seasonal vegetables with rhubarb crumble for dessert – gf and vegetarian options are available. Rumour has it that the film will be about a small vessel that

Contact Monika on monika.shepherd@btinternet.com to become a Film Club member and receive emails with details on food and film. Film club season ends in July and starts up again in September.

Village Hall Committee

Pop up Pub

The Belchamp Walter pop up pub returned on Fridays 24th May – with fizz and real beer. Thanks to all who came. By popular demand the pub will return on Saturday 13th July.



Friends of Belchamp Walter Church

Plant and Bake Sale

The third annual Plant and Bake Sale took place on Saturday 18th May at the church. The sale was organized by the Friends of Belchamp Walter Church to raise money for the fabric of the church. The church looked lovely and was full of beautiful plants. As usual people were queuing outside and to get first access to the wonderful plants and delicious bakes that awaited them inside the church.

The event was a great success thanks to all the gardeners who contributed their plants, the bakers, the raffle donators and those who help set up, run and clear up after the event. And of course those who came and bought plants, bakes and raffle tickets.

Congratulations are due to the raffle prize winners: Jane Teverson, Jane Short and Mary Giblin.

Thanks to everyone's help we raised £1,160 which is a great result. As Frances Attwood, FOBWC chair, said "We all benefit from a thriving community and thanks [to all the helpers] we are just that."

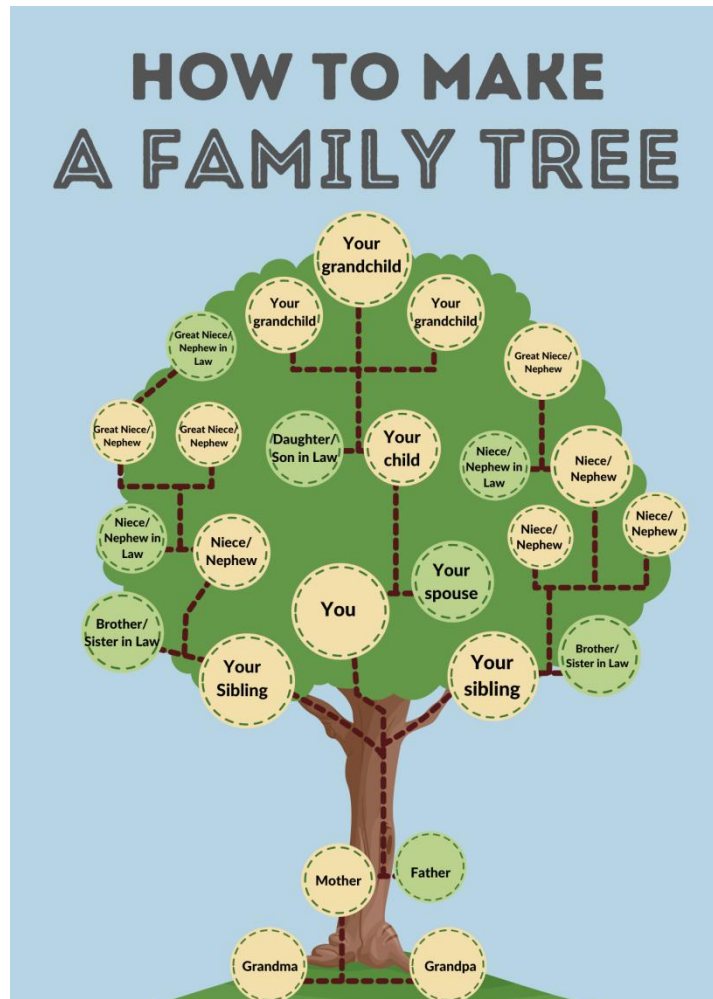








UPCOMING EVENTS

Introduction to Family History

Thursday 30th May Introduction to Family History 7-9pm £5 including coffee and biscuits at the village hall. Several people responding to the recent village hall survey said they were interested in regular talks at the village hall. This is the first of a series of regular talks on interesting subjects. Come and listen to Mike Norris of the Clare Family History Group. If you have wondered about your family history and want to find out more but don't know where to start, this is the talk for you. Mike is a mine of information on how to start your research, where to look, what resources are available and how to access them and what pitfalls to avoid. He is extremely knowledgeable so don't miss the opportunity to have your questions answered.



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|  <p>BELCHAMP WALTER VILLAGE HALL REGULAR EVENTS</p> | <p>COFFEE & CHAT JOIN US FOR COFFEE, TEA, SWEET & SAVOURY TREATS</p>  <p>FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 10.00 – 12.00AM</p> |
| <p>MONTHLY FILM CLUB</p>  <p>THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH BOOK FOR A 2 COURSE MEAL OR FILM ONLY FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MONIKA.SHEPHERD@BTINTERNET.COM</p> | <p>BELCHAMP BAPS VARIETY OF BREAKFAST GOODIES WITH OR WITHOUT THE BAP!</p>  <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH 10.00 – 12.00AM</p> |

Coffee Morning

Coffee mornings, as requested by villagers, take place on the first Friday of each month from 10:00-12:00. The next coffee morning will be on Friday 7th June.

Belchamp Baps/Breakfast

This is proving to be popular. If you haven't already tried them do come along to the next one on Sunday 23rd June from 10:00-12:00.

For information on village hall committee matters please visit www.belchampwaltervillagehall.com

CHURCH NEWS

Services

Sunday 2nd June 11:15am – Holy Communion

Refreshment and fellowship after the service, all are welcome





A Poem

If you go down to the church today,
You're in for a big surprise,
For every bench is polished bright,
And the wood gleams and shines.

The windows glint with coloured light,
Each pane without a smear,
The air is fresh, the floors pristine,
Such cleanliness is here.

For tidy folk have worked all night,
With feather dusters in their hands,
They've swept and mopped and polished and wiped,
To meet their high demands.

If you go down to the church today,
You won't believe your eyes,
It's sparkling clean in every way,
A place of pure delight.

The window ledges are dust-free now,
The organ pipes are bright,
Each corner's scrubbed, each surface gleams,
A true and wondrous sight.

So come and see the church today,
In all its spotless grace,
A haven pure, inviting and calm,
A beautifully clean place.

With apologies to Jimmy Kennedy and huge thanks to the "folks", Amanda Seymour and Mary Giblin, for doing such a deep clean on the church (they worked during the day but that didn't rhyme) which will look wonderful for the two upcoming weddings – Mary and Olivia.



BELCHAMP HALL GARDEN PARTY

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

You are invited to a Garden Party to be held on the grounds of Belchamp Walter Hall, on Saturday 6th July 2:00-5:00. Enjoy a glass of something cold, and possibly fizzy, nibble on delectable canapés and listen to a jazz band. There will be a silent auction with some wonderful items.

Entrance via ticket only. Tickets now on sale from Eventbrite. Ticket includes a glass of wine, fizz or beer on arrival and delectable canapés. £15 per person plus booking fee, children under 12 years old free. To buy your tickets either scan the QR Code below, or head over to Eventbrite and search for Belchamp, or simply click on this link <https://tinyurl.com/Belchamp-Hall-Garden-Party>.

When you head over to Eventbrite you should be able to see a wonderful promo video that was shot and produced by Al Perez. You definitely need sound turned on. For those who can't access the video, follow this link <https://tinyurl.com/Garden-Party-Video>

This will be a wonderful event, on the beautiful grounds of the hall. Church tours will be available. All funds raised will go towards the church parish share. The running costs of the church (parish share, insurance, electricity, inspections and other costs) amount to almost £30 per day. So buy your tickets and spread the word, invite friends and family to attend.

Ticket numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.



QR Code for tickets



VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

There are several organisations in the village with differing responsibilities. These organisations include:

- Village Hall Committee
- Friends of Belchamp Walter Church (covered in e-news #13)
- Parochial Church Council (please see below)
- Parish Council.

Some people might not understand the roles, responsibilities and aims of these organisations, so this e-news, and future e-news, will provide some background on each of these organisations, what their aims are and their membership. This e-news covers the Parochial Church Council.

Parochial Church Council

The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** plays a crucial role in the administration and governance of a parish within the Church of England. The PCC is a charitable organization and members of the PCC serve as trustees of the charity.

The membership of PCC is set at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The current PCC membership is as follows:

Rev Gill Morgan (chair), Monika Shepherd (churchwarden), Helen Krelle (secretary), David Gerrard, Polly Gerrard, Martin Runnacles, Lou Scott, Pete Scott. Jan Munro is treasurer to the PCC but is not a member of the PCC.

The main roles and responsibilities of the PCC include:

1. **Spiritual and Mission Leadership:** Supporting the clergy in promoting the mission of the church within the community.
2. **Financial Oversight:** Managing the church's finances, including budgeting, fundraising, and ensuring proper accounting practices.
3. **Property Management:** Maintaining church buildings and ground, ensuring they are safe and suitable for worship and community activities.
4. **Safeguarding:** Implementing policies to protect children and vulnerable adults within the church community.
5. **Community Engagement:** Facilitating communication between the church and the wider community, promoting the church's activities, and fostering community relationships.

Finances are a challenge for the PCC. People tend to think that the Church of England is rich but they don't, necessarily, understand the finances of St Mary's. It costs just over £200 a week to keep the church open, and this is just running costs, it does not include any repairs and maintenance. The largest expense for the church is the parish share, which is the money that each parish share contributes to the diocese. In addition to diocese costs it covers the cost of clergy salaries, pensions, housing, training and support. In 2024, Belchamp Walter has been asked to pay £7,800 for parish share. The second largest expense is insurance which will likely be very close to £2,000 when it is renewed in a few months.

Maintaining the grade 1 listed church building is also a very expensive business. You may recall from e-news #5 that the wall paintings were cleaned and surveyed last year at a cost of £2,200. The majority of this cost was covered through grants. The same e-news reported that work would start on the roof and porch in November. That work, unfortunately was delayed and is now scheduled for July. The work was re-quoted and, like most things, has gone up and not down. The cost of these repairs will be almost £19,000 plus VAT (which the church can claim back). Thanks to the diligent work of our church warden, Monika, a substantial amount of this cost will be met through grant funding (£13,800), The Friends of Belchamp Walter Church have pledged £4,000 and the remainder of the money will be paid by the PCC.

The result of the wall painting survey was that the C14th paintings had survived in remarkable condition. Additional work, however, was recommended to ensure the paintings are conserved in the long term. This work is costly £10,860 plus VAT. Work has started on gaining the necessary permissions. Work on the church often requires a “faculty” from the diocese. This is somewhat like planning permission and ensures that any changes are in keeping with the historical, architectural and liturgical significance of the church. The application for the wall paintings had to be approved by the Diocese Advisory Council and then had to go to the Consistory Court to grant a faculty. All this takes a lot of volunteer time and needs to be complete before the real work of applying for grants can take place. The process takes a long time because many grant funding bodies only accept applications once or twice a year, Unfortunately as time passes the quotes for the work expire and subsequent quotes are higher.

WHAT'S ON IN BELCHAMP WALTER 2024

Save the date, more details will appear closer to the event in a future e-news:

| Date | Event |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 30 th May | Introduction to Family History |
| Friday 7 th June | Coffee Morning |
| Friday 21 st June | Film Night |
| Sunday 23 rd June | Belchamp Baps |
| Friday 5 th July | Coffee Morning |
| Saturday 6 th July | Garden Party – Belchamp Walter Hall |
| Saturday 13 th July | Pop up Pub |
| Friday 19 th July | Film Night |
| Sunday 28 th July | Belchamp Baps |
| Friday 2 nd August | Coffee Morning |
| Sunday 25 th August | Belchamp Baps |
| Saturday 7 th September | Macmillan Coffee Morning |
| Friday 4 th October | Quiz Night |

OTHER NEWS

Litter Picking

The Parish Council needs someone to pick up litter and keep our beautiful village clean and tidy. This is a paid position so if you are interested and would like more information please contact the clerk on clerk@belchampwalterpc.uk.



Nominate the Village Hall

The Benefact Group “does financial services differently” – it gives all available profits to charity and good causes. Movement for Good is their annual programme of giving and they will be donating over £1million to charities nominated by members of the public.

How it works: £1,000 draws:

- From Jan 1st 2024 – 19 Dec 2024. anyone can nominate their favourite charity or charities for an award of £1,000 – it’s one nomination per charity, per person – i.e. you can nominate more than one charity but you can only nominate a charity once
- You can nominate a registered charity, not-for-profit organisation or community interest company in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man.
- There are six £1,000 draws in 2024.
- The more nominations a charity gets, the better their chances of being drawn, so once you’ve nominated please share with your network.



Please consider nominating the Village Hall. Click here [Movement for Good - Nominate a charity for an award.](#)

Melford Music

This wonderful event starts up again next month. There is a wide range of music on offer and is all of the highest calibre. While the events are free, there is a retiring collection to raise funds to preserve the incredible church.



MELFORD MUSIC
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*fine music
in a
fine church*



2024 LUNCHTIME RECITALS
WEDNESDAY 1.10pm
ADMISSION FREE
Light Refreshments available

Retiring Collection to aid preservation of this Historic Building

| JUNE | JULY |
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| <p>5th MARIANNE OLYVER Electric Alchemy Gypsy & classic pop <small>Sponsored by BREAKOUT</small></p> <p>12th CheGO Chelmsford Guitar Orchestra playing all styles <small>Sponsored by BESPOKE BLINDS</small></p> <p>19th JILL CROSSLAND Piano <small>Sponsored by THE MILL B & B</small></p> <p>26th LIZZIE GUTTERIDGE English Music from around the time of the church <small>Sponsored by THE IVESON CLINIC</small></p> | <p>3rd THE ROCK CHOIR </p> <p>10th GWENDAL MOELE & JANE WARD Accordion & Vocals <small>Sponsored by KING ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & PLANNING</small></p> <p>17th MAV DUO Cello & Harp Mixed Styles from Columbia <small>Sponsored by THE ARTS SOCIETY STOUR VALLEY</small></p> <p>24th TOM COGAN Organ <small>Sponsored by THE DOVE COMPANY</small></p> <p>31st ROMAN RUDNYTSKY Piano <small>Sponsored by THE HARE INN</small></p> |

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

LONG MELFORD



AUGUST

7th **SERENDIPITY** Wind Trio
Sponsored by DAVID BURR ESTATE AGENTS

14th **RACHEL BREEZE** Vocal
Songs from the Shows
Sponsored by THE GEORGE & DRAGON

21st **AHMED DICKINSON**
Spanish Guitar
Sponsored by THE CLOTHES LOUNGE

28th **SAM PLACKET DUO**
Jazz Guitar
Sponsored by THE BLACK LION HOTEL

For details of the individual programmes
visit The Church Website/What's On at
www.longmelfordchurch.com/arts

The Elgin String Quartet



THE ELGIN STRING QUARTET

return to

LISTON CHURCH

6 pm on Friday, 14th June 2024

with a fabulous programme to include

Orlando di Lasso, - Excerpts from the motets Prophetiae Sibyllarum
Valentin Silvestrov - Quartetto Piccolo (1961) : Icone (2004) - Adagio
César Frank (1822-1890) - String Quartet D major

ADMISSION BY DONATION: £15

Tickets available on the door or in advance from

Susi Morrow 07753 292919 / 01787 313331

susievelynmorrow@gmail.com

Refreshments will be served following the concert

PROCEEDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF LISTON CHURCH

SHARPENING SOLUTIONS & OPEN CHURCH

at Borley Church on
Saturday, 22nd June 2024
10 am - 2 pm

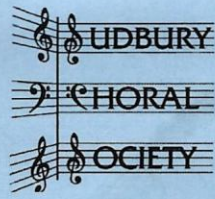
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WHAT CAN BE SHARPENED?

Almost anything that you cut with! Garden tools including shears, secateurs, hoes, spades, hedge trimmers & chain saws, kitchen implements such as knives/scissors

BORLEY BAKES WILL PROVIDE A SELECTION OF SWEET AND SAVOURY DELIGHTS TO EAT IN WITH TEA/COFFEE, OR TAKE HOME

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
SECRETARY4PCC@GMAIL.COM**

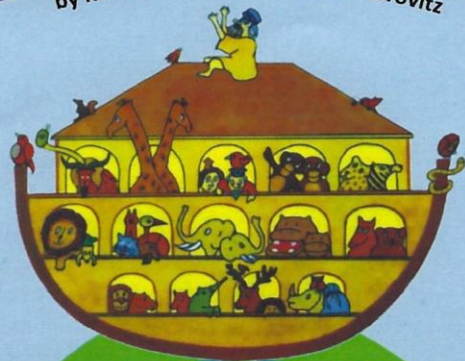


SUDBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

Sunday 23 June 2024 at 3pm
St Gregory's Church, Sudbury

CAPTAIN NOAH AND HIS FLOATING ZOO

by Michael Flanders & Joseph Horowitz



and other songs about Planet Earth

With ACTON CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR Conducted by Katy Hammond

Musical Director: John Chillingworth

Piano: Jill Garrett

Soprano: Jessica Edom-Carey

TICKETS: Adult £12, Children/Students £2
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Doors open and light refreshments available from 2.30pm

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