

March 2020 issue of Look-Out.

### **Parish Council News in brief...**

Our 28<sup>th</sup>. January meeting lasted 1½ hours, a little longer than expected as we had an inordinate number of planning applications to discuss. We didn't need any crowd control on this occasion, as there was only one member of the public present!

Everyone is invited to our meetings, please do come along as there may be something being discussed that may affect you.

We were joined by District Councillor Wendy Scattergood, a regular attendee at our meetings and I just wanted to say how appreciative we are that she, along with County Councillor David Finch, find the time to attend our meetings. Thank you to them both.

### **Village Pump.**

This has now been sand blasted and is awaiting final coats of paint. We are still working on the internal mechanism and if we can get it working, we will then look at accessing the water from the original well.

### **Additional Parking Church Road.**

No update at present from Highways, but they are still considering it.

### **Tree Planting on the Village Green.**

We now have three proposed dedicated trees, (*still room for one more – contact Diane Jacob*) and these will be planted in May this year.

### **VE Day Celebrations.**

A contribution of £300.00 has been granted to pay toward commemorative for the Street Party on Friday 8th May (Bank Holiday).

### **Nature Trail.**

The unveiling of the information display board will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup>. May. Without giving anything away, we can tell you it is very impressive.

### **General.**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>. March** at 7:30 in the Pavilion. Our agendas and minutes are posted on the village notice boards and are on-line, but if you can't get access to these and would like hard copies or in large print or in Braille, please let our Clerk know: Mrs Diane Jacob, tel: 07907 63 11 72 or e-mail: [wickhamstpauls@hotmail.com](mailto:wickhamstpauls@hotmail.com)

**2020 Dates of Parish Council Meetings:** All meetings commence at 7.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup>. March, 26<sup>th</sup>. May, 28<sup>th</sup>. July, 22<sup>nd</sup>. September, 24<sup>th</sup>. November

*Other news....*

### **Vacancy.**

We still have a vacancy for a **Parish Councillor** and welcome all qualifying residents to apply. No previous experience is necessary, as you will get the support from your fellow councillors and an opportunity, if you wish, to attend training courses. Its rewarding work and you will serve your community and influence local decisions. There are usually 6 meetings a year and they last for about 1½ hours. Interested and would like more information? Please contact Diane Jacob our Parish Clerk.

**Who do I contact?**

Here is a list of what your councils are responsible for and a guide of who to contact.

### **Wickham St. Pauls Parish Council Responsibilities:**

We hold bi-monthly meeting to discuss local matters with residents and our roles and duties include maintaining land we own (The Green), local planning advisory and support concerns and projects of residents. The *'first port of call'* is the Parish Clerk, but your Councillors are always there to offer assistance where we can.

Clerk: Diane Jacob, tel: 07907 63 11 72 e-mail: [wickhamstpauls@hotmail.com](mailto:wickhamstpauls@hotmail.com)  
Chairman: Derek Stokes tel: 01787 269284  
Vice-Chairman: Martin Cooper tel: 01787 269236  
Councillor: David Sear  
Councillor: Bev Trew  
Councillor: Janice Barlow

Wickham St Pauls Parish Council website: [www.e-voice.org.uk/wickham-st-pauls](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/wickham-st-pauls)

### **Braintree District Council Responsibilities:**

Some of the services they provide include refuse and recycling collections, street cleaning, enforcing environmental and other legislation, planning applications.

Your District Councillor for Stour Valley South is Mrs Wendy Scattergood.

Website: [www.braintree.gov.uk](http://www.braintree.gov.uk)  
Address: Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB  
Tel: 01376 552525  
Email: [csc@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:csc@braintree.gov.uk)

### **Essex County Council Responsibilities:**

Some of the services they provide include Highways, traffic management, libraries, adult and social care, education.

Your County Councillor is Mr David Finch.

Website: [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)  
Tel: 0345 743 0430  
Email: [contact@essex.gov.uk](mailto:contact@essex.gov.uk)

As all the above information is being published for the first time, there may be amendments in future issues, so please bear with us.

*General information....*

### **Bottle recycling outside the Victory Inn.**

This is done every alternate Tuesday, the next one will be the 3<sup>rd</sup>. March, 17<sup>th</sup>. March and so on. Sometimes the bins do overflow, so if you've got lots of glass to recycle, maybe wait until the bins have just been emptied.

### **Belchamp Morris - Looking forward**

There are no planned events in March, so we will be honing our skills with lots of practicing. If you are musically inclined or enjoy exercise and very good company, then do come and join us.

We practice on Monday nights at Belchamp St. Paul Community Hall from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Look us up on [belchampmorrismen.co.uk](http://belchampmorrismen.co.uk) email us at: [info@belchampmorrismen.co.uk](mailto:info@belchampmorrismen.co.uk)

## Flag Flying Programme.

1 March	Saint David's Day	St. David's
10 March	Birthday of the Earl of Wessex	Union
11 March	Commonwealth Day (2 <sup>nd</sup> . Monday in March)	Commonwealth
17 March	Saint Patrick's Day Northern Ireland	Union

The St. George flag will be flown most of the time in between other appointed flags.

The W.I. flag will be flown on the second Tuesday of each month and when there is the monthly Soup & Social at the village hall, providing it does not clash with other flags.

The Wickham St. Pauls flag will be flown when the cricket team plays at home and for our resident's special occasions.

A full list of our flag flying days is posted on the village notice board and on the W.St.P. website.

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