

May 2022 issue of Look-Out.

Parish Council News ...

We had a full complement of Parish Councillors and were joined by our County Councillor Peter Schwier and District Councillor Wendy Scattergood, our thanks to them both as we appreciate they have busy schedules.

We also had two member of the public attend who were concerned about traffic damage to the verges on School Road, which is being monitored.

It was a good productive meeting and it lasted just one hour.

Our minutes are posted on notice boards and on the website, but if you would like a hard copy, (also available in large print or Braille), please let our Clerk know: Mrs Diane Jacob, tel: 07907 63 11 72 or e-mail: parishclerk@wickhamstpaulsparishcouncil.org

News from the District Council.

BDC are to recruit three additional Enforcement Officers. The Community Grant has been cut to £1,000.00 across the 10 villages. The National Grid substation may be an issue in the area as it is going to be double in size and will be visible across the countryside. BDC are awaiting plans, to be presented later this year. Wendy Scattergood also announced her retirement next year. We all wish her well and thank her for her dedication over the last 20-years.

Other Parish news.

We had concerns that Footpath 22 was not being maintained as it should and we have been in touch with the land owner to request that the right of way is maintained.

If residents or ramblers have concerns about footpaths, they can either contact Highways direct by reporting it on-line or contact a Parish Councillor who will deal with it.

Twinstead Network Reinforcement.

The Parrish Council have submitted their concerns and recommendations to National Grid and to summarise they include:

Siting the compound some 50 metres further away from the A131.

Planting additional screening to the west of the compound, facing Wickham St. Pauls.

Recessing the compound by some 5m.

Consider running a public footpath alongside / around the compound area.

We also support the 12-page formal response submitted by the Stour Valley Underground.

Queens Platinum Jubilee 2nd to 5th June 2022.

We have ordered china Commemorative Mugs (made in Cornwall) to present to each household / child and with additional mugs where there is more than one child in the household.

As suggested by residents, we are also now planning to have a hog roast and drinks on the afternoon of Saturday 4th of June. We'll be putting notices up with full details.

The Post Office.

By the time you read this, our Post Office should be up and running again and a temporary Postmistress from Greenstead Green is filling in the post whilst a permanent replacement completes their training. Our thanks to the Post Office team for keeping us informed and we look forward to a new Post-Person in about 3 months time and hopefully back to the same opening times.

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. Your initial contact ideally is with your Parish Clerk, but your Councillors are always there to offer assistance where we can.

Our continued thanks to all our residents who do contact us direct with their concerns and suggestions and we will continue to address them to the best of our ability.

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Annual Parish Assembly.

Just another reminder that the event will take place on **Thursday 19th. May at 7 o'clock** in the Village Hall. Personal invitations have now been sent out to all residents.

The Parish Council will be hosting the event and representatives of all the community groups having been invited to give a brief introduction.

Its free to attend and a buffet will be provided by the W.I. and there will be soft drinks as well as wines and beers.

Please put the date in your diary.

Flag Flying Programme.

8 May	Victory in Europe V.E. Day	(1945)	Union
12 May	Manitoba Day	(1870)	Manitoba
13 May	Ontario Day	(1965)	Ontario
16/17 May	Relief of Mafeking	(1900)	Union
21 May	St. Helena Day	(1834)	St. Helena
21 May	W.St.P. Gentleman resident with the most birthdays		W.St.P.
27 May	Bermuda Day	(1707)	Bermuda
28 May	Battle of Goose Green	(1982)	Union
30 May	Anguilla Day	(1650)	Anguilla
31 May – 1 June	Battle of Jutland	(1916)	White Ensign

We have been flying the Ukrainian flag and will continue to do so in support of the Ukrainian people.

We fly some Commonwealth country flags and protectorates, particularly those that have the Union Jack canton.

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

Belchamp Morris (*including the 'Wickham Chapter'*).

We're in popular demand, (there's no accounting for people's taste!) and here are next batch of outings.

Great Maplestead Beer Festival	30 th . April.
Belchamp Fete	29 th . May.
Belchamp Otten Street Party	3 rd . June.

If you fancy a trip aboard (why should it only be the English that suffer?), then why not join us in **Normandy** 30th. July to 6th. August. There is ample time to be trained in the 'art' of traditional folk dance or if you can play an instrument, then join the band.

If you like to exercise and socialise then come and join us. It would be great to have **lady dancers** (they're so much better at it than men) and a **youth side** even better, as we're not getting any younger. We invite boys and girls to join us either for dancing or as musicians.

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 email us at: info@belchampmorrismen.co.uk