

October 2022 Look Out contribution.

Other Parish Council news.

The Parish Council have a **grant procedure**, so that any local organisation may apply for a grant / funding. There is an application form and guide available, please contact Diane our Clerk. The applications need to be received by the end of October, in order to be considered at our November meeting and if accepted, added to our 2023 / 2024 budget.

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Village Hall Pond Update.

We've been aiming to dredge the pond for several years now, but when we reach the ideal time, September, it's always got some water in. Anyway, this year being very dry and the pond being nearly empty, we had an extraordinary meeting on the 18th. August to discuss this and we agreed to go ahead and dredged it. Now it's a lot deeper, we are better prepared for any future droughts and it will support more wildlife.

We took out some 600 tons of silt and this was deposited in an old clay pit within the Parish at 'Wynches', our thanks to Paul and Catherine for taking the silt, not only did this keep the project cost down, but it is very fertile so has technically been recycled. We're looking forward to it filling up and then we can continue the planting.

Fireworks on Trafalgar Day Saturday 22nd. October

There will be a fireworks display on The Green starting at 7:15 p.m. and prior to that, (to raise your spirits), the Belchamp Morris will be performing outside the Victory Inn at 5:30 p.m.

For the celebration of this great naval victory, we will be flying the White Ensign and Nelson's signal flags, "*England expects that every man to do his duty*".

It's all **free to attend** and will make for a great evening for children and adults.

Reminder of the Fireworks Display.

We will send out reminders to residents to be aware for their animals and of course, please take care of any neighbour you have that may be sensitive to the noise. The fireworks should last for about 20-minutes. Any comments or concerns, please let your Councillors know.

Flag Flying Programme.

1 October	Tuvalu Day	(1997)	Tuvalu flag
10 October	Fiji Day	(1970)	Fiji flag
15 October	Battle of Agincourt	(1415)	St. Georges
21 October	Battle of Trafalgar	(1805)	Ensign + Signal flags
25 October	Battle of Balaklava	(1854)	Union
26 October	St. Cedd's Day (Essex County Day)	(664 A.D.)	Essex County
31 October	End of the Battle of Britain	(1940)	RAF

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

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

We fly some Commonwealth country flags, particularly those that have the Union Jack canton, as an acknowledgement of our proud British heritage.

The W.I. flag will be flown on the 2nd. Tuesday (meeting) and the 3rd. Friday ('Soup & Social' – Village Hall), of each month providing it does not clash with other flags.