Parish Council News ...

Our last meeting was on the 26th. May and was our first visual meeting, (oh the wonders of technology). A summary of the minutes will be in July's issue, however they are posted on notice boards and on the website and 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

Wickham St. Pauls Parish Council Responsibilities:

Your Councillors will continue with their duties and are also here to support residents where we can with issues caused by the Coronavirus. We receive information from Braintree District Council and Essex C.C. and from various government bodies on a daily basis and can pass this on to residents in hard copies or by email.

Please do not hesitate to contact us and please adhere to Government advice and stay safe.

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Other news....

V.E. Day Celebrations

The virus didn't get the better of us and our village roads and lanes were festooned with flags and bunting. The weather was perfect, clear skies and at +23°C, one of the warmest days this year. More importantly, were our residents out in force celebrating and catching up (at a safe distance of course) with neighbours and friends. Tom Broderick did a sterling job of playing the pipes and made the day even more special. He marched proudly, followed closely by a Corporal Jones lookalike (Dad's Army), from the Victory Inn, down all the roads and lanes, taking rousing cheers and refreshments along the way.

A special thanks to Pip Morton and family at Rosedene, for kick starting the street party and creating the enthusiasm that spread through the village. Her sons, Aston and Hughie, made newspaper headlines with their collage, it was brilliant, well done.

It was a great day and fingers crossed, we will have another party for V.J. Day Saturday 15th. August.

Belchamp Morris

We're still in lockdown and disappointed that we can't dance out yet because of the Coronavirus. Besides our usual festival and fetes, we were planning to tour Care Homes in Sudbury to entertain, (or some might say punish), the residents. That is on hold and maybe we can do it next year. They do say "the best-lain plans of mice and Morris men often go awry". And on that note, I digress to give you a bit of culture.

From Robert Burns' poem 'To a Mouse', 1786. It tells of how he, while ploughing a field, upturned a mouse's nest. The resulting poem is an apology to the mouse:

But, Mousie, thou art no thy lane [you aren't alone] In proving foresight may be vain:
The best laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft a-gley, [often go awry]

An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain, For promised joy.

Now back to the plot... We hope that the lockdown will end soon, in which case we may be able to attend the Summer Solstice at the Hawkden Queen 21st. June, do come and join us if it's on.

Look us up on belchampmorrismen.co.uk email us at: info@belchampmorrismen.co.uk

Flag Flying Programme.

31 May – 1June	Battle of Jutland	White Ensign
2 June	Coronation Day	Union
10 June	Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh	Union
12 June	Official celebration of Her Majesty's birthday	Royal Standard
14 June	Falklands Liberation	Falklands
15 June	Signing of the Magna Carta	3-lions
18 June	Battle of Waterloo	Union
21 June	Birthday of the Duke of Cambridge	Union
24 June	Armed Forces Day	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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