Littlebury Parish Press

w/c 25th May 2020

Don't forget to write...

Thank you for contributing your wonderful images and thoughts about living in this special corner of Essex to the Littlebury 2020 Album.

Please do carry on sending them in to

littleburylockdown@gmail.com

along with photos (landscape is best please) of your home, garden and family.

If you would prefer to give your thoughts over the phone, Please call Jo on 01799 520469.

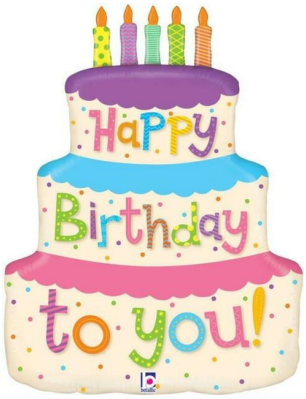


Thank you so much to everyone who helped Charlie to celebrate his birthday with wonderful signs, banners and balloons. It was lovely to walk around the village and feel a great sense of community; we are so grateful to you all.





Many Happy Returns to Natalie who is 21 on 27th May!



Tumbling Toms

These cherry tomatoes are easy to grow and ideal for a hanging basket, trough or tub. They like to be in a warm place, happy outdoors as well as in a greenhouse

Keep the compost moist and when tomatoes appear they like a bit of food - liquid seaweed or tomorite every week - 10 days.

If you fancy having a go - there are some plants ready to be potted on in the front garden at Granta House in the High Street - a donation of 25p will go to the church. There maybe some other plants too.



This is the last weekly newsletter for Littlebury Parish

With restrictions lifting and the situation stabilizing to some extend, it feels as though there is less of a need for a weekly update.

Up to date Parish information and news will continue to be available in our Parish magazine, 'Village Views', with the June edition due out next weekend.

Also: on our Parish website, www.littlebury.org.uk;

on the Littlebury Parish facebook group

and the Littlebury News and Banter WhatsApp group.

Littlebury Parish Council

There have been some changes taking place at Littlebury Recreation Ground. A new hedge is being planted and gate installed to replace the damaged posts and prevent unwanted access to the field. The old concrete hard standing has also been removed. The Parish Council hope this area may be suitable for some small allotments; if this is something that interests you or if you have other ideas or suggestions for how the area could be utilized please email clerk@littlebury.org.uk



This is one of several ongoing projects in the Parish—the Parish Council is also working with the community in Littlebury Green on plans to regenerate The Bumpy.



New fence at Littlebury Rec. 21 May 2020 Photos Gordon Ridgewell

In the longer term we are thinking about environmental and sustainability issues – for example whether there will be a need for electric car charging points to be situated in the village.

But we need your help! There are currently three vacancies on the Parish Council. This voluntary role is not onerous and is an excellent way to get involved in your community and to influence the way the Parish grows and develops. No previous skills or qualifications are necessary; councillors with a range of different enthusiasms, skills, attitudes and interests would better represent the community we serve.
To find out more, please email Tracy Coston, our Parish Clerk on **clerk@littlebury.org.uk**



Join us on Zoom on Friday the 29th May for a few hours of 'online catch up'
and a work out for the memory. "Doors" open at 7.30pm, bingo starts at 8 pm (note later start time)
This time we have based the Bingo numbers on 'Top Tens Through the Decades',
with a bit of help from 'Musicals' and 'Animated Movies' ...hopefully something for all the family.

To play, join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81668207263 Meeting ID: 816 6820 7263
If you need help setting up Zoom on your device we can talk you through it at a 'Social Distance'
so that you can join in the fun. For everything you need to play please contact Martyn Porter
at mail@martynporter.co.uk or 07973112616 before the event

Here's to another Littlebury Friday Night In….if you're feeling alone, join together

Dear Friends,

As many of you may know I like watching films. I find I can get rather emotional watching a sentimental film, more so than in everyday life sometimes.

An example of this is to be found in the film 'Up' by Pixar. The film centres on an elderly widower named Carl Fredricksen and an earnest boy-scout named Russell. By tying thousands of balloons to his house, Carl sets out to fulfil his dream to see the wilds of South America and complete a promise made to his late wife, Ellie.

It always makes me cry because it focus on our mortality and the temporariness of earthly love. However, I do like the idea of ascending into the heavens to explore new places where the sky is the limit.

Last Thursday the Church celebrated Ascension Day. The day that Jesus ascended into heaven with the promise that the Holy Spirit was on its way.

Jesus is lifted up, and the disciples are left gazing into the heavens until an angel admonishes, "Why do you stand looking toward heaven?" The angel promises Jesus' ultimate return, but that's not really the point. The point is that the disciples' mission and our own is right here—in our time and place and on our planet not some far off sphere. It is a lesson that I could learn well and I should try to root myself more in the present, with all it's joys and sorrows.

The point of Ascension is perspective. Rising to the clouds gives us a broader perspective on our lives and the planet. Rather than individualistic images of salvation and personal well-being, Ascension challenges us to bring heaven to earth, that is, to live Jesus' values in our world. As the Lord's Prayer proclaims, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." When we live from a higher perspective, we can transcend our own self-interest to embrace the well-being of the whole earth, including strangers, enemies, and the environment.

There is no better time to do this, than in our present circumstances. We have an opportunity to reshape the world around us and change our priorities for the better. Let's all seek to go 'up', to move upwards together and go nowhere else as we come out of lockdown.

love, Alex.

This week's Sunday service is now live and on our website and is suitable for everyone. It can be found by clicking on this link https://camvillages.org.uk/Groups/338298/This_week.aspx. Holy Grounds, our live after service coffee get together, is at 11.30am on Sunday morning. This Wednesday we also have our regular live Zoom Eucharist at 9.30am. Invites are available by email. Don't forget to visit our website for children's activities and to find out what else is going on. For more details email vicar.camvillages@gmail.com or website.camvillages@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has donated on Littlebury Village Hall's Just Giving Page. The total raised now stands at £425! This will help fund the running costs of the hall while there is no regular income from hirers. Your support is very much appreciated.

Littlebury Support Group

If you need help with shopping, posting of mail, prescription collections, dog walking or anything else, just call one of these numbers and they will put you in touch with a volunteer from our community. If you would like someone to call you every day or every few days to check if you need anything, or just for a chat, please let one of us know. To join the 'News and Banter' or 'Littlebury 999' group, send a WhatsApp message to Keith Winter .

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Extra Educational Expenses?

Jane Bradbury's Educational Foundation is a long-established local charity which provides grants to young people under the age of 25 for education-related activities and expenses. Grants, generally between £50 and £300 depending on demand and what is being applied for, are available to those living in Littlebury, Littlebury Green and Catmere End.

Next closing date for applications is 31st May.

If you think we can help you do get in touch

Louise Johnson (chair) 01799 522999, lou62johnson@gmail.com or Jane Appleby (clerk to the trustees) 01799523066, jane.appleby@btconnect.com

Find us on Facebook @littleburygrants or at www.littlebury.org.uk/community



Rogers & Hammerstein's timeless stage musical

The Sound of Music

featuring Carrie Underwood and Audra MacDonald will be available to watch for 48 hours from 7pm on Friday 22 May.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5AtR2jJjTs&feature=youtu.be&dm_i=1WT3%2C6VQO7%2CI804R9%2CRML6E%2C1

Walden Castle is lit up in blue every Thursday night to show public support for NHS staff and carers



Beginning Sunday 24 May: Glyndebourne Open House

OUR STAGE MAY BE DARK BUT, WITH YOUR HELP, THE FESTIVAL GOES ON…

Glyndebourne Open House throws open our doors to everyone, everywhere: join us at 5.00pm each Sunday and enjoy world-class opera in your living room for free.

In true Festival style, we hope you'll use this as an opportunity to make memories – dust off your finery, clink a glass with friends and family and be united with opera lovers from across the globe. We can't conjure the smell of the Glyndebourne roses or a view of the lake, but we can still create an experience to share.

HINTS AND TIPS FOR CREATING YOUR OWN FESTIVAL AT HOME FOR GLYNDEBOURNE OPEN HOUSE.

Michelin-starred chefs Chris and Jeff Galvin can't cook for us this summer, but they can inspire your Open House picnic. Try your hand at one of the Galvins signature dishes with the help of our Open House cooking demo – on Saturday 23 May, 11.00am, Restaurant Associates' Culinary Director David Simms will be teaching us how to make the perfect Apple Tarte Tatin. You can join the tutorial here.

A message from Saffron Hall: We are very pleased that neuroscientist Hannah Critchlow has agreed to record an online version of the talk she was scheduled to give at Saffron Hall a couple of weeks ago. We will be showing the talk at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27 May. It will be available to all ticket-holders for the original talk but if you don't yet have a ticket you can book one online now.
https://events.saffronhall.com/whats-on/view/an-evening-with-hannah-critchlow-1?utm_source=dotdigital&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_200522&dm_i=1WT3,6VQO7,I804R9,RMVHQ,1
Hannah Critchlow is the science outreach fellow at Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, and has been named a Top 100 UK scientist by the Science Council for her work in science communication. She is listed as one of the University of Cambridge's inspirational and successful women in science and appears regularly on TV, radio and at festivals to discuss and explore the brain.

Join Hannah for this online talk as she discusses the recent neuroscience challenging our concept of agency. We'll uncover just how much of our behaviour is predetermined and ask, is there anything we can do to alter our brain biology and better shape our futures?

Home to London or Cambridge Executive Commuter Service

Richmonds understand the concerns facing people returning to work on public transport, so we'd like to launch a London coach commuter service to support local people. According to the BBC, trains will only take a limited number of their usual capacity leaving commuters subject to queues at stations, delays and uncertainty about their journey. With our alternative, you could travel direct from your local village (or town) into the heart of London (M11 to Canary Wharf, onto key stops for the City to Embankment) on a pre-booked Richmonds executive coach, observing current social distancing guidelines. Passengers will sit by the window with one person per double seat in alternate rows.
Richmonds Executive Coaches have aircon, reclining seats, extended leg-room, toilet and hand-washing facilities with sanitising hand-gel at each door.

Our proposal: We aim to run an express service with convenient local departure points, With a travelling time of approx 1 hr 45 min, folding bike or commuter scooter allowed, enhanced coach cleaning regime (daily deep cleaning incl. anti-bacterial fogging with hard surfaces sanitised after every journey) enabling travel in guaranteed comfort knowing your socially distanced seat is pre-booked.

If you are interested in our coach commuter service, we'd appreciate your input to this short questionnaire.

This will help us develop a safe and efficient service that meets your commuting needs during the coronavirus situation.

A message from Essex County Council: What's the State of Life right now?

Hello, how are you? Honestly – we want to know. We'd like to find out how the current situation makes you feel about your work, health, money, other people, and life in general. This is your chance to make a difference by taking our quick survey. It shouldn't take longer than 8 minutes. We'll compare your answers to other national surveys to work out how life has changed recently and how we're all coping. The results will help us figure out what helps improve mental and physical health, and what support is needed during and after lockdown. This Information could even help direct money, materials and people to where they're really needed in the coming months. Thank you. https://bit.ly/StateOfLife

Local Art and Artists: If you have been drawing/painting/sculpting during lockdown and would like to sell some work please use the hashtag #saffronwaldenartists on Instagram. If you are interested in buying local artwork and supporting local artists then check out @saffronwaldenartists on Instagram.

Have your Say!

This survey is a great way for adults and children to contribute to how local governments will plan vital services post Covid-19
https://bit.ly/2zjMUJz

Cryptic Confectionary—answers to last week's quiz

1. Brown Fastenings—*Chocolate Buttons*
2. Clever little people—*Smarties*
3. Assorted girls—*Dolly Mixtures*
4. In a … far far away—*Galaxy*
5. Unreliable person—*Flake*
6. Tie your shoes—*Strawberry Laces*
7. Little dog—*Yorkie*
8. Toothless teddies—*Gummy Bears*
9. Lots of nice houses—*Quality Street*
10. Tiny baby chickens—*Mini Eggs*
11. Defeating the baddies—*Heroes*
12. Garden Plants—*Roses*
13. Messed it up—*Fudge*
14. 80s Music Artist—*Wham*
15. Arranged marriage—*Matchmakers*
16. Big red bus—*Double Decker*
17. Strike—*Skittles*
18. Insects can't sing—*Humbugs*
19. Dwarf jewels—*Midget gems*
20. They can't hear you—*Whisper*