



HOCKLEY NEWS

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THESE SHOES WERE MADE FOR MENDING

On 31st December, 2019, Roy Salmon and his wife Pat closed the door of their little shoe mender's shop in Spa Road for the last time and embarked on a well-earned retirement. In 1967 at the age of 16 Roy joined his father in his Wickford shop to learn the trade of shoe mending. In 1972 the business transferred to Hockley taking over what had previously been a launderette and before that the village post office. Over the years Roy's many talents have been called upon to undertake a number of unusual jobs. He has been asked to make

boots for horses (who apparently also have problems with their 'feet') and stitch horse blankets. He has also altered NHS hospital shoes which have to fit to the exact centimetre to benefit the wearer. In recent years Roy has seen shattering changes in the shoe trade with the rise in popularity of trainers and the increased use of plastics and the 'throw away' society. He recalls fondly shoes made from genuine leather and the challenge of bringing back to life those thought to be beyond repair by their owners. Roy and his exceptional skills as a shoe mender will be sorely missed in Hockley and the Parish Council wishes him and Pat a very long and happy retirement.



Hockley Christmas Lights 2019



The Parish Council would like to send a BIG thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, performers, emergency services and stallholders who helped make the event a success this year and the community of Hockley who came along to support us. The winners of the Children's Christmas Colouring competition switched on the Christmas lights with Sarah Tucker our special guest. Well done to all our youngsters. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon.



KEEPING FIT IN HOCKLEY

The Parish Council has been asked to install outdoor exercise equipment at Plumberow Mount Open Space. Ever mindful of the need for public well-being, we would like to hear the views of residents as to the proposal. **To do so please contact our Parish Office by the closing date of 28th February:**

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The Old Fire Station
58 Southend Road
Hockley SS5 4QH

Tel: 01702 207707 E. Mail enquiries@hockley-essex.gov.uk

Website www.hockley-essex.gov.uk

**The Old Fire Station (58 Southend Road, Essex SS5 4QH) is now a J9 centre.
We are open Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm.**

J9 is a discreet and innovative support network for domestic abuse victims. As part of this initiative, select staff from Hockley Parish Council have been trained to become contact points for those suffering domestic abuse.

Named in memory of Janine Mundy, who was killed in Cornwall by her estranged husband while he was on police bail, the J9 project involves offices displaying stickers in their windows to act as an indicator to victims that staff members are trained, and it is a safe space. Victims can then speak to someone at the premises, who will put them in touch with professional help at Safer Places, a local domestic abuse charity.



HOCKLEY'S TREES : HEALTH AND SAFETY SURVEY



Contractors working on behalf of the Parish Council have recently undertaken a survey of all trees growing in the council's open spaces. As a result, residents can expect to see tree work taking place over the next few weeks. Coppicing will also recommence at the Marylands Nature Reserve.

Rochford District Council partners with 'CHESS Homeless' to support rough sleepers

Rochford District Council is urging everyone to report rough sleepers so they can get the help and support they need, as the authority launches CHESS, a new service for local outreach work.

“To help someone you see sleeping rough, alert the Council's local services at StreetLink.org.uk



Chairman's News We have reached the point in the civic year when councils finalise their Budgets, and after an in-depth budget review, Full Council agreed to submit a Precept of £294,976. The Government Precept Support Grant has reduced over the past few years and came to an end last year. Although we have made savings where possible, there are areas where costs have increased and councillors felt that the maintenance of existing standards was very important. Additionally, to move Hockley forward, the council has approved further work to make significant improvements to the facilities in the village by way of providing new allotments, additional local policing, upgrading our play equipment and open spaces and taking on maintenance of the public toilets, which inevitably has an impact on expenditure. The council are also mindful that the library is still under threat and we must all continue our efforts to make full use of the facilities. Ultimately the yearly payment for the Parish Council portion of the Community Charge will show an increase on the previous year when the figures are confirmed.

The Parish Council has been pleased to support the Hockley Public Hall with a grant which has enabled them to completely replace the wooden flooring as part of an ongoing improvement programme at their community facility in Bullwood Road.



Finally, it was a very sad end to 2019 when we received news that Councillor Tim Gleadall had lost his battle with ill health. He was a dedicated councillor and popular local figure and will be very much missed. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Maureen and family.

Councillor Roy Martin

Local Elections May 2020

Do you want to do something within the village?
Do you want to help shape the village for the future?
Do you have a few hours per month spare?

In May 2020, the Parish Council will be having elections for Parish Councillors, any resident over the age of 18 is eligible to stand. Please contact the office for more information.

So, what is a Parish Council?

Provides Services

Keeping the village a place where people want to live and work



Partnership Working

Represents residents

Clerk to the Parish Council

HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCILLORS



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Cllr Brian HAZLEWOOD	01702 201 786
Cllr Shirley JAMES	01702 205 050
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Cllr Sue MARTIN	01702 202 750
Cllr Phil MEACHAM	07005 980 128
Cllr Veronica RANDALL (Vice Chairman)	01702 202 142
Cllr Barbara THOROGOOD	01702 203 748

Hockley East Ward

Cllr Nick BOXALL	01702 204 800
Cllr Mike CARTER	07958 707 070
Cllr Toni CARTER	01702 205 648
Cllr Brian O'SHEA	01702 204 334
Cllr Lesley VINGOE	01702 202 829

Full Parish Council Meetings: 27th January 2020; 23rd March 2020; 18th May 2020

Meetings are held at the Parish Hall Southend Road SS5 4QH and details are published on the website
Councillors hold a Parish Surgery at the Parish Hall on the 2nd Saturday of each month between 10am and 12pm

If you have any comments or enquiries, please contact Clerk to the Parish Council
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