

HOCKLEY

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"FIREBUG"

Snow Clearance Vehicle Trial



Essex Fire Authority are piloting a new emergency clearance vehicle in our area which will be based at Hawkwell Fire Station. The vehicle has a snow plough on the front and a water tank at the rear with the option of a gritter for salt/sand. The Fire Officers will be able to get to areas that are not easily accessible to a larger vehicle. The "FireBug" will also be available to deal with smaller emergency fire situations and will not affect normal fire service duties.

The proposed pilot area is Hockley, Hawkwell and part of Rayleigh. The Parish Council have suggested the vehicle could be useful at the following locations in Hockley: Doctors Surgeries; Elderly Residential Homes; Day Centre; Oak Lodge; Station Approach. If you wish others

to be added please let us know, however, do bear in mind it is not intended to use this vehicle to clear areas which are already covered by Essex Highways or Rochford District Council. If the pilot is considered successful, the ECC and the Fire Authority will purchase further vehicles for use across the county.

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CAN YOU BE SEEN IN THE DARK?

Hockley Parish Council has purchased High Visibility Arm Bands to give to children in Hockley. We have been supported with donations from Hockley Residents Association and Hockley Chamber of Trade and Commerce. These flashing arm bands are to make the wearer visible, especially when worn in the dark. Children walking to and from school or clubs will be easier seen by motorists. The bands can be worn on arms, legs or back packs. We will be offering these arm bands at the Village Market held at the Old Fire Station on the 2nd Saturday of each month.



If this venture is successful we hope to buy more.

These arm bands are not safety aids as cyclists need front and back lights at night on their bikes.

The Parish Council wish to thank the local Neighbourhood Police, Hockley Residents Association and Hockley Chamber of Trade and Commerce for their support.

Chairman's Corner

We are well into 2014 now and the council would like to thank everyone for their support during the year. Over the last few months our Finance Committee, alongside our Responsible Finance Officer, have been working on setting the Budget & Precept for 2014/15. Central government funding for councils has again been reduced and there are some difficult decisions to be made everywhere. However we are pleased to be able to say that with some careful planning, which will enable us to maintain and enhance our services, the council has arrived at a Precept figure of £244,524 for 2014/15. This will mean there should be no increase in the parish proportion of the council tax. We have put together some new ideas for you to consider and have aimed to focus on all sectors of the community in Hockley in an effort to improve the environment. A short consultation page can be found in this Newsletter and we would like you all to become involved by letting us know whether you would wish us to progress any of the proposed projects or, indeed, if there are any other ideas which we may be able to consider for the future.




Cllr. Roy Martin (chairman)



Hockley residents are invited to come along to the Old Fire Station for the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd April 2014 to meet Parish Councillors. This is your meeting where the Annual Report is presented and we would welcome your questions and comments. This will be followed at 8pm by the formal monthly Full Council Meeting.



Regards


Cllr Roy Martin
Chairman of the Council



Hall Committee Update

- ❖ Replacement of the water damaged flooring at the Old Fire Station is under way and the work will be completed shortly.
- ❖ Following the flooding last year, the renovation of the council office is now a priority. We are hopeful that our staff will be able to move back into the building very soon and the upper floor of the Parish Hall can be put back into shape ready to hire out again. Thank you to all who have co-operated with us during this time.
- ❖ The old garage by the side of the hall is to be replaced to give us more space for storage, and provide a covered area where the Parish Rangers can work.
- ❖ We are to renew one of the notice boards outside the Parish Hall. This will be used to display council information and enable us to utilise the other board for community events.

RESIDENTS CONSULTATION

Hockley Parish Council would like to have your views on proposed new projects

	YES	NO
Environmental Committee Consultation		
New equipment in the Plumberow Playspace		
New Planting by the Welcome to Hockley Signs		
Renovation of the seating in Spa Road		
Any additional comments:		
Festive Lighting Working Group Consultation		
Christmas Lights Switch-On Event (In addition to providing the festive lights in Hockley, would you like us to hold a 2014 lights switch-on event in the same style as last year)?		
Any additional comments:		
Special Events Working Group Consultation		
New Art and Music Festival (Proposed Art Trail in Hockley with Street Music Festival)		
Any additional comments:		

Please return to:
Hockley Parish Council, The Old Fire Station
58 Southend Road, Hockley
Essex SS5 4QH



The Council's Chain of Office

I have frequently been asked questions about the council's Civic Regalia which was commissioned in 1994 to mark the Hockley Parish Council's 100th anniversary. The central ceramic boss depicts the Hockley Woods and Woodsman, which can also be seen on the village sign and is secured by a heavy duty green ribbon. The reverse is engraved with the dates 1894 – 1994. Nineteen name bars of past Chairmen have been added to the ribbon over the last 20 years, giving an historic link to those who have held the office during that time.

What is civic regalia?

Civic regalia refers to the Chain of Office which the Chairman wears at official functions. Councils each have individually designed chains and it is an outward sign of the civic office. The importance of the council being noticed and identified by the community and media has never been more important these days. An appropriately designed badge of office is a very effective way of achieving this to enable the Council's voice to be heard on behalf of the local community.

Why does the Chairman have a chain?

The Chain is worn when attending Civic Functions at both County and District levels, Remembrance Services, and at presentations or other events to which we are invited. It is also worn at all Full Council Meetings and is passed on to each newly elected Chairman at the Council's year end in May. This year, we are to commission a badge of office for the Vice Chairman as there are often times when each official is asked to represent the council at separate events where both require proper insignia.

Cllr Roy Martin

Village Market

**At The Parish Hall Hockley –
9.30am to 12.30pm
HELD ON THE SECOND
SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
(excluding January)**

The Parish Council now run a new style Village Market at the Old Fire Station on the second Saturday of each month with stalls for bread and



cakes, fruit and vegetables, eggs and honey, preserves, plants, cards, haberdashery and materials, soft furnishings and gifts, fresh coffee beans and specialist teas, good quality bric-a-bac and a tool sharpening service. Come along to see what we have to offer and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea along with the opportunity to have a chat with your Councillors.



Hockley & Hawkwell Methodist Church

Main Road, Hockley

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

13th April: Palm Sunday – 10:30am Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza – All Age Worship

14th April: Monday – we look forward to joining our friends at St Theresa's Rochford for Ecumenical Stations of the cross – 8pm

17th April: Maundy Thursday – Rayleigh, Rochford and Hockley & Hawkwell Methodist Churches will be joining together for a Maundy Thursday Service at Rayleigh Methodist Church, 78 Eastwood Road, Rayleigh 8pm

18th April: Good Friday – Ecumenical Walk of witness, please come and join us, one and all, we meet 12 Noon on the pavement near Hockley Evangelical Church opposite Chandos, and we will walk and sing and give out palm crosses, finishing with a prayer and a blessing by the War Memorial, and Hot Cross Buns at Hockley & Hawkwell Methodist Church, Main Road (*Opposite Costcutters*). 3pm Liturgy of the Passion

20th April: Easter Sunday – 8:30am Easter Early Morning Communion, 10:30am Easter Morning Celebration



Environmental Committee Update

Street Lighting - Essex County Council's Part-Night Lighting

Essex County Council's Consultation closed in December and Rochford District Council advise that the street lighting changes are now in operation. Hockley Parish Council is responsible for around 300 street lights which are unaffected by the County Council's Part-Night Lighting Plans. You can identify all Parish lighting as the columns are marked with the letter 'P' on a green label. We are undertaking a rolling programme of replacing our existing lights with more efficient LED units.

Seat Replacement - The seat at the end of Woodlands Road has been replaced. Other seating in Spa Road is due to be repaired and repainted this year. Let us know if there are any other improvements to the street scene that you would like to see done so we can improve the general look in the village.

Marylands Nature Reserve - We have successfully obtained a £8500 grant from the Community Initiative Fund towards the cost of a new circular path in the nature reserve. Work has started on this and, weather permitting, you should see the path completed shortly.

Spa Road Planting Scheme - You will have noticed some new planting has taken place under the Railway Bridge in Spa Road which we hope will give an attractive display as the plants mature.

Playspace Equipment - We need to spruce up the equipment in Plumberow Playspace this year and have asked youngsters to give us some ideas for new items. Before we start this project we would appreciate your feedback on the consultation page which you will find in this newsletter.

Stibbard's

STIBBARD'S NEW PREMISES HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED THE ENTRANCE TO THE VILLAGE



BUS STOP ON THE MOVE

Bus stop has been moved to outside Spa Court due to development at previous site





Brian O'Shea is a CAVS Befriender Volunteer

Brian recently volunteered to become a Befriender and after a successful interview and receiving training he is now able to visit people in their own homes on a regular basis for a friendly chat to help them feel valued and part of the community. An area is allocated to each volunteer and the work only involves about 2 hours of your time a week. If you think you have the ability to become a Befriender and have some time to spare, please contact the CAVS Office on 01268 638416 who will be pleased to let you have further information.

Email: Ann.mariefordham@castlepointavs.org.uk



New planting at railway bridge



Highway Problems

- ❖ If you want to report a problem such as a pothole or broken streetlight
- ❖ If you want to track a problem you have already reported
- ❖ If you want to view problems that have already been reported to Essex Highways Department on an interactive map.

You can do so at:

www.essexhighways.org/View-it-track-it-report-it/View-reported-problems.aspx

Hockley Library Opening Times

Monday CLOSED – Tuesday 9am-5.30pm – Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 9am-5.30pm – Friday 9am-5.30pm
Saturday 9am-5.30pm – Sunday CLOSED

Rochford Library

Monday to Saturday 9am-6pm
Mobile Library visits Tuesday to Saturday, visiting many places within the area over a two week rota.

For details and information of services, up and coming events or other enquiries: Telephone: 0845 603 7628
www.essex.gov.uk/libraries – Email: answers.direct@essex.gov.uk

Don't forget we have free Internet access and computer tuition available.

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**FIND IDENTICAL EASTER EGGS
AND COLOUR THEM
WITH THE SAME COLOURS**

Star Patterns

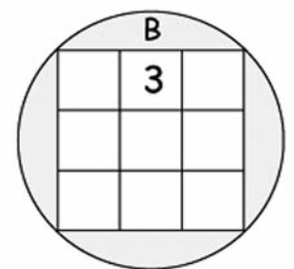
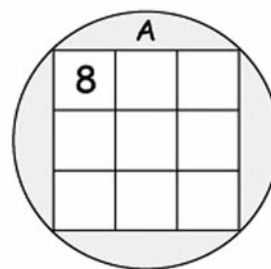
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Magic Squares

Fill in the numbers 1 to 9, so that every row, column and diagonal adds up to 15. You can use each number only once!



When using numbers 1 to 9, always put the 5 in the middle

HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Hockley Parish Councillors



Cllr. Roy Martin
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Chairman of Parish Council
Committees: Planning, Personnel
Finance, Hall Management
Working Groups: Festive Lights (Chairman)
Special Events



Cllr. Veronica Randall
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Committees: Finance (Chairman), Planning
Personnel, Hall Management, Environmental
Working Groups: Hockley News, Special Events



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Working Groups: Festive Lights



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Working Groups: Special Events (Chairman)
Festive Lights, Appeals Panel



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Hockley News



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Working Groups: Festive Lights, Special Events



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MEETINGS FOR 2013-14

Meetings start at 8pm with the exception of the Annual Assembly which commences at 7.30pm prior to the Council Meeting

MARCH 2014

Monday 17th Full Council

MAY 2014

Monday 19th Annual Meeting

APRIL 2014 at 7.30pm

Tuesday 22nd Annual Assembly

JUNE 2014

Monday To be confirmed

APRIL 2014 at 8.00pm

Tuesday 22nd Full Council

JULY 2014

Monday To be confirmed

ALL PARISH MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE OLD FIRE STATION

OFFICE OPENING TIMES: 9.30am-12.30pm

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

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