

# HOCKLEY

Early Spring

# News

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## Electoral Review of Rochford District

### ***New Boundaries***

Rochford District Council held a Consultation for residents on the new District Ward Boundaries for the Rochford area which closed on the 17th February 2015. The proposal for Hockley is to split the area into two wards Hockley and Hockley & Ashingdon with three District Councillors representing each ward.

The Parish have written expressing their concerns and we hope you have taken the opportunity to make your views known.



## Chairman's Corner

Feedback for the Festive Lights in Hockley has been positive and we hope you enjoyed the switch-on event which had an unbelievable turn out of people. The new stage and sound equipment arrangement was a major improvement, the entertainment programme was enjoyable, and the additional stalls provided more variety. Father Christmas chatted to children for 3 hours in his fabulous grotto prepared by Hockley library, and Punch & Judy played to packed audiences in the Parish Hall. Preparations for this year's switch-on event are already under way.

Our precept and budget for 2015/2016 has been finalised with a slight reduction from the previous year whilst retaining our level of services. The budget includes funds allocated to Grants and Awards for local organisations. It also provides funding to improve facilities for the community at the Old Fire Station, the street scene, nature reserves, footpaths, play areas and open spaces. It supports community events such as the Festive Lights, Hockley Art Trail and your regular newsletter.

We hope you will support and enjoy our new community events this year which include an Art Exhibition for local primary schools on 7th March and an Art Exhibition for local artists on the weekend of 18th/19th April, both events to be held at the Old Fire Station. The date has been set for our garden competitions, so time to get started on your designs. Of course, we will continue with our monthly Village Market now combined with a craft fair at the Old Fire Station.

Regards



Cllr Tim Gleadall (Chairman of the Council)



Cllr Tim Gleadall (chairman)

## COMMUNITY OLDER PERSONS EVENT (COPE)

### Council puts together special event to help older people 'Stay Safe'

The Rochford District Community Safety Partnership and Hockley Parish Council are inviting Hockley residents to a special event aimed at helping them to 'Stay Safe'.

The event, funded by Hockley Parish Council, is taking place on Wednesday 8th April 2015 from 10.45am to 3.30pm at Hockley Community Centre, Westminster Drive, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4XD and will have lots of different stalls and presentations offering advice and help for older residents.

#### ***Free transportation, refreshments and lunch are also on offer***

Whether you want to speak to the Fire Service, Essex Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Essex Trading Standards or Community Safety officers from the Council – they will all be on hand to offer advice and support on a number of issues aimed at helping older residents to stay safe. There will also be a wide range of other groups at the event too, including Pets As Therapy (bringing a therapy dog for cuddles!), Alzheimer's Society, Talking Newspapers and Papworth Trust, all offering help, advice and a friendly chat.

If you have elderly relatives who live in the District, or if you are an older person and want to find out more from experts in community safety then this is an event that can't be missed.

***To reserve your place at the Community Older Persons Event (COPE), please call the Rochford District Community Safety Team on 01702 318120.***



# St Peter and Paul Hockley Parish Church

*An invitation to celebrate Easter the traditional way at the ancient and beautiful Parish Church*

Palm Sunday 29th March

Good Friday 3rd April

Holy Saturday 4th April

Easter Sunday 5th April

*Blessing of the Palms and Mass, at 10.00am*

*Stations of the Cross, at 10.30am*

*Veneration of the Cross, at Midday*

*Vigil and First Mass of Easter, at 8.30pm*

*Festival Mass, at 10.00am*

*A warm welcome is extended to all*



## BRAMERTON ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

### *Easter Events*

**Saturday 21st March**

Easter 'Who let the Dads out?' – 10.30am

**Sunday 22nd March**

The Cross – A powerful message from Billy Graham – 6pm

**Thursday 2nd April**

Maundy Thursday Communion – 7pm

**Friday 3rd April**

Good Friday reflective service – 10am

**Sunday 5th April**

Easter Celebration – 10.30am

followed by Children's Egg Hunt

**Wednesday 29th April**

Messy Church 4pm



## Hockley & Hawkwell Methodist Church

Main Road, Hockley

### EASTER SERVICES

*Rev Phil Warrey*

29th March 10.30am – Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza

Good Friday 3rd April 3pm – A quiet time with readings and hymns

Sunday 5th April 8.30am – Communion led by Rev Phil Warrey  
followed by breakfast

Celebration Service 10.30am – led by Colin Turner

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS ROUND-UP



**CAB** – The Parish Council have successfully arranged for the CAB to run Drop In Advice Sessions at the Old Fire Station on the 2nd and 4th Weds monthly until August so our local residents have an opportunity to visit them if they have any issues they might like to discuss. The CAB will be putting out suitable advertising so keep an eye out. Times may change for future sessions.

**Water Leak** – The Parish Council has been in contact with Essex Water regarding water leaking onto the lay-by outside the Bank walkway as this has been getting progressively worse. We are pleased to report that Essex Water have traced the problem and repairs are underway at last.

**Neighbourhood Policing** – Steve Judd has expressed a wish to hear from residents if you have any matters you wish to discuss he can be reached on 07710 046161.



**ECM** – Essex Community Messaging. **Keep informed** about the kind of crime and policing issues affect you. **Sign up** for free at [www.essex.police.uk/ecm](http://www.essex.police.uk/ecm) to receive accurate and up-to-date community safety information and crime prevention. **Choose** to receive this information via email, text or voice message. **Select** what information you would like to receive – based on where you live, work, go to school or socialise, such as scams, internet crime or rural crime. **Play** an active role in helping to keep crime down in your community whilst keeping up-to-date with what's going on around you.

## Hockley Art Exhibition and Art Trail 2015

Hockley's first Art Trail in 2014 was a great success for artists, traders and residents. Following positive feedback, Hockley Parish Council has been asked to organise another Art Trail in 2015. Furthermore, the Parish Council has been requested to hold a new Art Exhibition for local artists plus an Art Exhibition for local primary schools and academies.

**The Art Exhibition for primary schools** has been arranged for Saturday 7th March 2015 between 10:00am and 3:00pm at the Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley. The event is free to the public and light refreshments will be available for purchase.

**The Art Exhibition** will be held over the weekend of 18th and 19th April at the Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley and will allow a number of local artists to exhibit and possibly sell their artwork. Many forms of art will be on display, including oil, watercolour, acrylic, pastel and pencil. Entry to the exhibition will be free for the viewing public. An event programme giving details of artists and their artwork will be available from participating artists, local shops and Hockley Parish Council office.

**The Art Trail** will be held over 3 days between 2nd and 4th July and will be spread across approximately 30 venues in Hockley town centre. The Trail will showcase a variety of artwork by local artists and art groups, and is likely to include paintings, photography, ceramics, sculptures and jewellery. Entry to the event will be free for the viewing public. An event programme and trail map, providing details of artists, art forms and venues, will be available from participating exhibitors, local shops, Hockley Library and Hockley Parish Council office.

**Further details of both events can be obtained from Councillors Tim Gleadall (01702 201688), Veronica Randall (01702 202142) or Sue Martin (01702 202750).**

## Christmas Lights 2014

A large crowd turned up for the annual Christmas Lights Switch On in November and the rain held off for us. Rochford Rotary came along with Santa and new sleigh and the Children's Competition attracted 141 entries this year. Our appreciation and thanks go to everyone who supported and took part. We have been asked to run the event again in 2015 and the Festive Lights Committee start work in February. If you wish to be involved or have any ideas which we can consider please get in touch with the Parish Clerk on 01702 207707 or any Committee Member. You will find more photos on our website.

A team of volunteers from the National Citizens Service helped our Marshals at the lights. The NCS programme gives young people aged 16-17 years the chance to learn important skills, give back to the community and achieve recognisable accreditation at the same time. And it's great FUN! For general information call 01245 201161 or email: [ncs.east@reed.co.uk](mailto:ncs.east@reed.co.uk).

Winners of the Children's Competition were asked to make and decorate a Christmas tree mobile this year.

A team of volunteers from the National Citizens Service



# FUN PAGE

## WORDSEARCH

### Roald Dahl Characters

G E O R G E F V E D C W B X Z  
A G B U J F E D C F H Y H F L  
F M T M W F L Y N N A D R T G  
O D M R T A I J W T R D H V P  
Z V N H R R O W X K L H B G F  
C D R O L I U I Q C I E S X Z  
O D C P R G W T C V E H J U I  
K M K P L P Y C T T Y J A O L  
M C D Y S X Z H I F B V M H A  
J R G V B W I E C R O J E R D  
Q F F H B D T S E P R D S V L  
N M J O B R C E H W Z D G U I  
K O P L X W Q S T I W T E H T  
E R T Y D G Y H B G F T R E A  
W I L L Y W O N K A A S E D M

MATILDA

CHARLIE

WILLY WONKA

BFG

DANNY

THE TWITS

GEORGE

JAMES

WITCHES

MR FOX

MR HOPPY

GIRAFFE

Clues may run forwards, backwards, diagonally, up or down. Some may overlap or even be backwards!

SPOT THE DOG

## VILLAGE MARKET & CRAFT STALLS At The Parish Hall Hockley



HELD ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH  
(EXCLUDING JANUARY)

HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL host a Village Market offering fresh produce and Craft Stalls at the Parish Hall "The Old Fire Station" every second Saturday of the month from 9.30am to 12.30pm. We aim to bring you locally sourced produce and crafts and are always looking to add to the choice on offer. The market is within walking distance of the village centre and proceeds go towards supporting local charities.

This is also an opportunity to meet with your Parish Councillors who will be available should you wish to have a chat. We look forward to seeing you there.

Local Sellers  
Fresh Produce  
Craft Stalls  
Refreshments

Contact: Hockley Parish Council 01702 207707  
[enquiries@hockley-essex.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hockley-essex.gov.uk)



## FIREWORK DONATIONS FROM HOCKLEY TRADERS

Alpine Taxis  
Andy's Computers  
Terence Guy  
C. K. Blinds  
Twinkle  
365 Security  
Sunrise Health Shop  
Danielle's  
Karen Castle Opticians  
First Choice  
Stibbards

Hockley Flooring  
Hockley Dental Surgery  
Christine's  
Lily Janes  
Active Sports Models  
Hockley Flower Shop  
Elmswood Pharmacy  
Walters & Stanton  
Hair Parlour  
Spa Newsagency

Elegance  
Donovan's  
Ronnies  
Chemicrest  
Harrisons Bistro  
Blue Meringue  
Hockley Dental Care  
Co-op Funeral Services  
Sainsbury's  
SDN Prints  
Hockley Pharmacy

## Parish Hall Hockley 'The Old Fire Station'



**The Parish Hall** is a unique venue centrally situated in Hockley, set in a former Fire Station. This community facility offers a choice of two rooms for hire, suitable for a wide range of meetings, activities and functions.



- ❖ The ground floor holds up to 50 people.
- ❖ The first floor is fully carpeted and holds up to 30 people.
- ❖ Facilities for the disabled are located on the ground floor with easy access from the main entrance.
- ❖ A hearing loop facility is installed.
- ❖ Limited parking is available at the front of the hall with a large public car park immediately opposite which is free after 1pm on Saturdays.
- ❖ Licensed for music
- ❖ A strictly no smoking venue

The Hall is available for hire every day of the week, including Sundays, with the exception of Bank Holidays. Block Bookings may be discounted and grants for local charities towards the cost of hire will be considered by the Parish Council, upon application to the Clerk on 01702 207707.

**For details of availability, please contact;**  
**Hall Manager: Nicola Findley O'Riordan 01702 205340**  
email [bookings@hockley-essex.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@hockley-essex.gov.uk)

**The Parish Hall is located at 58 Southend Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4QH**



## Gardening Competition

*Why not enter your garden this year? Entry forms are available from the Parish Office at the Old Fire Station 58 Southend Road, Hockley.*



## NEW SHOPS IN HOCKLEY

Village Cafe  
&  
Strictly Come Tanning



# HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Hockley Parish Councillors

### CENTRAL WARD



**CHAIRMAN**  
Cllr. Tim Gleadall  
t. 01702 20 16 88

Committees: Personnel, Festive Lights Planning, Environmental, Hall and Premises Community Resilience  
Working Groups: Special Events  
Delegate: Hockley Residents Association



**VICE-CHAIRMAN**  
Cllr. Veronica Randall  
t. 01702 20 21 42

Committees: Personnel (chairman), Finance, Planning, Hall and Premises  
Working Groups: Hockley News, Special Events  
Delegate: Neighbourhood Police Crime Prevention Panel, Massive Youth Club



Cllr. Mark Anderson  
t. 01702 20 48 79

Committees: Finance, Environmental, Planning Hall and Premises, Festive Lights  
Working Groups: Special Events (chairman),  
Delegate: Massive Youth Club, Appeals Panel



Cllr. Toni Carter  
t. 01702 20 56 48

Committees: Environmental, Festive Lights  
Working Groups: Hockley News



Cllr. Steve Chelmsford  
t. 01702 20 01 78

Committees: Planning (chairman)  
Hall and Premises, Festive Lights  
Grants Panel, Appeals Panel



Cllr. Shirley James  
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Committees: Planning, Personnel, Finance, Hall and Premises, Environmental, Festive Lights, Innovations  
Working Groups: Hockley News (C), Special Events  
Delegate: 55+ Social Centre, Hockley Traders Neighbourhood Police, Passenger Transport Rep, CAB



Cllr. Sue Martin  
t. 01702 20 27 50

Committees: Hall and Premises (chairman)  
Personnel, Finance, Festive Lights  
Community Initiatives  
Working Groups: Special Events Innovations  
Delegate: 55+ Social Centre



Cllr. Brian O'Shea  
t. 01702 20 43 34

Committees: Environmental, Personnel  
Delegate: Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils



Cllr. Lesley Vingoe  
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Committees: Personnel, Environmental  
Community Resilience  
Delegate: Town Team, Grants Panel, Hockley Public Hall

### NORTH WARD



Cllr. Mike Carter  
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Committees: Planning, Environmental  
Festive Lights  
Working Groups: Hockley News



Cllr. Richard Amner  
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## Hockley Parish Councillors

### WEST WARD



Cllr. Roy Martin  
t. 01702 20 27 50

Committees: Finance (chairman), Innovations Hall and Premises, Community Initiatives  
Festive Lights (chairman)  
Delegate: Hockley Community Centre  
Rochford Hundred Association, EALC Executive Member, Essex Standards of Practice Panel



Cllr. Brian Hazlewood  
t. 01702 20 17 86

Committees: Environmental (chairman)  
Finance, Hall and Premises  
Delegate: Rochford Hundred Association  
EALC Executive Member



Cllr. Phil Meacham  
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Committees: Finance, Innovations  
Delegate: Town Team, Member of Appeals Panel

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## MEETINGS FOR 2015

Meetings start at 7.30pm with the exception of the Annual Assembly which commences on Tuesday 12th May at 7.00pm

<b>APRIL 2015</b>	<b>JULY 2015</b>
Monday 20th Full Council	Monday TBA Full Council
<b>MAY 2015</b>	<b>AUGUST 2015</b>
Tuesday 12th Annual Assembly	Monday TBA Full Council
<b>JUNE 2015</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 2015</b>
Monday TBA Full Council	Monday TBA Full Council

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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