

## **Additional News regarding Essex County Council for Parish Council - Subsequent to Monthly Report of May/June 2019**

### **Cllr Penny Channer – Essex County Council – 24 June 2019**

#### ***Essex History Group: Thames Sailing Barges – Past, Present & Future***

Due to popular demand the above have made the September Essex History Group talks available to book early.

John Rayment from the Thames Sailing Barge Trust will be giving a talk on the history of the Thames sailing barge and how the Thames Sailing Barge Trust has for 70 years preserved and operated a number of these iconic vessels at its base on the River Blackwater at Maldon.

The Essex History Group meets at Essex Record Office for talks on varied historical subjects. There is no formal membership and all are welcome. Talks start at 10.30am, with refreshments before and after. The lecture theatre is accessible to people in wheelchairs and has an induction loop.

Both talks are on Tuesday 3rd September and are available to book on the website.

#### ***Essex Fostering Newsletter - Summer edition***

The edition of the above is out now.

The Foster Service had a successful Foster Care Fortnight campaign and now have several families in the process of becoming foster carers which is absolutely wonderful.

More foster carers are still needed to provide loving, safe and stable homes to some of the most vulnerable children in our county.

If you think this could be you, then please pop along to one of the events this summer. If you have any questions or would like to speak to the friendly team give the team a call on : 0800 801 530.

The upcoming information events which are informal and where you can meet the friendly team, ask any questions, find out more about the children that need fostering and talk to experienced foster carers are listed below:

- Saturday 22 June, 11.00am-1.00pm - Colchester, Holiday Inn, CO6 3QL
- Saturday 29 June, 11.00am-1.00pm - Basildon, Holiday Inn, SS14 3DG
- Saturday 6 July, 1.30pm-3.30pm - Chelmsford, Broomfield Village Hall, CM1 7AH
- Saturday 14 September, 11.00am-1.00pm - Basildon, Holiday Inn, SS14 3DG

- Saturday 21 September, 11.00am-1.00pm - Chelmsford, Essex County Cricket Club, CM2 0PG
- Saturday 28 September, 11.00am-1.00pm - Harlow, Latton Bush Centre, CM18 7BL
- Saturday 28 September, 11.00am-1.00pm - Colchester, Holiday Inn, CO6 3QL
- Saturday 12 October, 11.00am-1.00pm - Braintree, Roundwood Garden Centre & Café, CM7 5LJ   ACL Essex is nationally recognised as the 4th best provider for our exceptional GCSE English pass rates - 86%.

### ***ACL News Letter is out now***

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Need to brush up on your English & maths skills before enrolling on a GCSE? We have free\* English and maths courses that will help to improve your confidence and gain a qualification.

Taster Courses for £5 - There's still time to book on the Spring into Summer fun and fast taster courses in Basildon. It's an opportunity to make and create, learn, share and try before you buy, either on your own or with friends.

This exciting event is taking place from Monday 8th to Friday 12th July at ACL Basildon.

Each session is just £5 and you can book as many as you like!

### ***Superfast Essex wins national award for superfast broadband delivery***

The Superfast Essex programme has been crowned the connectivity project of the year in the national Connected Britain Awards 2019.

Essex County Council's broadband improvement programme won the Superfast Award, beating seven other entrants shortlisted for the same category, and was recognised for the achievement at one of the biggest events in the UK for the telecommunications industry.

Representatives from the Superfast Essex programme team were presented with a glass trophy at the Business Design Centre, in London, on Tuesday 18th June, on

the first day of the two-day Connected Britain Conference which organisers Total Telecom describe as 'where the UK's biggest players in connectivity meet'.

The prestigious award was open to all operators, altnets, superfast projects and local authorities working on urban and rural connectivity projects to recognise achievements made between December 2017 and February 2019. It was judged by an impressive panel of 11 industry experts.

This is the seventh external industry award the Superfast Essex programme has entered in the last three years. It has been shortlisted for all of them, but this is the first award the programme has won.

**FURTHER ITEMS FOR OF INFORMATION:**

**Bus Passenger News** can be seen from the following link:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKESSEX/bulletins/24da3cd>

**Consultation regarding the use of Concessionary Fares regarding Essex County Council run Park and Ride** - <https://www.essexhighways.org/Getting-Around/Bus/Supported-bus-services.aspx>