**ESSEX CLERKS’ ASSOCIATION UPDATE – JULY 2021**

Just before you put your feet up for a well-earned rest, here is a quick update on events and other support opportunities from the Essex Clerks’ Association.

As you know, we’re here to help, guide and support you in your important – yet difficult and lonely - role, so please don’t hesitate to contact one of the Executive Committee members below if you need help or advice.

1. **Clerks’ Information Updates**

The next Clerks’ Information Update – and the first one for the new academic year - will be held on **Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 5.00 p.m.** This will be a **virtual** meeting, using Zoom, which seems to work very well.

Future meetings – at the moment all planned to be virtual, using Zoom, will be as follows:
 **Thursday 13 January 2022 at 5.00 p.m.**

 **Tuesday 26 April 2022 at 5.00 p.m. – also the ECA Annual General Meeting**

As always, **every** Clerk is welcome to attend these Information Update meetings, which are completely **FREE** to you as a Clerk, but please register your interest **prior to the meeting** with our Secretary, Sue Leek at secretary@essexclerks.org.  You will then be sent the Zoom link in due course.

1. **Annual Clerks’ Conference**

Our Annual Conference will be held on **TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2021** at the JobServe Community Stadium (formerly Weston Homes), Colchester, CO4 5JS from 9.00am until after lunch [which is included] at around 1.30 p.m.

Our Guest Speaker will be **Pam Langmead**, who is well-known to many Essex Clerks and is highly experienced and respected in school governance and is an excellent presenter. Pam will speak on the theme “The Trinity of Headteacher, Chair of Governors and Clerk”, and there will be supporting workshops, as set out on the attached flyer.

We hope to see you there, but please **reserve your place NOW** - send your name, school(s) and contact e-mail to bookings@essexclerks.org by **Friday 17 September 2021** at the latest**.**

1. **Essex Clerks’ Association**

Here is the current ECA Executive Committee, for the period to the 2022 AGM on 26 April 2022.:

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| Chair | Tina Weavers | chair@essexclerks.org |
| Vice-Chair | Chris Orme |  |
| Treasurer & Conference lead | Marion Myers | treasurer@essexclerks.org |
| Minutes Secretary | Sue Leek | secretary@essexclerks.org |
| Membership Secretary | Peter Bates | membership@essexclerks.org |
| Communications Officer | Angela Fuller | communications@essexclerks.org |
| Member | Wendy Newton |  |
| Member | Karen Willis |  |
| Member | Emma Simmons |  |
| Member | Lorraine Cross |  |
| Website | Tina & Angela |  |

We are grateful to those schools that subscribe to ECA to enable us to provide support to all Clerks throughout the geographical area of Essex.  Please encourage your school(s) to subscribe, so that we can continue to support you in your important role.

If you would like to support the work of the Association please let our Treasurer, Marion Myers, know on treasurer@essexclerks.org: the current subscription is just £15 p.a., with the membership year from 1 April. School Business Managers have been sent a proforma invoice for 2021/2022: please remind your school about the subscription, just in case it has been overlooked, and let us know if you would like another one to ensure your school(s) support the work of the Association.

If you know of a Clerk in geographical Essex (including Southend and Thurrock) who would like to be added to our distribution list; if your details have changed; or if you no longer wish to receive our messages [or if you are lucky enough to receive them more than once!], please let our Membership Secretary (Peter Bates) know on membership@essexclerks.org. Thanks!

***Don’t forget that you can find the latest governance news, plus many useful documents on the ECA website:*** *www.essexclerks.org*

***Keep checking – and STAY SAFE!!***

**ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY!!**

Peter Bates

Membership Secretary

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