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

With this brief newsletter we bring some sad news… and some **GREAT NEWS** too.

1. **Annual Clerks’ Conference**

Firstly, the sad news… Disappointingly, because of low numbers due to Covid and pressures on schools [and Clerks!] etc., we have had to change our plans and have reluctantly decided to **CANCEL** our 2021 Annual Conference that was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 19 October 2021.

However, the **great news** is that we have re-arranged the Conference for **THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022** – again at the JobServe Community Stadium (formerly Weston Homes), Colchester from 9.00am until after lunch - which is included - at around 1.00 p.m.

Everything else remains the same as in previous years and our Guest Speaker, **Pam Langmead** has already confirmed for next May. Pamis well-known to many Essex Clerks and is highly experienced and respected in school governance and is an excellent speaker.

Help us make this conference a memorable one by registering your interest by emailing: [bookings@essexclerks.org](about:blank). Further details of the workshops etc. will follow in due course, but please **reserve your place NOW!** A flyer is attached to whet your appetite!

1. **Clerks’ Information Updates**

The next Clerks’ Information Update will be held on **Thursday 13 January 2022 at 5.00 p.m.** The meeting will, again, be a virtual meeting using Zoom, which appears to have been so well received previously.

Our Summer term 2022 Information Update - and the Annual General Meeting of the Association – will be held using Zoom on **Thursday 21 April 2022 at 5.00 p.m.**

As always, **every** Clerk is welcome to attend these 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](about:blank).

1. **Essex Clerks’ Association**

The ECA Executive Committee is as follows:

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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](about:blank): 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](about:blank). Thanks!

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.

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

***Keep checking – and STAY SAFE!!***

Peter Bates

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