**ESSEX CLERKS’ ASSOCIATION UPDATE – JANUARY 2022**

**Happy New Year!!**

**Welcome to 2022: we hope things improve for us all!**

1. **Clerks’ Information Updates**

Our first Clerks’ Information Update for the New Year 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. We look forward to “seeing” you there!

Our Summer term Information Update - and the Annual General Meeting of the Association – will again 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.

1. **Annual Clerks’ Conference**

You will know that we have re-arranged our Annual Clerks’ Conference to **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. Unless the Covid situation dictates, this will be a real meeting – and hopefully not by Zoom!!

Everything else remains the same as in previous years and **Pam Langmead** will be our Guest Speaker. Pamis well-known to many Essex Clerks and is highly experienced and respected in school governance and is an excellent speaker. We are so pleased she is able to be with us.

Help us make this conference a memorable one by registering your interest by emailing: bookings@essexclerks.org. Further details of the workshops etc. will follow in due course, but please **reserve your place NOW!**

1. **Essex Clerks’ Association**

The ECA Executive Committee [until the AGM on 21 April 2022] is as follows:

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| Chair | Tina Weavers | chair@essexclerks.org |
| Vice-Chair | Chris Orme |  |
| Treasurer and 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 | hello@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.

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!

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*

***Keep checking – and STAY SAFE!!***

Peter Bates

Membership Secretary

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