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The EALC would like to thank Vaughtons for this years sponsorship which has supplied a £200 cash prize and a silver salver.



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The EALC would like to thank A & J Lighting for this years sponsorship which has supplied champagne, wine, chocolates and a £50 cash prize for the raffle.

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Thank you to David Jackman for taking photographs at the 2014 event, photographs will be available on the EALC Website.



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### County Broadband

The EALC would like to thank County Broadband for providing the PA system for this event in 2014. This helps the EALC staff by providing this professional service.

The Essex Association wish to formally thank Essex County Council both Officers and Staff, for the support provided to the EALC, Parish, Village, Community and Town Councils across Essex.

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# COUNTY UPDATE

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## Annual Competitions & Awards 2014



## Vaughton Council of the Year 2014

### Congratulations to the winner Rayleigh Town Council

The Chairman of Rayleigh attends over 150 functions every year at this hard working Council. The Council is demonstrating how a committed team care about the area and the community providing superb service. With a professional team of Staff and Councillors they are Council of the year 2014.

The Council has supported firework displays, worked with the museum, provided Christmas lights attracting 4,000 people, 60 charity and commercial stalls and all 10 schools provided entertainment. Also its work on the Armed Forces Day, St.Georges Day Service (including the local school band), annual heritage exhibition, market weekly, and much much more...



### Buckingham Palace Garden Party Award

The award goes to Cllr Henry Bass, past Chairman of Wickham Bishops Parish Council. Cllr Bass has been a Councillor for 38 years and is passionate about the village and the welfare of the residents. He has been a driving force in fundraising and motivation in respect of the village hall development.

### Clavering Parish Council Village of the Year Award

Essex Village of the Year and Best Kept Village Competition hosted by the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) receive the commendation from the EALC recognising success.

### Annual Awards

The Annual Competitions have changed in 2014, and this year we asked Councils to complete a single form. From this we were able to look at all the hard work that Councils around Essex achieve. To make it a level playing field small Councils were awarded additional points, thus acknowledging that larger Councils have more funds, resources and staff. From all the forms, Rayleigh Town Council was judged to give a fantastic service to the community.



## Innovative Development/New Projects Award Sponsored by Sheppard Electrical



### Winner - Galleywood Parish Council

Galleywood Parish Council is awarded £100 for all their hard work in the creation of a Heritage Centre, their work on the Good Neighbour project and support for theatre group, pride in our Village, Parish Council Competition, the Parish Councils Silver Jubilee Celebration and the WW1 commemorative project and much more.

**Congratulations to Galleywood**

## The Acumen Wages Service Award for Community Work



### Winner - Kelvedon Parish Council

Kelvedon is awarded £100 to acknowledge all its hard work including the grant to new village hall, hosting a carol service, a new skate park, supporting the playgroup to stay open and many more.

### Winner - Springfield Parish Council

Springfield Parish Council is awarded £100 for the community garden project, community show for older people, planning weekly activity afternoons, superb work with the youth and much more.

**Congratulations to both Councils**

## Special Achievement Award sponsored by A&J Lighting



### Winner - Chrishall Parish Council

The award is made for the hard work and commitment of a very small Council with big ambitions. For purchasing the Methodist Chapel to refurbish and use as a village hall, renovating the sports pavilion and providing new play equipment and much more. Chrishall receives £200 from A&J Lighting.

**Congratulations to Chrishall**

## The Chairmans Gavel Award:



Chairman may attend 3 days especially to support the role. There are 6 modules to complete, once completed EALC will present the "Chairmans Gavel Award" to the attendee.

In 2013-2014 the award was made to the following Chairman:

Cllr Eddie Dray - Rayleigh TC  
Cllr Corinne Eves - Shalford PC  
Cllr Angie Driscoll - Birchanger PC

Currently there are 36 councillors who have attended 1 or 2 days.

Covering: Chairing a Meeting, Professional Conduct, the Public and the Media, Conduct and Challenging Issues, Chairing a Challenging Meeting and Visionary Leadership.

## The Certificate in Local Council Administration:



The CiLCA is the basic qualification for all Clerks. It is delivered in Essex through the "Essex Equals" training package. Candidates gain the CiLCA by successful compilation of a portfolio evidencing good practice.

Clerks who have attained the Clerks Qualification this year:

Diana Jacobs - Wakes Colne PC  
Shirley Golding - Saffron Walden TC  
Jane Dukes - Wendens Ambo PC  
Diane Scrivener - Hawkwell PC  
Lynne Farquhar - West Horndon PC

Hannah Mayes - Danbury PC  
Suzanne Walker - Gt. Notley PC  
Laurie Wiebe - Heybridge PC  
Martique Freathy - Feering PC

## Short Courses:

Peripatetic Courses



During the past year our short course programme has proved as popular as ever with some 12 Councils undertaking "in house" training. The modules cover many aspects of Council process and procedures and for new Councillors they are an excellent way of learning about their new role, and for established Councillors a way of keeping abreast with changes. Courses can be specially written to suit a Council's specific needs but these are subject to additional charges. Contact Linda Golding for details.

Councils undertaken short courses this year:

Danbury Pc  
Stanway PC  
Birchanger PC  
Hockley PC

St Lawrence PC  
Chappel PC  
Ramsden Crays PC  
Chigwell PC

Thaxted PC  
Ramsden & Parkeston PC



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