



March 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> Edition)

Welcome to the first edition of the quarterly newsletter. We have created this newsletter to keep Muslims of Colchester informed of developments in your local Mosque.

### Message from the CICA Management Committee

Assalaamu'alaikum Brothers & Sisters,

With the grace of Allah and the support of the members, we are pleased to have, in November 2019, been elected to serve the Mosque. We promise to act in good faith and want to be transparent to all worshippers. We would like to ask worshippers to sign up and become members of the Mosque which will allow us to keep in contact with ongoing developments, upcoming events and volunteering opportunities. Although we have been elected to serve the Mosque, we need the dua's and support of all worshippers.

Wasalaam,

Koysor, Lokman, Misbah, Faisal, Rashed, Dilu, Abdul, Numan & Hussain

### CICA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN

If you want to become a member of the CICA, please fill out a membership form, which can be obtained from the Management Committee.

*Membership fees are £20 per person until next General Meeting*

### Mosque Extension Update

As you may be aware, the extension was delayed due to various issues that had arisen. In particular the poor workmanship of the previous builder. We are pursuing him to try and seek repayment of the monies paid to him.

We consulted the local authority who provided their comments. We also discussed the matter with a number of members of CICA. We thank them for their comments and the Management Committee have now agreed on a plan of action.

Unfortunately, the local authority would not let the extension proceed without demolishing the faulty build. Demolition of that part has already begun, which has added an extra cost.

We are hoping for the extension to be completed as soon as possible and will continue to update you throughout together with details of cost. Due to this extra cost, we kindly ask everyone to donate to the build.

During this build we kindly ask that no one park behind the mosque as it will interfere with the builders work and cause delay.

### CHILDREN'S MAKTAB

Islamic Children Classes are now running at the Mosque every Saturday and Sunday 10:30am to 1:00pm

If you would like your child/children to attend, please complete an Application form which can be obtained from the Imaams.

Fees: £25 per month for First Child then £20 per child per month for Second Child onwards

All teachers are qualified and are DBS checked. We also have a female teacher for the older girls

## Other News

### Alhamdulillah!

A young sister studying at the University of Essex found Islam through Muslim friends. She took Shahada at Colchester Mosque with many Muslims in attendance from the community ISOC members and those from the University. May Allah bless her in life and make it easy for her. We should all support new Muslims and make them feel welcome and help them.

### Alhamdulillah!

A Columbian reverted brother and his recently reverted wife completed their Nikkah recently. They had a walima after the "connect with Allah" event. May Allah bless them with a happy marriage.

### Open Days

We have had Schools come and visit the mosque where they could learn about Islam. This was very well received by teachers and students who had many questions!

- CICA are planning to start a health advocacy service in the near future
- CICA also became a member of **Citizen Colchester**
- The Management Committee undertake a weekly cleaning of the toilet and whudu area as well as regular cleaning of the mosque. If you would like to help, let us know

CICA have open lessons where all are welcome:

- Seerah Classes are held every Wednesday after Esha
- Mens Quran lessons every day after Fajr
- Building Gratitude Seminar held every month
- Female Quran lessons every Monday

Please let us know if you have any ideas of classes you'd like to see at the CICA.

**CICA Services:** We undertake Nikkah and Janazah Services. Let us know what other services you'd like to see.

**Ramadhan 2020:** Ramadhan is approaching us, and we must prepare for the blessed month. CICA hold free Iftar every day and welcome anyone who wishes to come and join us. We will have a list on the notice board nearer the time for anyone who would like to donate food for Iftar.

**Jumah Times: 1<sup>st</sup> Jamaat (12:30pm) / 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamaat (1:30pm)**

## Meet the New Management Committee

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the mosque, please contact any of the Management Committee below:



**Koysoor Chowdhury**  
(Chairman)



**Lokman Ali**  
(Vice-Chairman)



**Misbah Uddin**  
(General Secretary)



**Faisal Kamal Ahmed**  
(Assistant Secretary)



**Rashed Ujjaman**  
(Dawah Secretary)



**Dilu Miah**  
(Treasurer)



**Abdul Mutakabbir**  
(Assistant Treasurer)



**Abdullah Al Numan**  
(Public Relations)



**Hussain Ahmed**  
(Equality Officer)