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It's not just what you can do for your village, it's what your village can do for you!

What facilities would you like the Parish Council to invest in going forward?

Boreham Parish Council receive Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding. The CIL funding is there to be spent on making improvements or repairs to facilities or amenities which will benefit the community.

We would like to hear your ideas on what you would like your Parish Council to fund in the future.

Please e-mail the Parish Office on borehampc@hotmail.com headed Boreham Future with your suggestions.

Please bear in mind, a Parish Council cannot fund other public services such as healthcare, schools and churches or benefit an individual.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Chairman, John Galley



How things have once again changed for everybody since the December issue. At the start of the New Year, the country entered its third lockdown in less than a year. The rollout of the Covid-19 vaccination got well underway with two vaccines approved for use. Hopefully by the time this issue lands on your doormat, everyone vulnerable and over 50 will have been offered the vaccine and the return to normality will be in clear sight.

In December, we said goodbye to our Assistant Clerk, Justine who after three years with us, decided she was ready to take on more hours and has gone to work for a larger Parish Council. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success in her new role. Our new Assistant Clerk, Jo Penson joined us in December and has already settled smoothly into the role.

The Parish Council has just purchased some new litter bins and a new noticeboard for the Recreation Ground, so look out for these to be installed shortly. We are also progressing well with the refurbishment of the Toddler Play Area by the Village Hall with quotations received and decisions over what play equipment will work best as well as a new all-weather surface to enable use all year round being considered. We hope to have more news on this very soon.

We received temporary Planning Permission for the new portacabin back in December too, and I'm sure most of you will have noticed the new facility that was delivered to the Recreation Ground in January. The office is not quite finished as we are adding cladding to the bottom of the portacabin, erecting high fencing around the outside and will screen the outside with planters and shrubs.

A new gate has also been ordered to replace the broken gate to the Main Road entrance to the Recreation Ground. This will be installed at the same time as the fencing to the portacabin, so you should not have too much longer to wait to be able to use this entrance once again.

We have booked Play in the Park sessions for summer 2021 and are hopeful that they will be allowed to go ahead this summer. This summer's sessions will take place on Tuesday 3rd August and Monday 9th August and there will be a morning session and afternoon session on both these days (10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm). Further details will be advertised nearer the time.

We are holding ongoing discussions with the Essex Highways regarding the A12 Widening and the Boreham Interchange and will keep all residents updated of the changes as they become available.

Finally, the Parish Council are delighted to report that it has been able to freeze the Annual Precept for the parish for 2021/22. This precept will result in an average Band D charge to each property in Boreham of £63.09 (the Band D charge for each property for 2020/21 was £65.60). This is a decrease of £2.51 per household.

We look forward to a return to normality and the coming months.

John Galley

Be a Community Special Constable in Boreham

A Boreham Community Special Constable will:

Be integrated into a Community Policing Team

Start and end their duty as close to their community as possible, potentially from another agency's premises

Spend the majority of their time within the council area's neighbourhoods.

Be visible and accessible in local communities on uniformed, foot or cycle patrol.

Help address local issues and priorities as informed by the local council and police intelligence-led tasking.

Patrol hot spots identified through intelligence or which have been deemed to be priority areas.

Respond to police-related incidents within the council area.

Engage with local communities and support further recruitment of Specials.

Attend suitable local council meetings where available to do so.

Have regard to the Council's aims and objectives in their voluntary service.

So, if you're interested in really looking after your little piece of the world please submit an application to Essex Police or contact the Parish Office for further information. Boreham would love to have you as part of their community team and we'd love to help you keep your area safe.

News from Cllr John Spence



As most residents know, I combine my time as a County Councillor representing Boreham and the rest of my division – my primary responsibility – with being Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care. Since my last article, the latter has involved numerous stretching, painful and even unprecedented tasks. Inter alia, we had the sudden surge in infections at year-end; the subsequent crisis in our hospitals necessitating the creation of new facilities for Covid-positive discharges; challenges of care home visiting, outbreaks and resulting resilience and viability; the development of a country-leading test, track and trace regime; supporting the NHS vaccination programme; and now, the return to school – the list goes on.

Alongside this, we are all alive to the wider repercussions of the virus. Increased loneliness and social isolation, contributing to the all-age surge in mental illness we have seen; the impact on areas of deprivation; and more subtly, the collapse in levels of the meaningful physical activity so essential to physical and mental wellbeing. Again, the list is lengthy, and we are reminded of the need to make this roadmap truly irreversible. Covid levels in Essex had reduced massively at the start of the schools return and some reversal is always on the cards. To ensure we can maintain progress, please maintain the discipline of HANDS FACE SPACE.

Returning to Boreham itself, my mailbag has had both familiar themes and new topics. Weeks of rain at the start of the year caused flooding on the main road which has been addressed, but severe weather is creating another epidemic – this time of potholes and road defects. We know footpaths and pavements still need attention.

Yet for Boreham too, my main activity has been strategic. At a macro level, we all support the major infrastructure development – the A12 widening, the NE bypass and the new station. But the interests of our community must be safeguarded. The implications of road widening on households, issues of parking around and traffic volumes related to the station and, above all, the design of the new Junction 19 are front of mind. In the time between my writing this article and the newsletter crossing your threshold, I will have convened and participated in further meetings.

Best wishes for a healthy and increasingly liberated Spring and Summer.

John Spence

Update from David Stocks, the Parish Council Village Volunteer

Hello everybody, just a small piece this month. I hope by the time you get to read this I will have finished edging the path along the main road. Again, I would like to thank you for the nice comments you have given to me while I have been doing the path.

Can I please ask you to clean up after your dog and put the waste in the dog litter bins provided around the village as I have seen a lot that has not been cleaned up. As you all know it is not a very nice job for me and my workmates to go round the village and pick up, so let's try and make it a nice place for us all to live in.

David Stocks

Boreham Community Speedwatch

Boreham Community Speedwatch enters it's 5th year of operations in 2021 and we are hoping to resume monitoring of Plantation & Church Roads sometime in the weeks ahead.

In the meantime, we continue to monitor the download figures taken from the two Speed Indicator Devices (SID) positioned in Church & Plantation Roads.

The figures for the two roads in a single direction for 2020 were:

Church Road Total Cars 452,662 32% Cars Speeding

47,745 cars in prosecution zone

Plantation Total Cars 281,142 47% Cars Speeding

48,112 cars in prosecution zone

Based on these figures, Church Road has just short of 1 million cars per year and Plantation around 500,000 per year. 2020 had less traffic due to Covid restrictions so normal figures will be far higher.

We are looking for more potential volunteers to join speedwatch in the coming weeks so if you are interested then please e-mail borehamcsw@gmail.com or contact the parish clerk.

Please reduce your speed around the village and help make it a safer place.

Take care and Stay Safe.

Cllr Jeff Rice, Boreham Speedwatch Lead

Boreham Neighbourhood Plan Update

There has been steady progress on the Boreham Neighbourhood Plan. The steering group has been joined by several new members who have all been trained in neighbourhood planning. They are now fully engaged in updating the project timelines for finalising the Neighbourhood Plan.

We have also obtained a grant from the Rural Community Council of Essex to create a new website and we are focusing on the delivery of the new, more accessible site which is scheduled to go live towards the end of May. The website will give a complete picture of the work which has been completed to date. It will also provide all members of the community an opportunity to participate in the completion of the Boreham Neighbourhood Plan.

In addition to the reporting progress on the Neighbourhood Plan, we want the website to promote the best of Boreham. With that in mind, we are partnering with One Boreham (Boreham's local volunteer group) to run a competition for the best photographs from our community. The winning entries will be used on the Boreham Neighbourhood Plan website. (Please see Best of Boreham below).

Best of Boreham

Calling all photographers! If you have a flare for a good photo please help us showcase the Best of Boreham on our local websites. One Boreham, in partnership with Boreham Neighbourhood Plan is inviting photographers to enter a competition to photograph the things we like best about Boreham.

We are offering prizes for the best photos in the following categories: a) Boreham landmarks; b) Historic buildings; c) Local wildlife; d) Scenic views; e) Our neighbourhood; and f) Young photographer – best photograph by a photographer of 15 years or younger.

There will be additional prizes for any photo used on the Boreham Neighbourhood Plan website or any other village website. Please send your entries to One Boreham (borehamcovid19@outlook.com) no later than 10th May 2021. Title your email One Boreham Photography Competition followed by the name of the category you are entering (e.g. local wildlife). In text please give your name and, if you are entering the young photographer category, your age, and attach your photograph. Please only attach one photo per email. You may enter more than once.

Nigel Brown, Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

News from Cllr Linda Reed

<u>Our Climate in crisis</u>

In January the Essex Association of Local Councils held a virtual Climate Crisis Conference. The event was attended by county, town, city and parish councillors representing communities from across Essex, including Boreham Parish Council. The focus of the day was understanding the issues relating to climate change and what can be done to address them. The presenters outlined the causes and impacts of climate change and a wide range of local initiatives to address them.

Background

Under the 2015 Paris Agreement, nearly 200 countries, including the UK, agreed to limit the rise in average global temperatures to less than 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial times. This is deemed necessary to avoid the worst effects of climate change. In 2019, the UK was the first major economy to legislate for net zero carbon emissions with a target date to reach this by the end of 2050.

Unfortunately, we are not on track to meet either of these targets. Temperatures have already risen by about 1.2C since the Industrial Revolution and the rate of temperature rise is increasing. According to the UN, greenhouse gas emissions reached a new high in 2019, putting us on track for an average temperature rise of at least 3C this century. These higher temperatures are changing the global climate and producing more frequent extreme weather events. As a result, a survey in 50 countries, involving 1.2 million responses, found that 64% believed climate change to be a global emergency.

What can we do?

The average annual carbon footprint per person across the globe is currently around 5 metric tonnes but in developed economies such as the UK emissions are closer to 15 tonnes per person. So this year, we are all being challenged to reduce our emissions by one tonne. This would get us back on track to meet government targets.

Many local councils in Essex have declared a climate emergency and are working on measures to reduce their carbon footprint. They are dealing with the effects of climate change on their environment by: planting trees; addressing seasonal flooding; encouraging use of renewable energy; reducing car use, improving the environment for wildlife, seeding wildflower meadows, growing food, installing nesting boxes etc. These activities have brought communities together and provided amenity areas which people and wildlife can enjoy. In many cases the results have exceeded expectations.

Boreham Parish Council wants to help our community reduce its carbon footprint and improve the environment for parishioners and wildlife. We are inviting members of the Boreham community to join us to generate ideas for addressing climate change and the impacts it is having at a local level. We will then select the most promising

initiatives and deliver them together. We want you to join us. Help us to identify potential projects and engage the Boreham community to agree local priorities.

If you are passionate about the environment and wish to join the Boreham Parish Council initiative on climate change, please let us know by contacting the Parish Clerk (borehampc@hotmail.com).

Help our Hedgehogs

This spring, spare a thought for our hedgehogs. They are emerging from hibernation and looking for food. They are great garden helpers – eating slugs and snails – but sometimes appreciate help in the form of tinned cat or dog food. Consider giving hedgehogs access between your garden and your neighbour's by creating a small hole in your fence to make a 'hedgehog highway'.



BOREHAM DOCTORS SURGERY

The COVID Vaccination Programme for the Patients at Sidney House & The Laurels Surgery

The Surgery was not designated as a vaccination centre and therefore was not able to offer the vaccine at either of our surgeries.

We were very pleased however to be partnered with Danbury Medical Centre (part of the Beacon Health Group) who have been providing COVID vaccinations to our eligible registered Patients. This has included housebound Patients, and those residing in Nursing and Care Homes.

So far 3,681 of our Patients have received their first dose of the vaccine (at various vaccination centres) and 40 have declined. We are now starting to see some of our Patients receiving their second vaccine.

We politely ask that those Patients yet to be invited for their second vaccine not to call the Surgery, but wait to be contacted. Thank you for your cooperation.

1st doses given up to and including 10.03.21

Group		No of patients vaccinated	%
	Housebound patients	45	
1	Care home residents	86	93.5
2a	Age Group 80+	514	94.7
2b	HSCW	32	75.6
3	Age Group 75 - 79	437	92.8
4a	Age Group 70 - 74	599	93.2
4b	COVID19 high risk	276	91.4
5	Age Group 65 - 69	550	92.3
6	Age 16-64 at risk (i.e. with underlying health conditions)	626	82.2
7	Age Group 60 - 64	356	65.6
8	Age Group 55 - 59	80	12.9
9	Age Group 50 - 54	81	12.6

Alexandra Jones
Operations Manager
Sidney House & The Laurels surgeries

BOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Assistant Clerk: Jo Penson
Telephone: 01245 469941, **Email:** borehampc@hotmail.com;
Website: www.borehamparishcouncil.co.uk

Parish Office –
The Parish Office remains open but for limited hours due to social distancing so please make an appointment first by contacting the clerk via email.

Your Parish Councillors:

Chairman: Mr John Galley, 5 Falkland Close, CM3 3DD, telephone: 01245 467633
Vice Chairman: Mr Jeff Rice, 24 Juniper Road, CM3 3DB, telephone: 01245 465778
Mrs Karen Cherry, 7, Hurrell Down, CM3 3JP, telephone: 01245 264451

Mrs Gilly Cooch, 3 Seabrook Gardens, CM3 3BX, telephone: 01245 467517
Mrs Daniela Crick, 22 Boleyn Way, Boreham, CM3 3JL, telephone: 01245 451148
Mr Peter Elkington, 56 Church Road, Boreham, CM3 3BW

Mr Anthony Leach, 13 Claypits Road, CM3 3BZ, telephone: 01245 468541
Linda Reed, Whitegates, Waltham Road, CM3 3AY, telephone: 01245 467216
Mrs Emma Stammers 25 Church Road, CM3 3BN, telephone 07545 759509

Parish Council Meetings are currently held by Zoom but will revert back to face to face meetings as soon as it is safe to do so. Please see the Boreham Parish Council website for the latest details:

Planning Meetings at 7.00 pm on: - 12 and 26 April 2021, 10 and 24 May 2021, 7 and 21 June 2021.
Parish Council Meetings at 7.30 pm on the first Monday in the Month (unless it is a Bank Holiday): - 12 April 2021, 10 May 2021 and 7 June 2021.

Parish Meeting at 7.30pm on 19 April 2021

Boreham Recreation Ground Charity Meeting at 7.30pm on 21 June 2021

You are very welcome to join us at any of our meetings. Details, including agendas and minutes, are available on the Boreham Parish Council website www.borehamparishcouncil.co.uk or on the village noticeboards.

We are hoping to restart the **Parish Walks** this summer and have provisionally scheduled them to take place on the following Sundays: 4th July - Toppinghoe Wood, 1st August - Paper Mill Lock and 12th September – River Chelmer. Everybody is welcome and will start from the Village Hall at 2pm. Each walk is approximately 4 miles and takes about 2 hours. Refreshments at the end will be dependent on social distancing restrictions in place at the time.

BOREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

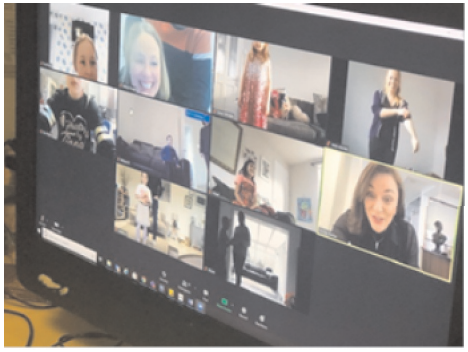
BOREHAM SCHOOL

STRICTLY COMES TO BOREHAM!

In February, Boreham Primary School celebrated Children's Mental Health Week by inviting Strictly Come Dancing chief judge, Shirley Ballas to join them. The theme for the week was 'Express Yourself' and what better way to do so, than dance! Shirley Ballas led online dance sessions for every class as well as leading inspirational talks to some of our families and all of our staff too.

Ian Bowyer, Headteacher at Boreham Primary School, said: "We are aware of Shirley's commitment to supporting a variety of mental health charities and are absolutely thrilled that she has worked with our children during Children's Mental Health Week. Our children will always remember this rewarding and fun experience and we cannot thank Shirley enough. We also hope that it will encourage more of our children to have the self-confidence to enjoy and express themselves through dance."







Ian Bowyer
Headteacher
Boreham Primary School

ST. ANDREW'S BOREHAM WOMAN'S GUILD

It is unknow as to whether we can resume back to our normal meets. In the meantime, we would like to wish you all well and stay safe.

Members are asked to help in some way with fund raising efforts of the Church. The Guild is responsible for pulpit

flowers on Easter Day and Christmas Day.

For further information contact:

Mrs B Jones – Leader 01245 467788

Mrs K Traynier – Treasurer 01245 467434

Mrs J Keeble – Secretary 01245 467503

BOREHAM ART CIRCLE

During lockdown members have had offers of Zoom or Youtube demonstrations to encourage us while meeting up is not possible.

We have emailed our members and there seems to be a majority who would prefer afternoon meetings instead of one afternoon and one evening each month. Therefore, with fingers crossed, the Village Hall has been booked to start from October with meetings held on the second Wednesday afternoon and the last Wednesday afternoon of each month commencing at 2pm. They will be a combination of social painting, demonstrations and workshops. Subscriptions will remain as before:-

Annual subscription is just £25. Visitors pay £3 for a demonstration and £10 for a workshop.

Further details will be available later in the year or see our website:-

http://www.e-voice.org.uk/borehamartcircle

Cheryl Cook Tel: 01245 467787

BOREHAM GARDENING CLUB

We usually meet in the village hall on the second Thursday each month at 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 p.m.

Due to the current government Covid 19 restrictions it does not look as if we will be able to meet in the Village Hall for the time being. The room we usually meet in would not be able to accommodate more than 15 people, including a speaker so until restrictions are relaxed regarding numbers and social distancing, we will not be able to meet indoors.

But we are now planning to meet in a member's garden from 7.00pm on Thursday 24th June for social catch up with tea and cake. We are then planning to resume meetings on our normal meeting day with visits to other gardens as we normally would during July and August and possibly September. We are then hoping that restrictions will allow us to meet in the village hall again for meetings with speakers.

All members will be notified what is planned by email in due course.

In the meantime, enjoy your gardens and hopefully some good gardening weather.

If you are not a member and would like to be notified of when we are able to meet again, please contact **Lynn on Tel: 01245 463490 or at mannlynn15@gmail.com**

BOREHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The local police liaison officer has reported that residential burglaries are still in decline during lockdown but car thefts are on the increase and Ford ST models seem to be a particular target. If you see anyone in the act of breaking into a car or house please dial 999 immediately.

If anyone would like to join the Boreham Neighbourhood Watch Group, please email me at karenrowan@hotmail.com or telephone 01245 467598. I am still looking at setting up a Boreham NHW WhatsApp group for instant dissemination of local alerts/information, but as yet have not had much interest. If you would like to join this initiative please contact me for further information.

ALWAYS DIAL 999 FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY AND 101 TO REPORT INFORMATION ...

NHW WEBSITE HAS DETAILS OF INFORMATION FOR VARIOUS ISSUES, INCLUDING COPIES OF NEWSLETTERS ETC.

https://www.chelmsfordneighbourhoodwatch.org.uk/

Karen Rowan
Boreham NHW Co-ordinator

BOREHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Carpet Bowls Committee hope all our Members are fit and well. We will be in touch with you all as soon as we have any news about the re-opening of the Village Hall. Let's hope we can get back bowling soon."

Jean Sharp Secretary (467540)

BOREHAM OUTDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Unfortunately, due to restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic, we have been unable to finalise our plans for the coming season.

During the lockdown the green and surroundings are being well maintained to ensure that we will be ready when the situation is made clear.

I am sure that we are all encouraged by the news of a Covid vaccine and I hope that this development will enable us all to be back to normal in the months to come.

Further details regarding our plans for 2021 will be made in due course, but in the meantime we will all be doing our best to ensure that we will be bowling again and enjoying the company of our members and local teams.

We are keen to welcome ladies and gentlemen of all ages, beginners and experienced players to join our friendly club, so please look out for details of our open day to be announced when the situation allows.

For further details please contact our **Captain Brian Court on 467555** or visit our website **www.borehambowlingclub.org.uk**

ALLOTMENTS

Church Field Allotments - Waltham Road

We do not have any empty plots at present but if you would like to have your name added to our waiting list please contact Glenn King via email: gking4@btinternet.com
Glenn, Nikki, Neil – "Church Fields Allotment Association"

Lion Inn Allotments – Main Road

There are 12 allotment plots leased to the Parish Council by the Lion Inn and located in the Lion Inn car park. These are smaller than the Church Field allotments. Currently there are no vacant plots although they do come up from time to time. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list please contact Jo Penson in the Boreham Parish Office borehampc@hotmail.com to register your interest.

EDWARD BEAR GROUP

Edward Bear is a group for babies and preschool children normally held in St Andrew's Church in Boreham every Tuesday morning.

However due to Covid restrictions Edward Bear has had to move online for now!

There is now an Edward Bear Facebook page and every Tuesday morning an Edward Bear Service is posted with a story and songs to sing/dance along to! An activity sheet and colouring pictures are also posted for you to print and colour at home.

Be part of the fun and come and join us!!

Details: Gabrielle Lello 07711 887360

Email: gabrielle@edwardbear.co.uk

Facebook: Edward Bear Group, Boreham



SMALL STEPS PRESCHOOL

Small Steps Preschool is a committee run preschool employing a highly qualified, small team of practitioners who are committed to providing the highest quality of care to local children. We are also a registered charity and are lucky to have two experienced SENCO members of staff. We believe in the importance of early intervention and are experienced in making referrals to other agencies to ensure support is in place.

We work closely with and have excellent links with the local Primary School, organising Stay and Play sessions for those going up to school and the head visiting to read to the children and meet parents. Our transition preparation for children moving up to school has been fine tuned and is regularly praised by parents and the school alike.

We are registered and approved by Ofsted who rated our provision as Good in December 2019 in all areas for our provision of care for children aged between 2-5 years. Ofsted said "Children thoroughly enjoy their time at pre-school. They are very excited to engage in the wide range of stimulating and creative activities and resources that staff provide each day. Children challenge themselves and are highly motivated to learn."

We regularly invite outside individuals in to enhance our provision, we have had a Beekeeper visit, Pyjama Drama, Great Baddow Tennis Club and we have rebooked a Mobile Petting Zoo with exotic animals such as an African Land Snail for the children to handle if they wish. We have regular events for parents and the community such as our BBQ and Open Mornings where parents can play alongside their children and have the chance to meet their child's key worker.

All staff have the opportunity to participate in continual professional development, most recently: Early Excellence courses in Outdoor Provision has led to us starting our own Forest School Style sessions (Small Steps into Nature) as we have a range of outdoor areas at our disposal. The Recreation Ground has a secure outdoor area directly behind our light and spacious hall which we share with the general public under strict supervision from staff. We also use the Scout and Guide Hut HQ grounds where we have our Mud Kitchen, rope swings, log stepping-stones and garden areas for planting and digging. Last May 4 staff members and the Committee chair completed their First Aid Paediatric training which goes far beyond statutory requirements.

Our Baby and Toddler Group runs on Wednesday mornings for self-weighing, messy play, stories and rhymes and refreshments. No need to book, this runs from 9.30 to 11.30am and costs just £2, all are welcome.

Current hours are Monday; 9.15-12.15, Tuesday to Thursday 9-3pm (or 9-12 or 12-3)

We offer funding for children after the term of their third birthday and in certain circumstances can offer 15 hour funding for 2 year olds. Early Bird drop off is available every morning from 8.15am.

We update parents daily via our closed Facebook Group and use the Tapestry Online Journal System to track children's development. We also have a website: www.smallstepsboreham.co.uk for further information about our nurturing setting or look on our Facebook page at Facebook.com/smallstepspreschool.boreham

If you'd like to meet our exceptional team, visit our interesting setting within Boreham Village Hall to see the kind of stimulating activities we have on offer on a daily basis, please contact Gemma our Manager on **07952 471616** or email **smallsteps1@hotmail.co.uk**

If you are thinking about affordable childcare in an Ofsted rated 'Good' setting, with staff who really care about the children and are well qualified (we have 2 experienced SENCO staff) then please do get in contact to see how we can help. Our hall is very large, bright and airy with stimulating and inventive activities on offer every day. We are very likely to be offering all day Friday sessions by half term.

BOREHAM CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The Boreham Conservation Society, formed in 2000, exists to promote the benefits of keeping Boreham a village and encourage development that is in keeping with the village's character. There are continuous threats of development creep from Chelmsford notably along the main road from Boreham Interchange (currently being upgraded). Boreham has two (Boreham House & New Hall School) of the three grade 1 listed buildings in the Chelmsford area and 2 conservation areas within the village itself – facts like these are often overlooked yet they contribute to the richness of life in Boreham and why people like to live here. Our aims continue to influence any new scheme to be sympathetic to our village and where necessary oppose schemes that do not fit into the village envelope nor the fabric of the village. We are open to all Boreham residents and, of course, the more numerous we are, the stronger our voice is to fight for our objectives.

The last year has been somewhat difficult because of the pandemic but we held our AGM (via zoom) on 16 March 2021 with our guest speaker, County Councillor John Spence, who spoke warmly about his commitment to Boreham and explained the upcoming road works for the widening of the A12 and the changes at Boreham Interchange. Both John Spence and other County Councillors are committed to getting the highways solutions right to minimise any adverse effect they might have on Boreham Village and community. John also spoke of his role as Director of Health and Adult Social Care at Essex County Council and the immense work done by the Care Sector, as well as the NHS, over the past year. Many of you would have seen John interviewed on TV during the pandemic and his talk was very moving as he talked about what has been the biggest challenge of his life trying to minimise the unfortunate fatalities throughout Essex.

We are hoping that the coming year will not be so difficult to get out and about – it is with this in mind that we are

organising some walks around the village taking in the places of interest and their historic relevance. We will let you know as soon as the dates and routes are finalised – all are welcome to take part.

If you are interested in the future of Boreham and are thinking of joining the Conservation Society you can contact Alan Swash on 467335 or Mark Button on 467286.

Alan Swash
Boreham Conservation Society

BOREHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

In common with many associations, the last 12 months have proved somewhat difficult. This time last year we were planning to go to our twin town, Ploubalay, in Brittany but the pandemic stopped our plans - little did we know then that it was to stop our re-scheduled trip this year. Naturally we are disappointed not to go to see our French friends but they are experiencing many of the same restrictions that we have (but their hairdressers and "non-essential shops" are still open!). The area around Ploubalay has escaped the worst of the pandemic (there have been many cases from the Calais area down to Paris and in the South of France). It looks likely that international travel will be allowed from this summer and we hope to re-arrange our trip to Ploubalay to next year. Should people wish to go to our twin town before next year, and conditions allow it, we can always try to arrange it. We hope very much that our links with Ploubalay will remain strong despite the disruption and events of the last few months!

Bill Brown
Chairman Boreham Twinning Association
wsbbrown@hotmail.com or Tel: 469497

BOREHAM SCOUTS AND GIRLGUIDING ASSOCIATION

Progress towards face to face meetings of the Scouting and Brownie packs in Boreham will be reviewed as the government progresses through each step of easing the lockdown.

Meanwhile Zoom based meetings of the packs are taking place where there is demand.

We have spaces available within our Boreham Brownie pack, so if you would like your daughter to gain new skills and enjoy new challenges, log on to

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/ (or search the web for - "Register interest Brownies")

There are four Scout groups in Boreham for boys and girls of different ages; Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Beavers meet on Mondays, Cubs and Scouts on Tuesdays and Explorers on Thursdays. At the moment there are spaces in Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. If you are interested in applying to a Scout group on behalf of your child please contact the group scout leader at 1stborehamgsl@gmail.com. We are also looking for additional volunteers to help run the packs and help maintain the building."

Boreham Hedgehog and Wildlife Rescue Group

Nestled away in the corner of our village is a small volunteer run group dedicated to rescuing sick and injured wildlife of all kinds. When we get a call it's our group of responders that swing into action locating or collecting the animal or bird (or even recently a frog). For the majority of the animals and especially for hedgehogs and birds they are whisked into the safe, caring and expert hands of Dawn who has received specialist training in the treatment and care of these creatures.

Once treatment is complete and a good weight achieved we either release back to the wild, or it's off to one of the any foster carers who carry on the rehabilitation until it is time for release. As we near the end of March we will begin the process of returning the hedgehogs to their finder where they are released and supplied with food and water and a watchful eye to make sure they stay safe and well.

We also assist with advice on protecting and supporting Wildlife in the local community. In the past few months this has included interviews on local radio and Zoom talks to Brownie and Rainbow groups.

All staff are volunteers and receive no money for their work so 100% of all donations goes directly to the care of wildlife. Last month we purchased our first egg incubator thanks to the generosity of the local community.

If you see any wildlife that looks like it's in trouble, please do not hesitate to contact us on: - **07427 384719.**

And if you would like to learn more about the work we do or get involved in some way please join our Facebook group at **www.facebook.com/groups/borehamhedgehogandwildliferescue/**



THURSDAY CLUB

We are a mixed group meeting for social events in normal times on the 3rd Thursday of the month between September and June. We hope to restart the Club sometime in the Autumn as soon as the situation allows. Further details will be circulated as they become available. We hope that will not be too far in the future. Take Care.
Best Wishes,

Margaret Milner
Treasurer
Tel. 01245 467960

BOREHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

I hope this finds you all well and safe... the knife and fork brigade is still on hold awaiting restrictions to lift....being a group many rules affect us, i.e. masks, social distancing, this affects the group restrictions in general...if things improve I will consider starting again and members will be

notified personally.....take care of yourselves and stay safe ..

Shirl Waterman ....01245 467678 ans... ..... Or **Email** Shirley.waterman@sky.com

BOREHAM VILLAGE HALL

At the time of writing this report the Small Steps Pre-School are operating in the Lord Perry Hall but otherwise we are restricted by the Government Covid-19 Regulations as to other lettings. Under the 4 Step Roadmap out of the Covid-19 Lockdown announced in February the Government will allow all indoor activities for children to open under Step 2 but not before 12 April at the earliest. However, all activities for people over 18 cannot restart before Step 3 which is not due to take place before 17 May at the earliest. Controlled indoor events can then take place with up to 50% capacity but the Government has said that the 'Rule of 6', will still apply. It, therefore, seems likely that the Hall will not open fully until Step 4 which is not due to take place until 21 June at the earliest when hopefully all legal limits on social contact are removed. Before each Step is implemented the Government will review the position and, therefore, some of the Steps could be changed and/or delayed. In the meantime, if you are visiting the Hall please observe the Covid-19 Regulations and wear a face covering when entering or leaving.

Village Hall Website – the previous website attached to Essex Info closed and so a new website is being formed. Details will be announced as soon as possible.

If you would like to discuss booking one of the Halls from summer onwards please telephone Jo Atkin, the Hall Manager on 07733 135653 or 01245 466723 or email her on borehamvhall@gmail.com. Please bear in mind that Jo only works part time but if you leave a message, she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Let us hope that we can get back to something approaching normality in the summer. I hope everyone stays well and safe.

Brian Cook, Chairman

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A)

Chelmsford u3a is aimed at anyone not working full-time. It's all about learning, staying active and having fun in later life. It's local, social, friendly, low-cost (less than 24p per week) and open to all.

During covid, there are many online events and presentations. This includes a twice monthly presentation from accomplished speakers. Individual groups that remain active are Local History, Book club, Spanish conversation, Science, Family History, London and its people, Gardening and Art appreciation.

When things return to 'normal' we will be holding our monthly meetings at the

Church of Our Saviour, Chelmer Village. Some of our interest groups hire local community halls for their meeting including Boreham Village Hall. So, what's stopping you from joining?

Contact Diane Brewer at chelmsfordu3amembership@gmail or ring her on 01245 476274.

Website: chelmsfordu3a.org.uk

You will be warmly welcomed.

WHIST CLUB

Do you like playing cards – for fun and socially?

We are hoping to start a fairly regular, fun Whist Drive in the village.

If you have not played Whist before don't worry, it is simple and basically just like "Trumps" and we can all learn together.

The evenings would be open to everyone, singles or couples.

A very small charge to cover cost of hiring village hall and bring your own refreshments.

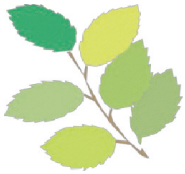
The aim is to play cards, with different people, chat and enjoy ourselves.

We have had a good response but obviously due to the present climate we have not been able to go forward with this club. However, if you are interested please contact me and hopefully we will be able to go ahead soon. We will of course keep everyone informed as the situation changes.

For more details please contact:
Robert Ward 01245 467508 email:
sue.rob57@gmail.com

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An upgraded, all-weather, astroturf pitch with shockpad, is now in use at Waltham Road, just past sharp bend; available to anyone who wishes to learn or practise ball games,

This is a multi-sport, non-commercial facility - no fees or charges.

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Balls and sticks can be provided to start with, ample parking on site.

Rules:

- Covid and similar apply
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn on playing surface – no long studs or muddy boots.
- To prevent dirt etc from being walked onto the playing surface, footwear must be changed pitch-side.
- No pets

Sessions are time-limited, by appointment only. To view and for bookings call

Tel: 07460 095 185 and have fun!

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Boreham

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