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This magazine is a representation of all of the great activities across Boreham. If your local organisation is not represented and you would like it to be, please contact the Parish Office admin@boreham-pc.gov.uk to discuss.

Boreham Village Magazine

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We are still in need of a couple volunteers to help with distribution of the magazine for Dukes Wood, incl. Bridge End Cottages and Hurrell Down.

If you would like to help out please contact Christine Baynes-King via email on geoffbay51@gmail.com



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Chairman, John Galley



With Christmas almost upon us and with the weather continuing to remain milder than usual, I hope it continues in the run up to the Christmas festivities, although I expect some, especially the children in the village would love to see some snow this winter.

Our parish meetings returned to pre-pandemic times in September and now take place in the Goodwin Room at the Village Hall. All public are welcome but we ask that you leave your name and contact details if you attend for reference if necessary.

We recently said goodbye to another one of our long standing Councillors Gilly Cooch as she has stepped down due to other commitments taking up more of her time. A special thanks from all at the Parish Council go to Gilly for her many years of service to the community and being involved in so many projects over the years, from Transport Representative to watering the Oak Tree planted in Seabrook Gardens which is now a very well established Oak Tree. Gilly will continue her involvement in the Butler Trust, but we shall all miss her contributions at the meetings but wish her well for the future.

We recently co-opted a new member onto the Parish Council and we would like to welcome Cllr. Toole on board.

We do still have a couple of vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in local issues and would like to find out more please contact the parish clerk on parishclerk@boreham-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council finally completed the refurbishment of the Children's Play Area behind the Village Hall in September. It took a lot longer than anticipated following a trespasser on site and a heatwave which resulted in the new surface having to be reskimmed and edged. However, the surface will now mean the children can use the play area all year round without needing welly boots or sliding on the mud, so I'm sure the long wait will be appreciated by parents and grandparents as well as the Pre School.



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The new Teenage Shelter has been installed and I understand is being well used although the council has already had to remove graffiti on more than one occasion. It's been positioned so spectators of the Football and Cricket can also stay dry. A litter bin will be placed nearby shortly. We have also purchased two new benches to replace the broken ones on the recreation ground which we hope to have installed before Christmas.

The Parish Council are in the process of planning an event for all residents in Boreham, to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June 2022. Please save the date and further details will be published when they become available in the New Year.

Hopefully you have all been able to view and had the opportunity to respond to the recent consultations on both the Longfield Solar Farm and the Community Governance Reviews both of which will have an impact on the residents of Boreham. There is also the A12 Widening Scheme, this consultation ends on Sunday 19 December 2021. Responses can be made online at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A12.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

News from Cllr John Spence

More than once I have reflected on the privilege it is to represent Boreham on Essex County Council and I have been reminded of that on a couple of recent occasions.



It was a great joy for me to open the Fair at St Andrew's Church in September, which marked the start of a major fundraising campaign. I often talk about Boreham being a hidden golden nugget – and that before I knew the proscenium arch contains genuine Roman bricks! The plans to make the Church not only an even better worshipping space but also a great community facility are terrific and I wish everyone involved great success. I have already offered to do my bit for fundraising next year.

Last month, the Parish Council asked me for support with their proposal for Chantry Field. What a brilliant project this is! A great proposal in making this land a pinnacle of biodiversity, helping to preserve species while reducing carbon footprint. On top of that, volunteers – the great community of Boreham strikes again! – ready to do the planting. I was delighted to be able to provide a grant of £2000 from the Locality Fund and look forward to seeing the progress in due course.

Thanks, people of Boreham, for being the great community you are.

John Spence

Update from Kemi Badenock MP



Kemi Badenoch MP
holds regular advice surgeries offering help and support for local residents.
If you would like to contact Kemi, you can email kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk or call 0207 219 1943

In October I welcomed the Government's Autumn Budget, which set out how we are going to continue to build back better and level up across our constituency and the country.

The last eighteen months have certainly reminded us all of the crucial importance of our public services, in particular our local health service. I have made a number of representations to ministerial colleagues regarding the need to tackle the backlog as a result of the pandemic and I was pleased an additional £5.9 billion was announced for NHS England to do so.

School funding is a matter I regularly discuss with local headteachers and I know they will join me in welcoming the additional £4.7 billion of funding for schools as part of the Budget. This is alongside the £14 billion announced in 2019 and means a cash increase for every pupil in our constituency.

As part of the Government's £5 billion Project Gigabit programme over 78,000 premises in Essex are set to benefit from gigabit-capable broadband. This includes Chelmsford and Uttlesford, and is on top of the communities already benefitting from the Cambridgeshire and adjacent areas allocation. Better broadband for our constituency is one of my key priorities and I will continue to work to ensure more rural communities are benefitting from the Government's ambitious programmes.

I also welcomed the additional 235 police officers for Essex Police as part of the Government's target of 20,000 additional police officers by 2023. These new recruits mean there are now 3,551 police officers in Essex, helping to tackle rural crime like hare coursing, car theft in our constituency as well as supporting much more of the behind the scenes work that is required in our local violence reduction units and domestic abuse prevention teams.

Update from David Stocks, the Parish Council Village Volunteer

Hello Everybody

2021 has nearly come to an end, and for me it has been a very busy year trying to keep on top of all the gardening problems this years weather has thrown at us, like grass cutting and keeping the weeds down.

The flower beds at each end of the village have got the winter bedding set in them. I was able to repair the raised bed that got damaged back in the summer and also replaced the yellow chains around the flower bed in the Village Hall car park. I have started on the ground around the Parish Office and by the time you get to receive this magazine I hope to have the materials to get it finished.

As some of you know I do some gardening work at the Church, and I have found a lot of dog mess in the church grounds, so if you can keep your dogs on leads and clean

up after them it will make it a better place, also have a bit of respect for the people and their graves.

To finish with this month can I ask you if you or a family member or friend have got a petrol lawn mower in good working order that they do not want and would they like to donate it to the church to help keep the churchyard in nice condition next year.

Have a nice Christmas and Happy New Year!

P.S. please contact me or the Parish office about lawn mower – Thank you!
David Stocks

Boreham Community Speedwatch

We were hoping that Boreham Community Speedwatch would resume monitoring of Plantation & Church Road but due to lack of volunteers this has not been possible.

We are desperately looking for more potential volunteers to join speedwatch, so if you are interested then please e-mail borehamcsw@gmail.com or contact the parish clerk at admin@boreham-pc.gov.uk.

If we are unable to get volunteers on board then we have no choice but to return the equipment back to Essex Police.

Please drive carefully through the Village and reduce your speed – thank you.

Boreham Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group continues to meet regularly and good progress is being made with the draft Plan. There should be opportunities to provide input and comment on the draft plan during the first half of 2022, so please keep an eye on the website

https://boreham-np.org.uk please come along and have your say.

Nigel Brown, Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering



One Boreham

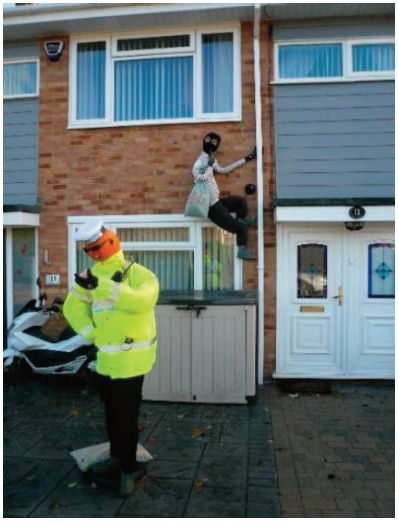
The 2021 Scarecrow Trail

Once again, Boreham Village was invaded by scarecrows during the last week of October. This time 52 very varied scarecrows arrived and the Scarecrow Trail raised over £1,000 for biodiversity projects in Boreham.

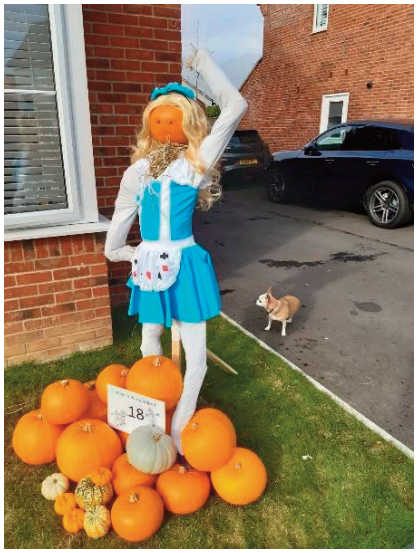
Our reporter interviewed Jack Sparrow, self-appointed spokesman for the scarecrows who said, "Most of us are happy to help Boreham improve its biodiversity as long as it does not mean more of those pesky crows. Aarh.. me hearties. But I 'ave to say that some of the other scarecrows are not in favour of cutting greenhouse gasses." We tried to contact Phil McCann and The Panic Buyer to get their views on helping the environment but they were not available for comment. International jetsetter James Blond also declined our request for an interview.

By popular vote, the best scarecrow was 'Recycled in a Roundabout Way' with 'Winnie the Witch' in second place and 'Crops and Robbers' was third. Prizes were awarded to the creators of these scarecrows. The winner for the best scarecrow name was 'Alice in Pumpkinland' with 'Scary Berry and Ghoul Hollywood' second and 'Spongebob Scarepants' third. Again, prizes were awarded.





The event was a great success and would not have been possible without all those who made scarecrows, all who purchased trail maps and the support of local businesses including the Co Op, the Post Office, the Six Bells, Spar, the Queen's Head, A G Smith Butchers and Chelmer Marquees. Special thanks to Corinna Donn and Phil and Marian Hart for their help in organising the trail.





Boreham Parish Council Climate Crisis Environmental Working Party

If you are considering planting a tree or hedge in your garden, the winter is the very best time to do it. Bare root trees are available in garden centres and planting them now will give the roots time to establish before they begin to leaf in the Spring. Boreham Parish Council has been very fortunate in securing 1100 tree slips from the Essex Forest Initiative and we will be planting these during December with the help of Boreham volunteers. They will form 200 metres of new hedgerow to support wildlife and reduce greenhouse gases in our environment.

We will also be planting the first 20 trees in a heritage variety apple orchard later in the winter. These will include 2 each of 10 apple varieties developed in Boreham by the Seabrook family. Funding for the orchard and for rainwater collection equipment and a field shelter (to allow us to water the young trees) have been kindly provided through an Essex County Council Locality Fund Grant arranged by Cllr John Spence.

Earlier, in October, we planted an experimental bed of 1,000 snakeshead fritillary bulbs. We are hoping to introduce these hardy plants into a new wildflower meadow.

They are a great source of pollen and nectar for bees. They are also very decorative and a good, inexpensive, garden plant which flowers in mid-spring. If this planting is a success we will plant more next year.



Please tell us what you are doing to combat climate change. Email admin@boreham-pc.gov.uk



IN SEARCH OF APPLES, ROUND-RED, JUICE-GREEN

There was great excitement at Orchard Way – part of the new development off Plantation Road, when a very large lorry delivered a very large apple. Measuring three meters high the apple was lifted off and craned into position adjacent to the new play park. The apple is actually a seat and forms part of the public art commissioned as part of the development and created by Julie Edwards and Ron Thompson of PlanetArt. There are a series of embedded apples along the footpath reflecting the varieties of apple developed by the Seabrook's in Boreham.

9th December, 2pm we will be unveiling the apple seat – you are welcome to come along and try it out!







The apple theme continued at our recent participatory event called 'In Search of Apples' when lots of you came along to the field and painted apples as part of the installation. It was filmed by drone and which can be viewed on YouTube. The event gave us lots of information about the village as it is now, and some of the history of the people used to who lived here.

The Parish Council have commissioned Julie Edwards and Ron Thompson of PlanetArt, to create a second piece of public art for the village. The artwork will form part of a trail designed to mark some of the social history of the village, and to highlight the changes to boundaries that frame the structure of the village as it exists today. PlanetArt are working with Alison Turnbull (of Half Moon Creative Arts). We need your help!

Come and meet us on

9th December from 10am – 12noon

at the craft market in the village hall.

We will bring lots of ideas about the trail and the sculpture to share with you and we need you to choose and to tell us more about the village

You can vote for your favourite designs and locations. The exhibition will be on display in the Parish Council office for a few weeks after the market, and also on-line.



BOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Office –

The Parish Office remains open to the public between the hours of 10:00am and 12noon Monday to Thursdays for visitors but it is encouraged to make an appointment first by contacting the clerk via email.

Your Parish Councillors:

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Miss Chanel Toole, telephone: 07418 084933

There are currently a couple of vacancies on the Parish Council, so anyone interested in your local area and would like to join our friendly team of Councillors, please contact the Clerk on parishclerk@boreham-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings will revert back to face to face meetings whereby social distancing measures and face coverings will apply. Please see the Boreham Parish Council website for the latest details:

Planning Meetings at 7.00 pm on: - 6 and 20 December 2021, 10 and 24 January 2022, 7 and 21 February 2022, 7 and 21 March 2022.
Parish Council Meetings at 7.30 pm on the first Monday in the Month (unless it is a Bank Holiday): - 6 December 2021, 10 January 2022, 7 February 2022, 7 March 2022.

Boreham Recreation Ground Charity Meeting at 7.30pm on 20 June 2022.

Greens Committee Meeting at 7.30pm on 24 January 2022, 21 March 2022.

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

BOREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

BOREHAM DRS SURGERY

Sidney House and The Laurels Surgeries

It is nearly Christmas; a time for fun and getting together with friends and family but that does mean an increase in minor illness and an increased demand for GP appointments. Please remember the only reliable way to know whether you or your family have a non-COVID cough or cold is to have a COVID PCR test, rather than the home lateral flow tests, which are only suitable for people without any symptoms. If you develop any COVID symptoms, such as a fever, cough or a change in your sense of taste or smell, you will need to follow the government guidelines and stay at home until you have a negative PCR test. You can book a PCR test online by visiting **https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test** or if you are unable to access the website, by calling 119.

If you need to book an appointment with a doctor or a nurse to discuss your symptoms you can do so online, by phoning the surgery or by coming into either surgery and speaking to a receptionist. We appreciate that sometimes due to work and school commitments that you are unable to attend an appointment during working hours, so our patients have access to a limited number of extended access appointments (appointments in the evenings and at the weekends). Ask one of our receptionists if you wish to access these appointments.

There are a variety of ways to help manage your symptoms without the need to speak to a doctor or nurse.

Your community pharmacist is an expert in medicines and managing minor ailments. They can advise about common conditions such as:

- Coughs & Colds
- Women's Health
- Aches & Pains
- Minor Injuries
- Skin Conditions
- Tummy Troubles
- Allergies

If you have an eye related problem, there are several optometrists (opticians) that assess and treat recently occurring minor eye problems. This is not a walk-in service so an appointment will need to be made by optician to book an appointment. To find a participating optometrist visit **https://primaryeyecare.co.uk/services/minor-eye-conditions-service** or phone the surgery and our receptionists will be able to provide you with a list of opticians.

Mental health problems are a very common cause of ill health, especially around this time of year. Fortunately, there are several resources that you can utilise, such as online mental health support, webinars and talking therapies. All under 18s or parents/guardians of those under 18 years old can access the

Emotional Wellbeing Service for advice and support. Furthermore, young people aged 11-18 years old can sign up to Kooth which is an online counselling and emotional support service. To find out more information about any of these mental health services please visit https://midessexccg.nhs.uk/livewell/mentalhealth

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our staff or look on our website for further information.

The Partners and Staff at the surgery wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Dr Tom Cunningham

http://www.sidneyhouseandthelaurels.nhs.uk

BOREHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2021 – 'ONE KIND WORD'

This year's National Anti-Bullying week took place from Monday 15th to Friday 19th November. As ever, to launch the week, all children and staff at Boreham were encouraged to wear brightly coloured and patterned odd socks with their school uniform to celebrate that we are all different and unique in our own ways.



Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week.

NEW OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS TABLES ARRIVE

Thanks to a generous donation from the WPA Healthcare Foundation based in Somerset and additional funding from the National School Sports Premium, Boreham School have recently had two outdoor table tennis tables installed in the school playground. Head teacher of the school, Ian Bowyer said, "*Table tennis is a sport that is rarely promoted and played in primary school settings and thanks to the WPA Foundation, we have been able to install two outdoor*

tables and purchase brand new bats and balls. The children are already really enjoying using the tables and it is another way of encouraging children to remain active during their break times."

Pictured below are the Junior Sports Council.



BOREHAM ART CIRCLE

It is good to be able to meet again and afternoon meetings seem to be popular. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to a workshop by Phil Biggs which will be a country scene in watercolour. Our social painting afternoons are going well with a suggested theme for each week. If you would rather 'do your own thing' that is fine. In the New Year we commence on 26th January with a social painting afternoon, followed by a workshop by Helen Mariner in pen and wash on 9th February. There will be a further workshop by Sue Spiers in watercolour on 23rd March.

If you are interested to start a new hobby in the New Year and give art a go, just come along there will be material for you to try.

Meetings are held on roughly alternate Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. Please see website below for details

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

http://www.e-voice.org.uk/borehamartcircle
Cheryl Cook Tel: 01245 467787

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF BALLROOM DANCING!

With the hope of returning to some sort of normality in the coming new year now would be a good time to look for a little respite in 2022 and take up a new challenge. With the Covid 19 still around but with vaccinations and common sense we are now able to venture out again and take advantage of the many classes and courses that are on offer in and around the community. One of those on offer are Ballroom and Latin American Dance Lessons. Like all hobbies/pastimes it is really good if we can go out and use what we have been taught in various settings. Having Ballroom Dancing in mind – where can we use the dances that we have learnt in class?

1. Cruise Ships – Ballroom dancing is very popular on the cruise lines. Different lines offer various degrees of dancing on board. Some offer lessons and an evening dance. Others offer demonstrations etc. So, if you are into cruising what would be more rewarding than to finish

the end of a busy day relaxing and taking your partner around the floor for a quick Waltz before the evening meal. Having taught on many cruise ships we hear time and time again from passengers who wish they could dance around the floor instead of having to admire the dancers that are taking part.

2. Saturday evening dances - There are various dances held in and around Chelmsford on a Saturday evening throughout the year. A great place to meet and make new friends.

3. Weddings, parties, etc – having a quick Jive on the dance floor at a family event will always bring you admiration and a feeling of achievement.

4. Dance Weekends – take a break and enjoy a dance weekend (many companies offer these at different times throughout the year), again meeting up with old friends as well as making new ones. Dance weekends are extremely enjoyable and relaxing.

5. Wedding First Dance – What a great way to start a marriage with a romantic Waltz around the floor. Can also be used for Father/Daughter, Mother/Son dances. Other suitable styles would be Rumba, Viennese Waltz, Merengue, Mambo etc. All would look great for a first dance

All the above situations are achievable with only a basic knowledge of each style of dance. So, for minimal commitment, the social aspect, mental and physical advantages gained are numerous.

Classes held in Boreham Village Hall, Tuesday Evenings.
Graham & Sharon Skingley (AISTD, NATD). www.danceasy.co.uk
Tel: 07946 347167

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH

Church Diary for December 2021—January 2022

Principal Services for December

Thursday 2nd December 6.00pm - Light up a Life service

Sunday 5th December 10.30am - All Age Service

Sunday 12th December 10.30am - Holy Communion

Sunday 19th December 10.30am - All Age Crib Service

Wednesday 22nd December 7.30 pm - Service of Nine Lessons and carols

Friday 24th December 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th December 10.30am - Christmas Day All Age Service Followed by a short Holy Communion

Sunday 26th December 10.30am—said Morning Prayer

Principal Services for January

Sunday 2nd January 10.30am - All Age Service

Sunday 9th January 10.30am - Epiphany –

Holy Communion - 4.00pm - Christingle Service

Sunday 16th January 10.30am - Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd January 10.30am - Holy Communion

Sunday 29th January 10.30am - Holy Communion

Other Regular Services and Events

1st, 3rd, Wednesdays 7.00pm Sacred Space at Seven (Chancel)

2nd Wednesday 7.00pm Holy Communion BCP (Chancel)

4th and 5th Wednesdays 7.00pm Iona Holy Communion (Chancel)
Women's Guild, 1st Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Pelly Room
December –1st It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas - with Eve Regelous
January - No Meeting
Edward Bear Club every Tuesday at 10.30 – 12 noon
In the church for parents with babies and toddlers
Film Club—every third Wednesday at 2.30pm - 15th December 19th January
Healing Service 2nd Thursday in the month at 12 noon (Chancel) followed by a light lunch of soup and a bread roll.
9th December, 13th January

It is hoped to be able to bring back "Teas and Chats" and Bible Study in the near future. Please see the Pews News, Facebook or website for more details.

On 18th December it is hoped to have the Donkey walk round the village with the Nativity Scene and Father Christmas, plus the opportunity to sing some carols, detailed arrangements of time, route etc are still being finalised so keep an eye on the Church and Village Facebook pages.

Building update - what on earth is going on in St Andrew's?
I do hope you have had a chance to join us for a service and/or pop in to the church whilst it is open daily 8 ish- 5.30 ish. Even if you haven't, you will hopefully be aware of the proposed building project we are undertaking. After the discovery of catastrophic damage from damp and deathwatch beetle in the roof of the North Aisle of our ancient church we have looked more closely at the restoration needs of the building in our care. As we embark on what will be a very big building project, we have also been exploring how we might open the building up for more community use and to better reflect the needs of 21st century.

Our heritage weekend in September, funded by the heritage lottery fund was a great opportunity to come together as a community, to look at proposed plans and celebrate Boreham life. It was a wonderful time and a real joy to have so many fruitful conversations with people. As I write this we are embarking on a week of public consultation around the proposed plans and I'm looking forward to hearing the views of the community.

Our passion is to see our building continue to stay open as a place of worship and encounter with God and as a truly welcoming community hub - the

role such buildings were originally designed for. The thousand-year history of St Andrews has been one of change as the coloured past shows and its continuing evolution over the centuries displays. Our hope is to continue to enable the building to meet the needs of its community and in order to do this we propose some carefully handled changes.

The Chancel (the bit at the far end) is due for a bit of extra love and, with the inclusion of a glass screen and door between it and the rest of the church, will become a place of peace and tranquility which will be open to all for prayer and reflection as well as being available for small intimate services, bible study, etc.

The Sussex chapel is a place of major historical significance and as we love it back into use, we plan to offer it as a space to celebrate local heritage as well as a quiet place of retreat for those preparing spiritually for leading services etc.

The nave (the main space of the church) is an amazing size and currently it's use is very restricted. With the removal of pews (some to be used in the chancel and some to be retained but made movable) will allow us to worship in different ways and to use the space more effectively for community and worship events. Imagine having the space for worship in the round, for cafe church, for a cafe through the week to bring in money to help us continue to maintain the building and further the mission, for much needed community groups to meet and grow, imagine welcoming all into a warm, flexible space that can point to God at work in the everyday moments of our lives!

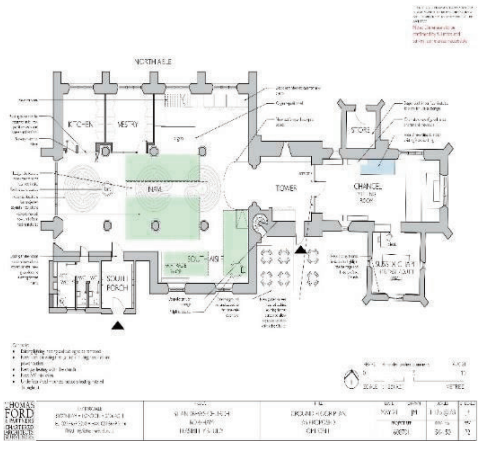
The north Aisle which is currently boarded off and scaffolded will then house a kitchen and larger versatile meeting room on the lower floor and a big reading room with glass front upstairs. This will enable the work of the church and community to develop, providing a space that can be used for children's work, meetings and indeed additional seating where visual involvement through its main glass wall can be maintained. The existing vestry will then be converted into accessible toilets.

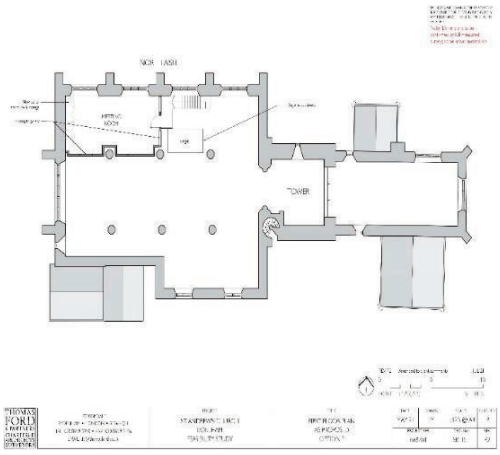
There has been a lot of thought and prayer and hard graft gone into the production of many different plans before we landed on this proposal. It is, however, important to remember that it is only a proposal at this stage and we would all love to hear your feedback. Whilst change is exciting and hopeful it can also be very difficult so, please do be in touch if you would like to talk it through.

The early stages of this project with research, production of complex documents, early quinquennial inspection to check for issues etc have inevitably been rather behind the scenes, so it can feel like nothing has been going on but believe me it has! The next stage will be to send off our statement of need explaining the needs

and how the proposal meets them, to welcome feedback from heritage organisations, diocese and of course the public and then, once those are listened responded to and agreed, we can begin applying for funding. Our funding will come from a number of sources, all of which will be keen to see that we are opening ourselves to bless the wider community which is obviously also the mission of God! Our grant funding will also need to be matched at least in part by our own fundraising. So, what may have felt like a disaster has in fact become an amazing missional and community building opportunity.

The road ahead may be rocky in places, but we journey with one another and with God who walks alongside us in the mess, calling us forward so that we can hand St Andrews to the next generation as a thriving building and more importantly a loving and growing community pointing all the time to the love of God.





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Assistant minister at St Francis Community Church, Beaulieu.

BOREHAM GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club meets at the Village Hall on the second Thursday each month at 7.30 for 7.45 p.m.

In December we will have our annual Christmas social evening with an opportunity to chat and share ideas about what has grown well this year in our gardens and what needs to be changed ready for Spring. We will also play a few games and take part in a quiz or two while enjoying some nice food and drink. Even if you are not a member yet, you would be most welcome to join us.

In January we will be in the hall and hearing from Colin Ashby who will be giving a talk on Cricket Bat Willow on 13th January 2022.

In February this year we will be holding our now famous quiz night run on the same lines as a Wine and Wisdom; please book your tickets early as it is a very popular event, teams of six is ideal, but just come along on your own if you would prefer and you can make up a team with friends that you have not met yet. Members pay just £1.00, visitors £5.00. (Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles)

We are just finalising the rest of the programme for 2022 and hope that we can have a full year of events, so watch this space in the next issue for news of our future speakers and events.

Visitors are always welcome for just £4.00 and annual membership is only £15.00 including refreshments at all hall meetings.

For more information on the club in general please email:- mannlynn15@gmail.com or call Lynn on 01245 463490.

BOREHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We are now back Bowling on a Monday afternoon in the Village Hall and if there is anyone who would like to try something new give me a ring on

467540 or turn up at 2pm when we would be delighted to see you!

Jean Sharp Secretary (467540)

LUNCH CLUB

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well.... if things improve I plan to hold occasional lunches in 2022. Members will be notified personally of venue and date a few weeks prior to the lunch booked...

Shirl Waterman Tel: 01245 467678

shirley.waterman@sky.com

BOREHAM OUTDOOR BOWLS CLUB

We are now closed for the winter but we all have happy memories of games played in good company during the bowls season.

We have been pleased to welcome new members this year and they have all enjoyed taking part in our wide range of games available.

We are a small friendly club respected in the district as worthy competitors with many successes to our credit.

There are opportunities to play in league games on Tuesday evenings as well as friendly fixtures on Thursday afternoons and at weekends.

Ladies and gentlemen of all ages, beginners and experienced players are welcome, so feel free to look in at the club on any Monday evening, 6-8 pm during the season, when there will always be someone willing to help.

We will be arranging 'open days' next year when you will be able to have a go. Please wear flat shoes – bowls will be provided.

We are situated in the Waltham Road, over the A12 Bridge, and behind the houses on the right. Look out for our signboard.

Remember to keep fit during the winter and we look forward to the start of our season at the end of April 2022

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 currently have an empty plot so if you are interested 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 at admin@boreham-pc.gov.uk to register your interest.

EDWARD BEAR GROUP





Tuesdays 10.30am till 12pm

Edward Bear is a group for babies and preschool children held in St Andrew's Church in Boreham every Tuesday (even during the school holidays when older children can come along as well!).

It provides an opportunity for mums, dads and carers to get together for a chat and a cup of tea!

There are lots of toys for the children to play with and there are always crafts and colouring for them to do. There will also be an exciting story and some songs to sing!

On 14th December we will be having our Christmas Party with Father Christmas! There will be festive crafts and food to share.

Everyone is welcome and there is no fee, so please come along and join the fun!!
Details: Gabrielle Lello 07711 887360

Email: gabrielle@edwardbear.co.uk

Facebook: Edward Bear Group, Boreham

BOREHAM CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The Boreham Conservation Society held a very successful "walk & talk" over the August bank holiday weekend where we visited some of the very oldest residences in Boreham and heard about their historical importance (along with other interesting information on why Boreham is sited here, quality of local fertile soils and important views). Too often, we pass buildings, even where we live, without noticing little things about them (reflecting the building/dwelling practices at the time). A very big thank you to all that came along and to those who gave their time to talk to us. The event may well be repeated in a similar format next year.

We are very much involved in the consultation of the solar farm development along the Waltham Road and have objected to it on the basis of the high quality of farmland. Given the need to generate energy from renewable sources, it is very likely that this will go ahead - we just need to make sure we can best influence it to get the best for Boreham residents. Landscaping & footpaths around the area will be very important along with easier access for walkers along the Waltham Road.

The A12 widening scheme from Chelmsford to Colchester will directly affect Boreham. The amalgamation of the Hatfield Peverel & Witham interchanges will certainly see significant additional traffic running through Boreham. Precise amounts are difficult to forecast, although Highways England are predicting a 33% increase in the morning peak traffic and a 25% increase in average daily traffic flow though the Village of Boreham - but please take the time to tell the consultation your thoughts and ideas, before it is too late.

Chelmsford City Council are canvassing opinions on changes to Parish boundaries and are proposing to take Boreham Airfield out of the Parish of Boreham which could have consequences later on when the village would have no say on what is very much Boreham's history. Again, your thoughts are very much welcome.

Boreham Conservation Society is open to all Boreham residents and, of course, the more numerous we are, the stronger our voice is to fight for our objectives. If you are interested in the future of Boreham and are thinking of joining the Conservation Society or interested in joining the committee you can contact Alan Swash on 467335 or Mark Button on 467286.

Alan Swash
Boreham Conservation Society

BOREHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Overseas trips are beginning to get easier for those who are double vaccinated and testing for returns to the UK are not as onerous as they were (day 2 return testing still being obligatory). Unfortunately, children over 12 years old need to be either double vaccinated or show a negative lateral flow (or PCR) test which is less than 24 hours old to enter France and this can rather tricky. This said, our French friends are looking

forward to welcoming us in May 2022 (the trip being delayed from early May 2020). They are very much encouraging us to go over and we must hope that the pandemic situation does not flare up again such that restrictions on travel are re-imposed. We will have more news from them at the start of the New Year which we will share with you as soon as we know it.

As we always say, knowledge of French is not essential to join us, but you will certainly learn some along the way.
wsbbrown@hotmail.com
Bill Brown
Chairman Boreham Twinning Association
wsbbrown@hotmail.com or Tel: 469497

BOREHAM SCOUTS AND GIRLGUIDING ASSOCIATION

Face to face indoor and outdoor meetings of the packs are now going ahead. If you'd like your daughter or son to get involved then please use the contacts below. As ever we are in need of assistance with running the packs and the HQ. If any parents of existing or new members of the packs could spare some time then please speak to their group leader. This is particularly true for the Beaver pack where we are having to rely on help from outside the village to keep it going via a temporary cover arrangement. Without some more volunteers the Beavers may have to close soon.

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 three Scout groups in Boreham for boys and girls of different ages; Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Beavers and Scouts meet on Mondays, Cubs on Tuesdays. At the moment there are spaces in Cubs and Scouts. We are also looking to get an Explorer group going for those aged 14-18. 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**

BOREHAM HEDGEHOG AND WILDLIFE RESCUE GROUP

As this magazine goes to print we have many hedgehogs in our care. Some hoglets are barely above 100g , much too small to survive hibernation in the wild. All have their own stories . Little Nemo fell in a pond and had a chest infection but has recovered with medication and veterinary advice and of good weight and about to be released.

We would like to thank everyone for your support to the rescue and looking out for these lovely visitors to our garden. Boreham is a very wildlife friendly village and it's heartwarming to see the community spirit and support for our fundraising projects organised by Jane Davies.

If anyone would like to join our volunteers there are so many ways to help, from fostering ,to providing transport and particularly in assisting with the making of our hedgehog houses which are sold to assist our funds , either making the houses or collecting the materials.



Also all your donations of food, fleeces and heat pads are very much appreciated. Do feel free to join our two Facebook pages if you are able to, **Boreham Hedgehog and Wildlife Rescue** and **Boreham Hedgehog and Wildlife Rescue Fundraising**.



If you have an emergency or need advice please do feel free to call any time .
We have a new hotline that is answered 24 hours a day.
The new number is 07368 385922



SIX BELLS GOLF SOCIETY

The Society has been going for 42 years. The season starts in March of each year and we play once a month at different courses in Essex and Suffolk until November. New players of all abilities and ages are welcome. We operate a handicap scoring system which means everyone has a chance of winning! We anticipate holding our AGM in The 6 Bells in late February 2022 when the list of the monthly venues for the coming season will be available. In addition to playing golf, during the season we raise funds for a charity nominated by the captain for the year. We look forward to seeing you in 2022. If you would like more information, please contact

John Cannon on 07816 776602 or email John on
johngeri@hotmail.co.uk

THURSDAY CLUB

We are a mixed group meeting in the Goodwin Room of the Village Hall for social evenings, speakers and the occasional outings between 8 and 10pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month between Sept and June.

We are gradually finalising our programme for 2021/22 . So far we have:-

Dec 16th Christmas Social with Cheese and Wine

Jan. 20th Annual Meal at the Six Bells

Feb 17th. 'Blame it on the Beatles'. Talk by Eve Regelous

Further events will be announced in due course. Visitors always welcome.

Details can be obtained from:-

Margaret Milner
Treasurer Tel. 01245 467960

BOREHAM VILLAGE HALL

Reopening of the Village Hall - I am pleased to report that the Village Hall continues to be fully open with many regular hirers having returned. We are still recommending that face coverings be worn when entering and leaving the Hall and when you come into contact with people you don't normally meet in enclosed and crowded spaces. We are also advising that face coverings are worn in confined areas such as toilets, kitchens, store cupboards and the entrance hall. We encourage people not to congregate in the main corridor particularly if one of the other Halls is occupied by another Group. The hand sanitisers remain in place for hirers use. We suggest that the Hall/Room is well ventilated but fire doors should not be propped open and fire extinguishers must not be used to prop other doors open. Group leaders must continue to keep a record of the name and contact telephone number or email address of all those who attend their event/meeting to enable the NHS Track and Trace to be advised of these details should an attendee's test be positive.

Bookings – There is still a good availability for future bookings either regular or one-off occasions for new hirers. Please use the Hallmaster system via our new website to see whether a particular date and time is available or if you prefer, please contact Jo Atkin, our Hall Manager, who deals with bookings, on 07733 135653 or 01245 466722 or email her on borehamvhall@gmail.com. Jo only works part time and, therefore, if telephoning please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Former Parish Office – This office was recently vacated by the Parish Council when they moved into their new premises. We are in the process of refurbishing the office and adjoining toilet facility and when completed it will be available for hire. The facilities will be suitable for very small meetings or 'one to one' meetings such as interviews, consultations etc. If you require more details please contact Jo Atkin, our Hall Manager.

Despite all the problems over the last 21 months it does not seem possible that Christmas is once again almost upon us. I hope everyone has an enjoyable time and to wish all parishioners the very best for 2022 when hopefully we will be able to put much of the covid-19 threat behind us. In the meantime, please stay safe.

Brian Cook, Chairman

Boreham Parish Council would like to wish all our residents a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



THE BOREHAM VILLAGE MARKET

THURSDAY MORNING, 10.30AM TIL 12.00NOON

AND EVERY THURSDAY MORNING THEREAFTER.

We look forward to welcoming back all our regular friends!

If you have not been to the Village Market before please consider looking in for a nice cup of tea or coffee and get to know other residents from the Village. We also have an ever changing range of original, creative and inspired, handmade quality gifts and greeting cards, all made by talented village members for sale at value for money prices.

John Heathcote rebusam@aol.co.uk

The only thing missing from our team is you!

Scouts
1st Boreham

Boreham Beavers and Cubs are closed as we do not have enough volunteers. You can change this!

Put your skills to use, learn new ones and play an active role in your local community.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

Email 1stborehamgsl@gmail.com

#Skillsforlife

Santa Claus is coming to Boreham on 22nd of December 2021 3.30pm to 7.30pm!



Boreham Village Hall Main Road CM3 3JD
Information and bookings please call
Chanel: 07418 084933 or Joanne: 07984 694421

Santas Grotto
Christmas at Boreham
Santa will be welcoming children of all ages to his grotto in Boreham Village Hall on Wednesday, 22nd of December 3.30pm to 7.30pm.

Pre-bookings is requested as limited tickets available on the day.

Groups of 3 to 5 children, hot chocolate and cookies and the children tell Santa their Christmas list and enjoy Santa's play area
£3 per child

One-to-one visits with Santa
Receive a Christmas gift from Santa, hot chocolate and cookies and your little one can tell Santa their Christmas Wish List and enjoy Santas play area.
£5 per child

Santas play area includes bouncy castle, soft play ball pit, Santas Grotto, finger food and drinks

This is not a profitable event all donations and money raised will pay for the event and any donations left will be donated to the local school and church on behalf of our Boreham community
Do you have spare time? We are looking for volunteers to join and help us please call Chanel or Joanne for information.

DANCEASY

Ballroom and Latin American Dance Classes/Lessons





When: Tuesday's
Beginners Class: 7.45pm
Improvers Class: 8.45pm

Venue: Boreham Village Hall, Main Road, Boreham, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 3JD

Price: £8.00 per person

Graham: 07790 230651 Sharon: 07946 347167
Email: danceasy123@gmail.com
www.danceasy.co.uk



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SANTA HASN'T FORGOTTEN YOU!

Chelmsford Mildmay Rotary Club have been aware that Santa had not recently visited some areas of Chelmsford at Christmas. The Club have rectified this situation by forming a team of Elves and helpers to bring Santa and his Sleigh to roads in North Springfield, Channels, Beaulieu, Great Waltham and Little Waltham this Christmas between 5 and 22 December. An App is available to download on **www.Sleightracker.co.uk** to track Santa's location and progress. Full details of dates and roads covered are listed below. They are also available on the Chelmsford Mildmay website. **www.mildmayrotary.org.uk**

Mildmay Rotary will be collecting on the dates and in the places listed below. Santa will be there between 5pm and 7.30 pm

December

05 Sun Beaulieu Community Centre Christmas Fayre (12 till 5pm)

07 Tues North Springfield: New Bowers Way ▪ Petunia Crescent ▪ Beardsley Drive

09 Thurs Beaulieu Boulevard ▪ Shardelow Avenue ▪ Albermarle Link *

11 Sat Armistice Avenue ▪ Wright Crescent ▪ Ben Wilson Link*

14 Tues Channels Drive ▪ Brassie Wood ▪ Mashie Link ▪ Jigger Gardens *

16 Thurs Centenary Way ▪ Linge Avenue ▪ Regiment Gate *

17 Fri New Nabbots Way ▪ Paddock Drive

18 Sat Beaulieu Boulevard ▪ Burnell Gate ▪ Honor Link ▪ Wharton Drive ▪ Billers Chase *

20 Mon Great Waltham ▪ Little Waltham

21 Tues Centenary Way ▪ Wilfred Waterman Way ▪ Robert Finch Crescent ▪ Minns Avenue *

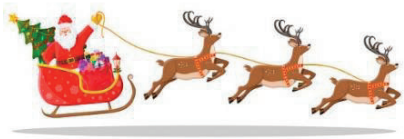
22 Wed Channels area: Belstead Farm Lane ▪ Albatross Way ▪ Belfrey Crescent ▪ St Andrews Drive *

* Santa's Sleigh will return to Beaulieu Community Centre at 7.30 pm for half an hour on these days.

Routes may change depending on weather and other unforeseen circumstances so please check our daily updates:

www.mildmayrotary.org.uk **https://www.facebook.com/mildmayrotary/**

To follow Santa on the days and evenings he's visiting you, please download the sleightracker App by going to **www.SleighTracker.co.uk**



When you have downloaded the App click on it and it will open at the "Welcome to Sleightracker" screen.

Click on to "I want to see where Santa is", click on to "Find Sleigh", then "Chelmsford Mildmay Rotary Club."

You should then see a map with Santa's red and white hat over his location.