Boreham Village Magazine

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The recent Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was the first to be actively promoted to encourage Villagers to attend. All the various Organisations and Clubs in the Village were invited and on the evening 50 plus attended in addition to the Parish Councillors.

As the various reports on the Councils work during the past year were given I must admit to being amazed at the range of activities they have to cover.

The Parish Council have some funds at their disposal to be used for Projects to benefit the Village as a whole. The Annual Report at the end of this edition lists those carried out in the past year. The Council would greatly appreciate feedback from residents as to suggested future projects.

For any of you budding David Baileys don't forget that I am always on the lookout for photos from around the Village to be used in the Magazine.

Terry

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Parish Council

The list of the Parish Councillors can be found on the inside back cover.
Annual Report: The Parish Council's Annual Report 2015/2016 is included in this newsletter.

News from the Parish Clerk, Jackie Lane

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:
The Parish Council still has one vacancy and if you would like to learn more about becoming a Councillor please contact the Parish Office, or any of your Parish Councillors, to find out more.

In each edition we will be including a personal profile on one or two Councillors; this month Gilly Cooch has kindly provided some information about herself:

Gilly Cooch:
I worked for what was once a large Insurance Company for over 26 years running various teams but also involved in the Union within the Company. For the last 6 years of my working life I was a full time Union Official, sat on the Occupational Health Board and was a Harassment Adviser and Investigator. I retired 10 years ago and was co-opted onto Boreham Parish Council to fill a vacancy and I volunteer to work to support Witnesses in Chelmsford Crown and Magistrates Courts. I am also social Secretary for a group of friends, I write poetry and like to go on cruises. I have lived in Boreham for 48 years and my husband's family were born in Boreham.



Outdoor Gym for the Recreation Ground
The Parish Council is currently considering quotations received for outdoor gym equipment for the recreation ground. This has been made possible through funding from the Tesco's Bags of Help scheme. Boreham received a grant of £10,000. If you would like to learn more about the proposals, and let us have your comments, please visit the Parish Council's website: **www.borehamparishcouncil.co.uk.** A decision will be made in June with the new equipment installed on the recreation in August/September this year.

Parish Walk
On Sunday 8th May at 2:30, 33 Parishioners set off on a Parish Walk following one of the routes on the Footpath Leaflet lead by Chris Andrew our Footpaths Officer, supported by Sue Howlett of St Andrews Church, Suzanne Harris, Greens Committee Chairman, and Jackie, Daniela and Lester from the Parish Council. We were also lucky to have Dawn Allington, First Responder, to accompany us. Walking along the footpath Chris pointed out interesting facts and alternative routes that could be taken. We stopped for a quick break at Papermill Lock and then made our way along the bank of the canal, walking back along the footpath that



returns to the village at Babylon. After a two hour walk in the sun, we were provided with tea, cakes and squash at St Andrews Church. Thank you to everyone who came along and we look forward to more of you joining us on the next walk later in the year. Look out for information on our Website, Newsletter and Facebook page.

Meeting Dates, June – September 2016, held in the Allen Room at Boreham Village Hall:

Planning Meetings at 7.00 pm on:- Mondays 6 June, 20 June, 4 July, 18 July, 1 August, 15 August and 5 September.

Parish Council Meetings at 7.30 p.m on:- Mondays 6 June, 4 July and 5 September.

Greens Committee Meeting at 7.30 pm on: Monday 18 July 2016

Boreham Recreation Ground Charity Meeting at 7.30 pm: Monday 20 June 2016.

You are very welcome to join us at any of our meetings

John Spence, County Councillor

Boreham has been facing more than its fair share of significant planning applications. Residents recognise the need to build houses – our children need places to live – but are determined that the integrity of Boreham Village should not be destroyed. I admire the way you have worked together to put across your case.

So I thought it would be helpful to explain how the County Council is working with others to address the issue across Essex. Firstly, it is our policy only to support major housing planning applications where there is, or definitely will be enough supporting infrastructure. We are working with the District Councils and all public sector agencies to identify yet more brown field sites. We are liaising with Chelmsford City and other councils to see where houses can best be built to preserve villages like yours. Finally, I am sitting on a Board with three councils in North Essex to consider exciting possibilities around high quality garden communities.

More housing means more people, more traffic. It is critical for everyone in Boreham that we maintain and increase the pace of road maintenance and repair. I may be tempting fate, but I have been pleased by the drop in numbers of pothole issues in my mailbag. May be I shouldn't have said that?!!

Perception is truth but the facts are as follows. As Finance Cabinet Member I have increased the budget for road maintenance by 32% from £50million pa to £66million pa; and that for other road assets such as pavements, light standards and bridges, by over 50% to £25million pa. We have started on the main roads, slashing the number of potholes on them. We are now moving onto rural roads and then to urban estate roads – these are the trickiest and most expensive because of the numbers of drains, drives, kerbs and so on. The challenge for the County Council is that these are the roads outside your home. I was delighted to attend the Parish Council general meeting. Let me close by repeating the thanks I offered there to Boreham Councillors and residents.

Around the Village

ST. ANDREW'S BOREHAM WOMAN'S GUILD

The Guild meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Pelly Room at 2:30 p.m. It is open to all women of the Parish.

Subscription is £10 for the year which includes tea and biscuits at the meetings.

As a member you are asked to help in some way with the fund raising efforts of the Church. The Guild is responsible for the pulpit flowers on Easter day and Christmas Day.

1st June	**Mountains**
	Rec. Sue Howlett
6th July	**Social Afternoon**
August	No Meeting
7th Sept	**To be Advised**
	Rev. Lee Batson

For further information contact:
Mrs B Jones = Leader 01245 467788
Mrs K Traynier – Treasurer 01245 467434
Mrs J Keebel – Secretary 01245 467503

SMALL STEPS PRESCHOOL

In April 2016 Small Step's Preschool were visited by an Ofsted Inspector. The team are very pleased to report that we received a grading of 'Good' this improved grade is down to the hard work and dedication of the team. Our ethos in the preschool is "Small Steps- big journeys" each child joins us on their own journey before school, we operate a setting that allows children to learn through having fun. Each child's needs are considered and activities are planned around the individual needs and interests of the children. Staff build relationships with the children and parents to enable us to provide a fun safe learning experience. Every child is an individual and we respect that here at Small Steps, each child's learning journey is very important and a key time of their life. We are privileged to be able to support each child in their education and are dedicated to providing the best we can for the children in Boreham.

Small Steps preschool has spaces available for September for children

aged 2-4 years and is located inside Boreham Village Hall. Please contact the
Preschool Manager, Becci
via **smallsteps1@hotmail.co.uk**
07952 471616 or for further information.

BOREHAM GARDENING CLUB

We meet in the Village Hall on the second Thursday each month at 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 p.m Having learnt about "Creepers, Climbers and Crawlers", The work of the National Garden Scheme and how propagate plants in March, April and May respectively we are now looking forward to our evening garden outings. In June we are visiting Ulting Wick, Maldon, admission is £6.50 including refreshments and in July we are off by coach to Cant's Roses in Colchester to see the fields where the roses are grown. For evening visits we meet at the garden at 7.00 p.m. visitors are welcome to join us for the visits, but please just let us know you are coming.
On August 6th we are changing our usual meeting day to a Saturday morning to visit Hyde Hall for their Flower Show, meeting at 10.30 a.m. admission here is free to club members. On 11th August the meeting will be in the garden of Caynton Cottage, in Boreham we just hope that the weather is kind to us for our evening outings. The next meeting in the Village Hall is 8th September.

Visitors are always welcome and annual membership is just £15.00 including refreshments at all Hall meetings.

For more information on the Club in general please call
Debora on 01245 465387, or
Lynn on 01245 463490.

THURSDAY CLUB

We meet in the Goodwin Room of the Boreham Village Hall at 8 pm, normally on the third Thursday of every month from September to June. We have a variety of speakers and occasional outings. Our subscriptions are currently £10 per year. Tea/coffee and biscuits available.
Phyllis Choppen (Chair)
01245 466310.

TRAVEL CLUB

This Club arranges coach outings on a monthly basis to many places of interest, entertainment, and an annual holiday. Details of trips are circulated to members via the Club Newsletter.
Membership Sec.:
Mrs Betty Thompson 01245 460984
Dawn Tann (Co-organiser):
01245 450515
Don Thompson (Chairman)
01245 460984

BOREHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meetings held first Tuesday of the month at 7.45p.m.at the Boreham Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome – charge £3.50 including tea and biscuits.

Knit and stitch meetings and scrabble meetings are held monthly at one of our members' homes.

Our next three meetings are as follows:-
5 July – Garden Meeting

2 August – Craft Meeting
6 September - talk by Mrs Kay Beighton – Splendours of the Nile

Our meetings are very enjoyable and we are a friendly group so please do not be afraid to pop along and join us. For any further information please telephone our Secretary –
Maureen Randall 01245 356286



EDWARD BEAR CLUB

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) from 10:30 a.m. until mid-day.

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

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

BOREHAM OUTDOOR BOWLS CLUB

We are now open for the 2016 Season and for newcomers to the Village the Bowls Green is situated in the Waltham Road over the bridge and behind the cottages on the right hand side. The Club has been part of the Village sports scene for almost 80 years starting out as Seabrooks (See Boreham Histories book).

We are a small 3 rink Club and the green is in excellent condition having been worked on all winter by the Green Keeper. Boreham Bowls Club is very well respected in the local area having
won Leagues and Cup matches many times over the years competing against much larger Clubs in the District.
We are looking for new members to join our small friendly Club and if anyone is interested in playing this tactical game please come along and meet us. Our practice evening is Monday
6 - 8 pm May to September. There is no obligation to join and bowls will be loaned but flat shoes to be
worn. Membership is open to residents and non-residents of Boreham so bring along your friends.

The game of bowls is not just for the elderly. The world champions are much younger as you may have seen onTV earlier this year. To keep the league teams going and also the friendly fixtures we urgently need more players both male and female. If you are lookin for a new hobby please think about playing this tactical game which is good fun. For fresh air, exercise and meeting new people you can't beat it.
For further details please contact our Club Captain **Ray Hewing on 463713** or see our website **www.borehambowlingclub.org.uk.**

We will look forward to meeting you and anyone is welcome to come and spectate when we have home games, details of which can be found on our website.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sainsburys for sponsoring our recent Opening Day which was very much appreciated by our Members.

BOREHAM ART CIRCLE

We are pleased to say that our 40th Exhibition weekend was a great success. It was much appreciated that the Guild of Essex Craftsmen joined in with us and we hope that all our visitors enjoyed coming to see the paintings and the very nice work of the Guild Members. A celebration of our 40 years was held recently when 35 members and past committee members had lunch at the Lion Inn. Our Annual General Meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st June at 8 pm followed by Shirley Mackenzie who will give a talk on the Italian Painters. After that, the Committee are taking a well earned break until we start back on the first Wednesday in October with the new programme which is still being finalised.

New members are always welcome. Our new programme can be found on **www.essexinfo.net/boreham-art-circle** from the beginning of August. For more information please contact Cheryl Cook on 467787

SIDNEY HOUSE AND THE LAURELS SURGERIES

There have been many changes at the Surgery since the last edition of The Boreham Village Newsletter.
From this financial year, NHS England (NHSE) has reduced the budget of the surgery used to provide your services. The Budget cut is so significant that as a consequence, continuing to run the service as we have done until now is no longer a viable option. We have had no choice but to reluctantly re-structure our services in order to maintain its viability.
As a consequence:

- The Practice has transferred its contract from a locally agreed Personal Medical Services (PMS) Contract to a nationally agreed General Medical Services (GMS) Contract via NHSE i.e. the Practice will provide the same provision of service as other GP surgeries in area.
- The 4 Partners will remain at the Practice and continue to provide primary care services. You will continue to be able to choose to see the GP of your choice (as per our patient charter).
- Both Sidney House Surgery and The Laurels Surgery will for the time being remain operational, however;
- Sidney House Surgery will be the 'Hub site', offering on the day appointments to all patients, whilst The Laurels will be used to provide non urgent pre-booked GP appointments only and clinics for Chronic Disease Management.

Future contact details
A single telephone number **Tel No: 01245 380324** is now in operation to allow access to both surgeries. This number can also be used to phone the dedicated Test Results service between 11.00am and 1.00pm.

Repeat prescriptions
- All Patients can request repeat prescriptions by emailing: **hatfielddispensary@nhs.net**
- Please ensure that you indicate which Pharmacy you wish to collect your prescription from
- If you receive your prescription for medication from a Hospital or from an Outpatient Department you will be expected to collect this from the Hospital Pharmacy, as indicated on the prescription form – we are unable to dispense these prescriptions.
- Please note you are required to give at least 2 full working days for a repeat prescription request to be actioned.

Appointments
Sidney House Surgery, Hatfield Peverel (The Hub)
All urgent /on the day appointments are provided at Sidney House Surgery. There are also a small number of pre-bookable appointments available.
Car parking is available (up to 2 hours free of charge) in Hadfelda Square car park which is accessible from The Street (B1137). There is also a regular bus (Number 72*) that travels between Boreham and Hatfield
Peverel. *Services correct at time of going to print.

The Laurels Surgery, Boreham
Only pre-booked appointments with GP's and Nurses will be provided at The Laurels Surgery. Most of the Chronic Disease Management clinics (i.e. diabetes, asthma/COPD, blood pressure, heart disease monitoring) and follow up appointments will be provided at this site, although there will be limited availability at Sidney House.

Extended Hours appointments
Unfortunately, The Practice no longer provides appointments outside of our contracted hours of 08:00 – 18:30, Monday to Friday. This means that early and late appointments will no longer be offered and our long standing Saturday morning surgery will cease.

If you need non urgent medical assistance outside of the contracted hours, please dial 111. The operator will ask you for details of your problem - depending on the nature of your illness/complaint you will then speak to a doctor, a nurse or another clinician who will assess you. In an emergency dial 999.

Phlebotomy Services (Blood Tests)
We continue to offer Phlebotomy services but please note that the number of available appointments has been significantly reduced. If you are able to travel, then we would be grateful if you could make the short journey to one of the following locations to have your blood test taken.
The other locations for blood tests include:

- Broomfield Hospital: 01245 513150
- St Peters Hospital, Maldon
- Christchurch Reform Church on New London Road: 01245 516963
- St Michaels Hospital, Braintree.

Please be assured that the Practice focus remains on providing the highest quality of care and safety of our Patients.
If you have any questions regarding the budget cuts affecting the Surgery then please contact NHS England Contact Centre on 0300 311 22 33 (opening hours are 8am - 6pm Monday to Friday) or email england.contactus@nhs.net

Priory Hospital
The Priory Hospital is now holding private outpatient appointments at The Laurels Surgery for your comfort and convenience. The sessions will be on Tuesday afternoons and can be used for mild to moderate mental health conditions. Please refer to our surgery website or pick up a leaflet from either of the surgeries for more information.

Online Services
The Surgery is pleased to announce that from June 2016, patients will be able to apply for on-line access to the following services:
- Booking appointments
- Requesting repeat prescriptions
- Having coded access to your medical records

Applications for passwords will require ID. Keep an eye on our website for further details.
Dr Tom Cunningham
www.sidneyhouseandthelaurels.nhs.uk

BOREHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

The knife and fork brigade is still going strong The following summer venues are waiting to greet us with a variety of tasty lunches New members and visitors are always welcome, regardless of your location Just book in with me and join the fun

28th June
The William B, The Street, Hatfield Peverel. 01245 380082

26th July
The Bunsay Downs Golf Club Restaurant, Spring Elms Lane, Woodham Walter 01245 222369

30th August
Peartree Pantry, Spring Lane, Hatfield Peverel 01245 381461

27th September
The Rose And Crown, The Street, Great Waltham 01245 360359

For bookings and changes please contact Shirl Waterman 01245 467678 ans. Mobile 07858 095 058
This is important for the venue to arrange staff etc for our visits.

ALLOTMENTS

There are currently 23 allotments at the Waltham Road site which are managed on a day to day basis by the Church Field Allotment Association.

The current cost to rent a plot is £17.50 per year. We currently have one plot available – if you are interested in renting a plot with us now (or in the future and would like to be put on the waiting list please contact me for further information.

Daniela Crick - Chairman Church Fields Allotment Association,
Email:Daniela@crick.me.uk,
Tel: 01245451148

ESSEX COMMUNITY MESSAGING

Whatever you need Essex Police for, we want to make it easy for you to do it. For the first time you can report a non-emergency crime to us online.

Our **'do it online'** service lets you report non-emergency crime, road traffic collisions and access a range of information and advice easily and conveniently. Online reporting for lost or found property will be added during April.

Essex Police has also subscribed to the national 'knowledge bank' Ask The Police, also accessible at **www.essex.police.uk/doitonline.** Ask the Police contains answers to hundreds of often-asked questions about policing from abandoned vehicles to youth issues. Your burning question may already have an answer waiting for you

Remember though, we still need you to dial 999 in an emergency and you can still call our non-emergency number 101.

BOREHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Lighter nights are here, but crime does not stop. Update your security measures, light up your homes whether you are at home or not and lock all doors and outbuildings, using chains if possible even if you have only popped out for a few minutes...crime takes place at all times of day and night. Look out of your windows where possible to see who is at your door, or call out from inside your home. Contact police on 101 or 999 for urgent cases and myself if needed Flyers have been on hold for a good while now, as there is a question mark as always as to whether these will keep going, or whether it will be once or twice yearly now. I am waiting to hear further news on this

My Co ordinators do a great job in giving advice and help to residents in need, we can always do with more people, it doesn't matter whether there are one or three Co ordinators in one road or area, the more the merrier, we need you all

Please carry on reporting to the Police and myself so that alerts can be sent out etc..
Shirl Waterman Boreham
District Co-ordinator.
Shirley.waterman@sky.com
01245 467678ans.
Mobile 07858 095 058

BUTLER TRUST

Report to Boreham Annual Parish Meeting 2016

The Butler Educational Trust exists to provide grants to help with the education of any young person living in Boreham and Little Baddow. Its primary purpose is to support those on lower incomes, and the Trustees have continued to adopt a more stringent policy in this regard during the last couple of years. Whilst this has meant

that some applications have been turned down, it has enabled the Trustees to give a larger sums to applicants with particular needs.

Boreham Parish Council represented on the board of Trustees by John Galley, Gill Cooch, Brian Cook and Lee Batson. We have met three times during the last year. There are two grant streams. The first is for those in Further or Higher Education with every applicant receiving a standard grant for every year that they apply (£300 in 2014-15). It also makes grants to those in Primary and Secondary Education which are given to help fund, amongst other things, educational visits and courses, music tuition and the costs of equipment associated with a particular course of study. Grants have been given in the range £40 - £250, depending on what has been requested in the application, and are never given to cover the total cost of that for which assistance has been asked. A grant was also given to Boreham Primary School towards the cost of books that will be available to pupils through the school library.

It continues to be a source of sadness and frustration that we do not receive more applications to the Trust. This has been the third consecutive year when we have carried funds forward due to insufficient requests being made – which is surprising given the continuing financial challenges that are being faced by many people. We would welcome any ideas that may help us to both make the existence of the Trust more widely known, and also encourage more people to make applications.

It remains a huge privilege to serve as a Trustee, and to do all that we can to widen the opportunities available to the young people of our community.

Lee Batson *on behalf of the Boreham Trustees.*

BOREHAM COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

The Ambulance Service have asked Responder Groups to log on as often as possible especially over holiday and weekend times, due to high demand on the service. Boreham Responders cover a 5 mile radius of the village, and are often able to assist in an incident before Ambulance Crews are able to arrive.

The Group also provided First Aid cover for the Boreham Parish Walk on Sunday 8th May, which was a lovely walk to Paper Mill Lock.

BOREHAM SCOUT GROUPS

The Boreham Scout Groups are well attended, but new applications to join are always welcome! We will always need new leaders and adult helpers too, please get in touch if you have some time to spare for this rewarding volunteer work. Please contact **Roma Harrington on 461871** to find out more.

The Boreham Scout Headquarters Hall and outdoor address is available for hire. Please contact the new secretary, **Will Mackay, on 690578**. Amplified music is not allowed, so please bear that in mind! I'd be happy to talk through any plans you might have and discuss hire costs.

The Scout HQ and the Groups are run by a charity staffed by volunteers. Any support for the charity is always gratefully received. We have an 'Eastfundraising' webpage to help support the groups. The idea with this is that each time you use certain retailers they make a small donation to your chosen group (at no cost to you). If you would like to support us then search for 'Boreham Scout + Guide HQ' at **www.easyfundraising.org.uk**

BOREHAM SCHOOL PTA

FABS – Families at Boreham School) – Summer Fete 2016

After a successful AGM we are now busy planning our Summer Fete. This will be held in the school grounds on: Saturday 2nd July 2016 12noon - 3pm We are hoping this will be the biggest and best yet with lots of fun inflatables, new stalls, competitions and displays. Please come along, delicious hot and cold refreshments will be available throughout.
We still have a few spaces for external stall holders for just a £20 pitch fee or if you are a local business and you are able to provide a raffle prize for this event we would be very grateful. Please contact us on:
fabsfundraising@hotmail.com / Anna Hermitage 07903 609570

We are also seeking volunteers to help with both the setting up and the running of stalls, if you are available to help at all please contact us on:
fabsfundraising@hotmail.com / Anna Hermitage 07903 609570

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

It always amuses me that many people think the church has a quiet time after the joys of Easter, and that it does not get busy again until Christmas. Happily, this is not the case – and particularly so this year. We may not have Boreham-in-Bloom this year, but we still have a number of events at which we would love to welcome members of our village community.

So here goes:
We are starting a regular film afternoon in the Pelly Room, with dates for the rest of the summer being 30 June, 21 July, 18 August and 29 September. You will be able to find details of the films on our website and Facebook page. Each afternoon will begin at 2.30pm, and there will be no charge (though donations will be invited).

Before that, we are inviting people to look on the bright side of death at a seminar we are organising on 8 June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall called "Death Matters". This will provide a space to explore our understanding of death, and we will also hear from a local solicitor, undertaker and priest who will explore some of the questions that they ask people when they are planning a funeral or drawing up a will. There is no charge for this event, but places are limited so please contact me if you would like to attend.

It is a cause of national celebration that our Queen's reign continues to go on and on. We are holding a community barbecue in the Vicarage garden from 4pm on Sunday 12 June to celebrate Her Majesty's official 90th

birthday. Please do let me know if you would like to come along.
This event will act as a warm up to the Village Show which we are holding on Monday 29 August (Bank Holiday) in the Vicarage Garden. The last edition in 2014 proved to be a great success, despite the incessant rain, and it was good to see so many entries from across the village for the various competitions. So continue to be inspired by Bake Off, and get your entries ready for this year. There will be a number of different classes, and more details will be made public in due course.

So, as you can see, it is hardly going to be quiet – and we have not even mentioned the regular pattern of services through which we continue to pray for this community, nor the record number of weddings that are taking place this year.

Please do look us up on Facebook (Boreham Church Info), follow us on Twitter (**@BorehamChurch**) or keep an eye on our website **www.borehamchurch.org.uk** if you want to be kept up to date on all that is happening in your Parish Church.

With best wishes ***Lee***

BOREHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Twinning Association has recently returned from another very successful visit to our twin town Ploubalay, in Brittany. The mayor, the town council and fellow twinners welcomed us very warmly over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend with good food, wine and company throughout. We were also blessed by fine weather on the Saturday and Sunday enabling us to visit the coastline in all its splendour. This is our 29th year of twinning and we took over two Victoria plum trees to mark the occasion – fruits of which will be eaten for years to come. The evenings were filled with conversation, laughter, dancing and singing (in both languages).

We also took the opportunity to visit both schools and see the teaching of English. We were impressed by the enthusiasm of the pupils and teachers to have further links with the schools on this side of the Channel. Singing songs in English (by Adele, Queen and others) proved particularly popular with the children. Links to other associations in Boreham are warmly welcomed – they have several established sports clubs (eg football, volleyball) and have recently established an arts circle in Ploubalay.

Next year will see our 30th anniversary and we look forward to marking the event in true style. The Twinning Association always welcomes new members to participate in events both in Ploubalay and Boreham. As always, French isn't a pre-requirement to join
Contact:
Bill Brown –
wsbbrown@hotmail.com

Boreham Conservation Society reported in the last Village Newsletter that the proposed development of 145 houses, submitted by Gladman, on the land adjacent to the East of Plantation Road was due to go to Appeal. As stated the Inquiry took place between the 12th and 20th April 2016 and lasted the full six days including a site visit. The Inspector was happy to take comment from the public gallery and several villagers were able to speak and reinforce the many written objections submitted during the planning process.

Boreham Conservation Society would like to thank all those villagers who attended the Inquiry which made a significant impact on the Inspector as he made mention of those in attendance. We have been told that Chelmsford City Council Planning officers were happy with the way the Inquiry went but the Inspector will not be publishing his decision until the end of June 2016. Hopefully we will know the outcome by the time you read this piece.

We reported previously that many local people in Boreham made representation to Chelmsford City Council setting out their opinions on the various options being proposed as part of the New Local Plan consultation back at the beginning of the year. We understand from Chelmsford City Council that over 6000 responses were received from the general public many coming from Broomfield and the west of the City. There was also a good response from Boreham although we do not know exact numbers. Boreham Conservation Society would like to thank all those villagers who wrote in with their views and objections to the proposals. We can only hope that the strength of local opinion will have a significant impact on the planning team at Chelmsford City Council. Later in the year, having considered all of the representations made, Chelmsford will put forward their preferred option for future development and again we will have the opportunity to comment from a local perspective.

Boreham Conservation Society continues to promote the implementation of the recommendations of the Village Design Statement. However it has come under scrutiny at the recent Public Inquiry as it is now eight years since it was published. The Parish Council is now considering the preparation of a Parish Plan which will represent the updated view of the village community and Boreham Conservation Society will be happy to contribute to this process to establish guidelines to maintain and protect the village identity which we all value.

We are always keen to expand our membership and welcome new members so if you are interested in joining or just finding out more please contact Alan Swash on 01245 467335**.** This will be your chance to get involved and help to keep Boreham a village; a village to be proud of.

Boreham Parish Council
Annual Report 2015/16

Introduction from John Galley, Chairman

The full Parish Council meet on the first Monday of the month, except August, and in addition we have Planning Committee meetings fortnightly, and other Committee and Sub Committee meetings throughout the year. Parish Councillor attendance at meetings continues to be high with an average of 90% attendance. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all of their hard work, commitment and support throughout the year.

This year we have been pleased to welcome new Councillors: Charlotte Perrin, Jeff Rice, Anthony Leach and Roger Wicks. Sadly, Roger was only with us a short time and as a result of his sad and untimely death earlier in the year we now have one Parish Councillor vacancy.

Local residents are very welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings and at every meeting we have an opportunity for members of the public to speak; consideration is given to any matters of concern raised by parishioners. Meetings are held on a Monday evening in the Allen Room at the Village Hall. Agendas and meeting schedules can be found on the parish notice boards and on the Parish Council's web site.

The Parish Council has four part-time members of staff: a playground equipment supervisor, a village attendant, a Clerk and an Administrative Assistant. They all contribute to the work of the Parish Council and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work during the course of the year.

It has been a successful and busy year for the Parish Council and it has been very pleasing to see the conclusion of two major projects: the path around the recreation ground and the refurbished play area at Chase Field. We were fortunate in being successful in an application for funding towards the play area; 50% of the cost was met by a grant from the Essex County Council Community Initiative Fund. This year we have taken over land adjacent to the Lion Inn for allotments, the village sign has been moved to the corner of the recreation ground and we have a new website. It has also been a busy year as far as planning matters are concerned.

We have continued to be concerned about the speed of traffic within our village and have used the speed indicator device to monitor speed in Main Road, Plantation Road and Church Road. We have also introduced a speed watch initiative. We have discussed our concerns with the Police and Essex County Council Highways and there is now a draft proposal in place for a speed reduction scheme in Main Road. If this

receives the necessary funding, local residents will be consulted on the proposal.

Terry Anderson was appointed the new Editor for the Village Newsletter. Terry is doing an excellent job and I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank him for his efforts. The village newsletter of course would not be successful without the dedicated and hardworking group of Distributors, led by Bev Ellis. They go out in all weathers to ensure we all receive a copy of the newsletter so on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank them all.

Greens Committee
Councillors Mrs S Harris (Chairman), S Bass, Mrs G Cooch, L Mann and J Rice

The Greens Committee considers matters concerning the green spaces in the village including the Recreation Ground, Chase Field and Chantry Field. The Committee meets five times a year and has working groups looking after the various areas.



Chase Field Play Area
This year saw the installation of new play equipment at Chase Field. The Play Area was opened in July last year and has been well used since then. Sadly, the basket swing suffered vandalism soon after it was installed and we had to replace it.

Benches for Boreham
The Greens Committee has been looking at seating provision in the parish and carried out a full survey on the condition of all of our benches. As a result, three benches in poor condition will be replaced: at Chase Field, on the corner of Main Road/Church Road and at the bottom of Plantation Road; and others will be refurbished. We were successful in
getting funding towards this project from the Essex County Council Community Initiative Fund and this
will allow us to also purchase some new benches. The new sites are:

- Outside the Doctor's Surgery
- Close to the Village Notice Board, Church Road/Old Forge Road
- Plantation Road on green between Haselfoot Road and Sussex Close
- Opposite the Primary School

- Lion Inn Allotments
- And a picnic bench for Chase Field.

Before installing the benches, we will need to gain permission from landowners (where applicable) and consult with residents of neighbouring properties.

Parish Walks
Following the introduction of the Footpaths Leaflet, a Parish Walk was held on 13 September last year. The Parish Council worked with St Andrews Church to arrange the event and the walk was led by our Footpaths Officer, Chris Andrew. It was well attended and after the walk participants enjoyed refreshments in the Pelly Room.



Another Parish Walk will take place on Sunday 8 May starting at 2.30 pm. Look out for details on our website, village newsletter, and posters around the village.

We still have walk leaflets available at the Parish office; these are free of charge and can also be downloaded from the Parish Council website.

Village Sign
The village sign was moved from its site on the corner of Main Road/Church Road to a more visible site on the corner of the Recreation Ground at the end of last year and an opening celebration took place on 15th November.

Grounds Maintenance
The Parish Council looks after the maintenance of eleven sites including the recreation ground, Chase Field, Chantry Field, the Churchyard and Cemetery, together with some shrub beds, two footpaths and two verges. We have not been out to tender for the contract for a number of years and therefore we wrote new specifications for each site and went out to tender in March this year. The new contract begins in May 2016 and the Greens Committee will keep a close eye on the work carried out to ensure all of our sites are well cared for.

Lion Inn Allotments
This year The Lion Inn provided The Parish Council with an area of land next to their car park for use by parishioners as allotments. They kindly fenced the area, provided

access to water, fenced off the natural spring pond, provided a gravel path and installed a new shed for use by the tenants.

To ensure the allotments were in keeping with the style of the Lion Inn, the parish Council provided timber frames to the edge of the plots and had artificial grass paths installed. Twelve storage boxes have been provided in the shed for tenants to store their tools. Combination locks have been put onto both gates and the shed door for security.



All twelve plots have been taken and handover to the new tenants has been completed. Tenants have been offered the spare topsoil currently in the Recreation ground for their plots. Daniela Crick has been appointed as the Allotment Officer, supported by Jackie Lane, Parish Clerk and Councillor Jeff Rice.

Now the weather is improving work has started in earnest and we hope the new tenants will be reaping the rewards of their hard work. The Parish Council would like to thank The Lion Inn for the generous use of their land and for the support they have provided in getting this project up and running.

Recreation Ground Path

During the year a new path was installed around the recreation ground. This has been very well used and we hope residents agree it has made the recreation ground far more accessible for more people. The total cost of the project was £26,292 and this was paid for out of Section 106 monies (Planning contributions) and £20,000 from the Coopers development. The Parish Council is restricted on what it can spend Section 106 monies on and there is also a limited time in which the money can be spent. The recreation ground path was therefore felt to be good use of the money and was completed without spending any money from the Parish Council's budget.

Outdoor Gym Project

The Parish Council has been successful in being awarded £10,000 from Tesco's Bags of Help initiative. This money is to be used to provide outdoor gym equipment on the Recreation Ground. Four companies were asked to draw up designs for an outdoor gym for display at the Annual Parish Meeting. For anyone unable to attend the meeting, the proposals are available to comment on via the Parish Council website. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide something for older residents.

Planning Committee: Councillors J Galley (Chairman), S Bass, R Munnery, A Leach

During the year the Planning Committee met on 18 occasions and considered 59 planning
applications. An appeal enquiry took place with regard to the outline planning application for up to 200 homes and creation of new publicly accessible open space at land South East of the Lion Inn, Main Road; following strong objections raised by many local residents, we were delighted to learn in March this year that the appeal had been dismissed and therefore the development will not go ahead. We are still waiting for an appeal decision with regard to the planning application for development of up to 145 residential dwellings, open space, landscaping, associated infrastructure including means of access at Land East of Plantation Road.

The Local Plan:
Chelmsford City Council has started work on a new Local Plan that will provide the planning framework for the future growth and development of the City Council's area until 2036. The new Local Plan will identify land for housing, schools, shops and jobs as well as areas for protection, such as open space and sites important for wildlife. There was a recent consultation on the Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation Document, its Sustainability Appraisal and Non-Technical Summary. One of the options being explored in the Local Plan includes 800 new homes for Boreham (Option 3 Urban Focus and Growth in Key Villages). There were strong objections raised to this option by the Conservation Society, the Parish Council and many local residents. The next stage in the process is the Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation which takes place in the Summer/Autumn 2016. The Parish Council will continue to fight against unsustainable and unsuitable development.

Neighbourhood Plan:
We are considering preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Boreham which will give us greater influence over planning matters affecting our village. It is vital that local people are involved in this process; if you would like to be involved in helping us prepare a Neighbourhood Plan please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Finance Report:
Councillors J Galley (Chairman), Mrs G Cooch and R Munnery

The Parish Council prepares its budgets in November each year for the following financial year and gets its funding by receiving a small amount of the local Council Tax. This is referred to as the Parish Precept. For the financial year 2016/17, the precept for Boreham Parish Council is £83,100. This equates to the average Band D charge to each property in Boreham of £63.99 for the year (compared to a figure of

£62.81 in 2015/16). The Parish Council's accounts are audited annually by an external auditor and full details of its income and expenditure and its Balance Sheet can be inspected on its website or by visiting the Parish Office.

Balance 1 April 2015: £ 28,019
Add Income: £120,406
Add Transfer from Reserves: £ 25,536
Less Expenditure: £139,195
Balance 31 March 2016: £ 34,766

The following gives a summary of the Parish Council's income and expenditure for the year 2015/16:

Income	**Approx %**	**£**
Precept	68%	81,500
Planning Contributions	17%	20,499
Grants and Donations	12%	15,110
Chantry Field	2%	2,171
Miscellaneous	1%	1,126
Total:		**£120,406**
Expenditure		
Newsletter	1%	1,654
Administration	7%	10,486
Salaries	31%	43,350
Grass Cutting & Open Spaces	8%	11,177
Recreation Ground	19%	26,292
Litter Bins	1%	1,096
Play Equipment	25%	34,455
Lion Inn Allotments	6%	7,652
Boreham Recreation Ground Charity	2%	3,033
Total:		**£139,195**

Boreham Recreation Ground Charity Committee
This year we have set up a new committee to look after the Boreham Recreation Ground Charity. The committee meets twice a year and any projects are overseen by the Greens Committee.
Income and Expenditure 2015/2016:
Budget: £3,033
Income: £1,896
Expenditure: £1,790
Balance: £3,