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55th Issue



Will it snow this winter?

Whether or not we hope you have an enjoyable Christmas.

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Chairman's letter

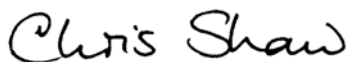
Writing this towards the end of October, when you will not be reading the magazine until the beginning of December, makes it hard to attempt to be up to date. This is especially so in relation to the Site Allocations consultation document from the Borough Council, which at the time of writing is due to be published in a few days time. As I'm sure most people are aware, the document deals with sites for gypsies and travellers and for extra affordable housing, although it is the former which have hit the headlines.

The Borough Council were proposing to put forward two options for the gypsy and traveller sites, one of which was land at the junction of Church Street and Molrams Lane. Following the last minute withdrawal of the other site by Council officers and much protest about the suitability of the Baddow site and the unfairness of consulting on a single option, you will have seen a consultation document with no proposed sites. Instead it calls for suggestions for fresh sites. By the time you are reading this, we should have had time to study the document, hold a public meeting and be considering our formal response. We will not be losing sight of the need to comment on the proposed affordable housing sites too.

An ongoing problem has been the closure of the Rothmans entrance into the recreation ground while building work has been taking place, which has led to much inconvenience for residents. Although we were assured initially that the entrance would be reopened once the building work was complete, we have been trying to secure a legal agreement to make the entrance a right of way. Unfortunately a previous right of way was extinguished in the 1950s. This has been proving an irritatingly slow process, but we hope to have made progress before the end of the year, believing it is preferable to secure an agreement by all sides rather than have to take action against the landowners to prove a right of way by usage.

Fortunately, we have not only been wrestling with difficulties recently! Congratulations are due to our office staff, who held a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Bell Centre in September and raised £134.64. And we have entertainment coming up in the new year, with an Essex on Tour show in February by the Opera Dudes (see the advert on page 16), and an Essex Book Festival event in March featuring Penelope Lively. Finally, we are very pleased to welcome Gordon Jarvis as a new councillor, taking the place of Will Richardson.

We hope you continue to find the magazine interesting and useful, and we wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.



Chris Shaw, Chairman

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Website: www.greatbaddowparishcouncil.co.uk

The office is normally open from 10 am to 1 pm Monday to Friday and on Saturday mornings immediately prior to the main Council meeting each month, or by appointment with the Clerk

Your Journal

This journal is published by Great Baddow Parish Council for the people of Great Baddow. If you would like to tell the village about a recent event, an event in the future or advertise your club or society, just drop the details into the Parish Office or send them to the editor, John Emery, 18, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow, CM2 7AN, telephone 01245 475648 or email to john.emery@live.co.uk As long as the contribution is non-commercial, there is no charge for the service.

The next edition should be distributed in the week commencing 15th March 2010.

To make sure your article is included please send it in by 8th February 2010.

Dates of Parish Council Meetings

January to March 2010

Meetings are held in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall on Monday evenings and members of the public are welcome to attend. There is an opportunity at the start of meetings for you to ask questions or make observations on agenda items.

January

4th	Planning	7.30 pm
	Finance & General Purposes	8.00 pm
11th	Parish Council	7.30 pm
18th	Planning	7.30 pm
25th	Organisation, Methods & Personnel	7.30 pm

February

1st	Planning	7.30 pm
	Finance & General Purposes	8.00 pm
8th	Parish Council	7.30 pm
15th	Planning	7.30 pm
	Highways & Amenities	8.00 pm
22nd	Allotments	7.00 pm
	Grounds	7.30 pm

March

1st	Planning	7.30 pm
	Finance & General Purposes	8.00 pm
8th	Parish Council	7.30 pm
15th	Planning	7.30 pm
29th	Bell Centre	7.30 pm
	Parish Hall	8.00 pm

Parish Council Surgeries

These will be held at the Parish Hall, Committee Room 1, on Saturday mornings

January 9th, February 6th and March 6th

from 9.30 to 11.30 am

**You can also contact parish councillors or the Parish Council office at any other time
– see contact details on the opposite page.**

Manned Refuse Vehicle

The manned refuse vehicle will be visiting Great Baddow on Saturday 20th February 2010. It will be at Meadgate shops from 10.05 am to 11.05 am and at Gardeners from 11.15 am 12.15 pm.

Please note that the only items which are now accepted are recyclable items and large items such as furniture, fridges/freezer, TVs and computer screens.

Shaping our Borough

Chelmsford Borough Council planning consultations

What is happening?

Chelmsford Borough Council has launched one of the largest consultation exercises to date, helping to shape the Borough to 2021 and beyond. Parish Councils, residents and businesses are encouraged to have their say on planning and sustainable development issues that could affect us all – comments are welcomed until 4.45pm on 21 December 2009.

What documents are we consulting on?

Specifically, the Borough Council is seeking comments on five documents, which are:

DOCUMENT	DESCRIPTION	Consultation starts	Consultation finishes
Site Allocations Development Plan Document (SADPD)	Covers the whole of the Borough except for those areas covered by Area Action Plans such as Chelmsford Town Centre and North Chelmsford	October 27	4.45pm December 21
North Chelmsford Area Action Plan (NCAAP)	Covers the northern part of Chelmsford and adjacent countryside	October 27	4.45pm December 21
Chelmsford Town Centre Public Realm Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Proposals for improvements to public spaces in Chelmsford Town Centre	November 10	4.45pm December 21
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Provides details on how we will involve the community in planning consultations	November 10	4.45pm December 21
Stock Village Design Statement (VDS)	Community design guidance for Stock	November 10	4.45pm December 21

Where can you get copies of documents?

You can view the documents out for consultation at <http://consult.chelmsford.gov.uk> or the Borough Council can send you a copy on CD, or a paper copy on request. A copy can also be viewed at the Planning Civic Centre reception desk, libraries in the Borough, and from some Parish Offices. Or why not visit one of our exhibitions - see www.chelmsford.gov.uk/ldf for more details.

How can you comment?

Please do this online using NEW consultation portal at <http://consult.chelmsford.gov.uk> Alternatively you can request a consultation response form by telephoning (01245) 606330. Representations can also be made by email to reponline@chelmsford.gov.uk or by post to LDF Representations, Planning Policy, Directorate of Sustainable Communities, Chelmsford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1JE

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Christmas Services in Great Baddow St Paul's Church – Loftin Way

Sunday 20th December

10am – All age communion

5.30pm – Candlelit carol service

Tuesday 22nd December

10am to 3pm - Children's Christmas activity day – followed by Christingle service for all the family

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.30pm – Family crib service

11.30pm – Midnight communion

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day

10am – All age celebration

Sunday 27th December

10am – All age morning praise

United Reformed Church – next to the library

Sunday 13th December

3pm - Christingle service

Sunday 20th December

10.45am – Carol service

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day

10.30am – Christmas service with Jon Sermon

Ring out the Bells!

St Mary's Church, Great Baddow has eight beautiful bells. The ringers practise on the first and second Fridays of each month from 7.45pm to 9.00pm. Please contact Cecile Cross on **478275** if you can ring or would like to learn how to.

Great Baddow Hospice Support Group

Wednesday 27th January

11.45am - 1.15pm - Lunch in the Parish Hall, Maldon Road. Homemade soup, ploughman's dessert, tea/coffee - £5. Raffle, bring and buy and cards for sale.



Volunteers helping to plant daffodil bulbs on the green behind Marrable House – look out for the flowers next spring!

The Parish Council would like to congratulate John Emery on his environmental award from Chelmsford Borough Council for his voluntary work in running the Great Baddow and Galleywood Environmental Group.



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NEWS FROM GREAT BADDOW LIBRARY

Contributed by Christina Alston

Long winter evenings ahead

Now is the perfect time to come to the library and stock up on books, DVDs and CDs to see you through the winter nights ahead. You can even browse the library catalogue from your own home by logging on to www.essex.gov.uk/libraries where you can order up to 28 items to be delivered to your local library for pick up.

Book sale

We are holding a Book Sale on Saturday December 5th, why not come along and see if you can find a bargain?

Christmas is coming!

If you are looking forward to Christmas don't forget we have a variety of things which can help you have the perfect Christmas, such as cookery books, books to help you make your own decorations, Christmas cards and presents. We have Christmas CDs and for after lunch we have quiz and games books to keep everyone entertained and if you prefer to sit down in front of the television, we have a wide selection of films to choose from.

The Christmas opening hours

Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve) close 1pm

Friday 25th December (Christmas Day) closed

Saturday 26th December (Boxing Day) closed

Sunday 27th December closed

Monday 28th December closed

Tuesday 29th December open 9am – 5pm

Wednesday 30th December open 2pm – 7pm

Thursday 31st December close 5pm

Friday 1st January (New Years Day) closed

Saturday 2nd January open 9am – 5pm

... and for after Christmas we have a wide variety of healthy eating books, fitness DVDs and information to help you lose those extra pounds!

Wild in the library

Looking forward to February half term (February 15th-19th) we will be holding a Wildlife Event, so make sure you put this in your new diaries. Further details from the library nearer the time.

Bookstart sessions

For children under school age (and their parents!) we hold two Bookstart sessions, one on Tuesday mornings at 11am and one on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm. It is half an hour of fun which includes storytelling, rhymes and songs and is enjoyed by children and parents alike! No booking is required, just turn up and join in.

Finally, may we take this opportunity to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

26th Chelmsford (Great Baddow) Scout Group Headquarters – Brook Bank, Meadgate

Beaver Scouts- contact Mrs S. Darling 01277 354584

Meet Mondays – 5.45pm to 7.00pm

Age – 6 years to 8 years

Cub Scouts- contact Miss B. Moss 01277 841569

Meet Mondays – 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Age – 8 years to 10 ½ years

Scouts- contact Mr. G Steggall 07971 696375

Meet Tuesdays – 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Age – 10 ½ years to 14 years

Beavers have fun every week and make friends. We have been looking at fish, and making magnet fishing rods. Badges are always being earned.

Cub Scouts have all just gained their chef badges. We have cooked on BBQs, been cooking macaroni cheese, and looked at the health and safety side of being a chef.

Scouts have recently built rafts and raced them against other district Scouts. They hit the news headlines for winning and building the most original paddle raft

As a Group, we are off to Camp at Prances Camp site in Wickham Bishops, where we shall use facilities on site like archery, rifle shooting, climbing, cork guns and computers for Beavers IT badge. We are going to see the fireworks in Maldon and as it's Remembrance Sunday we shall attend a Service and make our own wreath and crosses during the weekend.

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Would like to wish readers a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. Here are our meeting dates for the next few months, which are held in Great Baddow Parish Hall on Mondays and start at 7.45pm.

All visitors are welcome, so why not come along and join us.

14th December - Christmas party with entertainment

Competition: Christmas table decoration

18th January - Judith Chalmers! Why not me? - Ann Newmeir

Competition: Humorous holiday photograph

15th February - You and your health - Dr Paul Irvine

Competition: Home-made Valentines card

15th March - All about stammering - Raymond Worster

Competition: Flower arrangement in a mug

Great Baddow Horticultural Society

Contributed by Clive Arben

East meets West

2010 opens on 14th January with an established favourite, Robin Carsberg, who will give us a presentation on 'East meets West'. East is a Royal Horticultural Society garden most will know well or at the very least will have made an occasional visit to – Hyde Hall. West is Rosemoor, the RHS garden in Devon. There are obvious differences, for example in the amount of rainfall they receive : no need for a 'dry garden' at Rosemoor. This promises to be a most interesting talk.

French gardens

This is followed on 11th February by a talk on 'The Gardens of France' by Margot Bishop who is an accomplished speaker and writer as we have discovered. This is her third visit.

The Cotswolds

On 11th March we have yet another speaker and judge well known to dahlia growers in the Society and elsewhere – Roger Clayden. However, on this visit he will describe 'A Walk in the Cotswolds'.

Spring on the way!

All this to look forward to and before you know it, winter is over and the Spring Show is upon us on 8th April at 8 o'clock in the Parish Hall.

All talks are held in the Parish Hall starting at 7.30pm. Admission is free and non members are made most welcome.

Great Baddow Bowling Club

Season's end

The 2009 outdoor bowls season ended on 27 September with an end of season fun competition which ironically was played in warm and sunny conditions. The event was won by Bert Hunt and the bowls was followed by a buffet supper in the clubhouse.

This season's successes

The successes are headed by the ladies who reached the final of the County double rink competition. The final was postponed due to a waterlogged green at Maldon and will now be played at the beginning of the 2010 season. Mick Brickel and Alan Frances won the CMBL pairs championship for a second year in succession, the mixed "C" team won CMBL division 4 with the "B" and "D" teams being promoted from divisions 2 and 6 respectively. The men's "C" team also achieved promotion from division 3 of the C&D league

The 'nearlys'

Mike Newman and Phyllis Bridge were both quarter finalists in the County unbadged competitions. The club were runners up in both the Atkinson Shield and Writtle Hospital Cup. Ian Dudley was runner up in the C&D unbadged, Mick Brickel/ Derek Taylor/Peter Brett runners up in the C&D Triples, Ken Perry/ Peter Brett runners up in the Coronation Shield , Mick Brickel /Eric Ovel 3rd in the Coronation Plate and Wendy Buckingham/Irene Blackboro semi finalists in the Chelmer Ladies League pairs.

At club level Mick Brickel crowned his four competition successes by winning the Men's Championship. Doris Toole won the Ladies Championship.

Not just bowling

The close season again has a programme of social events which includes a quiz night and a presentation lunch at the Miami Grill. We also have a team entered in the local crib league. We shall be on the bowling green again on 24 April 2010 for the start of a new season

If you would like any further information about the bowls club give one of us a call.

Phyllis Bridge, 01245 474924 or Ron Pryke 01245 475319

Great Baddow (E) Townswomen's Guild

A sad announcement

Due to dwindling numbers and the lack of finding a committee for next year it is with much regret that after much deliberation the Guild has decided to close down in February 2010, after being in Great Baddow for 43 years.

However, there will be two meetings in the New Year should anyone wish to join us. These are as follows:

Thursday 7th January - Roger Dorking will be our guest speaker talking about The Life & Times of the Dorkings.

Thursday 4th March our speaker will entertain us with a talk entitled "My Suitcase, My Patience - And Him".

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Guild in some way over the past years.

Great Baddow Flower Club

The programme

17th December

The demonstration this month will be entitled 'Christmas, Oh What a Pantomime'. This is by Irene Bowkett, who is a new demonstrator for this club and we look forward to welcoming her. This will be a chance for us to get some ideas and inspiration for our flower arrangements at Christmas.

2010

No meeting in January.

18th February

At our first meeting of the new year, we will meet Janice Swan, another new demonstrator for us, whose title is 'Designs for all Occasions' and we look forward to this with interest.

18th March

This month we will welcome Christine Makings, who many will know from her popular classes held in Stock. The title of this demonstration will be 'Cause for Celebration'.

About the club

The Club, which is affiliated to the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies, meets in the Parish Hall, Maldon Road, at 7.45pm on the third Thursday of each month with the exception of January and August. We are a friendly club and welcome new members, who pay a small charge at the door. As well as the demonstrations, there is always plenty of time to have a close look at the beautiful arrangements, buy a few raffle tickets for these if you wish, have a cup of tea/coffee and chat to other members. We also have a sales table, which has a wide range of basics for flower arranging and there is also a plant stall.

Members are encouraged to bring a flower arrangement of their own and display it.

Pennies are put into the pots beside the arrangements to vote for the favourite and this money goes to our local charity for the year, which is J's Hospice.

Great Baddow Afternoon W.I.

Monthly meetings are held in the Parish Hall, Maldon Road on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2.0pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

Following the very successful garden party in mid-summer, an early autumn lunch was enjoyed in a member's garden.

The programme of monthly meetings

26th November – Richard Thomas, the Gunpowder Plot.

Competition – a Toby jug.

3rd December – A Christmas party

28th December – Margaret Brehant, The Amish.

Competition – Charity child's jumper for Tindal Group collection.

The 11th Essex Book Festival – 4th to 31st March 2010

The Essex Book Festival takes place right across Essex and gives everyone a chance to meet and hear favourite and new authors.

Event at Great Baddow Parish Hall – 2pm Thursday 4th March 2010

Penelope Lively will be in conversation with her editor, Juliet Annan, on the 75th anniversary of Penguin Books. Penelope was the winner of the Booker Prize for 'Moontiger' and twice short listed for other novels. She has also written many prize winning children's books.

Essex wide

The full Festival programme will be available in libraries from the end of December. Tickets for the events can be obtained from 7th January 2010.

You can book by using the form in the programme, by telephone on 01206 573948 or by looking at www.essexbookfestival.org.uk.

Top names at the events will include George Alagiah, Alastair Campbell, Margaret Drabble, Barbara Erskine, Mike Gayle, Maggie Gee, Germaine Greer, Joanne Harris, Sadie Jones, Penelope Lively, Andrew Motion, Lesley Pearse, Rose Tremaine, Alison Weir and Francis Wheen

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