



LITTLE BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report & Newsletter 2006

From the Chairman...

2005 has been a relatively quiet year in Little Baddow in as much as there have been no major new developments.

Village Design Statement

The Village Design Statement was approved in May 2005 by the Borough Council and sincere thanks go to all those involved especially Don Neal who chaired the committee. Although it has been said before, a tremendous amount of very hard work has been put into this especially over the last two years.

Village Website

As we were going to press last year, the village website was about to be launched. It has been a great success and is growing continually, and thanks go to those who developed it and work to keep it up to date.

Holybred Wood

In the autumn it was a great pleasure to all involved on the Holybred Wood Project a few years ago to be present at the unveiling of a sign board giving a map of the wood and a description of the flora and fauna to be found there. The board was unveiled by Mrs Eileen Pyman as her late husband Geoff had been a staunch supporter of the countryside in and around Little Baddow. Since then, the first section



Mrs Eileen Pyman unveiling the new Holybred Wood sign

of coppicing has been completed which is the first of three planned at present.

Tennis Courts

The Parish Council was asked by the Tennis Club for a new location for the Club. In order to seek the view of residents a questionnaire was sent out to all households of whom a large percentage responded in favour of courts in the grounds of the Sports Field.

Best Kept Village Award

Well done to all, by the way - we won our category for the Best Kept Village Award.

Thanks

I would like to thank Bob Shepherd, Parish Clerk for his continuing loyal support over the past year; John Sheriff in his role as caretaker of the Memorial Hall; Kenneth Stebbings as Parish Correspondent; and Margaret Jarvis for continuing to keep her eye on the Spring Close Play Area.

A Village Design Statement for Little Baddow

The Little Baddow Village Design Statement was formally adopted by Chelmsford Borough Council in May 2005. This was the culmination of over 3 years' work undertaken by the residents of the village, led by a team of volunteers who agreed to manage the project.

The VDS has provided us with the opportunity to have our say on planning decisions, highlighting what should be conserved and what should be improved so that the village evolves in a way that meets the needs of the majority of its residents.

Consultation has been the main priority to ensure that the VDS reflects the views of the majority of residents. The response was tremendous, exceeding all expectations and being among the highest of those villages in Essex who

have produced a VDS. Over 50% of households completed the Questionnaire and 75 people attended the Photo-fun Day.

Chelmsford Borough Council was consulted throughout the process and the Rural Community Council of Essex gave invaluable support. Grants were received from various organisations to finance the project.

The VDS has now become Supplementary Planning Guidance which means that Chelmsford Borough Council will take its contents into account when considering planning applications. Every household in the village has received a copy and it is sent to anyone submitting a planning application to the Borough Council.

There have already been several

instances where the guidelines in the VDS have influenced planning decisions.

Following the formal launch event attended by the Mayor of Chelmsford on 10th September the VDS Committee has now been formally dissolved.

Copies of the document are available from the Parish Clerk or Chelmsford Borough Council Town Planning & Building Control Services.



VDS Launch Event

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Planning



The highlight of the year was the adoption by Chelmsford Borough Council of the Village Design Statement which it is hoped will give Little

Baddow more control over planning policy.

The Parish Council considered fifty-six planning applications during 2005, two for new dwellings, five for replacement dwellings, one for a telecommunications mast and the remainder for extensions and alterations to existing properties. The Parish Council objected to eighteen planning applications. So far Chelmsford Borough Council has granted twenty-eight, refused six and four have been withdrawn.

There have been fifteen Tree Preservation Orders and it was suggested the Little Baddow Conservation Society should give consideration to these. Four planning applications have gone to appeal and three of these have been dismissed.

Comments have been made on the East of England Plan, the Chelmsford Statement of Community Involvement, Chelmsford Borough Council Core Strategy and Development Options Paper and Chelmsford Town Centre Action Plan together with the preliminary documents that precede these draft plans. Braintree and Maldon Local Plans have also been considered.

A number of planning contraventions have also been raised with the Local Planning Authority.

Spring Close



Vandalism by local youths to the play equipment continues to be a problem. In July the basketball net and post were destroyed. The culprits were identified and the Parish Council asked the police to investigate and prosecute the offenders. January has arrived and we are very disappointed that due to administrative blunders no action has been taken by the police. This gives entirely the wrong message to the vandals. The Parish Clerk has now written to the Chief Superintendent to complain and ask that this matter is given some priority. Repairs to the equipment have been carried out for the benefit of those children who enjoy the facilities, at a cost of £467.

Chelmer Housing Partnership has reneged on its earlier promise to review the derelict garages which adjoin the play area, citing a change of policy and the difficulty it is having in tracing one of the owners. The Parish Council considers that this site is unsafe and unsuitable for children to play in. We will continue to press the various owners of the site to make it safe and secure and would ask parents to warn their children not to play in this area.



Transport



As a rural community, public transport links are vital for those residents who do not have access to vehicles of their own. As we cannot claim to be well served by bus routes it is important to try to keep the ones we do have. So, earlier this year we were pleased to report that the MalBus 4 Service between Maldon and the Parish had been retained.

The Danbury and Little Baddow Community Bus better known as 'The Danbury Flyer' is a voluntary organisation providing a regular minibus service between Little Baddow and the shops and facilities in Danbury. As it provides a valuable extra link for residents the Parish Council decided to continue its financial support for this organisation, and it is hoped that the funding will be in place to keep this service running for the next few years.

The more people that use these bus services the better chance we have of keeping them. Timetables and contact details are available on our village website.

A number of unforeseen incidents during 2005 have delayed the Highways Department's decision-making process on the extension of the 30mph speed limit along The Ridge and North Hill. We hope to be able to persuade the Highways Department of the merits of our case early in 2006.

Sports Club



This year we lost the services of Tom Suthery who has retired and left the area. For many years Tom looked after the sports field with the late John Enefer and together they achieved many accolades for their work from the Cricket Club and the Essex Playing Fields Association.

The sports field is now being looked after by Paul Jackson with assistance from other Cricket Club members. Paul

has continued the tradition of winning accolades for the field with a First Place in Class 2 in 2004 and a Certificate of Merit in 2005, and we wish him every success for the future.

We have experienced problems with wood rot in some of the windows in the changing and shower room on the south side of the Pavilion. This work will be carried out to coincide with the renovation and decoration of the exterior of the building, scheduled for the spring of 2006.

A proposal for the tennis courts to be placed on the sports ground was submitted to the Parish Council during the year. The Council agreed to support in principle, subject to agreement on the necessary planning application and other matters, the installation of Tennis Courts on the Car Park at the sports ground.

The Cricket Club, Ridge Runners and Elm Green School are continuing to enjoy the facilities of the Sports Field and Pavilion.

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Finance



Little Baddow Parish Council is financially responsible for the Memorial Hall, the Spring Close play area, the Sports Field and Pavilion, Holybred Wood, Heather Hills, and certain other activities like grass-cutting of communal areas.

At the time of writing, in December 2005, we anticipate a healthy financial position at the financial year end next March. The extension and other improvements made to the Memorial Hall seem to have been well received, as we saw a significant increase in bookings last year and expect this to be sustained this year - while Hall-related costs have been held broadly stable. This reverses a trend of declining income from Hall lettings. The net cost to the Council of the sports facilities has also improved sharply following new financial arrangements with the Users.

The improved income has enabled us to buy new chairs for the Hall – which by all accounts are very popular! – and to make a provision towards possible future improvements to the Spring Close Play Area. We have been able to do both, and to meet unavoidable cost increases, while holding the precept unchanged for the year 2006 - 7. In addition, we have begun to rebuild our general reserves towards recommended guidelines.

Various improvements have been made to the way in which finances were accounted in 2004 - 5 when compared with 2003 - 4. In particular, the cost of the Council's insurance is no longer attributed solely to the Hall, but shows under "Other" expenditure as it relates to all aspects of the Council's business. The table below shows both versions to enable effective comparison. As before, Holybred Wood is maintained from funds arising from the original appeal, and so is excluded from the figures below.

Financial Statement 2004 – 5			
2003 - 4	INCOME	2004 - 5 Like-for-Like Basis	2004 - 5 New Basis
25000	Precept	30000	30000
666	Interest	1022	1022
9054	Hall	11061	11061
1189	Sports	3815	4548
1122	Other	331	331
37031	Total	46229	46962
EXPENDITURE			
17772	Hall	17638	13712
3646	Spring Close Play Area and Sports Facilities	3864	4597
250	Capital items	1224	1224
10385	Other	11300	15226
N/A	Loan repayments	5624	5624
32053	Total	39650	40383

Butler Educational



The Trustees have met three times during the year and continued to make small educational grants to young people in Little Baddow and Boreham.

More information and application forms are available from Pat Breeze, Deborah Burt, Wendy Godden and Margaret Martin.

Almshouses

Keith Ferguson was welcomed as a Trustee in May 2005. At the May meeting an inspection of the exterior of the almshouses was carried out. Following this the television aerials were rearranged and some re-pointing carried out.

In view of the litigious times in which we live, Trustee Indemnity Insurance has been taken out. There has

been an inspection of all electrical equipment and a risk assessment has been made.

The Trustees are sorry to report the death of Miss Mercer, a beneficiary of many years standing. A new appointment was made in November.

Who's who and what they do...

Tim Thorogood	Chairman/Amenities/Planning/Sports Club
John Robinson	Vice Chairman/Sports Field/Planning
Tim Clayton	ACD-Parish Councils/Transport
Mike Fenn	Amenities/Chelmer Valley Association/Public Rights of Way/Spring Close Play Area
Keith Ferguson	Finance/Hall
Mary Buckley	Hall/Neighbourhood Watch
Margaret Martin	Planning/Butler Educational Trust//Pledger Trust
Harriet Middelboe	Community Care/EALC/Hall//Home & Safety/North Essex Health Authority
Jane Rigler	Emergency Planning/Holybred Wood/ Spring Close Play Area/Website/Newsletter
Bob Shepherd	Clerk to the Parish Council (227275) and Borough Councillor



Parish Councillors at work

For the latest information on Little Baddow and the surrounding area, visit the Parish Website at www.littlebaddow.org.uk

Borough & County

Robert Shepherd MBE, Borough Councillor

Having now been your Borough Councillor for just over twelve months I can bring you up to date with what has been happening.

Road Works

The road works through Danbury did not affect Little Baddow as we feared – there were no serious traffic holdups and our lanes were in many ways quieter than normal. However the inevitable rat-run developed through Spring Elms Lane/Colam Lane and Church Road. This necessitated remedial repairs to our lanes which are still ongoing. The erosion of borders of our highways is giving great cause for concern.

Recycling

The Borough's recycling programme is well under way and we shall commence the collection of plastic materials early this year with the collection of cardboard to follow later.

Transport

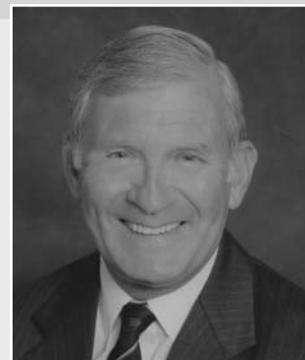
The new bus station is now being built and we all look forward to its completion; it is hoped that the Park and Ride will be functional from 1st April. I am pleased that our Community Bus – The Danbury Flyer - is still being supported by the Parish Councils – please use it – or lose it!

Licensing

The new act came into force and our two public houses in the village may now remain open later. Should there be any problems associated with the late closures please, in the first instance, speak to the Licensees and if unsuccessful let me know and I can then address the problem.

One of my responsibilities as a Borough Councillor is as a member of the Licensing Committee which now has a wide

experience of the needs across the Borough of all aspects of licensed premises. We can only wait and see what the effects of the additional hours of opening will bring but both the police and the Council have powers to take remedial action against any premises which give cause for concern.



Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation

The Inland Waterways Association took over the day to day management and responsibility for the Navigation, as well as income and expenditure relating to it, although the freehold ownership remains with the Company. The tea rooms at Paper Mill Lock and the barge *Victoria* have been sold by the Administrator. The lock cottages at Paper Mill Lock, Hoe Mill Lock and Sandford Lock are also being sold along with some other pieces of land that are outside the core navigation assets.

Planning

In May of last year the Village Design Statement was formally adopted as supplementary planning guidance by the Council and my thanks go to all members of that Committee who have ensured that the wishes of our residents are taken into account when planning applications are determined. Last but not least the Borough has fully consulted on the Local Development Framework which is still ongoing. I shall continue to monitor closely, with the Parish Council, those applications which we feel would be detrimental to our village.

Peter Martin, County Councillor

Highways and Transportation

The roadworks through Danbury did not affect Little Baddow as much as feared although Holybread Lane and Spring Elms Lane experienced a considerable increase in traffic at peak times. The centre of Danbury however suffered a significant reduction in the number of visitors which was enjoyed by the residents but which had a very adverse effect on the retail businesses.

The Park and Ride scheme at Sandon is progressing well. The new bus lane along the A130 Great Baddow Bypass is now complete and the whole scheme is due to open in April. It will be interesting to see how well it is used but it does have the potential of keeping hundreds of cars out of Chelmsford.

Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation

The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) has taken over the responsibility for the Navigation with the support of Essex and Suffolk Water Ltd, Essex County Council, Chelmsford Borough Council and Maldon District Council. A new company has been formed called Essex Waterways Ltd for this purpose

which will be a subsidiary company of IWA. As the local County Councillor I hope to represent the ECC on the Board of the new Company. It is absolutely vital that we retain and maintain the Navigation for future generations to enjoy.

Planning

The Draft East of England Plan is currently going through the Examination in Public stage of its development. Although many of the arguments that the ECC has been putting forward have been accepted by the Panel I am not optimistic that the Plan is going to be amended significantly. Indeed as part of Gordon Brown's recent announcements on Government Spending he stated that the number of houses that need to be built should be increased by a third over and above the numbers included in current plans. Watch this space.



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Memorial Hall



Hall bookings have increased this year with new regular hirers and extra bookings from existing users. Our largest expenditure has been 138 new chairs for the hall. Judging by the comments that we have received they have been a success. On a smaller scale we have replaced some of the cutlery and now have 100 full place settings, with some extra teaspoons. Also there are 12 glass tumblers, six water jugs, and 6 milk jugs in the kitchen cupboards.

Recently we have purchased two free standing projection screens; - a 2m square screen for the main hall, and a 1500mm square screen for the Berridge Room. In addition a private donor has given a projector stand suitable for an overhead projector, and a taller lectern/stand.

Once again the User Group Meeting provided some useful suggestions for improvements, and there is now a bin provided for soiled tea towels to enable better standards of hygiene in the kitchen. The ovens have been professionally steam cleaned, and the closing mechanism on the ladies' cloakroom door has been replaced.

Congratulations to Mike Heard, who has successfully completed the training course and passed the examination to qualify as the Personal Licence Holder for the Memorial Hall. The licence has been applied for under the new laws. We will be able to supply further information when this is received.

Our next project will be improvements to the heating system which we are hoping to install later this year.

If you have wondered why the 'Berridge Room' is so named, see the framed photograph and details of Jesse Berridge on the wall near the clock in the Berridge Room.

Heather Hills



Following concerns expressed by several parishioners to the Parish Council about the extent of the clearing works being carried out by the Essex Wildlife Trust, the Council set up a meeting with the wardens responsible for this amenity.

Three councillors walked the area with Neil Bedford (area warden) and the dedicated Heather Hills warden. Neil explained that Essex Wildlife Trust had now adopted a ten year management plan for the area and that the main concern was to restore overgrown heather common areas back to their former state. This would mean that some mature trees such as oak would need to be felled. Although this seems drastic and unnecessary if we leave these trees they will continually seed to the extent of eliminating all else around them. Indeed, if we left woodland to its own devices we would eventually end up with nothing but oak, the dominant tree species, and holly. We were shown areas where the heather has already regenerated, only a few months after clearing has taken place.

We expressed concerns about clearing up to private garden boundaries, and Neil agreed that in future they will leave a five to ten metre protection strip between the woodlands and any private gardens. In general terms the plan is very comprehensive and although there will be some disruption whilst works are carried out it is for the long term good.

All Little Baddow
Residents are invited to
attend the

PARISH ASSEMBLY

on Wednesday 29th March 2006 at
7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

*Our invited speaker from the Inland
Waterways Association will give an
update on the Chelmer and
Blackwater Canal*

Parish Council Website



The Parish Council launched its website in April 2005. Designed as a 'first stop' for information about Little Baddow and the surrounding area it has proved popular and has received very positive feedback. It also provides the facility for the Parish Council to make information available to the public, such as minutes of meetings and policy documents.

The site is updated each month with coming events and parish news.

www.littlebaddow.org.uk

For your diary...

Parish Council Meetings 2006/2007

6th April	2nd November
4th May	7th December
1st June	4th January
13th July	1st February
7th September	28th February
5th October	5th April

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

*All enquiries to the Parish Clerk,
Mr R J Shepherd, M.B.E., Tel: 227275*

Little Baddow W.I.

Our year at Little Baddow WI has been packed with good things. In January we learned about the Crown Jewels. February our speaker gave us an insight into the workings of the Magistrates Court. Josie Stephenson visited us in March to talk about the European Union. This particular speaker caused some controversy and a very lively meeting. On a lighter note in April we welcomed Sally Player of Westlands Nursery who gave us an enthusiastic presentation, using new ideas and thinking about colour throughout the seasons in our gardens.

In May we unanimously agreed to support a "fairer deal for our dairy farmers" and "recycling doing more to find alternative uses for our rubbish" as our Resolutions to be put forward by National WI. In June Peter Wolstenholme spoke to us about a subject dear to his heart - the Sir Edmund Hilary Trust.

Our annual garden meeting in July at Betty Willis's was excellent with the buffet meal up to the usual good WI standard. Perhaps the saddest thing is that the day will be remembered mainly for the tragic happenings in our capital city.

In August we held our Charity Morning in the garden of Lothlorien and raised £300 for the Associated Countrywomen of the World Tsunami Appeal. In September Wendy Hibbitt gave us an insight into Hylands House and working below stairs in a "big house".

Our speaker in October, Baroness Platt of Writtle, introduced us to the workings of the House of Lords.

At our Annual Meeting in November the current committee were re-elected and we welcomed a new member, Meryl Rawlings.

In December we held our Christmas Lunch with an excellent meal and entertainment and hosted the Mildmay Group Carol Service, this year making it an open service, not just for WI members. This proved to be very successful with a full church at St. Mary's where Rev. Chris Poulard took the service.

Our outings this year included two successful trips to Bluewater, a shopping and theatre trip to Colchester where we saw an excellent production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" and a summer outing to Maple Durham which included a boat trip down the Thames.

A "Dabble Day" was arranged in December for silk scarf printing, decorating a Christmas cake and an introduction to card making.

On 15th September the National Federation of Women's Institutes was 90 years old. WI's throughout the country celebrated and at the end of our September meeting an anniversary cake was cut by our President. Any organisation that has survived for 90 years must have something going for it.

Apart from our branch activities the Essex Federation offers a multitude of classes and outings and we should never forget the friendship element that is always there. New members are always welcome and we look forward to 2006 with optimism and the continuing growth and success of Little Baddow WI and the WI movement.



History Centre

The History Centre has enjoyed a very successful first year. A varied programme of exhibitions and events has attracted around 500 visitors including residents, church and social history groups, family history researchers and more recently our first school visit.



The income generated from visits, sales of books and donations has amply covered our first year's operating costs. Grant applications will now be made in order to buy the remaining equipment needed.

Our regular Monday and Thursday and occasional Saturday opening times will be extended to include every Sunday afternoon from April to September.

Thanks are extended to everyone who has contributed to the success of the History Centre during the year – our volunteers, visitors and to those who have provided extra material for the exhibitions.

A website for the History Centre has been completed and is accessible from the Parish website (www.littlebaddow.org.uk). It has full details of opening times and the current programme.

*Friday 10th March 2006
8pm, St Andrew's Room
"A Trip down the Blackwater"
by Kevin Bruce*

*Monday 8th May 2006
6.30pm or 7.15pm
Visit to the Plume Library, Maldon
(bookings - Ann Greenslade - 224261)*

*Thursday 15th June 2006
8pm at The History Centre
"Non-conformist History and the Story
of Little Baddow"
by Revd Professor Stephen Orchard*

*New Members welcome
further details from Ann Greenslade - 224261*

LITTLE BADDOW



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Neighbourhood Watch

This year has been very quiet crime-wise. In July the netball net was knocked over at the Spring Close Play Area. This was initially dealt with by a probationary officer and no action was taken even though the Parish Council wanted to press charges. This incident is now to be handled by our new Community Police Officer, Paul Birkin, who we welcomed in August. Just before Christmas 2 quad bikes were stolen from the Riffhams Lane area.

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator has been very active in getting the Police down to deal with the appalling parking problems at the top end of Colam Lane.

PC Paul Birkin can be reached on 07711 147171 or phone Simon Johnson on 01245 227338, who is in regular contact with him.



St John's Church of England Primary School

Excellent OFSTED report for St John's

As usual the past year has been very busy at St John's with not only the regular activities going on but with the added bonus of an OFSTED inspection! The resulting excellent report was well deserved with the inspectors recognising all the hard work and fun that goes on each and every day.

St John's was described as a school with significant strengths in which pupils achieved well and displayed standards well above the national expectations. The school has been led over the past 22 years by head teacher Keith Parsons, who was described as a leader with excellent inter-personal skills and who enjoyed the loyal support of a hard working and committed staff. Sadly Mr Parsons will be retiring in March 2006 but we welcome our new head teacher, Mrs Christine Cooper, at the beginning



of the summer term 2006.

The report also recognised that St John's provides a high quality of education for all its pupils. It has an excellent reputation in the local community for supporting pupils with special educational needs and integrates them into the life and work of the school.

OFSTED noted that good levels of challenge existed in the school to enable pupils to achieve their potential and noted a significant improvement on the already high standards of behaviour, attitude and personal development which

were commented on at the previous inspection.

The inspectors described St John's as a place where relationships were good and this was characterised by the high levels of mutual respect.

The inspectors observed that the level of teaching is of a very good standard. Lessons were seen as challenging and exciting and incorporated much of the new information technology and the use of interactive whiteboards. The school is enhanced by very good resources and accommodation and has well established links with the local community, the parish church and its clergy and other schools in the area, said the report.

We look forward to the new challenges of 2006 and will, without doubt, continue to enjoy all aspects of the national curriculum with the same enthusiasm.

Conservation Society membership doubles following VDS

The year began at our AGM in March with a talk on Abbott's Hall Farm where an area is being allowed to return to a salt marsh.

Socially, three events were organised. The first on 15th June was an accompanied walk around the grounds of Hylands House exploring the park and explaining the changes being made to return it to the Humphrey Repton design. The second was a talk by Scott Troy Smith on the proposed development of the Royal Horticultural Society garden at Hyde Hall on 26th October. A guided walk with the warden of Poors Piece took place on 19th November.

The Executive committee has been strengthened by the election of five new members:- Susan Gaubert, Michael

Hindmarch, Jennifer Luscombe, Jo Roberts and Peter Willington. The Committee meets regularly to consider the many planning applications and lodge formal objections to applications that would affect the character or the environment of our village.

The membership has more than doubled to over 150 during the year. This increase followed a membership drive at the time the Village Design Statement was published. It is essential that this membership is maintained at or above this level in order to have maximum impact when supporting the aims of the VDS.

Chelmsford Borough Council is drawing up a Local Development Framework and the Committee is monitoring and commenting on it as it affects Little Baddow.

Cricket Club

The hundred and first year of the Club turned out to be a bit quieter, on and off the field, than Centenary Year in 2004.

The Saturday 1st XI, having gained promotion to the Premier Division of the T Rippon Mid-Essex League the previous season, found life hard going in the higher division and were relegated at the end of the season.

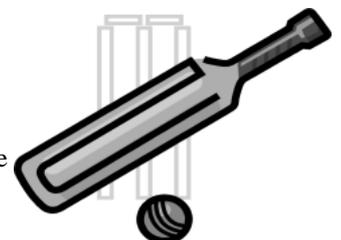
The Saturday 2nd XI meanwhile, had a mixed season, but retained their place in Division 5 of the League.

For the first time the Club decided to run a Sunday League XI side in the PDQ Cars North Essex League with the intention of introducing youngsters to competitive cricket. This proved to be a great success, and the team won their division and look forward to playing to a higher standard next season.

The Sunday friendly XI meanwhile had their customary full set of fixtures and once again enjoyed their cricket.

The Club ran three colts sides at under-11, under-13 and under-15 levels who played league games against other local sides with mixed success. The popularity of the game, however, was illustrated by the number of youngsters who came to the coaching sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

There is much to look forward to again this coming season and if you are new to the village and would like to play the game, or know a keen youngster who is interested in playing, please contact the Club Secretary, Paul Churchouse on 227426.



DIRECTORY

Bell Ringers

Wendy Godden - 223873

Bridge Circle (Danbury)

Yvonne Dagwell - 224675
(Weds 1.25pm)

Brownies

Jo Mackin - 01245 382809
(Mon, 6pm, St Andrew's)

Butler Educational Trust

Margaret Martin - 223624

Carpet Bowls Club

Ted Grace - 223018

Church Embroidery Group

Jean Markham - 223308
(alt Tues 2-4pm)

Community Bus

Colin Budgey - 225434

Community Care

Joan Atkinson - 226241
(Tues 12.15pm St Andrew's -
lunch for the elderly)

Conservation Society

Helen Hardwicke - 225950

Cricket Club

Paul Churchouse - 227426

Drama Club

Sally Lowe - 223733

Edward Bear Club & Eden Cafe

Ann Poulard - 224221
ann@poulard.org.uk
(2nd Fri, 9.15am St Andrew's)

Essex Wildlife Trust

Geoff Ford - 222328
(monthly mtgs, Sept - Apr)

Historical Society

Ann Greenslade - 224261

Horticultural Society

Julie Gilligan - 224751

Mobile Library

Mondays only:
Memorial Hall 14.10 - 14.25pm
Spring Close 14.30 - 14.45pm

Mother, Toddler & Baby

Hillary Bufton - 223379
(Tues, 10.00, St Andrew's)

Neighbourhood Watch

Simon Johnson - 227338

Open Group

Jan Yule - 222117
(2nd Weds evening)

Parish Archives

Jane Rigler - 223429
poleighs@btinternet.com

Prayer Fellowship

Elisabeth Bourn - 223183
Ann Poulard 224221
(Ecumenical, Weds 2pm,
St Andrew's)

Ridge Runners

Mr A Bulman - 224413

St Andrew's Room

Sally Lowe - 223733

Scottish Dancing

Jan Yule - 222117
(Tues, 8pm Sept - May)

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers

Clive Pretty - 225209

Sunday Luncheon Club

Barbara Staines - 226417
(2nd Sun, Mem Hall)

Tennis Club

Paul Hibbert - 222002

W.E.A.

Audrey Saunders - 223053

Women's Institute

Mary Buckley - 224613
(1st Thurs, 2pm, Mem Hall)

Walkers

John McCrindle - 225270

Schools:

Danbury Park - 224994

Elm Green - 225230

Heathcote - 223131

St John's - 222173

Churches:

St Mary the Virgin

Revd Canon Christine
McCafferty - 476371

United Reformed Church

Revd Dr Michael Powell -
01245 422781
Brenda Hooson - 222836
John Gibson - 222148

Roman Catholic Church

Father Paul Fox - 324138

Clerk to the Parish Council

Bob Shepherd, MBE

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POLICE

EMERGENCY - 999

URGENT INCIDENTS:

(if a patrol car is needed)

01245 491491

NON-URGENT INCIDENTS:

(for advice or to report a non-urgent incident)

01245 491212

PC Paul Birkin

Mobile: 07711 147171



Little Baddow Drama Club

Little Baddow Playreading and Drama Club
was established in 1951. The Club executes

two productions a year in April and November and holds
members evenings to read plays, quizzes and social activities.
New members are always welcome
either to act, or for any aspect of
backstage and other supporting
roles.

Further details from Caroline
Ogden, Membership Secretary on
01245 225246.



Forthcoming Production:

"Shadowlands"

26 - 29 April 2006

Bad Day at Black Frog Creek - November 2005

For Hire at Reasonable Rates

LITTLE BADDOW MEMORIAL HALL

Large Hall with stage and polished floor

Bar and well equipped kitchen

Smaller room can be hired separately if required

On site parking

Discounts for Little Baddow Residents



Enquiries to the Caretaker -

01245 223444