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## **Letter from the Clerk**

#### Welcome to this edition of the Grapevine magazine

Since the last edition the Parish Council has taken on a new member of staff, Abbey Richardson as an Administrative Assistant. Abbey is new to Galleywood and we look forward to her getting to know the surroundings and residents.

The Telephone book exchange at Pipers Tye has been re-opened on Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to dusk. We can take donations of paperback fiction only.

The monthly Councillor surgeries have resumed at the Galleywood Library on the last Saturday of the month. If you would like to speak to a Parish Councillor about issues in and around Galleywood please get in contact.

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, so if you would like to be involved in helping shape the future of Galleywood please apply. Further information is provided in this edition of the Grapevine or contact the Clerk **01245 358898**.

Unfortunately for this year, the Parish Council has taken the decision to cancel the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch. This is the second year of doing this but it was felt the safety of all residents must be a priority.

The good news is that an event is being planned for Galleywood in June next year, not only to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee but the Commonwealth Games and 35 years of the Parish Council. More information on how to get involved is in this magazine – let's try and make this a wonderful community event for all ages.

We are accepting leaflets for the outdoor noticeboards around the Village, please drop these off at the Keene Hall post box.

We are always on hand to help and assist residents with any concerns they have in and around Galleywood. Please contact us by telephone 01245 358898/348756 or email: clerk@galleywoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

Further information regarding the Parish Council can be found on the Council's website www.galleywoodparishcouncil.gov.uk and our Facebook page

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Regards *Mrs Tory Melhuish* Clerk to Galleywood Parish Council









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# A message from your vicar, Revd David Cattle

**Autumn blues** 

Autumn is, in many ways, a spectacular time. There is a big a tree in the front garden of the vicarage – I don't know what species it is, but I just know it's a really great tree! Its leaves turn yellow and then red at this time of the year, and then they leave a red carpet all over the drive.

Autumn is not only about colours; it is also about darkness. The nights draw in quickly, and we are reminded that winter is not too far away. Many of us find the dark and the cold to be really depressing, and we long for the brightness of spring and summer.

Autumn is also about fear. Lots of us will go to Halloween parties, and might even want to scare ourselves silly with ghost stories, superstitions, or horror films. Maybe we like this manufactured fear because it hides the things in life that we are really afraid of, like death and loss and loneliness.

Autumn is also about saying thank you. Churches and schools have harvest festivals, in which we say thank you to God for the bounty of the good earth.

In the Bible, the Apostle Paul brought fear and thanksgiving together in one of his most famous passages (also one of my own personal favourite passages): "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication (that means asking for things) with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7.)

Paul is saying that we overcome our fears in life by trusting in God, asking God for things, and being thankful to God for what we have. If we live like that, it's not a magic happy pill, but it does help us to have an inner peace that refuses to be overcome by fears.

May this autumn be a time when trust in God grows, as the darkness creeps in, the leaves turn and fall, and the pumpkins come out to play. May this be a time of thanksgiving and of hope. And may we have the peace of God to quard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

May God bless you,

David.

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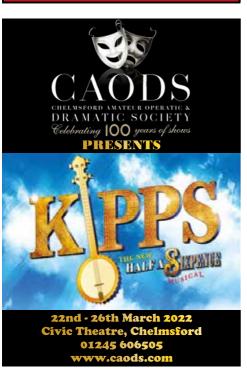
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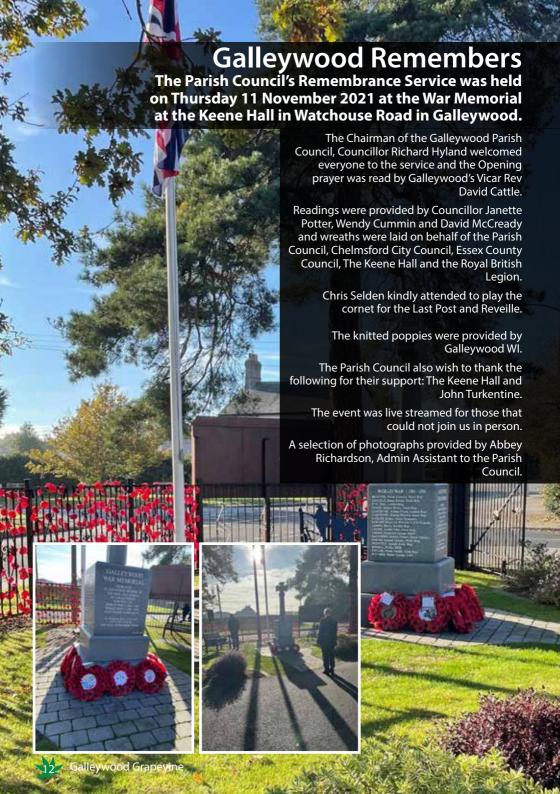
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Whatever your relationship with the drinker, you will find other people who have similar

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else's drinking. You will find it is possible to rediscover happiness, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not.

Your anonymity is protected by using first names only. You will not be asked to reveal your surname or any other details about your identity or that of the drinker. Anything discussed within an Al-Anon meeting is treated as confidential, including your presence at the meeting.

We are widespread, with more than 700 groups throughout the UK and Eire alone. If getting to a meeting is not easy for you, you are welcome to join an online meeting. These are organised by the World Service Office (WSO) and accessible via the US website: www.al-anon.org.

Al-Anon meetings are free. We only accept donations from members towards running costs and literature so that we can be selfsupporting. We only give what we can afford. Above all, Al-Anon is about helping you to find solace with and support from others who have been affected by their relationship with a drinker.

Al-Anon is not a therapy group. We don't offer counselling or advice or try to explain your experiences. We are not a religious organisation and welcome those of all faiths and none, treating everyone as equals.



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#### Virtual (online and telephone) meetings

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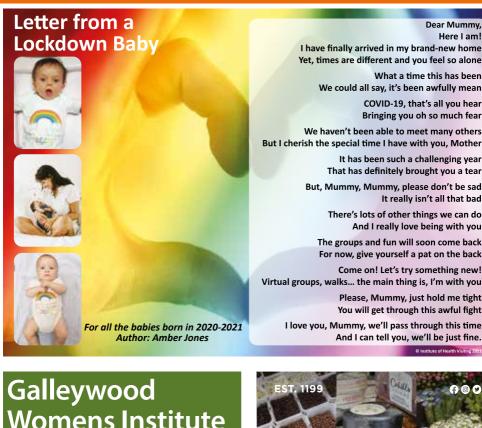
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> There's lots of other things we can do And I really love being with you

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Come on! Let's try something new! Virtual groups, walks... the main thing is, I'm with you

> Please, Mummy, just hold me tight You will get through this awful fight

I love you, Mummy, we'll pass through this time And I can tell you, we'll be just fine.

Dear Mummy, Here I am!

# **Womens Institute**

It was really good to see so many members, old and new and visitors at our recent fish and chip lunch and AGM. It is so good to be able to meet face to face again.

We also enjoyed a talk about the 'History of Chelmsford high Street'

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Monthly Councillor surgeries are held on the last Saturday of the month for residents to speak to their local Councillor regarding issues in and around Galleywood.

#### PROJECTS FOR 2021/22

Open space and highways improvements | Future of Galleywood Library Continued support of Galleywood Youth Club | Galleywood Wellbeing Initiatives Installation of wildlife boxes | Upgrade of Village Information Boards Consideration of items on the Parish Council's Action Plan for 2021-22

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#### **Public Toilets**

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## **Galleywood Library News**

## Autumn 2021

## We're so pleased to have been seeing so many faces return to the library since we fully reopened earlier this year.

So while we slowly move our way out of the pandemic, we've been spending the late summer and autumn months re-introducing some of popular services and features back to the library. The ever-popular Baby and Toddler Rhyme Times are back every Friday morning during term time at 10.30am, but spaces are limited so we recommended booking your place until we can welcome bigger groups safely. We've also been delighted to see so many of you at Love Your Library Day, which took place on Saturday, October 9th.

The children loved our bookworm trail and colouring the bookmarks, and we had some Book Start packs for our younger visitors too.



For our young-at-heart customers, we've loved seeing the return of our Knit and Natter, Cribbage and Scrabble groups, and we're also pleased to say that Galleywood Parish Councillors have returned to run their monthly Parish surgeries. Please see our noticeboards for when our groups are taking place, and if you have an idea for a social group or book club, then pop in during opening hours or email us.

If you're still understandably cautious about visiting the library, there's lots of services you can access from home using your Essex Libraries card.

The Home Library Service can reserve and bring books to you, and for the digital natives among us we recommend using an app called BorrowBox to listen to audiobooks and download e-books using your library card and pin. If you prefer comics or magazines, then the Libby app can also be used in the same way.

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We hope to see you soon for some winter magic.

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John Gray | 07847 336237 | jgraygccc@sky.com www.galleywoodcricket.club

#### Galleywood Short Mat Bowls Club

Denis Ketley | 01245 353292 denisjketley@outlook.com

#### Galleywood & District Social Club

The Street | 01245 287260

#### Galleywood WI

Wendy Johnson | 01245 252599

#### Friendship+ for Parents, Carers & Children 0-5

www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk/ ouractivities/friendship

#### Galleywood Theatre Group

Paul Hambleton | 07941 258214 pahambleton@virginmedia.com

#### **Inland Waterways Association**

Rebecca Loader | 01621 332619 rebecca.loader57@gmail.com

#### IYC (lan's Yoga Class)

lan Jordan | 01245 492640 yogateacher@yogainchelmsford.co.uk

#### Keep Fit

Pat Wilson | 01245 354079 | john.wilson@WDP.net

#### Point to Point Patchwork & Quilting

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01245 357700

mail@galleywoodheritagecentre.org.uk

Keene Hall

Mrs Susan Royce | 01245 268961 administrator@keenehall.com

#### Church

St Michael & All Angels

Rev Cattle | 01245 265250 adstmichaelgalleywood@gmail.com

**Other Services** 

Area Highways Office

0845 6037631 | www.essex.gov.uk

Chelmsford City Council

Switchboard | 012454 606606

www.chelmsford.gov.uk

Chelmers Housing Partnership

03005 550500 | enquiries@chp.org.uk

Clarendon Veterinary Centre

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**Environmental Services** 

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Essex Countryside Traveller Unit

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Galleywood Library - Watchouse Road

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01245 615837

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/recycling

Village Agent

Felicity Chapman | 07305 707742 www.communityagentsessex.org.uk



#### Club contact details

#### **Schools**

#### Galleywood Infant School

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#### St Michaels C of E (VA) Junior School

Mrs Rowen Prigg | 01245 472682 admin@st-michaels-jun.essex.sch.uk

#### **Great Baddow High School**

Mr Paul Farmer | 01245 265821 admin@gbhs.co.uk

#### Thriftwood School

Mrs Georgina Pryke | 01245 266880 admin@thriftwoodschool.com

#### Jubilee Friends Pre-school Lindsay | 01245 474157

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Susan Mann | 01245 348159 www.thestablesnursery.co.uk

Rainbow Pre-school, Galleywood 07780 815951 or 07957 456250

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Galleywood Road | 01245 473738 www.thegreatbaddowbarn.com

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The Common | 01245 261653 www.grayandsons.co.uk

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Galleywood Road | 01245 253031 www.vintageinn.co.uk/ therunningmarechelmsford

#### The White Bear

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#### **Data Protection Act**

Under the Data Protection Act 2018, the Parish Council now needs consent to be able publish personal information.

This relates to the contact names, telephone numbers and email addresses for all Clubs and Organisations previously published in the Grapevine.

All Clubs and Organisations were contacted and provided with a Consent Form for completion and only the ones that we have had returned can now be published. So, if you see your Club or Organisation missing from the directory this is the reason. If you would like to resume your listing please contact the Clerk for a Consent Form:

#### 01245 358898 or email:

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## Galleywood Celebrates 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee & Commonwealth Games

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!!

## Join locals to create successful & memorable Community Events

#### WHAT DO WE NEED?

Local volunteers to help plan and prepare, for 2022 extended bank holiday, community celebration activities

#### **POTENTIAL FRAMEWORK EVENTS?**

#### **Thursday 2nd June 2022**

Beacon and Fireworks event at Jubilee Park (9pm)

#### Friday 3rd June 2022

A parade from Jubilee Park, along Watchouse Road, to Galleywood Common (11am)

Celebration Event on Galleywood Common (12-6pm)

#### **Saturday 4th June 2022**

Keene Hall Children's Tea Party & Senior Citizen Lunch St Michael & All Angels Church – Cantata Performance Sunday

#### **5th June 2022**

**Galleywood Street Parties** 

#### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

Volunteers Sign UP | Preparation, Planning, Participants Setup and Delivery | Clear up, Clean Up Event Programme "Logo" Competition

More information from: Parish Council Office, Keene Hall

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## **Allotment Site in Chaplin Close**

It is always a real pleasure to visit the Chaplin Close Allotments, paths neatly mown all the buildings arranged around the perimeter and lots of very well cultivated, productive plots.

Being invited to ceremonially plant a lovely Whitebeam tree on the centenary anniversary was a privilege and a good chance to meet up with plot holders.

Out in the fresh air growing plants has been a life saver for many during the extended lockdown and I cannot recommend too strongly the many benefits of renting a plot. Autumn is the start of the gardening year, when we clear the decks, fill compost heaps and prepare soil ready for the new spring season.

All'allotmenteers' are wished a very successful new growing year with this the perfect time to plant soft fruit bushes.

Peter Seabrook MBE, VMH, AH(RHS), President, Galleywood Horticultural Society.





## **Citizens Advice**

Do you have spare time on your hands? Do you want to support your local community?

#### We need vou!

Citizens Advice Chelmsford are looking for volunteers to support the rural areas of Chelmsford.

Outside of Chelmsford City centre, we have lots of rural areas which have historically not had access to the Services provided by Citizens Advice Chelmsford. This has been down to a variety of reasons such as visibility, transport issues and a knowledge of the services we can provide.

#### We want to change this.

Citizens Advice Chelmsford want to develop a more visible and supportive service that can deliver support to people in rural communities.

In order to do this, we are looking for friendly,

approachable and enthusiastic volunteers from the local communities, who will be trained and supported by Citizens Advice to deliver help to people who need it. Volunteers will be the first point of contact for people needing help. They will assess their needs and provide information and signposting to empower them and help resolve their issues.

It is an opportunity for you to make a real difference in people's lives, build up valuable skills and knowledge and have a lasting positive impact in the community. If you are interested in this role please contact Peter Harland to the role or request an application pack at <a href="mailto:peter-harland@chelmsfordcab.org">peter.harland@chelmsfordcab.org</a> or call on 01245 205653.





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## Flower competition

## I have been growing and showing Dahlias for 36 years on and off, with family commitments giving pauses along the way.

In 2012 I set a record by winning the three National Championships in England, Scotland and Wales. This year, I decided to specialise in giant decorative and grew 350 plants over 37 varieties on the Chaplin Close plots. I won the 12, 9, 6 and 3 bloom Championships along with best bloom and best exhibit in show another record in Dahlias a clean sweep of the National Giant Classes.

David Gillam





### #MyOtherLife

If you want to make a real difference in your town then volunteer as a Community Special Constable and play a part in keeping your neighbourhood safe.

Galleywood Parish Council are supporting Essex Police to increase local and visible policing in their area.

Visit www.essex.police.uk/Specials/Galleywood to find out more

## **Galleywood Short Mat Bowls Club -** Back in the Game!



Galleywood Short Mat Bowls Club is pleased to announce that they are re-opening their popular Wednesday afternoon 'Roll Ups' and invite potential new members to join them and get to know this enthralling game.

We all know that it has been a difficult time for all of us for the past 18 months and perhaps has made us realise that life in the Community has so much more to offer us. Now might just be the time to dust yourself down and enjoy the company of like-minded people who want to try something different, something new and most of all, something where you can have FUN!

Our members have been itching to get back among some familiar faces and get their competitive juices running again after 18 months of Lockdown.

Now we have been given the blessing of the English Short Mat Bowling Association to start again at our Keene Hall venue in Galleywood. We are fully anticipating our Monday evening venue to start again at Barnard Infant School shortly more details will follow on our Facebook page at

#### @galleywoodshortmatbowlsclub

If you would like to try your hand at something a little different why not give Short Mat Bowling a try?? You're sure of a warm welcome.

For more information contact us on 07907 760882 or 07767 145708.

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# A Winter Story Sheila Norton (Galleywood author)

I was surprised to realise it's been six years since I last wrote an update for The Galleywood Grapevine about my writing career – which has itself had more twists and turns than the plots of some of my novels!

During the last few years, I've moved on (at the request of my publishers) from writing stories set in the 1960s, to books about cats, and now to writing 'feel good' novels, which I've set in fictional villages in Devon. During the pandemic these 'escapism' stories have been popular with people wanting to forget the horrible situation we've been going through.

As always, I've been happy and proud to be involved in the Galleywood community. A couple of years back, I loved taking part in the first Galleywood Book Festival, at the Heritage Centre. And last year I recorded a bookreading and talk for the 'virtual' Galleywood

Festival held during Covid restrictions. Before the pandemic, I enjoyed visiting local groups to give talks about writing, and I'm excited now to start this again.

If any groups would like to book a talk for 2022, please contact me through my website (see below)!

Recently I had enough spare copies of some of my older books to donate some to the Farleigh Hospice shop again, as I've done in the past, and I intend to repeat this whenever possible. As these were signed books in new

condition, I hope they've helped raise some money, while giving more Galleywood people the chance to sample one of my books. I've also donated a few to the phone box library. Spreading the word about my work is a nice side-effect of giving a little bit back to local people.

Slightly harder, sometimes, has been finding homes for foreign translations of my books. My contracts with foreign publishers usually include sending me several free copies. It's easy enough to find grateful recipients for surplus books in French, Italian, German, or Spanish.









With less common languages, I've put appeals on local social media, and have found homes in Galleywood for books in Hungarian, Portuguese, and Dutch. But: free books in Slovakian, anyone? I have a pile of them!

And now my latest news. I'm with a new publisher, who's bringing out what will be my twenty-third novel on 9 December: 'Winter at Cliff's End Cottage'. I'm particularly excited about this book, which I adored writing. It's about an elderly woman living on the edge of a cliff, and a lonely young journalist, who wants to write her story

but ends up becoming her friend.

The cover is so pretty and wintery, and I think the book would make a lovely Christmas present. It will be available in paperback, e-book and audio book, from shops and online.

Please check out my website www.sheilanorton.com for more information. And thank you all so much for supporting local authors, and your local book shops and library.

Happy reading, and happy Christmas everyone!

Sheila



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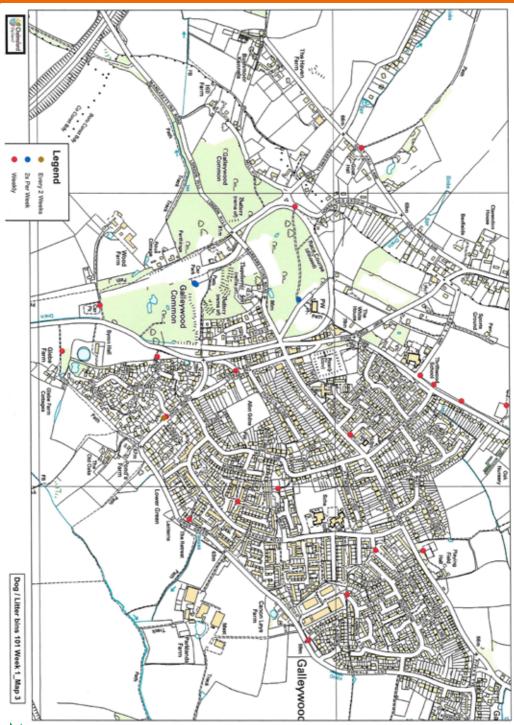
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## **Dog Bins**

## Dogs were a lifeline for many people during lockdown for people to get out in the fresh air to take their exercise.

Dog ownership increased dramatically during the pandemic providing companionship to many. However, it is imperative we clean up after our dogs. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, but also dangerous.

Did you know that the City and Parish Council has a number of dedicated dog bins within Galleywood? Dog Fouling is an offence and dog owners should clean up after their dog in public places. Always carry a poop scoop, which is a specially designed plastic shovel, or a bag to carry the mess to a bin. If you are unable to locate a dedicated dog-foul bin, any public bin can take the waste.

A full dog waste bin bag is heavy so it is only feasible to carry it a short distance thus the bins need to have vehicular access. Currently there is no extra budget to pay for the installation and upkeep of any additional bins but we welcome your feedback regarding if you find the bins useful and the locality of the bins.

The map opposite shows their location.

Please contact us at Galleywood Parish Council.

The Clerk
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Cleaning up in style
Wow! What an attendance we had during this September's litter pick

which was ran in conjunction with 'World Clean Up day'.

A huge thank you to those volunteers spanning a range of generations that helped at this event. It was great to see so many people being involved and caring for our Gallevwood environment. Can you join us next time?

**SAVE THE DATE** March 19th













One of our residentials – Aylmerton in year 6

Our links with St Michael's Church in Galleywood

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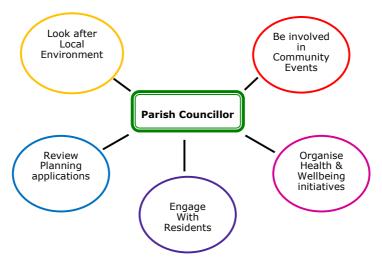


### Gallevwood Parish Council



#### **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

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The Parish Council strives to achieve the best possible outcome for residents by:

- Working together with partners to deliver the best for the community
- Being open and transparent in our working

The Parish Council meets every month with Committee meetings falling in between Council meetings. We consider issues and projects that are important to residents. We keep residents informed about issues and events on our website, social media, noticeboards and the Grapevine magazine.

As a Parish Councillor you can become involved in:

- ♦ Community engagement
- Environmental issues
- ◊ Facilities
- ♦ Health & wellbeing
- ♦ Planning
- ♦ Resources

For more information or an informal chat please contact the Clerk, Tory Melhuish Tel: 01245 358898 E: clerk@galleywoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

> www.galleywoodparishcouncil.gov.uk www.facebook.com/Parish/Council/





#### STORYTELLING EVENT

In August we were delighted to be joined by Storyteller, Mike Dodsworth reliving his adventures which have taken him far across the seas of the World and back to the fields and towns of home. The event took place at Twitten Green.

## PLAY IN THE PARK FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 TO 11 YEARS

These were free fun events held at Jubilee and Chelmer Parks for children in the community.

Every year thousands of children join the Play Workers during the Summer holidays for sports, arts, crafts, and games. This year Galleywood Parish Council sponsored the Tennis coaching at Chelmer Park that was enjoyed by many. In Jubilee park there was a bouncy council, parkour, arts and crafts and fun and games.

## **Christmas Gingerbread Biscuits**

## When it comes to Christmas baking, you can't go wrong with gingerbread.

Try these traditional sweetly spiced biscuits and put your own spin on them with festive cookie cutter shapes and fun icing decorations.

#### **Ingredients** (makes 12)

#### For the biscuits

- · 8oz plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- · 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- · 2oz butter or margarine
- · 2oz soft brown sugar
- · 2 heaped tablespoons golden syrup

#### For the icing

- Icing sugar
- · Boiling water

You will also need a sieve, cookie cutters, piping bags or a small sandwich bag, and a baking tray.

#### Method

- 1. Sift the flour, baking powder, ginger, and cinnamon into a large mixing bowl. Put the butter, brown sugar, and golden syrup into a saucepan and melt together over a low heat, stirring so the sugar doesn't burn.
- 2. Take the pan off the heat and pour the melted ingredients into the dry ingredients. Mix together by hand until it forms a soft smooth dough. On a floured work surface, roll out the dough to about 1cm thickness, and cut out the biscuits using whichever shape cookie cutters you like best.

- Place the biscuits on a greased baking tray and bake in the oven at 150C for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Once baked, let the biscuits cool on a wire rack.
- 5. While the biscuits are cooling, make the icing. Sift five tablespoons of icing sugar into a bowl and add a splash of boiling water. Stir until you have a smooth paste (you may need to add more sifted sugar or more water to reach the desired consistency).
- **6.** Make sure the biscuits are fully cooled, then spoon the icing into the piping bags. If you don't have piping bags, a small sandwich bag will work well gather the icing in one corner of the bag and snip off the very tip of the bag's corner.
- 7. Pipe the icing onto the biscuits in whichever pattern you fancy. This is your chance to be creative! We like decorating round biscuits like Christmas tree baubles, and star biscuits like winter snowflakes. If you've used traditional gingerbread men cookie cutters, you can use the icing to draw jolly smiles and a festive bow tie. Silver ball decorations add a shiny flourish to whichever design you pick.





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