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Letter from the Clerk

I would like to say a warm welcome to you all.

This is my first communication for the Parish Council since taking over from Tory Melhuish on the 1st January 2023. Tory was presented with flowers and gifts from members of the Parish Council on her last day. We wish her well in her new post at Wickford Town Council.

Prior to the Christmas break, the Senior Citizens Christmas lunch was held on Friday 16th December 2022. 68 residents attended together with Councillor Sue Dobson, the Mayor of Chelmsford. We also had Carols on the Common and the turning on of the Christmas lights at Watchhouse Road shops. The events were a great success and enjoyed by all.

The monthly Councillor surgeries are continuing 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 take these opportunities to come and speak with them.

Together with the monthly Councillors surgeries above, Council and Committee meetings are held regularly. Agendas are advertised on the noticeboards around the village and can also be found on our website

prior to the meetings taking place. All are welcomed to attend.

I have been made to feel extremely welcome in such a short space of time and look forward to working alongside Abbey and the Parish Councillors.

We are always on hand to help and assist residents with any concerns they have in and around Galleywood. The office hours are 9am -1pm, Monday – Friday. Please contact the office on **01245 358898/348756** or email **clerk@galleywoodparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Regards

Mrs Kelly Wilde

Clerk to Galleywood Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 31st May at The Heritage Centre



This year's Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Wednesday 31st May 2023 at the Heritage Centre at 6.30pm.

This is a meeting for Galleywood electors to receive an overview of the Parish Council's activities during the past year.

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- Leisure, parks and culture
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If you live in an area with a Parish Council, or other type of local council (e.g. Community Council) they could be responsible for additional services including allotments, play areas and community centres.

Registering to vote

You need to register before you can vote in UK elections and referendums. You can do this at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. You do not need to re-register to vote for each election, so if you voted in the last elections and nothing has changed (i.e., you haven't moved house or changed your name), then you do not need to do anything.

To vote in these elections you must register by Monday 17th April.

Photo ID is needed to vote

The UK government has decided that voters must show photo identification when voting in person. There are lots of different versions of ID that will be accepted for this, including passports, driving licences, bus passes and blue badges - even if they are expired, as long as the picture still looks like you!

If you don't have any ID that you can use, you can apply for a voter authority certificate for free before Tuesday 25th April. Visit

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

Postal and proxy votes

If you will be away or can't make it to your polling station on 4th May 2023, you can apply

to vote by post or by proxy on the Chelmsford City Council website:

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If you set up a postal vote, ballot papers will be sent to you by post before the election and you just need to return them by 10pm on polling day. Apply for a postal vote for the May 2023 elections by 5pm on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

A proxy vote allows you to appoint someone that you trust to cast your vote for you at your polling station. To vote by proxy for these elections you must apply by Tuesday 25th April 2023.

Could you be a councillor?

If you want to get involved in local democracy, then you can either stand as a representative of a political party (with the authorisation of the party) or as an independent candidate. The deadline for nominating yourself is Tuesday 4th April 2023. A briefing session will take place in early March. Find out more at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/stand-for-election/





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Carols on the Common

On Saturday 17th December many of us gathered to enjoy singing some Christmas carols on the common. This was led by the Church and supported by the Parish Council. Refreshments were served and the event was enjoyed by all young and old.



Christmas Lights Switch on

This Christmas the Parish Council was delighted to introduce Christmas lights to the Watchhouse Shop area.

We had string lights in the trees and motifs on the lampposts. To celebrate the switch on the Council organised an official 'switch on' event with the local shops, library and residents. Tea and coffee and mince pies were provided and Richard Hyland, Chairman of the Parish Council, officially provided the countdown to the 'switch-on'.

During the event Parish Councillors also judged our 'best Dressed Christmas Window'; and we are delighted to announce that Mr Fish was the winner with their festive display. We hoped you enjoyed the lights this year and we hope to build on this in future years.





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A message from your Vicar, Revd David Cattle

"Keep on rocking!"

When times are hard, one thing that really cheers me up is listening to loud rock music, with shredding guitars, explosive drums, and all the rest. No, this is not my mid-life crisis – maybe it's more a case that I'm stuck in my teens!

One of my favourite singers has just released a new album with a song containing these words: "Yeah. I know you're struggling right now – we all are, in different ways. It's like a new world that we don't even know. It's hard to sleep, even harder to dream."

It's a song which recognises that, for most of us, life is harder than it used to be. The song is called "Hanging on by a thread (don't give up)", and it is written to encourage those of us who are struggling at the moment. The song even finishes by advising people to call the Suicide Prevention Hotline in the USA if they need that. When times are tough, don't give up.

And who is the author of this modern-day song of encouragement? None other than the great American rocker Alice Cooper! That might sound weird, but there are hidden depths to Alice Cooper (or Vincent Furnier, as I hope!) his family calls him). When you listen to him being interviewed, he comes across as the most intelligent rocker you've ever heard (and he probably is). He has a history of mentoring other people in the music industry, especially those who are struggling to beat addictions to one substance or another. He is also a committed Christian believer, who goes to Church every Sunday. You might not guess it from his gory, vaudeville-style, comedy stage show, but there you go. He is also still making great music in his mid-70s.

I reckon this outburst of positivity (from someone who usually sings songs which are much darker than this) shows his Christian faith bubbling up to the surface. He believes that Jesus died 2,000 years ago to take away our sins, showing that God is firmly on the side of struggling humanity. And he believes that God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day, which shows that life and love are ultimately stronger than death and evil.

The message of Easter is that there is hope for the future, no matter how bad life gets. Life is always worthwhile and valuable. Recently, my daughter, who was six at the time, said to me, "Daddy, don't give up". I'm not sure what she thought she meant by that, but I will take it as an encouragement, and as a sign that God is with us.

Everyone is welcome to join us at St Michael's Church for our special family service at 10am on Easter Sunday (9th April).

The next song on Alice's album is called "Shut up and rock!" That sounds like a good plan for the rest of my day!

God bless,
David.

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Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

After two years away, we were delighted to add the Senior Citizens lunch to our event calendar.

This event which is organised and subsidised by the Parish Council has always been a firm favourite for Galleywood residents and it was wonderful to welcome back residents to our event this year.

Residents were welcomed by Father Christmas (or a certain Chairman of the Council) and enjoyed a drinks reception before sitting down to a delicious three course lunch. Whilst numbers were down on previous years and this may be a knock on from Covid, we all had such a wonderful time. The event took place at the Keene Hall and we were honoured to be joined by the new Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Sue Dobson. We were also joined by singers from St Michaels choir who were accompanied by local resident Nathan Blore who played the piano.

Residents were gifted with a box of chocolate each which was donated by our local co-op store and were presented to each guest by children from St Michaels Junior School. We look forward to welcoming you all back again in December this year!



Galleywood Library Knit & Natter

During December, preparations for Christmas well underway, I popped into Galleywood Library and saw a group called Knit & Natter, so I stopped for a natter.

I got to natter with Valerie, Jackie and Chris and find out that they actually met every first and third Saturday every month. If you're interested in joining them, turn up, introduce yourself, bring along your latest project and join in with the Knit & Natter, they will make you feel most welcomed.

Cllr. Richard Hyland

Chairman of Galleywood Parish Council



Galleywood the WI Women's Institute

We meet regularly on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm at the Keene Hall.

Visitors are always welcome, so why don't you come and give us a try and make new friends? At our Christmas meeting we were enthralled by Paul Clancy's talk and demonstration of "The Art of Magic".

In January, we enjoyed a social time with a warming soup lunch and learned of the good work being done by the "Reach Equine Therapy for the Disabled"

In February, some of us are looking forward to being served lunch at the Chelmsford College. Our March meeting will be a talk given by Sue Fenton about the "Hedgehog Hospital" and on April 13th we will be enjoying our Spring Lunch and AGM. For more information, please call Wendy Johnson on **01245 476032**



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Remembrance Day service

Our Remembrance day service fell on Friday 11th November and Councillors and the local community gathered to pay their respects to those who have lost their lives in conflict in service of their country.

The service was led by Rev David Cattle and was held at the War Memorial at The Keene Hall. Pupils from St Michaels Junior school joined the service.

Readings were provided by Councillor Janette Potter, Wendy Cummin and David McCready and wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish Council, Chelmsford City Council, Essex County Council, The Keene Hall and the Royal British Legion.

Chris Selden kindly attended to play the cornet for the Last Post and Reveille.

The hand knitted poppies were provided by Galleywood WI. The WI also served refreshments in the Keene Hall.

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Would your local group like to be involved?

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Trustees from some local organisations have been putting their heads together to see what we might do in Galleywood. Our initial suggestion is that we might hold a village open day centred on the Keene Hall, Galleywood Heritage Centre, and St. Michael's Church, with displays and activities by local groups, and refreshments.

If your group is interested in taking part, please email

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Rev Cattle | 01245 956953
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Switchboard | 01245 4606606
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Data Protection Act

Under the Data Protection Act 2018, the Parish Council now needs consent to be able to 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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or pop into the Parish Office, first floor at the Keene Hall, Watchouse Road.

Upcoming bank holidays in England and Wales 2023



Date	Day of the week	Bank holiday
7 April	Friday	Good Friday
10 April	Monday	Easter Monday
1 May	Monday	Early May bank holiday
8 May	Monday	Coronation of King Charles III
29 May	Monday	Spring bank holiday
28 August	Monday	Summer bank holiday
25 December	Monday	Christmas Day
26 December	Tuesday	Boxing Day



GALLEYWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

- Thursday 23rd March Creating Summer hanging baskets - Demonstrator Foggy Hau from Abercorn Nursery. The hanging basket will be raffled.
- Thursday 27th April RHS Bridgewater by speaker Maggie Piper
- Thursday 25th May 'Compost and composting' - Demonstrator Jane Ponton from South East Essex Organic Gardeners. This talk is an interactive talk with audience involvement.
- Admission for Members is free and Visitors £4
- Please see website for further details:
www.galleywoodhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
- Also on Facebook pages Galleywood Horticultural Society and Galleywood Gardening club for tips and ideas.
- All talks take place at the Keene Hall, Galleywood, and start at 8 pm.

GALLEYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Galleywood Historical Society forthcoming talks:

Wednesday 8th March 8pm at the Keene Hall
A talk by Mrs Armson on 'The repair of West Hanningfield Church Bells'

Wednesday 7th June 8pm at the Keene Hall
A talk by David Dunford on 'The Galleywood Races'

Both talks are free to members. Guests are welcome at £3 per person. For more information please contact Geraldine Willden

01245 358807 or email:

Geraldine.wilden@hotmail.co.uk

Galleywood Ladies Club

ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET NEW FRIENDS?

Why not come along to our very friendly Ladies Club. We meet in the Keene Hall every Third Thursday of the Month between 8 pm - 10 pm for an interesting social evening of talks, slideshows and demonstrations.

- 16th March 2023 Oliver's Nurseries
- 20th April 2023 Bee Keeping
- 16th May 2023 Essex Wildlife Trust
- 15th June 2023 Strawberry Fayre
- 20th July 2023 Talk on Reflexology
- 21st Sept 2023 AGM

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mail@galleywoodheritagecentre.org.uk

The display in the Heritage Room will be "Galleywood Common and its History" until 31st March. It will then be "The History of Galleywood School" till 30th June. Open Tuesdays 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm Entry free but donations welcomed.

Please check website in case of any changes to the programme of events. Tuesday afternoon talks cost £3 per person, doors open at 1.30pm for 2pm start, tea/coffee and homemade cakes available from tea room. Seats may be reserved via susan.wilson@galleywoodheritagecentre.org.uk or **07780 763127**

TUESDAY 21ST MARCH

Talk "The Bronte Connection with Essex" by Margaret Mills

FRIDAY 7TH APRIL

Easter Bunny Hunt on Galleywood Common. Further details available from website nearer the time.



TUESDAY 18TH APRIL



"Old School Reunion" from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Anyone with a connection or interest is welcome.

TUESDAY 23RD MAY

Talk "Now This Lousy War is over. Women in the 1920s" by Viv Newman.



Make a change – Become a councillor

Local Elections are taking place on Thursday 4th May 2023.

These elections are for Chelmsford City Council and Galleywood Parish Council.

Become a Parish Councillor

Galleywood Parish Council is calling on residents who are passionate about their community to stand for election in the May 2023 parish elections. Your local knowledge and commitment could make a real difference.

What do local councillors do?

Local Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes.

Becoming a local councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

How long does it take?

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, 3 hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

Can I stand?

Most people are qualified to stand for election to their local council but there are a few rules. You must be:

- At least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election;
- British, Qualifying Commonwealth or EU citizen

In addition, you must meet one or more of the following qualifications:

- On the electoral register for the parish and remain on it for the duration of the term of office, and/or
- Occupied as an owner or tenant any land or premises in the parish for the whole 12 months before the date of nomination and the date of the election, and/or
- Main or only place of work during the whole 12 months before the date of nomination and the date of the election is in the parish and/or
- Lived within 3 miles (4.8km) of the parish during the whole 12 months before the date of nomination and the date of the election

You can find out more about becoming a councillor on The Electoral Commission and Local Government Association website www.electoralcommission.org.uk

Nomination forms must be submitted in person (by the candidate or someone on their behalf)

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Essex has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Essex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether

you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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Dates for your diary for the rest of this year are:

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12th, June 9th, July 14th, August 11th,
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In Memory of Robert John Cummin 'John'

I had known John for some 15 years, shortly after I became a Parish Councillor and John, at that time, was the photographer for the Council.

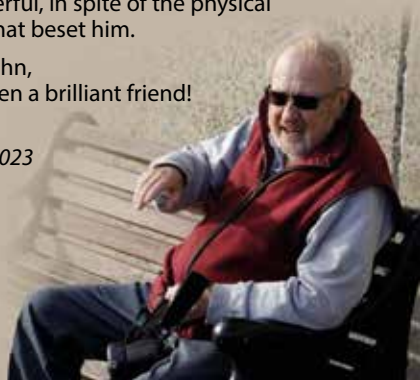
Our paths then crossed in a number of other ways. We were both trustees of the Keene Hall and the Heritage Centre and I was introduced by John to membership of two photographic clubs. Within these various organisations, I saw how well John mixed with others; his easy, friendly charm made it a pleasure to be in his company. John would stand his ground in debate on issues in which he believed, but always with good humour.

We knew that our wives had attended the same school in Grays and over a pint in the Horse & Groom, we found we were also married on the same day. This cemented our friendship.

In the more recent past, John's health became of greater concern, but John managed to keep cheerful, in spite of the physical difficulties that beset him.

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Nationally, 1 in 5 men die before the age of 65 and this statistic has been unchanging for almost a decade.

This is why The Galleywood Men's Shed is focused on improving the health and wellbeing of men.

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The Environmental Group

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If you answered yes to one or more of the above, The Environmental Group, or teg for short, might be for you. teg is a local charity that undertakes practical conservation work at various locations in Galleywood and Great Baddow. New members are very welcome. We normally meet every Wednesday morning and the second Sunday afternoon each month.

Examples of places where we work include:

- Footpaths & Bridleways • Luxfield • Twitten Green
- Jubilee Copse • The Equestrian Centre
- St Michael's churchyard & Copse • The Spinney • Local schools

Equipment is always provided, teg is supported by Galleywood and Great Baddow Parish Councils and Essex County Council.

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