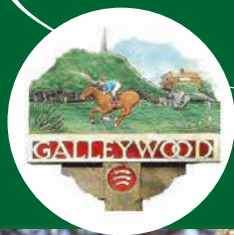


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Letter from the Chairman

Welcome to our winter/spring edition of the Grapevine magazine.

I would like to start by welcoming our new Councillor, Jayne Owles, who joined the Council in January. Jayne is also the Secretary and Registration Secretary of Galleywood Youth Football Club – you will find more about her later in this issue.

We hope that you enjoyed the Parish events before Christmas – the Armistice Day service, our senior citizens' Christmas lunch, with carol singing led by singers from St Michael's Church and St Michael's School, and Carols on the Common.

The next volunteers litter-picking day will on Saturday April 5th, meeting at 10am at the village shops. Please come along if you can even if only for a short time – the Parish Council will provide all the equipment you need, and every little helps!

Finally, the Parish Council is proud to have signed the Civility and Respect pledge sponsored by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). There is more about this later in this issue.

As usual, Councillor surgeries are on the last Saturday of each month (except August and December) from 10am-12pm in the Galleywood Library, so please come along to meet your Parish Councillors and to discuss local issues. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Council office at any time by telephone (**01245 358898/348756**), email (**clerk@galleywoodparishcouncil.gov.uk**) or in person on Monday through Thursday mornings. You can contact the Clerk by phone or email as usual on Friday mornings.

Further information about the Parish Council including forthcoming Council and Committee meetings and events can be found on the Council's website:

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Approximately 65 bags are collected monthly! Please do try your best to take litter home or use the bins provided. Our next community litter pick is on 5 April, please come and help if you can.



I have been liaising with other authorities, and I am pleased to report that Chelmsford City Council have cleared the pedestrian ramp by the carpark of vegetation, and will now continue to maintain this area as it is an adopted highway.



Chelmer Housing Partnership maintain the flower beds and pavements in and around the shopping area as well as the majority of the carpark and steps. The Parish Council would like to help CHP in maintaining the flower beds. We have four residents that have shown an interest, and we would welcome more. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer in this too.

Public Health and Protection Services, and Public Places, continue to investigate waste disposal and fly tipping in the area and are working hard on resolutions.

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The Parish Council's Armistice Day Service was held on Monday 11th November 2024 at the War Memorial at the Keene Hall in Watchhouse Road in Galleywood.

The Chairman of the Galleywood Parish Council, Councillor Stephanie Troop welcomed everyone to the service and the Opening prayer was read by Galleywood's Vicar Rev David Cattle.

Readings were provided by Councillor John Turkentine, Wendy Cummin and David McCready and wreaths were laid.

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

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

The Parish Council also wish to thank the following for their support: The Keene Hall and John Turkentine. We would also like to thank Susan Wilson and Wendy Cummin for their wonderful historical display for all to read.

A selection of photographs provided by Abbey Richardson, Admin Assistant to the Parish Council.



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Carols on the common

Christmas may seem a long while ago now, but the Saturday before the big day 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.



Civility and Respect Pledge

National Association of Local Councils (NALC) have introduced the Civility and Respect Pledge because there is no place for bullying, harassment and intimidation within councils.

Galleywood Parish Council has signed the pledge and is agreeing that the council will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles.

The Photo shows:

Top left - right Cllr Anthony McQuiggan, Cllr Chris Shreeve, Cllr William Woolward.

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As you would expect from a church in such a beautiful setting, there is always an ongoing need for maintenance so that the Church remains open for the many groups who meet there, for those who marry and of course for those who come and say goodbye to loved ones. And it's good news!

Thanks to a small but dedicated fundraising team, we're half way there, already, to having the funds to repair our north roof. The latest event is an evening of country music with local singer Alice Loates, with a sausage supper. It promises to be a great event. To get tickets, please see the (information below), our Facebook page St Michael's Church Galleywood, or call in at the Church coffee morning held on the first Saturday morning each month, and grab a slice of homemade cake while you're there. You can always walk it off on the common afterwards!

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Currently, we're working on an ambitious project to build a new clubhouse. This development will be a fantastic asset for the village, benefiting both the football and cricket clubs.

As a Parish Councillor, I am excited to serve Galleywood, get to know more residents, and engage with the many wonderful activities our community has to offer.

Councillor Jayne Owles



Galleywood Women's Institute

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

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our January Soup Lunch and another year of socialising and hearing a variety of speakers.

We recently enjoyed our Christmas meeting, when Rick Christian entertained us with musical songs and anecdotes.

Besides the monthly meetings, we enjoy going out for lunches, going for walks, and have a sewing/handicraft group, which meets at Galleywood Library at 2pm on the Tuesday after the monthly meeting. This is open to all, and you do not have to be a WI member. We bring along our own projects and enjoy socialising in a relaxed atmosphere and are given a cup of tea by library staff.

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Take your doggy bag home

Galleywood offers local residents and visitors a variety of pleasant walks in the surrounding open countryside, with several routes on Galleywood Common, around Chelmer Park and in the smaller Jubilee Park.

Sadly it has been noticed recently that there has been a significant increase in dog fouling. This is particularly apparent on our pavements with a few dog walkers not acting responsibly in relation to clearing up after their dogs.

Many readers in Galleywood will be dog lovers but there are a few irresponsible dog owners walking in our village, who are not carrying out their legal duty to take dog waste home with them and are either not clearing up after their dogs or are disposing of the bags inappropriately.

Dog walkers are invited by Chelmsford City Council to sign up to their Green Dog Walkers Group. Members receive free dog poo bags and arm bands or badges indicating membership so that fellow dog walkers can identify them and ask for a free bag if they need one.

It is not at all pleasant for volunteers and council workers strimming verges and long grass to be sprayed with dog poo and or to have to remove bags of dog waste that have been left hanging in trees. Estimates of the number of dogs in the UK vary between 8 and 12 million – that's a lot of dog waste every day and councils are responsible for making sure that public areas are kept clean. Dog owners who do not pick up waste in public areas can be fined up to £100. If the fine is not paid, the offending dog owners can be taken to Court and given larger fines.

Galleywood has a number of dedicated dog waste bins. However, if there is no dedicated dog waste bin, any public general waste bin can be used if dog waste has been securely bagged and tied, preferably in a compostable bag.

It's not just because of the nasty task of cleaning dog poo off your shoes. There are risks to health from dog mess, the main one being toxocariasis, which mostly affects young children who may come into contact with infected soil with very serious consequences. Children walking to and from school, parents pushing prams and buggies with toddlers and older residents with visual impairments are most impacted. Infected dog waste can also pass worms and parasites to sheep and cattle with perilous consequences.

Despite signs being erected advising of the penalties to owners allowing their dogs to foul in our village there has recently been a steep increase in offences committed.

The Council asks dog owners to help as follows:

- Keep your dog wormed
- Always pick up after your dog and encourage others to do the same
- Use environmentally friendly poo bags
- Carry an extra bag with you to offer to other dog walkers.

So please do help us to keep Galleywood clean by ensuring that you remember to clean up after your dog and pass this message on to others as well.

by Local Resident



Galleywood Cottage Garden Society

As we emerge from long winter evenings, it's the time of year many of us start to address plans and goals that have been fostered for the year ahead.



Walking around Galleywood, it is clear that many are interested in growing and the allotments, front gardens and our Common are examples of people and nature beavering away to make our locality all the more pleasant. I imagine I am not alone when I hopefully drool over seed catalogues, despite a not insignificant store of little packets waiting expectantly to be released that I already have in cool spots throughout my house.

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Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch, organised and subsidised by the Parish Council, continues to be a valued tradition for residents of Galleywood.

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Guests were warmly greeted with a drinks reception, fostering an inviting atmosphere before they enjoyed a delicious three-course lunch. The Keene Hall was filled to capacity, demonstrating strong community interest and participation.

We were delighted to host the Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Janette Potter, and her guest, Gillian Smith, which added an important touch of civic engagement to the occasion. The event was further enhanced by a wonderful performance from the singers of St. Michael's Choir, alongside spirited children from St. Michael's Junior School. This collaboration not only showcased local talent but also bridged generations, enriching our community bonds.



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A message from your Vicar, Revd David Cattle

What kind of world do we want to live in?

I've been doing a lot of thinking about this question recently. I don't much like the state of the world at the moment. Yes, things have been a lot worse at various points in the past, but today doesn't fill me with joy, and I know a lot of people are anxious. But how would we want the world to look? And, if Jesus was here today, what kind of world would he want? Looking at the stories about him in the four Gospels in the Bible, I can suggest a few things:

It would be a world where people genuinely and deeply care about each other – not just those in those in our family or group or tribe, but everyone; where people care about the prosperity and flourishing of all, instead of competing with each other, and grasping everything we can for ourselves and keeping others in poverty so that we can have our luxuries; where we have individual freedoms but also consider the needs of others; where leaders speak with grace and care about others rather than belittling them; where we speak the truth in love, rather than twisting everything for our own gain; where there is justice for all and no-one is above the law, regardless of how rich or powerful they are; where love not fear is the primary human motivation; where we take especial care of the most vulnerable people (because they need it); where we learn to trust each other; where we spend more on education than we do on warfare; where social media posting is fair, gracious and informed, and seeks to build up rather than tear down; where we live sustainably on the Earth (we might be going to Mars, but the scenery and the air are much better right here!).

We might feel rather powerless to create a world like this.

The forces of fear and self-interest seem just too big. And yet the Christian Gospel is a message of hope: God raised Jesus from the dead 2,000 years ago, which means that he will put the world right and heal every wound. This might be hard to believe right now, but it's always been hard to believe. Like in the Psalms in the Bible, the prayers of ancient Israel that Jesus himself would have said, we might want to ask God "how long will you let this evil go on for?" or even "would you just wake up and do something!"

Waiting on God's timing is painful, but there are things that we can do in the meantime. We can pray, as the Psalms encourage us to do, even anguished prayers that blame God for everything. We can vote (I only have one vote, but it is a little of power to build the world I want to see). And we can work. Christianity was never about people sitting around and waiting for God to fix everything; it was always about telling us that WE need to make a difference in the world around us.

Let these dark, scary days inspire us to work harder to be people of kindness and generosity to everyone we meet. Because that's how we build a better world – one kind act at a time.

May God bless you,

David

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St Michael's Church service takes place at 10am every Sunday, and includes our weekly Sonlight group for primary-aged children and Mega group for secondary-aged young people. The service is also live-streamed on our Facebook page. See our website for more details: **www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk**.



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No longer working full time and interested in learning and living life to the full?

Come and join us from 2-4pm on the third Weds of each month at Great Baddow Millennium Community Centre CM2 9RL.

Our u3a has a variety of talks lined up for the Spring and Summer:

February - Bee Keeping with Ian Grant

March - My Life in Prison with Lindsay

Whitehouse (ex-Prison Governor)

April - our AGM followed by a talk on a famous French flower show

May - Absolutely Chiming, by the South Woodham Ferrers Handbell team

June - Make the Bold Move - write that book, by Mark Butterworth

July - Another seated keep fit session with Karen Lawrie

We also offer a wide range of activities to suit different interests through our groups.

These take place at various times each month. Venues range from members homes, online groups or hired rooms and halls. There's lots to choose from and something for everyone!

Full details including all of our talks and the various interest groups can be found on our new website:

www.baddow-galleywood.u3asite.uk.

Why not join us and get involved? If you are interested please e-mail our Membership Secretary, Tony Nelson bandgmembership24@btinternet.com to find out more. New members are always very welcome... hope to see you there and chat over a cuppa!

u3a

Galleywood Heritage Centre

Galleywood Heritage Centre is located on the Common off Margaretting Road, Galleywood CM2 8TR.

As well as its own car park, there is a free public car park off Margaretting Road just before the Centre. Telephone **01245 357700** visit

www.galleywoodheritagecentre.org.uk,

or e-mail

mail@galleywoodheritagecentre.org.uk.

The Heritage Room is normally open Tuesdays from 1:30pm to 3:30pm where various wall mounted displays are held featuring different aspects of Galleywood's history. If anyone is interested in assisting with research etc., please contact Susan Wilson, details below.

A programme of Tuesday afternoon talks is being drawn up, more details later. Please check the website in case of any changes to the programme of events detailed below, also for details of the tearoom opening times.

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday 30th March 2025

Mother's Day afternoon tea

Friday 18th April 2025

Easter Bunny Hunt

Sunday 15th June 2025

Father's Day BBQ

Friday 27th June

Picnic in the Garden



Mayor Tree Planting in Galleywood

Cllr Janette Potter has planted a tree to mark her year in office as the Mayor of Chelmsford.



Mayor Potter with guests at the tree planting ceremony.

She chose to plant a Callery pear tree (flowering pear) on Pipers Tye in her city council ward of Galleywood.

On the 2nd December, Cllr Rose Moore, Cabinet Member for a Greener Chelmsford, gave a welcome speech in which she shared more about this special species of tree:

“Today we are planting a *Pyrus calleryana* ‘Chanticleer’, also known as the Callery pear, to celebrate Cllr Potter’s term as Mayor of Chelmsford.

“This species of tree is considered one of the most successful cultivars of pear. It has healthy, glossy green leaves that remain on the tree until autumn and then turn a lovely burnished yellow with red tints. When the tree blooms in spring it does so in abundance, with striking white flowers that attract our vital pollinators. The Callery pear thrives on most soil types, tolerates air pollution and provides shelter for birds and insects, making it a wonderful addition to this green space for many years to come.”

Cllr Rose Moore, Cabinet Member for a Greener Chelmsford



Cllr Janette Potter plants a Callery pear tree to commemorate her year as Mayor of Chelmsford.



The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend David Cattle of St. Michael and All Angels' Church, then led a prayer and said a few words:

"Psalm 92 says that those who are righteous – who are good and loving – will flourish like the palm tree or the cedar. I know it's not a palm tree or cedar that we are planting today, but the sentiment still applies. Those who do good in our community will flourish and will help our community to flourish.

"May this tree be a reminder of the goodness of God, the goodness that is within us, and the goodness that we can share with others in our community."

Reverend David Cattle, The Mayor's Chaplain

Following the planting, the parks team presented the mayor with a special inscribed spade to keep and remember her time in office. Cllr Potter was elected as Chelmsford's mayor in May 2024 and will continue in the role until May 2025.

The Mayor of Chelmsford, Cllr Janette Potter, stands with (from left to right): John Pioli, Deputy Mayor's Consort; Cllr Rose Moore, Cabinet Member for a Greener Chelmsford; Gillian Smith; Cllr Susan Sullivan, Deputy Mayor; and Reverend David Cattle, the Mayor's Chaplain.

The mayor gave thanks for this special occasion: "I am truly honoured to have this beautiful Callery pear tree planted in my home ward of Galleywood to commemorate my time as Mayor of Chelmsford. After my term is over, I will reflect on the wonderful memories of my time in office each time I pass this tree. I shall immensely enjoy watching it grow, flower and support a small ecosystem as it flourishes in the years to come."

"I'd like to give a special thanks to all those who have supported me in my mayoral duties thus far, and to the parks team for organising this wonderful tree planting."

Cllr Janette Potter, Mayor of Chelmsford



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Phone Box Book Exchange

We recently became volunteers for the book exchange, at the phone box in Galleywood.

During the month of December we ran two new projects, winter coat donations and a toy exchange. We collected coats every Sunday (and some days in between), in the phone box. Altogether we received 44 adult winter coats which were donated to Chess homeless charity. Between their accommodation and outreach work they said the coats would last around a month and so are always looking for donations, particularly of sleeping bags. If you would like to make an individual donation to Chess, please arrange drop off with a coordinator before heading there.



We also had a bag of children's coats, which were given to a volunteer of Cold Hands, Warm Hearts group, for their service users.



They have a Facebook page if you would like more information or to arrange a donation.

We ran the toy exchange every day the phone box was open. We cleared a space at the bottom of the phone box and asked villagers to donate what they could and to take what they need. With the cost of living increases, we are all feeling the pinch and thought this may help in the lead up to Christmas. As soon as the toys were donated, they disappeared and so we hope this helped.

We were blown away by the kindness and generosity of the village and hope to be able to organise other similar projects in the future."

The Phone Box Volunteers

Poem by Artin Cornish

On Galleywood Common you can ride or walk
with your dog or meet friends and talk

On paths through trees of oak and birch

And see the spire of St Michael's Church.

Here you can sketch and paint

A landscape or a cottage quaint

Or the Racecourse with the Church upon the hill
with brush, pencil or feathered quill.

Here beneath azure skies

See mottled moths and speckled butterflies

Hear blackbirds and warblers in the trees

And in the heather busy buzzing bumble bees.

And down in the woods by the pond edge

The moorhen stalks through rush and sedge

Black and white her tail she flicks

And cries a warning to her straying chicks.

And on the water the Mallards quack and splash,
whilst across the surface their ducklings dash

Chasing water mites and other tiny things

And dragonflies hover on transparent wings.

On Galleywood Common there are Napoleonic
defences built to repel Bonaparte's offences

These were never needed. As our enemies
conceded

When Nelson with his British fleet died at
Trafalgar the French defeat.

Here we have our own Heritage Centre

With a warm welcome for all that enter

Here the village history for all to see

And sit and chat with cake and tea

Or stroll across to the Horse & Groom

To eat and drink in a logged fire room

Where you can celebrate – as we all should the wonders of our Common of Galleywood.

(Written by Artin Cornish who recently passed away. 1929-2024)



Recipes for Cosy Nights in

With so many occasions to celebrate this season, or simply those chilly evenings that call for cosy comfort food – these four recipes are the perfect fit.

From sweet treats to savoury delights, they're packed with heartwarming flavours. Whether you're preparing a romantic dinner or flipping pancakes with the kids, these easy and delicious dishes are guaranteed to impress.

Classic Pancakes with Lemon and Sugar



Ingredients:

- 125g plain flour
- 2 large eggs
- 250ml semi-skimmed milk
- 1 tablespoon sunflower oil (plus extra for frying)
- Pinch of salt
- Lemon wedges and caster sugar, to serve

Instructions:

1. In a mixing bowl, sift the flour and add the salt. Make a well in the centre, crack in the eggs, and gradually whisk in the milk to form a smooth batter.
2. Heat a non-stick frying pan over medium heat and add a small amount of oil.
3. Pour a ladle of batter into the pan, swirling it around to create a thin, even layer. Cook for 1-2 minutes until golden, then flip and cook the other side.
4. Repeat with the remaining batter.
5. Serve warm with a sprinkle of sugar and a squeeze of fresh lemon juice.

Gorgeous Garlic and Herb Butter Steak



Ingredients:

- 4 sirloin steaks (200g each)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 50g unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Instructions:

1. Season the steaks with salt and pepper on both sides.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan over high heat. Add the steaks and sear for 2-3 minutes on each side for medium-rare (adjust to your preferred doneness). Remove and rest on a plate.
3. Lower the heat to medium and add butter, garlic, parsley, and thyme to the pan. Stir until the butter melts and becomes fragrant.
4. Drizzle the herb butter over the rested steaks and serve with a side of roasted vegetables or mashed potatoes.



Hearty Beef and Red Wine Stew



Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 500g diced beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 celery sticks, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- 200ml red wine
- 400ml beef stock
- 1 tablespoon tomato purée
- 2 bay leaves
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Instructions:

1. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a casserole pot. Brown the beef in batches, then set aside.
2. Add the remaining oil, onion, carrots, celery, and garlic to the pot. Cook until softened.
3. Stir in the flour and cook for 1 minute. Add the wine, scraping the bottom of the pot, then stir in the stock, tomato purée, bay leaves, and browned beef.
4. Cover and simmer on low heat for 1.5-2 hours, stirring occasionally, until the beef is tender.
5. Serve hot with crusty bread or creamy mash.

Decadent Chocolate Fondant



Ingredients:

- 100g dark chocolate (70% cocoa), chopped
- 100g unsalted butter, plus extra for greasing
- 100g icing sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 large egg yolks
- 50g plain flour

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (180°C fan). Grease 4 ramekins with butter and dust with cocoa powder.
2. Melt the chocolate and butter together in a heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering water, stirring until smooth. Remove from the heat and cool slightly.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk the icing sugar, eggs, and egg yolks until pale and thick. Gradually fold in the melted chocolate mixture, then sift in the flour and fold gently.
4. Divide the batter between the ramekins and bake for 10-12 minutes until the edges are set but the centre is still soft.
5. Serve immediately with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or a dusting of icing sugar.

We might be in the shortest month of the year, but it's filled with opportunities to create lasting memories in the kitchen. From savouring a romantic steak dinner to flipping pancakes, these recipes are perfect for celebrating the special moments the coming months has to offer. So, grab your apron and enjoy these delicious, heartwarming dishes with your loved ones!



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Galleywood Short Mat Bowls Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch was on the 10th of December at Crondon Park, we had 36 people attend, made up from old and new members.



You might have read in previous Grapevine editions that we had an open day towards the end of last year. We were encouraging residents into trying out Short Mat Bowls. Well from that open day we had about eight new members start. Most of those new members were able to join us on this special annual event.



It was great to see so many Christmas jumpers and outfits. We had to choose either two or three courses. The food and service were fantastic. Crondon Park staff could not do enough to ensure that we all had a most special afternoon.

Our committee member Frances Maynard had organised this event for the third time, she liaised closely with the head of staff (Lou) and I'm sure we will be back next year too (hopefully).



Our Chairman Rob Watts gave a short speech, welcoming the new members and thanking all for coming which makes the event so successful.

Rob and Frances then did the 100 Club draw. This is a club type raffle where people buy an annual ticket for £26 and each month a participant wins a cash prize of £50. This is to help with club funds and also keep members involved with a chance of winning.

Frances, who has a special talent for limericks and poems, gave us a brilliant seasonal limerick.

After tea/coffee and mince pies finished off our Christmas lunch the finale was our very own Frances being driven off in her very own chariot, giving everyone the royal wave.

In October we began our in-house competition tournament. Players can put themselves forward for singles, double, triples and four teams. The idea being, that players get to play in more competitive manner. Plus, it gives us more mat time as all of these competition matches are played on another night to our roll ups. The finals will be on the 21st March and the cups will be presented at the AGM in April.





The beginning of the new year we also started our own in- house league.

The idea behind this was to bring on our new members along with our more experienced members to show them what it's like to play in a match etc. We are hoping that this will encourage people to put themselves forward for the proper league matches.

If you want to be updated or require more information on the club, please follow us on Facebook or contact Rob on **07544829425** and Eve on **07709891206**.



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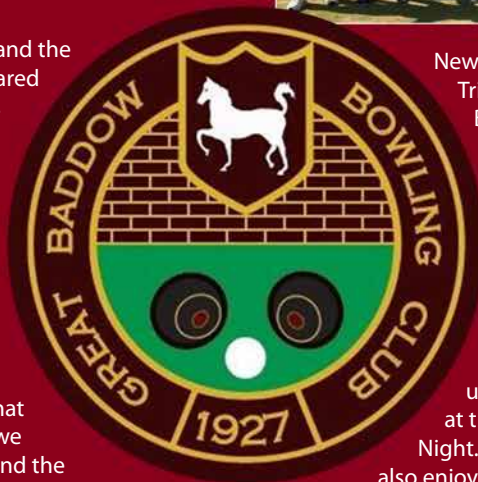
Although your local bowling club has the name Great Baddow at the front, it has many members living in Galleywood. No surprise really as the Parish of Galleywood was only created in 1987 after it separated from Great Baddow.

As far as bowling goes it is a lawn bowls club so the playing season is from April until the end of September. However, whilst the woods may have been put away there is still loads of activity going on. On the 25th January we had our annual Quiz Night which was highly successful.

A full house, lots of fun and the money raised will be shared between the President's charity and club funds.

The 8th February saw the first of this year's themed food nights, this time Turkish. Our members like to be adventurous before returning to Blighty for our traditional fish 'n' Chips. Eating is not all that will be going on whilst we look forward to spring and the April bowling restart. To make use of the clubhouse with its wonderful, refurbished facilities there are bingo afternoons and coffee mornings. However, foremost we are of course a bowls club and a successful one at that so I am proud to report that the Central Midweek League Knockout Cup was a great addition to the new trophy cabinet alongside the prestigious Atkinson Shield which we retained..

Several of our players distinguished themselves at District level and our own Paul Williams gained his County Badge. It was an exceptional year in the Chelmsford & District competitions with Tony Perkins and Mick Meager winning the Pairs, Mick Brickel, Mike



Newman and Martin King the Triples, Tony Perkins, Mick Brickel, Mick Meager and Martin King the Fours and Paul Williams the Singles. Can't do much better than that!

There were also the usual number of internal competitions and the winners picked up their cups and prizes at the recent Presentation Night. The rest of the club also enjoyed the event and whilst applauding those who were successful I suspect some will probably be putting defeat down to pure bad luck.

Great Baddow is a thriving bowling club but is always looking for new members so keep your eyes peeled for banners, posters and publicity on social media about the Free Taster coming soon, usually at the end of April and sometime in May. If you can't wait and want details on how to become a member email gbbc.communication@gmail.com or just drop into the club.

Look forward to seeing you there.

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