

DANBURY

WINTER 2017

TIMES

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LOCAL COUNCIL
AWARD SCHEME
QUALITY GOLD

*Danbury Parish Council wishes
all residents a happy, healthy
and prosperous Christmas and New Year.*



Hill House on Copt Hill Green in
1915 (from the Peter Came Danbury
Photographic Archive)



St. John Church in 1933 (from the Peter
Came Danbury Photographic Archive)



Frozen lake in Danbury Country Park 1985



Danbury Country
Park 1981



Eves Corner pond froze in 1985

Carols round the Tree
Eve's Corner
December 13th
7pm



Across the top of Church Field 2012



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LINDA ANSTEE



I fell in love with Danbury's ancient leafy lanes on my first visit fifteen years ago and have lived here ever since. My two children have grown up in the village and we cherish many happy memories together of walking, cycling and tobogganing.

I am employed as a Teaching Assistant in a local primary school and before that my career was in the financial services sector, my last post being a Mortgage Adviser.

I feel passionate about preserving Danbury's natural heritage for future generations and assisting in maintaining and improving facilities for our wonderful community. It is a real privilege to be able to play my small part in helping our village, which I consider the emerald of Essex, to shine that bit brighter.

GRAHAM CHAPMAN



Originally from north Kent, I moved to Essex after graduating with a Physics degree to work for the Marconi Company as an Electronics engineer, primarily designing radio

communication control systems for the Royal Navy. I achieved the grade of Consultant Engineer before retiring. My wife and I moved to Danbury over 37 years ago just before our daughter was born. We have found the village an ideal place to live with its unique mix of glorious woodlands and views whilst being close to town amenities.

I currently volunteer at RHS Hyde Hall as a gardener and a member of the RHS education team helping out with school visits. A few years ago I became one of the parish footpath officers and joined the Community Speed Watch group.

My hobbies include gardening (I have an allotment), rambling, hill walking, DIY, computers and domestic electrical circuits (I have a City and Guilds electrician qualification).

My main reason for becoming a councillor is to help Danbury maintain its unique situation as a rural hilltop village.

MANDY HESSING



I have lived in Essex all my life. I moved to Danbury 22 years ago after my husband and I decided that Danbury had so much to offer a young family with 2 sons - so much

green space and local parks with unexplored woodland - many hours spent walking and exploring!

My working career includes working within a histopathology laboratory, the hospitality industry, the Criminal Justice System and a local school.

I have 2 grown up sons (one at home still) and find myself retired with time to spare. You may find me walking the village with my 2 Flatcoat Retrievers and often enjoying a coffee and chat.

My hobbies include walking with my dogs, reading, history and local heritage, our local environment and the progression of our village.

As a Parish Councillor I am a very good listener and am open minded about our ever changing village and I hope to help you as residents.

JONATHAN THOMBS



I'm a relatively new resident, having moved to Danbury in 2016. I was born in Kidderminster but grew up in and attended University in Wales where I met and married my wife.

We moved to Essex twenty years ago.

As our family grew in size we wanted to move to a more rural area where we could bring up our three children. We'd visited Danbury many times for walks and it was an area we liked.

I currently work as an Engineer for Ford but have worked at a number of large engineering companies covering areas of automotive, agriculture and defence. I enjoy spending time with my family, motorsport, motorcycling and I am a keen volunteer in a number of STEM programs with local schools.

I joined the Parish Council as I've always felt that a strong community is vital in protecting the character and history of an area and that the people best placed to deal with local issues are those that live there. I am always willing to listen and help so please feel free to get in touch.

DANBURY AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR 1917

The war had been continuing for over 3 years and 1917 was a particularly bad year for Danbury with 12 casualties.



Joseph Brewer

Joseph was born in 1888 in Little Baddow and enlisted in Chelmsford on 17th November 1915 as a Private with the Northamptonshire Regiment.

After training Joseph embarked to Boulogne on 7th November 1916 and to field action on the 20th. On 4th March 1917 he was seriously wounded and was brought back to Wimereux, an important British Hospital Centre close to Boulogne, where he died on 24th March 1917. His occupation was carrier and he was living at Sycamore Cottage, Danbury.



Archibald Coppen

Archibald Coppen was born in Danbury in 1882.

In 1901 he had been living at Boarded Well, Horne Row, Danbury. At the time of his enlistment in the Essex Regiment he was still living in Danbury and was employed at Hoffman's. He was killed in action on 14th April 1917, a Lance Corporal with the London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles).



Harry William Dodd

Harry was born in Danbury in 1886.

By 1911 Harry was a soldier, married to Matilda and living at 22 Milward Street, Woolwich Common, Woolwich. Harry had enlisted in May 1904 in the Essex Regiment in Warley.

In 1917 he was a Sergeant with the Royal Garrison Artillery. He was killed in action on 7th August 1917, and at the time of his death his home was recorded as Warley.



Edward William Dodd

Edward was born in 1881 in Danbury. In January 1900 Edward enlisted in Colchester, in the 7th Hussars. In December 1900 he was appointed Lance Corporal, and in May 1901 reverted to Private.

In November 1901 he transferred to South Africa where he served for four years. In April 1904 he extended his service to complete 8 years with the Colours and then in January 1908 he was transferred to the Army Reserve, as a Private.

In January 1912 he was discharged, having completed 12 years of service. He had been awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps: (Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal) plus the South Africa 1901 and South Africa 1902 medals.

Edward enlisted for the First World War in Chelsea, date unknown, and was a Private with the Middlesex Yeomanry. He was killed in action in Palestine/Gaza on 27th October 1917.



Arthur Enefer

Arthur was born in Little Baddow in 1886.

Arthur served as a Private with the Essex Regiment, 1st/5th Battalion. He died of wounds on 3rd November 1917 aged 31 while in Palestine. The Roll of Honour in the Essex County Chronicle of November 16th 1917 notes that he had three brothers also serving with the colours. At the time of his death Arthur was a resident of Battlesbridge.



Sydney Frederick Everard

Sydney was born in Danbury in 1895. In 1911 he was a general carrier working for his father in the same occupation. The family lived at The Dukes, Danbury.

Sydney was a Private with the Essex Regiment. Having landed at Gallipoli in August 1915 he served in Israel and Palestine, where he died on 26th March 1917.

DANBURY AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR 1917



William Charles Howard, DCM

William was born in Westminster in 1890. In 1901 his father was described as a farmer and "butler domestic", not a combination of roles that we would expect to find today. The family lived at Palace Yard, Danbury.

In the 1911 Census, William was working on his father's farm, and the family lived at The Park, Danbury.

William enlisted in Chelmsford. In 1917, the year that he died, he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) for gallantry in the field in the face of the enemy. Conferment of this award was announced in the London Gazette and accompanied by the citation: "For gallant conduct on the 13th May, 1915, near Ypres, when, after a successful counter attack, he held on to his position with 30 men, although entirely isolated, until dark, when he was ordered to withdraw."

At the time of his death on 10th April 1917 he was a Squadron Sergeant Major serving with Household Cavalry and Cavalry of the Line (incl. Yeomanry and Imperial Camel Corps), Essex Yeomanry Battalion.



Ernest Claude Norman

Ernest was born in 1888.

Ernest was killed in action on 27th December 1917, and his home was in Danbury.

He served in France and Flanders as a Private with the London Regiment. Sources agree that he died on 27th December 1917, but one suggests the France and Flanders theatre, the other Egypt.



Frederick Ralph

Frederick was born in 1892 in Beckenham, Kent.

In 1911 Frederick was a gardener and was living at Dairy Cottage, Little Baddow. When Frederick died aged 24 on 26th March 1917 he was a Lance Corporal with the Essex Regiment, serving in the Israel and Palestine theatre.



Albert John Stevens

Albert was born in 1889 in Woodham Ferrers.

In 1911 Albert was an agricultural labourer, and the family was living at Slough Cottage, Danbury.

Albert was a Private with the Essex Regiment. He served in Palestine where he died on 2nd November 1917. He is commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial, but has no known grave.



Stanley Thurgood

Stanley was born in 1892 in Bloomsbury, London.

In 1911 the family was living in Danbury. At the time of his death at the age of 25, Stanley's home was in Chelmsford.

Stanley was a Private and was probably a 1916 conscript. He served with the Essex Regiment and died on 30th April, 1917.



Charles Rodney Wiggins

Rodney Wiggins was born in 1887 at the Generals Arms in Little Baddow. The family lived at Eves Corner and then Runsell Green. In 1911 he was living with his aunt Emma Enefer, aged 84, and her family at Runsell Green and he was a gamekeeper.

Charles was a pre-war Territorial Force soldier, and at the time of his death was a Private with the Essex Regiment serving in Israel and Palestine. He was killed in action on 26th March 1917. He and his wife Annie lived in Runsell Green.

There is far more information than this about the men's family backgrounds, appearance and pre-war employment on the Parish Council website. All the research was done by Rosie Bartley-Crozier. If you know more about any of the men or perhaps have photographs which could be added to the archive please contact the parish office.



Danbury War
Memorial
Remembrance Day

DANBURY CRICKET CLUB

Excellent foothold made into Division 6.

Danbury CC claw their way through the league.

Host of personal bests from Danbury CC

A fantastic season for Danbury Cricket Club, finishing in a solid 3rd place with 307 points for the 2nd year in a row. The team managed to attain 12 victories with 5 losses and 1 no result (due to our glorious British weather) which is an improvement on last year's total.

The team thoroughly enjoyed the season especially old hand Kev Singh who set a personal best with his first hat trick and century: well done Kev!

The team also enjoyed a fantastic performance against Rayleigh Fairview. Danbury set the pace scoring 240 for 7



from 45 overs; on the defensive, Rayleigh were bowled out for 96 in 32 overs with a haul of wickets by the Need family.

Danbury CC (under the pseudonym "Danbury Ducks") continued to battle through the tough midweek 20/20 "Last Man Stands" league also finishing 3rd with 36 points. A notable mention for Jonny Need maintaining an exceptional career batting average of 99.67.

We are running a series of winter practice

sessions from January 2018 which could provide the perfect opportunity to burn through those mince pies! As the weather perks up (yeah right!) we plan to host a number of pre-season friendlies and 20/20 matches with Woodham Mortimer.

We are always looking for new members regardless of ability, for further details please contact Rory Carlton (0777 2547 067) or Simon Moore (0794 177 1860).

THE PONDS AND WILDFLOWER AREA

In August the National Trust cleared a lot of reed and crassula from Eves Corner pond. This created inlets from the surrounding land/roads so that more water should flow in and the level should stay higher, especially in dry periods. The moorhens were unaffected along with their several chicks, and at least one newt was found. At the time of writing more work is planned.

At Runsell Green the wildflower meadow area is thriving as a haven for abundant wildlife including bees, damsel flies and dragonflies. The



Conservation Volunteers have supplied a post-planting programme of when to mow for the Groundsman. Further pond work is planned.

ESSEX PLAYING FIELDS AWARDS

In October Essex Playing Fields Association judged 199 entries in their 7 classes in the Best Kept Playing Fields competition.

Danbury was given 7 awards:

Class 1 – playing fields serving a population of more than 2,500 – **GOLD**

Class 3 – children's playground – **GOLD**

Class 4 – cricket pitch – **GOLD**

Class 6 – best kept football pitch –

Pitch 1 – **SILVER** Pitch 3 – **GOLD**

Pitch 2 – **SILVER** Pitch 4 – **GOLD**

The Association was started in 1924, the first in the country and the first to make awards as encouragement to local authorities, sports clubs and volunteers to provide playing fields and facilities for people to use. Still only 3 counties make such awards. Nationally these open spaces are under threat from developers and the address at this meeting by Councillor Aldridge, Chairman of Essex County Council, advised vigilance since early responses tended to stand most chance of success in resisting such encroachments.

FIRST RESPONDERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Danbury, Bicknacre and Little Baddow Community First Responder Group have been running for over 15 years with volunteers responding to members of our communities suffering potentially life threatening conditions. Since they started in February 2002 they have been called out on over 4000 occasions. Together, the volunteers provide on average 600 hours' cover per month throughout the year, and as there are now only 7 of them, it is an impressive total.

With only 7, they are in urgent need of new volunteers. 4 volunteers have resigned in the last year, one moving from the area, one retiring and another two because of increasing work commitments. If this continues, they will cease to be viable. They will always do their best to cover as many hours as family or work allows, but it's approaching a point of join them or lose them.

All Community First Responders are now trained to a national standard by East of England Ambulance Service and upon completion of training obtain a First Aid at Work qualification. If you are interested in joining them or learning more about them, please contact Gordon Wren the coordinator on 01245 224309

We cannot lose them; they provide a fantastic service to our community.

COMMUNITY AGENTS ESSEX

This is a countywide network of agents and volunteers who support older people and informal carers to develop independent living solutions from within their local community.

It is an innovative new partnership:

- Promoting health and independence
- Reducing social isolation
- Finding practical solutions to daily living
- Providing confidential trusted information
- Informing choice and reducing confusion
- Increasing individual and community resilience

The service is delivered through a community and voluntary sector partnership consisting of Rural Community Council of Essex, British Red Cross, Age UK Essex and Essex Neighbourhood Watch.

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Website: <http://www.communityagentsessex.org.uk>

DANBURY SPORTS & SOCIAL CENTRE



Gym Promotion ALL I WANT FOR FITNESS IS 3 MONTHS FREE!

This promotion offers new and existing members the opportunity to receive 15 months for the price of 12 with every annual payment in December. A single membership for 15 months is only £308, so don't delay - call in to meet the team and sign up.

George Michael Tribute Show Friday 2nd February

This authentic high energy Tribute Show is dedicated to the music of George Michael. The Looks, The Voice, The Moves, it is a show not to be missed, performed by an award winning local singer, Johnny Mack, a songwriter in his own right. It will be a great night's entertainment as he takes you through the decades of George Michael and Wham classics.

Join our 500 Club – Support the Centre

This is a monthly lottery: you pay for a £5 stake each month. You will ALWAYS be playing for 50% of the total we collect. You're assigned a unique number for your stake. If that number comes up – you've won. There are 3 prizes drawn each month. The more numbers sold the more prize money there is to win. The other 50% goes to the Centre towards high cost items, e.g. the installation of the solar panels. Application forms are available at Reception.

Membership

Are you a member? If not, why not?

We need your support, so pop in to see our wonderful facilities and the activities on offer - Annual membership is only £18 with reductions for students and senior citizens.

**Full details of our activities and forthcoming events
are available from Reception, on our web site
www.danburysportscentre.co.uk
or phone 01245 224515.**

DATES OF MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2017

Mon 18th *Planning*

JANUARY 2018

Mon 15th *Planning*

Wed 17th *Facilities*

Wed 24th *Resources*

Mon 29th *Environment*

Wed 31st *Parish Council*

FEBRUARY 2018

Mon 12th *Planning*

Wed 28th *Resources*

MARCH 2018

Mon 5th *Environment*

Mon 12th *Planning*

Wed 14th *Facilities*

Tues 20th *Resources*

Wed 21st *Parish Council*

APRIL 2017

Mon 9th *Planning*

All the above meetings begin at 7.30pm

Mon 23rd **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**
Starts at 8.00pm

DANBURY AND LITTLE BADDOW OPEN GARDENS

This event in June together with a plant sale at Wych Elm in May raised £10,265 for Farleigh Hospice. Thanks to all who attended and helped organise.

YOU SHALL GO TO THE PANTOMINE!

Danbury Pantomime

Cinderella

Panto by James Barry

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THURS 14TH - SUN 17TH DECEMBER
7.30PM & 2.30PM MATINEE ON SAT/SUN

DANBURY VILLAGE HALL, CM3 4NQ

PLANNING APPEALS

At the time of writing one appeal has been heard by the Government Inspector and we await the decision.

This was about an application for 59 houses and a shop at Old Chase Farm, original application reference 16/00129/OUT, and the appeal reference 17/00048/REFUSE; this was heard between October 31st and November 3rd and November 13th – 15th 2017. The Parish Council sent observers on each day and a councillor spoke about its original refusal.

Two more appeals are coming up, both to be held in the Civic Centre, Chelmsford:

The next is against the refusal of application 16/01770/FUL for a care home on Bay Green Meadow; its anticipated hearing date is 12th December 2017 and the appeal reference is 17/00031/REFUSE.

The second concerns the Gladman application 16/01810/OUT for up to 140 dwellings at the corner of Runsell Lane and Maldon Road; its reference is 17/00025/REFUSE and its anticipated hearing date is 30th January 2018.

As with the first appeal hearing the Parish Council will attend and speak at both. Check with Parish Council website for up-to-date situation.

DANBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Our Parish, Our Future

Adult Questionnaire Interim Results now available

We are now able to share with you the initial results of the Adult Questionnaire which was delivered to every household in the Danbury Parish at the end of June 2017. A total of 639 responses were received which equates to between 25% and 30% of the households in Danbury. According to the 2011 Census, there were 2,036 households in Danbury and we estimate this now has increased to approximately 2,100.

Our report is available to read on our website
www.danburyneighbourhoodplan.com

A paper copy has been given to each of Danbury Parish Council Office, Danbury Library and Danbury Sports & Social Centre. These copies are for reference and should not be taken away please.

Next Steps

The next stage in preparing the Plan is to:

- Complete the final report of the Adult, Business and Young Persons Questionnaires
- Draft the Vision & Objectives
- Work with Chelmsford City Council to agree the selection criteria to enable comparison of the various development sites in Danbury put forward in the recent Call for Sites
- Provide the timetable to complete the Plan.

We will be arranging Open Days in the early part of 2018 to consult with residents. This will be your opportunity to have your questions answered, so please look out for the dates of the Open Days on our web site www.danburyneighbourhoodplan.com and our Newsletters published in The Journal each month.