

# DANBURY

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## Chairman's Annual Report

**W**elcome to the Annual Report for the year ending March 2007, this has to be issued early due to publicity restrictions as a result of the Parish and Borough Council elections in May. (See back page for more details)

Inside you will find an invitation to the Annual Village Meeting, again due to the elections this is being held early to comply with electoral law and guidance. Please note the new venue (village hall) for this year's event. Among the speakers will be Essex Police who have been invited to discuss community policing and in particular dealing with vandalism in the village.

### Vandalism

As some of you are aware, the village experienced significant and wanton vandalism during the summer months and in particular throughout the school holidays. We would like to thank all the residents who provided help and support in a number of ways in an attempt to reduce the vandalism and to bring the perpetrators to account. Please, if you see it - report it. If you know who it is - tell the police. I would also like to thank Lynda Samways (Police Community Support Officer) on behalf of the village, for all her help & support over the last year.



### Dawson Memorial Field

The Council has been working hard throughout the year, preparing to appoint consultants to undertake a feasibility study and to produce specifications for the car park & drainage project we are undertaking. Although a long-term plan, it is hoped that by the time you read this, Council will have ratified a recommendation from the working party to appoint their 'preferred' supplier. Once agreed, work can begin, this will also include identifying grant aid opportunities to minimise the financial costs to the village. However, when completed the result will be greatly enhanced facilities for the village and visitors.

### Medical Centre

December saw your Council hold a public meeting to consider the options appraisal carried out by Danbury Medical Centre who find that their current premises are inadequate for the future plans they have for improving the level of healthcare provision to Danbury and the surrounding villages. Several of the Doctors and their advisor gave presentations on the work done and explained to the large audience the reasons why they came to the conclusion that the best option for relocation was on part of the meadow next to the Mission. The presenters answered questions from councillors and "the floor," I was then able to clarify the view of the residents who gave guidance to the Council. The Council's response was agreed with all present at the meeting and subsequently submitted to the Borough for consideration. My thanks go to all who attended. It was almost unanimously agreed that the village would support the

Medical Centre proposal providing that the remainder of the meadow was protected from future development. Council have also undertaken to hold a public meeting to discuss any detailed planning application that may follow.

### Committee Reports

Full Parish Council, Planning, Environment, Resources and Facilities committees continued to meet regularly during the year, as did a number of sub groups and other meetings. The dates of meeting are published in advance (see the web site and notice boards). Members of the public are very welcome to attend and give us your views on any item that affects the village or its residents. Reports from the committees are included in this issue.

The Council would not be able to perform as a 'Quality' Council without the dedication of my fellow councillors, a dedicated and hard working staff - Thank You all.

### Elections

As mentioned earlier, elections are due in May of this year and that is your opportunity to express how you feel about the service you have been provided with over the last four years by the retiring Council. Should you wish to contribute to the village and would like to stand for Council at the election, please contact the clerk who will be able to advise you on the procedures.

Once again spring is on the way, admire the many bulbs that have been planted by the Essex and Chelmsford Councils and the Danbury Society and have a Happy Easter holiday.

Stuart Berlyn  
Chairman.

# Danbury Parish Council

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## Additional Committee Members

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## DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2007:

### APRIL

Monday 2 *Planning*  
Wednesday 4 *Environment*  
Monday 16 *Planning*  
Monday 23 *Resources*  
Wednesday 25 *Facilities*  
Monday 30 *Planning*

### MAY

Thursday 3 *Facilities*  
Wednesday 9 *Parish Council*  
Monday 21 *Planning*  
Wednesday 30 *Resources*

### JUNE

Monday 4 *Planning*  
Wednesday 6 *Environment*  
Wednesday 13 *Facilities*  
Monday 18 *Planning*  
Wednesday 27 *Resources*

### JULY

Monday 2 *Planning*  
Wednesday 11 *Facilities*  
Monday 16 *Planning*  
Wednesday 18 *Resources*  
Wednesday 25 *Parish Council*  
Monday 30 *Planning*

### AUGUST NO MEETINGS

### SEPTEMBER

Monday 3 *Planning*  
Wednesday 5 *Environment*  
Wednesday 12 *Facilities*  
Tuesday 18 *Resources*  
Monday 24 *Planning*  
Wednesday 26 *Parish Council*

### OCTOBER

Monday 8 *Planning*  
Wednesday 17 *Environment*  
Monday 22 *Planning*  
Wednesday 24 *Resources*

### NOVEMBER

Monday 5 *Planning*  
Wednesday 7 *Facilities Budget*  
Wednesday 14 *Facilities Budget*  
Monday 19 *Planning*  
Wednesday 21 *Resources Budget*  
Wednesday 28 *Parish Council*

### DECEMBER

Monday 3 *Planning*  
Wednesday 5 *Environment*  
Wednesday 12 *Facilities*  
Monday 17 *Planning*  
Tuesday 18 *Resources*  
Wednesday 19 *Eves Corner Carols (tbc)*

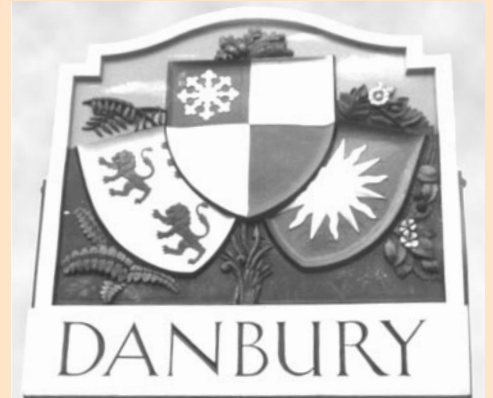
# All Danbury Residents are invited to attend the **Annual Parish Meeting**

## On Monday 26th March at the The Village Hall

Tea, coffee and biscuits available  
from 7.15 pm.

Meeting commences at 8pm.

Introduction from the Chairman  
Stuart Berlyn.



### Guest speakers:

**Police Inspector Chris Kilgallen from South Woodham Ferrers Police Station (Community Policing)**

**Chelmsford Borough Council (Recycling) Carolyn Mallot**

### PC 70640 Bill Evans reports

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new local officer as Pc Paul Birkin has now moved on to pastures new.

Before I recently became a police officer with Essex Police I was a local Police Community Support Officer in South Woodham Ferrers. I am therefore very familiar with this area.

Firstly, let me reassure you as to how safe an area Danbury is. Although public perception sometimes suggests otherwise, crime levels here are very low. With your help I hope to actually make it even better.

Key to making things better is for you to take control of your own communities; the police cannot tackle issues alone. In the old days people used to know who was in their community. They would take time to walk down to the local shops and when they met a stranger would say "Good morning/afternoon" and thus get to know a little about who was who. If they heard a noise at night they would put their head out of the window to see what was going on. If little Johnny was up to no good they would tell his Dad. I am not suggesting people take matters into their own hands but being a good eyewitness to incidents in your neighbourhood will help.

Key to improving things is the role played by parents. Children need to understand that they too are part of this

community and that they play a part in its success and should be proud to be a part of it. I often hear children saying that they would not "grass" on their friends but fail to see that their lack of action is letting down their family and their community.

I am aware of the concerns re local youth issues and I am currently looking at taking some more positive action concerning this. Any criminal behaviour that occurs will be dealt with positively. Over the past few months positive action has been taken against some youths involved in lighting fires on the Dawson Memorial Playing Fields and also against a youth responsible for throwing stones at a bus as it drove through Danbury. In the short time I have been here I have made 4 arrests for assaults and criminal damage in your area.

I am also supported on my beat by the Police Community Support Officers. Danbury is lucky to have the very committed and experienced PCSO Lynda Samways dedicated to the Danbury area.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of some useful contact telephone numbers. For any emergency you will need to dial 999. For non-emergency policing incidents phone Chelmsford Police Station on 01245 491212. Should you wish to contact me or any of the rural policing team about any non urgent issues you can also contact us on 07711 147171

### Planning

The former Unwins wine shop had already received planning permission and been granted a licence for use as a betting office when a further proposal was received to change its use to a fish and chip shop. This application was generally received with even less enthusiasm by local residents than was the one for the betting office. The application was eventually refused by Chelmsford Borough Council; it is not known if the possibility of any other kind of retail outlet was considered and the premises will now be developed in line with the approval for a betting office.

Other applications giving rise to significant local objection have been the proposal for a green burial site and the change of use of the former Maxelle Fashions (57A Main Road) to a funeral parlour. The former was refused planning permission on 11/07/06 and will go to a formal appeal hearing. The funeral parlour proposal, although involving a significant change in the nature of business conducted from the

premises, does not require a change of use permission; hence any planning applications need only relate to the appearance of the premises themselves eg: signage and access doors.

Your Parish Councillors continue to attend awareness sessions run by the Borough Council's Building & Planning Control Services with a view to becoming more professional and focussed when dealing with planning applications as well as improving our mutual understanding with the Borough on planning matters that affect Danbury. As part of this ongoing process it has been suggested that we re-visit approved applications to which Parish Council and residents objected in order to see if we would maintain our initial view in light of the finished project and, if we do, to discuss with the Borough how we feel our original misgivings have been borne out.

With meetings once a fortnight, the Planning Committee is the most frequently met of all the Parish Council committees. Much of our time is taken up with the circulation of numbers of drawings and papers relating to any particular application and they must all be looked at. It is the intention of

Chelmsford Borough to move towards full electronic planning consultation and as part of a Quality Parish Council the committee is keen to be pro-active in embracing modern technology that makes our efforts on behalf of the village more productive, effective and efficient. With this in mind it was proposed to Parish Council that we purchase an optical image projector, screen and electronic pointer. The proposal was accepted and Council recently took delivery of the equipment. Drawings and associated documentation stored on a computer can now be viewed by all around the table, and members of the public, at the same time. The ability to be able to quickly move back and forth through the documents, to zoom in or out makes for more effective and relevant discussion and better quality use of the meetings time. Members of the public can also see what we are looking at and what we are talking about. The equipment is not exclusively for the Planning Committee; it has already been used to good effect by other committees as well to facilitate their meetings.

*Arthur Allen Chairman of Planning Committee*

### From the Parish Office

**Parish Council is governed by statutory rules and regulations. The following are details of items which Parish Council must comply with:-**

The Local Government Year runs from 1st April until 31st March.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council are elected at the Annual Parish Council Meeting (as distinct from the Annual Parish meeting) which is held in May.

The term of office for Councillors runs for four years from the fourth day after the date of an ordinary election. The term of office of a Councillor can be ended by resignation, if this occurs mid-term the elections officer at the Borough Council must be informed and a vacancy must be advertised and filled by election or co-option, this means the Parish Council can appoint a member to serve for the term of office for the same period as the person they replace.

The Clerk of the Council serves from the date of appointment until resignation. If a council is a "Quality Council", as in the case of Danbury, the Clerk must hold the appropriate qualification. At Danbury the Clerk is also the Responsible Financial Officer.

It is obligatory to hold an Annual Parish Meeting for the electorate. This must be held between 1st March and 1st June. The Chairman must preside over the meeting. The Annual Report must be published by 30th June.

Other Parish Meetings can be called but in accordance with Statutory Procedures.

A minimum of 6 Full Council meetings a year must be held. In Danbury last year 65 meetings (including committee) were held.

Precept - this is the term used for the money requested from the Borough Council to reclaim from the Council Tax Payer. The money is set by producing budgets in the autumn of the previous financial year. It can be a difficult task to budget at least 18 months in advance.

If there is any issue you wish to be raised please contact the Parish Clerk and the item can be placed on an appropriate Agenda for discussion.

Please note that if any organisation wishes to be considered for a grant for the financial year 2008 - 2009, an application form must be completed and returned to the Parish Office by 30th September, 2007. Forms will be available on the Parish Council website, in hard copy from the Parish Office, and at the Annual Parish Meeting.

*Margaret Saunders  
Clerk to the Parish Council*

The Parish Office is usually open Monday to Friday from 9.15am to 1pm. It is situated between the bowling and tennis clubs. The ramp from Mayes Lane car park leads down to it.

**Parish Office, Lower Playing Field, Mayes Lane  
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# Financial Report

Every year I tell you that as I write, the current financial year is still in progress and will have just closed as you receive the Danbury Times, but this year when this copy drops through your letterbox the current year will still be open. So the council's accounts in the pie charts below refer to the previous year, which is until 31st March 2006.

Some of the major items of expenditure in that year were:

- Fencing and gate to playground and bowling club £12,034
- Laptop for the Parish Office (which now runs the new digital projector),
- Employment of Assistant Clerk for Facilities.

You seemed to like the pie chart presentation that we introduced last year, so we have retained it.

I should mention that the Resources Committee does more than just prepare the budgets, balance the books and pay the bills, we have to ensure that the facilities for our staff and councillors in the Parish Office are adequate for the modern age. Computers, telephones and fax have to be kept up to date; e-mail and the website have to be maintained. We have introduced a digital projector and screen, mainly being used for planning applications now received on-line from the Borough Council, but has also

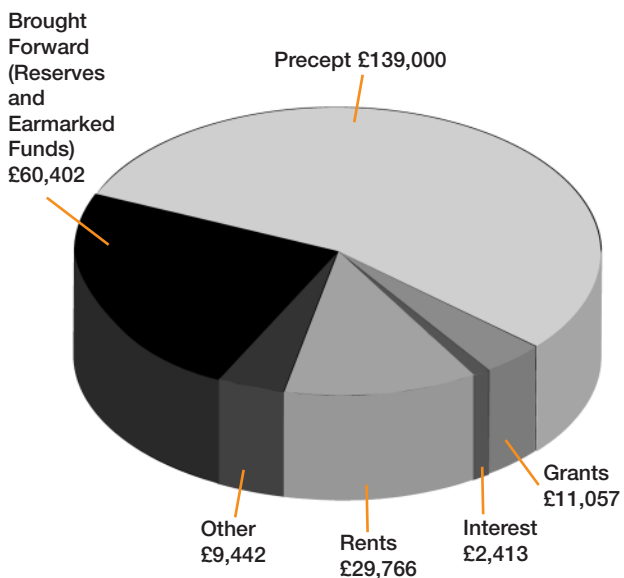


proved useful for other presentations. We have installed a loop aerial system to help several councillors who are hard of hearing to participate more fully in council meetings. And since one councillor descended onto the floor when a chair broke, we have replaced all the chairs with sturdier and more comfortable ones.

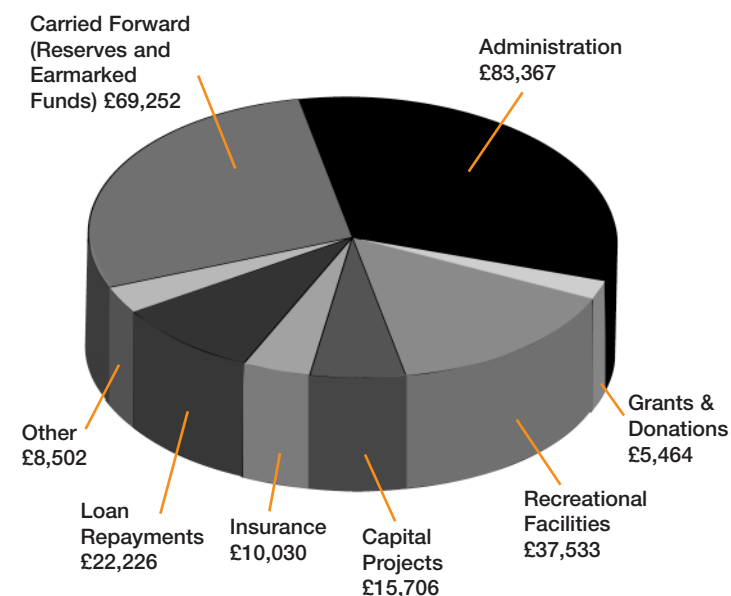
In deciding the coming year's Precept we started with a proposal for an 8% increase placing £20,000 into the car park reserve fund, but finally this was brought down to 5% by reducing the car park reserve fund to £15,000. You will have to wait longer for the car park resurfacing in order to keep the critics at bay – what do you think?

*David Whiteing Chairman, Resources Committee*

## Parish Council Income 2005-2006



## Parish Council Expenses 2005-2006



### Environment

#### Footpaths Map

The Danbury Footpaths Leaflet (copy enclosed) has been published as a joint venture between Essex County Council, Danbury Society and the Parish Council. Pictures of locations within Danbury were taken by David Whiteing and David Bolwell. Thanks go to all who have aided in the production of the leaflet. Additional copies are available from the Parish Office.

#### Parking Enforcement and Speed Reduction

The Parish Council has contacted Parking Enforcement Section at Chelmsford Borough Council to request more cover in the vicinity of Eves Corner. We have also lobbied for a reduction in Speed Limits in Little Baddow Road and Woodhill Road. If you suffer from inconsiderate parking contact 01245 606303.

#### School Travel Plan

St Johns Church of England Primary School has involved the whole school in a major effort to find alternative methods of travelling to school in order to reduce the traffic congestion in Little Baddow Road and Butts Lane. The draft Plan will be given to everyone involved including Parish Council.

#### St Cleres Hall Quarry

St Clere's Quarry has won a gold award in the Mineral Working Environment Award Scheme 2005 and 2006. Work is set to increase as it takes on the processing of sand and gravel brought in from the Royal Oak Quarry. Repeated vandalism to the fences at the Royal Oak Quarry is causing concern for the safety of members of the public.

#### Daffodils

Daffodils destroyed during the past A414 roadworks have been replaced by Essex County Council Highways and replanted by Chelmsford Borough Council. A further 1000 daffodils were planted

within the village by the Parish Council, Chelmsford Borough Council, Danbury Society and volunteers.

#### Annual Litter Pick

Saturday 28th April, 2007 meeting

at Mayes Lane Car Park at 9.00 a.m. Teas and Coffees will be served from the Parish Office for helpers.

*John Thomson, Chairman of Environment Committee*

### New Flyer

We have a new Community Bus, or rather a much younger minibus than the 16 year old vehicle which had to be withdrawn on 12 December, due to a rusty chassis and we have had to rent a more expensive bus. The new vehicle is in excellent condition, is only 8 years old and has done only 38,000 miles.

Bill Davey who ran Hopping Jacks Hall, has sold his bus to Danbury Community Transport Limited at a discounted figure. It has only 7 seats but we plan to fit some more shortly. Later in the year, we plan to rent out the bus to village organisations in accordance with minibus legislation.

Tickets which cost £2 for any number of trips on one day, entitle passengers to a 50p discount on any purchase from the Danbury Co-op, or the Pharmacy over £5.

For more information or a timetable, please ring the Secretary, Richard Creak, on 01245 223725.



### Facilities

**N**ews on the football front includes the purchase of two new sets of goalposts for Pitches 1 and 3. Our thanks go to the Football Foundation for part funding of these. The pitches will be closed again this year to allow the ground to rest and be re-seeded. Pitches 2, 3 and 4 will be closed from 4 June and Pitch 1 from 1 May, they will all be re-opened on 1 September.

Tree surveys have now been completed on the trees within the responsibility of the Parish Council. An extensive programme of remedial work and re-planting is being planned for 2007.

Several dog bins have been installed by Chelmsford Borough Council at various locations around the village. The Groundsman has a store of disposable

bags and if any dog owners would like some please contact Robin direct.

More play activities have been planned for the Easter and Spring Bank holiday on Dawson Memorial Field. The Parish Council is funding the activities the events which will be run by the Borough Council and sports available could include basketball, football, cricket, athletics and team games. Posters will be displayed around the village when the actual dates have been confirmed.

Consultants have been appointed to carry out a feasibility study and produce a specification for improving the drainage of the football pitches, and the car park at the Dawson Memorial Field.

*Derick Hawkins, Chairman of Facilities Committee*

# Danbury Medical Centre

## Update on premises

Many people attended the open meeting of the Parish Council before Christmas. It was a very positive meeting and all the partners want to thank people for the kind comments made about all the staff at the surgery and the support for the new ideas we have about developing more community based services locally.

For the information of those who were unable to attend, we are hoping to build purpose-built premises next to the Mission. We have looked at all potential sites within the village, and this is the only one that fulfils all necessary criteria. The plan is to only utilise the necessary area of the field.

The vision is to allow us to have consultants visiting the centre and to have ultrasound and hopefully MRI and X-ray facilities available in time. The aim will be to provide as many in-house services as we can get funded locally which will minimise the amount of travel to Broomfield Hospital.

The main concern raised is access via the Maldon Road, and of course this will be part of the planning process over the next few months. We will continue to provide and receive feedback from the village during the planning process.

Our architect hopes if things go smoothly that the new surgery could be operating by next year.

## Bird flu

I am sure everyone has read with interest about the problems in Suffolk. As I have reported before, there are plans in place via public health for distribution of Tamiflu should problems emerge. The truth is the chance of people contracting this illness is small, as it seems to be only people in close contact with and handling infected live birds that are at risk. The virus dies once meat is cooked. Should any further information come from public health, I will keep you informed.

*Caroline Dollery, Danbury Medical Centre*

## Is it Festival Time?

Our twin town in Croissy-sur-Seine has given us an invitation to join them in either their Europe Day festival in May, sports on the Saturday, music on the Sunday, or their Carrot Festival in September, stalls, dancing, food (all carrot based), or their Christmas market. They asked if they could come over and join us in one of our festivals - what festival? Have you noticed that our continental cousins delight in holding festivals? We did have a carnival in Danbury - once. Do you have any ideas or desire for a festival in Danbury? Let us know.

## Danbury Bowling Club

Have you ever considered playing Bowls? A game for all age groups. The Club is always ready to welcome new members so why not come along and give it a try. All you need is a pair of flat shoes or trainers, the Club will provide the bowls. We have a dedicated team of coaches to teach the game and introduce you to the Club,

- *It's Fun to Learn,*
- *It's Fun to play.*
- *It's Fun to Compete*

For more information contact Sue, our membership secretary on  
**01245 224559**

*Bowlers on the Cricketer's Green in the thirties*



## Bowling Club Celebrates 75 Years

This year Danbury Bowling Club celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary and has arranged an exciting calendar of events to mark the occasion. The Club originally played on a three rink green on ground belonging to the Taylor Walker brewery opposite the Cricketer's public house. But with strong support from the Parish Council were able to move to its current home on Dawson Memorial Field, Eves Corner in 1983.

In recent years major improvements have been made to the facilities to increase the use of the club house and make it more comfortable for visiting teams. The Club enters teams in the local Central Mid-Week Mixed league, the Chelmsford and District Men's League, and the Ladies Chelmer League. Numerous friendly matches are also played against local clubs, mainly at weekends, and there are weekly club afternoons.

Included in the seventy fifth year celebrations is a game in June at Windsor Castle against the Royal Household. However, the major events will take place at the Club throughout the season with games against representative teams from the Essex Bowling Association, the Central Mid-Week and the Chelmsford & District leagues. Also there is an Open Invitation competition day, a Ladies Day and an Essex Ladies Patrons Day planned.

Although, lawn bowls is our main function the club has a social side, which since the Club has been enlarged has been very successful

The Club always welcomes new members and even if you haven't bowled before we have a dedicated team of coaches available to get you started and give you personal tuition. And introduce you to the Club.

*Gordon Bird. Chairman*

*Photo by permission of Paul Elliott.*

## The Annual "Clean-up Danbury Day"

On Sat. 28th April from 9am- 1pm. Mayes Lane Carpark where equipment will be available. Come along and "spring clean" your village! If so, please contact Caroline Lambert. Tel: 224661

## A Date To Remember

Make your vote count  
Thursday 3rd May 2007  
**Parish & Borough Elections**  
Nominations will be posted on  
Chelmsford Borough Website  
after April 10th 2007  
[www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)

## WERE YOU A "DANBURY PALACE BABY"?

Your chance to meet with others born there will be on SAT 12TH MAY, 2PM AT DANBURY LAKES FOR A PICNIC, FOLLOWED BY A BBQ AT DANBURY CHURCH MEETING ROOM. Further details of this 5th reunion from; Caroline Lambert - 224661

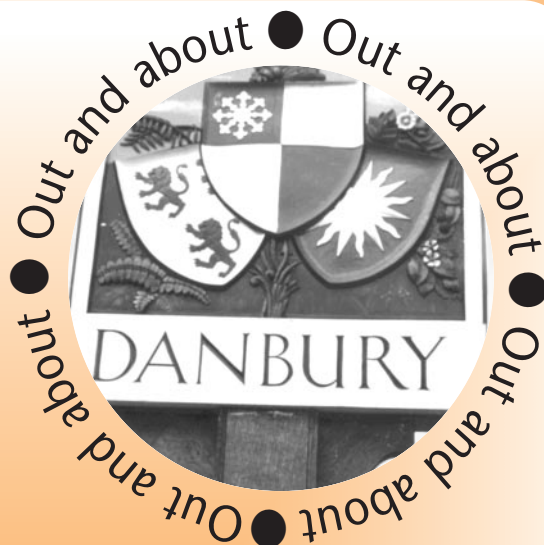
## Danbury Players

Summer Play "Outside Edge" 7th - 9th June  
For more information please contact the booking office on 07774 046925

## St John the Baptist Church FESTIVAL 2007

23rd June  
Refreshments available

**Danbury Society**  
Annual Art Exhibition  
24th - 26th Aug



## Farleigh

Providing hospice care in Mid-Essex

### PLANT SALE

Saturday April 28th 9am-5pm

### GARDENS WILL BE OPEN

Sunday June 10th

Contact Margaret Axon for further details

**01245 222816**

## Danbury and Little Baddow Horticultural Society

Summer Show Saturday July 7th

## DANBURY JUNK SWAP

Sat. Feb 17th saw Danbury Village Hall awash with amazing treasures! Over 30 people brought in an array of unwanted goods which were then eagerly snapped up by others with the cry of "Just what I've been looking for!" Special collections of old mobile phones, tools, art and craft materials, spectacles, ink cartridges and computer equipment were made for charities, who also took some of the leftovers. Generous donations made for refreshments and in lieu of payment for goods were given to our Community Bus fund. There were activities for children and an information stall.

Thanks to Chelmsford Environment Partnership, who organised the event, this friendly local recycling scheme helps to divert waste from landfill sites and benefits local charities.

See the Village Diary at our website  
[www.danbury-essex.gov.uk](http://www.danbury-essex.gov.uk) for future events