

Parish NEWS



Allbrook & North Boyatt Parish News

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Summary of Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to those residents who responded to the invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23 April 2019. The event was well attended. Short presentations were made by 15th Chandlers Ford & Allbrook Scouts, Brendoncare Otterbourne Hill, Eastleigh Rotary, Highbridge Community Farm and Allbrook in Bloom.



What's On

The following local events are all run by volunteers and raise funds for good causes. Please support them.

11th-12th May Bill Targett Memorial Steam Rally, Highbridge Farm

18th May Scout Jumble Sale, The Scout Hut, Boyatt Lane

26th May Springwell Horse and Pony Show, Highbridge Farm

27th May Springwell Dog Show, Highbridge Farm

26th -28th July Lloyd's Legacy Festival, Highbridge Farm

18th August St. Francis Summer Fun Day & Dog Show, Highbridge Farm

The next parish Council meeting will be held on

Tuesday 28 May (AGM)
at 7:00pm
in the Boyatt Lane
Scout Hut

For information on local planning applications, or to find useful links visit our website:
www.allbrook-northboyatt-pc.gov.uk

We hope this newsletter is proving a useful communication for members of our parish. The next issue is planned to be out in the Summer.

Otterbourne Hill (Brendoncare)

Recently a group of parish councillors and our clerk, visited the Brendoncare dementia care home at Otterbourne Hill to see how their facilities could benefit our residents.

They were welcoming and we were very impressed. Situated between the care home and the assisted living apartments is a community hub where they hold events that are open to anyone. They hold coffee mornings, exercise classes, art and craft groups and have started a choir. As the grounds are developed they hope to have a bowling green available too. There are rooms that can be booked for meetings; a small library; a hair and beauty salon open twice a week with a barber joining soon; a small shop that you can pop into for basic items; and a lovely restaurant which is open to anyone, but has to be pre-booked. Although the facility is aimed at older people no-one is excluded by their age. Obviously there is a small charge to attend the groups/clubs but as a charity any profits are ploughed back into the home and your first visit would be free.

If you are interested in finding out more you can call the home on 01962 679649.

The Allbrook Horse Trough

Visitors to Allbrook Meadow, Pitmore Road, can not fail to notice a large granite horse trough situated just to the left of the lych gate. It was given to the village of Allbrook by Colonel Lloyd Newton Jones-Bateman, of Otterbourne Grange, in memory of his mother Jessie who was a generous benefactor to the village. The inscription on the side reads:



“To the memory of Jessie Jane Marianne Jones-Bateman of Otterbourne Grange, who for forty years was a benefactor to Allbrook, ever ready to give of her substance to the poor and her sympathy to the suffering. This drinking trough was erected by her son in AD 1915”

Sadly Colonel Jones-Bateman died in India, on 26th July 1917, during a minor surgical operation. He was 42.

The trough was originally situated at the bottom of Pitmore Road but was later relocated to outside the Old School Theatre where it remained for many years. When the theatre was sold it disappeared to the dismay of many. It was found in a private garden and much wrangling ensued to have it returned to the village. BAM Nuttals have been keeping it safe for the past few years and they kindly relocated it to its present position when the meadow became a public open space.

Allbrook In Bloom 2019

This competition is being held with the aim of encouraging residents to take pride in our parish and to reward their efforts. Hopefully it may lead to more community efforts to brighten the area. The wildflower planting at Chartwell Green is a splendid example of neighbours taking the initiative.

Preliminary judging will take place mid-summer when councillors will compile a shortlist for final judging by independent experts. There will be four categories which will enable everyone to take part in one way or another.

- Best front garden, with a lawn
- Best front garden, no lawn
- Best planted container or window box
- Best hanging basket

Entry is free and automatic for all residents. Please inform the parish clerk if you wish to opt out.

New Noticeboards

Four new noticeboards have recently been installed around the Parish. The noticeboard on Allbrook Hill has been relocated next to the Post Box.



The Great British Spring Clean

On 30 March 2019 the Parish Council organised a litter pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean Campaign 2019. The Borough Council provided gloves, litter pickers and bags.

20 volunteers turned up on a bright Saturday morning and collected rubbish from recreation areas and hedgerows. Cheryl Gosling, Parish Clerk reported that the event was successful and it is hoped to hold a similar event next year.

Inspiration for the Parish Logo...

The Damselfly is a common species to the Allbrook/North Boyatt area due to the River Itchen, Itchen Navigation and the 'Blue lagoon' Lakes.

The image of the Damselfly was originally from a photograph taken in my back garden, the bulrushes were from another taken on the River Itchen.

I merged the two photographs together, created a cartoon effect, then chose a shape that would look effective on letterheads, websites etc.

I sent the the logo to the Parish for voting with the others that I had seen and mine was favoured.

Sharon Freemantle, Resident

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Have your say!

All members of the Parish Council are keen to improve the infrastructure, services and facilities of our area. We all have ideas of our own which we are working through but we're keen to hear your views too. Please email us at the parish council with any ideas you have, and keep the conversation going by keeping in touch with your elected members and attending our meetings at the Scout Hall in Boyatt Lane.

Please send us your ideas for the next issue by 30/06/19