



Spring Edition 2008

Welcome to the March 2008 Parish Update. I hope you'll find the time to read our newsletter - there are changes to note, updates on previous items and good news from a few of your parish and town councils.

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Corporate Strategy 2008 - 2012

Braintree District Council adopts a new Corporate Strategy every four years. The last one ran from 2003 until 2007. Work has been going on over the past year to agree the new strategic priorities for the District which the District Council will focus on over the next four years. These will form part of the Corporate Strategy for 2008-2012.

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The final version of the Corporate Strategy was agreed at a Full Council meeting on 18th February and this can be seen on the Council's website www.braintree.gov.uk – click on Council and Democracy, Committees, Council, 18th February (item 5) Further details will follow shortly.

Halstead Area Crime Prevention Panel is looking for additional members to support its aims of reducing the level of crime throughout the area. Meetings are held every two months and membership currently consists of representatives from the Police, Braintree District Council, Neighbourhood Watch and local business people. We would particularly like more representation from the villages in the Halstead area and we are keen to hear from enthusiastic people, with ideas for projects which would meet our aims.

If you would like to nominate a representative from your Parish please contact Gill Sagers at Greenfields Housing Association, 8 – 10 The Centre, High Street, Halstead, Essex CO9 2AJ. Tel: 01376 567300 or email Gill.Sagers@GreenfieldsCH.org.uk

Important – Local Committees - Grants

Look out for a Parish Update Flyer being sent to you, detailing the new funding opportunities through the Local Committees and instructions on the application process.



COMING SOON

Dog Behaviour Seminar

Saturday 29th March from 10.30 pm to 1 pm at Causeway House – see page 6 for more detailed information.

World Environment Day – 5th June



World Environment Day Events 2008 - Parish Packs

Are you considering holding an event this year to celebrate World Environment Day (5th June) something to highlight environmental issues at your village fete or fun day?

If the answer is 'yes' we can provide a 'Parish Pack'.

The 'Pack' contains templates for our advice leaflets and posters, our Environmental Pledge card and carbon foot-printing software. All have been successfully used by us to raise awareness of environmental issues and what we can all do to help create a Cleaner and Greener District. The materials are available both electronically and in hard copy.

Details of our contacts with relevant local companies can be passed on and we may also be able to arrange for you to hand out some 'freebies' such as water saving 'hippos' and low energy light bulbs.

Discounted water butts and 'composters' may also be available.

Contact Margaret McCloud or Mark Wilson on 01376 551414; or

Email:

margaret.mccloud@braintree.gov.uk

mark.Wilson@braintree.gov.uk

Local Committee Dates

Braintree Local Committee:-

Meetings held at Causeway House, Braintree

2008 - Tuesday 6th May, 1st July, 9th September, 4th November,

2009 – 13th January, 10th March

Halstead Local Committee:-

Meetings held at Queens Hall, Halstead.

2008 – Wednesday 14th May, 9th July, 10th September, 12th November.

2009 – 21st January, 18th March.

Witham Local Committee:-

Meetings held at the Public Hall, Witham

2008 - Thursday 1st May, Tuesday 15th July, Tuesday 23rd September, Tuesday 18th November (**please note 18th November meeting is being held at Silver End Village Hall, Silver End**).

2009 – Tuesday 27th January, 24th March

Rural Community Council of Essex – Events

10th April – 'Manage Your Future' Village Hall Training Day at Ramsden Heath Village Hall.

9th July – RCCE AGM at Channels Golf Club, Chelmsford.

Contact: RCCE - Tel: 0844 4773938

Email: rcce@essexrcc.org.uk



PLANNING - Local Development Framework

We told you in the last newsletter we were working on the next stage of the new plan for the district - the Core Strategy. Although work is going well, there is still some important information needed from a number of technical studies which are not yet completed. It is important that all this information is available to the Council, as it will underpin the choices that can be made in the plan and ultimately the final decisions that it will make. The studies are also very important in showing the inspector who will "examine" the plan, that it is based on the highest quality information available, which can be trusted to deliver the best possible outcomes.

This technical work has unfortunately meant that the programme for the plan has had to be delayed, so that we are now looking to publish the next stage in September or October this year. This will set out the Council's broad "Preferred Options" for the Core Strategy, which will show what the Council thinks are the best options for the future planning of the district. Parish/Town Councils will be given ample opportunity to comment on these "Preferred Options" and therefore influence the final version of the plan. The consultation will also give the chance to comment on those options that the Council thinks are not right for the district and does not wish to pursue.

As we told you previously, there will be no detailed sites identified, or detailed development control policies set out at this stage, as these will come in future, more detailed, plans. These will be the Site Allocations and Development Control Policies.

Further information on the LDF, including all the documents, can be found on our website

(www.braintree.gov.uk) by following the link to Planning from the home page and then to the Local Development Framework.

LAW AND GOVERNANCE - Retirement of Monitoring Officer



Sharon Lowe, newly appointed Monitoring Officer with Patrick Dempsey, retiring Monitoring Officer

On 14th March Patrick Dempsey leaves his post of Monitoring Officer when he retires from Braintree District Council. Patrick moved down from Manchester in 1988 and joined the District Council. He became Head of Corporate Services in 1997. This position included the role of Monitoring Officer and over the years, he's gained great respect for his help and guidance. Patrick says "the work involved has been made easier with the understanding, help and support of the parish and town councils".

Sharon Lowe, Head of Law and Governance, having been deputy Monitoring Officer for the past five years, takes over the role from Patrick. Also having joined the District Council in 1988, on a 'one day a week' Youth Training Scheme, by June 1989 Sharon was successful in her application for the first trainee Legal Executive post. This resulted in her admission as a solicitor in 2002.

Patrick hasn't made any firm decisions yet for his retirement, apart from one... a Mediterranean cruise in June!

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Witham Park "Parks for People Project"

Drawing on approximately six months of consultation with the community, a sketch design (available to view on BDC website) for improving Witham Public Park has been prepared. The design shows improvements to much loved existing features such as the fountain, seating and open grassed areas, as well as providing new facilities suggested by the community. These include toilets, new play equipment, a shaded outdoor classroom, picnic and garden areas and a fitness trail.



(A member of the public adding her comments to the 'tree' at the Children's World Fun Day 22nd September)

The sketch design was on display at Witham Library and in the Park from 14th to 29th February. This was the final opportunity for people to suggest their ideas for the Park and also to advise on their reactions to the sketch design before submission of an application (Stage 1) to the 'Parks for People' scheme at the end of March 2008.

The 'Parks for People' scheme is jointly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) and the timetable for the scheme is shown in the next column. As can be seen, this is a long-term project for which a great deal of work will be required, not least because the

application process is multi-staged and if we are successful, work will not start on site until 2010 at best. It may not be possible to include all proposals shown on the sketch design because the extent of work is dependent not only on Heritage Lottery Fund grant aid but also on obtaining 25% matched funding.

Project Planning	April 2007 – March 2008
Stage 1 submission – competitive	By 31st March 2008
Stage 1 decision	September 2008
Development period	October 2008 – September 2009
Stage 2 submission	October 2009
Stage 2 decision	April 2010
Physical implementation	May 2010 – December 2013
Park development activities	For up to 5 years after restoration (i.e. to December 2018)

As well as making capital improvements to the park, the 'Parks for People' scheme emphasises the importance of involving the local community in the project and of developing new uses, new 'audiences' and increasing volunteering. The Stage 1 submission includes a number of suggested initiatives to meet these objectives including community drama, dance and music activities, development of trails and walks, horticultural and biodiversity workshops and community history projects.

Community History Project for Witham Public Park

Work has already started to develop an oral history project. A bid has been made to the Essex County Council Mid Area Forum for funding to permit work to start on the first stage of an oral history project in 2008. We are looking for volunteers to come forward to work with us on this idea. The creation of a

community history of a park, in the form of a spoken history record, will count towards achieving Big Lottery Fund goals, which include creating new opportunities for communities to learn about and enjoy their local environment.

Phase 1 of the project would involve training up to 5 local volunteers to record up to 20 interviews with local people to capture their memories of Witham Park. This work would help us to demonstrate that the community values the park as part of its heritage and is prepared to work together to create a permanent legacy and resource for the community. A list of potential interviewees has already been collected as part of consultation work on the Stage 1 'Parks for People' bid preparation. The focus in Phase 1 would initially be on capturing the memories of senior citizens as sadly a number of older local people, whose memories would have been invaluable, have already passed away.

Oral history work in Phase 1 could be combined with photographic record making. Contact has already been made with the Head of Rickstones School Photographic Department who is known to be keen for his students to work with BDC on the Witham Public Park project, for example in creating still portraits or moving images of park users.

Subsequent phase(s) would involve further interviewing by volunteers, employing someone to carry out transcription of records and ultimately the provision of a permanent legacy, for example, to the Essex Record Office and to Witham Heritage Centre. In addition, in collaboration with local schools, the records could perhaps be used as a community and educational resource in school time.

Further information about the Witham Public Park 'Parks for People' project is available

on the Braintree District Council website www.braintree.gov.uk under the 'Environment' page. Contact: Jenny Claydon, BDC Project Manager & Landscape Architect; Tel. 01376 551414 x 2565; jencl@braintree.gov.uk

Green Spaces Strategy

The Green Spaces Strategy was approved by the Green Spaces Strategy Development Group last December (see article in December edition). A draft document is currently being considered by the three Local Committees at their meetings over the period 20th February to 11th March. The Committees are being asked to endorse the Strategy for the purposes of a sustainability appraisal and community involvement.

Public consultation will take place during April and May, following which any comments received will be considered by the Strategy Development Group prior to a final draft being recommended to the Local Development Framework Panel in June and adoption by the Council in July. The parishes will as usual be included in the consultation and will be informed by letter in due course.

The draft which is being considered by the Local Committees may be viewed on the Braintree District Council website using the link

<http://www.braintree.gov.uk/Braintree/planning/Planning+Policy/PPG17+Open+Space+Audit.htm>

This version is likely to be subject to change before being published as the Consultation Draft. Comments will only be accepted on the Consultation Draft during or immediately after the Consultation Period.

Contact: Stuart Kay Tel: 01376 551414
Email: Stuart.Kay@braintree.gov.uk



ENVIRONMENTAL

Dog Warden Service - Important Changes to Responsibilities

From April 6th 2008, as a result of a change in legislation, stray dogs will be the sole responsibility of the district council, taking any responsibility away from the police. This means the district council will have to have a place to accept stray dogs after office hours and weekends. Any member of the public who finds a stray dog will have to contact Braintree District Council at Causeway House. Details are still being finalised but please don't hesitate to contact the Dog Warden Service in the meantime – Tel: 01376 551414 Ext: 2217.

Braintree District Council's
Dog Wardens
Present

A Seminar on Dog Behaviour

Guest Speaker:
Dawn Turner
BSc (Hons) MSc Animal Behaviourist

The Seminar will cover:

Behavioural problems
Fear aggression
Territorial barking
Separation anxiety
Noise phobias

Venue:
Causeway House, Braintree

Saturday 29th March 2008
10:30am – 1:00pm

Tickets: £5 in advance
From BDC Environmental Services
Tel: 01376 551414 Ext: 2223

Bonfires

A bonfire is a traditional method of disposing of waste. Its origins lie in the medieval term bone-fires, from burning of animal bones and whilst modern-day components may not be as gruesome, if care is not taken as to what is burnt and when and where the fire is lit, a serious nuisance may be caused to neighbours as well as a risk to health.

As a parish or town council you may well have received enquiries and complaints from members of the public about bonfires. The following information may prove useful but please refer enquiries to the Environmental Protection Team at Braintree District Council for advice during office hours – Tel: 01376 551414 Ext: 2223.

The most common problem from bonfires is nuisance. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Council may serve an Abatement Notice to deal with statutory nuisance caused by smoke emitted from premises. A nuisance is generally considered to be an act which is persistent or likely to recur, is a cause of material harm, or interferes substantially with the well-being, comfort or enjoyment of a neighbour. Prosecution for non-compliance with an Abatement Notice can result in a fine. Smoke from burning horse soiled straw and manure causes many complaints and can be held to be a statutory nuisance or breach of planning consent.

Smoke can also obscure visibility in the neighbourhood and on the roads. The most common problem from bonfires is nuisance. Under the Highways (Amendment) Act 1986 anyone lighting a fire and allowing smoke to drift across a road faces a fine of up to £2,000. This Act is enforced by the police. If you are bothered by bonfire smoke, it is best to approach your neighbours first and explain the problem - this can be awkward,



but may make them more considerate in the future. (Immediate recourse to the Council may cause animosity.) If help is needed to overcome a problem with neighbours, SEAMS, the mediation service, is there to assist. They will arrange for a trained mediator to visit and help work out a solution which is agreeable to both parties. Contact SEAMS on Tel: 01376 331511 for further information.

If this approach fails, contact the Environmental Services Department at Braintree District Council. It is essential for a record to be kept of incidents and helpful to have the support of independent witnesses. If the Council is unable to act, a private action can be taken in the Magistrates Court.

For further information please call the Environmental Services Team (Ext: 2223) – a leaflet is available with detailed information – this has previously been circulated to those parishes with electronic mail.

Sewage Waste

Throughout the year Sewage Treatment Works process our waste from every home and business in the district. Most of the waste is water and when this is cleaned up it is returned to the river systems.

However, there remains a part of the waste which is sludge and this needs to go somewhere. Traditionally sewage waste has been pumped out to sea, but this caused deterioration in the quality of the shores and beaches. Sometimes it was taken out to sea in ships and dumped, but this killed large sections of seabed and has been banned. More recently it has been taken to landfill but with the availability of sites reducing, this has also been banned.

So what do we do with sewage sludge? Sewage sludge contains many beneficial

nutrients so it makes sense to use it as a fertiliser on fields in a similar way that animal waste has traditionally been used. Because of the nature of sewage sludge it is necessary to carry out treatment to kill the nasty pathogenic bacteria before it can be spread. A common practice is to add lime to the treated sludge which increases the pH to such a level that it kills the bacteria. Lime is also a beneficial additive to fields where the soil is acidic. The resultant mix, known as "limed cake", is taken to farms which have been assessed as suitable to receive the treated sludge and stock piled in identified areas until the field is ready to receive its fertiliser.

There are odours associated with the stock piling and spreading of limed cake as you would expect from the spreading of traditional farmyard manure and steps should be taken to ensure that it does not cause a nuisance.

Once stockpiled the cake forms a crust which prevents odour escaping. Stock piles are usually sited away from houses to minimise any problem. When they are opened for spreading, usually in the late summer/early autumn when the last crop has been harvested, the odour can be released. Stock piles are limited in size to the amount that can be spread in one day so that an open stock pile is not left overnight.

When the cake is spread on the field it is best practice to plough it in within 24 hours. Often the plough is following the spreader as closely as possible to ensure that the cake is not left exposed for longer than absolutely necessary. It can be a smelly process but no more so than traditional "muck" spreading. If the proper methods are used it should not be persistent.

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Complaints of persistent odour from muck spreading of this nature should be made to the Environmental Protection team at Braintree District Council on 01376 551414 extension 2223.

CULTURAL SERVICES

Jean Grice, Cultural Services Manager, Braintree District Council is photographed with colleagues, friends and councillors on her last day on Friday 11th January 2008 before taking early retirement. Jean worked for over 20 years developing the cultural and historical heritage of the District, starting as a volunteer to save the Warner Mill complex in South Street from being demolished and then leading a successful funding bid to bring the nationally important Warner Textile Archive back to the town in 2005.



Jean also worked to convert Manor Street Infant and Junior Schools into the current District Museum; created the Witham Heritage Centre; developed and refurbished the Town Hall Centre in Braintree and managed the Tourism and Arts Development Services. Passionate about local arts, culture and heritage Jean worked closely with voluntary and community groups throughout her career to promote the long history of innovation and design in the District. Jean plans to take up courses in painting, drawing and textiles and will continue to keep in touch with the Museum Service.

STREET SCENE



Our Community Champions could be anyone, from your next door neighbour to a local group, school, local organization or parish council. Champions act as the Council's eyes and ears - phoning, emailing or texting BDC about any street issues they come across such as:

- Potholes
- Weeds
- Dog fouling
- Street lights out
- Graffiti and vandalism
- Overhanging trees/hedges
- Fly-tipping and litter

Mick Galley, Street Scene Service Manager says "Being a Champion is about taking pride in where you live and working with the Council to help keep your district clean green & tidy. There are already lots of volunteers who regularly ring in whenever they come across a problem and these calls enable us to tackle issues quicker, the sooner we know about something, the sooner we can sort it out"

If you would like to know more about becoming a Community Champion, please contact Mick, on 01376 551414 or email: Mick.Galley@braintree.gov.uk

Please remember to let us know of any changes to Parish Clerk contact details Tel: Linda Hadley - 01376 551414 or Email: Linda.Hadley@braintree.gov.uk

EMERGENCY PLANNING

In times of emergency or if an incident occurs within your Parish, it will often fall on Community Leaders to be resilient and help their Community in the first few minutes or hours before the Emergency Services can attend or the District Council can respond.

Many Parishes have developed and reviewed their Emergency Plans on an annual programme. However, if your Parish has not yet developed a Parish Emergency Plan, then perhaps you could think about making it your New Year's resolution to develop one and distribute it within the next few months.

To help you, we've created a template based on the Emergency Plan for Coggeshall. This template can be found on the Braintree District Council website www.braintree.gov.uk on the Parish pages <http://www.braintree.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/B94930D7-65D4-45E4-832E-4999461BE0C2/0/ParishEmergencyPlanTemplate.doc>, or alternatively we can send you a hard copy by post.

Parish Councils, know their "patch", the resources available and they know their residents better than anyone else. A Parish Emergency Plan is at its most basic a list of contacts, key holders to Community Centres/Village Halls and telephone numbers. A comprehensive plan can include lists of resources such as generators, 4 x 4 vehicles, people who speak other languages etc. The information you hold is vital to the response that the Emergency Services and District Council can provide.



Nine times out of ten a Parish will not have to become involved in the initial response to an incident. However, they will certainly be involved in the recovery from it.

Leaflets and Information Available

There's plenty of information and leaflets available on how to prepare for emergencies and these can be downloaded from the Emergency Planning Web Page, or copies can be sent to you.

<http://www.braintree.gov.uk/Braintree/advice/benefits/Emergency+planning/default.htm>

The information/leaflets available are:

Braintree District Council Generic
Emergency Plan 2008

Flood Advice
Driving in Severe Weather (Hot or Cold Weather)
Preparing for Cold Weather and Storms & Hot Weather
Braintree District Council - *A Guide to Business Continuity Planning*

Environment Agency Leaflets:
Preparing for a flood / During a flood / After a flood

Emergency Planning - Training and Advice

If you would be interested in receiving training on aspects of Emergency Planning or advice regarding your Parish Plan then please contact:

Kathy Brown, Health Safety & Emergency Manager or Rachel Hutchinson Joint Emergency Planning Officer - both on 01376 551414. Ext: 2753.

POLICE NEWS



Halstead Police Surgery is held at the Halstead Town Council Office, The Mill House in the Causeway, Halstead, between 10 am and 1pm every second Wednesday of the month. Any police matters dealt with and general advice given. No incident too small. All dealt with in a secure and confidential environment.

Special Constables are still being recruited – more information and an application form is available from the police website www.essex.police.uk

Farm Watch – is a scheme being promoted under the neighbourhood watch banner. If you would like to know more about this please contact Police Sergeant Tony Benjamin at Braintree Police Station or Email: Tony.Benjamin@essex.pnn.police.uk

TOWN AND PARISH NEWS

Castle Hedingham – Junk Swap

On Saturday 26th April, with support from Braintree District Council and Ecorn (Essex Community Reuse and Recycling Network) Castle Hedingham Parish Council will be holding a 'Junk Swap' between 10 am and 1 pm at the village hall. This is a free, community friendly, reuse and recycling event which helps to divert waste from landfill and at the same time benefits local charities.

After the event the leftovers are divided into things that can be given to local charity shops and things that can be recycled. Only a tiny amount ever ends up in landfill.

If you would like to know more about this event or organising a Junk Swap either contact Linda Hadley, Parish Liaison Officer Tel: 01376 551414 Ext 2343 or Ian Leete at Ecorn Tel: 01245 268782 or go to www.ecorn.org.uk.



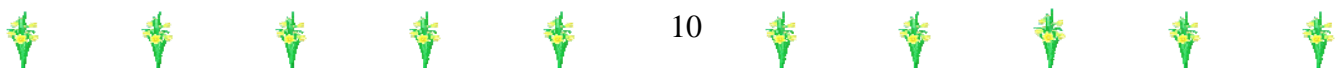
Colne Engaine

Village Shop Update

Last March this newsletter reported on the re-opening of the village shop in Colne Engaine and about the enthusiasm of Richard and Wendy Jones who had taken on the task. Their wish was to see the village shop become, once again, one of the focal points in the village. Well a year on we can confirm as a result of their hard work and commitment, their wish has been granted

The shop is a cheerful place to visit with young children able to experience their first 'lone' shop, elderly residents able to shop locally, often being assisted home with their bags. The Community Warden and PCSO's call in to offer support and hear the local news.

Richard and Wendy say they have received more support than they could have ever expected and are happy to report "Our achievements here show that a village shop, in this day and age, with support from local people can work"



Kelvedon

Youth Facilities

Around the year 2000, Kelvedon Parish Council, having experienced a higher level of vandalism than ever before, agreed to try to find a solution to the problem. By working closely with the police and local residents they came to the conclusion that young people were getting blamed for what was happening. However these young people were without a 'voice' to discuss what to do about an obvious lack of facilities for 9 – 15 year olds.



(left to right – Megan, Anna, Karen, Alice and Charlotte from Kelvedon Youth Forum relaxing on the new equipment)

By contacting and then working with young people, an application was made to Braintree District Council's Rural Development Fund to set up a youth forum. There was further consultation with young people at the Kelvedon Free Festival in 2006 when members of the Youth Forum and the parish council manned a stand. This consultation resulted in an increase to the Youth Forum attendance and to more regular meetings.

After further discussions between the parish council and the Youth Forum an agreement to concentrate on improving facilities at the playing field was reached. The Youth Forum wanted to achieve this in phases to complete at least some improvements as quickly as possible.

In the winter of 2006, 20 young people met with representatives from 6 major suppliers and identified the type and scale of playground/sports equipment which would be best suited for the playing field. In spring 2007 members of the Youth Forum met with the suppliers on site. From this meeting they were able to choose items which would be appropriate and fit into the site available.

Grants were applied for and in October/November 2007 a cable 'zip' slide, 'Fun Run Fitness Trail' and 'Skyscraper Climbing Wall' were installed. The official opening for Phase 1 will be in May this year. However, a start has also been made on Phase 2 for a 'Rotaweb Climber' and 'Rock and Cross'. Discussions have also taken place for further work to the playing field to include a path to the play equipment suitable for use by wheelchair users and for pushchairs.

This project was short-listed for the National Community Empowerment Awards for partnership work between the parish council and young people.



(left to right – Charlotte, Alice, Anna, Megan and Karen from Kelvedon Youth Forum testing out the equipment!)

By consulting and listening to the young people and by working in partnership, Kelvedon Parish Council and the Youth Forum are quite rightly very proud of their achievements.

The information contained in this newsletter is published in good faith from a variety of sources and may be subject to change.



Sible Hedingham

Public Toilet Renovation

On Friday 8th February Sible Hedingham Parish Council officially re-opened the recreation ground public toilets.



(An orderly queue was formed by those attending the opening ceremony!)

The original block had been built during the early 1970's and was temporarily closed because of their state of repair, which had been compounded by vandalism. The parish council agreed it was time for major refurbishment.

The transformation, including new facilities for the disabled and a changing room, was funded mainly by the Parish Council but with contributions from Braintree District Council's Rural Communities Development Fund and Essex County Council's Community Initiatives Fund. Local contractors were used for the work which includes anti-vandal roofing, with security shutters at the entrance.

The refurbished toilet block was officially opened by Councillor Jo Beavis, Chairman of Sible Hedingham Parish Council, who also represents Hedingham and Maplestead on Braintree District Council.



The Trustee Board and staff would like to thank all the Parish Councils

who have generously donated to the Bureau. These donations help us to bring a quality service throughout the Braintree District both in the Bureau offices and at the various Outreach surgeries.

The Braintree, Halstead & Witham CAB is in need of volunteers. Namely:
Disability Outreach Workers
Trustee Board Members
Clerical Volunteers

If you are interested and can spare a few hours please contact us at our registered office:

Collingwood Road

(next to Public Hall)

Witham

CM8 2DY

bhw@withamcab.cabnet.org.uk

Changes to Officer contacts for Flooding Issues and Fire Safety

Please note: Flooding issues are now dealt with by Jan Taylor here at Braintree Council, following Steve Tullett's secondment to Fire Safety Officer. The move for Steve results from the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 legislation. This instructs employers to carry out Fire Risk Assessments.

All BDC properties have to be assessed, from Causeway House and Millennium Tower right down to the public toilets.

Please contact Jan for flooding issues or Steve for advice on Fire Safety on 01376 551414.

The legislation also affects Parish/Town Council Offices.

Have you any ideas for future newsletter articles? Contact Linda Hadley – Tel: 01376 551414, Ext: 2343 or Email: Linda.Hadley@braintree.gov.uk. Download a copy of this newsletter from www.Braintree.gov.uk – Council and Democracy – Parish Information – Parish Newsletter.

