

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB AT BOREHAM

This is organised by St Andrew's Church and will take place at the Scout and Guide Headquarters on 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August from 9.30 am to 12 noon. For more details and to register please contact Christine Horton (466534).

## STRETCH YOUR BRAIN!

St Andrew's Church, Boreham are holding a Quiz Night at Boreham School on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. For further details contact Christine Horton (466534).

## FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES 'RIDE AND STRIDE'.

This year's event takes place on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September between 10 am and 6 pm. Cycle or walk to visit churches and chapels of your choice and raise sponsorship money for each one you record on your form. Half of the money you raise will go to The Friends of Essex Churches Trust to be given as grants to repair and maintain our church buildings, the other half will be returned to the church of your choice. Further information and Sponsor Forms can be obtained from your Local Organiser or from your local church. Make it an enjoyable day out with a difference and in a worthy cause!

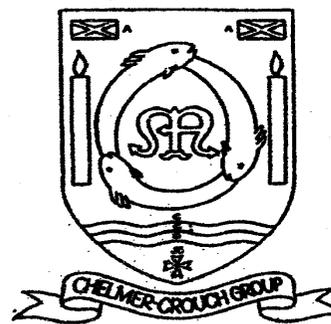
## CHELMER CROUCH GROUP PRAYER DIARY

- Aug 7<sup>th</sup>** - For all who will be leading and helping with children's holiday clubs during the holiday that together they may learn something of your great love for all.
- Aug 21<sup>st</sup>** - For all the parishes of the Chelmer Crouch Group that they may support each other in their witness to our Lord. We pray for a successful BBQ.
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup>** - For the schools that serve the children of our parishes as they begin a new school year. We pray for pupils and staff in their work together.
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** - For those who lead and teach in our Sunday Schools and those who run Church Youth Clubs, play groups and our uniformed organisations.
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup>** - For all in our parishes who visit the sick, the elderly and the housebound that they may truly be agents of God's love.
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** - For the missionary work and links supported by the parishes in the Group. May we be generous in our giving and caring in our prayers.

## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Aug 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> - Children's Holiday Club at Boreham.
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> - Chelmer Crouch Group BBQ at Sandon at 12.30 pm.
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> - Quiz Night at Boreham School.
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> - Friends of Essex Churches Trust Ride and Stride.
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> - Annual East Hanningfield Fete – 1.30 pm.
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> - Arts Weekend at Sandon.
- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - Sandon Harvest Supper.
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - Film Evening at Sandon.

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# Chelmer – Crouch Group News

For the Churches of St Andrew, Bicknacre; St Andrew, Boreham; St John the Baptist, Danbury; All Saints, East Hanningfield; St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow; St Andrew, Sandon; Holy Trinity, South Woodham Ferrers and St Mary, Woodham Ferrers.

## BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE 2011



On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July a number of us took a coach to Bradwell Pilgrimage on a sunny day that was not too hot. Our pilgrims included Nicklaus, a visitor from Sweden who was over with 6 other visitors from Sweden including Bishop Esbjorn. They were here to celebrate 25 years of our agreement with the Swedish Lutheran church and for Bishop Stephen to re-sign the agreement as our new Bishop of Chelmsford. We took our Chelmer Crouch Banner and walked behind this down to the little chapel of St. Peter's-on-the-Wall after the agreement had been signed outside Bradwell Parish Church. For some people it was their first pilgrimage, for others it was one of many, but we were all in good spirits and had a great picnic lunch on arriving and then a good look around for the next couple of hours.

It was pleasing to see the Othona Community had completed their building programme and added a new wing with several more bedrooms. Nicklaus was very interested in Othona and is considering bringing a group of young people over one summer and joining up with a similar group from our churches. In Sweden such residential camps are part of their confirmation preparations, with young people aged around 15 years. What a good idea – so watch this space!

There was plenty of interest to see, prayers in the chapel with Susan Sayers, arts and crafts in the tents, including some beautiful woodcarving and the coast where the tide was in and paddling was going on for some. All this and plenty of good fellowship. The day finished with a short service and sing along at 3.30pm and a walk back to the coach.

The theme for the day was ‘Walking with the Word,’ celebrating the anniversary of the King James Bible, and this included favourite Bible readings from Bishop Stephen and Rt. Revd. Thomas McMahon the Bishop of Brentwood who is retiring after many pilgrimages!

A truly enjoyable, happy and thought provoking day. If you have never been you are really missing something.

Christine Horton.

## **NATIONAL BELL RINGING COMPETITION**

On Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March I rang in a competition that included teams from all over Great Britain, which was organised by *The Ringing World* magazine to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The competition was for young people under 19 and was held in London. There were 12 teams of 8 ringers in total. Some of the teams were: The Cheshire Cats; Lincolnshire Poachers and Kidz Ring Out. We were the Essex SE District team and we represented the whole of Essex and East London. I rang the tenor (the heaviest bell) and one of the other of our ringers called all the changes, of which there were 160. We were placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of the 9 call-change teams and 6<sup>th</sup> overall. (*Well done Andrew and the Essex team! Ed.*)

After the competition we were able to join in all the other activities of the day. Over 60 London church towers were open for ringing between 9 am and 7.30 pm. As well, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry was open for tours and I went on a guided tour with some of the ringers from our team and their parents. I thought the Foundry was excellent, seeing how the bells were made. I saw one new bell with the date 2011!

After that my Nan and I went to Westminster Abbey, which was free for us because I had been a competitor. I went into the Abbey shop and bought two gargoyles. At 4 pm all the ringing teams and hundreds of other ringers went to the Centenary Reception in Central Hall, Westminster. We got our medals and had tea. I ate a couple of slices of cake.

After that we rang at St Lawrence, Jewry. The bells are a very slow ring, but otherwise nice. I rang the 6<sup>th</sup> bell. Andrew Smiley, aged 12.

## **FORTHCOMING RETIREMENT**

The Revd Paul Haworth will conduct his last services at South Woodham Ferrers on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. All are invited to look in at Champions Manor Hall (SWF Town Council Offices in Hullbridge Road) on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September any time between 10 am and 5 pm, when Paul and Kathrine will celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary plus retirement. No gifts please – we already have more than enough to fit into our bungalow at Burnham-on-Crouch! - rather we hope to make some helpful donations to local charities with which we have been involved during our time in the Chelmer Crouch Group and the SWF Local Ecumenical Partnership. Thank you, and love to all – Paul & Kathrine.

*(We offer our congratulations to Paul and Kathrine on their celebration and send our very best wishes to them for their retirement. Ed.)*

## **KNEELERS ON THE INTERNET**

The website [www.parishkneelers.co.uk](http://www.parishkneelers.co.uk) seeks to be an accessible national record of all kneelers that are local, original and unique. They are considered important examples of folk art. Congregational kneelers from St John the Baptist, Danbury are now listed on this website, together with details of the designs and those who worked them. Only a few Essex churches are listed on the site so far. To look for a particular parish go to ‘Gallery’, then the county and click on the photo of the church. Clicking on the image brings up the relevant details.

Other parishes in the Chelmer Crouch Group might like to look into having their kneelers included. To find out how to do this go to the website and click on ‘Help us index’.

Mary Radford.

## **CHELMER CROUCH GROUP BBQ - Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September**

This year’s Group BBQ returns to St Andrew’s, Sandon and starts at 12.30 pm. Sandon will provide the meat and folk from the other parishes are asked to contribute salads and desserts. Please bring your own drinks and seats. Some games will be organised for the children. Prices remain as in previous years; adults £3.50 and a family ticket (maximum of 2 adults and 3 children) £10. Come and have a party!

## **EVENTS AT SANDON**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September - Arts Weekend.**

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October - Harvest Supper.**

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October - Film Evening**

Details from Christine Mennie (281305)

