

NEWSLETTER



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL 2010

TPC RESPONSIBILITIES:

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	REMIT	COUNCILLOR(S)
CHAIRMAN		Richard Cheetham
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FINANCE COMMITTEE		Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt, John Orpin, David Daykin
PLANNING COMMITTEE	Planning Applications, Stansted, Housing Policy	Carol Pratt, Trevor Allen, Tricia Barber, John Orpin
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT		Brian Baldwin & John Gregory
SPORTS FIELD		Trevor Allen & John Gregory
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PRIMARY CARE TRUST	Health Care Policy	tbc
REGIONAL/NATIONAL POLICY		tbc
PARISH PLAN		Carol Pratt & David Daykin

*NOTE: Cllrs. Carol Pratt & Trevor Allen are trustees of Molehill Green Village Hall

TPC REPRESENTATIVES:

REPRESENTATIVE	COUNCILLOR
Essex Assoc. of Local Councils	Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt
Area Forums	Tricia Barber
Parish Passenger Transport	Brian Baldwin, John Gregory, Martin Peachey, Phyllis Altham
Emergency Planning	TBC
Local Council Liaison Committee	Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt
Community Groups & School	Trevor Allen
Silver Jubilee Hall	Trevor Allen

All roles confirmed & agreed TPC Meeting May 2009

DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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All roles confirmed & agreed TPC Meeting May 2009

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Editorial

In which the editor is nearly thrown from a second floor window and comes close to being brought to grief by wind

Where, oh where does time go?

It seems that I have only been granted a brief interlude, just long enough for a quick cuppa after my last literary opus, before clamorous demands make themselves heard for more. *More???* Now, I am *far* too mild a person to emulate Mr Bumble's outraged horror at the sullen request and proffered bowl. Lacking that steely edge of aggression which seems *de rigueur* these days, I tend to go into a torpid sulk and then into denial. That denial manifests itself in a huge upsurge in tea consumption and a sudden urge to catalogue my CD collection. Or do my accounts. Or 'phone a friend.

I think that you probably get the picture.



Procrastination seems to be part of the artistic character. Rossini was so late with the overture for *The Thieving Magpie* that his publisher had him locked in an upstairs room with a couple of minders who were to throw each page of manuscript out of the window as he completed it so it could be rushed to the copyist. Should he stop composing, their instructions were to throw *him* out of the window.

Now, your humble editor (Modesty is my middle name) would never deign to compare himself to Maestro Gioachino. However, even the least astute must be able to see the similarity of the situation.

So if my new neighbours hear the sound of breaking glass, followed by a protesting scream and a muffled thud, they will know that I have failed to meet my editorial deadline and that a new editor is required.

The mention of new neighbours brings me neatly to the subject of moving house.

I think that my move is best compared to a very long term geological event culminating in a species-annihilating pan-galactic conflagration. Anybody who had the misfortune to see me at the end of that portentous day would

have shaken their heads sadly and wandered off, murmuring "It's life, Jim, but not as we know it."

At any rate, I am slowly emerging from Cardboard Box City and am starting to rejoin the world again. Shaken, but not stirred.



And still a Takeley man.

Which, to me, is important as our community emerges from the shadow of uncertainty that has been cast over it for the last eight years.

And what a great community! Within twenty-four hours of moving, we had amassed a huge collection of welcome cards from the surrounding neighbourhood and were made to feel immediately at home. That does not happen everywhere and it's something to be treasured.

Beloved and I came back from a trip on Halloween's night and found ourselves surrounded by gaggles of young witches, warlocks and various nocturnal denizens. Well, we rushed in and just happened to have a box of biscuits with us. I found a skull with illuminated eyes and a skeletal head-dress which I had made for a play last year.

Therefore, upon the ring of the doorbell, I was able to go to the front door looking seasonably ghoulish (not as ghoulish as I would have liked as my collection of severed heads is still packed away) and proffering crumbly refreshment to the expectant Trick or Treaters. I say expectant but vaguely alarmed might be a better description. I focussed all the theatrical malevolence that I could muster upon a very polite young girl who was dressed as a witch.

"Curses be upon ye this evil night" I thundered. The poor girl looked slightly taken aback and then, very politely, replied, "Thank you. Oh, and the same to you."

Game, set and match to her, I feel. Well, there's always next year and of course, the severed heads will be unpacked

Which puts me in mind of a seasonal tale.



Regular readers of this column may recall that I had an uncle who owned a twelfth century manor house in Snowdonia. In fact, for many years it was impossible to reach by any means but the Ffestiniog railway.

The house itself had a horrible history, having been used as an interrogation centre by Oliver Cromwell during his Welsh campaign. It was known locally (and maybe still is) as Cromwell's House. I remember seeing the initials of prisoners carved on the mullions in the upstairs rooms. The spiral stone staircases had been filled with rubble to make the upper floor into a prison. The toilet for the guest room was built into a disused turret. It's the only house that I have ever stayed in where one stood a good chance of being attacked by bats in the loo!!

The whole place had a thoroughly nasty atmosphere and I never had a decent night's sleep when I stayed there. (An experience shared by the rest of my family).

My uncle let the adjoining barn out to a couple of New-Agers. They paid rent in kind, helping my uncle with his various projects.

Well, one day, my uncle and aunt decided to go on holiday and left them in charge. Thus the couple moved into the main house for the period of their absence.

Quite late on the first night, the couple heard a commotion coming from the kitchen. Their dog was barking and howling and there were crashes and clatters. They rushed into the kitchen and put the lights on and were met by a singular sight.

Practically every saucepan, knife, fork, spoon and other utensils were airborne, rotating slowly around the table. The dog was desperately trying to get away but was tied to the table leg by his leash. As they stood there, a knife hurtled in their direction. That was enough for them. The couple shot out of the house and spent the rest of the night on the nearby hillside, listening to the cacophony of metallic crashes and frantic barking, not daring to go back indoors.



When dawn came, the noise subsided and they summoned up the courage to go back in.

The kitchen was much as normal, with the odd utensil out of place.

But their dog had nearly chewed through the leg of the table in his efforts to escape.

Make of it what you will.

And still on a seasonal note, I have entered my winter purdah. I am bereft. Gliding has finished for the season as the airfield has become steadily more swamp-like. Mind you, if it wasn't raining, the wind certainly added a certain *frisson* of excitement to each flight.

Picture the scene. Blustery day, wind almost exactly ninety degree crossed. The only glider available is the K21, which I don't enjoy flying because it has a big wingspan making it difficult to handle in a crosswind. And whatever I do, I can never seem to find a comfortable seating position in it.

After some debate, one brave soul risks life and limb and launches. Well, he's an airline captain so he's OK. (No, we're not going to sing the lumberjack song.)

However, some pilots think that they would feel more comfortable with Don (our resident instructor) in the back seat.

Then it's my turn. "OK?" says Don.

"OK," I reply.

"Going on your own?"

"If you're happy with that."

He is, so I strap myself in and try to get comfortable. The launch is, shall we say, interesting with the glider achieving a near vertical position when a gust hits it at eight hundred feet. Releasing at fifteen hundred feet, I decide to be clever and keep to the upwind side of the airfield so the wind doesn't drift me too far away. I do what I think is a three hundred and sixty degree turn. Only when I look down as I come out of the turn, I find the wind has blown me across to the downwind side of the field. This is not a good place to be and I am NOT having fun! I decide to get back upwind and prepare to land. As soon as I start my circuit for landing, any vestigial lift vanishes and the glider starts to descend so rapidly that I am sure that I will have to turn in early to get down on the field. Make it to the threshold and turn for finals at more or less minimum height. However, as I come out of my final turn to line up for landing, instead of the runway, all I see is a ploughed field in front of me.

The wind has pushed me to the downwind side of the airfield again, leaving me to make a landing into wind *across* the airfield as my only sensible option. Open brakes, hold off, slight bounce (slapped wrist) and we

decelerate. Big sigh of relief! Bet they're making rude comments about my landing. The flight has lasted six minutes. As the glider rolls to a halt and I close the brakes and undo my straps, Pete arrives in the van to tow me back.

I have just about recovered my composure. Pete looks at the glider parked forty-five degrees across the field. "Yeah, caught me out as well."

When we get back to the launch point, Don is there with a grin on his face. "Going again?"

"I don't think so. I don't need any more laxatives."

"Yeah, quit when you're ahead."

I think he's laughing.

Alex, our Italian pilot, takes the last launch. It all looks quite terrifying and he is down after three minutes.

I drive the van down to pick him up. He is standing by the glider when I get there.

"Good flight, Alex?"

Alex pauses for a moment and then says; "Eet was eventful."

On which happy note, I am overwhelmed by the urge to brew another cuppa.

May the force be with you.

Paul Regeli, Contributing Editor.



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

The following are extracts from the Sep, Oct & Nov Parish Council minutes, which can be viewed on the TPC website: www.takeleypc.co.uk

County Councillor Susan Barker reported:

- County Council budget settlement -28% over 4 years. County Council suffers more than district councils because county councils are more reliant on Government funding. There will be some changes to services.
- Rationalisation of buildings/property review remains incomplete (including the future of the Station House)
- Cllr Barker will clarify secondary school catchment and transport arrangements for Takeley children.

PLANNING:

UTT/1624/10/FUL Plot 4&5 (Phase 7&8 Priors Green) - conversion of dwelling to marketing suite for 3 years. This application was decided by planning officers under delegated authority. The application was granted conditional approval. Conditions include opening hours (Mon - Fri 9- 5 10-4 Sat., Sun., bank holidays). DC Jackie Cheetham explained that 'there was no planning reason to decline this application'. The developers have confirmed that this will not be used as a regional office although they are marketing houses at Dunmow.

TPC is dismayed and extremely disappointed with this decision and will write to UDC to express the Council's frustration, and to question why this application was decided under delegated powers, and why this was not communicated to residents when this information has been expressly requested?

District Councillor Jackie Cheetham:

Cllr Cheetham reported on a site visit to Priors Green buffer zone with UDC Enforcement officer and Andrew Fisher (Countryside Properties). The Enforcement Team will follow up on:

- The depth of the buffer zone which is inconsistent with the original conditioned scheme.
- Replacing dead trees and planting
- Evidence of 2 residents incorporating the buffer zone into their gardens/using the buffer zone as an extension to their gardens.
- Evidence of 1 resident piping into the buffer zone.
- Testing of water in Broadfield Road ditch found evidence of animal foul. ECC will re-check discharges again.
- Ditch at Roding Drive/B1256 – David Wilson Homes will not remove the fence that protects the ditch.
- Moat - ballast added to reduce the depth of water.

-Play areas north of Jacks Lane -TPC strongly support inclusion of a kick about area.

-Removal of 150m of boundary hedge along B1256 - the developer has provided a planting scheme.

TPC will request a meeting with Roger Harborough (Head of Development Control to discuss the above and other outstanding issues relating to Priors Green, and to raise issues regarding recent retrospective planning applications/ applications where work starts, and is sometimes completed, prior to a planning decision

Priors Green Community Hall:

TPC received an update from the Clerk re the Trust Deeds & Lease.

The next stage:

- Gaynor Bradley (UDC) has introduced a variety of user groups that continues to grow. It will be for the Mgmt committee to maintain and maximize use of the facility. (UDC to Mgmt Committee directly)
- Internal fit out issues will be transferred from UDC to Mgmt Committee directly. The only outstanding issues will be in meeting the requirements of the users as the facility becomes more established.
- For TPC the priority now will be:
 - To liaise with UDC re transfer of the title
 - Legal work to finalise lease.
 - Liaise with PGCH Management Committee re Trust Deed (a draft with the recommended amendments has been provided to Gaynor Bradley/committee reps).

TPC agreed the priorities above & resolved to instruct a solicitor to progress the terms of a lease.

Waste Development Consultation:

The Clerk reported that TPC Planning Committee had discussed this consultation during a Planning Committee meeting 3/11/10. Due to the volume of information to be reviewed further discussions will take place at the next Planning Committee meeting on 17th November. The Planning Committee will then formalise a report and recommendations for the next TPC meeting on 1st December.

EXTERNAL AUDIT 2009/10:

Cllrs acknowledged completion of the external auditor re 2009/10 Annual Return.

The Audit Commission reported: 'on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to our

attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.'

'The Council should review its level of fidelity guarantee insurance cover which is below the Audit Commission's guideline level (cash plus half the precept).'

As in previous years TPC agreed not to increase the fidelity guarantee insurance for the following reasons:

- TPC hold no cash
- 3 signatures are required for each cheque payment (clerk + 2 councillors)
- A full bank reconciliation is reported and authorised at each Council meeting.

For 2010/11 TPC has again opted for a lower level of cover than recommended by the Audit Commission.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE:

The Church does not have any income stream for churchyard maintenance and relies on donations. The estimate for annual costs is £1450. TPC agreed to contribute £1k to the annual maintenance costs.

MOLEHILL GREEN CRICKET CLUB:

Molehill Green Cricket Club has requested a donation towards the Club's current objectives; to improve Club facilities by repairing the roof and providing mains electricity for the pavilion.

TPC agreed that it was glad to know that the club is being revived since news that the 2nd runway at Stansted will not proceed. TPC is very supportive of this important parish facility.

TPC approved a contribution of £1500 towards the roof repairs.

SILVER JUBILEE HALL DEVELOPMENT:

The Clerk relayed a report from Cllr David Daykin who had written to TPC on behalf of the Silver Jubilee Hall Management Committee: 'Progress on the Hall development stalled over the summer. SJH Committee has agreed to prepare another project plan. There is little enthusiasm for extensive work to the Sports & Social Club, and current thinking is focussed on access, toilet accommodation, and re-ordering the western end of the building. There is also some thought to include an upgraded stage and rearranging access to the kitchen.'

SJH Committee requests confirmation that there is no objection to the previous grant being spent on future proposals.

The Clerk reminded TPC that in June 2009 TPC agreed to contribute £12.5k towards professional fees to develop plans for the Sports & Social Club/youth provision (architects fees, planning application/building regs).

TPC also provided £2.5k towards existing plans.

TPC concluded that since there are now no plans to create a youth facility the £12.5k should be rescinded. Whilst TPC is supportive of improving the facilities, TPC will not expose itself to further abortive costs.

TPC agreed to write to the committee confirming the above, and advising the Committee to come forward with revised plans and costings before TPC can consider/commit future funding.

TAKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA:

The PFA is organising a 'Winter Wonderland' Christmas event including an ice rink, reindeer, hog roast & Santa's grotto for children and families of the school. Sue De-Ats and Tanya Ingram explained that this event was not just a school event, but was being advertised as a community event for all Takeley residents and beyond.

The estimated costs for the event total £5k, and so far the committee has raised funds and secured sponsorship totalling £3k.

TPC was impressed with the ambitious plans and agreed that this should result in a wonderful community event. TPC resolved to contribute £1500.

HIGHWAYS:

Winter salt distribution:

New ECC policy means that salt bins are no longer available. ECC is conducting a trial distributing one tonne salt bags to Parish Councils for them to manage and use as they see fit. The Parish Council does not have facilities to store a tonne of salt. TPC will ask a local farmer to store the salt on our behalf and will source a salt bin independently. The Parish Council will then coordinate distribution of the salt when and where necessary.

Speed Checks:

PCSO's have completed a speed check exercise along Station Rd/Hatfield Broad Oak Road B183. 100 vehicles were checked. 13 vehicles were recorded travelling in excess of the speed limit. Vehicle owners will receive a warning letter from the Police.

GOVT CONSULTATION PAPER - Local Referendums to Veto Excessive Council Tax Increases.

This consultation was forwarded by UDC requesting comment for the District Council's response to the Secretary of State.

Takeley Parish Council has reviewed the consultation paper and agreed the following comments:

- Members agreed that the proposal for local referendum would be bureaucratic and too expensive.

- The current arrangements should be retained.
 - Ultimately the electorate have the opportunity to deselect leaders and councillors at local elections.
 - Providing parish councils adhere to the guidance of the EALC there is currently an adequate and transparent process in place. As an example, Takeley Parish Council Finance Committee builds a bottom up, detailed budget plan each October to December. From the budget plan a precept amount is proposed. At the December full Council meeting the budget plan and proposed precept is debated and agreed. Each committee and full Council meeting has an agenda which is made public thereby giving residents adequate opportunity to make comment.
- At the end of each financial quarter the budget plan v expenditure is reviewed as part of a full Council meeting. Ultimately, if residents are unhappy with the way members manage Council finances they have the opportunity to comment at every stage.

UDC COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2010/11:

TPC discussed the review & agreed the following observations & comments:

- Neither UDC nor Little Canfield PC has any ambition to change the current parish boundaries.
- TPC noted that from inception Priors Green was intended to be integrated into the existing communities.
- Unless a large number of people come forward to suggest otherwise, TPC believe it is too early in the life of Priors Green to make any judgement regarding boundary changes. The Priors Green community should be allowed time to evolve.
- At the next local elections residents of Priors Green should be actively encouraged to join Takeley Parish Council.
- TPC and LCPC have previously discussed the possibility of merging the 2 parishes. It was concluded that there was no desire to join the parishes.

TPC notes that Royal Mail has created confusion for the residents of Priors Green by insisting all residents have a Little Canfield post code because their mail is sorted at Dunmow. In fact two thirds of Priors Green residents will live in the parish of Takeley. UDC should continue to make representations to the Post Office in order to influence a change in policy.

For further information about Takeley Parish Council please contact the Clerk or visit the website: www.takeleypc.co.uk

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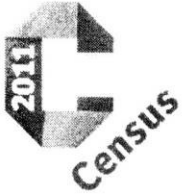
TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

PROVISIONAL

MEETING SCHEDULE 2011

Meetings start at 7.30pm & are held in the Station House,
Sycamore Close, unless notified otherwise.

JANUARY 12th	FEBRUARY 2nd	MARCH 2nd
APRIL 6th	AGM MAY 4th	JUNE 1st
JULY 6th	AUGUST 3rd	SEPTEMBER 7th
OCTOBER 5th	NOVEMBER 2nd	DECEMBER 7th



The census is coming – help tomorrow take shape

On Sunday 27th March 2011 the National Census will be undertaken for the first time in 10 years; it has taken place every 10 years for over two centuries, interrupted only by World War Two. It is of crucial importance to Essex for a number of key reasons.

The reason for having a census is simple – it provides central government with the information they need **to allocate funds of about £100 billion each year to the organisations and structures that look after our communities.** We all know that our society is changing and the census will take a snapshot in time which details the changing face of Essex.

This has practical benefits for all of us. If there is a marked increase in births in an area your County Council can draw up plans for new or bigger schools; if the age groups within your town show an increase in older residents Health Authority services are planned to take this into account. The more accurate the profile of our communities is the better the quality of spending on the services we use.

The much publicised war on waste starts with knowing the priorities for each local community. It has been estimated by a number of local authorities that each census form filled in is worth about £500 each year in funding for local expenditure, be it on roads or hospitals, fire stations or schools. By the same token every Census form not filled in costs £500 a year in funding.

Private industry too can improve their services on the basis of census returns. For example water authorities base their long term planning on population projections from the census returns in terms of statistics which calculate the number of people who will need fresh and waste water facilities.

Another area which benefits richly from the National Census is that of historical information. By collecting information from every household a detailed snapshot is taken of modern life, documenting the lifestyle and characteristics of Essex. In 100 years time our descendants will effectively be reading a message that we are leaving them today. How fascinated your great grandson would be to read about you as he cruises outer space, lifts the 2110 World Cup or brings to order the House of Commons!

By encouraging your parish to fill in their census returns you can take great satisfaction in knowing that you have played your part in helping tomorrow take shape for Essex. You will be counted, your parish will be counted and, by encouraging your friends and family to complete their questionnaires, they will be counted.

So when March comes around watch out for the distinctive purple letters coming to your parish - the Census 2011 form. When complete and returned it will be supporting local facilities from refuse collecting to the maintenance of a local park. **Every returned questionnaire makes a difference so please support the census and help make our communities better.**



Rt. Hon. Sir Alan Haselhurst M.P. Interviews 2011

Friday 7th January

THAXTED

The Guildhall, Town Street

5.45 - 6.30 pm

SAFFRON WALDEN

The Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street

7.00 - 7.45 pm

Friday 4th February

WRITTLE

Writtle Village Hall

18 The Green

5.15 - 6.00 pm

DUNMOW

Foakes House, Town Council Office

47 Stortford Road

6.30 - 7.15 pm

Friday 11th March

STANSTED

Parish Council Office, Crafton Green

5.45 - 6.30 pm

SAFFRON WALDEN

The Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street

7.00 - 7.45 pm

Friday 8th April

BOREHAM

Village Hall, Main Road

5.45 - 6.30 pm

DUNMOW

Foakes House, Town Council Office

47 Stortford Road

7.00 - 7.45 pm

***No appointment necessary but if you require any assistance please
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NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Takeley Beat Surgery

A beat surgery is a two hour session where you're local PCSO will be at a location for you to come and raise any concerns or just for a chat every month!

Come and see your local Police Community Support Officer at The Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley Between **10:00 – 12:00**. We look forward to seeing you.

2011 Dates:

January 12th

April 13th

July 13th

October 12th

February 9th

May 11th

August 10th

November 9th

March 9th

June 8th

September 14th

December 14th

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Secondary School Places and Transport from County Councillor Susan Barker

I have been contacted by parents regarding entitlement to school transport from Essex County Council and thought that I should clarify the situation.

Takeley village falls into the catchment of Stansted Mountfitchet school and pupils should have no problems in securing a place there. As all of Takeley is more than three miles away from Stansted, pupils will be entitled to free school transport there.

If pupils opt for Helena Romanes or any other school (Birchwood, Bishop's Stortford High etc) and are successful in securing a place, they will only receive free transport to that school if that school, measured by a walking route, is closer than Stansted Mountfitchet. There are some properties in Takeley for which this is not the case.

Little Canfield falls in the Helena Romanes catchment area and most pupils will be entitled to free transport there as again most of the village it is over three miles from the school. There are a few properties close to the A120 junction that fall within the three mile limit. If pupils apply and are accepted at Stansted, Birchwood or other schools they will not be provided with free transport unless that school is closer than Helena Romanes. There may be a handful of properties on the west side of Priors Green which measure as closer to Stortford schools but parents would do well to satisfy themselves that this is the case before making school choices.

For information, the Parish Boundary runs from the roundabout at the junction of Honey Road/ Bennett Canfield down the line of a footpath to the B1256. Although developments such as Hartswood Mews and The Mulberries are being marketed as Little Canfield, they are in fact in Takeley Parish. To the North all new housing beyond Honey Road and Mortymer Close will also be in Takeley Parish.

You can tell which parish you are in from your Council Tax bill and Google maps may help with measurement.

If you have any questions or need more information then please do contact me on 01245 231250 or by e mail

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Minerals Development

Essex County Council will be consulting on the **Minerals Development Document: Preferred Approach** for ten weeks from **9 December 2010 to 17 February 2011**.

The document sets out what has emerged as the Preferred Approach to future mineral supply following previous Issues and Options consultations and consideration of over 3,000 consultation responses. The document outlines a Preferred Core Strategy, Development Management policies and the sites selected as Preferred Sites for future mineral extraction and mineral transshipment.

It is a very important time to have a further say on the approaches being proposed, on the site selection methodology and on the sites selected. Comments made at this stage will inform the next stage of the document – the Submission version, due to be available at the end of 2011.

Exhibitions are planned for libraries across Essex during the consultation period, and drop-in sessions are to be held at venues in the vicinity of all the suggested mineral extraction sites – both those selected and those not selected at this stage. The final list of preferred sites to go into the Submission document may change as a result of the responses made to this consultation, so it is important to have your say and submit a response to this consultation.

For further information see the Essex County Council website at: www.essex.gov.uk/MDD-consultation

Drop-in sessions: Dates, Venues and sites

Great Canfield Village Hall

12 Jan - 11.30am - 6.30pm

Sites A22 & A23 Little Bullocks Farm, Canfield

Site A24 Easton Park, Great Dunmow

Site A26 Frogs Hall Farm, Takeley

Henham OSCA Hall

17 Jan - 11.30am – 6.30pm

Site A25 Elsenham Quarry, Elsenham

SPARKLERS

The "Sparklers" group is for pre-school children, their parents, and carers. It is an informal meeting in Takeley Community Centre, South Road, with a short time of Christian worship, craft activities, toys, and refreshments.

There will always be a warm welcome for other children if they would like to come and join us.

We shall be meeting:

10th 17th 24th and 31st January
14th 21st 28th February
14th 21st and 28th March



Each meeting starts at 10am and finishes at 11.30am.



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Lemon polenta cake

225g soft unsalted butter
225g caster sugar
225g ground almonds
1 tsp vanilla essence
3 eggs, beaten
Zest 3 lemons
Juice of 1 lemon (or to taste)
110g polenta
Pinch salt

Preheat the oven 160°C
Line the base of a 20cm cake tin with baking parchment. Beat the butter and sugar until pale and light, add the almonds, salt, vanilla, eggs, lemon juice and zest and beat together. Taste and add more lemon juice/zest as required. Pour into a greased and lined 20cm cake tin and bake in a preheated oven 160°C 35-45mins. If the top of the cake is getting too dark cover with a circle of greaseproof paper.

Belly of Pork with Apple Jam, Fennel Seed Baked Carrots & Braised Fennel

1 kg belly of pork, skin on & scored
1 onion, peeled & sliced
3 apples, cored & quartered
500ml cider or dry white wine
Sea salt
A little oil
4 - 5 carrots, peeled & cut into batons

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A teaspoon of fennel seeds
A teaspoon of fresh thyme leaves
A few knobs of butter
A glass of white wine
2 large fennel, trimmed & cut into wedges
A knob of butter, a splash of oil
A drop more wine

Pre heat your oven to 220°C (200°C fan). Make sure the skin of the pork is dry, rub with sea salt & a little oil. Put the onion & apple in a roasting tray, lay the pork on top & put in the hot oven. Set your timer for 30 minutes & get on with the veg. Put the carrots in an ovenproof dish, sprinkle over the fennel seeds & thyme, pour over the wine, season & dot with butter. Screw up a piece of baking paper & get it wet. Use the paper to cover the carrots, tucking it in round the sides. Sauté the fennel in the butter & oil. When lightly browned transfer to an ovenproof dish, season & add a splash of wine. Cover as for the carrots.

When the timer goes off, put the veg in, turn the oven down to 180°C (160°C fan), pour the cider or wine around the pork & cook for a further 40 - 50 minutes. Take the pork out & rest. If necessary crisp up the crackling under a hot grill, but take care not to let it burn.

The apples & onion will have softened to a nice sauce. If they are a little too wet, reduce in a pan until nice & thick. Pour in any juices from the pork, season. Cut into thick slices & serve with the vegetables & apple jam.

Inspired by...

...Gordon, Jamie & The River Cafe, adapted by me. That, to me, is what recipes are for. Don't feel you have to follow them absolutely - change them, try something new, leave something out or put extra in. Go your own way, have a go, tell me how you got on & send me a photo of your work.



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TAKELEY FARMERS' MARKET

Season's Greetings to everyone

Thank you to everyone who came to the November Market. The sun came out once again and there was a good attendance. Also thanks to SSE who had fun in the kitchen.



We were joined by Bill with wood crafts that he makes himself and with young people of the Stort Trust Scheme in Harlow and Lucy Pye (Cake a Wish) with beautiful cakes. They will also be with us next time. Otherwise a full line up of regular faces

Our next market is on Saturday 4th December from 9.00 till 11.30am.

Our Christmas Market will be full of goodies. The stall holders all have ideas for Christmas treats and gifts and you can sample their produce.

You will be able to order your Christmas turkey, ham and sausage meat from Great Garnetts and organise collection. The same with the other meats as they all attend other markets nearby. There will be some Christmas cakes available on the day so you will need to be early, but there is no need to miss out as Lucy will be able to take orders and arrange delivery.

Don't forget you can also get personalised Christmas cards and gifts

We will have a Louise face painting, so there is something for everyone.

The Kitchen will be run by Takeley Guides and Brownies. Do come and support them even if it is only a cup of tea and a natter; but I must say it is rather nice having breakfast cooked by someone else.

DON'T FORGET there is no market in January but we will be back on 5th February. We look forward to seeing you.

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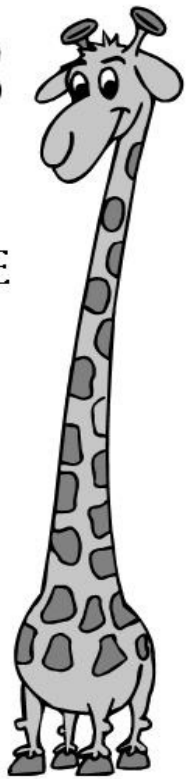
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Hatfield Forest Highlights

Hello everyone,

Christmas approaches and the excitement is building. At the Forest we are keeping busy through the winter months and there is plenty to see and do.

The Healthy Walk group that meet every Thursday are still going strong and always welcome anyone who would like to join. They meet at the Main Gate at 9.45am or by the Café at 10am so come along, keep out and about this winter and explore parts of the Forest you may never have been to before.



Saturday December 18th is our annual Christmas Carol Concert in front of the Shell House. We will have the Salvation Army Band playing and we are looking for you all to come and join in with the singing. I will be there singing away, hopefully not too badly!



As many of you are aware the Forest has a fantastic display of mistletoe, a rare and endangered wild plant. Being a very slow growing plant, an average of only 2cm a year, we want to protect as much as possible and so we ask that you do not pick our mistletoe during the Christmas season.

Work continues on the Forest throughout the year and our wood pasture restoration programme will continue this winter. It is the wood pasture which is of supreme importance at Hatfield Forest, as an internationally scarce habitat today. Most of the once-large tracts of wood pasture have either been put into intensive agriculture, developed on or converted into parkland now and so to find wood pasture in pristine condition is extremely significant. Every year we cut back one hectare out of approximately 46 hectares of hawthorn scrub that is encroaching on ancient wood pasture habitat. An example of this work can be seen next to London Bridge on the road down to the Lake.

Laura Slater

Community Warden

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Tallen's Country Notes

I have heard that we are in for another hard long winter so this is a reminder to you all (as if I need to) to start to feed all your garden birds in earnest. At this time of the year I am reminded of a rhyme I learnt as a boy.

'When the North wind does blow, we shall have snow
What will the poor Robin do then, poor thing?
He will fly to the barn and keep his self-warm
And tuck his head under his wing, poor thing'.



I always felt sorry for that little robin trying to keep itself warm and finding enough food to keep it though the winter so it can survive until spring. Well with our help, it can!

This is also a time for reflection on the last six months, if only to help us keep going throughout the next three months until once again the trees and bushes clothe themselves in fresh green finery.

As I reported in my last TCN, three pairs of house martins again took residence on the front of my house. My observations concluded that it was a very successful year; the three extended families raised at least two broods each before leaving for sunny South Africa during the last week of September. I wish them well and look forward to their return next year!

The sparrow population again increased their numbers, one family produced three juveniles with many white feathers amongst their plumage, not completely albino, and they certainly stood out from the other young sparrows. The trouble is that because they were different they were prone to attacks by others and a target for predators. Over the weeks three became two then one which, I am pleased to say, has grown into an adult. As a matter of interest, eighty to ninety percent of all young birds hatched die within six months.



At the end of August a family of hedgehogs, or as I like to call them 'prickle pigs', visited the garden. A female with two young foraged around the bushes that I had mulched with bark and grass cuttings, making low snuffling noises. They found slugs and worms to eat. On being approached they pretended to be garden ornaments, watching with little

black eyes. Get too close and they would 'roll up' in a tight ball of prickles. I discovered that they enjoyed cat food and chicken. Never feed them bread and milk. One thing that I found remarkable is that hedgehogs are very fleet of foot and very good climbers.



Over the coming months as the weather becomes colder watch out for fieldfares and redwings. These winter visitors migrate to our shores when northern Europe experiences extreme conditions. The Gulf Stream that circumvents our shores keeps our climate slightly warmer than that on the Continent. Both birds are related to our thrushes.

The fieldfare is the largest of the thrush family. It has a spotted breast, a grey head and chestnut wings. You can spot it in flocks on the fields and hedgerows. The redwing is the smallest of the thrushes having a spotted breast and, as its name suggests, red patches under its wing.



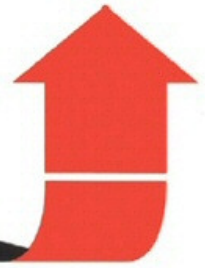
May I take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year?

And a happy bird watching.

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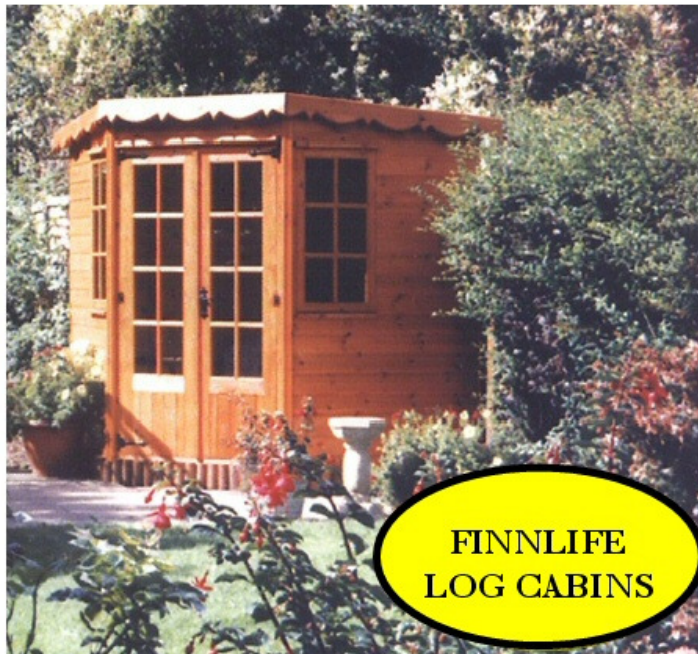


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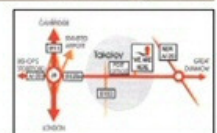
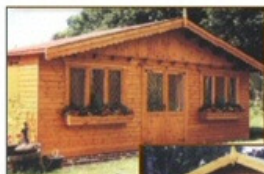
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The Future of SSE



Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has been consulting on the type of organisation (if any) that should succeed it now that the immediate threat of a second runway had been removed. The feedback taken as a whole, amounts to a strongly held belief that SSE should continue more or less in its present form. There is a widespread view that in the continuing campaign to achieve some form of long term protection against the threat of a second Stansted runway – and in making representations on ongoing issues associated with current operations – SSE should hold on to its well established identity.

Developments on the political front over the past couple of months have also now made it clear that a major campaign effort will be needed not just over the next year or so but beyond. The aviation industry is already lobbying in force trying to persuade politicians and their advisers that “in the interests of UK plc” airport expansion must quickly come back onto the agenda.

We now know that the Government will begin the process of formalising its aviation policy early in 2011, starting with a scoping document which will be used as the basis of a full consultation the following year. The starting point will be ‘no new runways in the south east’ within the current Parliamentary term. SSE will be actively involved at every stage of the policy development process, working hard to convert the exclusion in the review of any more runways in the south east into a longer term moratorium, and will be providing guidance on responding.

Shortly after the Secretary of State’s announcement about the development of the new policy, SSE had a formal meeting with his Aviation Minister Theresa Villiers to discuss the call for a moratorium on additional runways at Stansted and the issue of the continued ownership by BAA of hundreds of homes bought under the threat of compulsory purchase in recent years, most of which are rented out on very short leases. Her stated willingness to look closely at the issues was encouraging and SSE is providing more information to the Minister for this purpose.

Action on noise

While the NATS consultation on the proposed airspace changes for this region has been postponed for several years pending a more wide-reaching review of flight paths across southern and eastern England, noise from

current airport operations continues to be an issue of serious concern to many.

It is important that you complain to BAA when you are disturbed by noisy or off-track aircraft so that a record is made of this within the statistics. Ideally this should be done through SSE's website www.stopstanstedexpansion.com (see the 'Complain About Noise' link) so that its noise experts can follow up and use the complaints as leverage to press for improvements. If you do not have Internet access, call SSE on 01279 870558 for a copy of their explanatory leaflet about other ways to register complaints.

Your complaints will also be invaluable when it comes to registering the widespread concerns over night flights in the forthcoming '*Night Flying Restrictions*' consultation which is expected in 2011 and will cover the period 2012 to 2017. If there are only a few complaints – particularly about night noise – this will be used by BAA to claim a lack of disturbance and to resist attempts to tighten controls – even if complaints fatigue is simply born of frustration.

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As winter arrives, we can all still enjoy cricket on TV, with a fantastic Ashes series just about to get underway.

If cricket is your thing and you are either a present or past player, or have never played and would like to have a go, we would be very happy to welcome you into Takeley Cricket Club.

We run two Saturday league teams and one Sunday friendly team, in a season stretching from the end of April to mid-September. Our 1st XI next season will play in Division 2 of the Herts and Essex Cricket League, and our 2nds, having been promoted, will be playing in Division 6.

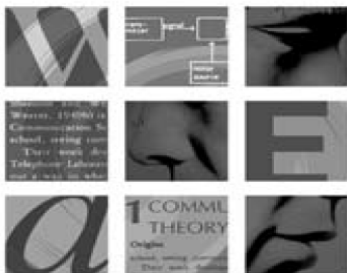
We also run two youth teams at U15 and U13 age groups and would be very keen to attract young players into the Club.

Anyone interested in playing next season, please contact Chairman Mike Phillips on 01279 870134 or Captain Chris Thake on 01279 757549. Potential youth players can contact our youth coaches Grant Widdowson on 01279 870872 or Tim Connolly on 01279 870138.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our fund raising events – 2 quizzes and a race night – this year. Your support is greatly appreciated, and dates of next year's events will be included in the next issue of this magazine.

Malcolm Brown

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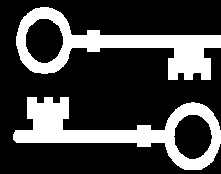
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On 23rd November we held our 13th AGM. Pat and Steve Schorah (from Dunmow Museum) delivered a very interesting talk about the Dunmow Flich. We had an audience of over 50 and as usual our secretary June Evans provided an ever-increasing quantity of cheese scones and mince pies to go with the tea.

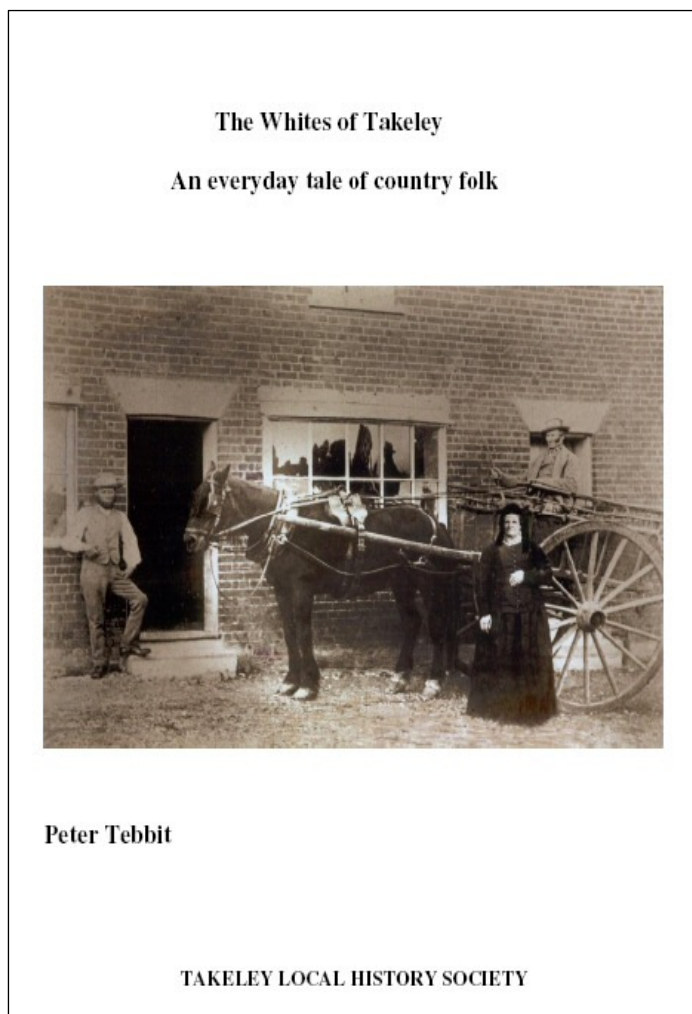
A lot of progress has been made since the Society was formed in 1998 and another booklet "The Whites of Takeley", by Peter Tebbit, was added to our list of booklets for sale recently.

Our booklets remain very popular and as usual many were sold at the Christmas Bazaar. If you are stuck for a Christmas present then take a look at the titles listed on the next page and you may have the perfect stocking filler for anyone with a liking for local history.

Whether you are a long-term resident or new to the Village we would be delighted to see you at one of our 2011 meetings, either just to hear one of the talks or to contribute to one of our ongoing projects to record the Village history.

Dates for our 2011 meetings are as follows: 1st Feb, 3rd May, 13th Sept and 22nd Nov. All meetings will start at 7.30pm at Takeley Primary School and visitors are always welcome. Membership remains at £5 per year (as it has been for the last 12 years) and will be collected at the February meeting.

**Steve Hazon,
Chairman TLHS**



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Rogue traders prey on the elderly and vulnerable, often conning them out of vast sums of money for work that is substandard, unnecessary and overpriced. In some cases no work has been carried out at all. Rogue traders can have seriously adverse effects on a victim's health and confidence once the scam is uncovered.

The message is simple: if you're not sure don't open the door. If you are suspicious of them or they are persistent call 999 immediately. Essex Police is committed to dealing robustly with rogue traders and we would rather have a call that turns out to be genuine rather than no call at all.

Last year's national Rogue Trader operation saw nearly 200 people arrested, £200,000 worth of property recovered, 1,800 companies checked and over 10,500 vehicles inspected.

Police and trading standards give the following key crime prevention advice to protect against rogue traders and bogus callers:

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- **Don't be hurried or frightened into employing their services.**
- **If you require the services of a tradesperson, ask for recommendation from family or friends.**
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- **Never pay cash upfront.**
- **If you suspect a rogue trader caller is at your door dial 999.**

Please play your part by keeping an eye on elderly and vulnerable residents in your community. If you think they are being targeted by a rogue trader call us immediately.

If you see any suspicious or unusual activity around your neighbourhood or have any information which you think might be of help, please call Essex Police on 0300 333 4444.

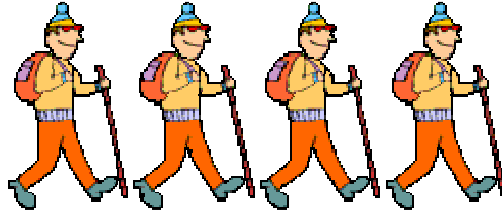
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A poem for Remembrance Sunday written by Chris, a year 6 pupil at Takeley Primary School

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**If you want to be a soldier
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From the Village Recorder

In 1611 an Elizabeth Bynder, wife of Richard Bynder of Takeley, husbandman, was accused of grand larceny and burglary. Her accomplices were Christopher Payne of Takeley, labourer, and Elizabeth Cakebread of Great Dunmow, spinster. The three carried out a series of burglaries of considerable property consisting mainly of table linen and clothes, over two years. At the Quarter Sessions Bynder was found guilty and hanged.

Payne was found guilty and “allowed clergy” i.e. he pleaded that he was a Clerk in Holy Orders as he could read a certain passage from the Bible. This rule was a survival from the Middle Ages when the clergy could not be subjected to capital punishment by the State. Payne would have been branded on the thumb, but allowed to live. This statute stayed on the books until 1827, but it had long been used a way to mitigate the severity of a sentence.

Elizabeth Cakebread appears to have pleaded that she was pregnant. She is described as a spinster, this may have been her occupation not her marital status. However her plea was not allowed, and she was remanded. This leaves Elizabeth Bynder as the only one of the three known to have been hung, so the magistrates probably decided that she was the ringleader.

The Domesday Manor of Robert Gernon had a gallows situated on the North West corner of the parish where it overlapped with his Stansted manor. There was a crossroads there at that time, and the site is still commemorated in the field called Gallows Field although this is now under the Airport. However, by 1611 there is no evidence that the gallows was in use. Elizabeth would almost certainly have been hung publicly at Chelmsford as a deterrent to others.

We know from the New College archives that a Rychard Bynder lived at Cokesmythes in Takeley. This is the house on the West side of Smiths Green that was recently called Sunnyside, and is now known as The White House. The house was built “on the waste” in the reign of Elizabeth with a “purpresture” i.e. a construction that went out beyond the permitted line. The Bynder family continued to live in this house after the death of Elizabeth.

We know of several other Takeley inhabitants who were hung including William Shed, labourer, in 1586. His fellow thieves escaped and were still at large. Thomas Turner also suffered the same fate for stealing a grey mare worth £4. Thomas Drewrye, poulterer, was hung after stealing a horse for the second time. The first grey gelding had been worth 100s, and the Court obviously felt that the second theft of a white gelding worth 26s 8d, was going too far for mercy.

The fate of Helen Dishe wife of John Dishe, labourer, who was accused of witchcraft, is not known. The record says that it was a true bill, but we do not know conclusively what happened to her. She also could have been hung at Chelmsford, or even burnt at Takeley. Helen is Takeley’s only known “witch”, and if the consequences of the accusation were not so serious, the reason for the charges would be ludicrous.

Nicholas Burton, yeoman and Thomas Burling, tailor were found guilty of poaching and killing deer in the Forest but the sentence is not recorded. Nicholas Boyton was found guilty of theft in 1582, and pleaded clergy. He had stolen a

kettle and 6 cheeses;-these would have been the big cheeses, & there is no record of how he managed to carry them away. John Haddesley, yeoman, was branded after stealing 4 “sylver hookes” worth 20s Very little jewellery was stolen, but actual money is sometimes mentioned. The favourite targets were horses, sheep and the occasional pig. Otherwise thieves targeted material for clothes, actual clothes, table linen, kitchen items brass kettles and pots, and dishes of pewter.

Martha the wife of William Dawes the baker, was unusual in that she stole 72 pairs of gloves, 2 tanned buckskins, 4 tanned calfskins and 3 tanned “doggskeynes”. There is no record of a tannery at Takeley, but there was a house at Bambers Green called Tanners.

Other Takeley men who pleaded benefit of clergy included Thomas Lawrence alias Ferne in 1581. However Ferne was found to have already been branded once before, & was sent back to prison. In 1569 Henrie Davie, Henry Morgan, & Thomas Carr, all labourers from Takeley successfully pleaded clergy, as did Robert Walys, yeoman, who was convicted of theft.

Robert Ricard of Manuden, labourer, William Sharpe, labourer who stole a “stoned Horse” worth 4 marks [about £4], Jane Greene, spinster and Robert Brewett were all found guilty of theft, but do not appear to have been hung.

Anne Church and Joan Pond both spinsters of Takeley were whipped for stealing linen in 1569. Although in this instance both the accused were female, this was a punishment meted out to men and women.

When a Constable tried to arrest Peter Brewster yeoman for debt, Brewster stabbed him with a dagger and gave him a mortal wound. Brewster pleaded clergy for a charge of homicide not murder, and was branded.

It is noticeable that by the 1620s there were no more recorded hangings for some time, and all the examples here occur in the 1560 to 1590s. There is no apparent reason for this. It also has to be recorded that very many people were acquitted, and Takeley was certainly no more lawless than any other parish in the area. It is probable that as with the Forest Laws, the authorities found it more practical to fine offenders rather than impose capital punishment.

Finally it has to be mentioned that most of the magistrates work consisted in reprimanding the parish for not mending the roads and bridges, and imposing fines for keeping ale, or “tippling” houses, without licence. Many of these houses were accused of keeping ill control over their customers. By 1600 the fines for not attending church become more frequent. Other items were extending ones garden into the road, illegally digging for gravel, and in the case of Robert Lukin the parish Vicar and his wife Prudence, entering into the house and land of a parishioner.

We complain about the control of the state over our lives, and our planning laws. They were equally in evidence at this period. Certain classes of society could not wear certain materials such as silk. Houses could not be built without the permission of the Quarter Sessions or the manorial Lord. Church had to be attended, and only members of the family or its servants could live in your house.

The magistrates would certainly not have liked Twitter, as gossip, malicious remarks about the neighbours, and criticising the Government earned a strong rebuke.

Nia Watkiss

An old soldier remembered

Takeley Churchyard is full of local people who have led an upright and honourable life (or most of them) but just occasionally one stands out as being a bit special, One such grave contains the remains of Daniel Hinson, the following report appeared in the Herts and Essex Observer on Saturday 15^{*} September 1900 -

AN OLD VETERAN

The remains of Mr Daniel Hinson (whose death took place on the 5th inst,) were laid in Takeley Churchyard on Monday 10th inst. The deceased was a most deserving old soldier, a native of Takeley, and a Crimean veteran. Fifty-five years ago Mr Hinson enlisted in the 49th Foot, now the Berkshire Regiment, and passed his early military service in Ireland during the exciting times of the rebel movement of 1847-8. He assisted in the capture, near Cashel. Co Tipperary. of Smith O'Brian, a noted rebel leader who was forthwith tried for high treason and transported for life. After soldiering for a few years at Corfu, Mr Hinson proceeded with his regiment to the Crimea, and went through the whole of that arduous campaign. The deceased left the army over 40 years ago, since which time he lived in Takeley until his death. He was much respected throughout the neighbourhood.

Daniel was baptised at Takeley on the 28th September 1823 and was the son of Daniel and Hannah Hinson, he was a farm labourer until he joined the Army in 1845, aged 22, he retired in about 1857 when he was 34 and presumably went back on the farm. He married Eliza Mamie (a widow) on 10th October 1857 when they were both aged 34 They had at least three children - Alexander (baptised 27th February 1859) - Hannah (baptised 21th January 1861) and John (baptised 29th March 1863). He must have descendants somewhere, but as far as we know not in Takeley. His grave does have a gravestone, quite close to the path on the left hand side, about halfway down. It would be nice if we could remember an old soldier as we pass by.



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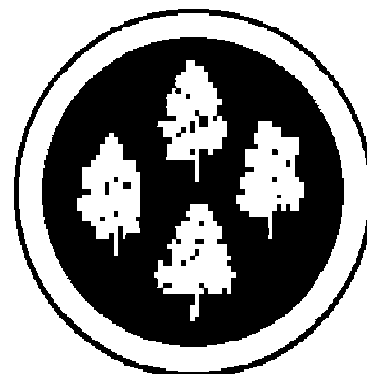
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As for our School meals our catering team continue to create high quality, well balanced and appetising meals that are cooked on site using a growing list of fresh, local and organic ingredients. In order to gain the Silver award we have brought in free range eggs and freedom farmed meat products. We owe a huge thank you to our catering team for continuing to look at our provision and finding ways to improve further. We are now working towards the Gold award and continue to extend our provision in all areas.

Christmas at School is always a magical time. The infant children are busy rehearsing for their nativity play ‘A Cracking Christmas’, and preparations are well on the way for the PFA’s Winter Wonderland on November 28th from 3pm. However Christmas is a time for giving and our children, staff and parents are currently putting together shoeboxes to send to the troops in Afghanistan.

Mandy Line
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Book Review by Eleanor Shaw

The Hopeless Life of Charlie Summers

**By
Paul Torday**

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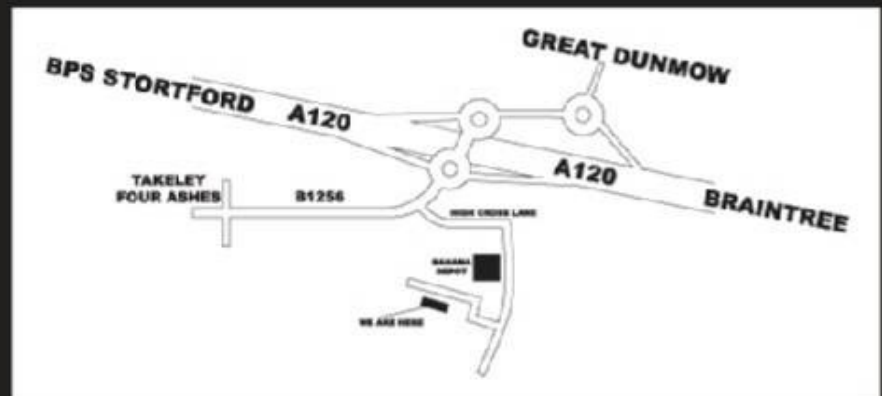
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The Newsletter team currently comprises a Contributing Editor (Paul Regeli), a compositor (Steve Hazon) and a distribution and advertising coordinator (Jane Heskey) but no official reporters. An interest magazine, therefore, depends on articles, news and advertisements coming from people in the village and nearby which can be sent to:

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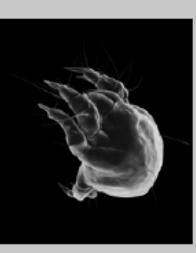


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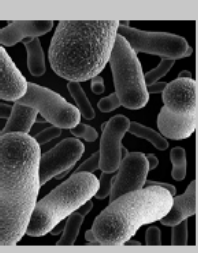
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