

NEWSLETTER



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

TPC RESPONSIBILITIES:

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	REMIT	COUNCILLOR
CHAIRMAN		Richard Cheetham
VICE CHAIRMAN		Carol Pratt
FINANCE COMMITTEE		Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt, John Orpin
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, Alan Jones (Youth football project)
RECREATION GROUND		John Green
RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS/LAND	Rights of Way/Footpaths/Land, Tree Warden, Flich Way	Trevor Allen & John Green.
MOLEHILL GREEN *	Green, Hall & Community	Carol Pratt
POLICE LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY UPCC & NAB rep.		John Gregory & Trevor Allen
PUBLICITY	Notice Boards, Website, Newsletter, Grapevine, Press	tbc
PRIMARY CARE TRUST	Health Care Policy	tbc
REGIONAL/NATIONAL POLICY		Geoff Bagnall
PARISH PLAN		Carol Pratt

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

TPC REPRESENTATIVES:

REPRESENTATIVE	COUNCILLOR/RESIDENTS
Essex Assoc. of Local Councils	Cllrs Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt
Area Forums	Clr Tricia Barber
Parish Passenger /Transport Gps	Clr Brian Baldwin, Clr John Gregory, Martin Peachey, Phyllis Altham
Priors Green Working Party	Cllrs Carol Pratt, Alan Jones, Geoff Bagnall, John Gregory
Local Council Liaison Committee	Cllrs Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt
Takeley Local History Society & School	Clr Trevor Allen
Silver Jubilee Hall	Clr Trevor Allen

All roles confirmed & agreed TPC Meeting May 2010

DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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Editorial



As I sit down to write, summer rain is pouring down outside the window. Summer rain? *What* summer? Or maybe it's a symptom of my grumpy old man's mindset.

Well, everything was better when *we* were young. Of course it was!

Cars had starting handles; we had comics instead of computer games; Mother disapproved of me reading Batman comics because they were, well, *American*, darling. But I was allowed to have *The Eagle* with all those great cut away diagrams of British engineering marvels on the centre page spread. Remember Dan Dare, pilot of the future? That was good because all the spacecraft were British and piloted by frightfully good chaps.



We had *gramophones* and two channels on the TV. BBC or the rather common *Commercial TV*.

Commercial television, darling? That's for the working classes. It's *common*, you know.

Or so my mother said, reaching for her black Russian Sobranie tipped cigarettes and a large martini. She used to smoke them in a long black and gold cigarette holder that had a cartridge full of crystals that were supposed to protect the smoker's lungs. Sort of mid-twentieth century voodoo. Of course, as mother choked and spluttered her way through the expensive Russian cigarettes, her lungs were (mythically) protected but gigantic clouds of acrid vapour shot in all directions like a smoke screen from a destroyer. I reckon that the survival rate in her vicinity was pretty low. Half our house was furnished from cigarette gift coupons at one point so I suppose that some good came from all the nicotine.

And that's another abiding memory – the smell of lighter fuel. Both my parents were heavy smokers so there were defunct lighters all over the house. I used to pinch small quantities of their fuel for minor acts of arson in various corners of the garden.



During the summer holidays, myself and various other equally bored friends used to appropriate paraffin (all married quarters were issued with paraffin stoves) and devise terrifying flame throwers made from old bits of cast iron drainpipe. How we survived remains a mystery, but we always managed quietly to disguise the tracts of scorched garden and were never questioned.

If the truth be known, I think that our parents actively avoided any knowledge of what their cherished offspring actually got up to. It's quite probable that my fascination with the manufacture of explosives when I was at boarding school would lead to a visit from the local constabulary today.

The difference is that it was a more innocent age and we simply like making spectacular bangs. There was no other motive.

How sadly different today! Mind you, if I get *the chance*, I still love doing firework displays and stage pyrotechnics. Indeed, I shall spend a happy few weeks building a replica 18th century naval cannon to be used on stage this November when "Avarst Behind" (My Magnus Opus.) is performed. So if you pass by my house and see a cannon muzzle sticking out of the garage, don't worry. I'll only open fire if you look like a French ship of the line. If you happen to be driving a French car, then fly a white flag and I'll understand.



Well, I have now been in my new house for ten months and it's actually starting to feel like home. There have been occasional torrid moments – only to be expected with a house move, I suppose. They all pale into insignificance compared to my experience with a large furniture supplier. It's taken me four attempts to get an undamaged sofa delivered. The telephone help lines are a marvel: "Due to the success of our sale we are experiencing a higher than usual volume of 'phone calls ..."

Does that sound logical? I should have thought that success would be reflected by a lower than usual ... oh, never mind!

Maybe it's just my grumpy mindset, but nine months does seem a long time to keep the saga going. But then, since said emporium is of Scandinavian origin, maybe they are naturally drawn to sagas.

On the other hand, nine months means that it would be possible to *breed* a new sofa in that time. Maybe that's the answer. Mind you, if this one develops a fault, does that mean another one will have to be bred?

Oh dear.

And talking of faulty products, have you noticed how one is constantly being pestered to take out product insurance as soon as one passes through the till? Now, I normally refuse politely and that's it. However, just before Christmas, I was struck dumb. I had just whizzed into one of the large do it yourself stores to get a six foot Christmas tree. Now, being financially prudent (some call it mean!) I usually buy Christmas decorations when the shops have given up the will to live and have reduced their prices. I had my eye on one particular artificial tree that had already been reduced in price by over a half. When I got to the till, it had actually been reduced further. Accordingly, I started to pay. The youth on the till then brought everything to a grinding halt.

"Would you like to take out insurance on that, sir?"

Insurance on a Christmas tree?! Oh yes, I'd get a free replacement. But a Christmas tree? I ask you, what exactly is going to go wrong with it? Now third party insurance might make some sense if I felt that the tree was likely to go beserk and attack my seasonal guests but, let's face it, that is a cosmologically remote possibility. To make matters worse, the poor lad seemed slightly offended when I burst into hysterical laughter.



Ah well, maybe I should take out product insurance when I buy my next toothbrush. Who knows, I might have a senior moment and accidentally stick it in my eye. Now *that's* what you call a brush with danger!

And since I am in the mood to have a moan, allow me to share an interesting moment that I had yesterday.

Now picture this. Your editor is strapping himself into the elderly gliding club K6 in semi-tropical heat. Not having flown said aircraft for several months, I do a quick familiarisation check on the instruments. Dave is bending over the

cockpit helping me strap in. I start at the left. Airspeed indicator. Good. Two variors. I ask Dave if they're working. No, only the electric one works. I ask how I turn it on only to be told that the battery is flat. No turn and slip indicator but the bit of wool on the canopy will do. Finally, I reach the altimeter. Dave says it's OK but it sticks. Yeah, great. Later on in the flight, I whack the instrument panel to unstick it. Each time I thump the panel, it gives a different reading ...

Well, we all have fun in different ways, don't we?

Never mind. Next time I sit down to write my quarterly ramble, I'll be complaining about the cold.

Oh, come on, that's what being a grumpy old man is all about. There's nothing like a good moan to clear the head for higher activities such as brewing tea.

And we wouldn't have it any other way.

And if you disagree, I'm not listening. I'm making a cuppa!

Paul Regeli, Contributing Editor

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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

The following are extracts from the June, July and August Parish Council minutes, which can be viewed on the TPC website: www.takeleypc.co.uk

ANDREW TAYLOR (UDC HEAD OF PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL) VISIT 30th JUNE 2011:

TPC noted feedback from the issues that had been raised including.

- UDC relationship with Stansted Airport (the ongoing issues)
- Planning Enforcement
- Protection of listed buildings/heritage sites
- Future housing in Takeley
- The role of Building Control
- Maintenance & selling back of BAA owned property
- Jacks Lane
- Broadfield Road ditch
- Priors Green Community Centre, local shops/communal parking, school site
- David Wilson Homes marketing suite - continual breach of permitted operating hours
- Construction traffic (impact on Priors Green residents & impact on B1256)
- Roding Drive/B1256 junction
- Airport related parking

TPC agreed to continue to monitor the progress of the above issues through TPC Planning Committee.

SSE LIAISON MEETING - 23/6/11:

Clr Carol Pratt reported on the 2nd SSE liaison meeting:

- BAA abandoning plans for a 2nd runway at Stansted Airport.
- Govt is launching a 2 year consultation on Air Transport policy.
- SSE urges parish councils to respond to the consultation and will provide guidance.
- BAA homes - will they be sold back to the community? Mr. Brian Ross understands that all will be sold back with the exception of 38 (probably Molehill Green).

There was a discussion on flight paths and noise. SSE urges the public to report noise and aviation smells via the BAA Hotline/website. Monthly reports are then fed through to UDC.

PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING:

Clr Trevor Allen reported on a meeting he attended hosted by Bishop's Stortford Town Council. The meeting was attended by representatives from the surrounding communities with a view to sharing ideas and concerns:

- Community bus service - money available for schemes from ECC
- Housing development
- Proposed new secondary school
- East Herts & UDC - many concerns relating to planning policy/ decisions
- Parking, littering, and fly posting

The next meeting will be held in September.

PRIORS GREEN COMMUNITY HALL - Transfer of Title:

TPC members noted the response to questions submitted to UDC solicitor.

There are no designated car parking spaces for the hall and yet the landlord is expecting TPC to contribute to ongoing maintenance of the communal car park. Details are not specified.

TPC members agreed:

- TPC is not prepared to take responsibility for the hall until the liability in relation to the car park is satisfactorily clarified.
- TPC request that a number of parking spaces are allocated to the community hall, which when not in use can be used by other users visiting the shops or school, within the covenants.
- TPC require a guarantee that parking will remain free of charge.
- Members will raise these issues with UDC's solicitor and Henry Davidson the developer.
- TPC will not sign the title transfer documents until these issues are resolved.

S106 MONIES (Sports & Local Community Facilities):

The Clerk outlined TPC projects confirmed in December 2010 (Budgeting process). The projects that meet the S106 criteria are:

PROJECT	COSTING (£)	DETAIL	COMMENT
Recreation Ground Refurbishment Project	up to £35k		General recreation & play area for children under 12. Phase 1 - replacement/new equipment & surfacing repairs/ replacement
Sports Field - football development	£45k	Phase 1 TPC reserved £25k (May 2011) £20k reqd	Working with TFC to develop FA approved facilities for Takeley children (7-16 yrs). Total cost of project £500k - £1m May 2011 agreed Phase 1: - Drainage & quality of field £40k - Additional portacabin/ changing facility £5-6K

TPC agreed:

- To write to UDC to confirm that detailed requests will be submitted to secure £35k towards the Recreation Ground project and £20k towards the Sports Field project (Phase 1).
- TPC will wait for final approved plans and costings from the Silver Jubilee Hall Committee before determining how TPC can assist with financing the development. The Clerk will write to the SJH Management Committee to confirm this decision.
- The balance of S106 monies, approximately £8k, will be utilised for appropriate projects that come forward during 2011/12.

TRAFFIC CALMING IN TAKELEY STREET:

The Chairman thanked Carol King & Martin Peachey for coordinating the survey of Takeley Street residents and organising the Police speed survey. Residents overwhelmingly support a traffic calming scheme to reduce the speed of traffic; and will support any scheme that TPC deems appropriate (202 residents support scheme, 1 objection, 6 abstentions).

Essex Police Speed Survey (May 2011):

	May 2011		November 2008	
	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound
85 th Percentile speed mph	46	45	40	38
Mean speed mph	39	38	34	33
Total number of vehicles	27 571	35871	13578	15 009
Average daily no. of vehicles	4 726	6 149	2 809	3 124
Total no. of 40m HGVs	1 404	18 217	447	942

1. May 2011 surveyed over 6 days Thurs 12th to Wed. 18th May
2. November 2008 surveyed over 5 days Wed. 5th to Mon. 10th Nov.

The 85th percentile speed is the speed at which 85% of the vehicles are not exceeding. Normally it is recommended that the speed limit on the road should be set at the 85th percentile speed under good conditions. The mean speed is the average speed of total traffic numbers.

A number of major conclusions are evident:

1. The speed of traffic through Takeley Street has increased.
2. The volume of traffic through Takeley Street has doubled.
3. The 85th percentile speeds in Nov. 2008 gained Essex Highways agreement for traffic calming measures. The 85th percentile speeds in May 2011 are significantly higher.
4. The very large increase in the number of 40m HGVs significantly contributed to the increase in traffic overall. The proportion of vehicles heading eastbound has risen from 53% to 57% and is entirely due to the increase of 40m HGVs.
5. Signage on M11 junction 8 roundabout is dreadful. Suspect that HGV drivers do not understand.

TPC noted:

- A huge increase in HGV traffic since Nov. 2008
- Doubling of traffic volumes since Nov 2008
- A mean speed of 38-39mph.

The Clerk reported that Essex County Council Highways Dept was prepared to re-work a scheme for traffic calming measures based on the designs previously agreed.

The new UDC Highways Panel would be unable to finance this project as the remit was for revenue expenditure only and this scheme would require capital funding. It is recommended that TPC request the written support of the UDC Highways Panel and then lobby ECC Highways Dept to include in their capital expenditure programme.

TPC agreed the following action:

- To resurrect the proposal for traffic calming measures in Takeley Street as per residents request.
- To write to ECC Highways requesting:
 1. Re-design of scheme drawn up in 2008/09
 2. An origin/destination survey to substantiate and explain the huge increase in volumes of HGV traffic.
 3. To verify the designated routes for HGVs. Query 'blue/Elsenham lorry' signage on M11 junction 8, Four Ashes junction, Dunmow Rd eastbound – why? What happens if it is removed? Is this a designated route? It appears to confuse/mislead drivers.
 4. What other action would Highways recommend given this increase in the volume of HGV traffic?

HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Clr Brian Baldwin:

- Raised the **parking on pavements/footpaths**. In 2010 the Police Chief Inspector announced a policy to tackle this problem. Clr Baldwin has challenged the local police team. TPC agreed to write to the Chief Inspector requesting further support.

The Clerk reported:

- Proposed removal of highways rights/stopping up on area of land fronting **21 Roseacres** - TPC has no objection.
- **North Road** - airport related parking
 - The Clerk has confirmed that verges in North Rd are owned by UDC & the road is maintained by ECC Highways.
 - The Clerk has also established that neither ECC Highways or UDC Housing Dept recognise North Rd as an airport related parking 'hotspot' – no reports to BAA Hotline.

TPC agreed to ask the local Police Team to monitor airport related parking in North Road.

TPC encourages residents to report airport parking to the BAA Hotline, UDC Housing Dept. & ECC highways Dept.

- **Airport parking**- a number of reports have been received suggesting that Takeley residents are facilitating airport parking operations from their homes. These will be reported to UDC Planning Enforcement.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH:

Mr. Martin Peachey reported that Community Speed Watch will recommence following some training.

The focus of the first exercise will be Brewers End.

STATION HOUSE LEASE:

Members noted the response from Essex County Council to TPC's counter proposal and agreed the following response:

TPC objects to the disingenuous response. TPC has always been constructive in this process. TPC is a body of community volunteers who have worked for many years to secure the refurbishment of the Station House as a community building. This should be recognised.

TPC is extremely unhappy with ECC's handling of this situation.

Members feel strongly that:

- The proposed café operation (up to 7 days/wk 8am - 6.30pm) limits use for any other organisation including TPC; and therefore does not open it up for real 'community use'.
- We believe planning permission would be required for change of use of the building (i.e. from D1 (Non- residential, community use) to A3 (Restaurant, café, snack bar))
- TPC believes that residents of Sycamore Close/ Springboard Housing Assoc. will not be happy with the proposed café operation - blight on their amenity (parking, opening hours, noise etc)
- TPC's long term strategy has been to preserve this building for community use.

In order to gain control of the situation & achieve the strategic aim the proposal is to:

- Accept a 3 year lease of the ground floor.
- TPC will immediately grant a sub lease to the Children's Group (days, hrs and rate as now). This will generate approx. £1800/year.
- TPC will then encourage other local groups to rent the space to generate more income.

In the interim (first year), TPC will explore an option to purchase the Station House from ECC. This needs further investigation.

UDC COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW:

Following Uttlesford District Council's review, TPC has received confirmation that the parish boundary will remain unchanged (further review in 3 years), Parish Council elections will take place on 3rd May 2012, and the number of councillors will increase from 11 to 13 to reflect the growing community.

ANNUAL RETURN & END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2010/11:

The internal audit has been completed & signed off for 2010/11. There were no concerns raised.

TPC approved the end of year accounts & Annual Return (Governance Statement & Accounting Statement) and authorised the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Council.

TAKELEY ROYAL BRISH LEGION:

Takeley Royal British Legion has requested a contribution towards the veteran's lunch on 23rd June. The cost of the lunch is £540 for 27 veterans & widows.

TPC approved a contribution of £250

TAKELEY COMMUNITY GROUP:

The group provide children's parties (free of charge) for the community. They have recently introduced a £1 charge but are struggling to fund their events. They intend to host a Halloween, Christmas & Easter party in 2011/12. Each party costs approximately £300 - £350. The group also aim to give a small gift to each child at a cost of £150 per party. The group usually raise £200 per party. On average there is a shortfall in funding of £150 per party.

TPC approved a contribution of £450 (shortfall x 3). TPC invited the group to update TPC after the Halloween party in the autumn with a projection for the remainder of the year 2011/12.

TPC thanked the group and hope that they will continue their good work.

UTTLESFORD HOMESTART:

TPC approved a donation of £500

SPRING BULB PLANTING:

Mr. David Daykin & Mrs Pam Hart have offered to plant spring bulbs on the Four Ashes village green, Chestnut Way pond area & other public spaces in the village.

TPC provided £30 for the purchase of bulbs.

SILVER JUBILEE HALL - PLAY AREA:

Mr. David Daykin reported that the Hall Committee has recently cleared an area of land in front of the hall and fenced it. It is for use as a play area for both the pre school nursery that meets in the hall, and for children to use during other outdoor events.

The SJH Committee has requested a contribution to the cost of some hedging and planting. The anticipated cost is £150.

TPC approved a contribution of £150.

SILVER JUBILEE HALL FUN RUN 4th SEPT. - RAISING FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

TPC agreed to contribute £100 towards the cost of refreshments.

RECREATION GROUND REFURBISHMENT:

TPC reviewed & agreed the specification for the refurbishment plan.

The project plan was approved including new play equipment, repairs/ replacement surfacing, and 3 recycled plastic picnic tables/benches.

The Clerk will obtain 2 new quotes and 1 x updated quote.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012:

The Clerk outlined details of the additional bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. Despite advertising details in the TPC Newsletter the Council has yet to receive any suggestions as to how this event should be celebrated in Takeley.

TPC agreed to contact the following groups re any plans for a village event:

Takeley Primary School (governors & PFA)

Takeley Community Group

Silver Jubilee Hall Committee

TPC will look to provide financial support for a village celebration (2012/13 budgets)

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.

SEP 7 th	OCT 5 th	NOV 2 nd	DEC 7 th
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MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

September - December 2011

Location	Stop Name	Day	Time		Dates
			Arrive	Leaves	
Takeley	Caravan Park	Wed	11.40	12.20	Sept 14 th , 28 th & 26 th Nov 9 th & 23 rd & 21 st
Takeley Street	Coppice Close	Wed	13.40	13.55	
Priors Green	Warwick Road	Fri	09.45	10.15	Sept 2 nd , 16 th , 30 th Oct 14 th , 28 th Nov 11 th , 25 th Dec 9 th , 23 rd
Molehill Green	Post Office stores	Fri	13.50	14.05	
Takeley	Priors Wood	Fri	14.40	15.35	

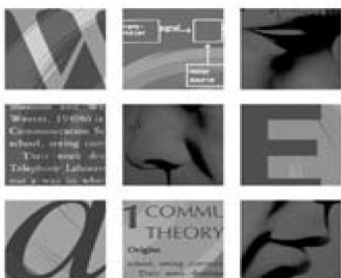
WEA

On 25th July 2011 the Takeley Branch of the WEA held its AGM. Although we had been advised that Nia and John Watkiss would be unable to continue as Secretary and Chairman, I did not think it would happen; I certainly did not believe it. Other members of Committee were willing to stand again and Heather Rogers was cheerfully elected as our new Secretary. As nobody agreed to stand for Chairman and on the advice of the County Representative Mr Ron Marks, who was present, I offered to stand as temporary acting Chairman. Because of my age and other difficulties, I must make this a temporary duty and hope and expect that a proper Chairman will be appointed as soon as we start our next term, which begins on the 12th September. The subject is Boudicca, for which we have asked several times.

Our committee as appointed are diligent and valuable and it would be a shame not to find this last member to complete the set. The workers are there, Chairmanship is not an arduous or time-consuming post. When, in 1999, I did not stand again as Chairman for WEA, I was sorry to have to give it up. Mr and Mrs Watkiss have done a splendid job for several years, please don't let them down.

Margaret Underwood.

WEA



Learning*for***Life**

We will be restarting on 12 September 2011 with a series of ten talks on "Boudicca and the resistance to Roman Rule in Britain". Meetings take place at 8 o'clock in the Community Centre and new members are always welcome.

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TAKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Learning and Achieving Together"

The new School year is just beginning at Takeley Primary School and we are pleased to welcome all our new children and parents. September is always an exciting time at School and an opportunity to introduce new ideas and extend our provision further.



Looking back at the achievements for last year the children and staff have worked really hard throughout the year and once again the children have performed really well in their end of year assessments and can be justly proud of their efforts. The Year 6 children leave us with results well above the national averages for level 4 in reading, writing and maths, so well done to all. On the sports field our hockey, netball, football, rounders, and cricket teams competed in all league fixtures with some fine performances, with the hockey team winning the



North West Essex tournament and the football team winning their group and coming fourth overall in their tournament. This summer there were also many fine performances on the track and field, our athletes securing a number of first places at the district sports. Thank you to everybody who

helped to coach and run these clubs, we are grateful for your expertise and commitment. As for the arts, we were fortunate to work again with a professional dance choreographer and artist from Creative Partnerships, enabling the Year 5 & 6 to create a stimulating performance exploring non-verbal communication. In the last weeks of term our Musicians put on a stunning concert, with solo, band and orchestra pieces all performed confidently. To end the year our Year 5 choir and year 6 actors delighted us with a wonderful rendition of 'Hansel and Gretel' which was enjoyed by many, our thanks go out to everybody who helped with this production.

Construction of our new school in Prior's Green is progressing well with the steel structure in place, the next priority is seeding the field, so that it will be ready for use in September 2012. Our Governors are working closely with our design and construction team from May Gurney, Mace and Sarah Wigglesworth Architects to ensure that the new building is innovative and on track to support our aims of providing stimulating and exciting opportunities for all the children in the village.



Our three main priorities for the school for this year are firstly gaining the Gold award from the Food for Life Partnership. To achieve this we need to improve further the food culture in our school, extending the children's growing and cooking activities and increasing the amount of fresh, local and organic produce used in our school meals, thus ensuring that

all children have access to a high quality healthy meal at lunch times. Our second priority is to further accelerate the progress of all our children by focusing on motivation, looking at ways to create and develop this essential component in the learning process. Lastly we will continue to plan and prepare for our move to our new school.

Mandy Line, Headteacher

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Neighbourhood Action Panel Dates 2011

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Sep 14th Nov 1st

Takeley Beat Surgery

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Sep 14th Oct 12th Nov 9th Dec 14th

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Hatfield Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team

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PC Brad Healey

e-mail: 1712@essex.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Jo Trevail-Phillips

e-mail: 73377@essex.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Emma Webb

e-mail: 71226@essex.pnn.police.uk

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Neighbourhood Watch



'Shed Break-ins'

"Shed break-ins have usually been confined to autumn and spring, but now all the signs point to them continuing through the year, and as usual, they generally happen overnight."

Thieves usually target insecure or poorly maintained sheds, but in some recent offences, the sheds have had reasonable security in place, which suggests that the thieves were unusually determined.

Here are some "Top-Ten Tips" for keeping your property in your possession, not the burglar's:

- *Site your shed as close to the house as possible.*
- *To prevent snooping, white-out the windows or fit net curtains*
- *If you have opening windows in your shed, then screw them shut.*
- *Fit a "close-shackled" padlock and a heavy-duty hasp and staple. Do not use screws, but ensure that they are bolted in place. If you have a substantial door, then fit a 5-lever mortise lock certified to BS3621.*
- *Drill out the hinge screws so that they cannot be easily removed.*
- *If the door is suitable, fit hinge-bolts, they are inexpensive and easy to fit.*
- *Secure tools, mowers, cycles etc with a steel security cable.*
- *Visibly mark all removable items with your house number or name, and postcode.*
- *Fit a shed alarm. These cost from £6.00 to around £25 and can provide great peace of mind.*
- *Do not think that it can't happen to you - it can happen to anyone.*

Also:

- *A word of caution about external movement-activated lighting. "These lights are very common now, but they are of little use if no one reacts to its activation. All too often someone's first thought will be that an animal may have activated it, not that there might be an intruder! If you intend to install one, try to find the type that includes a buzzer-plug that will alert you. Obviously, to cut down on false activations, you should try to adjust the settings so that the light only reacts to the movement of large objects.*

Further information about locks, padlocks and other security measures, can be obtained from Peter Caulfield, Crime Reduction Advisor for Uttlesford by contacting him via the new non-emergency number 101, and asking for extension 395387

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 '101' or 0300 333 4444.

Important Announcement



Essex Police is one of the first forces to switch to the new police national non-emergency **101** telephone number*

Please use this number if you need to contact Essex Police about any non-emergency crime issue, to contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, to seek crime prevention or personal safety advice, to contact your nearest police station or to speak to us about any other non-emergency issue.

Please be assured that the emergency 999 number remains unchanged and should continue be used if you have an emergency



Maureen Browning
Public Engagement, The Essex Police Authority

Direct dial telephone: 01245 291608
E-mail: maureen.browning@essex.pnn.police.uk

** Calls cost a flat fee of 15p per call from landlines or mobiles, irrespective of call length.*

** It is anticipated that all 43 forces will switch to this number by the end of 2011, after which you will be able to contact the relevant police force to where you are anywhere in the UK.*

** The previous 0300 333 4444 Essex Police non-emergency number will run in parallel with 101 for a time.*

VANDALISM & FLY TIPPING IN TAKELEY

The Parish Council has spent £1500 on new signage for the Sports Field and Recreation Ground this year. The signs have been vandalised several times since they were installed in March, and now two of the signs are completely broken.

The cost of installing these signs and repairs/replacements are funded from the Precept/Council Tax charged to each and every household. Any resident who observes damage to community property should contact the Police or Parish Clerk.

Email: Takeley.pc@ntlworld.com or
Takeley Parish Council, Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley,
Essex, CM22 6QA

Police:

PC Brad Healey: 1712@essex.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Emma Webb: 71226@essex.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Jo Trevail-Phillips: 73377@essex.pnn.police.uk

By Telephone: **Non-Emergency: 101** (ask for incident room or officer)
Neighbourhood Mobile: 07779 316979

The Parish Council has also been made aware of residents fly tipping at various locations in the village. This is totally **unacceptable**. The District Council provides excellent waste removal services. Anyone requiring assistance should contact UDC waste services email: recycling@uttlesford.gov.uk or phone: 01799 510510.

To report fly tipping:

Phone: (01799) 510370 or email at environmental@uttlesford.gov.uk.

Try to make a note of the following:

- *The day, date and time you witnessed the tipping.*
- *What you saw; how many people were involved and what they looked like, what they were actually doing, any vehicles involved and the make, colour etc.*
- *Where were you when you saw the fly tipping; what kind of view you had? How far away you were and what the weather and light conditions where*
- *What was tipped: what it looked like, how much waste there was?*

If you discover fly tipped waste please follow these instructions:

- *Do not touch the waste: fly-tipped waste can be dangerous—it may contain syringes, broken glass, asbestos, toxic chemicals or other hazardous substances.*
- *Visually inspect the waste: try to determine what the waste consists of and how much there is.*
- *Take note of its exact location, and also whether it's in or near water.*
- *Do not disturb the site: there may be evidence that could help identify the culprits and lead to their prosecution.*

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- Meeting new people
- Helping shape our charity and the work it does

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Garden Waste Collections

For residents who do not have access to Saffron Walden, Uttlesford District Council provides weekend drop-off points, at various

locations and times across the district.

The service runs from 2 April to 27 November 2011.

Takeley Sports Field Saturday 3pm to 4pm

REPORTING POTHOLES



Essex County Council has been given additional Govt funding to repair potholes in our roads. Please help yourself and the local community by reporting potholes to Essex Highways West Area office (Harlow)

Phone: 0845 603 7631

Email: H&TLocalism&Customerwest@essex.gov.uk

Thank you

Big improvements are being planned for Uttlesford's waste collection service.

Subject to Cabinet approval, the changes will be put in place in Spring 2012 and will give a better waste and recycling collection service to residents. The changes will mean that glass bottles and jars can be put in the green-lidded bin. The brown-lidded bin, which many residents find is too big for their kitchen waste, will be replaced with smaller kitchen caddies.

The council is also looking at the possibility of introducing a subscription-based garden waste collection service – **but needs to know now whether residents would be interested in this new service.**

The charge for the service would be £40 for the year, plus an additional one-off charge of about £20 to cover the cost of the bin. Residents who pay this subscription will receive an additional wheeled bin which will be the same size as the current green-lidded bin in which they can place all their garden waste. This bin will be emptied fortnightly except between December and March.

Although residents do not need to commit to this service now, if they are interested in it they should register for it during the next few weeks. A simple registration form is available from the homepage of the council's website at www.uttlesford.gov.uk or at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/recycling

This is the best way to register an interest and the council encourages anyone who can access the internet to use this method. Residents without internet access can call the customer service centre on 01799 510510.

The viability of the garden waste collection service depends on the number of people who register and where they live in the district. Residents can share a bin with a neighbour if they wish.

If the garden waste service is introduced it will mean an end to the current system through which residents have to purchase special sacks from a limited number of outlets. Per litre of waste collected, the new system works out to be cheaper than the current system.

Other changes being planned for next Spring include moving to a four-day week for collections; changes to, or the removal of, the "village skip" green waste collections and ending the village civic amenity skip service. In addition the council is looking at removing public bottle banks from some car parks as these will no longer be needed once residents can recycle glass in their green-lidded bins.

Cllr Susan Barker, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, said: “These are significant changes that will affect the majority of residents in the district in some way, if only because their collection day will change as a consequence of moving to a four-day week.

“There will be plenty of publicity around the changes as we get closer to next Spring, but we really need to find out now how many people would be interested in the garden waste service. This service can only go ahead if enough people take advantage of it. In September, the Cabinet will be making the final decision about these improvements and at that meeting we will be reporting the potential interest in the garden waste service.

“So if you think you would like to have your garden waste collected from your property, it is very important that you register an interest before the end of August.

“While the current three-bin system has proved very successful and has led to the district having one of the highest recycling rates in the country, there are three issues which over the years people have repeatedly said they would like addressed – the lack of kerbside glass collection, the size of the brown bin and the arrangements for collecting garden waste. I’m very pleased that these proposed changes address all these points and would make the system even better for everyone who uses it.”

The council is able to make these improvements because its fleet of refuse vehicles is up for renewal. There have been significant technological advances since the council last renewed its fleet which means it can take advantage of new multi-stream collection vehicles which allow kitchen waste and recycling/non-recycling to be collected by a single lorry.

In addition, the processing plant where the district’s recycling goes can now accept glass mixed in with other recyclable items.

It is anticipated that these changes will result in significant savings of around £300,000 depending on the exact policy set by the council for delivering the waste service in future years. The council needs to reduce its running costs by £2 million over the next few years because of cuts in central government funding. Savings made from the improvements to the recycling and waste service will go towards this.

To register an interest in the garden waste kerbside collection, please visit www.uttlesford.gov.uk or www.uttlesford.gov.uk/recycling. Residents without internet access should call the customer service centre on 01799 510510.

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:

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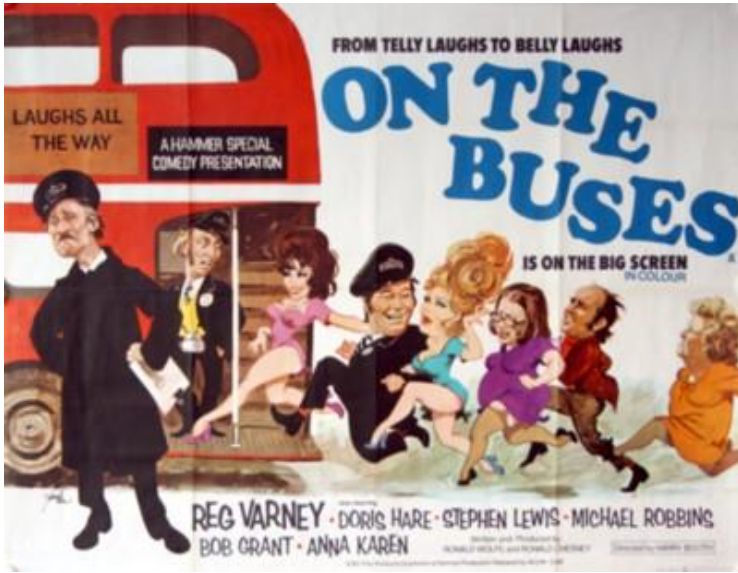
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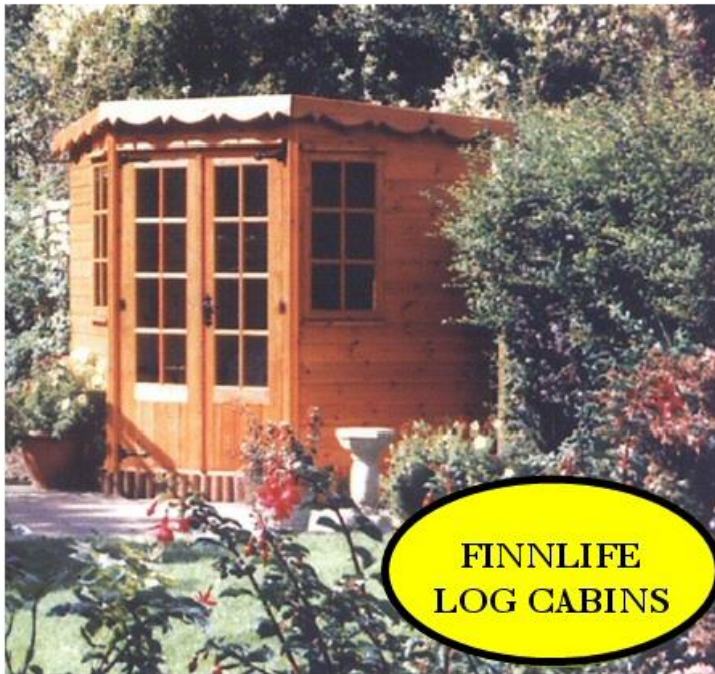


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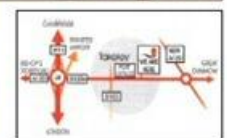
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H.E.A.L., a cancer charity, will once again be cooking up a storm in the Hall kitchen, usually an all-day breakfast.

The Church will be behind the bar in the Hall presiding over the cake stall, all donations gratefully received, and you could start your Christmas shopping by visiting the variety of Arts, Crafts, Charity and Village Organisations' stalls.

Entrance is FREE and parking available. We would appreciate it however, if you are local, to walk where possible in order to free up space for those visitors who come from further away. Thank you.

We hope you will come along and enjoy the experience, especially if you are new to the Village.

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Considering it is holiday season there was a good turnout to the August market.

It was yet again another sunny day; let's hope this continues for the new organiser Pat Burnett and her husband Paul, as I have decided to retire.

You may have seen Pat shadowing me for the last few months, and this month I was shadowing her. I would like to thank everyone for their support and hope they will continue to support Pat in the same way.

We had a few empty spaces due to holidays, but we were joined by Dawn of Button Treasures from Priors Green with beautiful jewellery; and Clare of Vanilla Couture from The Pastures with cards and treasures.

Next month we hope to have strawberries from Eastwick and **AT LAST** cheese, which is sourced from Essex and Suffolk. We also hope to have Gloria from Treats with homemade macaroons; we may also have jams.

In October venison will be back on the menu and we hope to be joined by a new Indian food producer. Also nearer to, dare I say it, Christmas some seasonal produce and gift ideas.

The kitchen was organised by Pat, Paul and myself as we had a space and all proceeds went to the Chapel. We would also like to thank Nicole and Fiona Younie who came and worked very hard alongside Paul. It was very busy so thank you to everyone who supported the kitchen.

Next month (September) was already planned to be the Chapel and October will be Symone White and Karen Thompson for their Breast Cancer Charity. November we will have SSE (you will also be able to pick up calendars and cards) and in December the Village Guides will be on duty. If you would like to run a kitchen to raise funds for your chosen charity then please contact Pat Burnett on 01279 870578

I will still be around to support Pat as needed and will probably help in the kitchen.

Next Market Saturday 3rd September 9.00am until 11.30am

Sue Sadler

Tallen's Country Notes

At the end of my last TCN I asked the question regarding nightingales.



Oddly, a few days after posing the question, I read an article in a national newspaper on the subject. The author suggested that it was due to the muntjac deer, suggesting that as this species of deer frequents isolated and dense cover which is also ideal habitat for nightingales, and with their habit of close cropping the foliage, this action is depriving nightingales from nesting. While I would agree that the

disturbance caused by muntjac may have some bearing on the subject there is a much bigger picture to this problem.

The subject was again discussed on the Spring Watch program. The presenters took a wider view and included data from research by the RSPB and the BTO who came to the conclusion that the major cause was lack of food source followed by loss of habitat. Regular readers of Tallen's Notes have read that before.

I have been saying for twenty years that insects are becoming rare. My way of reporting it is by asking you: - "When was the last time you had to scrap those squashed bodies off of your wind screen"?

The house martins have raised one brood and have starting another. The nest that fell down has not been replaced and will not be until next year; being solely insect eaters I am concerned for their future.

The sparrow population has again appeared to have increased their numbers. My evidence for this is the 5 o'clock feeding that takes place at the front feeding station (or café). I lose count of the coming and goings of sparrows, joined by gold and green finches. The organized frenzy that lasts for an hour or so happens every evening and to a lesser extent in the morning. Ten years ago I would not have considered feeding the local birds at all during the summer months but how situations have changed, for without these feeders I dread to think what the situation would be like.

I had a rather upsetting experience in early July. Returning home about 2.30pm from shopping, I opened the patio doors then proceeded to the kitchen and put the kettle on to make a cup of coffee when I heard a sharp squawk followed by a loud thump. Startled, I looked out of the door but everything appeared to be in order so I made the coffee, went into the lounge and sat on the sofa. I was just about to take a sip when something caught my eye. There laying on the sofa was a dead female sparrow hawk and on the carpet below her was a equally dead young starling both with broken necks. The conclusion has to be that as I opened the patio door and turned to enter the kitchen, at that moment the starling followed by the sparrow hawk flew behind me and into the lounge. The squawk was uttered by the starling who, in fright from being attacked and thinking it could escape, was followed by the sparrow hawk whose sole attention was its prey. They both collided with front window at speed breaking their necks in an instant. And it all happened in a split second.

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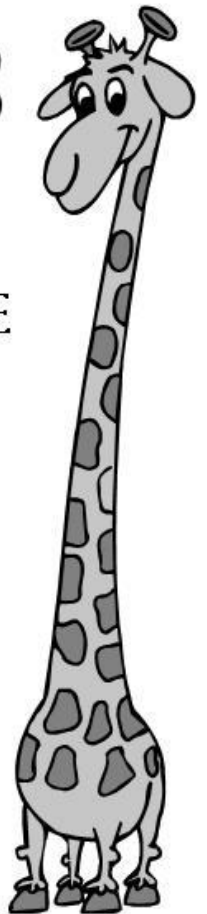
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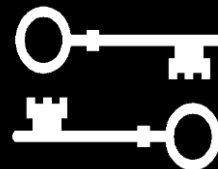
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Now don't all rush off to mark this Fete date in your diaries or you could end up very confused. For a start some of you may already have spotted that 16th September this year is in fact a Friday – not a particularly good day to plan a Fete.

What we have here is an item of relatively recent Takeley history.

Let me explain.

A few weeks ago I was delighted to get an email from a Takeley resident who had found this old poster in their garage. It had been there when they moved in several years ago. Such things are very rare and can tell us a lot. Posters, programmes, tickets etc fall into the category of ephemera and the rarity of such items is largely

due to most of them having been thrown away. For example, imagine the number of tickets and timetables there must have been issued while Takeley Station was in operation. Anyone got any? Me neither.

Back to the poster, what can we learn from it? Well first of all there is the date, 16th September, and then the entrance fee - 8p for adults, children 2p. So we are post decimal (1971). Assuming it took place on a weekend this would limit the year to 1973, 1978, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1990. We have old Takeley Newsletters covering the later dates and no mention is made of this fete so with that evidence and the low entrance fee (remember the inflation we had in the late 70s and 80s) we can reasonably assume that this was most likely held in 1973.

Now the other important thing the poster tells us is that the fete was opened by Mr George Cansdale – The Zoo Man. Now I didn't recall the name at all, but thanks to the internet I now realise that this was a very well known local celebrity. In the 1950s he was Superintendent of London Zoo. He regularly made TV

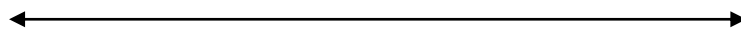


appearances with animals throughout the 1960s, 70s and 80s and regularly appeared on Blue Peter. I must have watched him numerous times in my childhood but have no real recollection. How soon we forget things. George Cansdale also published many books including Animals of Bible Lands and Ladybird Books on British Wild Animals and Book of Pets. He passed away in Great Chesterford in 1993.

If you remember this particular fete and can verify whether or not we are correct in assuming it was 1973 or if you have any similar old Takeley ephemera I would be very interested to hear from you.

Our next meeting will be on 13th September when Tim Turner, an auctioneer from Sworders, will be talking about miniature furniture. All our meetings are held at Takeley Primary School, starting at 7.30pm, and visitors are always welcome.

Steve Hazon, Chairman, Takeley Local History Society



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From the Village Recorder

Ship Money

Charles I ruled as King from March 1625 to his execution by Parliament on 30th January 1649. His reign was marked by ever increasing opposition and eventually by the outbreak of a Civil War.

In Essex the general religious feeling was Puritan by the reign of Charles. There were some indications of this change as early as the tenure of Takeley Vicar, Robert Lukin. Several prominent Takeley men complained that Lukin did not “preach the word of God truly and soundly, for which he is constrained to recant his errors, yet he continueth falsifying and corrupting the Scriptures”. By the time Thomas Heard became Vicar the protests had become much stronger and Heard was accused of being a common drunkard etc.... refused to deliver the Sacrament to his parishioners for not kneeling near unto it within his easy reach... he hoped to live to see all Puritans hanged”

Heard was deprived of his living, but lived to see the Restoration of Charles II. I am doubtful of the truth of the many accusations as an almost identical accusation was made at the same time against the Vicar of Great Bentley in Essex.

The conflict between Charles and his Parliaments led to his attempt to govern without calling any parliaments. However he needed money and several methods dating back to the Middle Ages were re-introduced. One of these was the imposition of Ship Money on the whole country as well as on the coastal towns and regions. There was wide spread opposition to this tax, and although Essex is not listed as one of the counties making a major protest it must have disagreed with it. The tax was levied on men and women who held land and were of sufficient monetary standing. Many of the lists that were compiled for the sheriffs to make the collection are now missing, so we are fortunate that for Takeley is still in existence in the Essex Record Office [E.R.O. T/A 42]

The order made in 1635 was to pay for a ship of 800 tonnes that was to be ready at Portsmouth by the first of March 1636. It is hardly surprising that Lord Keeper Finch complained “there is not alacrity and cheerfulness given to the obedience of his Majesty’s writ for Ship-money” By 1649 a reconvened House of Commons had voted ship money to be illegal.

As the date of 1635 is before the earliest parish registers for Takeley, the list gives us a very valuable indication of the Takeley residents who

held land. There are 77 people on this list which is a very high figure for the area and suggest a large population.

Many of the people are already known to us. Heading the list is William Towse of Bassingbourne Hall who was assessed for 12s. This is not as high as the 14s that Walter Wibord or Wyberd of Colchester Hall had to pay. However some of the land held by Towse was in Stansted Mountfitchet. The highest payment was made by Helen Gamford, or Gaynsford, at £1-12s The Gaynsford family held the Manor of Takeley Parsonage and lived in a house that no longer exists, but is marked on the map in Parsonage road by the moat at the entrance to Chestnut Way.

Edwin Lukin, gent, [£1-6s] from Parkers farm, Robert Newman [£1], Robert White, [£1-5s], and Mathew Brewer, [£1 £1-6s] were the other residents who paid over a pound. We do not know where Newman lived but much of Takeley Street is described as "formerly Newmans land". Brewer was a member of the family who gave their name to Brewers End. They owned the maltings there and moved to live at Sheering Hall. Robert White and other members of the White family whose history has been recorded in a T.L.H.S. booklet are represented in the list.

Takeley raised £23-19s-8d in ship money. It came 9th of the 19 parishes in the Hundred of Uttlesford. It was a surprise to find how many of the names listed are already known to us. There are Ingolds, Ewin, Vale, Hadsley. Pamphlin, Cramphorne, Meade, Poole, Basey, Judd, Browne, and many others who have left wills, or whose names occur in deeds, and sometimes on the wrong side of the law in the Quarter Sessions records. There are 15 names that match the list of wills, but a definite identification is not possible because the same names are repeated for generations.

What is very noticeable is the large number of people [37] who were assessed at under 3s. Of these 18 were assessed at 1s. This indicates a large number of small households in Takeley between 1630 and 1640. I hope by the next Newsletter to check the Indictments in the King's Bench to see if any Takeley residents had refused to pay the tax

Essex Record Office has given its permission and the entire list and the payments are on the Takeley Local History Society website (www.tlhs.org.uk).

Nia Watkiss

Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon

WELL AND PUMP ON SMITH'S GREEN - TAKELEY.

26th July 1892.

At a special meeting of the joint owners of the above well and pump, held this day at "The Four Ashes Inn" in the parish of Takeley, it was unanimously resolved that **Mrs Eliza Ellen Butcher** of Debden, be allowed the use of the said Well and Pump, for all domestic purposes, for the house now in the course of erection, on the said Smith's Green, Takeley, on consideration of the payment of -- *Three Pounds* -- to the joint owners of the said Well and Pump, and on the said **Eliza Ellen Butcher** also agreeing to pay her proportion of expenses for repair to the said Well and Pump as required from nine to nine.

It was also unanimously resolved to grant the use of the said Well and Pump to **Mr John Vale** of Takeley, for all domestic purposes, for the house now in course of erection on Smith's Green, Takeley, upon the same hours as above.

Resolved that the said sum of three pounds each be collected by Mr James Hamilton, Sanitary Inspector of Dunmow, of the said **Eliza Ellen Butcher & John Vale** aforesaid, and handed over by him to **Mr George Pettitt**, of Warish Hall, Takeley, such amount to be used for the purpose of any repairs required to be executed at the said Well and Pump on Smith's Green, Takeley.

Signed - **William Baynes, - George Pettitt, - John Clapton, - F.W.Potter, - Robert Marsh, - Reader Vale.**

Signed - **Eliza Ellen Butcher, - John Vale.**

Signed - Witness - **James Hamilton** - Sanitary Inspector.

Report in The Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 3rd January 1891

KILLED ON THE LINE.

While passing Hatfield Forest on Wednesday morning, Bowmer and Cooper, the driver and guard of the 8.45 train from Bishop's Stortford, saw a deer on the rails galloping ahead, The engine slowed up and the animal was safely passed; but later in the day it was found lying dead close to the line, having evidently been killed by a passing train.



Takeley Cricket Club

Aug 2011



Incredibly, the season is almost done, with just three games to play in the Herts and Essex league.

Our first team, in Division 2, have had a mixed season, but have generally held their own and have already just about secured safety and another season in Division 2 again next year.

In Division 6, our second XI continue to build and will be hoping for another top half of the table finish, following promotion last year. Recent results indicate that this is entirely possible.

I always write that we are keen to recruit new players for next season, and this time is no different. If you would like to play, please contact our Captain, Chris Thake on 01279 757549. We are also keen to attract junior players, and if there are any Under 15's that either play, or would like to give cricket a go, please Tim Connolly on 01279 870138.



Our fund raising activities are important to us, and we would be happy to welcome any teams to our next quiz night, on Saturday 15th October, 7.30 for 8.00 start in the Takeley Village Hall. Anyone that would like to attend or book a table should contact Malcolm Brown on 01279 871055.

We are also planning to run a Race Night, probably in February 2012. Details will be given in the next issue of this Newsletter.

Malcolm Brown

1st Takeley Scout Group Quiz Night

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Grant Widdowson

Takeley War Memorial

The War Memorial has now been renovated and the name of 'Arthur Cyril Garrett MM' added.

The re-consecration of the Memorial will be held on **Saturday, 24th of September 2011, assembling at 10:30 hrs for the parade and reconsecration at 11:00hrs.** It is hope that many local standards representing the Royal British Legion and other local organisations will attend.

The national oration says ".... They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them or the years condemn, at the going down of the sun and in the morning **we will** remember them"



So I invite you to come and bear witness to the dedication of all those names on Takeley War Memorial who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

The cost of the renovations is approximately £1500. Takeley Parish Council pledged to undertake the main cost, but £395.00 was raised by public and private donations.

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Hatfield Forest Highlights

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It's already September, the year has been flying-by and school holidays are almost over. Here at the Forest we are busy sawing and milling in preparation for the upcoming WoodFest and as always this month there is plenty to talk about.

There is plenty going on at WoodFest this year, for the first time ever we have camping for the weekend and it's been so popular that we sold out of pitches by June. There will be live music kicking off from the Friday evening starting with an open mic session. We've also got plenty of workshops to have a go at including basketry, willow work, copper work and timber hewing. WoodFest is running on 10th and 11th September, we look forward to seeing you there.



Venison is once again for sale in the Shop. The fallow deer season started again on the 1st August and since then we have been busy keeping venison available in the Shop. We are also having a Venison Taster Event on 11th and 12th November where free samples, recipe ideas and cooking advice will be available.

In October the coppicing season will start again and every other weekend our gallant coppice volunteers will be continuing a traditional form of labour that has been carried out on the Forest for hundreds if not thousands of years. Last year we achieved our first 35 year rotation and this year the coppice volunteers will be returning to Elgin's Coppice, the first area coppiced by the group 35 years ago.

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Book Review by Elaine Wyld

Notes from an Exhibition

by

Patrick Gale

This book is beautifully written in a style that is easy to read. The main character is Rachel Kelly a successful artist who suffers from Bipolar disorder. Patrick Gale writes with wonderful sensitivity and interesting descriptions of people and modern art.

Starting in the 1960's and concluding in the present day each chapter is headed by a description of some of the paintings and pieces of art that Rachel has created as they have been exhibited which gives a second dimension to the book. Furthermore through the skimming of the subject of Bipolar disorder, the novelist is able to highlight the affect of this condition on close family and friends.

The ending of Rachel Kelly's life begins the plot which then slides back through the years to her first meeting with her husband Anthony in a Museum in Oxford. Anthony was brought up in the Quaker faith and keeps his links with the Church. Whilst studying for his MPhil he visits a museum to do some research. During his visit he witnesses a young girl taking a piece of Ming porcelain from one of the exhibition cases. The subsequent meeting of her again during one of his art lectures leads to an obsession with her. On a visit to her flat he finds she has attempted suicide. Anthony decides to marry Rachel and they move to Penzance, where with the help of his Quaker friends and family he looks after her.

Rachel's artistic ability soon becomes clear and in settling down to a family life with Anthony she is able to pursue her passion for painting whilst bringing up her family. Through her imaginings, Rachel paints what she has envisaged and works with urgency, using anything that comes to hand to portray her ideas before they melt away. She becomes a very successful artist. Managing her bipolar disorder with the aid of Jack Trescothick their family doctor and friend, Anthony and Rachel live a fairly normal life.

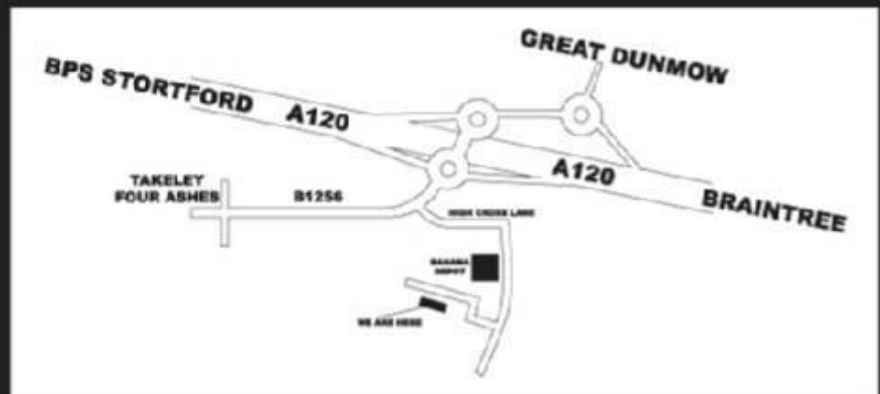
In tracking the complicated lives of the four children; Garfield, Hedley, Morwenna and Petroc in a sympathetic and original way Patrick Gale produces an unusual story for each child concluding on a rather sad note.

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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:

**Jane Heskey, Clerk of the Council, Takeley Parish Council, Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley, CM22 6QA
Tel. 0208 270 1149**

or email to newsletter@takeleypc.co.uk

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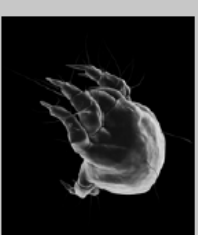
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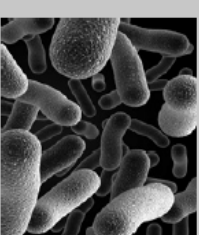
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