

NEWSLETTER



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

2012/13 TPC RESPONSIBILITIES:

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	REMIT		COUNCILLOR
CHAIRMAN			Carol Pratt
VICE CHAIRMAN			Richard Cheetham
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Report & recommendations to full Council re TPC finance matters	4	Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt, Geoff Bagnall, Susan Sprules
PLANNING COMMITTEE	Planning Applications, Stansted, Housing Policy SSE PC Liaison Group.	4	Carol Pratt, Trevor Allen, Tricia Barber, John Green (temp), John Gregory (temp)
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT			John Gregory
SPORTS FIELD			John Green
RECREATION GROUND			John Green
RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/LAND	Rights of Way/Footpaths/Land Tree Warden Flitch Way		Trevor Allen (temporarily)
MOLEHILL GREEN *	Green, Hall & Community		Carol Pratt
POLICE LIASON/PUBLIC SAFETY/ NAP rep.			John Gregory & Trevor Allen
PUBLICITY	Notice Boards, Website, Newsletter, Grapevine, Press		David Daykin
NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION			John Green
REGIONAL/NATIONAL POLICY	including Localism Act		Geoff Bagnall
PARISH PLAN			David Daykin & Susan Sprules

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

TPC REPRESENTATIVES:

REPRESENTATIVE	COUNCILLOR/RESIDENTS
Essex Assoc. of Local Councils	Clrs Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt
Area Forums (incl. PCT)	Clr Tricia Barber, Clr Richard Cheetham
Parish Passenger /Transport Gps	Phyllis Altham (resident)
Priors Green Working Party	Clrs Carol Pratt, Geoff Bagnall, John Gregory
Localism Working Group (Coordinator)	Clr Geoff Bagnall
Takeley History Society & School	Clr Trevor Allen
Silver Jubilee Hall	Clr Trevor Allen
SSE Parish Liaison Group	Planning Committee Rep.
Health Provision	Susan Sprules

All roles confirmed & agreed TPC Meeting May 2012

This and back issues can be viewed on our website www.takeleypc.co.uk

Editorial

In which the editor has a nasty experience while wearing armour and ruminates on the vagaries of artistic endeavour



You know how it goes:

*Now is the month of Maying, when merry lads are playing!
Each with his bonny lass, a-dancing on the grass,
The Spring, clad all in gladness, doth laugh at Winter's sadness!*

And humming the tune and imagining all those nymphs and shepherdesses prancing around the meadows, trailing garlands of spring flowers, your beleaguered editor is faced with a grimmer reality. The rain is drumming on the skylights and the heating is turned on. From my top floor vantage point, I can just make out, through the sodden murk, a solitary waterlogged cat picking its melancholy way past rain-flattened dandelions and gurgling gutters. I thought the animals went in two by two. Oh well, maybe the rest got washed away.

Month of Maying indeed. They're having a laugh. More like a submariners' convention than a sylvan idyll.

I think that I shall sue my calendar under the Trade Descriptions Act!!

I haven't flown a glider for over a month. I *nearly* did. We actually got our vintage craft into the air for a first test flight but it had a flat tyre so it was immediately grounded again. The airfield is currently inhabited by ducks and shows no sign of drying out. And I didn't plant my expensive trees because the flippin' meteorological experts told me that we were going to have a drought. So my garden is still stubbornly devoid of anything but grass, dandelions and a vaguely contorted cherry tree.

I could go on but you've probably got the point. However, just to keep me happy, if a merry bunch of shepherds and shepherdesses happens to come prancing and singing by, chuck a bucket of water over them and tell them that we're all in it together. From me. You know, Old Happy.

Well, that was the prologue.

Meanwhile, Yours Truly has been engaged in arcane dramatic activities. Spent weeks devising a machine to make a tray jump off a tabletop. (Picked up by a ghost, don't y'know) It's one of those things

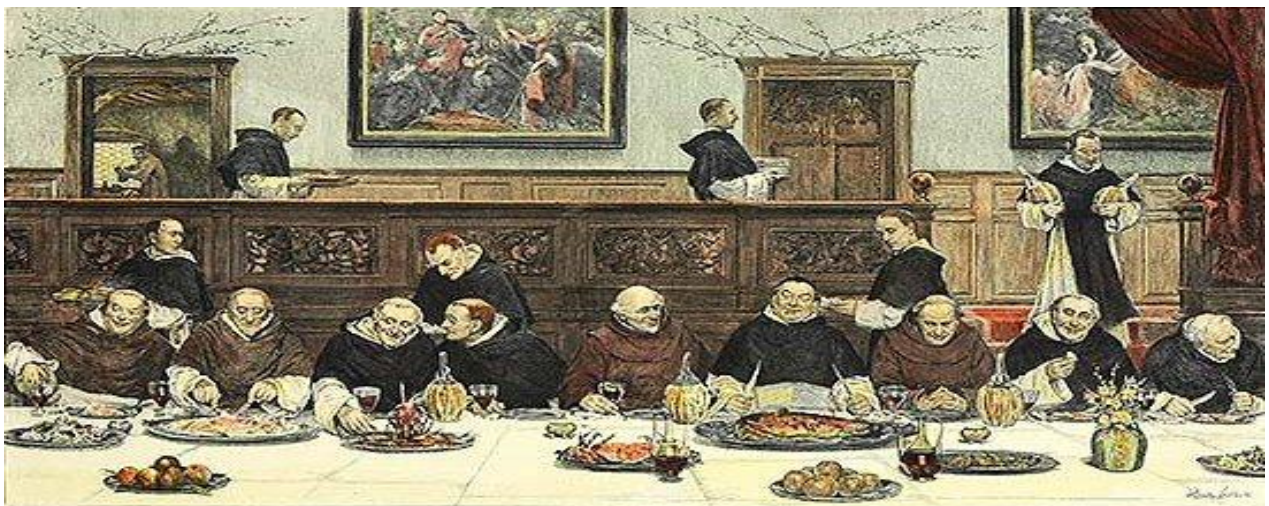
that appears to be a wonderful idea when you first think of it and seems more idiotic as you proceed. Anyway, I came up with an evil contraption a bit like an inverted crossbow. It was powerful enough to dent the metal tray each time it fired. Luckily, nobody sat on the table

I have many happy memories of time spent making various obscure theatrical props. All the way back to my school days and a certain production of Richard II who, as the scholarly among you should know, met an untimely end in Pomfret Castle. His coffin had to be brought on, in solemn procession, to the strains of Beethoven's Seventh. Well, (Deep breath) I was charged with the construction of said coffin. However, I was rather short of wood. A barely suppressed titter rose from the audience as the black-draped coffin was carried onstage. It was a shade under three foot long. But that's artistic license, *darlings*.

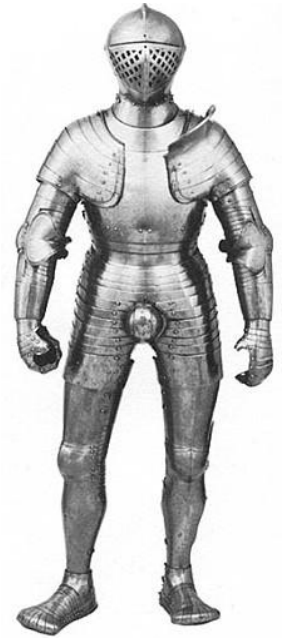
Richard's final companion in the play is the faithful groom. The parents of the lad who played the part suffered and snored through the entire production until their offspring, in tattered groom's garb, finally appeared to spout his lines. Suddenly, from the back of the audience, there was a muffled exclamation and a woman's voice could be heard exclaiming in a loud, rasping whisper which was about as quiet as a land mine going off: "ere, wake up dad. Raymond's on." Followed by a surprised snort and a crash as Raymond's dad fell off his chair.

And then there was the drama club's production of an obscure work called "The Lion's Whelp." As I recall, it was a strange story, which involved the discovery of an unknown son of Richard the First in disguise in a monastery. Well, that sounds likely, doesn't it?

Anyway, all the monks were supposed to sit down and eat at one point so I duly supplied the bowls and filled them with a mixture of flour and water. Genius. All the monks and the Abbot started to eat. Then they tried to speak. Their mouths were effectively glued together so all they could do was grunt and roll their eyes desperately. And nobody believed that I hadn't done it on purpose. Me? The very thought!



There is a belief in some quarters that inanimate objects can have a very special kind of malice and that seems to be peculiarly true of the theatre. Like the end of a sword that broke off during a fight in King Lear and embedded itself in a wooden rostrum inches away from the head of a member of the audience. Or the moment, in the same play, when I was persuaded, very much against my better judgement, to take to the boards. I played various spare nobles and other functionaries and had to rush (and clatter, since I was wearing a steel breastplate and helmet) onto the stage to announce Goneril's death. I was wearing an antique costume literally held together with safety pins and was wearing Cuban heeled boots stuffed with newspaper to make them fit. Now poor old Gloucester had not long had his eyes put out and they were lying on the stage (they were actually grapes) exactly where I dashed on. With sublime precision, I stepped on the remains of the bloodstained eyeballs with a crunch that made the audience wince. I then proceeded to slide from one side of the stage to the other, armour clattering, trying desperately to remain upright and nearly landing in the laps of the first row. The line that I had to say went something like this: "Help help, Oh help!" Except that it came out as "Help help, Ooooooooooooooooooooooh!"



I have declined all invitations to act since then.

Still, the summer may yet appear at *some* time this year. December is a possibility or maybe I am being unduly pessimistic. I know one thing, though: If it doesn't stop raining soon, next door's cat will turn into an amphibian. Every time he looks at me, his gaze seems full of reproach. I think he blames me for the deluge. Mind you, he may have a point since I just happen to have a couple of West African figurines in the cabinet in my dining room.



They are rain spirits.

Sooo – if you happen to be passing my house, give a courteous nod in their direction. You never know. But just a nod; no offerings, please. It's so embarrassing when people stuff cash through the letterbox Well, it's just not the done thing, don't y'know?

Meanwhile the news seems ever more gloomy as we all seem to be plummeting into a financial black hole. The newspapers are reassuringly inconsistent. "House prices rise!" exults one headline while another, in a different publication on the same day, screams "House prices crash!"

Armageddon is just around the corner, we are told, so be happy and concentrate on the Olympics.

What was that? Sport is the opiate of the masses? Can't have heard *that* one right. *Surely* not.

And so my complaint draws to its end. The soothsayer has said his sooth and we are none the wiser. Are we ever?

On which damp note I shall retreat downstairs to the kitchen and make a therapeutic coffee, trying not to blow myself up with the espresso machine in the process.

So good night unto you all.

Give me your hands, if we be friends,

And Robin shall restore amends.

Night night.

Paul Regeli, Contributing Editor.



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Simon Cranmer - Property Operations Manager, Hatfield Forest (National Trust):

- Aims to improve relationship with local communities & get involved more in the community
- A number of volunteers live in Takeley
- Currently helping Bush End Church
- Major road works ongoing at Forest approach
- Summer season starts this weekend
- From next winter, car parks will be open Saturdays and Sundays (currently only Sundays)
- Many planned events this year including Jubilee celebrations and Woodfest in September.
- Setting up bike hire (especially for use along the Flich Way)
- Exploring boat hire opportunities

TPC thanked Simon Cranmer and encouraged regular communication via Takeley Forum, TPC Newsletter & the Clerk.

Takeley Street Traffic Calming Scheme:

TPC reps. met with Chris Stoneham & Risa Long (ECC Highways) 22/2/12 to discuss the proposals. ECC will now design & cost the scheme. New contractor taking over in April. ECC to confirm that this scheme is on 5 year plan. TPC requires written support of Clr Susan Barker.

Priors Green:

- Priors Green retail units
One Stop – let, Barnardos, chip shop, Indian takeaway tbc. HDD aim to open pre-Xmas
 - School site: bus stops are being moved and a crossing will be created outside the school
 - B1256 widening/walk to school route: date tbc (Liz Chapman – ECC)
 - Jacks Lane: lorry access - Andrew Fisher to follow up
- Play Areas handover: TPC to meet with Lt. Canfield PC to discuss handover of play areas.

Priors Green Community Hall - Transfer of Title:

The Clerk reported that TPC's solicitor had received title deeds & documents on 1/3/12. The solicitor has advised that providing TPC accepts the terms & conditions of the transfer there are no other significant issues.

TPC nominated 3 members (Clrs Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt & Geoff Bagnall) to complete a final review of the draft document, & authorised the 3 members to finalise the transfer of title providing the group are satisfied that the terms are as previously debated & agreed by the Working Group.

SSE Parish Liaison Meeting 8/3/12:

There is concern that the Govt is renegeing on election promises. All options are back on the table. Aviation Policy consultation delayed until the summer.

BAA has appealed against the Competition Commissions decision re selling the airport – delaying the inevitable.

Received an update from Martin Peachey re noise, flight paths etc.

Buffy Bus - request for support:

Request for contribution towards annual operating costs (for Takeley) of £5420 and to identify a better location for the bus to stop.

TPC approved a donation of £650.

Localism Act:

Clr Geoff Bagnall reported responses to correspondence sent to interested parties in relation to:

- Old School House
- Parliamentary Boundary Commission Review
- Right to approve/veto Council Tax increases
- UDC Housing Policy – UDC has agreed to meet TPC reps to discuss

The working group will meet again following publication of UDC's new Code of Conduct

Dog Fouling & Litter Bins

The Clerk provided information re UDC policy re bins & collections, dog warden (Sue Knight), & quotes from TSB Hygiene re cost of dog bins & collections.

TPC has received requests for a dog bin along the Dunmow Road (near shops) & a litter bin at the Garnetts Bus shelter in Parsonage Road.

Premier Inn, Stansted Airport:

Committee recommend TPC write to UDC re express dissatisfaction with the new Premier Inn. It can be viewed from both the A120 and parts of Takeley including Bambers Green. The building is a 'square, 'prison block' type building with multi coloured windows' and is an eyesore in the surrounding countryside.

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

Jane Heskey, Takeley Parish Council, Station House,
Sycamore Close, Takeley, Essex, CM22 6QA

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Email: Takeley.pc@ntlworld.com

QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Communicating with the Community

The internet based 'Takeley Forum' website requires a moderator/ co-ordinator.

We are looking for a volunteer who is interested in the community and developing the forum.

This is an exciting opportunity to support the community & develop your IT skills.

Please contact the Parish Council for further details

Bus Stop at Tesco, B1256 Dunmow

Help us to help you

The Parish Council along with other local parishes is lobbying Essex County Council to install bus shelters and a safe crossing point on the B1256 at Tescos, Dunmow.

If you are a regular bus user and are affected please contact:
Passenger Transport, Essex County Council, County Hall,
Market Road, Chelmsford Essex CM1 1QH

Email: contract.managementteam@essex.gov.uk

Tel: 01245 435123

Dog fouling & littering

TPC agreed that this is a significant problem throughout the village.

Uttlesford District Council will not support collections from any new litter bins or dog waste bins.

The cost of installation of bins and collections would require significant investment and ongoing expenditure. A bin costs £200-300 to install & dog waste collections are approx. £2.20 per bin per collection.

The Parish Council is keen to receive your views:

1. Are residents prepared to pay for these services (via Parish Council funds)?
2. Where are the litter & fouling 'hotspots' in Takeley?

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Takeley, Essex, CM22 6QA*

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Takeley Parish Council

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2012

The Parish Council has provided the children of Takeley Primary School & the playschool at Silver Jubilee Hall with a commemorative mug to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.



This unique mug is bone china with a traditional picture of the Queen on one side and the Takeley Parish logo on the opposite side.

There is a small quantity of these mugs available to purchase for £5 each.

Please contact the Parish Council Clerk or visit the Station House, Sycamore Close on Wed. mornings between 10am - 12noon.

The Parish Council has sponsored a number of events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee:

Event	Organiser	Allocation £	Comment
Country Fayre - Blatches	Sally Brady/Pat Burnett	1051	
Takeley village	Sports & Social Club /Tkly Community Gp	2000	Additional £500 allocated by DCllrs
Takeley Primary School	PFA	1500	31/05/2012
Takeley British Legion veteran & widows Lunch	Roger Kendrick	100	
Cawbeck Road Street Party	Residents (Kate Richardson)	65	
Clarendon Road Street Party	Residents (Michelle Fletcher)	50	
		4766	
Comemorative mugs (£500)	TPC	1550	** additional costs for production of TPC logo & delivery charge £80
Bunting (100m)	TPC	25	Loaning to TPS PFA 31/5/12. Will then pass on to Sports & Social Club/SJH
Comemorative Tree	Takeley Primary School (new site)	160	
	TOTAL	6501	

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12

BOX		Year Ending		% +/- LY	COMMENT																								
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4	Staff Costs	24749	25450	+3																									
5	Loan Repayments	1923	1874	-3																									
6	Total Other Payments	34013	32889	-3																									
7	C/Fwd	82574	94368	+14	Variance = £11794 increase Building funds for specified community projects. £52.9K of C/fwd is reserved for community projects: Rec. Grd Play Area refurbishment Sports Field - youth football project Parish Plan																								
9	Fixed Assets	145290	157770	+9	Variance = £12480 (2 nd) Additional Sports Field portacabin (£5237) & 2 salt bins (£383) & inflationary increase to asset value.																								
10	Total Borrowings	18203	17163	-6																									

PLEASE NOTE:

Any elector of Takeley Parish is welcome to inspect the financial records of the Parish by making an appointment with the Parish Clerk.

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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SUMMARY OF REGISTERS OF INTERESTS

MEMBER	ADDRESS	INTERESTS
Trevor Allen	12 Elm Close Takeley CM22 6SF	Trustee Molehill Green Village Hall SSE Governor. Takeley Primary School Silver Jubilee Hall (TPC rep) Takeley Local History Society - president Takecare - Chairman/treasurer Essex Wild life Trust RSPCB
Geoff Bagnall	1 & 2 Maggotts Cottage Warish Hall Rd Takeley	
Brian Baldwin	24 Roseacres Takeley CM22 6QZ	Takeley Royal British Legion Committee
Patricia Barber	Woodside Smith's Green Takeley. CM22 6NX	SSE -Conservative Party member Holy Trinity Church PCC
Richard Cheetham	Beech Cottage Smith's Green Takeley CM22 6NR	Executive member SSE Treasurer North West Essex & East Herts Preservation Assoc (NWEHHPA) Conservative Party National Trust Royal Horticultural Society
John Green	96 Takeley Park Hatfield Broad Oak Road Takeley CM22 6TG	
John Gregory	13 Beech Close Takeley CM22 6RQ	Beech Close Residents Association
David Daykin	St Omer Dunmow Road Takeley CM22 6SH	Trustee of Takeley Chapel Silver Jubilee Hall Mgmt Committee
Susan Sprules	The Lodge Dunmow Road Takeley CM22 6NS	
Carol Pratt	Woodfield Brick End Broxted Gt. Dunmow CM6 2BJ	Trustee Molehill Green Village Hall Stop Stansted Expansion ordinary member

Updated May 2012

TAKELEY STATION HOUSE

Sycamore Close, Takeley, CM22 6QA

Takeley Parish Council has worked tirelessly for many years to secure the future of the old railway station building which lay empty, falling into disrepair, and the subject of frequent vandalism. The Parish Council has long held the opinion that the building should be safeguarded as a community building. Renovations were eventually undertaken by Essex County Council who offered to share the building with the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has recently secured tenure of the entire ground floor of the building and is now in a position to open up this extraordinary building for use by other groups/members of the community. This is truly a beautiful building that, as a smaller venue, offers users a different type of facility, in a central location that is easily accessible, with use of a kitchen.

If you would like further details or wish to view the Station House please contact the Parish Council Clerk - Jane Heskey:

Email: takeley.pc@ntlworld.com

Or phone: 0208 270 1149

HIRE CHARGES

HIRE OF MEETING ROOM & USE OF KITCHEN

ROOM	Hourly Rate Mon-Sun 9am-11pm	Block booking (min. 10wks)	All day hire Mon - Sun 9am-11pm
Community Groups & Residents	£10 per hour	£9 per hour	£50
External & Commercial Hire	£15 per hour	£13.50 per hour	£100

TRANSPORT

LICENSED VEHICLE PROVIDERS FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS

Herewith details of companies licensed in this District who have available WAV's

Acme Transport - Takeley	07971 432376
24 x 7 Elsenham and Stansted Airport	01279 816126 & 01279 661128
E-Cabs - Great Dunmow	01371 873323
Ollys Wheelchair Friendly - Saffron Walden	07905 645849

It should be noted that all operators only provide this transport on a pre booking basis to comply with current legislation.

If you need any further advice then please contact

Murray Hardy

Licensing Officer

Council Offices, Saffron Walden on 01799 510510

Updated April 2012

Garden Waste Collections

The Parish Council has secured continuation of the weekly garden waste skip collection.

The service runs from 14th April to 1st December 2012.

**Opposite Takeley Sports Field, Hatfield Broad
Oak Road Saturday 11.45am to 12.45pm**

The Parish Council will pay the cost of providing this service for 34 weeks in 2012 at a cost of £892.50.

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING SCHEDULE 2012

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

MAY 16 th	JUNE 13 th	JULY 4 th	AUGUST 1 st
SEPTEMBER 5 th	OCTOBER 3 rd	NOVEMBER 7 th	DECEMBER 5 th

SUMMARY OF 2012 PARISH ASSEMBLY

*The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting of Takeley was held on Wednesday
18th April 2012
in Takeley Silver Jubilee Hall at 7.30pm.*

The Chairman of Takeley Parish Council, Cllr. Richard Cheetham, welcomed 34 members of the local community to the Annual Assembly.

Alongside Parish Councillors, District and County councillors; residents of the community and representatives of many local groups gathered to report on activities within the community in the past 12 months, and to share the success of local groups.

Local Representatives:

Silver Jubilee Hall Management Committee
Molehill Green Cricket Club
WEA
Takeley Farmers Market
Stop Stansted Expansion
Takeley Football Club
Social & Sport Club
Takeley Primary School
Takeley Chapel
Takeley Ladies Circle

Kung Fu
Takeley Community Centre
HEAL Cancer Charity - Takeley Branch
Local PCSO Joanne Trevail-Phillips
ECC Bus Passenger Rep
Rev Rob Burles - Holy Trinity Church
Lower Street Colts FC
Takeley Community Group
Takeley Christian School
High House Nursery



Neighbourhood Watch



Police Bulletin
May 2012

Items for your information:

OIL THEFT ALARMS:

With oil prices at an all-time high, it is anticipated that there may be an increase in thefts of heating and fuel oil from homes, farms and business premises. Sometimes, due to factors outside your control, such as location, there is little you can do to protect your oil tank, so maybe the time has come to look for a more high-tech solution.

There are now a number of alarms on the market that can be used to alert you to theft or leakage. One such system is the "Watchman." Whilst Uttlesford NhW is not in a position to endorse any particular product, this unit is one of a number of such products available and might be suitable for your needs. It is a radio-controlled unit with a 200m range. The transmitter sits on top of the oil tank and using ultrasonic level measurement techniques, constantly measures the oil level in the tank. It then transmits that information to the receiver which is plugged into an electric wall socket, within the house. The height of the oil is displayed on an LCD screen on the receiver. The householder can monitor the level of oil in their tank from inside their home. When the level of oil in the tank gets below 10%, the fuel dispensing pump symbol appears (with an option of a buzzing tone); indicating that it is time to order some more oil. In the event of the oil level in the tank dropping at a rate that is not common (more than 1.5cm a minute) the receiver will emit a siren type sound that indicates a theft / leak is occurring.

The Watchman and other similar products are available from online retailers for about £100, which represents excellent value when you're protecting high-value commodities such as diesel or heating oil.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PATROL:

Between 26 and 28 April, officers from the Uttlesford Neighbourhood Policing team patrolled the streets of Stansted, Saffron Walden, Elsenham, Thaxted and Hatfield Heath and

conducted a successful operation identifying vehicles which were potentially offering a temptation to thieves. They were also on the lookout for any insecure houses and other items which could have been vulnerable to crime.

The patrol covered over 1,000 houses and 590 vehicles and found an astonishing 82 vehicles (around one in every seven) were either left insecure or with valuable items clearly visible inside the car. The owners of any vehicle which was found to be insecure or with property on display were visited by the officers, given crime advice and provided with a leaflet containing detailed information.

PC Tom Bastendoff said, “The vast majority of local residents were appreciative of the operation by the Police. We are lucky to live in a very safe area; however we must not give criminals any easy option. Please keep your vehicles locked and don’t leave items on display.”

If you see any suspicious or unusual activity around your neighbourhood, have any information which you think might be of help or you wish to report an intruder alarm going off, please call Essex Police on ‘101’.

“SINGING from the HEART”

Now the evening are getting lighter and warmer why not go for a stroll and walk straight into Takeley Chapel for an evening of voice exercise and fun at “Singing from the Heart”.

You have only a few sessions left now before we break for the summer for an evening of singing for fun with a group of likeminded people who sing a blend of folk songs from around the world, sea shanties and gospel with the occasional pop song thrown in for good measure (not all at the same time or on the same night).

We are led by our “Natural Voice Coach” Angela Dennis (see link for further information) and sing in two and three part harmonies and singing without musical accompaniment.

No experience is required just the enthusiasm to sing, So go on give it a try..... the third Wednesday in the month at 7.30 just £5-00 per session paid on the night.

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or paul@pburnett1.orangehome.co.uk or go to <http://singingfromtheheart.wordpress.com/>

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We have just embarked on the Summer term, which is always a busy time at School with end of year assessments, sports day, musicians concert and the end of year production, this year it is Cinderella. There is also a full calendar of summer sports to look forward to, including athletics, rounders and cricket, that is if it stops raining!



We are currently working hard to ensure a successful move to our new school on the Priors Green Development, the building is progressing well and we are very excited about all the new opportunities that we will be able to pursue. If you walk

past the site you will see that the courtyards are looking great, there is the green park area, yellow desert, red Mediterranean and blue water courtyards. Planting and landscaping will reflect these themes. The courtyards will enable all the children to make full use of indoor and outdoor learning activities. The playground, netball courts and field are all taking shape and hopefully our play equipment will be installed shortly. Inside, the classrooms are looking fantastic, light and airy. The painters are now busy adding colour to all the rooms, creating stimulating and attractive learning spaces. The children's teaching kitchen and the library with its story deck are going to be stunning and fantastic learning resources for the children. The sprung oak floor in the hall is also being installed; the whole building will have under floor heating. We are very fortunate to have a fantastic team working on the building that are fulfilling their aim of delivering an inspirational and high quality learning space for our children, that meets our needs, is practical and completed on schedule.

Other exciting events this term are the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics, the children have been finding out about both. We will be celebrating the Jubilee on May 31st, our PFA are organising a special 'red, white and blue' day for the children, with a street party type lunch for us all to enjoy together. In the afternoon the children will take part in activities focussing on the Jubilee, the day will end with our 'Bouncy Fun' event for children and parents to enjoy together. Our thanks go to our PFA for all their hard work and the Parish Council for helping to finance this event and providing all the children with a commemorative mug, as a very special keepsake to mark this special time.

Thank you to everybody who has sent in Tesco or Sainsburys vouchers. If you have any more at home we would love to receive them. We are participating in most of the school voucher schemes that are operating and are always grateful for help in collecting these.

Mandy Line
Headteacher

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.

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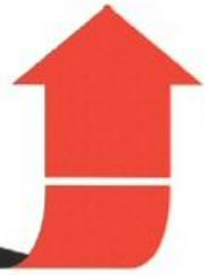
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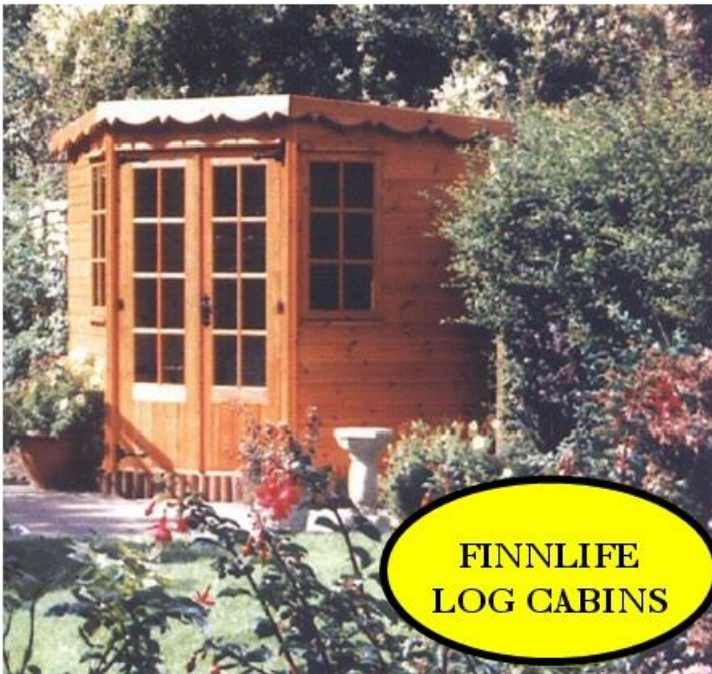


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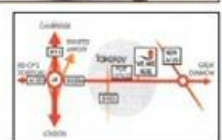
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Tallen's Country Notes

Against all odds the house martins have battle their way back from Southern Africa to take up residence under the eaves of the house once again. I have waited anxiously, monitoring daily the weather pattern and getting more and more concerned as just like last year northerly and



easterly winds were dominating the weather. The last week in March came and went. So did the month of April and still no sign of them. Then, on the May Monday Bank Holiday, my neighbour called me at twenty to nine in the morning and said, "They're back". I went outside and

sure enough not one pair was darting in and out of the mud nests but all three nests were again occupied. From my neighbour's observation they had actually arrived just after 8 a.m. That is unusual as over the fifteen to twenty odds years that I have been monitoring their arrival the first pair have always arrived between 5 and half past 6 in the evening, the rest arriving in dribs and drabs over a couple of days. Now they are here let us hope that the weather improves so they can have a good nesting year.

Another first that has brightened an otherwise dull and cold start to this year's spring has been a song thrush serenading us with his beautiful song. In mid March the bird started singing, early in the morning, in the copse at the corner of Elm Close, working his way along the back of the houses



and finished on the Flich Way around mid-day. He would then start all over again in the late afternoon and finished up where he had started. That is the first time in a very very long time that a thrush has sung in Elm Close!



If you remember previous TCN I reported on the tussle between four blackbirds who were vying for dominance of my garden. The latest news is that the *four-way* war has been resolved. There is now a north south split between Mr North, who's

song post is the TV aerial. Mr South sings from the trees at the bottom of the garden. The grassed area between the two is still neutral. I have wondered if the harsh winter has claimed the lives of the other two pairs of blackbirds.

They say 'one is never too old to learn'. Well, that is true in my case. I watched a program on the 'box' some months ago. I think it was called 'Blooms and Bees' or 'Bees and Bloom', whatever! It concerned the planting of wild flowers for the summer display. Instead of the usual cultivated floral displays this was to encourage bees, hover flies and other insects. It was argued that the cultivated flower displays of busy lizzies and other similar plants, which although colourful, are lacking in pollen and nectar. Not being a "proper" gardener, I never gave it a thought, that the colourful summer flowers that we all grow are in fact quite sterile in pollen and nectar. As



far as insects and the bees in particular are concerned it is another attack on already hard-pressed species with the excessive use of manmade chemicals to control just about everything. As I have often reported it is the insects that are the main fare for so many other species. Also there is great concern for the worrying decline of the bee population, as it is the bee that pollinates all of our crops. Without them our very existence is endangered. I have already stopped using slug pellets and chemical sprays in the garden, to good avail, so now I will plant those flowers that will be beneficial to the insect world.

Tallen

NOTICE

NORTH WEST ESSEX AND EAST HERTS PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

47TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 6th JULY 2012 AT 8PM

TAKELEY SILVER JUBILEE HALL

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) is a working group of the North West Essex and East Herts Preservation Association (NWEHPA). As such, members of SSE are entitled to attend and vote at this meeting.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 29th 2011
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and approval of Accounts to 30 Sep 2011
6. Report on behalf of the Stop Stansted Expansion committee
7. Election of Officers and the Executive Committee
8. Any other business
9. Conclusion of the meeting

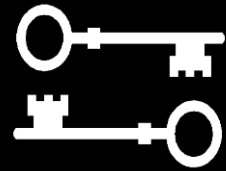
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TAKELEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY UNLOCKING THE PAST

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No one can have failed to notice that Takeley is currently undergoing massive changes in terms of new houses which seem to have sprung up not only as a number of large estates but also as new individual houses slotted in wherever a space can be found. Like it or not the government of today have decreed that more houses are needed and right here is where they will be.

However, there is nothing new about development and it has been going on here since the first settlers cleared a bit of forest, shoved a few poles in the ground and surrounded themselves with enough foliage to keep the wolves out. Over the years, dwellings have been scattered wherever a suitable spot could be found i.e. a good source of water, not too far from the main thoroughfare, somewhere to work, neighbours you could get on with, that sort of thing. And of course, over the years, houses have been changed and adapted to suit the current occupiers. If you live in a house which has been extended or extensively modified do you know what it was like before? Wouldn't it be nice if we had pictures of the changes made by previous generations so that we could see what it was like before.

Well, it's never too late to start and so I intend to begin collecting "before and after" pictures of any village house, regardless of age, that has been extended or otherwise modified. For this to work I will need the help of anyone with a house that has been changed. So, if you have before and after pictures of your house or a place in the village following some change please email me a copy to chairman@tlhs.org.uk Please include your name and of course the address of the property in the photos and any details about what was changed and when. With your help we can create yet another resource to pass on to future generations.

As an example of how things have changed I include here a couple of examples from Brewer's End

Takeley



This view at Brewer's End is looking back towards the Four Ashes. Taking the buildings from the right, what appears to be the first two are in fact one house, Guyvers, now long gone and replaced by modern houses (Cambridge Cottages) having spent a long time as Cambridge Service Station. The next house, Creewood, is partly hidden in the old photo but is the timber-clad building in the new photo. Moana and Monsal Dale are set back out of view but Lumsdale (partly hidden behind a tree in the new photo) comes next then the Christian School and in the background Stane Cottage and Ivy Cottage.



These shots are taken from outside the cricket field at Brewer's End. The top photograph dates from the 1930s when the large house on the left, Attridges, was the village Post Office. A couple of obvious changes are the new dormer window on the old left hand extension and a new two storey extension to the right hand side. The old smithy next to it, which in the 1930s was run as a garage, is now gone, sold and demolished in 1995 to make way for the new houses. Ivy Cottage and Stane Cottage can once again just be seen in the background.

Steve Hazon, Chairman, Takeley Local History Society

From the Village Recorder

John and I have now downsized to Great Dunmow. Uttlesford Recorders are happy for me to continue at present as Takeley Recorder. I am currently working on two Takeley projects which I hope to finish by the autumn.

It is now essential to have an archaeological investigation before making any changes to buildings or land usage. At Warish Hall a cart lodge is being converted into a dwelling. The report indicates a late 19th Century date with no earlier remains. I took material from the churchyard and from west of Pincey Brook for identification at Saffron Walden Museum. Most of the Churchyard material was of 18th to 20th century date but there was one shard of medieval red earthenware with and apple green glaze and a white slip decoration. This came from a fineware vessel, probably a jug of 13th to 14th century date. It may have come from the Mill Green Pottery at Ingatestone.

The Pincey Brook material has one mid iron age pot base (350 – 50 BC) The rest is good post medieval material mostly Staffordshire 17th to 19th century. The fine black shards are from a fashionable blackware tea service, possibly a teapot.

If you find any pieces of pottery or coins in your garden the museum are always happy to identify them. Every piece identified helps to build up a picture of ancient Takeley.

Nia Watkiss

Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon

EMIGRATION.

In the 1890's farming was going through a very bad patch, one or two farmers in the area went bust and as nearly everybody was in one way or another connected to farming the whole community was suffering. At about the same time the Colonies were growing fast and they needed people with farming and other skills to expand. The following two adverts appeared in the Herts & Essex Observer on the 29th January 1898, which must have been a great temptation particularly to young men and women, and I feel sure some of them took up the offer.

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(first Saturday of every month)

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We have Clare with her beautiful designer cards for all occasions, Theresa with her handmade jewellery and, for that special day, Cassie with her millinery.

The kitchen is still run by different charities each month but is also open to anyone who is looking to raise funds for that walk up Kilimanjaro or boat trip up the Amazon. If that is you we would love to help.

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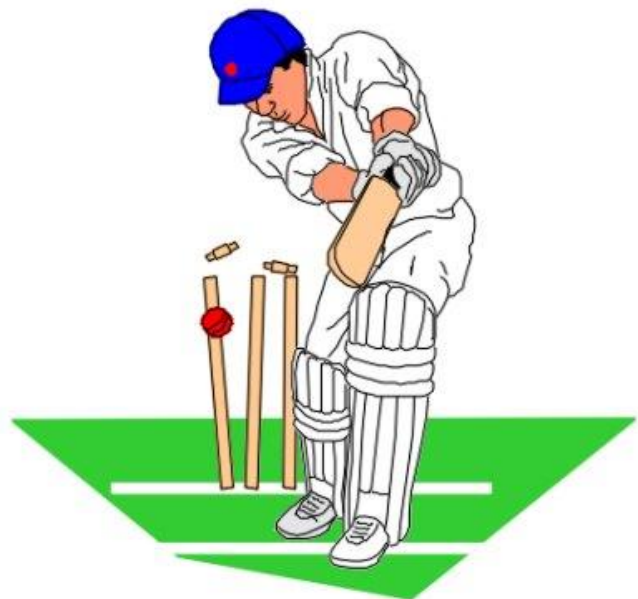


Not exactly cricket weather so far !! After 2 weeks of the season, the 1st XI have not yet played a game, the 2nd XI managed to get one of their two fixtures played (a fine win by 70 runs away at Little Bardfield) and the only Sunday fixture has also been cancelled. No much to write about.

I would like to thank everyone that has supported our Race Night and our Spring Quiz, and hope that both events were enjoyed by all participants.

Although we have not yet reached summer, if you want to put a date in your calendars, our autumn quiz has been set for Saturday 13th October, 2012.

As ever, we would love to hear from anyone that has moved into the village that would like to play. Please contact our Captain, Chris Thake on 01279 757549, Chairman Mike Phillips on 01279 870134, or myself. We also run an U15 side and prospective players can contact Tim Connolly on 01279 870138. We are also hoping to forge closer links with the new Takeley Primary School, with a view to taking young players from the school into the cricket club at Under 11 age group.



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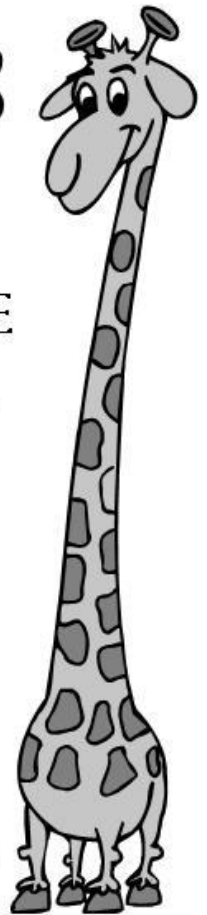
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Hatfield Forest Highlights



We have had a very quiet April at the Forest and really have the weather to blame, however we still want people to come and visit as we still have lots of things you can do while you are here. You may have heard of 50 things to do before you are 11 $\frac{3}{4}$, this is a brilliant set of activities and

adventures you can do at National Trust properties including Hatfield Forest. Number 6 is our favourite one: Run around in the RAIN. When you come to the Forest collect the scrap book from the shop and start collecting the stickers. You can also register online and join in there. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50things.

We also launched our bike hire scheme on the 5th May. Cycling is an extremely popular hobby for both adults and children and brings many health benefits, and it is hoped that this new venture will encourage visitors to explore a wider area of the Forest and the adjoining Flich Way. The Forest also offers young children a very safe environment to practise their cycling skills and to increase their confidence. There will be a number of adult and children's bikes to hire, plus tag-alongs and buggies. So why not come along to the Forest and have fun exploring areas you haven't yet seen. For more information please have a look at our website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hatfieldforest.

If you would like to pre-book bikes please call 07825 761020.

We would also like to update you on the installation and opening of the new boardwalk through Elgin Coppice. A culmination of a 2 year project in conjunction with St Elizabeth's College has resulted in the development of a sensory trail with beautiful interpretation. On the 5th May at 3:00 we officially launched the new boardwalk with the help of Lydia one of the learners at St Elizabeth's College. The boardwalk and 800 sq meters of grass re-enforcement is grant funded by Biffa at a total of £49,500.

St Elizabeth's College have also been busy designing recipe cards and baked cakes and biscuits for our visitors. These recipe cards will be available when the new discovery room opens. We also took advantage of the quiet days at the Forest and the Visitor Experience team went out on a day trip.

Hannah Morrice, Visitor Experience Team Leader

Article written by David Simmonds.

Thirteen members of Hannah's Visitor Experience Team were delighted with the visit she arranged on 30 April to the Trust's Flatford Mill. How fortunate we were that the date to suit the majority of the team turned out to be the only sunny day in April!

We met up for coffee and then went on a walk around the property. Flatford is an area of beautiful countryside in its own right, but what makes it extra special is that this is where John Constable painted some of his best and most popular pictures. We were shown round by walks' volunteer Beverley who used reproductions to show where pictures such as *The Haywain* and *The White Horse* were set. It was interesting to see how much artistic licence Constable used. She outlined his development as a painter, telling us how the Royal Academy frowned on his early works which they considered too industrial. She said it would be like an artist today painting Eddie Stobart lorries on a motorway!

After lunch, we went on self guided walks, but these were curtailed because so many fields were flooded and impassable. Drama was provided by the ducks. It was strange to see them moving more quickly in the swollen River Stour than in the air and we all watched in trepidation as a mother tried to get her four ducklings across the swollen river. Eventually, to our great relief, they were all seen safe on the other bank! Ray Addley concluded our visit by sharing his deep knowledge of the Houblon family and their influence on the Forest. Just as Constable provides a human story at Flatford, so do the Houblons at The Forest.

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Book Review by Elaine Wyld

The Picture of Dorian Gray

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Oscar Wilde was born in 1854 and *The Picture of Dorian Gray* was his only novel. The character of Dorian Gray is almost a reflection of Wilde himself with his flamboyant dress, easy wit and glittering conversation.

As a classic, the story is well known. A picture of an attractive young man is commissioned. The artist is Basil Hallward and the sitter is Dorian Gray. Dorian is so impressed by the way he is portrayed, he determines to remain young, beautiful and elegant. By some sinister turn of events, Dorian remains youthful, but the portrait starts to age and the facial expressions begin to reflect Dorian's progressive fall in a life of debauchery.

The story follows Dorian's life after the painting is finished beginning with his tragic pursuit of a pretty, young and successful actress, Sybil Vane. Mesmerised by her acting skills, Dorian falls in love but, unfortunately for Sybil, her perception of love undermines her ability to act. After bringing his closest friends, Basil Hallward and Lord Henry Wotton, to the theatre to watch Sybil, Dorian is embarrassed by her performance and abruptly finishes the relationship. Sybil then kills herself. To Dorian's surprise on returning home, the portrait has changed and a snarl has appeared on its face.

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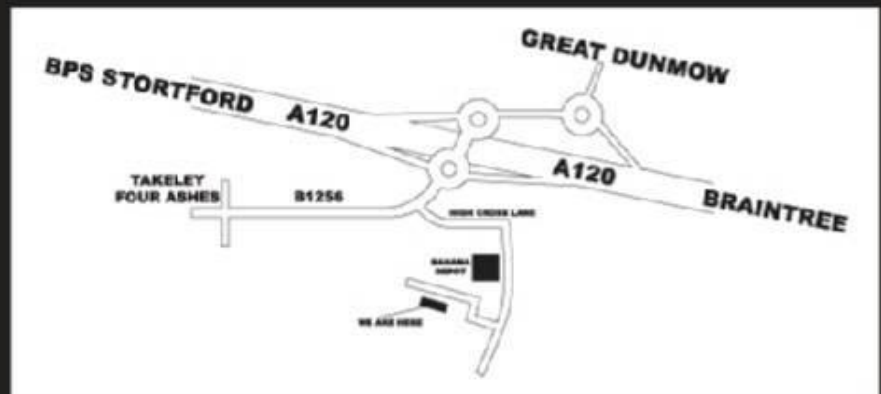
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The Newsletter was started up again in the autumn of 1998 (after an interval of some 10-15 years) as a result of opinion expressed in the Village Appraisal. It is designed to provide a free community magazine for Takeley Parish. It is intended that the Newsletter should reflect all aspects of Parish life and should provide an opportunity for community matters to be raised and discussed.

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

The closing date for submission of material is the 15th of November, February, May and August for the respective quarterly issues.

It is not always possible to publish everything submitted and sometimes changes have to be made to the length of a contribution. Non-controversial articles cannot always be published immediately but they will appear later unless the contributor is told otherwise. Contributions of up to, say, 400 words, have a greater chance of being published in full than longer ones.

The name of the person (and in what capacity if appropriate) submitting the material must accompany the contribution. If you do not want your name published you must make that clear. However, articles without the author's name are only likely to be published if they are non-controversial. Ultimately the responsibility for publication rests with the Parish Council, which has veto powers as to content.

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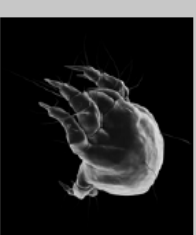
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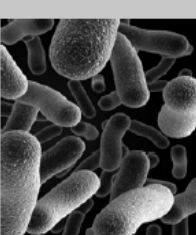
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