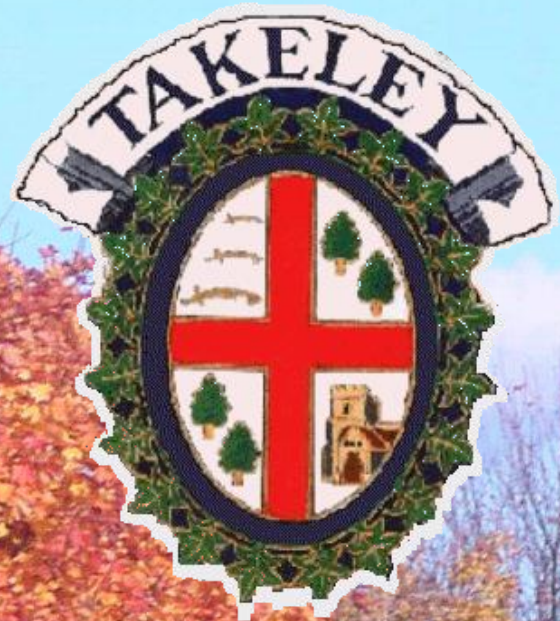


NEWSLETTER



Autumn 2012 Issue No.56

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 Fritch 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 is embroiled in strange goings on with a duck and a wizard and rummages through some addled memories



What passes for summer appears to have arrived in a damp slurry of warm rain and wind. It feels a bit like the Great Green Greasy Limpopo River all set about with fever trees and I have serious concerns that, were I to put my nose out of a window, I might, like the Elephant's Child, be seized by a crocodile and be anatomically modified. The reality is, of course, that I would be more likely to be confronted by next door's cat (a noble and friendly creature with impeccable manners) seeking shelter from random showers.



But enough of my dismal complaint. Like the afore-mentioned Elephant's Child, it suits me to gaze at the world with wide-eyed innocence and to pass comment in that vein.

I'm not sure whether it is amusing or merely irritating to watch the sporadic efforts of politicians and various interests to reignite the possibility of another runway at Stansted Airport. The saga seems to be never-ending and I have a sneaky suspicion that it will remain so for many, many years. It seems to have become a habit of each successive government to put off any really difficult decisions until that mythic time known as "after the next election". A time that is always tantalisingly just out of reach. Rather in the manner that one addresses a nagging child: "Don't cry, darling. I'll buy one for you tomorrow."

But we all know that tomorrow never comes. Or am I being just a bit cynical?

Moi? Never!

Meanwhile, my gliding activities have not only been curtailed by the strange weather but also by the airspace restrictions imposed during the period of the Olympic Games.



We have been informed that if so much as a wing tip intrudes on the sacred airspace, the pilot WILL be investigated by the CAA, his or her licence WILL be revoked and so will the licence of the instructor who sent the offender solo. (sic) Interesting, since the instructor who sent me solo died thirty years ago

Oh yes – and if you have the misfortune to be intercepted it will be by a helicopter with a large sign saying “follow me”.
In a glider???

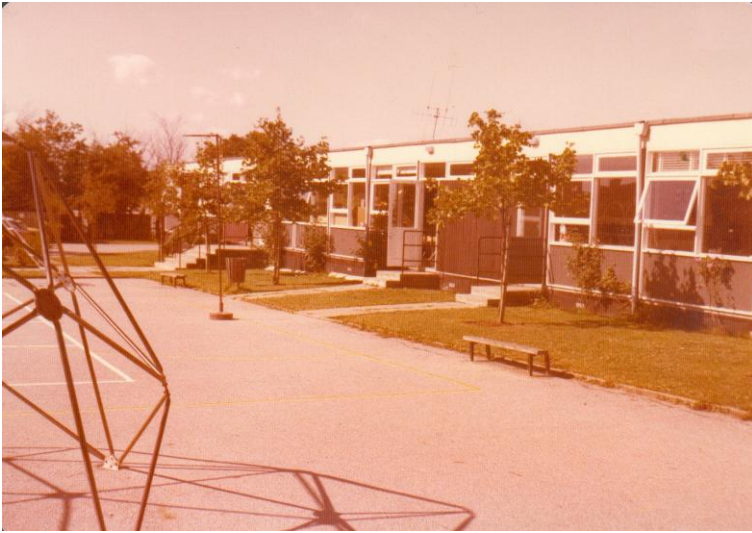
On a slightly saner note, I had the pleasure of going round our new primary school a few weeks ago. I am hugely impressed by the architecture and the detailed planning that has gone into delivering such a beautiful building. So different from the Takeley Primary School that I started work in forty-three years ago! I had a budget of twenty pounds to buy the entire year's stock for my class of forty pupils. That included pencils, books, paints, paper and any other sundries. The stock was kept in a classroom cupboard and each teacher jealously guarded their own.

Not many of the teachers could afford cars and one used to cycle in from Bishop's Stortford every morning! And as for computers – the education authority had a few extremely expensive Swiss mechanical calculators, which were lent to schools for a few days a year. Nobody dared to use them because they were so expensive. You had to go on a course to learn how to use one. They had the same status as holy relics!

The classrooms were temporary buildings. Takeley had been due to get a new school and the plans were ready to be signed off on the very day that it was announced that Stansted was to become the third London airport. That was in 1963. Deja-vu, anybody?

By the time that I arrived as a teacher, the buildings were well past their projected lifespan and had already started to decay. Carpenters and decorators were a familiar presence.

After many years and the addition of extra classrooms, the school building had deteriorated so badly that it was decided to build a new school on the Roseacres site. Part of the old school was demolished and some temporary classrooms were erected. We shared the site with builders for a whole year!



My classroom was on the edge of the building site and had, quite literally, been cut away from the other part. When I arrived to prepare my classroom for the autumn term, I was faced with no doorway, just a hole in the wall. It appeared to have been cut out with a chain saw.

We delayed the start of term for three days for my class while I put in a proper doorframe and fitted skirting boards and capping – not to mention decorating the whole room myself.

We must have been mad in those days!

The heating didn't work and I did one parents' evening with the room temperature below zero! Eventually the floor at the end of the room started to give way and a cupboard parked there began to sink gently into the floor ...

Just before everything disintegrated, we moved into the sparkling new building which, of course, is the one just vacated.

It's easy to forget how quickly time passes. I am frequently caught out when I am accosted by ex pupils. I know that I *sort of* recognise them but I can't remember from which year! But it *is* nice to be remembered. I could probably be forgiven for forgetting the occasional pupil as I have taught over a thousand. But I find that I cannot remember all the teachers who I worked with. There were a few particularly remarkable characters who tend to stay in the memory, though.

There was one particular teacher who lived in a large farmhouse, which could only be reached by crossing a field. Her husband used to collect guests on a tractor and trailer to ferry them to the house in winter when the ground was a sea of mud. And the parties were excellent.

The farmhouse had a healthy population of rats who would occasionally find their way indoors. Our anonymous teacher would sit in a rocking chair in her kitchen with a .22 rifle, taking pot shots at any wretched rodents that dared to show its face.



One night, her aim was not particularly good and she managed to shoot and severely wound her central heating boiler. I think that must be a unique achievement – unless you know otherwise ...

The same teacher had a good way of ensuring her right of way when driving down a single-track road; if she met another vehicle, she simply stopped, ostentatiously got out her knitting and started to knit. The other driver usually got the point!

It's always the oddities in life that remain in one's memory.

A couple of weeks ago I was in a small Suffolk village by the sea. It was picture perfect – the absolute epitome of an English village.

Then we noticed a large number of people wandering towards us carrying Tupperware containers. Among their number was an individual dressed as a large yellow duck who was arguing about which way to go. Said duck peeled off and was soon reported lost. We went into the pub and were promptly confronted by a Potteresque wizard who was on his way out and swished by us in his magical robes.

Thy leg I pulleth not!

Having reserved a table, we wandered off to the beach, only to be accosted by a large man who came puffing over the ridge of the dunes. He said that he and his friends had been having a barbecue and had cooked too much food and would we like to join him. As we politely declined, he muttered that everyone else had said that. He was still accosting various wanderers as we made our way back.

All that was missing was a Wicker Man! On which slightly surreal note, I beg to take my leave of you once more.

I think that I need to dispel the ghosts of the past with something strong and alcoholic.

I shall do my best to avoid falling down the stairs on my way to the kitchen. Which puts me in mind of one final anecdote:

A dear friend of mine had a very house-proud German mother. They had a white carpet on the stairs. Her sister contrived to fall, head over heels, down the entire flight, landing in a stunned and tangled heap at the feet of her mother. She had left a trail of blood down the stairs where her nose had bled during her spectacular descent.

There was a pregnant silence as her mother searched for the appropriate words. Finally, she spoke: "Mein Gott, the carpet!" she shrieked.

And with that interesting thought, I shall conclude my ramblings. Really, honestly. I've finished now.

Night night children everywhere.

Paul Regeli, Contributing Editor.



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Parish Council Vacancies

Following the election of 10 members to the Council in May there remained 3 unfilled vacancies. UDC has instructed TPC that the Representation of the People Act 1985 allows parish councils to co-opt in these circumstances. Following advertisement TPC has received 7 written applications which were circulated to members prior to the meeting.

TPC agreed that 3 candidates would be selected through a process of paper based votes.

Following 3 rounds of voting the following 3 candidates were co-opted by TPC:

Pat Burnett

Linda Steer

Tina Domigan

TPC thanked all those who had expressed an interest in joining TPC.

Code of Conduct

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, on 4th July 2012

Takeley Parish Council resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct of Uttlesford District Council as recommended by the Working Group and agreed by TPC in March 2012.

A copy will be available on TPC website, and can be viewed at:

www.uttlesford.gov.uk/uttlesford/file/code%20of%20conduct%202012.pdf

Village Planters Maintenance

Clrs Sue Sprules & David Daykin reported that 4 of 6 planters had been weeded and re-planted to date (2 x Takeley Street & 2 x Four Ashes village green). £204 has been spent on materials and plants to complete the 6 planters.

In May, Mrs Carol King (resident) expressed her dissatisfaction with the look and upkeep of the planters and provided TPC with a quote to professionally maintain the planters.

TPC debated whether a professional company should be contracted to maintain the planters. Members agreed that the maintenance of the planters was about the 'face' of the village and the 'sense of community' and restoring some pride in the village. It should not be necessary to pay providers to maintain the planters; rather there should be sufficient volunteers.

Clr Daykin suggested a working group of people to monitor the visual amenity of the village. The group would be made up of some council members and volunteer residents.

TPC agreed this proposal and also agreed that it would revisit the need for professional services should the group prove unsuccessful in the future.

TPC thanked Clrs David Daykin & Sue Sprules.

1st Takeley Scout Group - request for funding

Request to sponsor 'Bouncy Fun Run' at Summer Fete.

TPC approved a contribution of £200.

Uttlesford Citizens Advice Bureau - request for funding

TPC approved a donation of £750

Christian School - parent request for finance

Parent/helper requesting support to purchase a commemorative bench (Diamond Jubilee) to be placed in the chapel's closed church yard for use by pupils & visitors to the school & chapel at a cost of £294.

Clr Daykin explained that a project plan will come forward at a later date to improve the Chapel garden.

TPC agreed to award £300 providing it is confirmed that this request is on behalf of the school, & that the school agrees to maintain and insure the bench.

Bus Shelter (Shop at Molehill Green)

A resident has requested a bus shelter be installed at the stop near the shops at Molehill Green. TPC agreed to support this request and to pursue the matter with ECC.

Mr. Martin Peachey provided an update on **Community Speed Watch**.

A group of volunteers has now been retrained. Takeley is sharing a radar gun with Hatfield Broad Oak. The first session had focused

on Parsonage Road. The group are collecting data on speeding traffic and the volume of HGV traffic. The data is then passed on to the Police who will take action against repeat offenders.

Dog Fouling & Littering

TPC received more information from the Clerk about the cost of bins, how bins can be used, and where bins have been requested by residents.

The Clerk confirmed that TSB Hygiene would collect litter & dog waste (with costings). There are no other local dog waste collection companies, & the Clerk has been unable to find another company that deals solely with the collection of litter.

TPC agreed to proceed with working with the local company TBS Hygiene recommended by UDC, & based in Hallingbury.

The Clerk will also obtain more quotes for small & large closed litter bins.

The Clerk has completed a site survey of Priors Green and other areas in Takeley with UDC Dog Warden, Sue Knight. A detailed schedule of recommended locations and additional dog waste & litter bins was reviewed and agreed by TPC.

The Clerk will arrange a site survey with TBS Hygiene & request advice and quotes re proposed collection round, siting of bins, cost of additional bins.

Sports Field Development Car Park completion

TPC approved payment of the invoice for completion of the car park at the Sports Field £9889.20 (incl vat)

£5k of this payment will be claimed against TPCs New Homes Bonus Allocation. Clerk to arrange with UDC.

TPC also requested a quote for additional work to reduce flooding in front of Sports Field gate & repairs to cracked tarmac to the left of the gate.

Sports Field Development

TPC approved payment of an invoice for £20978 which is as quoted for parts 1 & 2 of the development programme for drainage & surface works on the field. £20k of this amount will be paid from UDC New Homes Bonus Allocation.

Not for Profit Community Cafe

Clr Pat Burnett presented a proposal to introduce a part time not for profit community cafe (offering internet access) at the Station House.

- 1-2 mornings/afternoons per week
- Run by volunteers. Coordinated by Clr Burnett
- An initial list of equipment requirements totals approx. £250

Clr David Daykin, qualifying the need, said that coffee mornings run at the Chapel last summer had been very successful. It would also tie in with the cafe at Blatches, Little Canfield which was also on the Fritch Way.

TPC agreed that this was an excellent & low risk idea to foster a sense of community.

The venue will provide greater access to public information. If the community demonstrate sufficient interest then TPC may look to invest in internet access and computer equipment.

TPC agreed to sponsor the project which will be coordinated by Clr Pat Burnett. Members agreed that TPC will not charge a rent for use of the Station House however, any surplus funds from the operation will be set against the Station House running costs. TPC approved a budget of £400 for start up.

Flooding in South Road & Roseacres

TPC agreed to use Clr Linda Steer's report to follow up this issue. Who is responsible for what (UDC, ECC/Highways, Environment Agency)?

Who will address future maintenance & emergency events?

What are the causes & solutions? (blocked, rubbish/fly tipping, culvert too small under the road, non maintenance)

DC Jackie Cheetham has agreed to follow up with UDC otherwise TPC agreed to write to the Chief Executive of UDC ('complaint').

UDC Local Plan Consultation

TPC reviewed the draft response prepared by the Planning Committee.

Members agreed a number of amendments & approved the final version to submit to UDC.

‘Bonnington Green’, B183 Station Road/Hatfield Broad Oak Road

TPC Planning Committee has reviewed the outline proposal in view of the proposals within the UDC Local Development Plan - June/July 2012.

TPC agreed that this proposal is not given further consideration on the basis that:

- The proposal is outside Takeley’s boundary (HBO)
- The proposal is outside development limits (within the CPZ)
- There is poor access to the site.
- Any housing development would be in addition to the allocation proposed in UDC’s LDP (June/July 2012) not instead of (confirmed by Andrew Taylor UDC Head of Planning & Building Control)
- Sets a precedent for further development on B183 (despite offer of covenants)
- Concerns re size/type of homes
- Doctors services – requires PCT support
- Maintenance of green spaces post build?
- Traffic calming measures?
- TPC is of the view that there is sufficient opportunity within the existing development limits to deliver the facilities Takeley requires.

TPC expects that there will be enormous pressure on Takeley from developers of land within Takeley

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

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Sycamore Close, Takeley, Essex, CM22 6QA

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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING SCHEDULE 2012

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

SEPTEMBER 5 th	OCTOBER 3 rd	NOVEMBER 7 th	DECEMBER 5 th
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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

CODE OF CONDUCT

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The code may be viewed at

www.uttlesford.gov.uk/uttlesford/file/Code%20of%20Conduct%202012.pdf

Members of the Parish Council have completed registers of interest. These are available to view at:

<http://gis.uttlesford.gov.uk/cm5/RegisterofInterests.aspx>

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT & RIGHT TO INSPECT THE ANNUAL RETURN

ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2012

Section 14 of the Audit Commission Act 1998

The Accounts & Audit (England) Regulations 2011 (S1 2011/817)

1. The Audit for the accounting statements for Takeley Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2012 has been concluded.
2. The accounting statements are available for inspection by any local government elector for the area of Takeley Parish Council on application to:

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Station House
Sycamore Close
Takeley, Essex CM22 6QA

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Following the successful implementation of glass recycling using the green-lidded bins, the use of the bottle banks around the district has significantly reduced. As proposed in the Waste Strategy for Uttlesford District Council we are going to be reducing the number of bottle banks which we currently operate.

The following banks will be removed in early September:

Clavering Village Hall, Clavering
Elsenham Recreation Ground, Elsenham
Water Tower, Felsted
Great Chesterford Village Hall, Great Chesterford
White Street Car Park, Great Dunmow
Saffron Walden Rugby Club, Henham
Littlebury Green
Little Hallingbury Village Hall, Little Hallingbury
Newport Station, Newport
The Common Car Park, Saffron Walden
Lord Butler Leisure Centre, Saffron Walden
Lower Street Car Park, Stansted
Takeley Youth Centre, Takeley
Margaret Street Car Park, Thaxted

The banks are currently being stickered to advise residents of this change and directing them to use their green-lidded bins.

If you do get any queries, please direct residents to contact Waste Services via email to wasteaware@uttlesford.gov.uk or by telephone to 01799 510510.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Saffron Walden Cromwell Road 9.15am-10.30am	Hatfield Heath The Heath 9.30am-11.00am	Rickling Village Green 9.15am-10.30am	Little Dunmow Baynard Avenue 9.15am-10.45am	Saffron Walden Sheds Lane 9.00am-10.30am
Great Chesterford Jacksons Lane 11.00am-12.15pm	Takeley Station House 11.30am-12.30pm	Stansted- NEW TIME Walson Way Forest Hall 11. am-12.30pm	Barnston Village hall car park 11.15am-12.30pm	Ashdon Church Field 11.00am-12.30pm
Carver Barracks 1.30pm-3.00pm	Thaxted Bardfield Road 1.45pm-3.00pm	Manuden- NEW TIME The Street 1.30pm-3.00pm	Takeley Warwick Road Great Canfield	Sewards End Village Hall Car Park 1.30pm-3.00pm

Registered charity number 1051491—Whilst every effort will be made to keep to this timetable, Buffy Playbus reserves the right to delay a visit due to operational reasons

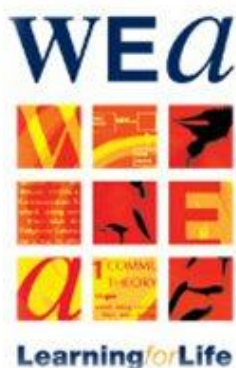
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Wild Food Sensations.

Perhaps it is because we have become used to buying fruits and vegetables at any time of the year that many of us no longer think so much about the seasons. We can now buy strawberries at Christmas if we want, (and can afford them), and a range of produce all the year round. This would have been impossible for our ancestors, who would have looked forward to the seasonal produce of spring, summer and autumn and the preserved fruits and other plant products that sustained them through winter. We have lost this anticipation of pleasures to come and no longer eagerly search out the first new produce of each season. This is a shame and has also meant that we no longer experience fresh produce at its best. Fresh produce is still available at the correct seasons of the year of course, but tends to be lost amongst all of the imported produce.

This isn't true of everyone, those who grow their own fruit and veg know when they ripen and appreciate their superior flavour when picked straight from the garden. Similarly, dedicated foodies eagerly await the seasonal appearance of their favourite foods, like asparagus and artichokes. People who collect foods from the wild are just as much in tune with the seasons and look forward to the tastes provided by the different seasons.

Spring and summer are the best times for foraging for plants to put into salads and to use as green vegetables. As summer leads on to autumn our attention turns to fruits, nuts and mushrooms.

A large number of our native wild plants are edible, but some taste a lot better than others! Our forebears ate a lot of wild plants, but some of their preferences wouldn't be ours today. An example is Rock Samphire. Marsh Samphire is a well-known accompaniment to fish and highly appreciated, but its cousin Rock Samphire has a much stronger taste – too strong for most people today, but it was so popular in the 17th and 18th century that people risked their lives to collect it from cliffs as the price was so high. Other tastes which have fallen out of favour are Tansy, a very strong flavoured herb, previously used in egg dishes such as omelettes and Bistort, which was put into a kind of rissole and either boiled or fried. Both are quite bitter. Each of these plants may well have been eaten as much for their medicinal qualities as their culinary ones. They tend to have a purgative effect which was considered cleansing. If you try these, bear this in mind!

Turning to much pleasanter tastes, try Bittercress, Chickweed and Sorrel in salads. Bittercress is a close relative of watercress and

tastes similar to it. Bittercress and Chickweed are both common garden weeds; you can have the satisfaction of clearing them from the garden and putting them to food use at the same time. The same is true of Ground Elder, which can be used as a vegetable. If you are unfortunate enough to have this pernicious weed in your garden you can at least eat it, all parts of the plant are edible when boiled, some say it is similar to spinach.

One of the very best plants to try is Hogweed. Don't let the name put you off, it's delicious! Collect the young shoots and fry them in butter. They have a flavour gently reminiscent of aniseed. Its seashore relative Alexanders is very similar. However, do not confuse our native Hogweed with the introduced Giant Hogweed, which is much larger and has corrosive sap.

When it comes to flavour, do not neglect our native herbs such as Cow Parsley and its northern cousin Sweet Cicely; Thyme, Marjoram and Basil also grow wild in Britain. Other native plants for flavouring are Garlic Mustard or Jack-by-the Hedge, which has a mild garlic flavour with a peppery edge so is good in salads, and the true Wild Garlic or Ramsons which is much stronger and so needs to be used more sparingly. There is also another wild garlic called Crow Garlic which is much closely related to the familiar cultivated garlic.

Some flowers are good to eat; violets can be used in salads or as a flavouring in puddings, such as rice pudding. Wild Rose petals make an excellent delicate flavouring for desserts. Try blending some with cream to make an excellent Rose Petal Fool. Elder flowers can be made into a fine white wine, still or sparkling as you prefer. If sparkling, make sure that the bottles are strong as the pressure can build up to quite a high level. Elder flowers can also be used to make a very refreshing cordial – great for a picnic.

Here is a simple recipe for Elder Flower Cordial.

Add about 2 litres of fresh elder flowers to 2 litres of water. Add a sliced lemon, a large spoonful of white wine vinegar or cider vinegar, and 250 grams of sugar. Stir well and leave for 24 hours. Strain and simmer the mixture for about twenty minutes, allow to cool, then adjust the sweetness to taste. You will probably need to add some sugar. Put into bottles or other containers and chill in the fridge before use.

Whatever you choose to collect and eat, do remember to wash it well before use, especially if collected from public areas where people walk dogs! Be sure of your identifications too, there are relatively few seriously dangerous poisonous plants in the UK, but quite a lot would

give you a stomach upset and some are superficially similar to edible species.

For those interested in collecting foods from the wild, experience gained from going on a course such as the ones run by Wild Harvest is the best preparation and getting a good guide book is also a good idea. Recommended books are the photographic guides by Roger Phillips; 'Wild Food'; 'Wild Flowers of Britain'; and 'Mushrooms and other fungi of Great Britain and Europe'. The Wild Food and Mushroom books are currently in print and published by Pan Macmillan. The Wild Flower book is out of print but available second-hand. Another handy pocket-size guide is Richard Mabey's 'Food for Free', one of the Collins Gem Series.

Peter Sibley, Wild Harvest.

An appeal on behalf of Takeley Cricket Club

Being one of the few sports clubs in Takeley, the Cricket Club have always looked to be fully inclusive, wanting to encourage both playing membership and attendance of spectators on match days, and also happy to be not only tolerant, but supportive, of youngsters using the ground to play and meet (as long as the roped off square is not encroached).

During 2012 however, we have seen an alarming increase in both the amount of litter that is being left at the ground, and also an unacceptable level of vandalism taking place on the building. Not only does this mean that the cricket club members have to clear up the litter (which has included instances of broken glass on the playing ground), but also the club having to spend much needed money on repairs. This year, such damage has included broken outside taps and pipe work, external lighting smashed, roof damage such as broken tiles and metalwork, door panels kicked in, and small fires being lit at the ground. These are not isolated instances as the outside tap was broken again within a week of it being repaired, and we have also had one instance of a motor bike being ridden across the ground, cutting up the surface.

Unfortunately, this means that we will need to ask all youngsters to keep off the ground in future and we appeal to all parents to ensure this is implemented.

We are not happy to take this action, but a few thoughtless individuals have caused this for everyone else. It is simply not fair to cricket club members to have to clean up, and for the club to incur costs to repair, especially to the extent that we have done this year.



Takeley Cricket Club

August 2012



What a strange season. Never before have we had so many washed out games, and played games which in many other seasons would probably not have been played.

In two weeks during July, we had 2 cup semi finals scheduled, re-scheduled and postponed 5 times in 8 days. Eventually we played both semi finals, losing the first but winning the second, getting us through to the final of the League Cup. True to form, this was postponed due to poor weather, and is now due to be played on Sunday 26th August, 2pm start at Bishop's Stortford Cricket Club.

The league season has been disrupted with 5 games cancelled out of 14 played to date. With 4 games to go in the season, we are in fourth place, but points are close.

The second XI has also had some excellent results and also lie in fourth place in their league; unfortunately we had one game in which we were unable to field a side, which lost us 20 points. If we had been able to play and had won that game, we would actually be aiming for promotion.

The fact that we are able to field 2 sides every Saturday, and one most Sundays, is excellent, but the fact that we have even had one weekend when it was not possible to field a second team, encourages me to once again make the usual plea for any new players to step forward, even at this time of the season. If you would like to play, please contact our Captain, Chris Thake on 01279 757549.

As a self supporting club, fund raising is extremely important, and our 2 annual quizzes form the centrepiece of our activities. Our next quiz night will be held on Saturday 13th 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.

Malcolm Brown
01279 871055

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. The new year is always an exciting time at school however this year it is extra special as we are now in our new school and are really looking forward to working in our new building.

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 results are above the national averages in all areas for level 4+ and level 5, so well done, we are very proud of you 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 their tournament and league. 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 with the Royal Opera House, enabling some of the year 1 and 2 children to produce their own opera, which was an amazing learning experience for them. 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 ‘Cinderella’ which was enjoyed by many. Our thanks go out to everybody who helped with this production.

2012 has been a very special year for us at school with the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics providing a range of rich learning opportunities for the children. It has also been the last year in the old building which has provided much reflection and some sadness for us all. We have many happy memories of our time there that I know we share with many of you. However, looking forward, our new building will provide amazing new opportunities for the children. It is not often that you have a chance to create a learning space to support and extend your ethos and aspirations. The new building is light, airy and spacious, placing reading and story telling at the heart of the learning process with our fantastic library area. The school has access to outdoor learning for all the classes within our themed courtyards, full

wireless internet coverage both inside and out, raised beds for growing and a fantastic teaching kitchen for the children to use. We are very grateful to Mark Gaby and our Governors, our Project Team and Staff, who have all worked really hard to provide us with a fantastic new building that is inspirational, completed on time and within budget, not a bad achievement for this day and age! We just need all the children back to complete the picture and turn it into our school, Takeley Primary School.

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.

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

Sparklers meet on a Monday, but not the first Monday in the month and not bank holidays.

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



EARLY WARNING

(A date to remember)

Saturday 24th November

Takeley Christmas Fayre

Venue, Takeley Silver Jubilee Hall & Scout Headquarters

Time, 11 am – 3 pm

Take this opportunity to start your Christmas shopping, catch up with friends and sample one of H.E.A.L's all day breakfasts. Father Christmas will be taking time out from his busy schedule to do just that and invites you to join him. You will all be most welcome at this popular village event.



YOUR LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUB IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Takeley Football Club is looking for local people to volunteer a few hours of their time to assist the senior team during the forthcoming season:

1. A steward/kit man to assist the team during home and away games if possible. Duties to include putting the kit out prior to the match and ensuring kit is collected after the game.
2. A trained (or working towards) physio to work with the first team for home and away games. Expenses will be paid for away games.

If you would like to become part of a growing Club and have a few hours to spare, please contact the Club Chairman, Pat Curran on 07831 263339 for an informal chat. Job share will be considered for the above positions.

Indoor Bowls at Hatfield Heath

Indoor carpet bowls has been played in Hatfield Heath for some 20 years and is open to all from Hatfield Heath and the surrounding towns and villages. A league runs from September to May giving a sociable competition on those dark winter nights.

The game is played on mats 30 feet long and is open to all ages making it a good pastime for couples and different generations of the family. Most people can pick the game up quickly and, beginner or experienced player, we do our best to fit you into a team.

On Mondays at 4:00pm there is an informal session where members can arrange games among themselves or just practice and at 7:30pm and 9:00pm there are league games in teams of 4.

If you would like to join us just turn up to one of the sessions. All you will need flat-soled indoor shoes and £2 per session. The Club has bowls for you to use or, if you have them, bring your own.

Sessions start on Sept 3rd at Hatfield Heath Village Hall.

For further information call Bob Jones 01279 730741 or Richard Way 01279 730066



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Safety during the Summer Holidays

Keeping the kids safe and entertained over the summer can sometimes be difficult.

Whatever activities and events your children get up to over the summer, it is important to make sure they stay safe.

Children love playing outside during the long summer days and nights, it's natural for parents to relax their rules over the summer holidays.

However, it is a time when parents need to stay vigilant. Children are out playing longer, maybe discovering new levels of independence, meeting new people and trying new things. This means parents need to continue to keep a close eye on their children – parental responsibility doesn't stop when the sun comes out!

As a parent you should still know where your children are, what they are doing and who they are with and making sure they aren't out later than is safe for their age.

Here are some simple tips to follow:

- Tell your child to avoid talking to people they don't know when you're not around
- Make sure your child knows never to walk away with anyone without first telling the person in charge
- Make sure your child understands that they should always tell you if a stranger approaches them, and never to keep this secret
- If your child has to use a lift – tell them only to use lifts with friends, and not to feel worried about getting out if they are uncomfortable about someone else being in there
- If your child gets lost, they should ask for help from a police officer, another grown-up with children or someone working at a nearby shop
- Have your children learn their address and telephone number by heart

Takeley Beat Surgery

Your local Officer will be available at **The Station House, Sycamore Close** from **10am-12pm** on Wednesdays on the below dates for you air any issues or concerns you may have or just for a chat.

We look forward to seeing you!

5th Sep 3rd Oct 7th Nov 5th Dec

Contact your local officers:

PC Brad Healey

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

PCSO Joanna Trevail-Phillips

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

Telephone:

Non-emergency- 101

NPT mobile- 07989174801

Community Speed Watch

Are you interested in starting Community Speed Watch?

CSW is a traffic monitoring scheme that is co-ordinated by the police but managed and run by volunteers in the community.

The aim of Community Speed Watch is to address the problem of either real or perceived speeding. This is done in partnership with the community in order to reduce the number of injuries from road traffic collisions. Volunteers play an integral part of improving the quality of life for the community that you live within.

What are the benefits?

- The chance to increase road safety
- Fewer fatalities and serious injury collisions
- Enhancing the role of community members as volunteers
- Raise awareness of anti-social road use
- Increase Essex Police links with the wider Community
- Increase in road safety awareness by and for all road users

We are currently looking for Volunteers for Takeley & Little Canfield. If you are interested in volunteering or would like some more information please contact:

PCSO Joanna Trevail-Phillips, Essex Police, Community Speed Watch Trainer

Telephone: 07989174801 E-mail: 73377@essex.pnn.police.uk

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Tallen's Country Notes

I recall that I said in the summer edition of TCN that I was not too old to learn when it came to gardening, so I planted fewer bedding plants than usual and concentrated on those plants that produced nectar and pollen. Last year whilst on a visit to my sister, who lives in Kent, I acquired quite a variety of seeds from her garden, I scattered the seeds in my garden, hoping to bolster the flower display. I admit I had no idea what type of plant they came from. I used that old adage of sow the seeds and wait and see what comes up! Well! I was surprised at the result but not disappointed. The seeds that I had liberally scattered were growing and growing, at first I was convinced that the plants were poppies, but as the plants matured and buds appeared, instead of red flowers bursting forth a profusion of small yellow flowers adorned the plant. As I have said many times, birds I know about, insects I can hold my own council and mammals I'm better than most at recognition. However flora is a weak subject, as there's so many of them!

So, baffled by my floral display I consulted the reference books. I found out quite quickly that the plants were not the cultivated species I thought they were, so that leads me to look in the book of wild flowers with, I might say, with some foreboding as to what I had nurtured all these months. Turning the pages with increasing



trepidation I arrived at the pages for those wild flowers with yellow flower heads, among the many species and sub species were quaint names like; colts-foot, ragwort's, cats-ear and mouse-ear and goats-beard to name just a few.

After carefully looking at each picture several times and reading the description attached, then Eureka! There, staring at me was my plants, what I had grown turned out to be a display of common

sow-thistle (also known as smooth sow-thistle). At first I was deflated, but looking at the mass of yellow heads I noticed that darting from one flower head to another there were dozens of hover-flies, bees and other insects doing what friendly insects do and that is **pollinating**. I then realized that by scattering that mixture of seeds from Kent, I had achieved what I had said I wanted to achieve that was to attract more insects into my garden. Or was it divine intervention?

Tallen

“Singing from the Heart”

September the 19th cannot come soon enough, as that is when I would love to see everyone back in the Takeley Chapel having a fabulous night of fun with music. “What music?” do I here you say? Well let me tell you. A group of music-loving people got together a year ago this month and started singing together for one evening a month... (the third Wednesday in every month actually) from 7.30 until 9.30 with a cup-o-tea and a biscuit afterwards (or coffee if you prefer) singing all kinds of music unaccompanied by any musical instruments and under the expert guidance of our Natural Voice Coach Angela Denise.

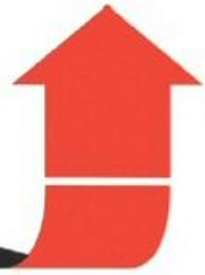
“But what kind of music is it you sing?” Well it`s folk songs from around the world, sea shanties, gospel, modern and some songs with no classification as no one has any idea who wrote them or what they mean, but they sound brilliant when we sing .

“How can you sing without music?” We sing in two, three or four part harmony, a bit like a barbershop quartet only bigger and just using our voices. Believe me when I say it`s not hard, it`s fun, it`s men and women, young and not so young and you would be meeting lots of other people from your village. Trust me you are going to love it and the price, you are going to love that too. It`s just £5.00 a session (including your refreshment) and every month is a fresh start so no falling behind or catching up to do. So put the date in your calendar NOW.

For more information you can contact me, Paul Burnett, on 01279870578 or 07721425965 or paul@pburnett1.orangehome.co.uk

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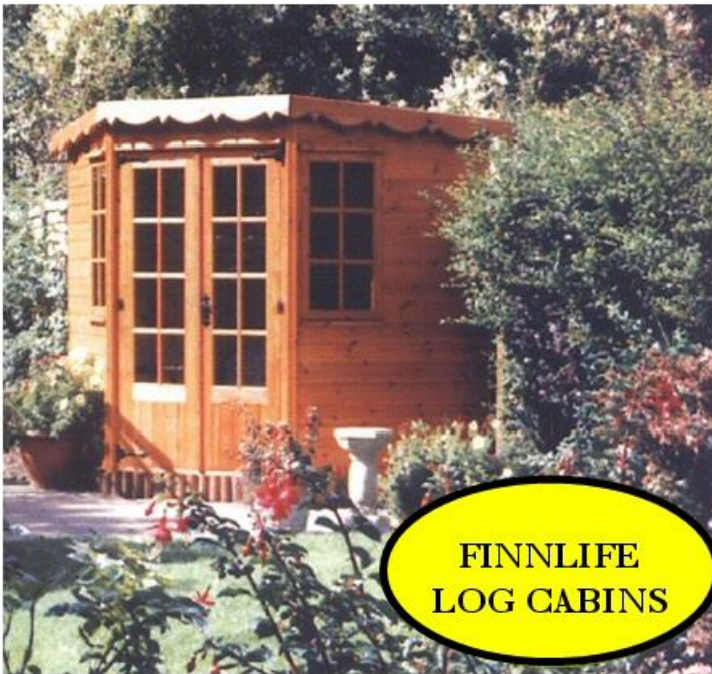


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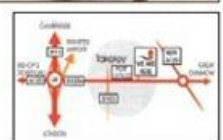
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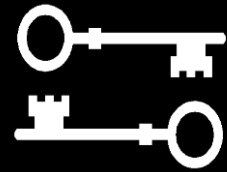


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TAKELEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY UNLOCKING THE PAST

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When I included the old and new photographs of Attridges in the last issue of this magazine who could have guessed that mine would be one of the last



photographs taken before the awful fire which has done considerable damage to the building. This shows how fragile our hold on these precious historic buildings is. This Grade 2 listed building dates from the 16th century and was at one time the village post office. Isabel Barltrop was postmistress and the house



was also home to the village blacksmith. Lets hope that the house can be saved for future generations to see.

The photo on the left was taken around about 1914 outside Attridges. Isabel

Barltrop is on the horse and her brother Laurence is holding the horse. Isabel's father, Frank Barltrop, is on the right. He was the last Brewers End blacksmith.

**Steve Hazon,
Chairman, Takeley Local History Society**

Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Friday 21st October 1876.

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION AT WARISH HALL, TAKELEY. *ANOTHER SUPPOSED CASE OF INCENDIARISM.*

Not many weeks ago we recorded two fires that took place in Sawbridgeworth parish - one of a very disastrous character, doubtful as to its origin, but in the second instance there could be no other conclusion than that it was the wilful act of some incendiary. And now, within the same district almost, it is our painful duty to publish the particulars of another alarming and extensive conflagration that took place on Sunday night last at Warish Hall, Takeley, and which, we regret to say, can only be attributed to the evil designs of some diabolically inclined person. The farm comprises nearly 500 acres and is the property of 'New College' Oxford, in whose hands it has been since the reign of Edward III, when it was known as "St Valery", a small priory having originally been founded here. It is situated about a mile from the 'Four Ashes' public house, on the left hand side of the road leading to Elsenham etc. The present tenant, Mr Pettitt, has held it for eleven or twelve years, and is generally looked up to with respect by all classes in the neighbourhood, the labourers themselves acknowledge him to be a good master and one with whom there has been no ill feeling or unpleasantness either at harvest or any other time. The house is a roomy old fashioned place standing on what may be termed an "island", seeing that it is surrounded by a moat tolerably well filled with water, and access to it is only obtained front and rear by means of a couple of bridges. The farm buildings were on the "mainland", between the house and the road, and covered more than an acre of ground, including the space taken up by several yards. They were remarkably spacious and commodious, and had only recently been renovated - in some parts rebuilt. The large barn was very capacious, occupying nearly the whole of one side of the premises, and was quite 40 yards in length and proportionately wide. Then there were ample stabling accommodation, cow houses, and long ranges of shedding, with every convenience and appliance that were necessary for the cultivation of a holding of this character. Such was the condition of things when Mrs Pettitt - Mr Pettit was away at Colchester at the time - and one of her sons and daughter and the domestic servants retired to rest on Sunday night between 10 and 11 o'clock.

Some time about the latter hour, however, and before they had completely undressed, Mrs Pettitt called her sons attention to a cracking noise as of slates or tiles breaking and falling down. He also had heard

the sounds, and upon looking out of the window they were astounded to see smoke and flames issuing through the roof of the barn already described. They were terribly affrighted, but the young man quickly nerved himself to action, and first of all set to work to release the livestock out of the yards and stables, which was happily safely accomplished; these consisted of a three year old horse, mare, three colts, a sow, 15 pigs, etc. Even this task was not effected to promptly, for the wind blew the fiery flakes across to the other side of the yard where some of the shedding was thatched, and very soon the whole of the premises were literally turned into one huge roaring furnace.

The stack-yard, which contained four wheat, three bean, one barley, and two hay stacks, is adjacent to that side of the premises, where the barn once stood, and three of the wheat stacks were within a few feet of the burning building. Two of these caught fire, and shared in the common destruction, and how the third, which was closest of all, escaped as it did with scarce a singe, is one of those things that "no fellah can understand" While the flames were thus making rapid progress, the alarm was spread on every side, but many people were locked in the arms of the drowsy god, and notwithstanding that the country was lit up for many miles around, the crowd was not so great as might be expected. Still there were plenty of sturdy fellows, willing to battle as best they might with the devouring element.

Early information of the catastrophe was dispatched to Dunmow, and the engine, which bears on it the inscription "Dunmow Fire Engine Association" was speedily dashing along the high road, in charge of Mr Scott, who was accompanied by an assistant, and Supt Elsey and Police Constable Mann. On arriving at the Hall, the spectacle was of terrible grandeur. The fire was at its fiercest, and there did not seem much hope of saving anything, except perhaps some of the stacks and the house, which though it could hardly be considered endangered, yet fears were entertained that it might be reached if the fire got the upper hand in the stack-yard, and here the engine was brought into play, and by its help and good generalship displayed in keeping the barn from falling outwards the flames were assuredly cut off from any further extension in the direction of the stack-yard, being confined to the two wheat stacks above mentioned. With the exception of the nag stables, granary, and an open shed, not long rebuilt, the whole of the farm buildings and their contents were destroyed, including all the barn implements, dressing machines, a waggon, etc. The large barn contained about 50 qrs wheat, 100 qrs barley, and 55 qrs beans, - in the straw, and 6 qrs wheat and 20 qrs barley thrashed out, some of the latter was put up in sacks ready for sending out. There was also a large quantity of barley straw, chaff, and seven tons of

coals, and the two stacks of rivet wheat were the produce of 28 or 29 acres - the whole of which was consumed.

As showing the eccentricities of even a fire - it was noticed that a wooden crib remained unscorched in the centre of the yard, and in the open shed that remained untouched and which was quite as much exposed, there was a pony cart standing, one shaft and the bottom of which was were burnt up.

Police constables Hitch, Smith (Great Easton), Law (Broxted), were on the spot, in addition to Supt Elsey and Police Constable Mann as already stated came with the fire engine, and rendered good service. The fire continued burning up to Wednesday, and was even then smouldering in places. The damage done ranges between £2,000 and £3,000. Mr Pettitt's loss being estimated at from £1,000 to £1,200. Mr Pettitt is insured in the Sun Fire Office, through the agency of Mr G.E.Sworder, Bishop's Stortford. An opinion is entertained that a corn robbery was being perpetrated on the premises at the time the fire broke out, and that the thief or thieves might have accidentally ignited the straw in procuring a light to assist him or them in the nefarious transaction. Whether this be so or whether it was the deed of an incendiary will probably never be known.

From the Village Recorder

Ponds, pumps and wells

The variable weather of 2012 has forced many people to think seriously about water. In this last year we have had much too little, followed by much too much, but we at least have our water brought to us from reservoirs by pipes. Our distant ancestors were not so lucky, and the existence of a water supply was a dominant factor in settlement patterns as water is essential to human and animal survival.

It is difficult to say now whether the many ponds in Takeley were natural, or the pits caused by the extraction of clay for bricks. Sadly many of these ponds have been filled in over the last century. Where some features called ponds exist they are in fact the remains of the many moats that were originally to be found in Takeley. A major "pond" is the one in Parsonage Road that was part of the moat surrounding the medieval Rectory. The other is in Bambers Green where Gardiners Croft has a pond to the east that circled what I believe was the original Banburies mansion. I admit this description is debatable, and dependant on a map of the reign of Philip and Mary that is also open to

question. Another possible moat is at “The Hoppit”, a very old site originally called “Seagers”.

Moats however appeared late in the history of the village, and we need to look at how prehistoric man found water. The two obvious sources are the River Roding and Pincey Brook. The other source would come from the sinking of wells, and Takeley still has many of these still surviving, although now obscured from view.

There is a fairly high water table in Takeley, although when Harry Piper moved into his first house he had to sink a well of some hundred feet to obtain his own water supply. Most people would share a supply from a well and later from a pump.

Takeley Street has wells that are still visible at Taylors Farm, and Pinkneys. Others that have been built over are at Joyners, the Green Man and Alma House. The well in the front garden of Aptons appears to be modern. The pump that used to stand on the south side of the road and is remembered by former residents may also have stood on the site of a well.

At Brewers End there is a well in the garden of Yew Trees. This was almost certainly part of the ancient Maltings there. The pump at The Chestnuts may have been on the site of the well that went with the Guildhouse. The house called Rose Cottage at Mill End has a concealed well that appears from the brick lining to date from at least the reign of Elizabeth I. We know that there was an older house on this site that burnt down.

As yet I am not aware of wells on Smiths Green and Jacks Lane, but as this was a populated area in the Middle Ages I feel sure that there were wells—possibly where the pump used to stand. Mole Hill Green must also have had wells although they were situated closer to the water supply from the Roding.

At Lower Bampers Green I am reliably informed that there are two very large wells at Frogs Hall. I have now made a tentative connection between the several names of Frogs Hall such as Mortivals and Sewers Hall, with the medieval and Tudor name of Cumwell Garden. Lower Bampers Green had a reasonably large population and was inhabited from at least the Bronze Ages. However it did also have available water from the River Roding. Since in Roman and early medieval times it supported pottery manufacture it must have had a reliable water source.

The date of the introduction of pumps as a water supply is not easy to assess. We know that when Yew Tree House was divided in half in 1804, the residents of the now Joyners had the right to draw water from a well via a pump in the yard. This pump still exists although it no longer functions. Pumps also still exist at The Chestnuts, and at the western end of Bambers Green. We have a photograph in the Brewers End book of the pump at Bonnigton Green with a young Phyllis Altham helping her mother to draw water.



These pumps did not provide free water to residents but had to be paid for to the company that had funded the creation of the well. I do not intend to go into this area now as it will hopefully be the subject of a forthcoming book by the Takeley Local History Society.

Nia Watkiss

TAKELEY FARMERS' MARKET

(first Saturday of every month)



A warm welcome awaits you when you arrive at our market. Product ranges vary from market to market but you are sure to find plenty of variety here at Takeley market.

Need something special for someone?

Before you visit the jewellers, take a closer look at our market. Maybe a cabbage is not forever and perhaps saying it with vegetables will not set your loved one's heart racing, but once you have stocked up on your weekly shop, why not look around our arts & craft for that special gift.

A celebration drink

Set the mood with a glass or two of local wines or beers, you will find a good selection at our market

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Bread

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Locally farmed meat

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Before you leave why not treat yourself to a full English breakfast reasonable priced and all our ingredients supplied by our stall holders.

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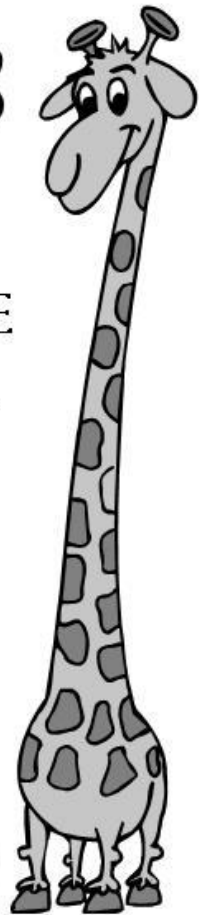
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Hatfield Forest Highlights

The Forest has been well-visited in the last few weeks with the uplift in the weather and this income has been very valuable coming on top of poor visitor numbers in the rainy months. Our summer holiday events for kids have had terrific take-up.

We have lots of fun activities available each Wednesday and had our annual Dog Fun Day event on the 24th August 11-3. We also recently opened our new discovery room. Come down and look at what makes a Georgian picnic, enjoy dressing up as a wealthy or peasant child, do some creative brass rubbings, hunt for bugs and then visit our Georgian Shell House.

We are also looking forward to our annual festival in the woods, 'Woodfest'. Come down for music, entertainment, stalls and interactive demonstrations. 'Woodfest' will be held at the Forest on the 7th 8th and 9th September.

In our shop we have recently introduced Red Poll beef, grazed on our meadows, 'Woodfest' T Shirts, fallow deer soft toys and on the way we have a Hatfield Forest collector's mug, designed and made by Alison Gardiner.

With the sell-out success of Roald Dahl's *The Twits*, back in June, we are keen to offer a little more in 2013 and have been making performance bookings accordingly. The Lord Chamberlain's Men will be performing Shakespeare's *As You Like It* on 9th June and we are very close to securing a children's play for August. Suffice it to say, 'WoodFest' will have its usual weekend in September which leaves us with space for an event in July, which we are looking to fill with an open air picnic concert by the Café, possibly something Jazz and/or Soul themed.

The boats have been well received on the lake and lots of visitors have taken bikes out from the bike hire centre. We have a range of children's and adult bikes available for hire and we have a number of children's tag alongs and trailers for your children.

The conservation teams are once again out clearing scrub around London Bridge and for information the sheep are currently up at Elman's Green and on the right hand side up the main plain when heading out towards South Gate.

Please keep dogs on leads near the sheep and cows and don't forget to keep the Forest clean and tidy by taking your rubbish home and flicking dog mess off the paths.



Things to do on the Forest for August and September.

- Hire a boat
- Hire a bike
- Dog Fun Day 24th August
- Woodfest 7th-9th September
- 50 things to do before you are 11 ³/₄

We also have the Great British Walk to come in September and October. Hatfield Forest has been chosen as a 'super tier' property so we will have increased marketing support and lots of walks for visitors to enjoy.

On a final note this year we are re-doing the oral archiving of people's memories of Hatfield Forest through the years. This will be held in the lake area on the 22nd September. If you are interested in learning some new interview skills and would like to volunteer please get in touch and equally if you have any have stories to tell call us on 01279 870678 or hatfieldforest@nationaltrust.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing you at Hatfield and as always thank you for your support.

Hannah Morrice
Visitor Experience Team Leader
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Book Review by Elaine Wyld

Me before You By Jojo Moyes

Although this story is a candid account of the experience of living with quadriplegia, there are moments in the story which are quite humorous. Jojo Moyes writes in an easy and flowing manner which makes this book very enjoyable and hard to resist.

The main character, Louisa, lives with her parents, sister and nephew in a small town in Wales. The ancient castle and maze are the main tourist attractions. Louisa works for Frank at the “Buttered Bun”, the local café. Most of the travellers who visit the nearby castle come to the Buttered Bun for welcome refreshments and the locals come to catch up on the latest gossip. Louisa has worked here for the past 6 years but her world changes unexpectedly when Frank decides to close the business.

At the Job Centre, vacancies are few. However, there is one position which might just suit Lou. Mr and Mrs Traynor, who live in Granta House in the grounds of the castle, are looking for a carer for their son, Will. He has been paralysed since being involved in a road traffic accident. Will is now wheelchair bound and lives in the specially converted stables.

Encouraged by her sister, and duty bound to financially support her parents, Louisa reluctantly takes on the position. She is employed by the Traynors on a six month contract to look after Will. Initially the relationship between Will and Louisa is tense, but as the weeks turn into months an understanding develops between them. Piecing together his life before the accident she gains an understanding of his difficulty in accepting his new passive, painful existence which is in total contrast to his adventurous and successful previous life. On discovering the reason her contract finishes in six months, Louisa is enthused to improve Will's outlook and challenges him change his decision to end his life.

Highlighting the serious subject of euthanasia, Jojo Moles interjects humour into the plot with comic dialogue between Will and Lou. Also set against this backdrop are references to Louisa's long term boyfriend, Patrick. He is a member of the Haloisbury Triathlon Terrors and his one ambition is to take part in the ultimate in cycle proficiency – Extreme Viking! As Patrick's 24/7 fitness routine cuts Louisa out of his life Will realises he has the power to enhance her life forever. This insight awakens his strategic skills and gives him a new purpose before he chooses between life or death.

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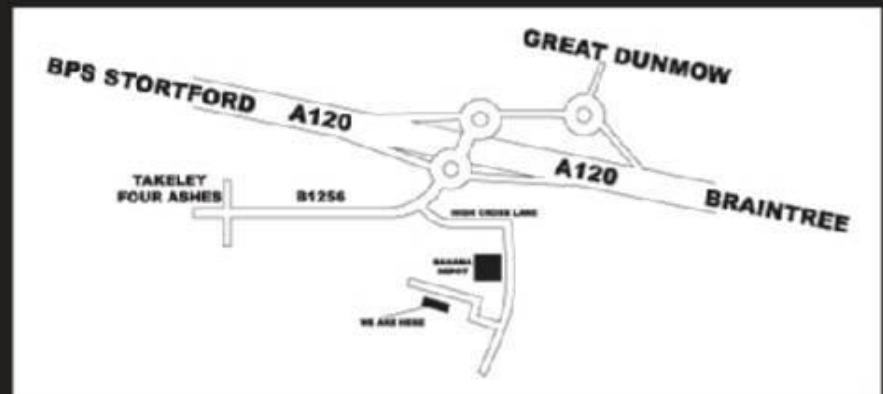
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The Newsletter was started up again in the autumn of 1998 (after an interval of some 10-15 years) as a result of opinion expressed in the Village Appraisal. It is designed to provide a free community magazine for Takeley Parish. It is intended that 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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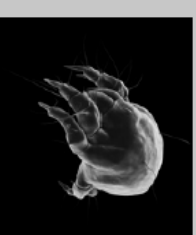
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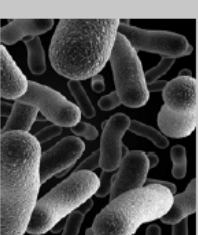
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