

# NEWSLETTER



**Autumn 2013 Issue No.60**



# TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

## 2013/14 TPC RESPONSIBILITIES:

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	REMIT	Min	COUNCILLOR(S)
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>			Carol Pratt
<b>VICE CHAIRMAN</b>			Richard Cheetham
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	Report & recommendations to full Council	4	Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt, Geoff Bagnall, Susan Sprules
<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>	Report & recommendations to full Council re Planning Applications, Stansted Airport, Housing Policy, SSE PC Liaison	4	Carol Pratt, Trevor Allen, Tricia Barber, Geoff Bagnall
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; TRANSPORT</b>			Brian Baldwin
<b>SPORTS FIELD</b>			John Green
<b>RECREATION GROUND</b>			John Green
<b>RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/LAND</b>	Rights of Way/Footpaths/Land Tree Warden, Flitch Way	2	Tina Domigan & Trevor Allen
<b>MOLEHILL GREEN *</b>	Green, Hall & Community		Carol Pratt
<b>POLICE LIASON/PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			Trevor Allen
<b>PUBLICITY</b>	Notice Boards, Website, Newsletter, Grapevine, Press		David Daykin
<b>NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION</b>			John Green
<b>REGIONAL/NATIONAL POLICY</b>	Including Localism Act		Geoff Bagnall
<b>PARISH PLAN</b>			David Daykin & Susan Sprules
<b>PUBLIC AMENITY WORKING GP</b>	Maintenance & improvement of public spaces	3	David Daykin, John Green, Trevor Allen, Sue Sprules, Pat Burnett
<b>EMERGENCY PLANNING</b>	Coordinating key contacts & resources		Pat Burnett & Jo Edmonds (Asst Clerk)
<b>SCHOOL HOUSE WORKING GP</b>	Consider the future (USE & Ownership)		Carol Pratt, Richard Cheetham, Tricia Barber, Pat Burnett, Tina Domigan, Trevor Allen

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

### TPC REPRESENTATIVES:

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

All roles confirmed & agreed TPC Meeting May 2013

This and back issues can be viewed on our website [www.takeleypc.co.uk](http://www.takeleypc.co.uk)

# Editorial

In which the editor fails to be Superman, nearly gets flattened by a police car and experiments with Roman fire extinguishers before succumbing to faery magic and an excess of caffeine.



“Upon the heat and flame of thy distemper sprinkle cool patience.” Well, that’s what came to mind when the editor in chief rang me in the grey glimmer of dawn which is what nine o’ clock is to any self-respecting grumpy. “Are you on fire?” he enquired with a delicate directness that would shame the most seasoned politician. I can’t recall quite what I said. Suffice to say that it probably wasn’t complimentary. Not to be deterred, my bearded tormentor refused to let me sink back into my natural sloth-like state and demanded that I rise and investigate the conflagration which he was sure was devouring my estate. I protested that I was not a reporter and that I looked nothing like Clark Kent. “Anyhow”, I argued, “I’ve lost my Superman costume and I’m too fat to change in a telephone box.” (Artistic license here. I only ever had a Superman *cape*. I used to wear it with a Davy Crockett hat and a ray gun. When I was seven years old, that is. And if that’s what you saw out of your window yesterday, it **wasn’t** me.) That cut no ice with my tormentor and I grudgingly rose and dragged on whatever clothes were to hand. This is how I usually meet the day.

I staggered out of my front door to be met with the sight of a pall of black smoke rising into the blue sky above the fields beyond my house. By now, I was in journalistic mode and ‘phoned my editor to explain that we were all safe. “But all the fire engines are going your way and there are police cars and ambulances as well,” he said in a fevered and breathless voice. “Go and have a butchers down Sarah’s Walk.”

By now I was reluctantly awake – well, one percent conscious. To refuse an order from the editor is to invite a midnight knock on the door by men in balaclavas! (I’m going to be sued!) I stumbled out of our estate and peered down Sarah’s Walk. Not even a damp fag end. I then proceeded (Note the professional journalistic style here) along the road and was nearly mown down by a succession of unmarked police cars hurtling through the traffic lights and onwards towards Bishop’s Stortford. They seemed to come on in an endless procession and I concluded that Something Very Bad must have happened. Having made my report to my editorial inquisitor, I staggered back for an espresso, a shattered and pallid cipher of humanity. Re-caffeinated, I

pondered what I had seen and wondered why all the police cars were going to a fire at warp speed.

You see, I had suffered severe cultural shock. It had been proved to my disbelieving brain that this mythical thing called a **morning** actually existed. I may recover some day, but don't hold your breath. I'm going to keep my eyes tight shut until noon in future.

However, I was fascinated by the sheer number of police vehicles that turned out to attend what turned out to be a large fire at a farm. What were they all doing? Maybe they were carrying supplies of eggs and vinegar.



Aha, I can see bemused looks spreading across your faces. Well, being an avid watcher of historical documentaries, I can tell you that the Romans employed a mixture of egg white and vinegar to extinguish fires. Sort of explains why Rome burnt down, doesn't it?

Maybe that's why we have fire eggsits.

It really works, though. I tried it out with my class many years ago. We put a candle out with the mixture.

But it does make you wonder what the criminal classes were up to when half the police in the county poured into Takeley ...

It was just the same many years ago when our gliding club was based at North Weald. Someone complained about a low flying aircraft and every police car from miles around converged on the airfield to park at the end of the runway where they were nearly hit by an aircraft that was trying to land ... Ah well.

I don't know about you, but I have found the summer heat almost unbearable. Finding it increasingly difficult to breath, I eventually gave up and obtained an inhaler from my doctor. But it was a lot more than heat that was causing my problems.

I was medically unfit to pilot a glider for some months this year (Another story) but was able to fly as a passenger. When you don't have to concentrate on actually flying, it's possible to enjoy the view and to notice all manner of things that normally pass one by.

During one particular flight, on a beautiful sunny day with an unbroken blue sky, I could look right around the horizon for sixty miles or so and see a dirty brownish blue haze hugging the ground, stopping at around two thousand feet where it was trapped by the inversion layer. That dirty haze was a cocktail of exhaust fumes, smoke and dust. Which is what we are all breathing in. I wished that everyone could have shared with me as a graphic example of the damage that pollution does to our health.

And another form of pollution is car parking.

As I wander round our estate, I am amazed and appalled in equal measure by the sheer idiocy of some of the parking that I see. Cars completely blocking the pavement or parked right up to junctions causing all manner of hazards. Abandoned rather than parked, I should say.

It's not all the fault of the drivers, though. When I was house hunting a few years ago, I went to look at the site of some new

properties being built near here. All the buildings in the cul-de-sac were going to be four bedroomed dwellings. I looked at the driveway of the house that I was interested in and thought that it looked rather short. "How many cars will go on the drive?" I asked.



"One point eight," came the reply. For a four bedroomed house. Imagine trying to insure point eight of a car!

I looked down the cul-de-sac and tried to imagine what the parking would be like. Then I walked away.

Planners and architects seem to believe that they can change patterns of behaviour like car

ownership by limiting parking spaces. Which is probably why town centres are dying and out of town shopping centres are thriving.

Many years ago, when Harlow was being built, the architect mainly responsible for the sparkling new town was appalled when the first incomers dared to put net curtains up in his ultra modern designer paradise!

Zoo designers generally do a better job. They research the habitat of the creature for which they are building the enclosure. Not that a town is a zoo. Oh dearie me no. Perish the thought. Mind you, my driveway has been very carefully engineered to ensure that every passing pigeon has a clear bombing run as it passes over my car and zooms up to sit on the chimney and have a good laugh. So the architect got something right. Well, for the pigeons.

Social engineering rarely works and it usually creates a whole host of unintended consequences.

Car parking can become quite a creative pursuit, though. In prehistoric times, when yours truly was a callow student, we hatched a plot to put the





geography lecturer's car in the swimming pool.

It was empty, you see. So we did, at one in the morning. Pity that whoever decided to fill the pool a little later never noticed that there was a car in it. Oh happy days.

And when we got blocked in by a Mini in a cinema car park, four of us simply lifted it up and moved it out of the way.

When I was even younger and incarcerated in a rather eccentric infant school, we children had an ancient Austin Seven in the middle of the playground for us to play in. Imagine that now!

Come to think of it, when I was at prep school, we had an equally ancient Packard shooting brake that we discovered in an old outbuilding and happily played in it. We all survived the experience and there wasn't a safety elf to be seen anywhere.

The all-time prize has to go to my mother, though.

She managed to reverse into the same car five times when she was trying to get out of a parking space in Cambridge. She left a neat row of dents down the side of the other car and, being my mother, drove off without leaving her name and address...

Mind you, she rammed a wall in another car park with me sitting beside her. "You've just hit the wall," I hissed in an accusing tone. She beamed at me. "I know, darling," she said. "I always hit the wall. I know I'm parked then." Hmmm.

And I shall never admit to my rearwards collision with the sub-station in the school car park.

It drove out and hit me. So there.

At which point I appear to have reached a natural conclusion insofar as I am in desperate need of a cuppa.

"The iron tongue of midnight hath told twelve.  
Lovers, to bed. 'Tis almost fairy time.  
I fear we shall outsleep the coming morn  
As much as we this night have overwatched.  
This palpable-gross play hath well beguiled  
The heavy gait of night. Sweet friends, to bed.  
A fortnight hold we this solemnity,  
In nightly revels and new jollity."  
Except that it won't be for another three months.  
Fare thee well, gentles.

**Paul Regeli, your grumpy and combustible contributing editor.**

# MEDIACOMS

## Aerial | Satellite | AV | Security

- Aerial Installations
- Sky Installations & Subscriptions
- CCTV & Security Alarms
- Freesat Installations & Receivers
- Audio Visual Installations
- Multiroom Music & TV Distribution
- Wireless & Wired Networks
- TV Wall Mounting Services
- Solar Panel Installations



01279 871 777 - 0800 587 2556  
6 Newman Road, Little Canfield, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1GR

## Free Sky+HD box

For both new and existing customers joining Sky+HD, set-up fee also applies.  
Pre-registration may be required. New Sky+HD households



You get all of Sky Sports with Sky

sky SPORTS 1 sky SPORTS 2 sky SPORTS 3 sky SPORTS 4 sky SPORTS NEWS

[www.mediacoms.co.uk](http://www.mediacoms.co.uk)

[info@mediacoms.co.uk](mailto:info@mediacoms.co.uk)

# 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](http://www.takeleypc.co.uk)

## **UDC Planning Decisions:**

Clr Linda Steer requested that TPC review the number of planning applications where TPC object to a proposal but UDC grant permission at the next meeting.

TPC agreed that it is important to let residents know that TPC is trying to protect the community, and has objected to any further large scale development. The community lacks the facilities, health services, and recognises a critical shortage of places at Takeley Primary School, which all renders further development of Takeley unsustainable.

The Clerk maintains records for the Planning Committee & will provide the data at the next TPC meeting.

## **Audit Commission Annual Return 2012/13:**

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had completed an inspection of 2012/13 accounts & did not have any concerns. TPC approved the Audit Commission Annual Return sections 1&2 and authorised Chairman Cllr Carol Pratt to sign on behalf of TPC. The Clerk will submit the completed return.

## **Insurance Renewal:**

The Clerk reported that insurance quotes were sought from 4 different companies. TPC approved the Finance Committee's decision to renew and update the current insurance policy with Suffolk Acre at a cost of £2251.65.

## **Takeley Cricket Club - Perimeter Fencing:**

TPC previously approved £1K funding for fencing at the Cricket Club in October 2012. The Cricket Club has approached TPC again asking for further funding. TPC asked that the Cricket Club's other quotes are made available to the Council before any further contribution is discussed. The Clerk will also contact DC Jackie Cheetham and Derek Jones in regards to grants that may be available.



### **Takeley Cubs & Scouts - Sponsorship for Annual Fete:**

TPC approved a donation of £200 for the Cubs & Scouts Annual Fete to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

### **Takeley Primary School - Sponsorship for Summer Fete:**

TPC approved a donation of £1000 towards the costs of the School Fete to be held in July.

### **Priors Green Stay and Play Group:**

TPC approved a donation of £1000 to the Priors Green Stay and Play Group.

### **Citizens Advice Bureau:**

Uttlesford CAB helped and supported 224 residents in Takeley and the Canfields last year. CAB is an independent charity and receives no central government funding.

TPC approved a donation of £750

### **Byway25 known as 'Jacks Lane':**

TPC approved the draft application to extinguish vehicle rights on Byway 25. The draft application will be sent to Euan Kennedy (landowner) for his comments and ultimately for submission to UDC.

### **Morrells Green – 2 x green spaces:**

TPC agreed to go ahead with the transfer of the green spaces without incurring the cost of searches. As TPC do not intend to develop or dig down into the ground it was decided searches would not be required

UDC has agreed to replace the dead laurels at Morrells Green in the autumn but not with field maples as suggested by UDC. TPC will go ahead with the transfer with an understanding from UDC that the soil should be prepared appropriately and the planting is of TPC's choosing.

**Parking on Priors Green** - TPC has received a further complaint from a resident on Priors Green in regards to the parking. TPC have asked the Police to make regular patrols of the area outside the Primary School. Highways will not adopt the roads on Priors Green until construction is complete. CC Barker has suggested a meeting in anticipation of Highways adopting the roads between TPC, LCPC, UDC Cllr's, ECC Cllr, Highways and TPS.

**Meeting with Takeley Primary School 16/5/13** – Cllr Carol Pratt reported that TPC took part in an information sharing exercise and updated the School on proposed and potential development within Takeley and the concerns TPC has in regards to lack of primary school places.

## **Highways Matters :**

Martin Peachy reported **Community Speed Watch volunteers** have conducted a lorry count through village. TPC have reported all information to ECC Officers and have asked them to put pressure on individual lorry companies re movements through village.

The group has completed monitoring of lorries to/from Elsenham tip.

This information has been relayed to ECC officers. Officers have confirmed that vehicles are operating within permitted vehicle movements & within the hours as defined in the planning permission. Operators have been made aware of this & asked to remind drivers of their conduct and speed control.

**Verges** - The cutting of the verges has been contracted out to Ringway Jacobs. Ringway Jacobs will not confirm when verges will be cut in Takeley. ECC cannot obtain a schedule from the contractor. Have asked ECC to confirm a date for Takeley. TPC agreed to invoke the complaints procedure with ECC as the service is poor. Highway Rangers have capacity for extra work so the Clerk has moved over as much work as possible to the Rangers i.e. village gates.

**Flooding in Roseacres** the Clerk has received 3 reports from residents. 3 agencies are involved; Environment Agency, County Council, Water company. The Clerk has arranged a site meeting with the EA officer for Wed 14th August to determine a way forward.

**Potholes:** due to a shortage of funds ECC is now restricting repairs to Major roads (P1 & P2).

## **ECC Winter Salt Scheme 2013/14:**

TPC agreed to sign up to the scheme for Winter 2013/14. Takeley do not require a salt delivery as currently have enough salt in reserve.

**Footpaths & Trees** - Cllr Tina Domigan & Cllr Trevor Allen wished to thank the ranger service for cutting back the growth on some of the footpaths making them usable. Cllr Domigan will invite the Rangers to the Cafe to thank them for all their hard work and to show TPC's appreciation.

## **Smith's Green - Cutting:**

TPC debated whether to approach the Lord of the Manor re the cutting schedule on Smith's Green. There are those that would prefer the green to have a more manicured look whilst others prefer a more natural look.

TPC agreed that a survey should be conducted to gather the views of the Smith's Green residents to decide what action (if any) is required.

The Survey will be included in the next newsletter.

The Clerk will inform LOM of TPC's actions.



**Recreation Ground refurbishment:**

TPC authorised the final invoice for the refurbishment of the recreation ground on completion of works. There will be an additional cost for the painting of 3 panel boards on the multi unit piece of play equipment. Spray painting the panels will cost between £50 - £100.

**Four Ashes Bus Shelters - refurbishment:**

The Clerk had requested quotes from 3 local companies who were all given the same brief.

TPC members compared and discussed the 3 quotes.

TPC members voted ( Cllr Daykin abstained), to engage Silvester Ltd and to accept the quote provided (£3928 excl vat) excluding the perspex/glazing to panels on the shelter outside the shops.

TPC has previously allocated £2500 towards the cost. The Clerk will seek grant funding for the balance of the project.

**Silver Jubilee Hall refurbishment** - Cllr Carol Pratt reported on the meeting held at the SJH on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 in regards to the planned refurbishment of the hall. The total cost of phase 1 works will be in the region of £125K - 130K, SJH Committee will be asking TPC for funding towards the project. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will be in 2014. The Clerk has suggested the Finance Committee should meet with Michael Coleman and John Monk to confirm the costs & explore funding opportunities.

**Youth project including skate park proposals:**

Cllr Linda Steer has sent a list of equipment that TPS specified in their skate park proposals to UK Skate Parks to cost as a steel structure. UK Skate Parks have completed works for other Parish Councils, Cllr Steer will find out who the other PC's are and will contact for recommendations.

The Assistant Clerk updated the Council on a recent meeting with Caroline Fuller, Clerk of Great Dunmow Council, in regards to her experiences with installing a skate park. Caroline has recommended a company called Maverick who installed a skate park in her previous parish. TPC agreed that in order to move forward 3 companies should be asked to attend the site and provide a design with costings.

Cllr Trevor Allen & Asst Clerk - Jo Edmonds have measured a suitable area for a future skate park on the Sports Field. Approximately the same size as the MUGA, exact location tbc

Asst Clerk has contacted 3 companies to provide design and quotes. She is facilitating site visits.

The Youth Club opening night has been postponed until the CRB checks have been received by TPC. TPC agreed that a 2<sup>nd</sup> volunteer can also be CRB checked. When CRB checks have been received by TPC a date can be arranged.

The Essex Youth Bus is not scheduled to visit Takeley.

### **LGBCE Consultation re warding in Uttlesford:**

TPC agreed to resubmit previous comments with an emphasis on the following:-

- TPC supports UDC proposal agreed 1/7/13.
- TPC supports the view that Takeley, Little Canfield, Broxted and Chickney could be grouped to create a members ward.
- TPC believes that communities should remain whole and not split between wards.
- Warding should not be about numbers, it should be about communities. To add Bush End to our ward would be artificial.

In this rural district it should be an imperative that whole communities are maintained thereby giving equal weight to criteria 2 & 3 to ensure a democratic process that best represents our residents thereby underpinning the fundamental principles of community cohesion and 'localism'.

**Asst Clerk - Jo Edmonds:** has reluctantly resigned from the Council effective October 2013. Her husband has been seconded to Australia for 2 years and therefore the family are relocating in the Autumn.

For further information about Takeley Parish Council please contact the Clerk or visit the website: [www.takeleypc.co.uk](http://www.takeleypc.co.uk)

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

Phone: 020 8270 1149

Email: [Takeley.pc@ntlworld.com](mailto:Takeley.pc@ntlworld.com)

## **SUPER FAST BROADBAND**

Sign up for better broadband via Superfastessex website. By doing so you are automatically entered into a draw to win a DELL XPS tablet.

The draw closes on 26th September 2013.

Please complete the online survey.

<http://www.superfastessex.org/>



# **EXCLUSIVE CARP FISHERIES**



**3 Lakes, ranging in size from 0.5 – 3 acres**

**Well stocked with mirror carp,  
common carp and tench.**

**Limited to 49 members.**

**Season tickets only.**

**For more information call**

**01279 718702 or 07831 865881**

# Compact Tractor Services

**Daniel Tamlyn**

Compact Mini Hedgecutter  
Lawn & Paddock Maintenance  
Include mowing, spraying &  
Re-Seeding  
Timberwolf Chipper  
Other Services Available

**Mobile: 07595 022204**

**E-mail : tamlynandson@tiscali.co.uk**

## Community Wellness Challenge

**Artiba!**  
WELLNESS CLUBS

We'll help you keep your weight loss resolution  
**Join the 12 week challenge today!**

**BIGGEST LOSER WINS £300\***

**SECOND PRIZE £200\* THIRD PRIZE £100\***

- Weekly weigh+measure
- Nutrition education
- Weight loss coaching
- Support and community
- Fun and friendships
- Weekly prizes+rewards

\* prizes based on 30 participants, classes limited to 40

*Lose Weight  
&  
Feel Great*



**New group starting \*\*\* SEPTEMBER 2013 \*\*\***

GREAT DUNMOW & BISHOPS STORTFORD

**Only £39 for the full 12 weeks!**

CONTACT ME FOR MORE INFORMATION. CHARLIE 07999 512292



# **PRESS RELEASE:** **TAKELEY VILLAGE HALL TURNS GREEN**

**Date: 23rd July 2013**

Takeley Village Hall Committee have completed the first phase of a three phase refurbishment and extension project. The project will reduce energy for the village hall and improve the facilities bringing the hall up to date with a more attractive, energy efficient and comfortable building.

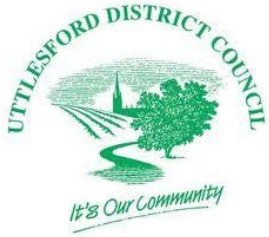
The Hall Committee Chairman, Mr Michael Coleman, stated "We are very pleased to be actively making a statement of our intention with the installation of a large solar PV project that will offset our annual electricity costs and contribute to reducing our operating costs. In addition it is also a statement as to our commitment to reduce carbon emissions whilst receiving the benefit of producing our own electricity".

The solar pv installation was designed and installed by local company Ecoliving East Anglia working with solar distributor Zenex Energy. Stuart Monk of Ecoliving stated, "My family have been associated with Takeley all their lives and I was very pleased to be able to assist in the first phase of an exciting project."

The completion of the installation is the first of three phases and the Committee are hoping to commence Phase II in early 2014. This will be a £171,000 investment to refurbish the hall's interior and improve toilet facilities. The scheme will introduce high levels of insulation to reduce heating costs and improved fire protection and environmental control. This will be the hall's first major refurbishment since 1958.

Phase 3 will be a new impressive entrance extension that will enhance and improve the overall facilities of both the village hall and the adjoining social and sports club.





## **LIVE IN TAKELEY? OVER 55? YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE WANTS YOU!**

If you're aged 55 or over and live in or around Takeley, why not give your local community centre a try?

The centre, in South Road, serves a two-course meal every Tuesday and Friday at 12.30pm for just £3.50-a-head.

Meals are prepared to a high standard by the resident cook using fresh produce and special dietary requirements can be catered for.

The dishes on offer include stews, pies, toad-in-the-hole, roast dinners and shepherd's pie with desserts such as crumble, bread and butter pudding, cheesecake and trifle.

Kitchen standards are so high that the centre has the highest possible score of 5 in the Food Standards Agency's hygiene ratings.

Regular outings are arranged to local garden centres and shows in the Great Dunmow area and there is a yearly coach trip to Frinton-on-Sea for a slap up meal.

A number of local clubs - including the Sparklers group, the Beech Close Residents' Association, Workers Educational Association, Needlecraft and Crocus Day Care (run by Essex Cares) - use the centre for meetings.

Community Centre Chairman Brian Baldwin said: "The Community Centre is situated in the heart of Takeley and has been an active part of the village for many years. You will always be assured of a very warm welcome. If you haven't been before, come along and try us out. I promise you that you will be pleasantly surprised! After all, where else would you be able to enjoy good company and a hearty meal for £3.50? I look forward to welcoming new diners on any Tuesday or Friday."

The centre is also available for general hire for celebrations, parties and meetings and has facilities for people with disabilities, including wheelchair access and a hearing loop.

To hire the hall for just £6.50 an hour contact Mick Williams on 01279 870932 or e-mail [michael.williams303@tesco.net](mailto:michael.williams303@tesco.net)

The centre relies on a team of volunteers and has many different opportunities for people wishing to get involved with their local community.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Chairman, Brian Baldwin, on 01279 870515.

For more information on activities call the centre direct on 01279 871198 or go to <http://www.takeleycommunitycentre.co.uk>

“LONDON. Michaelmas Term lately over, and the Lord Chancellor sitting in Lincoln’s Inn Hall. Implacable November weather. As much mud in the streets as if the waters had but newly retired from the face of the earth, and it would not be wonderful to meet a Megalosaurus, forty feet long or so, waddling like an elephantine lizard up Holborn Hill. Smoke lowering down from chimney-pots, making a soft black drizzle, with flakes of soot in it as big as full-grown snow-flakes — gone into mourning, one might imagine, for the death of the sun. Dogs, undistinguishable in mire. Horses, scarcely better; splashed to their very blinkers. Foot passengers, jostling one another’s umbrellas in a general infection of ill-temper, and losing their foot-hold at street-corners, where tens of thousands of other foot passengers have been slipping and sliding since the day broke (if the day ever broke), adding new deposits to the crust upon crust of mud, sticking at those points tenaciously to the pavement, and accumulating at compound interest.



Fog everywhere. Fog up the river, where it flows among green aits and meadows; fog down the river, where it rolls defiled among the tiers of shipping and the waterside pollutions of a great (and dirty) city. Fog on the Essex marshes, fog on the Kentish heights. Fog creeping into the cabooses of collier-brigs; fog lying out on the yards, and hovering in the rigging of great ships; fog drooping on the gunwales of barges and small boats. Fog in the eyes and throats of ancient Greenwich pensioners, wheezing by the firesides of their wards; fog in the stem and bowl of the afternoon pipe of the wrathful skipper, down in his close cabin; fog cruelly pinching the toes and fingers of his shivering little ’prentice boy on deck. Chance people on the bridges peeping over the parapets into a nether sky of fog, with fog all round them, as if they were up in a balloon, and hanging in the misty clouds.

Gas looming through the fog in divers places in the streets, much as the sun may, from the spongy fields, be seen to loom by husbandman and ploughboy. Most of the shops lighted two hours before their time — as the gas seems to know, for it has a haggard and unwilling look.

The raw afternoon is rawest, and the dense fog is densest, and the muddy streets are muddiest near that leaden-headed old obstruction, appropriate ornament for the threshold of a leaden-headed old corporation, Temple Bar. And hard by Temple Bar, in Lincoln’s Inn Hall, at the very heart of the fog, sits the Lord High Chancellor in his High Court of Chancery.”

— Charles Dickens, *Bleak House*



# Can the Uttlesford Highway Rangers help tidy up your town or village?

The Highway Rangers team covering Uttlesford consists of two trained highway workers with a well-equipped van and trailer.

Its purpose is to action requests for a variety of minor jobs received from town and parish councils which are not usually included in their normal maintenance programme.

The type of work that can be requested is varied, and includes:



- Removing overgrown vegetation from pavements or footways and cutting back overgrown verges and hedgerows
- Ad hoc grass cutting and strimming
- Algae removal and cleansing of non-illuminated speed signs
- Cleaning village name signs and public benches and
- Cleaning and repainting finger posts and historic village pumps

## How to proceed with making a request

**As a resident of Uttlesford you can request the help of the Rangers by submitting details to your local town or parish council of any item or area you would like to see tidied up for the benefit of your local community.**

**Your request, which can be made via e-mail or letter, should include brief details of the job and its location, your name and contact details (including telephone or mobile number) and, if possible, an image showing why the job is necessary. It's as simple as that.**

You have to make your request through your local town or parish council because it may have already been included in their normal ongoing maintenance programme. If this is not the case, however, your request will be forwarded to the Highway Rangers office and, if within their scope of operation, approved for action.

Please note - the Highway Rangers are only permitted to tidy up on land owned by Essex County Highways or by your town or parish council. They cannot act on private land. They do NOT repair potholes.

**Highway Rangers - Working for the local community. July 2013**

# **TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR**

### **A vacancy exists on Takeley Parish Council**

#### ***Do you want to?***

- **Get involved with your Community**
- **Have a say about local issues people care about**
- **Influence the way local services are provided**
- **Decide how local money is spent to improve your Community**
- **Keep the parish a place where people want to live, work and enjoy themselves**

#### **Making a difference**

A good and active council can make a big difference to the quality of life in the community it serves. In order to be a good and active council, however, it needs to have committed and enthusiastic councillors!

#### **Council Meeting and time commitments**

The council holds a monthly meeting of the full Parish Council. These meetings are important, as they are the place where decisions are made. The time spent will be governed by the individual's personal commitments. However, you must be prepared to serve your community to the best of your ability and you must be prepared to attend meetings.

#### **Who can stand?**

You can stand for the Council if you are:-

- 18 years of age or more
- A British citizen, other Commonwealth citizen, citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or a citizen of another European Union state
- And if:
- You are registered as a local government elector for the parish or
- You have, for the whole 12 month period up to the date of election, occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish or,
- Your principal or only place of work during that same 12 month period has been in the parish or,
- You have during that same 12 month period resided in the parish or within 4.8 km (3 miles) of it.

#### **How can I stand?**

Please contact the Parish Clerk expressing your interest before **1st October 2013**.

Further details will be provided.

**Clerk to the Council: Jane Heskey**

**Address: Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley, Essex CM22 6QA**

**Telephone: 020 8270 1149      Email: [takeley.pc@ntlworld.com](mailto:takeley.pc@ntlworld.com)**

## NON-SURGICAL FAT LOSS AND FACE LIFT CLINIC Now at Cyan Cosmetic Therapy

### **CRYOLIPOLYSIS (COOLSLIM)**

This revolutionary treatment, freezes, stubborn unwanted fat pockets, killing the fat cells **permanently** then allowing the body to eliminate them naturally. It is an effective, non-invasive and fully tested method of fat removal and as with liposuction shows results in fat reduction with lasting effects with 1 treatment. All this, without the risks of surgery.

- Abs, arms, love handles, buttocks, inner & outer thighs and backs

### **PERMASCULPT+**

Using the 3-in-1 combination of Ultrasound, RF and Vacuum Lymphatic Drainage, this procedure is the ultimate fast acting way to treat the face and body showing immediate effects. Radio frequency helps tighten existing collagen and stimulates new collagen leaving rejuvenated younger looking skin. Ultrasound is used to remove fat and cellulite. The VLD is most known for cellulite removal and skin tightening.

- Non-surgical face lift (excellent for jowls and double chins)
- Wrinkle reduction
- Eliminates unwanted fat and cellulite
- Body sculpting and skin toning
- Reducing Stretch marks
- Non-surgical breast lift

[www.cyanholistic.co.uk](http://www.cyanholistic.co.uk)  
[cyan.holistic@aol.co.uk](mailto:cyan.holistic@aol.co.uk)

### **EPISOFT IPL**

The latest, Intense Pulsed Light technology, performing hair removal and treating other skin conditions.

- Permanent hair reduction
- Acne
- Facial rejuvenation
- Thread veins
- Rosacea
- Age spots & pigmentations



Book now for your free  
consultation and  
special offers

**CYAN**  
Holistic and Cosmetic Therapy

01279 725322 / 07894 997456

Tudor House  
Wrights Green  
Lt Hallingbury  
Herts

CM22 7RJ

Credit cards accepted  
Gift vouchers available

Other beauty treatments offered



# **RESIDENTS of SMITHS GREEN, JACKS LANE & WARISH HALL ROAD**

## **Cutting of Smiths Green**

In recent months there has been debate about the condition of Smiths Green.

Some people like the green to look rural, and are happy that it is cut at the end of the flowering season (consequently the growth is quite long), others would prefer to see a more manicured green.

The land belongs to Mr. Kennedy, Lord of the Manor. With his permission the Parish Council wishes to gauge consensus before any change to the cutting schedule is considered.

Please forward your views to:

Email: [takeley.pc@ntlworld.com](mailto:takeley.pc@ntlworld.com)

or post: Takeley Parish Council, Station House,  
Sycamore Close, Takeley, Essex CM22 6QA

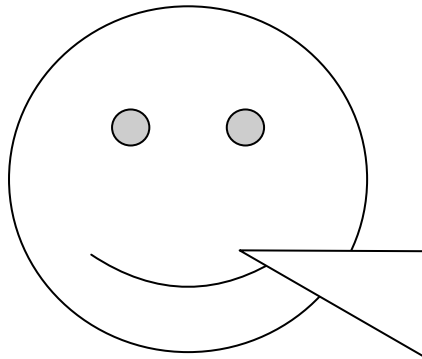
### **GP/HEALTH FACILITIES IN TAKELEY**

The Parish Council is opposed to further housing development in Takeley particularly because the infrastructure does not provide for the existing/enlarged Takeley village. We are particularly concerned that the new Takeley Primary School is already proving to be too small & there are no health facilities in the village. Residents travel to a wide variety of GP surgeries including Dunmow, Stansted & Bishop's Stortford.

**The Parish Council would like to hear your views on the provision of health/GP facilities. We would appreciate a short summary of any issues you have experienced accessing services.**

Email: [takeley.pc@ntlworld.com](mailto:takeley.pc@ntlworld.com)

or post: Takeley Parish Council, Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley, Essex CM22 6QA



## RECREATION GROUND REFURBISHMENT

Work is now complete.

The Parish Council has invested over £30k. New play equipment (up to 12years), new safety surfacing, picnic tables & benches, new fencing and path.

**ENJOY!!**



## 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!

**September 11<sup>th</sup>    October 16<sup>th</sup>    November 13<sup>th</sup>    December 18<sup>th</sup>**

### Contact your local officers:

PC Brad Healey

e-mail: [1712@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:1712@essex.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO Joanna Trevail-Phillips

e-mail: [73377@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:73377@essex.pnn.police.uk)

### Telephone:

**Non-emergency- 101**

**NPT mobile- 07989174801**

**Right up**

**your street**

Neighbourhood Policing Team



[www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)

# **£7000 INVESTED**

## **Dog fouling & littering**

The Parish Council has invested over £7000 to install more than 30 new dog and litter bins throughout the village. The Parish Council will also finance the ongoing cost of emptying & collections.

Please be aware that if you cannot locate a dog bin, dog waste can be disposed of in a litter bin providing that it is wrapped.

It would be of benefit to the entire community if everyone would please use the bins provided.

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

## **ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BUSH END**

### **\*QUIZ NIGHT\***

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**7.30p.m. at the Silver Jubilee Hall, Takeley  
Tickets: £8.50 (including supper)**

**Telephone to book table  
01279 871533**

**8 persons per table**

**Raffle**

**Licensed Bar**



# UTTLESFORD COMMUNITY TRAVEL

Registered Charity No: 1072529



Uttlesford Community Travel, a long established local charity based in Great Dunmow, is experiencing an ever growing demand for its services and is hoping to **recruit volunteers** to help in many areas of the organisation.

Uttlesford Community Travel supplies transport across the district to the elderly, the disabled or those who are rurally isolated and unable to access public transport.

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

**TRUSTEES**

**MINIBUS DRIVERS**

**DRIVERS WITH THEIR OWN CARS**

**OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF**

If you have a few hours you could spare to help with this rewarding work and would like to learn more, please call our friendly staff for more information. Training and support will be given for all positions.

**01371 875787 01799 519008 01245 279052**

Unit One, Flich Industrial Estate, Chelmsford Road, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1XJ

Uttlesford Community Travel A company limited by guarantee Registered in England No 3456224 Registered office as above

# **FAO: ALL SMALL COMMUNITY GROUPS**

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' SMALL GRANTS BUDGET**

You may be aware that District Councillors each have a very small amount of grant available to help local causes from the New Homes Bonus.

They would be pleased to receive any requests from local organisations within/serving Great Canfield, Little Canfield and Takeley.

So far discretionary grant allocations include:

- 1 £250 Buffy Bus - running expenses
- 2 £400 Gt. Canfield - contribution to village beacon pole and plaque
- 3 £ 90 Takeley Day Centre - assistance with new cutlery

Please contact:

**Cllr Derek Jones** email: [cllrdjones@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:cllrdjones@uttlesford.gov.uk)

**Cllr Jackie Cheetham** email: [Cllrcheetham@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:Cllrcheetham@uttlesford.gov.uk)

  
**OVENCLEAN.**  
*The original oven cleaning specialists*

*Ovenclean will transform your oven and put the  
sparkle back into your kitchen!*

*Local, friendly, professional, reliable, fully insured,  
eco-friendly cleaning, no fumes, no mess, no bother*

*Removes grease, fat and burnt on carbon deposits from:*

- Ovens
- Extractors
- Microwaves
- Ranges
- Grills
- Filters
- Hobs
- AGAs

*Produce this advert for a **£5 DISCOUNT***

Call Martin Stedman on  
**07794 259003**  
[www.ovenclean.com](http://www.ovenclean.com)

# LOSE WEIGHT NOW      ASK ME HOW!

Are you serious about achieving noticeable weight loss in the next 30 days?

## LOSE WEIGHT    FEEL GREAT AND KEEP IT OFF!

Naturally derived products  
Full customer follow up

Personally tailored programmes  
30 day money back guarantee

ASK ABOUT A 3 DAY TRIAL!

Contact Charlie 07999 512292    Email: [loseweight29@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:loseweight29@hotmail.co.uk)



# HERBALIFE®

*Independent Distributor*

Is your pet food weighing you down?  
Fed up paying high delivery charges?  
Special trip out just to buy pet food?

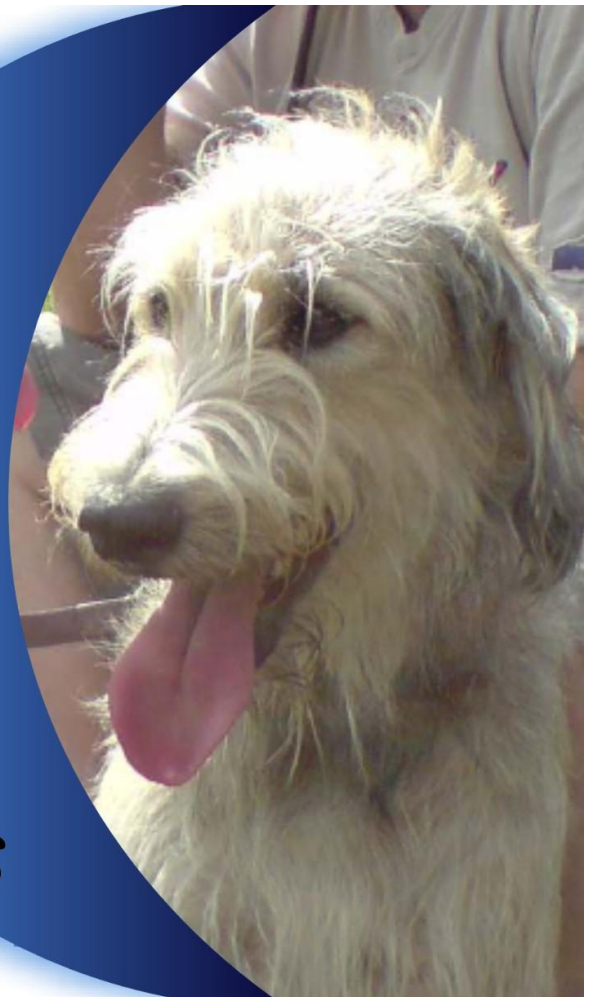
### Not anymore! We offer ...

- > Large selection of pet food, bedding and litter
- > Most pets catered for (from birds to horses)
- > Free local delivery on set days (see website)
- > Easy online or telephone ordering
- > Automatic re-order on request
- > New products added regularly - just ask!



## Half Moon Pets

07927 464142 / [www.HalfMoonPets.co.uk](http://www.HalfMoonPets.co.uk)





Chimney Sweep



**SAFER CHIMNEYS**

We know that your home is precious to you.

*Professionally trained, certified member of the*

*Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps.*

*Fully insured. All chimney & flue types swept.*

*Flexible appointments.*

*Insurance recognised certificate issued*

*on completion of sweep*

*For full service information or advice*

*please contact me anytime*

**Mob: 0787 030 4347**

**Email: john@safer-chimneys.co.uk**

**Tel: 01245 230929**

**www.safer-chimneys.co.uk**

**Binwash**

**wheelie bin  
cleaning service**

Schools - Pubs - Restaurants - Shops  
- Households - Village Halls  
Retirement Homes

- Try us for as little as £3 per month
- Professional equipment
- 4 weekly schedule or one-offs
- Same day as waste collection

**FREE!**  
**First Clean**  
**to new**  
**customers**



**www.binwash-uk.com**

**01799 529899**

**enquiries@binwash-uk.com**

**TEAM2CLEAN**

**www.team2clean.co.uk**



*Best Cleaners Around!*

*With a friendly, professional and efficient staff **TEAM 2 CLEAN** is the cleaning company you can trust to give a professional, flexible service to match your individual demands. Our services include:*

- ☞ Domestic cleaning
- ☞ Commercial cleaning
- ☞ Office cleaning
- ☞ End of tenancy cleaning
- ☞ Oven cleaning
- ☞ Carpet and hard floor cleaning

**CALL NOW:**

**07511 782 317**

**01279 655 318**

**E-MAIL:**

**cristina@team2clean.co.uk**

# “Singing from the Heart”

“What,” might you ask, “is Singing from the Heart?” Well not only is it a name that describes how we sing but it’s also the location from where we sing, that is, in the heart of the village of Takeley (well almost!). Sounds a bit profound and highbrow doesn’t it? Well I have to say it is nothing of the sort. In fact there is absolutely nothing highbrow to it at all. It’s just a group of people who enjoy making music using just their voices (a capella) and having a lot of fun at the same time.

That’s not to say that it is not challenging when groups of people are singing harmonies in different keys, at different times, whilst walking around a room and trying not to laugh so much as to stop you from losing concentration on the song you are singing ...that is challenging.

Make no mistake We Have Fun. The songs we sing are from all around the World. Folk songs and sea shanties, calypso and gospel, Afro Caribbean and native American, beautiful words and words with no meanings that come with enchanting melodies.

How can we create a beautiful noise? Well to do that we depend on our natural voice coach, Angela Dennis. She gets the best from all those she teaches; those people with musical skills and those people who just sing in the shower. There are no auditions, no sheet music to read and no concerts to prepare for, it’s just a night of singing for fun

On or around the third Wednesday of every month @7.30pm at Takeley Chapel

Here are two dates to put into your diary as we go into our third year. Our next session will be on the 18th September 2013 followed by the second session on the 16th October 2013

The cost is just £5 per session with a cup of tea and biscuit afterwards.

Have I whetted your appetite? Do you want to know more?

Then call me,

Paul Burnett 01279870578 [paul@pburnett1.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:paul@pburnett1.orangehome.co.uk)

# Graham School *of* Dance

Highest standard dance  
classes for children  
from age 3 – 7:

- **BALLET** (Royal Academy of Dance)
- **TAP** and **MODERN DANCE**



held on **MONDAYS** at  
the Silver Jubilee Hall,  
TAKELEY

Classes for older pupils, along  
with Street Dance, Drama and  
Musical Theatre for children 6+  
available in Bishop's Stortford.

Classes also in Stansted,  
Sawbridgeworth, Buntingford &  
Church Landley.

*We are a happy, successful dance school and our talented  
pupils regularly win places with national dance companies  
& schools such as The Royal Ballet School & Tring Park,  
gain excellent exam results, & take part in dance festivals  
and professional pantomimes*

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS & A FREE PROSPECTUS:**

Telephone: **01279 654423**

E Mail: **info@grahamschoolofdance.co.uk**

**www.grahamschoolofdance.co.uk**





**SMALL ANIMALS FOR SALE**

**DRIED, TINNED &  
FROZEN ANIMAL  
FOODS IN STOCK**

**FULL RANGE OF  
PET ACCESSORIES  
AVAILABLE**

**YOU CAN CONTACT  
MILLY ON**

**WWW.PETS-LOCAL.CO.UK**

**MILLY@PETS-LOCAL.CO.UK**

**OR YOU CAN FIND HER  
ON TWITTER &  
FACEBOOK**

**PLEASE EMAIL ANY  
STOCK SUGGESTIONS  
YOU HAVE TO  
MILLY@PETS-LOCAL.CO.UK**

**We are just down the road from  
Takeley Cross Roads & The Four Ashes Pub  
Takeley Business Centre  
Dunmow Road  
Takeley, Essex  
CM22 6SJ**

**07545 400443**

# 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. It is incredible to think that we have now been in our new building for a year. A lot has been achieved though as always there is still more that we want to do.

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 many areas, so well done to all. We are very proud of you all and look forward to hearing of your continued success at secondary school.

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 and girls' football team winning their tournaments. 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. As always we are grateful for your expertise and commitment. As for the arts, 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 'Shrek' which was enjoyed by many. Our thanks go out to everybody who helped with this production.

Looking forward to this year, we will be opening once again with two Reception classes. We were delighted with the progress that our last year Reception children, now year 1, made, especially with their reading and writing using our new 'Read, Write Inc.' scheme. We will continue to use and develop this scheme throughout the whole school this year, focussing on comprehension and spelling.

There is also the year 6 residential school journey to look forward to this term. The children will spend 5 days in North Norfolk focussing on outdoor education. This trip is always a highlight of the year for children and staff. Other aspects of our outdoor education also include gardening, Forest School, farm trips, bee keeping and this year building a willow dome.

Mandy Line

# The Station House Café



We are sponsored by the parish council and are a non-profit café for the community, which is why we can keep our prices very reasonable. We have a varied menu including ploughman's lunches, cream teas and new for the summer, jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings. We welcome walkers and cyclists and are dog friendly and pushchair friendly in fact we are just friendly, so please drop in and make use of

\_\_\_\_\_ YOUR COMMUNITY CAFÉ \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to volunteer your time maybe for the occasional hour or two I would love to hear from you, just pop in and have a chat or phone me on,01279 870578

Thursday 12noon- 4pm Friday 9am -1pm

Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley  
Off Station Road at the Four Ashes Junction  
(Sponsored by Takeley Parish Council)

## **WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK/COMMENTS.....**

### **CRUMPS FARM - GARDEN WASTE DISPOSAL**

Earlier this year the Parish Council accepted an offer from Edviron at Crumps Farm to provide a weekly facility for Takeley residents to dispose of garden waste. The cost to the community would be little or nothing saving almost £2k.

Now the season is coming to an end the Parish council would like to receive your comments so that it can consider arrangements for next year. Please let us know:

- Did you use the facility at Crumps?
- Did you previously use the Uttlesford skip service?
- Should the Parish Council continue the arrangement with Crumps Farm or would you prefer to pay for the Uttlesford green waste skip service?

Please email you comments to: [takeley.pc@ntlworld.com](mailto:takeley.pc@ntlworld.com)  
or post your comments to: Takeley Parish Council,  
Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley, Essex CM22 6QA



# **FLOODING IN ROSEACRES**

## **PM Friday 16th August**

The local Environment Agency Officer responsible for Takeley has been very supportive in recent months. In the past few weeks he has attended on site meetings with both the Parish Council & District Councillor Derek Jones.

There is a piped section with manhole access from the rear of Roseacres to Priors Wood Road and a piped section that has a manhole access that is in the garden of Priors Wood Court. The flooding last Friday was caused by a blockage in the manhole in Priors Wood Court.

D Cllr Derek Jones is going to ask Uttlesford Council if the chain link fence at Priors Wood Court can be moved slightly so that the manhole is not in the garden, which would enable us to get to the manhole without having to enter the garden.

The EA has also put in two requests for work on the stream, firstly that the piped sections of the stream from Roseacres down to the section at Priors Wood Court are jetted to remove any silt and debris from them, and secondly that small trash screens are installed at the entrances of the piped sections at Priors Wood Road and at Priors Wood Court. These screens will prevent objects like the log which caused the blockage last Friday from entering the pipes, this second request also includes making improvements to the screen in the garden of High Trees.

Derek Jones is also trying to locate a plan of the drainage system at the old primary school, which may show where the ditches at Leyfield drain to.

The EA are currently visiting the area on a weekly basis to continue maintenance & progress towards a permanent resolution



**XMAS FAYRE**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**SILVER JUBILEE HALL**

# **JOB VACANCY**

## **TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Assistant Parish Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer**

#### **JOB PURPOSE**

The Assistant Clerk to the Council will support the Clerk to the Council who is the Proper Officer and employee of the Council and as such is under a statutory duty to carry out all the functions of a local authority's Proper Officer and in particular to serve or issue all the notices required by law of the Proper Officer of the Council.

The Clerk advises the Council on, and assists in the formation of, overall policies to be followed in respect of the Authority's activities and in particular to produce all the information required for making effective decisions and to implement constructively all decisions.

#### **LOCATION**

The Assistant Clerk will be based at Takeley Station House. Some home working is expected.

#### **DUTIES WILL INCLUDE:**

- Preparation of agendas, detailed reports and associated documents in preparation for meetings
- Coordination of responses arising from meetings and forwarding to relevant recipients/bodies
- Attendance of Council and Committee meetings, production of minutes and implementation/actioning of recommendations and resolutions
- Dealing with enquiries and issues arising from the public by phone, email, letter and face to face
- Deputising for the Clerk including the day-to-day running of the office
- Accurate record keeping and administration
- Maintaining the Council's finances on a day to day basis
- Ad hoc administrative and project based duties
- Maintain public information (notice boards, newsletter, website etc)
- To attend training courses or seminars on the work and role of the Clerk as required by the Council.

#### **THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE SHOULD HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:**

- Administration/secretarial skills

- IT skills, particularly Word & Excel
- Customer-facing skills
- Understanding of finance and accounting processes
- A flexible approach to hours of work and day to day duties and responsibilities

## **CONTRACT**

The normal working hours of the Asst Clerk/ RFO are 15 hours per week

The working week will also include some ad hoc evening meetings  
Permanent contract, subject to NALC Guidelines.

## **SALARY SCALE**

Scale LC1 & LC2 SCP 18-22 £9.009 - £10.300 per hour

The following would be an advantage although not essential:

- Previous experience of working in Local Government or Public Sector environment
- CILCA qualification

**This is an interesting and varied role and a great opportunity to be involved in the local community.**

**Closing date for applications: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Interview date: **October/November 2013.**

Further details available from: [takeley.pc@ntlworld.com](mailto:takeley.pc@ntlworld.com)

***Takeley Ironing Services***

**01279 871 245**

The Centre, Dunmow Road Takeley Herts CM22 6SH



Wash, dry and iron  
Duvets and pillows laundered  
Free hangers and packaging  
Professional and efficient service  
Competitive prices

For all your domestic and commercial laundry

**FREE COLLECTION AND DELIVERY**



THE

# TAKELEY 10K

+ 1 mile Childrens' Fun Run 

- Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd (m/f)  
1st Veteran (m/f)  
1st Super Veteran (m/f)
- T-Shirt to all finishers
- Marshalls & First Aid
- Water Station
- Strict limit of 300 entries
- 90% Off-Road Route

## ENTRY FEES:

£14 for 10k

Donations (on the day) for  
1 Mile Childrens' Fun Run

11am – 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

SPONSORED BY:



**PESTELL & CO**

ESTATE AGENTS

BISHOPS STORTFORD

01279 656400

**GE&AF SILVESTER LTD**

TEL (01279) 870577

**RP**

Russell Publishing

Sponsorship Enquiries please call Tim De-Ats 07585 506306

**Entries: [www.entrycentral.com](http://www.entrycentral.com)**

ENTRIES OPEN 10th MAY

For more information visit our website [www.takeley10K.co.uk](http://www.takeley10K.co.uk)

**Queries: [takeley10K@hotmail.com](mailto:takeley10K@hotmail.com)**

All funds in aid of Takeley Village Hall & Social Club redevelopment project



# Takeley Cricket Club August 2013



The 2013 league season has just come to an end and Takeley CC only have Sunday friendly fixtures remaining. The 1<sup>st</sup> X1, after a mixed season, ended in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the table, and look forward to playing local teams from Molehill Green and Hatfield Heath (promoted from Div 3) plus Dunmow and Farnham (both relegated) next season.

After 2 wins in their final games, the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 saved themselves from relegation with a final day win over Thundridge which sent the opposition down. Congratulations to all involved.

Fielding two sides every Saturday, especially during the school holiday weeks, is never easy and my usual pleas goes out, even at this time of year when the season is just about over, that we would very much like to hear from new players, especially if you have recently moved into the area. We have Sunday fixtures through to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, so if you would like to play, please contact our Captain, Chris Thake on 01279 757549, or complete a contact form on our website, [www.takeleycc.co.uk](http://www.takeleycc.co.uk).

For those not interested in playing, but up for a different type of challenge, our autumn fund raising next quiz night will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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**  
Hon Secretary

## TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETING SCHEDULE 2013

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

<b>OCTOBER</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>DECEMBER</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
---	--	--



# Tallen's Country Notes

After two hard winters and cold wet summers it was a joy to be able to sit out in the garden and soak up the sun. Mind you we wouldn't be British if we didn't find it too hot, but then that never bothered me as I would rather it be too hot than too cold. Any regrets that I have would be the non spring-like weather that we encountered at the beginning of the year. It seemed we went from winter to summer in a week. When the summer did arrive I think it caught a lot of people by surprise as we had forgotten what a long summer's day was like.

There were some benefits to the cold spring. The snail and slug population that usually devastated the young green shoots were sparse. In some gardens slugs and snails were non-existent. This was welcomed by the avid gardener but it was not welcomed by the thrush and hedgehog who find the gastropod mollusc a very tasty meal.

The frog population has increased and again, like most things this year, their mating was delayed. Whereas it is normal to have spawning in February it wasn't until late March that any spawn appeared in the pond.



The house martins did not arrive until Friday 17 June at 10:50 am. This is very late. Just to see them was a joy as I was convinced that they would not be coming back at all. They raised a brood but then in the last week of July all three families left. One day they were there, the next gone. This is rather worrying.



As the summer was turning out not to be a five day wonder, I for one revelled just sitting in the sun watching the *to-ing and fro-ing* of sparrows bringing their fledglings to the feeders, and watching the youngsters trying to figure out how to acquire the seeds. It didn't take them long to gain 'the knowledge'. They were joined by goldfinches, blue tits and great tits. Also for the first time greenfinches, who are now regular visitors. It appears that they have had two broods.

The biggest joy is the increase of insects in the garden. I do believe that the small area of wild flowers that I introduced over the years is at last paying off. The common sow thistle that I grew last year (in mistake for something else) once again sprang up and had to be controlled, together with a patch of white dead nettle and rosebay willow herb which grows around the wildlife pond,

providing a natural floral attraction to hover flies, many species of bees and lots of little black bugs.



With the influx of these creatures it was amazing how many different types of bee there were. I always thought a bee was a bee but upon looking in my reference book on insects I discovered that there were solitary bees, miner bees, honey bees, cuckoo bees and bumble bees. The latter are prefixed *Bombus*. My heighten interest allowed me to identify four different species of bumble bee in the garden, which included a small population of what I think was *Bombus Lapidaries* who had taken up residence in a disused bird box.

With Autumn approaching I hope that this fine weather continues a little longer. My reasons are it makes the winter a lot shorter and more bearable. It was suggested that I should take a course in how to hibernate. I tried but I could not get the hang of keeping the hazel nuts in my mouth without choking!

*Tallen*

## MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Effective 1st July 2013

Wednesday visits fortnightly (week 2)			
Dates	Location	Arrives	Departs
Jul: 4, 18, Aug: 1, 15, 29, Sep: 12, 26, Oct: 10, 24, Nov: 7, 21 Dec: 5, 19, Jan: 2, 16, 30, Feb: 13, 27, Mar: 13, 27, Apr: 10, 24, May: 8, 22. June: 5, 19	Takeley Caravan Park	11.40	12.20
	Takeley Street, Coppice Close	13.40	13.55

Friday visits fortnightly (week 2)			
Dates	Location	Arrives	Departs
Jul: 6, 20, Aug: 3, 17, 31 Sep: 14, 28, Oct: 12, 26 Nov: 9, 23, Dec: 7, 21 Jan: 4, 18, Feb: 1, 15 Mar: 1, 15, Apr: 12, 26 May: 10, 24, Jun: 7, 21	Priors Green Community Hall	9.45	10.15
	Molehill Green The Post Office	13.50	14.05
	Takeley Priors Wood	14.40	15.35

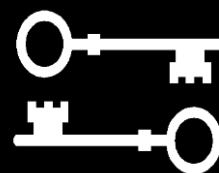


# TAKELEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## UNLOCKING THE PAST

<http://tlhs.org.uk>

[chairman@tlhs.org.uk](mailto:chairman@tlhs.org.uk)



Our next meeting will be on 17th September, 7.30pm at Takeley Primary School and the speaker will be Tim Turner of Sworders Auction Rooms. His new talk is entitled "A Nice Cup Of Tea". Our AGM will be on 19<sup>th</sup> November. As always, all are welcome.

Genealogy is one of the most popular hobbies worldwide and anyone who has researched their family tree in this country will know just how important past Census information is for discovering what occupations your ancestors carried out, where they lived, their ages and in some cases just finding their existence. Now we hear that the Government is planning to scrap the Census, possibly as soon as 2021.

We have been collecting Census data for 180 years now (apart from during the Second World War). It gives us an accurate snapshot on one day of who lives where in the country, what occupations are being carried out, unemployment levels, size of households, how mobile the population is, health and religion (an increasing number of Jedi Knights in recent years).

No doubt the reason given for scrapping the Census will be cost saving, but data collected by other means is often incomplete and prone to bias. And why would it be biased? Well, we must remember that any government has the aim of being voted in at the next election in mind and is unlikely to deliberately commission a survey that may highlight failure to achieve their goals or contradict their official figures.

As an example, the 2011 Census provided some embarrassingly large anomalies between the size of the population that the Government offices had been predicting and actual figures. They were half a million out in their estimate. Whether this was by design or as a result of genuine error it highlights the need for accurate figures to be obtained.

So, apart from reliable statistics on the state of the country, what would we be losing? From the family history point of view we will be denying our descendants a valuable resource in tracing their family trees and discovering something about their family. Perhaps in the world today,

with today's values, we shouldn't need to look back at our ancestors, but millions of amateur genealogists and family historians would not agree. People increasingly feel a need to understand their origins and the ancestors whose DNA makes us what we are today.

But there is an even stronger argument for the Census information being collected and made available.

When I was at school I didn't really get history. Unfortunately Taffy Davis, our history master, did not manage to inspire me at all. But I do remember one thing he told us and that was along the lines that we should learn from history and use the information to influence the way we live today. In retrospect pretty simple, obvious, stuff but a lesson that is often forgotten. And here's the point; if we are denied the absolute facts of the current state of the country, if other, less accurate, methods are used to record incomplete historical facts, how will we be able to apply that in the future? The information that we will base future decisions on will be incomplete and flawed.

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

## ***Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon***

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 13th September 1902.

### **TAKELEY - DOG WITHOUT A LICENCE.**

William Johnson, labourer, of Takeley, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence. P.C. Watson said that on August 17th he met defendant with a dog in Takeley Street. Defendant said he had a licence, but when asked to produce it he first said it was in London, and afterwards said he was going to take one out the next day. Defendant said a friend of his named Foster came from Walthamstow on Bank Holiday and asked him to keep the dog for a week or two. After about a fortnight his father took it back to Foster. Cross-examined witness admitted that he told the policeman the dog belonged to him and did not say it belonged to Foster. The Chairman said he should have called Foster if he wanted to make good his case.

He must pay 7s 6d and 4s costs.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1905.

#### NUTTING IN HATFIELD FOREST.

George Eldred, Alfred Eldred, Walter Sapsford and Walter Reed, labourers of Birchanger, Elizabeth Vale, Jane Sapsford and Emma Phillips, married women, of Birchanger, Joseph Reed, and George Carter, alias Moore, labourers of Bishop's Stortford, were summoned for damaging underwood, to the value of 1d, the property of Colonel Archer Houblon, they pleaded guilty.

Herbert Coles, under-gamekeeper in the employ of Colonel Houblon, said that on 18<sup>th</sup> September, in company with other gamekeepers, he searched Hatfield Forest and came upon Reed and Carter. Later in the day they found the other defendants there. The defendants were picking nuts and the underwood was badly broken down. Defendants denied they did the damage. Reed and Carter, against whom there was a long list of convictions, were each fined, with costs, 8s 1d, and the other defendants were each fined, with costs, 7s 1d.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

#### SUSPECTED OF POACHING AT TAKELEY.

Herbert and Ambrose Rogers, labourers of Bambers Green, Takeley, were summoned on suspicion of being in search of game and having snares and a catapult, at Takeley on 30<sup>th</sup> November. P.C. Reynolds said he met the defendants on the footpath by the side of a wood, and from their condition suspected them of poaching and searched them. On Herbert Rogers he found two snares and on Ambrose Rogers a catapult and several small stones. For the defence, Herbert Rogers said he did not know he had the wires on him, nor did he know how to set them (laughter). They were given to him months ago. Ambrose Rogers said he found the catapult some months ago and put it in his pocket, He had forgotten that he had it. The Chairman said the evidence was not clear that the defendants had used the implements, and the case was dismissed.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1905.

#### A WOUNDED PHEASANT.

Isaac King, 70, labourer, of Broxted, was summoned for being suspected of coming from land where he had been in search of game and having in his possession a pheasant, on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. P.C. Reynolds said he met defendant in the road at Brick End, Broxted, Noticing pheasant's feathers protruding from his pocket, witness searched him and found a dead pheasant. Its neck was broken, and it was warm. He asked defendant how he accounted for it, and the reply was that his wife had been in Easton Park for some wood and found the pheasant there and brought it home. Witness told defendant he lived next door to a gamekeeper and should have handed the bird over to him; and defendant replied that he had not thought of that.

Defendant said his wife found the pheasant, it was wounded, and he killed it. He was over 70 years of age, and had been nearly blind for nine years. He had never been in Court before, and he hoped the Magistrates would look over it this time.

Defendant was fined 1s, and in default was sentenced to one day's imprisonment, which meant that he was discharged at the rising of the Court.

# From the Village Recorder

## **What did the Romans do for us?**

The first thing that springs to mind for most of us is that they built our roads. This however assumes that the highly organised tribes of the late Iron Age did not travel at all. As I suggested in my last article, Stane Street was not a Roman creation. This road with Cobbs Lane and Jacks Lane were quite likely to have been well established routes by the time of the Roman invasion in 43 A.D. From the very earliest times of human existence we have travelled—from Africa to Asia and Europe, and then across Europe to Britain. People travelled to find new land, food, to trade and to join in major celebrations of the annual solar events. Archaeology has revealed many well-constructed pre-Roman routes.

So what did the Romans do for us other than conquer us? Well, they did reconstruct many routes to create faster access between forts and towns. Indeed they did create some new roads between new settlements. They eliminated some difficult aspects of existing routes in favour of reasonably straight flat roads. Stane Street was probably reconstructed to allow two sections of an army to pass each other easily: ditches and banks helped to keep roads dry. The surface had to withstand wheeled traffic, horses and the wear and tear from marching feet.

The Takeley section was not covered in thin rectangular brick tiles as Les Frost has suggested but by locally sourced gravel impacted down to create a hard surface. This is why the Saxons called it “Stane”, or stone, Street. Way stations were set up at the intervals of a day’s march and some of these developed into small towns. Houses, shops and smithies would have sprung up to service the moving armies. These fast, efficient routes were essential to the Romans if they were to maintain their hold on a potentially rebellious population. The Boudiccan revolt showed clearly how vital it was for armies to be able to move rapidly over wide areas. There is no way of telling if the Trinovantes from Takeley joined in this ultimately unsuccessful rebellion but the whole area tended to be pro-Roman. There is a story, for which I cannot find the evidence, that Claudius brought his elephants down Stane Street on his way to Colchester.

Remains from the Roman period have been found on both sides of Takeley Street. A second century bronze ring was found in the garden of Yew Tree Cottage. There may have been a smithy at the bottom of the hill where the old Reindeer public house stood on the site of a very much earlier smithy. Unfortunately, the large collection of pottery from the huge well at the rear of the house was lost before we managed to access it.

Still staying in the material world the construction of houses underwent a change. Rectangular buildings were increasingly to replace the old round houses. The upwardly mobile native British replaced their farmhouses with villa type constructions. These often contained bath houses, wall paintings



and central heating. Although some of the more prestigious villas were occupied by “Roman” officials, the occupants were often ambitious Britons who were readily adopting the new fashions. Only one skeleton found in England that has been analysed for its place of origin has revealed a genuine Roman and this was a young woman found in London. Most “Romans” originated in the vast Empire and not in Rome itself.

Two places near Takeley have been identified as villa sites, although one is actually in Little Canfield, right on the border by the River Roding just north of Little Canfield Hall. The outline of this is clearly visible in aerial photographs. The Roding valley expanded even more under the period of Roman occupation. Recent excavations have discovered pottery kilns, evidence of metal working and farming. Walking over the site before it was reconstituted revealed pottery fragments and bits of hypocaust systems everywhere underfoot. Increased traffic on Stane Street would have encouraged trade contacts. Drainage ditches dug over earlier material showed an attempt to control the Roding flood plain. Roman burials to the north indicate a nearby population not as yet discovered. Unlike the Iron Age inhabitants the Romans who occupied the land did not bury bodies close to habitation but out on the fringes of where they lived. The name “camp” found in field names in Takeley is said by place name experts to indicate “open uncultivated land on the edge of a Romano-British settlement”.

The other more tentative villa site is on the east side of the entrance to Church Lane. Certainly in the 19<sup>th</sup> century a rich find was discovered close by that contained Samian pottery and glass items. Also there is the very large number of Roman roof tiles to be found embedded in the walls of Takeley church and scattered in the graveyard. Some archaeologists have suggested that the occupiers of the villa, either Roman or British, had replaced the Iron Age shrine with a more substantial building where the church now stands. It is considered very unlikely that these tiles had been imported from elsewhere and there are too many of them for their presence to be explained by manuring. A site on a flat area overlooking a gentle slope down to a brook was a favourite place for a villa.

In this period agriculture was spread over the whole village as is recorded by the remains of Roman fields that have been discovered. Our neighbours were also flourishing as is shown by the discoveries in Dunmow where some fascinating objects have been discovered. An even more outstanding object was found in a cremation site at Elsenham by Gordon Barker. This “pyxis”, or small decorated box, is one of only 10 found worldwide and represents an owner of very considerable wealth.

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight\\_objects/pe\\_prb/p/pyxis.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/highlights/highlight_objects/pe_prb/p/pyxis.aspx)

The nearest really large settlement was Colchester but this was one of the most prestigious in the country and its access to other places would have been partly along Stane Street.

Effective Roman rule in Britain lasted some 350 years. By 400 A.D. Rome had too many problems from waves of migration nearer home to be able to concern itself with Britain. By the time of the famous appeal for help to Aetius in 446 A.D., the east coast of England had already experienced the arrival of newcomers from northern Europe. The name "Essex" suggests that these new immigrants from Saxony were to become the dominant Saxon force in our area. This does not mean that they wiped out the indigenous population, or indeed were numerically superior to them. History has many examples of a minority force dominating a majority population. William the Conqueror and the English in India are just two of these. The fact remains that in Essex almost all area place names are from the Saxon tongue and not the British. Only the Walden of Saffron Walden and a few other names reflect the existence of the indigenous population. River and mountain names are said to relate to earlier inhabitants but this does not apply to Pincey Brook, or to the Roding which is a "back fill" name i.e. it takes its name from the villages called Roding and not vice versa.

Our next section has the problem of looking at the 620 years after the departure of the Roman army to arrival of the Norman army. Again this covers a period of vast change, but one that has left an impression on the structure of society even today. I call it a problem as the known facts for Takeley would fill about two sentences. Unfortunately, unlike the Romans, the Saxons in Takeley left very few signs of their presence.

**Nia Watkiss**



## **Welcome to Takeley Farmers' Market**

Welcome back after our summer break.

The number and mix of stall holders may vary throughout the year but we endeavour to provide a wide variety of produce at all times. For all your fresh local produce and handmade crafts, reduced food miles, reduced packing; shop local.

To complete your shopping experience visit our thriving refreshment kitchen that is run by local charities and community groups for fund raising.

You may not wish to be made aware of this yet but, at the time of writing, there were only 111 days until Christmas... or... four more Farmers Markets. So pop in and place your order for turkey, pork and Christmas cake now and beat the rush.

**Our next market is on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October at the Silver Jubilee Hall Takeley  
9.00am – 11-30am**

Contact details Pat Burnett 01279 870578  
[paul@pburnett1.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:paul@pburnett1.orangehome.co.uk)

# 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 usually the first Monday in the month and not bank holidays.

Each meeting starts at 10am and finishes at 11.30am



## W.E.A

### Workers Education Association

Are you a keen gardener or do you just like looking or visiting gardens?

If so this next course at Takeley Community Centre could be just for you. Over the next ten weeks we will be looking at five of England`s fabulous Royal Gardens to see how they set the fashion others followed and how they have shaped the development of the English Garden. We shall be looking at Hampton Court Palace, Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Sandringham and Kew.

No exams and no course work, just an enjoyable evening at looking how the pro`s set the style.

Course Tutor: Andrew Sankey

Date: 8.00pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Place: Takeley Community Centre

Length of course: 10 weeks

Course fee: £55

Book your place now..... by phoning Pat Burnett 01279 870578 or email [paul@pburnett1.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:paul@pburnett1.orangehome.co.uk)

Or just turn up on the 9/9/2013 for a **FREE TASTER** evening



# A.Y.S. INSURANCES

---



**INDEPENDENT INSURANCE INTERMEDIARIES**  
Ellesborough House · Four Ashes Crossroads · Takeley  
Bishop's Stortford · Herts CM22 6SH  
Tel: 01279 871029 Fax: 01279 871997

*Email: ays@btconnect.com*

## Your local Insurance Broker

**For all your insurance needs including:**

**Commercial Risks**

**Private medical**



**Cars and Vans**

**Household**

---

**A.Y.S. Insurances is a Trading Division of A.Y.S. Financial Services**  
**FSA No. 301617**

**Partners: Robert Newman Roger Penny**





Established 1993



# Broad Oak Consultants **IT Solutions for everyone**

Networks - PC Sales

Internet - Repairs

Upgrades - Training

Web Design-Programming

Virus Protection

## **For Home and Business**

We can connect you to  
Broadband Internet.

 01279 718596

Fax: 01279 718767

Web: [www.broadoak.net](http://www.broadoak.net)

Email: [sales@broadoak.net](mailto:sales@broadoak.net)

**Microsoft**  
CERTIFIED

Partner

business partner



## **Book Review by Elaine Wyld**

### **The Secret Keeper**

**By**

**Kate Morton**

Some readers will be familiar with Kate Morton from her bestseller, “The House at Riverton”.

In her latest novel Kate starts her story in the early 1960’s. The setting is a small farmhouse in Suffolk. Laurel, the eldest of four children, witnesses an event one summer afternoon, the memory of which will stay with her unresolved and unsolved until just before her mother’s death in 2011.

The story is built around three characters. Dorothy was brought up in Coventry but, at a young age, she decides to leave home and move to London just before the beginning of the second World War. She is aided and abetted by her friend Jimmy. We follow Dolly’s progress as she starts work in a dress shop and, with Jimmy’s help, finds some accommodation. Jimmy sets off to the War in the capacity of a professional photographer. Dorothy’s family subsequently reject her and she describes how “the gate had been closed behind her as she flicked her scarf over her shoulder” on leaving home. Through unseen circumstances Dolly never sees her family again. When Dolly starts working with Lady Gwendolyn in Campden Grove she volunteers for the WVS and this is where she meets Vivien.

Vivien is the next character and is married to a wealthy man but she also has had a tragic childhood and is escaping from her past. Dolly admires Vivien and hoping to bypass the social class structure of the day when she tries to befriend Vivien. Dorothy is devastated when Vivien rejects her friendship but Vivien has her own secrets.

Laurel, the daughter of Dorothy, is a successful actress and determines to take time out from work and discover why she witnessed the death of a stranger at her parents’ house and how her mother was linked to unknown character who shaped her life. In looking after her mother in her final days, Laurel begins to piece together her mother’s early life and, like putting together the pieces of a jigsaw, Laurel learns Dorothy’s secret and then has to decide whether to keep the secret or share it with the family.

This tale is very engrossing and the reader will have to have their wits about them to keep up with the twists and turns of this story!

Pan Books

ISBN 978-0-330-47759-8

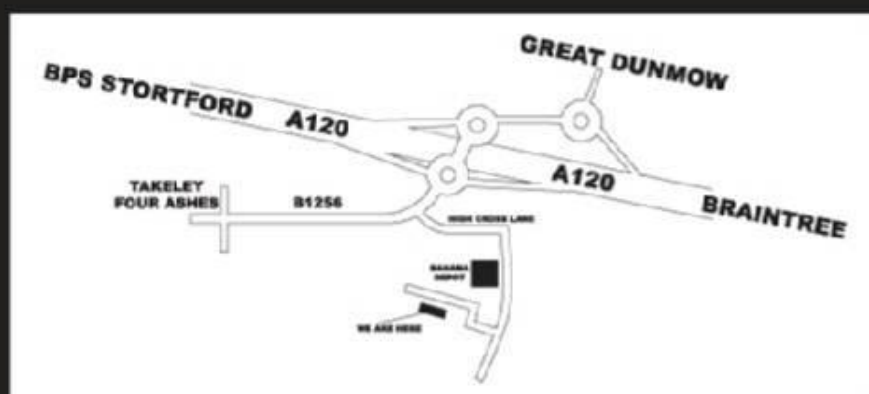
£7.99

# ROB WHITWELL MOTOR ENGINEER

ESTABLISHED 1993

A MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF MOTOR INDUSTRY

Over  
**35**  
years  
experience



**CARS, HORSEBOXES,  
LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES,  
MOTORHOMES & TRAILERS**

**Servicing, Repairs,  
Air-Conditioning,  
Brakes, Tyres, Exhausts,  
MOT's arranged**

**OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK**

**01371  
872764**

**VISIT  
OUR NEW  
DINER STYLE  
WAITING AREA  
WITH FULL SIZE  
PINBALL  
MACHINE**

Visit us at:  
[www.goodgaragescheme.com](http://www.goodgaragescheme.com)

# About the Takeley Parish Council Newsletter

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](mailto: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.

Advertising rates per issue (quarterly) are listed below. Payment and details must be supplied to the Newsletter by the closing dates listed above although we do prefer annual payment in advance to reduce administration.

1. Full Page (i.e. one half A4 sheet size), £25.00 Photo or disc ready
  2. Half Page, £15.00 Photo or disc ready
  3. Quarter Page, £10.00
  4. One Eighth Page or less, £7.00
- (10% discount for pre-booking all four issues in a year)

**All cheques should be made out to Takeley Parish Council and sent to Jane Heskey.**



# CAMMAS HALL

## FRUIT FARM

(Located between Hatfield Broad Oak and White Roding)

**PICK-YOUR-OWN & FRESHLY READY-PICKED FRUIT & VEG**

**\*\*OPEN FROM JUNE UNTIL END OF SEPTEMBER\*\***

Strawberries, Gooseberries, Raspberries, Onions, Blackberries, Blackcurrants,  
Sweetcorn, Cherries, & Blueberries when in Season  
& Other Local Produce including Honey & Jam from the Farm

**OPEN UNTIL THE LAST SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER 2013**

The Highest Quality Produce at Competitive Prices  
Picnic Area, Refreshments, & Free Parking  
Beautiful Country Surroundings

**CHILDRENS PLAY AREA & BBQ AREA**

**\*NEW TEA BARN FOR 2013\***

**Fresh Coffee, Cakes, & Great Homemade Food Available**

*Closed on Mondays except for Bank Holidays*

10% Discount on quantities over 5 Kg  
Cammass Hall Farm is a  
Quality Assured Farm – Membership No. 6309

Please keep up to date on opening times, availability and prices  
by calling 01279-718777, or visit our website at [www.chff.co.uk](http://www.chff.co.uk)  
Methods of Payment Accepted: Cash, Cheque, Credit/Debit Cards\*  
\*£10 min spend applies / Postcode for SatNav: CM22 7JT

**\*\*Seasoned logs for sale from our woods (Hornbeam/Ash/Oak)\*\***

Please email for details to [sonya@jmlukies.co.uk](mailto:sonya@jmlukies.co.uk)  
Local Delivery Only (Within 5 Miles), Collection by Arrangement