

NEWSLETTER



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

2013/14 TPC RESPONSIBILITIES:

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	REMIT	Min	COUNCILLOR(S)
CHAIRMAN			Carol Pratt
VICE CHAIRMAN			Richard Cheetham
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Report & recommendations to full Council	4	Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt, Geoff Bagnall, Susan Sprules
PLANNING COMMITTEE	Report & recommendations to full Council re Planning Applications, Stansted Airport, Housing Policy, SSE PC Liaison	4	Carol Pratt, Trevor Allen, Tricia Barber, Geoff Bagnall
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT			Brian Baldwin
SPORTS FIELD			John Green
RECREATION GROUND			John Green
RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/LAND	Rights of Way/Footpaths/Land Tree Warden, Flitch Way	2	Tina Domigan & Trevor Allen
MOLEHILL GREEN *	Green, Hall & Community		Carol Pratt
POLICE LIASON/PUBLIC SAFETY			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
PUBLIC AMENITY WORKING GP	Maintenance & improvement of public spaces	3	David Daykin, John Green, Trevor Allen, Sue Sprules, Pat Burnett
EMERGENCY PLANNING	Coordinating key contacts & resources		Pat Burnett & Jo Edmonds (Asst Clerk)
SCHOOL HOUSE WORKING GP	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
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 (<i>resident</i>)
Priors Green Working Party	Clrs Carol Pratt, Geoff Bagnall
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 2013

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Editorial



In which the Editor gets lost in time and space, nearly has his ankles bitten by a vampire and has a bad experience full of Gothic folly

“People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.”

As a prelude to my quarterly ramble, I must confess to a degree of puzzlement.

Allow me to illuminate you. A couple of weeks ago, I received the usual email reminder from my large and bearded colleague to inform me that my literary contribution would soon be needed. The message then went on to suggest that, since the subsequent issue of this fine periodical would not be appearing until the spring, I should need to include details of that which has not yet occurred. Hmm. Well that’s a challenge, since the possibilities are infinite. Therefore, welcome to my first quantum editorial – a sort of literary Schrödinger's cat. You may or may not be reading this and I may or may not be writing it. Come to that, I might be stuck on the event horizon of a black hole a billion years in the past – in which case it’s going to take a while for this issue to arrive through your letterbox. In such a universe of infinite possibilities, we could be surrounded by a trillion forms of exotic intelligence. Just imagine, there may even be a few intelligent politicians out there in the vastness of the time space continuum. Naah, good fiction needs to be believable.

But if you pass my house and see me lying under a wheelie bin, please understand that I have just bin making contact with the vanguard of an invading force of super-intelligent bins. Mind you, there are those who reckon that I am the best model for alien life that can be found locally. So here goes – it’s an editorial, Jim, but not as we know it!

On planet Earth, Halloween has been and gone.

As I write, the autumn has well and truly come. The pavements are greasy with drizzle and there is a raw chill in the air which nips the marrow of my bones. You know the lines:

*Numb were the Beadsman’s fingers, while he told
His rosary, and while his frosted breath,
Like pious incense from a censer old,
Seem’d taking flight for heaven, without a death*

Well I don't know about pious incense – that's really not me – but the bit about the fingers is dead right. And that goes for other extremities. Or, to put it another way:

*And nobody knows
Tiddly Pom
How cold my toes
Tiddly Pom
How cold my toes
Tiddly Pom
Are growing.*



And we all know where **that** comes from, don't we children? The finest philosopher ever. Bear that in mind.

But enough poetic musing. I'll put the heating on, defrost my fingers and toes and return to Hallowee'n.

I contrived to miss the festivities this year but saw all the usual preparations. Ghoulies and cobwebby skeletons abounded and doorsteps were flamboyant with pumpkins leering toothily at passers-by. A good excuse to read ghost stories and to watch horror films.

It is quite extraordinary how myths build up to present a totally inaccurate picture of old superstitions. That, I suppose, is the influence of the myriad film directors. (I went to school with the brother of the exotic female lead of *Blood from the Mummy's Tomb*, so there!)

Now, being a confirmed grumpy, I tend to carp loudly when confronted with downright inaccuracy.

Take vampires, for instance. According to Bram Stoker, these creatures of the night amuse themselves by embracing innocent maidens and sinking their fangs into their necks. That's vaguely plausible, I suppose. Well, OK, not *plausible* but it gets a great reaction from the audience every time and gives the occupants of the back row a chance to emulate what's happening on the screen. Without the blood, that is.

However, where on earth did Mr Stoker get his information?

Being a zoological enthusiast, I must confess to being more than a little fond of bats. And that includes vampire bats, *Desmodus rotundus*, who are quaint little fellows that feed off the blood of cattle in parts of South America. They aren't particularly fussy and if humans are dim enough to go to sleep with their feet uncovered, our little furry friends will take advantage of the exposed toes to vary their diets a little. Please note that I speak of toes, not necks.



Therefore, all vampire films are zoologically inaccurate. Any self-respecting vampire should make straight for the ankles. That's how a vampire gets his kicks. (Oh dear)

I now await the remake of Dracula with interest!

Still, onwards, for the dreaded Christmas is rushing down on us like an uncontrolled express train driven by a couple of headless turkeys. It's a time when memories crowd in upon one and past festivities come vividly to life in an ageing mind.

Like the Christmas party that I once went to in Cambridge some twenty years ago. At that point in time, I had made the acquaintance of an American student who was doing his final teaching practice in the classroom next to mine. I was unattached and he obviously felt sorry for my single state as he invited me to his Christmas party, with the added lure that he had found the ideal female companion for me.

Well, 'nuff said. So, on the appointed evening, I ventured forth to Cambridge. The party was being held in a spacious flat overlooking King's College Chapel, where Ronnie and his wife lived. It turned out that the lady who was to be my companion for the evening was the ex-girlfriend of a very famous (now deceased) composer. Full of anticipation and, as Kipling put it, satiable curiosity, I knocked on the door of the flat. Upon being admitted, I was fondly welcomed and the lady in question was called to meet me. What actually materialised through the gyrating throng of revellers was a creature who resembled a Victorian folly of Gothic proportion, carved from solid rock with brick embellishments! I was in imminent danger of being crushed by falling masonry! Sadly, there was little in common between us and any attraction was distinctly one-sided. The evening deteriorated into something akin to a nightmare in an M.R. James ghost story – you know, the scene when the hero is pursued along a beach by something 'orrid from beyond the grave – as I retreated from one room to another, unable to escape the determined attentions of the lady who had locked onto me with the brutal efficiency of a cruise missile. A sort of Gothic version of Tom and Jerry.



Some time well after midnight, when it was socially acceptable to beat a retreat, I staggered ungallantly out into the frosty night.

The moonlight in the Market Square was very bright and all was quiet. Quiet, that is, until I heard a rhythmic series of crashes, bangs and curses coming ever closer.

For a dreadful moment, I thought that I might have been pursued outside. However, as the sound came closer, a drunkard hove into view. He was staggering round the square, swinging an almighty kick at each car that he passed, shouting lewd rhymes as he went.

Sort of summed everything up quite neatly, I thought. So I left him to his expressive rampage, got into my car and retreated into the night.

Maybe it's just my personal experience, but nearly every Christmas that I recall from my childhood is littered with bizarre incidents and moments of extreme embarrassment. Like the time that a relative of mine spent the best part of Christmas morning hacking laurel branches out of his garden and placing them over the pictures of dead family members that lined the walls, while consuming copious amounts of alcohol. My mother was closeted in the kitchen from where the occasional snarl and a cry of "Oh my God" could be heard. From time to time, the kitchen door would fly open and a volcanic surge of cigarette smoke would come rolling down the hallway. By this time, the head of the household (note my discretion) had finished decorating the family pictures with laurels so that the house looked a bit like a Gothic mausoleum. He then subsided tearfully into a chair with a large scotch. Various guests looked alarmed and studied their drinks intently.



When Christmas dinner finally arrived like an overdue funeral procession, the head of the household opened a bottle of champagne that went off like a fire extinguisher and drowned everyone sitting near the head of the table. With assistance the bird was carved, at which point the host burst into tears and fell asleep in front of the dismembered carcass and sodden table cloth.

One by one, the guests discreetly crept away and I went to bed with a migraine.

Oh the joys of the festive season!

And of course there were *real* winters then that lasted for months with snow on the ground 'till March. I was at boarding school where we slept in dormitories with bare boarded floors, two blankets on iron bedsteads and

windows open all night. When we were all on the point of hypothermia, the head would grudgingly allow the heating to be put on. And we had to stoke the antique Edwardian boilers in the basement ourselves.



We shared a couple of old gas masks to stop us from choking on the sulphurous fumes that poured out of the antique monstrosities.

The Head was very keen on birds (not what you're thinking) and we had to take it in turn to go round the grounds in the freezing cold before breakfast to break the ice on all the bird baths and scare away any lurking cats.

One year I rebelled, got some fireworks and blew all the Virginia creeper, complete with a couple of bird nests, off the front of the building. One elderly teacher almost had heart failure and I was nearly expelled. It was generally felt by my fellow inmates that I had enacted an eggsellent revenge.

But that was before I became a fine upstanding member of the community and the model of propriety that you all now know me to be.

On which self-congratulating note, I feel that it is time for me to slink away to the kitchen where my reward awaits me in a scotch medicine bottle.

*Come, bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys,
The Christmas Log to the firing;
While my good Dame, she
Bids ye all be free;
And drink to your heart's desiring.*

Paul Regeli, contributing editor and village idiot

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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Co-option of Parish Councillor:

Cllr John Mitchell signed a declaration of Acceptance of Office; agreeing to abide by the Council's Code of Conduct. He has completed a Register of Interests which the Clerk will submit to Uttlesford District Council.

County Councillor Susan Barker is a member of the North Essex Parking Partnership Panel (NEPPP). During canvassing she received many complaints about airport related parking on Priors Green roads. TPC was advised to apply, in conjunction with Little Canfield PC, to the NE Parking Partnership Panel for a parking restriction scheme on Priors Green.

It was agreed that the Clerk will advertise in the next TPC Newsletter to obtain consensus from residents.

The issues include airport related parking, blocked bus routes, narrow residential roads, safety of school children, play areas/green spaces. A Request for a 20mph speed limit throughout the development along with a parking restriction scheme will be considered.

ESS/52/13/UTT Highwood Quarry, Little Canfield

Application: Construction of winning & working of sand & gravel without compliance with Cond. 2 to regularise changes in operations & the amendment of Cond. 67 (to allow crushing of inert waste) attached planning permission ESS/65/06/UTT

TPC will respond objecting to any additional traffic movements that would result in additional HGV traffic through Takeley.

Local Govt Boundary Commission has published confirmation of final proposal for new electoral arrangements for Uttlesford (39 councillors). This now requires parliamentary approval prior to implementation in May 2015.

Planning Decision data 2007 - 2013

At the August meeting, Cllr Linda Steer raised an issue in regard to the number of planning applications to which TPC submits an objection but subsequently UDC approves. The Clerk presented data for the previous 7 years. As an average, UDC overturns 50% of TPC's objections. It was noted that whenever TPC wants to propose a condition of planning approval or any minor amendment, a technical objection must be submitted therefore the data can be misleading. It was noted that TPC's Planning Committee is looking into this issue in some detail and the work is ongoing. Part of the approach is to involve other parishes.

Update on UDC Local Plan:

UDC has issued an update (9th Oct 2013)

- Received Highways Impact Assessment Report (Proposal for Jtn 8 M11 requires further study)
- Officers are recommending UDC plans for additional 2600 additional homes & extends length of plan to cover 20 years (to 2031).
- Proposed sites for the additional homes will be announced in coming weeks. Consultation on new sites from Nov 2013-Jan 2014.
- Pre-submission consultation March/April 2014.
- Plan to be adopted early 2015

Uttlesford Local Plan/ Uttlesford United Residents':

Clr Geoff Bagnall intended to report.

Clr Richard Cheetham interjected and requested to make a statement in advance of the report. He stated that following consultation with Michael Perry (UDC) he believed that TPC had acted 'ultra vires' in that TPC support had been provided to a 'pressure group' and in doing so had breached the Code of Conduct which prohibits association with a party political organisation.

The Clerk explained that TPC had not 'joined a group' and that support had been given to a statement that had been delivered to the UDC Cabinet meeting on 1st Nov 2013 under the banner of 'Uttlesford United Residents' that comprises of Parish Councils and residents with no political affiliation. The Clerk had authorised support following consultation with the Planning Committee (3 in favour, 1 abstention) on the basis that this action furthered the work minuted and agreed at the September meeting (ref: 13/173).

The Chairman requested a show of hands supporting the statement: 9 councillors supported the statement, whilst Clrs Cheetham & Barber objected, & Clr Daykin abstained.

The Chairman called for an extraordinary meeting to debate this matter.

TPC agreed to schedule an extraordinary meeting for Wed. 20th November 2013.

ECC Home to School Transport Consultation (discretionary element only):

A review of the discretionary elements of the policy to be implemented Sept 2014 or Sept 2015. Will not affect students at their current school. Will be phased over a number of years.

TPC agreed comments as follows:

REF	
Pt 1	Remove reference to catchment areas & to provide transport only to the nearest school to home address This policy should provide transport to the nearest available place.

Pt 2	Helena Romanes School is now classified as a school available to be walked to TPC requests ECC explain how this route has changed to be considered suitable to walk.
Pt 3	Proposal to withdraw the provision of transport to low income families attending Selective Schools (grammar schools) from Sept 2015 (phased) TPC objects to this proposal. This discriminates against able children from low income families and conflicts with current Education Policy.
Pt 4	Discretionary award should be means tested TPC supports this policy
Pt 6	Post 16 transport This policy should be amended to reflect current Govt policy where students are required to stay in education until 18 years old. Are the school/college bursaries (up to £1200) sufficient to meet the cost of transport for low income families?
	Every effort should be made to ensure as a minimum that commercial routes are available to allow students to access school by commercial services. ECC should work with the providers and where necessary ensure that routes are amended to facilitate suitable public transport.

Silver Jubilee Hall Development:

Phase 1 of the works for the refurbishment of the SJH is planned to take place at the beginning of 2014 at a total cost of £171.5K. SJH Committee has already paid for £7K professional fees and intends to contribute £30K to phase 1 works. SJHC are in the process of making funding applications for £100K, TPC recommends making funding applications for £150K. SJHC are requesting £40K from TPC to contribute towards the first phase of the project and underwrite any shortfall in funding applications.

TPC Finance Committee has made a recommendation that either TPC donates £40K to SJHC for the project or TPC pays for works totalling £40K plus VAT (invoices direct to TPC). TPC unanimously approved this recommendation. It was also noted that TPC will not underwrite an unspecified amount of money. If funding did fall short of what was required a further discussion should take place with the SJHC.

TPC will finance this contribution by taking £15K from the Community Project Fund and £25K from S106 monies.

External Audit 2012/13:

The audit is now complete and the auditor's report noted 'no matters give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met'. TPC acknowledged the auditor's report. The Clerk has displayed the relevant notices.

Payment of audit fee (£400 + VAT) was approved at Oct. 2013 mtg ref 13/203.

Takeley Community Group:

TPC approved a donation of £750 to meet the shortfall on the anticipated income/expenditure for the next 3 children's parties. Although TPC are happy to contribute to such a worthwhile community project, members urge the group to review costs once more and to perhaps consider increasing charges, collecting donated prizes for raffles and tombola etc.

Autumn Bulb Planting:

Clr David Daykin has requested TPC consider an autumn bulb planting scheme (greens and pond etc) Budget = £500. Spent to date = £200.61.

Clr Susan Sprules is currently replanting the village planters.

The two outstanding planters will be positioned by Michael Coleman.

Any other councillors or residents who wish to assist with planting should contact the Clerk. TPC will advertise in next Grapevine/TPC Newsletter.

TPC agreed other potential locations for planting:

Chestnut Way pond, Four Ashes village green, End of Hawthorn Close, End of Elm Close Ext, Morrells Green green spaces.

Roseacres flood Events & Investigation:

TPC received an update from the Clerk re flood events in Roseacres. There have been 3 flood events in the last month. During an emergency call a large log that was blocking a drain in Roseacres was removed. There has been no major event since but it was also noted that there has been no major rain either. The Environment Agency are monitoring the situation weekly and working in conjunction with ECC.

The local Environment Agency Officer has suggested a number of improvements to the drainage/ditch system in the area. The local EA officer has been extremely helpful and supportive, and has continued weekly inspections of the area.

EA has asked that TPC consider the principle of joint funding to enable completion of the proposed improvements.

Proposed Programme:

- Regrading & desilting of sections of the stream (piped section) adj to Priors Wood Day Centre. Removal of piped section & change to open channel with fencing/pedestrian barrier x £8k.
- New sloping trash screen at the rear of High Trees, Parsonage Road approx £5k.
- New trash screen at the rear of 20 Roseacres.
- Clean & flush all surface drains in Longcroft/Roseacres/Priors Wood (including School site) - Essex County Council (Dave Chapman).

Takeley is not in designated 'flood zone' and therefore is not considered a priority for funding.

TPC undoubtedly want this issue resolved, however there is some reluctance to finance work that is the responsibility of Govt agencies. TPC agreed that the Clerk should request confirmation of how much of the project the Environment Agency can commit, and then explore funding that may be available from other agencies/authorities. The Clerk will also clarify that TPC has the power to work in partnership with the EA, & contribute to the funding should this be required.

TPC agreed to write to Sir Alan Haselhurst MP and our District Councillors to express the concern that Environment Agency funding is being 'squeezed to hard'.

Morrells Green - 2 x green spaces:

TPC has now signed the transfer documents of the 2 green spaces in Morrells Green. The transfer is imminent. Maintenance monies will be paid directly to TPC and these funds will be ringfenced for the long term maintenance of the area. Cllr Trevor Allen and the Clerk are working on a wider list of grounds maintenance jobs in the village.

Public spaces - Grounds Maintenance: A schedule will be put together for grounds maintenance work that should be completed on a routine basis.

Priors Green Community Hall

TPC is in the process of completing the transfer. UDC has ensured the removal of the electricity meter that was supplying the power to build the shops.

TPC noted and agreed:

- Written confirmation of outstanding works has been approved locally by PGCH Committee, and UDC has formally agreed to schedule and pay for the work required to restore the hall to a satisfactory standard.
- Exchange of transfer documents (UDC to TPC) is scheduled for 11th Nov. 2013.
- The Clerk will instruct TPC solicitor to finalise the lease between TPC & Priors Green Hall Management committee.
- TPC & PGCH Mgmt Committee support the landowners' proposal to implement overnight parking restrictions in the communal car park to deter airport related parking which has become increasingly problematic.

HIGHWAYS:

Traffic Calming in Takeley Street, as requested the Clerk has sent Highways the police survey data. Highways will come back to TPC with design options and costs.

Verge Cutting Ringway Jacobs cannot confirm when the next cut will take place.

Potholes/Faults no progress. Individual potholes have been re logged. The Clerk informed the residents that TPC have 15 road reports logged with ECC Highways. It was also noted that ECC are only completing works on priority 1 and priority 2 roads (motorways and A roads).

ECC has confirmed that roads within **Morrells Green** development have been adopted 2nd August 2009 & consequently became highway maintainable at public expense from that date.

Bus Stop/Lay By B1256 Dunmow Road (north side) outside shops:

Following reports from residents re vehicles parking in the lay by blocking sight lines when exiting the car park and several 'near misses', TPC agreed to make application to the North Essex Parking Partnership Panel to restrict parking near the bus stop and the car park entrance, and opposite on the highway. Once implemented TPC will request enforcement support from local Police & Parking Enforcement Teams.

In addition, TPC discussed airport related parking problems at the lay by on B183 Station Road, outside Takeley Football Club. TPC agreed the following actions. Either to:

1. Submit a request to ECC Highways to eliminate the lay by (providing TFC are in agreement) or,
2. To submit an additional request to NEPPP for parking restriction.

Youth Project & Skate Park:

TPC agreed that the Council could not fund an entire skate park project. Quotes range from £60K – £90K. It was agreed that funding sources should be investigated to find out how much support TPC could possibly achieve for such a project. It was also agreed to get quotes for the removal of the current skate park to make safe.

Cllr Linda Steer reported on the **UDC Youth Activity Working Group** meeting. TPC was the only Parish Council to send a representative. Support available for Parish Councils to set up youth clubs, including funding.

Essex Youth Bus Team has completed a survey visit in Takeley, and has identified a need for the Youth Bus to attend the village. Unfortunately, ECC only has one bus at the moment (previously 2) but is willing to provide youth workers for a weekly event.

It was agreed that Cllr Linda Steer would coordinate either attendance of the Youth Bus or youth worker to help support a weekly youth group.

A venue has been agreed but still TPC is short of local volunteers to run a group. TPC agreed the Clerk should re-advertise for more volunteers.

Essex Superfast Broadband:

After attending a briefing on 19th August the Assistant Clerk reported that the project will take 2.5 years to complete and by mid September a schedule for the programme will be available on line. TPC has already publicised the Broadband Survey to residents.

Green Waste Disposal at Crumps Farm:

Following requests for feedback in the Grapevine & TPC Newsletter, the Clerk has received written responses from 6 residents, as well as positive verbal comments, on the service for 2013. Feedback was positive with one exception which complained that the service is too far away from the village centre & not easily accessible. Access to the site has been improved and the gate attendant has been very helpful to those residents using the service. Cllr Bagnall has also liaised with the Site manager, Nick Bone, who has confirmed that there will be no charge for the service provided during 2013. It is regularly used by 20-30 residents, and on some occasions as many as 40 cars attend on a Saturday morning. This year's service will run until the end of November.

Cllr Bagnall will make an approach re disposal of Christmas trees (real only).

TPC agreed that this service should be provided again for 2014. Precise dates will be agreed & advertised in the New Year.

Cutting of Smiths Green:

Following requests for feedback in the Grapevine & TPC Newsletter, the Clerk has received written responses from five local residents. There are some people who would prefer to see a more manicured green whilst others prefer a more rural appearance.

As the feedback has been mixed, with no clear preference, TPC agreed to maintain the status quo. There is therefore no recommendation(s) to be put forward to Mr. Kennedy (LoM). The Clerk will inform Mr. Kennedy.

Healthcare Provision in Takeley:

TPC noted the report from the meeting with Tracy Manzi (NHS England Essex Area Team Contracts Manager) on 15th Oct. 2013:

- **Growing population**
- In March 2011, Office for National Statistics, Takeley population = 3367 adults & children)
- **Postcode confusion** - Priors Green is CM6 (Dunmow)

- 'Key settlement' - 4th largest in Uttlesford
- Priors Green (straddles Takeley & Lt. Canfield) 856 (approved) dwellings
- Pressure on surrounding practices

NHS England:

- Primary Care provider for GPs, nurses & dentists
- GPs choose the catchment area (under contract) - **inner** boundary = GPs must provide services, **outer** boundary = will provide services unless patient list is full.
- No fixed number of patients per GP. National average = 1800-2000
- Most audits focus around quality of care rather than access/provision
- NHS obliged to provide access for each individual to a GP
- Angel Lane, Dunmow among the bottom 10% nationally for ease of access.
- National Primary Care Strategy is delayed (originally due April 2013). Due October 2013 - no sign.
- Essex CCG holding 'listening' events but cannot formulate plans until national criteria are published.
- Any planning application over 50 dwellings is required to provide financial contributions.
- Tracy will provide update on which surgeries will take Takeley residents (incl Priors Green)

TPC has since been contacted directly by a GP interested in establishing services in Takeley.

TPC approved the following actions:

1. Ask residents to provide feedback to the NHS (copied to TPC) via the next Newsletter.
2. Ask the Gov Dept for Health why the new criteria are not yet available.
3. Arrange a meeting with the GP that has approached us to discuss the proposal with a view to supporting the case.

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

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ATTENTION - PRIORS GREEN RESIDENTS

On Street Parking on Priors Green is a Growing Problem.....

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**Please email your support/comments before Friday, 3rd January 2014
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Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, bin collection days are changing.

All residents will have a change of day in the week of Christmas. All residents except those with a Tuesday collection will have a change of day in the week of New Year.

Please be aware that some collections are moving forwards by a day, while others are moving back by a day.

Check the table below carefully so you know when your bins will be emptied.

Normal Collection Day		Revised Collection Day	Which bins?
Tuesday 24 December	Changes to	Monday 23 December	
Wednesday 25 December	Changes to	Tuesday 24 December	
Thursday 26 December	Changes to	Friday 27 December	
Friday 27 December	Changes to	Saturday 28 December	
Tuesday 31 December	Stays the same	Tuesday 31 December	
Wednesday 1 January	Changes to	Thursday 2 January	
Thursday 2 January	Changes to	Friday 3 January	
Friday 3 January	Changes to	Saturday 4 January	

Collections return to normal from Tuesday, 7 January (black bin and food caddy)

Visit our bin collection day finder and register for updates: www.uttlesford.gov.uk/bins

Waste and Recycling Collections 2014



January 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

February 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

March 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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April 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1
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July 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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August 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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September 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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October 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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November 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2014

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Alternative arrangements to be advised						

Green: Dry recycling and food recycling collection week

Black: Non-recycling and food recycling collection week

Red: Bank holidays falling on days other than Monday will result in collections being made the day after your usual collection day.

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

**ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2013**

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 2013 has been concluded.
2. External Auditors have concluded that 'the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been meet'
3. The accounting statements are available for inspection by any local government elector for the area of Takeley Parish Council on application to:

The Clerk Takeley Parish Council, Station House, Sycamore Close,
Takeley, Essex CM22 6QA

Or email: takeley.pc@ntlworld.com

4. Copies will be provided to any local government elector on payment of **£1** for each copy of the Annual Return

BOX		Year Ending		Variance +/- £	Variance +/- %	COMMENT		
		31 st March 2012	31 st March 2013					
1	B/Fwd	82574	94368	+11794	+14			
2	Precept	70000	75000	+5000	+7			
3	Other Receipts	2007	2581	+574	+29		2012	2013
							£	£
						Newsletter advertising revenue	1382	899
						Bank Interest	68	50
						Diamond Jubilee Mugs	nil	425
						DC Diamond Jubilee Allowance	500	nil
						Station House income	57	1099
						Donation - Memorial Tree	nil	108
							2007	2581
4	Staff Costs	25450	25974	+524	+2			
5	Loan Repayments	1874	1826	- 48	- 3			
6	Total Other Payments	32889	85565	+52676	+160	Variance £52676		
						2012/13 Extraordinary payments		£
						Diamond Jubilee		7144
						Sport Field car Park refurb		9889
						Sport Field drainage & resurfacing (phase 1)		20978
						Recreation Grd refurb (payment 1)		19200
						Green waste skip collection		892
						Subtotal		58103
						2011/12 Sports Field Portacabin		5175
Total		52978						
7	C/Fwd	94368	58584	- 35784	-38	Having built funds for community projects in previous years, in 2012/13 various projects are complete/underway		
9	Fixed Assets	157770	157592	-178	L			
10	Total Borrowings	17163	16123	-1040	-6			



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Criminal Damage Recreation Ground, off Chestnut Way

Police and the Parish Council have recently received a number of complaints of Criminal Damage to the play equipment and picnic tables in the Recreation Ground. On Sat. 5th October at approximately 19.45 it was reported to Police that one of the picnic tables was set alight and damaged.

It is an offence to destroy or damage property belonging to another.

A person who without lawful excuse destroys or damages any property belonging to another, or damages any such property or being reckless as to whether any such property would be destroyed or damaged, shall be guilty of an offence. An offence committed under this section by destroying or damaging property by fire shall be charged as arson.

If you have information regarding the damage that has been caused please contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team:

PCSO 73377 Joanna MacMillan - 73377@essex.pnn.police.uk

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Takeley Youth Matters



We need adult volunteers who are willing to assist with running a youth group in Takeley (7-9pm)

If you have a few hours to give, even if only once a month. You don't need to be a parent, sporty or active, just patient, enthusiastic and enjoy being part of something new that will benefit our young community and possibly your child or someone you know.

SUPPORT & TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED



If you are interested, please e-mail takeley.pc@ntlworld.com or contact Jane Heskey - TPC Clerk on 0208 270 1149

New Consultation on Uttlesford Local Plan

18 November 2013 to 13 January 2014

Background to the Consultation

Following the public consultation in June 2012 on a Draft Plan the Local Plan Working Group (previously the LDF working group) considered a series of Reports of Representations, Officer Comments, and Recommendations. The most recent reports were considered at the Meeting on the 17 October 2013. At this meeting the members also considered reports recommending a revised housing allocation number for the district and a proposed extension to the time period for the delivery of the Local Plan. This requires the Council to identify additional sites for about 2680 homes.

At the meeting of the Local Plan Working Group on 1 November 2013 Members considered a technical paper which recommended which additional sites should be included in the new Local Plan to address the identified shortfall. The sites are the Ashdon Road Commercial Centre in Saffron Walden, land south of the Stortford Road in Great Dunmow, Helena Romanes School Site in Great Dunmow and land to the north east of Elsenham.

Uttlesford District Council is consulting on proposals for additional housing numbers and additional housing sites to meet the objectively assessed housing need within the District. You can take part in the consultation in a number of ways.

- By making your comments on line - please go to the Council's [Consultation Portal](#). This is the most effective way to make your comments. It makes sure that what you want to say is captured in full. You can view what other people are saying without logging in but you will need to log in to make your own comments. If you have made comments in response to previous consultations you can use the same log in details. If you have not used the Consultation Portal before you will need to register. All details can be found on the [Portal homepage](#).
- You can download a copy of the consultation paper
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- Once you have completed the form please return the form by e-mail to planningpolicy@uttlesford.gov.uk or by post to The Planning Policy Team, Uttlesford District Council, Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4ER
- If you have any questions about the consultation please contact the planning policy team on (01799) 510461, 510454, 510637

However you choose to make your comments, **your response must be received by 5pm on Monday 13th January 2014.**

At an Extraordinary Meeting (20th Nov. 2013) **Takeley Parish Council supported the following statement that was delivered to Uttlesford District Council:**

To the Cabinet of Uttlesford Council,

We, the undersigned, have no confidence in the current process to deliver the Uttlesford Local Plan and consider the output so far to be flawed. In light of the change in planning period, total number of houses required, and lack of meaningful engagement with residents to date, we demand the following:

1. The local plan development process be **stopped** and the current draft plan **discarded**.
2. A **brand new local plan development process** to be put in place, that meets the following standards:
 - a. It is **strategic**: it works to an agreed set of objectives and reviews options against these objectives. It takes account of existing infrastructure capacity and needs as well as the infrastructure requirements that accompany new households **before** deciding where to put houses.
 - b. It is **evidence-based**: up-to-date evidence is gathered first before decisions are taken.
 - c. It is **open** and **transparent**: information is provided in a timely and accessible manner to stakeholders. That all decisions and discussions related to the local plan are open to public scrutiny.
 - d. It includes **early and meaningful engagement** with local organisations and parish/town councils and that concerns and ideas of individuals and organisations in Uttlesford are properly considered.
 - e. It is **timely**: that a robust time-frame for development of the plan is put in place and accountability for meeting the time-frame established. We also believe a new plan can be done in less time than the current 2015 timescale.

PLEASE CONTACT TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

SPRING BULB PLANTING



We know that litter free, tidy and clean streets and public spaces are a real concern for most of our residents. The Parish Council works tirelessly to ensure the services provided by district and county authorities are maximised, Parish Council sites are maintained (Recreation Ground & Sports Field), and public spaces are enhanced.

Clr Susan Sprules has begun replanting the village planters for Spring. Over the coming months the Parish Council is coordinating a programme of bulb planting in the public spaces (owned by the Parish Council) around the village e.g Four Ashes village green, Morrells Green, Elm Close Extension, etc.

If you are willing to spare a few hours of your time to make a difference in your community please contact the Clerk for further details.

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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

On the 11th of December our evening will have a seasonal feel with the emphasis on Christmas songs followed by mulled wine and mince pies. So with that in mind, may I on behalf of “Singing from the Heart” take this opportunity to wish everyone a Joyful Christmas and a very happy and peaceful new year.

There will be NO meeting in January and we shall start again on the 19th of February 2014 Subject to the weather conditions.

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We were pleased to have good results in the summer for our Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 children, with all areas equal or above the national averages, some significantly above. However, we continue to set ourselves high standards and have listed three areas for further improvement. These priorities are reading, new National Curriculum and School growth. As part of our first priority we introduced a new reading scheme across the whole school called 'Read. Write Inc' and I am pleased to say that our children are making excellent progress with this programme. The scheme is based on rigorous daily instruction in synthetic phonics, which is helping the children to read, spell and write independently and proficiently. It is a modern, lively and pacey scheme that the children are all enjoying. They are especially fond of Fred the frog who helps out in all groups! This year we have extended the scheme, bringing in the comprehension units and spelling programme for our older children. The second priority is preparation for the new National Curriculum that we will be introducing in September 2014 in line with all schools. The last priority links to our growth and the need to provide school places for all local children.

Christmas at School is always a magical time. The infant children are busy rehearsing for their nativity play, 'A Little Nativity', and the older ones are beginning to count how many sleeps are left until Father Christmas appears. However, Christmas is a time for giving and thinking of others, therefore our children, staff and parents are currently putting together luxury food and drink hampers that we will raffle at our Carol Concert. All proceeds raised will go to one of the children's charities helping out in the Philippines following the

devastating typhoon. Any donation of luxury food or drink would be gratefully received.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2014, you should have already received information from Essex County Council about applying for a school place. It is vitally important that you return the form or apply online before the closing date of 15th January 2014, as late applications are only dealt with after all the 'on time' applications have been processed. If you have not received any information and you think that you should have, then contact Planning & Admissions on 0845 603 2200.

Mandy Line, Headteacher



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13 November 2013

PRESS RELEASE

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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING SCHEDULE 2014

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JANUARY 8th	FEBRUARY 5th	MARCH 5th
APRIL 2nd	AGM MAY 7th	JUNE 4th
JULY 2nd	AUGUST 6th	SEPTEMBER 3rd
OCTOBER 1st	NOVEMBER 5th	DECEMBER 3rd

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; they were that the snail and slug population that usually devastated the young green shoots was 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 a.m.. 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.

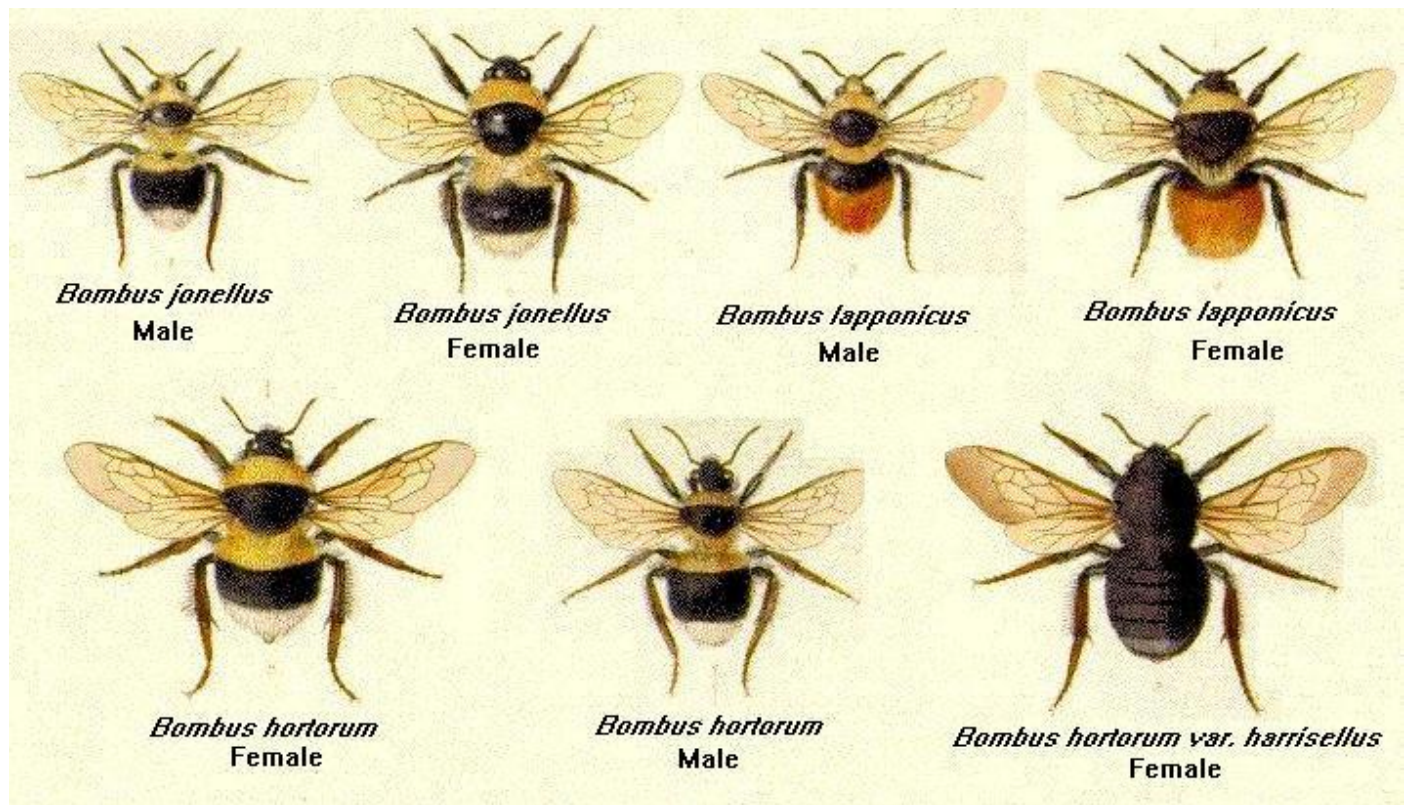
As the summer was turning out not to be a five-day wonder, I for one revelled just sitting in the sun watching the *to-ing and fro-ing* of sparrows bringing their fledglings to the feeders and watching the youngsters trying to figure out how to acquire the seeds. It didn't take them long to gain 'the knowledge'. They were joined by gold finches, blue tits and great tits and 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 have 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. These provide a natural floral attraction to hover flies, many species of bees and lots of little black bugs.

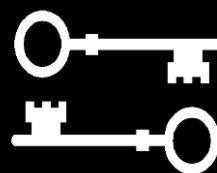
With the influx of these creatures it was amazing how many different types of bee there were.



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 heightened 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 lapidarius* who had taken up residence in a disused bird box.

With winter 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



I was very saddened to hear this week of the passing of our eldest member, Jack Wright. Jack was born on Hatfield Park Farm on December 12th 1915. Although he moved out of Takeley in 1940 he felt strongly that his roots were here. He would regularly attend our meetings and was driving himself from Chelmsford well into his 90s. Jack talked to the Society on several occasions about his life in Takeley before the War which we are very lucky to have recorded. In recent years Jack had become a little less mobile and moved to Clacton to be nearer to his family, but he still managed to join us for our summer visit this July to the Carriage Museum. Jack was an inspiration to us all. We have also lost George Amos and Margaret Underwood this year. They will all be greatly missed and our thoughts go out to all their families.

On 19th Nov we had Martyn Lockwood come to speak to us about Victorian Murders in Essex. Martyn talks on a large range of police subjects and everyone enjoyed his talk so much that we have booked him for later next year. Meanwhile our next meeting will be held on 4th February with the speaker still to be announced.

Steve Hazon,
Chairman, Takeley Local History Society

Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 1st November 1913.

ALLEGED WINDOW BREAKING.

-At Dunmow Police Court on Monday, before H. Rumsey Esq, Arthur Aylett, grocer, was summoned for breaking five panes of glass in the house occupied by his sister, Miss Elizabeth Aylett, at Mole Hill Green, Takeley, -- The Prosecutrix stated that her brother asked her to let him in, and she refused. When she went back to her house she found a window broken and her brother sitting in the kitchen, - remanded on bail.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer -- Saturday 19th August 1916.

FUNERAL OF LANCE-CORPORAL BAYNES.

The funeral of Lance-Corporal John Baynes, of the Essex Regiment, fourth son of Mr William Baynes, of the Grange Farm, Takeley. Whose death at 'Vernon Park Military Hospital' Stockport, from wounds received in action was notified in our last issue, took place at Takeley Churchyard, on Saturday afternoon.

The deceased was accorded military honours, a firing party of the Royal Scots Regiment under Second Lieutenant H E Handasyde, being present. The service was conducted by the Rev E H Oakley (vicar of Takeley), and was fully choral. As the procession entered the Church, suitable music was played by the organist (Mrs R Wallis), and the hymn sung was "There is a blessed home" (230), The Dead March in Saul was played as the coffin was taken from the Church.

The immediate mourners were -- Mr William Baynes (father), Miss Edith Baynes (sister), Mr Tom Baynes and Mr William Baynes (brothers), Mr George Baynes and Mr Charles Baynes (uncles), Mrs Burgess and Mrs George Baynes (aunts), Mr A Baynes (cousin), and Miss Aylett. The interment was made in a plain earth grave, and the coffin bore the inscription "Lance Corporal John Baynes, died 8th August 1916, aged 26 years", following the committal, three volleys were fired over the grave by the firing party.

A large number of sympathisers assembled at the Church and graveside, among them being --

Mr and Mrs W Littler, Mr H Burrell (Bishops' Stortford), Mr E Mynott (Broxted), Mr R Barker (Broxted), Mr and Mrs C Dorrington, Mr A Piper, Mr and Mrs R V Wylde, Mr, Mrs and Miss Tyrrell, Mr and Mrs R Gent, Mr and Mrs W Sharpe, Mr A Parker, Mrs Compton, Mrs T M Oliver, Mr W P Chopping, Mrs Cooper-Smith, Mr T Harvey, Mr Cresswell, Mr W Hollingsworth, Mrs Oakley and others.

Among the many floral tributes laid upon the grave, were two inscribed "With deepest sympathy from neighbours about the Vernon Park Military Hospital, Stockport, Cheshire. To one who died for his King and Country" and another "In affectionate remembrance from his old school mates at Mole Hill Green -- He died doing his duty".

Deceased is the second son Mr William Baynes has lost in the war, a younger one being killed in France in August last year. Lance-Corporal John Baynes enlisted in September 1914 and was subsequently wounded and lost a finger. He returned to France and was again wounded by shrapnel in the left shoulder on July 3rd, from which injuries he succumbed.

Mr William Baynes has two other sons at present serving in France, Private Jim Baynes in the Canadian Infantry, and Lance-Corporal Albert Baynes in the Essex Yeomanry.

All four of the Baynes family who served in the 1914 - 1918 war were born and brought up at the Grange Farm. In the 1901 the family was as follows :--- William Baynes (54), Emma Baynes (52), Edith Baynes (17), William Baynes (14), John Baynes (11), George Baynes (10), Albert Baynes (9), William Baynes, the father died only a month after John was buried, his wife Emma having died in 1913. This family certainly did their bit in the 1914 -1918 war.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 5th June 1926.

NO LIGHT.

Sidney Pallett, roadman, of Takeley, admitted riding a bicycle without a light at Takeley on May 26th. -- P.c. Cameron said that at 12.45 a.m. on the date mentioned he was cycling on the main road at Takeley when he saw defendant riding a bicycle upon which there was no light, He called to Pallett to stop, but as he failed to do so witness rode after him and caught him up, he asked defendant why he was riding without a light and he replied "because I am". When asked for his Christian name defendant said, "You know that: if not, find out." In answer to the Chairman witness said defendant was a single man and was in work. Fined 5s including costs.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 18th October 1913.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON THE POLICE.

At Dunmow Police Court on Monday, before Hastings Worrin Esq, William Henry Frederick Johnson, 29, labourer, of Takeley, was charged with assaulting P.c. Scott in the execution of his duty at Takeley on the previous Saturday. -- P.c. Scott stated that at 8.30 p.m. the defendant, who was drunk, came up the street and said to witness "I hear you are looking for me?" Witness advised defendant to go away, but he would not, and witness told the landlord of the 'Green Man Inn' not to serve him, Defendant still refused to go, and struck witness on the shoulder. Witness knocked the defendant down and handcuffed him, but defendant bit witness on the right thumb as he put the handcuffs on. The defendant's legs were roped, and he was taken in a cart to Dunmow, -- Defendant said he had a little beer, which took hold of him. What the policeman had said was quite true. Defendant asked to be fined. - The Chairman - you are remanded in custody until October 22nd. - Defendant - can you give me bail, so that I may work to pay the fine? - Chairman - we cannot give you bail.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 27th December 1913.

CRIPPLE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

On Friday evening Mr Robert Halls, an aged agricultural labourer, employed by Mr Potter, Brewers End, Takeley, was walking along the road at Takeley, when he moved aside for a motor to pass. The old man, who is a cripple, did not notice a second motor coming in the same direction towards Dunmow, and he stepped into the road again. The second motor knocked him down and broke his thigh. Halls was taken to the Hospital at Hatfield Broad Oak for treatment.

Robert Halls lived in the Street, and was buried at Takeley Church on 1st December 1915, aged 66.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 21st February 1914.

SUNDAY RABBITING IN TAKELEY FOREST.

John Baker and Harry Sanford, labourers of Takeley, were summoned for trespassing in search of conies on land in the occupation of Mr W.Lockett Agnew, at Hatfield Broad Oak, on February 1st. Sanford admitted the offence, but Baker did not appear, -- Mr W.J.Gee (Bishop's Stortford) appeared for the prosecution. -- William Shakespeare under keeper on the Hallingbury Park Estate, stated that on Sunday afternoon, February 1st, he was concealed in Spittlemore Wood near Takeley Street and saw the two defendants working at rabbits' holes with an iron spud. They went towards the railway, and witness got in front of them and hid behind a fence until they reached him. He asked Baker what he was doing there, and demanded the spud from him, and he gave it up. Sanford ran away. Witness went back to the wood and found that about a dozen rabbits' burrows had been dug out. Superintendent Day stated that there were eleven previous convictions recorded against Baker and the Bench fined him £1 and 4s costs, Sanford was ordered to pay 5s and 4s costs.


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From the Village Recorder

The Anglo Saxons.

The date given for the end of Roman rule in Britain is usually 420 A.D. Between that and the Norman invasion in 1066 A.D. lie 646 years. A similar gap with the past for us would give a date of 1367 so between the end of Roman rule and the coming of the Normans enormous changes took place

Known facts about the Saxons in Takeley during these years are sparse in the extreme. They are 1) the name. 2) a rectangular building excavated North of the church. 3) a few pieces of Saxon pottery and metal work and some evidence of Saxon farming. This does not make for a very long, or indeed an interesting, article so I am forced to generalise.

The name Takeley is usually interpreted as meaning the open ground belonging to a man named Taecca. This is a rare Saxon name and only occurs elsewhere so far as I know at Tackley near Oxford. Taecca was probably the first Saxon to create a holding for himself and his family in our area.

The remains of a rectangular Saxon building were found in the field to the north of the church during the excavations prior to the building of the A120 bypass. It is not certain what its function was as there were practically no associated artefacts. The traditional Saxon hall was rectangular, and built of wood. No complete Saxon pottery pieces have been found, only shards. A Saxon coin was found by metal detection near the church.

The first written example of the name is in the Domesday Survey of 1086. This also gives us a picture of Takeley at the time of the Conquest. If Taecca had originally controlled the whole area then by 1066 it had followed the pattern in much of the rest of England and was divided into three smaller units. We know the relative sizes of these manors, and this gives us Bassingbourne Manor, valued at £5, occupying over three times as much land as the other two. St. Valery/Warish Hall valued at £6 was the smallest, and Eudo Dapifer's manor of 1 hide 15 acres, had a value of £8. By 1086 no one could recall the name of the unfortunate man or woman who had owned this manor in 1066.

The 1066 owner of St. Valery had a name that was of Viking origin. It had more inhabitants. If we estimate only 4 people to each household

recorded, we get 44 inhabitants and two slaves. Eudo's manor had 24 persons, a priest and two slaves. No church building is mentioned but this is not unusual in the Survey. The largest manor had 24 persons and three slaves. This figure of 92 possible inhabitants does not include the owner, his wife, children, priest and servants. One can postulate a figure of at least 150-200 people living and working in Takeley. Domesday shows that Takeley was heavily wooded with a small population. The names Thorkill and Wulfmer occur in other local manors, but there is no means of knowing if they are the same men as the Takeley owners. We are still left with major gaps—when did the Saxons arrive in Takeley; when were the manors formed, and many other unanswerable questions. The Anglo Saxons came from Northern Europe by sea, and the coast of East Anglia was the obvious place to land. This is confirmed by early examples of settlement along the coast and Thames estuary. It is a reasonable assumption that the people who settled in Essex came from Saxony—the East Saxons—hence the name Essex. Excavations in East Anglia show that warrior Anglo-Saxon men had been born there as early 470 A.D. There are Essex cemeteries dating from the late 5th Century with Rayleigh containing as many as 150 bodies and there is a probable further unexcavated cemetery. These people were ordinary settlers and farmers with dateable grave goods. The rich female grave excavated at Trumpington dates from c. 650.

A site at Little Oakley shows that the Saxons used material from the Roman villa to create platforms for their wooden buildings. Stansted did not produce any evidence of buildings, only of agricultural activity that continued until the late 13th/early 14th century, when the site was abandoned.

Bede says that the British kings had called in Anglo Saxon warriors to help to defend their territory during the confusion at the end of Roman rule. King Arthur, Hengist and Horsa, and Vorigern [real or imaginary heroes] are all figures from this confused period. Known Essex Kings Saebert, Saebbi and Sigberht were Christian converts and Essex graves from the mid 7th Century have both Christian and pagan elements and reflect a wealthy society that was trading with the Continent.

As early as 614, Essex had been part of the newly formed Diocese of London. This had a troubled history as Essex reverted periodically into paganism until the 8th century. A recent study does suggest that the area was more Christian than previously estimated, but I am uncertain as to the evidence on which this theory is based. The Danish incursions would certainly have disturbed the religious status of the county. We

have no evidence as to when Takeley Saxons became Christian. I think the first place of worship was on the present site and was a field chapel or preaching cross maintained by the church at Hatfield Broad Oak. This known Saxon church, and all the surrounding churches, were original dedicated to St. Mary. Takeley church stands on a strip of land that was originally part of Dapifer's manor.

All this does not take us any closer to deciding when Taecca came to settle in Takeley. I think that he and his tribe followed the River Roding to its source at Mole Hill Green which gave them water and a more elevated position, and that the Domesday manor of Dapifer was based here. My husband John does not agree with me about the route, and thinks that Stane Street is the most obvious way. There is some support for his theory in that there is evidence of an early village just north of the church. The essential water supply was available as a house for the medieval vicar was built in what is now the extended church yard. I say "must" as a well was dug in 1910 in the church car park.

Either route would have brought the Saxons past the inhabitants of Lower Bampers Green. Why then did the local people allowed these intruders to pass by into their territory? Centuries of Roman rule had discouraged armed responses, and the Saxons were probably well armed and formidable. If they were already established in the east of Essex they also would not have been that unfamiliar to the Romano-British population.

It is not very good historical thinking to have so many "theories", "perhaps", "possibly" in one's article, but there is so little genuine evidence, that theorising is all that is left to any account of Takeley before 1066. Did men from Takeley join in the doomed defence of the causeway at Maldon by Earl Byrhtnoth against the Danes in 991, or join Harold Godwinson's army at Stamford Bridge and then Hastings? If they were killed in these battles then the Takeley manors were untenanted after Hastings. Harold Godwinson, the short lived Anglo-Saxon King, had owned Hatfield Broad Oak and had considerable local support.

One thing is certain: William of Normandy inherited a wealthy, efficient state that paid its taxes. History is written by the winners, and it suited to the Norman conquerors to down play and despise Anglo-Saxon England. If information for Takeley is very sparse pre 1066, when I come to look at post 1066 the difficulty will be choosing what to leave out.

Nia Watkiss



Welcome to Takeley Farmers' Market

When it's cold outside with a winter chill in the air and you reach for scarves, hats and gloves, it's always nice on that first Saturday in the month to step inside for the warmest welcome at Takeley's Farmers Market held at the Silver Jubilee Hall.

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Book Review by Elaine Wyld

Blood Work by Michael Connelly

Michael Connelly is well known for his many books on crime fiction his first book featuring LAPD Detective Hieronymus Bosch, *The Black Echo*, based in part on a true crime that had occurred in Los Angeles, was published in 1992 and won the Edgar Award for Best First Novel by the Mystery Writers of America. *Blood Work* featuring Terry McCaleb, a former FBI Agent, was made into a film by Warner Brothers, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

Former FBI Agent Terry McCaleb was the top man in the force until a very serious illness culminating in an operation for a heart transplant forced him into retirement. Enjoying a relaxing life on his houseboat "The Following Sea" in Los Angeles, Terry is surprised to receive a visit from an attractive woman called Graciela Rivers. From her he learns that the heart beating inside him belonged to her late sister, Gloria Torres. Graciela is convinced that her sister was murdered for a particular purpose and she wants McCaleb to discover who did it and why.

Calling in past favours with acquaintances, contacts and colleagues and against the advice of his medical Consultant, Bonnie Fox, McCaleb embarks on solving the case, falling in love with Gloria's sister, Graciela, at the same time.

After an initial visit to the LAPD, he soon discovers clues previously missed. In interviewing relatives of victims of similar crimes McCaleb unearths macabre links to Gloria's murder. McCaleb's obsession with the case threatens to put his own life in danger and then by a curious twist in the plot the hunter becomes the hunted.

The story curls and meanders into an unusual and brilliant ending where McCaleb finds himself drawing on all his detective skills to rescue not only Graciela but the young son of the murdered donor.

Released this month is his Michael Connelly's latest book "*The Gods of Guilt*", which is predicted to be another best seller!

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

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

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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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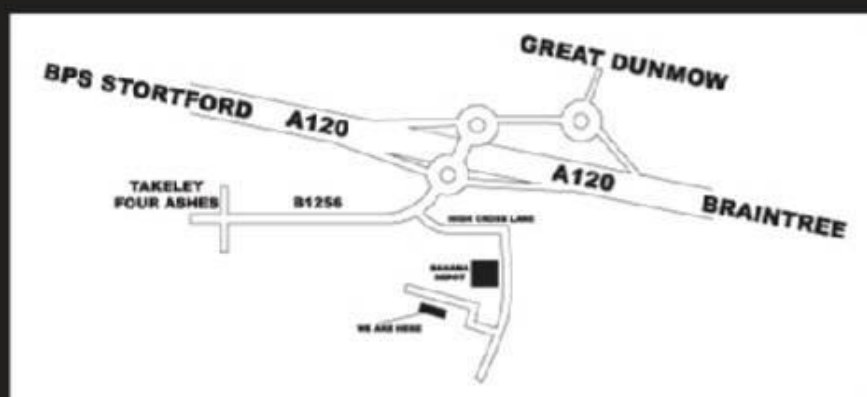
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