

NEWSLETTER



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL, 2014/15 TPC RESPONSIBILITIES

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	REMIT		COUNCILLOR
CHAIRMAN			Carol Pratt
VICE CHAIRMAN			Geoff Bagnall
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Report & recommendations to full Council	4	Carol Pratt, Geoff Bagnall, Richard Cheetham, 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, John Mitchell
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT			Brian Baldwin
SPORTS FIELD			John Green
RECREATION GROUND			John Green
RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/LAND	Rights of Way/Footpaths/Land Tree Warden, Flich Way	2	Tina Domigan, Trevor Allen, John Green, John Mitchell
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 & Clerk/Asst Clerk
SCHOOL HOUSE WORKING GP	Consider the future (Use & Ownership)		Carol Pratt, Richard Cheetham, Tricia Barber, Pat Burnett, Tina Domigan, Trevor Allen
YOUTH GROUP	Liaison & secretary		Linda Steer

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

TPC REPRESENTATIVES:

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

All roles confirmed & agreed TPC Meeting May 2014

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Editorial

In which the editor defends his greatest hero, performs unsuccessful thoracic surgery, suffers culinary ravaging and leaves the entire cast of a play at a loss for words

"I used to believe in forever; But forever's too good to be true."

Old age is a very peculiar phenomenon. It's rather similar to a politician's promise (you can tell that I love politicians) insofar as it never quite happens in the way that you imagine. For a start, one is never old in the sense that we defined old when we were very young. Being old meant being like a cadaverous spectre from an Edgar Allen Poe tale, or withering quietly away in a dusty armchair. As I get within striking distance of my allotted three score and ten years, being elderly seems, in my mind, to be something that is still quite distant. Which is possibly why I recoil in shock each morning when I come face to face with grim actuality in the bathroom mirror. As I was leaving a shop a few weeks ago, I nearly walked into a rather downtrodden elderly gent coming towards me. I stepped aside and mumbled an apology, only to realise that I was addressing my reflection in a shop mirror ...

But hey, old is something that I'll be tomorrow, not today. There you go, a politician's promise. Or put another way, tomorrow never comes.

I used to laugh at a certain TV character – a pensioner - whose catch phrase was "I don't *believe* it" Now, that's all I seem to say. And, dammit, I'm older than Meldrew!

You can imagine my stunned response, then, when I read a newspaper article about a group of town councillors in Poland who have banned Winnie the Pooh from being used as a playground logo as he is, apparently, a 'hermaphrodite' of 'dubious sexuality' !

One official was heard to say: 'It doesn't wear underpants because it doesn't have a sex. It's a hermaphrodite.'

Councillor Hanna Jachimska then began criticising the Winnie the Pooh author Alan Alexander Milne.

She said: 'This is very disturbing but can you imagine! The author was over 60 and cut his (Pooh's) testicles off with a razor blade because he had a problem with his identity.'

If I were to come across this individual, I should bearate her for unbearable pseudo-psychology that has no bearing on the bear facts of the case. And then invite her to a teddy bears' picnic for political re-education.



Einstein once said: *“Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.”*

Or, as Pooh once said: *“Before beginning a Hunt, it is wise to ask someone what you are looking for before you begin looking for it.”*

If Winnie the Pooh had enough time, he'd probably come up with the theory of relativity.

Well, OK then, I'll admit my past crimes, since they have some bearing here. I once shaved my teddy bear completely bald with my father's razor and was inconsolable when it was explained to me that the fur was unlikely to grow back. My mother had to knit him a coat to keep him warm and protect his modesty.

And I threw my cuddly squirrel into the sea to see if it could swim. (It was rescued by a swimmer but it was never the same.)

I also operated on another teddy bear to correct a growl malfunction and rendered it mute and leaking stuffing. He was called Growly and is still with us, upside down in a cupboard. It's yoga, you know. It helps him to meditate. There you are, I've bared my soul and given you the bear facts. And I know that it's barely believable but please don't *bearate* me as I am simply the bearer of the tale.

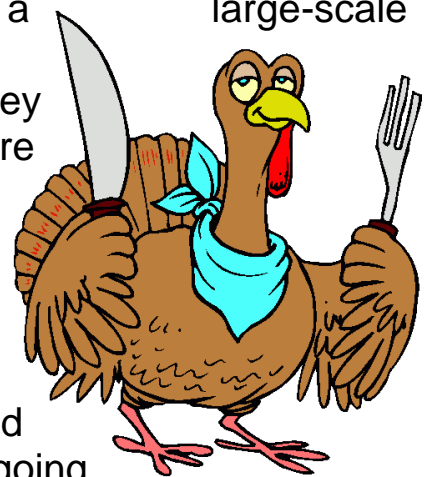
And, of course, Christmas is rumbling towards us, like an out of control avalanche gathering speed. It's like one of those mediaeval clocks where a knight comes out on the hour, with the chime, brandishing a sword and bashing repeatedly on the head of his precursor. Which is generally how I feel about the festive season these days; bashed about the head by a mediaeval automaton in the freezing cold!

Christmas always seems to have been a darkly theatrical event in the annals of my family, like a long playing disaster movie where the audience have been locked in the cinema!

I remember, I remember. I remember the Christmas dinner when a cousin insulted an elderly aunt who, outraged, hurled a glass of wine at her and drenched the host instead. Or the first time that I gave a large-scale Christmas party.

I cooked everything from scratch, including a turkey which was to be sliced when cooked. Except that there didn't seem to be any meat on it so I cooked a second bird. Same problem. Panic. 'Phoned a friend and described the problem. After my lurid account of the crime scene, she gently explained that I had both turkeys upside down ...

And then there was the Christmas when a dear friend insisted on bringing a slide projector with her and going through an account of every holiday that she had ever had. At some point, I fell asleep and slid off the back of the sofa where I was perched. By some odd fluke, I managed to get tangled in the full length velvet curtains that went



from one side of the room to the other. The whole lot, including the pelmet, came down with me. There was a stunned silence as I pulled myself from the wreckage and dusting myself down, sat back on the sofa. My mother, who had been chain smoking all evening, coughed violently and sent showers of sparks and fag ash into the gloom.

“What super pictures,” I said. “Got any more?”

There were no more slide shows.

And then there were Christmas plays. Like the dreadful school production of “A Christmas Carol” that got trotted out every year. The first year, I played Tiny Tim. The next year I graduated to Peter Cratchitt. The following year, since my acting ability was clear to all, I simply made the props. Like the goose that the Cratchitt family had for their Christmas dinner. It was made of cardboard, craftily pinned together in sections so that it could be dismantled in bite-sized parts. The table was set against a curtain so a stage hand might unpin and remove bits of the cardboard bird without being noticed. Except that the actors forgot their lines and sat dumbly at the table while a disembodied hand poked through the curtain at odd intervals and incrementally nicked their dinner.

A couple of months later, to relieve the winter tedium, our drama club put on a production of a play called “The Lion’s Whelp”. This epic involved an unknown son of Richard Coeur de Lion being discovered in a monastery where he was being brought up by monks. Or something like that. Anyhow, I was responsible for the stage props once more. The monks were required to eat a meal of gruel so I obliged by mixing large quantities of flour and water and decanting the sticky mess into bowls.



Every time anyone tried to take a spoonful, the bowl came along with the spoon, so soon the monks were yanking gloopy spoons out of bowls and getting gruel stuck to their hands and sleeves. Finally, they got the stuff into their mouths and then tried to say their lines. Only they couldn’t because their mouths were gummed up and the stuff was impossible to swallow. So they sat and slurped and grunted at each other, aimlessly waving bowls attached to spoons, occasionally spitting out greyish lumps of the porridge-like mixture.

The audience was, by this time, weeping. And everyone thought I’d done it on purpose. Moi? Perish the thought. Come on, you all know me better than that.

Until not so long ago, the theatre company that I belong to, Moot House Players, would put on a children’s play round about the festive season.

When I was younger and should have known better, I was persuaded to take a part in one of these productions that toured the primary schools in Harlow

every night for a week. It was a pirate play and I had to walk the plank each night. And as the performances went by, the plank got higher and higher. I also had to interact with the audience. There was one poor soul who had a bucket rammed over his head. The children were supposed to side with him, but he had a rather feeble manner which had the opposite effect and tended to bring out the predatory nature of the young audiences. As he stood in front of me with his head firmly inserted in a plastic pail, I turned to the children and said: "Shall I take the bucket off his head?"

"Nahhh!" yelled the crowd.

"Oh go on. Don't be horrid to him," I pleaded.

"Hands up if you want me to take the bucket off his head." No hands went up.

"E's a *****, kick him in the *****" yelled an angelic little kid in the front row. The teachers, sat down each side of the hall, stared into space.

Bloke with head in bucket was wobbling a bit and looked as though he was about to lose his balance. I gritted my teeth and pulled the bucket off his head, revealing a glazed and slightly alarmed face. I turned to the kid in the front row and gave him an icy stare. "I never did believe in democracy," I said. And took my exit gracefully.

Christmas is coming,

The geese are getting fat,

Santa has collided with a high rise flat.

Just to convince you that I am no unseasonal Scrooge, I will leave you with one more tale of New Year's Eve, many, many years ago.

A friend and I had decided to go to Cambridge to get essential supplies for the evening's celebration – namely decent olives and smoked salmon. We were distracted, as you would expect a couple of young blokes to be, by a sign outside the Eagle Inn, advertising its special Christmas ale. Well who could resist? We purchased our pints and imbibed the nectar. The effect was remarkable. A black velvet curtain seemed to descend on the world and I felt warm and at peace with everybody. However, after a while, it dawned on me that I needed some cash to buy the goodies that we had come to buy. There were no hole in the wall machines then, so I had to find a bank. I staggered off on my search and eventually lurched through the open door of an imposing building. I leant against the counter and tried to look intelligent.

"Sckoosh me," I said, "but I'm looking for a bank, you shee."

The chap behind the counter eyed me for a very long moment.

"That might be here, sir," he said.

On which happy note, I fare thee well. The cupboard with the Scotch medicine in it is calling loudly from downstairs and there are a couple of cakes on the kitchen table that need tidying.

Nighty night and Merry Jinglebongles to one and all.

Paul Regeli , *Contributing editor, (RA reject), Official Village Idiot, Fellow of the Society of Amateur Safecrackers and Homo Sapiens (possibly).*

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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

Congratulations to Mr. John Monk & Mr. Pat Salmon who received their Uttlesford Community Achievement Awards this month (nominated by Parish Council)

Open Forum:

District Cllr Jackie Cheetham reported:

Elsenham Quarry: UDC & ECC have raised concerns over the increase in vehicle movement and the impact it will have on the local community.

Cooks Hill - Bovis Development Site: Bovis detailed planning application has been refused.

Old School House: TPC's application to list the School House on UDC's Community Asset Register has been refused. The decision came because the building ceased to be used by the community in recent years. The building was last used as a Youth building in 2008.

CClr Susan Barker informed TPC that the Old School House has been declared surplus to requirement by Essex County Council. TPC will need to meet with ECC Cabinet Member Derrick Louis to put forward a formal expression of interest within the next 2 weeks. TPC will be offered a 20% discount on the commercial valuation.

The Clerk will investigate Community Asset Transfer and will consult with EALC, RCCE and Locality. TPC will request evidence and proof of the policy that ECC are working with. Cllr Tina Domigan to contact a land agent regarding a valuation. Cllr Susan Barker to arrange a date for the meeting. TPC agreed to meet with ECC Cabinet members to discuss & to lodge a formal expression of interest.

Tanya Ingram from **Takeley Primary School's PFA** would like to ask TPC for a donation towards the 'Winter Wonderland' event to be held at the school on 30th November. The PFA would like to end the year on a positive note after the recent bad press regarding the Ofsted report. There has been a great response from advertisers. The event will include an ice rink, hog roast, Santa's Grotto, stalls, real reindeer and much more. An admission charge on the day will be of £1 for adults and children will be free. 3000 booklets will be going out to advertise the event and Tanya would like to ask TPC if they can display a banner at the Four Ashes junction on the village green. Two other banners will be on display at the school and at the roundabout at Tesco's, Dunmow. TPC has donated £1500 in previous years. TPC have agreed for the banner to be displayed on the village green and the request for a donation will be considered at the December meeting.

Takeley Community Group: This group provides community parties for the children of Takeley during the course of each year (Easter, Halloween, Christmas etc). The group has requested a donation for future events. TPC approved a grant of £1k

Holy Trinity Churchyard: Request towards the maintenance and upkeep of the churchyard (grass cutting etc). TPC approved a grant of £1k.

PCC Fireworks Display - Wed 5th November 2014:

6.30pm for a 7pm display to be held at All Saints Church.

Proceeds to PCC. Tickets: adult £4, school age child £2.

Insurance £250, licence for storage £100, display equipment £120, fireworks £750 (total costs £1220).PCC has requested a donation towards the costs. TPC approved a £750 donation.

Essex Air Ambulance:

Following a request for a donation. Cllr Trevor Allen proposed £500, 2nd Cllr Geoff Bagnall. All agreed

2013/2014 Annual Return/Audit: This has been approved by the external auditor.

Village Services - Ground Maintenance:

Four quotes received for the maintenance schedule of works.

TPC agreed to follow up on a quote provided by 'M. Burke Landscaping' regarding their flexibility, additional/occasional works, before engaging on a trial basis for 2015.

Priors Green Community Hall

After the PGCH meeting on 15th Oct, TPC received the resignation of 3 Trustees. with 2 remaining members the committee is unable to function. The trustees do however have a responsibility to ensure that the assets of the hall are handled appropriately.

TPC agreed on the recommendation to set up a sub-committee who will be given authority to administer day to day function of the hall, pay bills, invoicing and oversee the winding up of the charitable trust. The sub-committee will include Cllr Tina Domigan, members of the PGCH committee members, the original project group members (Cllrs Carol Pratt, Trevor Allen & Geoff Bagnall) plus Cllr John Mitchell. Cllr David Daykin would like to remove himself from the sub-committee as he is still one of the remaining members of the hall committee.

Stansted Airport Sustainable Development Plan Consultation:

TPC approved a response based on a draft recommended through TPC Planning Committee (mtgs 22/10/14 & 5/11/14)

A final copy will be submitted to MAG, SSE, UDC, MP, and Govt Ministers.

ESS/38/14/UTT - Elsenham Quarry

Proposal: Continuation of the winning and working of mineral and subsequent restoration of the site through land filling without compliance with conditions 2 (approved details), 19 (vehicular movement limitation) and 28 (restriction on waste type origins) of planning permission ESS/39/11/UTT to allow an revision to the pre-settlement contours, increase in the

amount of vehicular movements per annum over 3.5 tonnes and removing the limit on the amount of waste received from outside the administrative area of Essex.

Recommendation: Objection. TPC approved the draft response.

UDC Local Plan Examination:

TPC authorised the Planning Committee to agree the points to be raised based on the Council's position & representation submitted to UDC. Cllr Geoff Bagnall was nominated to represent TPC as their speaker at the hearing.

The Inspectors' hearing will take place on 18th- 21st November and 2nd -5th December . Cllr Geoff Bagnall will attend 4 sessions on Infrastructure, Sustainability, Settlement Classification and Access Strategy. The hearing details can be found on the UDC website.

Youth Project: Cllr Linda Steer reported:

Still lots of interest in the club. A recent curry night was a huge success with support from Red Chilli takeaway (supplying the food). An activities schedule will be posted in the Takeley Newsletter and the Grapevine quarterly. TPC has received a letter from the Chairman of the group thanking them for their help and continued support.

Highways Issues:

TPC noted the following:

Road Cleaning: Debris from the Brewers End development site is now being cleared from the roads.

Gorefeld Rd: A letter of complaint has been received from a resident in Gorefeld Road. Cars being parked on the corner of the road mean that the UDC refuse lorry cannot pass therefore the bins are not being emptied. The complainant would like a no parking zone put in place. She has written to UDC & ECC Highways.

Verge Cutting: Cllr David Daykin would like to know if we can use our own contractor to cut the verges or does it still have to be an ECC appointed contractor? There has been no reply from Highways regarding the 2nd verge cut. ECC Cllr Susan Barker could not provide any further information. TPC will raise a formal complaint re. poor service and lack of response.

Takeley Street Traffic Calming: Plans have been marked on the road. A Safety Audit will now be carried out after which plans will be finalised. Costings for each element will be presented to TPC who will then negotiate with Highways re. which elements will be installed first.

Mole Hill Green: The finger post reported by TPC and followed up by Cllr Carol Pratt has been added to the Highways list of things to do - again. No time scales have been given by Highways. Cllrs Geoff Bagnall and John Mitchell to inspect the post and assess the damage. Cllr Trevor Allen reported cars are using Mole Hill Green as a car park. The fence posts currently on the green may have to be extended to prevent this from happening in the future.

Roseacres: A complaint from a resident regarding the drains. After heavy rainfall Roseacres junction with Parsonage Road floods. Highways have been contacted several times by residents and by TPC. TPC to contact Dave Chapman or Lucy Shepherd (ECC).

Priors Green Parking and Traffic :

- Mr. Ed Howley (resident on Priors Green) is keen to work with TPC regarding the traffic problems on the development.
- Asst Clerk is arranging a survey re usage of the bus service on Priors Green. Mr Martin Peachey contacted the local police regarding a traffic survey and their response was that there is a long waiting list and lots of manpower would be needed. TPC will contact Cllr Sue Barker and request the UDC Highways Panel fund an independent survey.
- Residents who attended the August meeting have carried out a resident's survey.
- Cllr Geoff Bagnall would like the residents group to compile a list of what they believe the problems are.

The residents group have a meeting planned for the 15th or 16th of November, this is the first time they have been able to meet up since the summer. Suggestions which have been made for a solution to ease the problems are:

- 20mph speed limit.
- Double yellow lines on main roads and junctions.

Controlled parking zone (consideration to be made for visitors to the School from outside the Priors Green development).

Byway 25/Jack's Lane: Cllr Geoff Bagnall reported the UDC Planning Committee meeting in August approved the application to restrict vehicle movement

Recreation Ground

27/9/14 - A picnic bench was set alight and the Fire & Police services were in attendance.

Other damage to the ground includes a litter bin with fire damage and a chain link fence.

Police are investigating.

Oak tree has been repaired. Unfortunately the branch could not be saved but hopeful that the tree will flourish next year.

Bus Shelters for B183 Hatfield Broad Oak Rd (adj. Takeley Park):

Following a request from Takeley park residents and management, TPC agreed to make an application to the UDC Local Highways Panel to fund 2 new bus shelters for the existing bus stops (north and south bound) on B183.

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

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THE OLD (VICTORIAN) SCHOOL HOUSE, BREWERS END

Owned jointly by the Church and Essex County Council, the old School House is about to be declared surplus to requirements and sold off for development.

Takeley Parish Council is keen to retain the land and building for community use.

The population of the village continues to grow and we have dearth of facilities within the village to meet the demands of a growing population. Whilst we must ensure that we do nothing to undermine the success of existing community venues there is demand for a range of facilities. For example, we have no health facilities within Takeley, the recently established youth group is flourishing (60+ members), the community cafe is thriving, the local history society is without a base.

The Parish Council has agreed to meet with Essex County Council to express an interest in acquiring the site. Members wish to understand how much it would cost to acquire the site on behalf of the local community.

If you support the ambition to retain the site for community use please contact us:

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off Station Road at the Four Ashes junction

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING SCHEDULE 2015

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

JANUARY 7th	FEBRUARY 4th	MARCH 4th
APRIL 1st	MAY 6th	JUNE 3rd
	AGM/ELECTIONS MAY 20th	
JULY 1st	AUGUST 5th	SEPTEMBER 2nd
OCTOBER 7th	NOVEMBER 4th	DECEMBER 2nd

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Takeley Parish Council Office:

Takeley Parish Council has an office within the Station House in Sycamore Close.

The Council is establishing a base in the Station House from where it hopes to foster a more personal and supportive role in the community. Services will be built gradually to facilitate the needs of the people in Takeley and will include an information point and direct liaison with council members through the clerk.

The Parish Council Office, at the Station House is open to the public each Wednesday morning between 10.00am & 1.00pm.

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dates for 2015

Wednesday 7th January

Wednesday 21st January

Wednesday 4th February

Wednesday 18th February

Wednesday 4th March

Wednesday 18th March

Friday 16th January

Friday 30th January

Friday 13th February

Friday 27th February

*** CLOSED Fri 13th March ***

Friday 27th March

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Effective 1st September 2014

Tuesday visits fortnightly (week 2)			
Dates	Location	Arrives	Departs
Sep: 9, 23 Oct: 7, 21 Nov: 4, 18 Dec: 2, 16 Jan: 13, 27 Feb: 10, 24 Mar: 10, 24 Apr: 7, 21 May: 5, 19 June: 2,16,30 July: 14, 28 Aug: 11, 25			
	Molehill Green Village Store	14.05	14.20

Friday visits fortnightly (week 2)			
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Sep: 12, 26 Oct: 10, 24 Nov: 7, 21 Dec: 5, 19 Jan: 16, 30 Feb: 13,27 Mar: 13, 27 Apr: 10, 24 May: 8, 22 Jun: 5, 19 July: 3, 17, 31 Aug: 14, 28			
	Takeley Caravan Park	13.55	14.15
	Takeley Priors Wood	14.25	14.55
	Priors Green Community Hall	14.55	16.00

Help us reduce the risk of flooding in Takeley.

The Environment Agency is the largest environmental organisation in England and Wales. As well as protecting and improving the environment we are also responsible for reducing the risk of flooding. We need your help to do this in the Takeley area.

The main watercourse that runs through Takeley is called the Takeley Drain. Although normally dry, in times of extended or heavy rainfall the water level rises in the channel. During the last few months of wet weather the river has carried large volumes of rainwater and snow melt through the village.

Keep the channel clear of rubbish

A recent inspection of the Takeley Drain found that household and garden waste had been dumped into the channels and on the riverbanks. Whilst the majority of householders dispose of their waste properly, it only takes a few people to use the channels in this way for it to potentially have a huge impact on the area.

For water to pass through the village without causing flooding, the channels have to be kept clear of blockages. In many places the river runs in narrow pipes and these can become blocked if rubbish and branches are washed into them. Blockages can then cause water to back up and flow out of the channels and cause flooding to the surrounding area. In addition, any waste including cut grass and branches dumped into the watercourse, or on its banks, can attract vermin to the area and cause damage.

Please help to keep Takeley Drain clear of blockages by making sure that your rubbish is disposed of in a proper and responsible manner.

To report any blockages please call our Incident Hotline on 0800 807060.

Talk to us if you are planning any work near to the river

During our inspections we also noticed that some structures were built too close to the river bank.

Any works carried out near a river could increase the risk of flooding to the area or damage riverbanks, gardens, the local environment and wildlife. To try to prevent this any work on structures in, over, under or within 8 metres of a Main River require written permission from us beforehand. These permissions are called 'Flood Defence Consents'.

If you are planning any works within 8 metres of a river, please talk to us first to make sure that you are not increasing flood risk to yourself and those around you and not causing damaging the local environment and wildlife. You can call Christopher Bienemann of the Flood Risk Management Team on 01707 632409.

Are you a riparian owner?

If you own land or property next to a watercourse you are a 'riparian owner' and means that you have certain rights & responsibilities. You can find out more about these in our publication, 'Living on the Edge' which can be found on our website <https://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/FLHO0912BWUP-E-E.pdf>

If you would like more information regarding flooding or flood maps please visit our website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk.

FLOODING IN SOUTH ROAD

Essex County Council has confirmed that the ditch that runs behind properties in South Road is classified 'main river' and is the responsibility of the Environment Agency.

In the event of imminent danger emergency services should be called on 999. All other flooding events & maintenance issues should be reported to the Environment Agency on:

0800 80 70 60 (24hrs)

Takeley Parish Council is pursuing the EA to ensure that a proper programme of maintenance is in place to minimise the risk of flood events.

HEALTH CARE PROVISION IN TAKELEY

Takeley Parish Council is keen to promote the growing need for infrastructure improvements in Takeley. This includes the need for local accessible health services.

Members of the Parish Council have recently met with NHS England Essex Area representatives. The Parish Council is concerned about the lack of progress; with no evidence of forward planning for this community.

If you have evidence of poor services or problems with access to a GP we would welcome your support to bring this to the attention of the health authority.

Please follow the instructions below (from NHS website) and copy to the Parish Council email: takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com

How to make a complaint to NHS England

If you have a complaint concerning the treatment or service provided by the NHS, please contact:

By telephone: 0300 311 2233 (lines are open Monday to Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm, excluding bank holidays)

By email: England.contactus@nhs.net

If a complaint is received, NHS England will try to resolve it at local level by the person who originally dealt with correspondence. If the issue is not resolved at this level, it is usually escalated to a line manager or team leader. If the correspondence between both parties continues and the complaint has not been resolved, then it will be referred to the complaints manager.

The correspondence will include an explanation of the procedure for making an official complaint to NHS England, via the complaints manager.

NHS England aim to respond to all complaints within 20 working days. If we are unable to reply within this time, we will let you know and provide a realistic estimate of when you can expect a reply.

AIRPORT PARKING

Please report on street airport parking to
Hotline: 0800 731 2385

This is a central database. A list of all cases goes to the Stansted Airport Highways Working Group (which includes Stansted Airport, Essex County Council Highways and Uttlesford District Council) which identifies 'hotspots'.

Where recorded evidence supports identification of a 'hotspot' Stansted Airport may contribute financial assistance to the statutory authority (ECC Highways) to provide a solution.

Neither ECC Highways nor Uttlesford District Council support resident parking schemes where off street parking is available.

The Parish Council has no statutory powers relating to Highways. The Parish Council will make representations to UDC and ECC Highways Dept regarding airport parking issues but it is only the statutory bodies (UDC & ECC Highways) that have the powers to act.

Thank you

Report a Highway Problem

Report potholes or other road defects to:

1. Essex County Council Highways online at :
www.essexcc.gov.uk/Highways/Report-a-highway-problem
2. Essex County Council by phone: 0845 603 7631
3. The [Highways Agency](#) - For enquiries and reports relating to trunk roads and motorways, please call 0300 123 5000.

CAB APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE BY VIDEO-LINK FROM TAKELEY

'We feel strongly that everyone should be able to access advice and we are aware that people often prefer to see someone rather than just use the phone, particularly in more complicated issues'. Kate Robson, Manager of Uttlesford CAB.

Uttlesford CAB will be offering free advice sessions via video link from the old Station House on Sycamore Close, Takeley from Thursday 29 May.

Clients will have access to a private room where they can speak confidentially to a trained adviser. Anyone in the community can benefit from this service, especially those who might find getting to one of the CAB offices hard. No computer skills are necessary! A volunteer will be on hand to help set up the link and will then leave clients to discuss their issue in complete privacy. A cup of tea is always available afterwards in the community café.

- Did you know that Uttlesford CAB is a locally funded charity?
- Follow our anti-scam campaign on <https://twitter.com/UttlesfordCAB>

As Jane Heskey, the Parish Clerk of Takeley stated, 'We are delighted to help CAB with this initiative, it's so important that everyone has access to good quality advice, the lack of transport in this area does make getting face-to-face support difficult'. The Parish Council office has introduced broadband onto the site and Uttlesford District Council has helped fund the purchase of equipment through their access to services project.

To make an appointment to speak to an adviser call Uttlesford CAB on 01799 618840 Mon-Fri 9.30 to 3.30. Appointments at Takeley are available Thursday and Friday each week.

Visit www.uttlesfordcab.org.uk for more information.

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Tallen's Country Notes

Looking back at my Autumn Country Notes I posed the question that people have asked me, "Where are all the birds as my garden is so quiet?" It appears that the answer I gave has not satisfied the situation. Here we are at the beginning of winter and still the gardens are quiet and the bird feeders full. I admit that I find this very strange and worrying. The reason I gave was what is known as 'normal conditions', that is that at the end of August and the beginning of September the adults, joined by the fledglings, flock to the surrounding fields and hedgerow to moult and forage the surrounding area for food. They then return, normally in October, to their usual local territories for the forthcoming winter. But as you are aware, what can be called 'normal conditions' today when the threat of global warming and seasonal change is a reality? So, what we are seeing is that our weather patterns are certainly on the change.

The start of winter has been wet and windy; looking further afield across the Atlantic there have been record snowfalls. As our winter months are dominated by westerly and easterly weather patterns I sincerely hope that we are not in line for these extreme conditions.

Our resident birds also have to brave those cold east winds that pierce even the warmest of winter coats and they only have a covering of feathers to keep out the wind and rain. Their warmth comes from food. I have started to stock up with fat balls and sunflower seeds and if the weather does worsen then I shall provide them with my special mixture of dog food, bread, oats, cake and currants bound together with dripping fat. On no account use salty foods as this will poison them. And don't forget the water.

The general rule is to feed them in the morning, especially after a long cold night. Try and avoid putting out food after mid afternoon for if it is not eaten by the time they are about to roost (four/five o'clock) the uneaten food will attract unwanted guests such as rats!

You will be surprised who will visit your garden when such fare is on offer. The last few snowy winters I had rooks and crows, fieldfare, several robins, at least eight male blackbirds accompanied by females, gold and green finches also chaffinch, goldcrest and many of the tit family, blue and great tit, marsh and coal tit all sharing the feast.



I will finish by saying that summer is just around the corner.

Tallen



Takeley Cricket Club – November 2014



Now we are well into autumn, we can look forward to next season knowing we will be playing in the same divisions as last season. Our two teams had a mixed ending to the 2014 season; the 1st XI had done enough before the final three games of the season, so 3 defeats in those games did not cause any consternation other than to push us down the table a little to our finishing place of 7th. In all, the team lost 9 and won 8 of their 18 league games, with just the one game lost to weather.

The 2nd XI, however, enjoyed a much stronger second half of the season, winning 7 of their final 9 games to give them a top half of the table finishing position. A fantastic achievement, especially for 20-year old stand-in skipper Ashley Harrington who took charge of the final 7 games and only lost one of them. This will certainly give the team encouragement that they can push for Div 4 next season.

Sundays were a little more difficult, with 5 of the planned fixtures cancelled due to one or both sides not being able to side teams. However, of the 7 games that were played, skipper Andrew Osborne would have been very pleased with a return of 4 wins and 2 draws.

My usual plea goes out for new players to get in contact and we were certainly strengthened by some additions that did make contact during the season. If anyone is interested, please complete a contact form on our website, www.takeleycc.co.uk or make contact with our 2015 skipper Liam Brown on 01279 871055.

Raising funds continues to be vital for the cricket club and we are looking at holding our usual quizzes next year, one before the season starts and the other after the end of the season. Dates for your diaries are planned to be Saturday March 28th 2015 and Saturday 3rd October 2015.

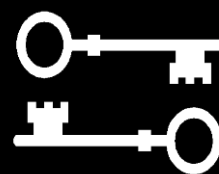
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As there are many new families moving into the area I thought I should take this opportunity to let you know about Takeley Local History Society, who we are and what we do.

We are in our 16th year now having been formed in 1998 and we currently have about 50 members. Four times a year we meet at Takeley Primary School and have a guest speaker on a range of historical subjects with a local bias. We also have a trip out in the summer where we may go to a local museum or other place of interest. Cost of membership is only £5 per year (which includes hire of the hall, speakers and tea and coffee) and has remained at this price for the last 16 years.

Over the years some members have produced booklets on various aspects of Takeley History (we now have 26 titles available) and it is the sale of these that has allowed us to keep membership fees so low.

Our website grows a little each year with articles and resources all to do with the history of Takeley. Quite often emails from outside the village requesting information lead to us discovering something new to us. A request which I am currently dealing with looks likely to reveal the crash location of a Lancaster bomber which crashed in the village during the war. Another recent request was easier to answer as it was for the location of the grave of someone's relative. TLHS carried out a transcription of all the grave memorials in both Holy Trinity Church and Takeley Chapel graveyards between 2004 and 2006. This database, together with the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials databases which Laurie Bond created around the same time, have made tracing people's Takeley ancestors a much simpler thing to do.

We have many long term projects which will ultimately produce more booklets and articles for the website, but we also have ideas for projects for which we have no-one to carry them out. If you are interested in historical research (some of which can be done from home with just a computer) then, whether you are currently a member or not, please drop me an email to the address above. Similarly, if you would just like to go on our list for notifying you of meeting dates then also drop me an email.

Our next meeting will be held at Takeley Primary School on 3rd February at 7.30 and the speaker will be Carolyn Wingfield from Saffron Walden Museum.

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

From the Village Recorder

Waltham Hall

After reading through this account I realised that it gives an impression of a quiet, peaceful Takeley up to the coming of the Black Death. One can imagine village of happy hard working peasants, devoted to the church and joyfully celebrating their Holy days or holidays. This sadly is a very long way from the real picture of life in this period.

The Norman Conquest was an often brutal suppression of the native Anglo Saxons and domination by a foreign power, very few of whom spoke English. The centuries that followed were marked by bitter Civil War in which Essex played a major part. Even by the reign of Henry II [1159 – 1189] the monarch was still French-speaking, but Henry did make great strides towards a more universal system of justice. The glamorous reputation of Richard the Lion Heart masks a monarch who spent very little time or interest in England, and whose ransom money bankrupted the country. John's bad reputation may have been exaggerated, but he, like his son Henry III, was in armed conflict with his barons. For almost a year England was ruled by the French Dauphin, a fact often conveniently forgotten.

I do not know of any Takeley records existing that directly link us to national conflicts, except that John attacked Stansted Mounfitchet castle, and then Tilty Abbey. This would bring him very close to the manor held by John de Bassingbourne, who had been a close associate and had then deserted him to join the rebellious barons. It would seem likely that a diversion was made to attack and damage de Bassingbourne's holding.

However, to return to what we do know: in 1066 the northern manor of Takeley was given to Eudo Dapifer, a prominent Norman baron and friend of William the Conqueror. Eudo had one daughter who married a de Mandeville, and eventually the manor came into the hands of the D'Amblie family, who sublet to the de Hauville family. In the early period these two families owned the church of St Mary at Takeley. It is possible that Eudo built the first stone church as penance for killings at Hastings.

Some of our earliest Takeley documents show the process by which the de Hauvilles gave away the northern manor to the Abbey of St. John's at Colchester and to the Abbey of Holy Cross at Waltham, and possibly the Cistercian Abbey at Tilty. These gifts became the basis for the Manors of Colchester Hall, Waltham Hall and Tilty Grange.

He had given the church of St Mary "which once was mine" to Colchester Abbey, but they gave it to the Bishop of London, who then became the Rector, and from then on had the right to appoint the priest. The Bishop specified that an "honest" priest was to act as Vicar [that is he did all the work], and was to have a house by the church. This existed until the late 19th Century when the graveyard was extended.

Geoffrey de Hauville had quitclaimed (gave up rights to the property of) the Abbey of Holy Cross Waltham from providing 2 canons or secular priests from conducting mass at the church of St. Mary “which once was mine”. He had given Waltham land in Bereton, Lexden and Takeley for this purpose. This suggests that Waltham Abbey may have acquired land in Takeley rather earlier than has previously been thought as surely Waltham was too far away for a daily commute. Were they perhaps staying in rota at their fellow canons’ monastery at Thremhall?

It is a bit of a mystery why Thremhall did not provide the “honest and fair” canons for Takeley, but it was a less distinguished establishment than Waltham, which had royal support. This Priory had an interest and land in Takeley and between 1240 and 1250 the Prior gave up the right to the advowson of Takeley in return for three acres of land. The advowson was the right to appoint the priest and was a valuable asset in its day.

Benedictines [as at Colchester] were usually monks but not priests, so could not conduct the Holy Offices. The Augustinians of Thremhall and Waltham were priests, or secular clergy called canons, who involved themselves more in lay life. After the murder of Thomas Becket, part of Henry II’s penance was to make Waltham a monastery of regular and not secular canons. This curtailed their external activities.

However, all the references suggest that Waltham Abbey had a presence in Takeley from at least the mid-13th Century. Their holding was important enough for Henry III to grant them a Fair at the Feast of Holy Trinity in 1254. This Fair would have been held on Mole Hill Green, which was much bigger in the Middle Ages than it is now. Edward III granted them free warren – that is the right to keep rabbits or coney in the specially created pillow mounds. The medieval rabbit, unlike its modern descendant, was a delicate animal. There was a field called Warren Field that may have been the site of the rabbit mounds.

In 1401 the Waltham grange was rented by a Nicholas Meller and his family probably continued to rent it until the early 17th Century. The Waltham Hall Survey of 1621, published by the TLHS, gives us a detailed account of the transfer of land with the names of the tenants going back to the mid-14th Century. It is not the material of a “best seller” but does give an important account of the people and land holdings for over two hundred and seventy years. The original Latin has been translated into English. The early manorial documents would probably have been amongst those burned at Waltham Abbey during the Peasants Revolt.

The present Waltham Hall stands to the south of the site marked in early O.S. maps as an Ancient Monument site. This is probably based on the mistaken idea that it was the site of an Abbey. We now know this was not true and that it was just a grange, or farm, for Waltham Abbey. There is also what looks like the remains of a moat between these two sites, and the Stansted Airport excavations found a house site from the 14th Century on the

other side of the main road. This makes it a complex site that could do with more thorough investigation.

The green of Mole Hill Green, tapers to a point here. The name suggests that there may have been a windmill, or "molenda" on the green, possibly itself placed on top of an earlier burial mound. The archaeological finds make this whole area of Takeley most interesting with still much to be discovered.

Somewhere in the locality was the Saxon manor house, and possibly even a Saxon cemetery. It is certainly worth taking any finds to be dated at the Saffron Walden Museum. The finds that have come from the fields around Waltham Hall date back to pre-history and some are quite rare.

The last pre Black Death manor to be looked at next time is Warish Hall, which is the best documented of all the Takeley manors.

Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon

Report in the 'Herts & Essex Observer -- Saturday 7th April 1928

FORCED LANDING

An RAF machine from Worthydown, near Winchester, made a forced landing in a ploughed field, close to Takeley village on Wednesday, the machine was not damaged, but as it was impossible for it to rise from the field, it had to be dismantled.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 16th November 1929.

ARMISTICE SERVICE AND DEDICATION OF THE BRITISH LEGION FLAG.

On Sunday evening an Armistice Service was held at Takeley, The Congregations of the Parish Church and the Congregational Chapel uniting in worship at the Parish Church. A Standard was presented to the Takeley and District Branch of the British Legion by the president (Captain J.L.H.Smith) was dedicated by the vicar (The Rev E.H.Oakley) The Rev Noel Mellish V.C. vicar of Dunmow, gave an impressive service, and the Rev S.E.Burton read the lessons. In response to the Vicar's appeal for the Earl Haig Fund the sum of £4 4s 2d was collected.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer -Saturday 23rd April 1938.

A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

was held on Thursday last week, Mr Charles Wright was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year. After routine business had been dealt with, the council appointed Messrs A.A.G.Cox, Mr W.F.Digby and the Chairman to complete

the negotiations with the various Public Authorities concerned as to the removal of the War Memorial, in accordance with the resolution passed at the Parish meeting.

THE WAR MEMORIAL

A Special Parish Meeting was held on the same day, Mr Charles Wright presiding, to consider whether the war memorial should be moved into the grounds of the Silver Jubilee Hall, or remain where it is, the land surrounding it having been acquired by the Essex County Council for future road development. Mr J.T.Gingell made a proposal that the offer of the site to the Parish Council by Mr A.A.G.Cox on behalf of the Silver Jubilee Hall Committee, to which the memorial could be moved, be accepted with thanks, and that the parish meeting give their necessary sanction to the removal. Mr A.Collison said that on behalf of the Takeley Branch of the British Legion, he must oppose the proposal to move the Memorial into the grounds of the Silver Jubilee Hall, Mr Gingell's proposition was carried with one dissentient.

Letter to the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 4th May 1940.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS - TAKELEY SOLDIERS' VIEWS.

To the Editor.

Sir - May I through your esteemed paper, express my opinion of the so called conscientious objector?

How can there be such a thing? If a man will not defend his home, his honour, and all that he holds dear, then he should be deprived of his British nationality. I read with disgust how some quote the Bible passages to support their claim. I wonder how many read the Bible as it should be read. If they do, then they will be aware of the story of how Christ, with a whip, drove money-lenders out of the Temple. Even Christ would use force when his Father's House was abused.

An animal created by God will always defend its young. Not one of us desires to kill a fellow being. In conclusion, where would all these so-called conscientious objectors be with their Christian ideas if we all adopted this attitude? I wonder if their faith and loyalty to God would endure in a concentration camp under German rule.

Yours, etc

A. TINWORTH

B.Q.M.S. of Takeley.

B.E.F.

This was Albert Tinworth, who was brought up at Bambers Green. He was a career soldier spending about 35 years in the army. At the time of writing this letter he was a Battery Quarter Master Sergeant, he rose up through the ranks to become a Captain.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 22nd July 1945.

CHILDREN'S VICTORY PARTY.

The children of Takeley celebrated Victory in a fitting manner on Saturday. About 180 were given an excellent tea, after which they enjoyed a fine show by Uncle Ken, a well-known children's entertainer. A firework display and a huge bonfire brought the proceedings to a close. At teatime Mr C. Wright (Chairman of the Parish Council) spoke to the children and called for three cheers for all who had helped, while Mr Frost thanked Uncle Ken.

PRESS RELEASE

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EXPANSION – 19 Nov 2014



NATS IGNORES LOCAL RESIDENTS' OBJECTIONS TO FLIGHT PATH CHANGES

When NATS first proposed changes to Stansted flight paths in June, Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) said that there must be clear and compelling benefits for local residents before any changes were implemented. NATS received over 400 responses to its consultation and more than 82% of those who expressed a view objected to the proposed changes in Stansted's flight paths.

NATS has now published its Feedback Report claiming that *"the package of net operational and environmental benefits presents a compelling case for change"*. However, SSE's analysis of the report shows a very different picture.

First, NATS claims there would be significant savings in carbon emissions but NATS only counts reduced CO₂ on take-off and ignores the rest of the flight as well as all the other flights operating at Stansted. When this is taken into account, the CO₂ saving is less than 1% and would therefore be easily negated by a small increase in traffic.

Second, NATS claims that the proposed changes would reduce flight delays. However, NATS does not say what improvement would be achieved, so no assessment can be made about the claimed benefit.

Suffice to say that the latest figures published by NATS show that the average delay per flight is only 1.6 seconds,

Third, NATS admits that more people would be overflowed more intensively compared to the number of people who would be overflowed less. However NATS tries to obfuscate this fact by introducing a weighting factor for a change in runway direction which ignores the real life situation for communities living near the airport. A local resident either lives under a flight path or he/she doesn't live under a flight path. A variation in runway use does not reduce the locations and the number of people overflowed.

Furthermore, NATS has not acknowledged that night flight departure routes would remain the same. Since the Government has said that noise from aircraft at night is widely regarded as the least acceptable aspect of aircraft operations, it is wholly irresponsible not to include the fact that people living under the Dover departure route would still be overflowed at night significantly reducing the effect of NATS' claim that flights on the Dover route would become "negligible".

SSE Noise Adviser Martin Peachey commented: "Despite overwhelming local opposition, NATS seems determined to implement these Stansted flight path changes, which would mean misery for local residents. The NATS consultation showed that 82% of all respondents who expressed a view were opposed to the proposed changes but this has clearly not been enough".

SSE says that it is not prepared to accept this situation lying down and if NATS won't listen to the local community, we need to press the CAA to look at this whole issue afresh. SSE will very soon publish advice on its website on how best to do this.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND COMMENT

- Martin Peachey, SSE Noise Adviser - T 01279 870374; M 07803 603999; martin@peachey2002.freemove.co.uk.
- SSE Campaign Office, T 01279 870558; info@stopstanstedexpansion.com.

Diesel engine emissions from HGV trucks in Takeley

Concern has been voiced about possible health hazards of emissions from the large number of HGV trucks which use the roads through Takeley. The number of trucks has been steadily increasing over recent years and there are two main types of diesel engine emissions which cause health issues:

- NO_x- the generic term for mono-nitrogen oxides NO and NO₂
- PMs - particulate matter or very small soot type particles

NO₂ is a lung irritant and bad for asthmatics. PMs are very unhealthy and aggravate chest and heart conditions.

HGVs are a potent source of NO₂ and PMs unless they have up to date engine control, the extent of which is not known since the relatively new EU limits mostly apply to new models.

At the request of Takeley Parish Council, UDC has initially been monitoring NO₂ levels since April 2014 in Takeley Street and at the Four Ashes. The European Union Air Quality standard level concentration for NO₂ is 40 micro grams per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) averaged over one year.

The first six months' results have shown that the mean NO₂ levels are at least 25% below the EU annual mean standard level concentration of 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The mean level is **28.60** for the tube at the **Four Ashes** and **21.02 at Takeley Street**. It is considered highly unlikely that the annual standard level would be exceeded at these locations, even though a small increase could be expected in winter months.



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Book Review by Elaine Wyld

The Way You Look Tonight Richard Madeley

Following the success of his first novel, Richard Madeley has written a second one. "The Way You Look Tonight" is a thriller set in Florida Keys in the early 1960's. Stella Arnold has recently graduated with a double-first in Psychology and now she is pursuing a PhD at Smith College in Northampton USA, researching Psychopaths. Not really surprising as her own father was a homicidal psychopath - even kidnapping his own daughter.

Stella's mother, a professor of Modern Politics from Girton College, Cambridge, has recently returned from a secondment at Boston University. Stella flies to the USA to stay with her mother's friends until she starts university. Her new foster family have links with the Kennedys and soon Stella finds herself at a barbeque in Martha's Vineyard where she makes acquaintance with President J F Kennedy, his brother Bobby and family members. The Kennedy's are impressed by her qualifications and intellect and it is not long before the United States government invites Stella to assist them track down a serial killer operating in Florida Keys.

The murderer has already committed several gruesome crimes, targeting young women and always leaving each victim with his "signature". Alternate chapters in the book are narrated by the killer, giving the reader a chilling insight into his character as he reveals his detailed plans for the next attack. When he discovers Stella has been assigned to help in capturing him, he becomes obsessed with finding her first.

Stella travels to Miami and teams up with FBI Agent, Lee Foster. Soon they are piecing the evidence together to identify the murderer. Stella's uncanny instincts create an accurate profile of the killer. As another victim is found however, the killer always seems to be one step ahead of Lee and Stella. Absorbed in the mission, Lee inadvertently offers Stella up as the next victim.

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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.

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.

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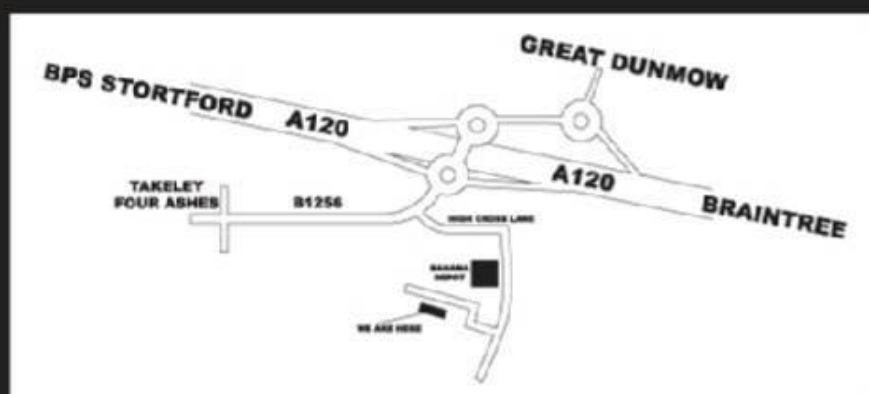
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