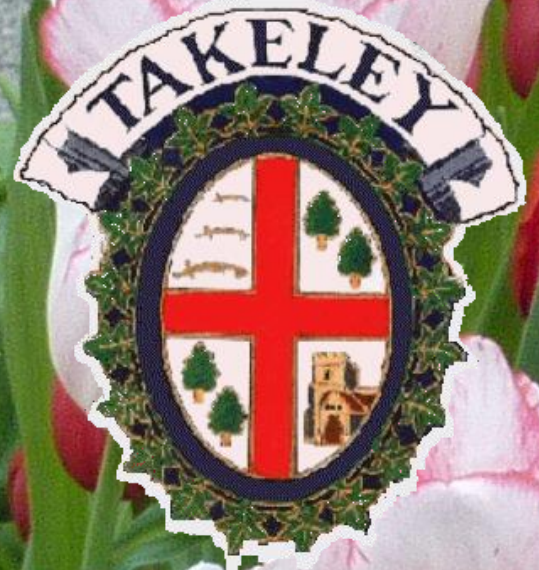


NEWSLETTER



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL, 2015/16 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, Sue Sprules
PLANNING COMMITTEE	Report & recommendations to full Council re Planning Applications, Housing Policy/Local Plan, Stansted Airport, SSE PC Liaison, coordination of consultations responses.	4	Carol Pratt, Pat Burnett, Jackie Cheetham, Tricia Barber, Geoff Bagnall
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT			David Daykin
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
MOLEHILL GREEN *	Green, Hall & Community		Carol Pratt & Trevor Allen
POLICE LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY			Trevor Allen
PUBLICITY	Notice Boards, Website, Newsletter, Grapevine, Press		David Daykin
NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION			John Green
REGIONAL/NATIONAL POLICY			Geoff Bagnall & Jackie Cheetham
EMERGENCY PLANNING	Coordinating key contacts & resources		Pat Burnett, Clerk & Asst Clerk
SCHOOL HOUSE WORKING GRP	Consider the future (Use & Ownership)		Carol Pratt, Tricia Barber, Trevor Allen, Tina Domigan, Pat Burnett, Linda Steer
STRATEGIC PLANNING (June 2015)	Facilities, services & Neighbourhood Planning		Geoff Bagnall, Jackie Cheetham, Linda Steer, John Green

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

TPC REPRESENTATIVES:

REPRESENTATIVE	COUNCILLOR/RESIDENTS
Essex Assoc. of Local Councils	Jackie Cheetham, Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt
Area Forums (incl. PCT)	Tricia Barber
Parish Passenger /Transport Gps	Phyllis Altham (resident)
Priors Green Community Hall Liaison	Geoff Bagnall, Carol Pratt, Pat Burnett, David Daykin
Takeley History Society & School	Trevor Allen
Silver Jubilee Hall	Trevor Allen
SSE Parish Liaison Group	Tricia Barber Richard Cheetham
Health Provision	Sue Sprules, Linda Steer
Takeley Youth Club	Linda Steer
Takeley Primary School	Sue Sprules

All roles confirmed & agreed TPC Meeting 20th May 2015

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Editorial

In which the editor is battered by gales, attempts to purchase a Horseless Carriage, makes a pornographic jigsaw puzzle and suffers hypothermia.

"The wind was against them now, and Piglet's ears streamed behind him like banners as he fought his way along, and it seemed hours before he got them into the shelter of the Hundred Acre Wood and they stood up straight again, to listen, a little nervously, to the roaring of the gale among the treetops. 'Supposing a tree fell down, Pooh, when we were underneath it?' 'Supposing it didn't,' said Pooh after careful thought."



As I settle down to write, cocooned in my office eyrie with the wind battering the dormer, sounding for all the world like a square rigger rounding the Horn, I am reminded that it's still deep winter. And that means that I should still be in hibernation, like any other sane bear. Sane being a *relative* term, of course. I complained in dismal tones to Beloved the other day: "It's cold and it's windy."

Beloved fixed me with a pitying look. "That's because it's winter," she explained with all the gentle exasperation of an infant school teacher. "Well it shouldn't be," I moaned.

I didn't *quite* put my thumb in my mouth but I went into a depressed sulk that was only cured by the application of liberal amounts of tea and biscuits. Well that's what you get for dragging me into unwilling consciousness when the weather's only fit for masochists like the crew who hurl themselves into the Serpentine on New Year's Day. Traumatic for the ducks, I should imagine!

"Look at the calendar and learn," says I with feeling!

Well, that's affirmed my status as a Grumpy Old Man. And now, onwards to a collection of the grotesqueries of life in modern times! Let me be your ill-tempered guide.

Just before the ritual festivities of the annual turkey sacrifice began, I decided that I might like to buy myself a new car. Now, to preserve anonymity and protect the innocent, I shall not identify the emporium to which I sped. The idea was to get a valuation of my trusty chariot and to discover what I would be allowed on a trade-in deal. I arrived, parked up and wandered around the forecourt in driving



wind and drizzle, eyeing up the shiny new steeds set out to tempt me. I suddenly became aware of the presence of a gangly youth in a suit that appeared to be too large for him. He enquired, giving a pretty good impression of Uriah Heep, if I was interested in purchasing a new Internal Combustion Vehicle. I replied that, for the moment, I simply needed a valuation of my existing vehicle against one of the bejewelled exhibits in the showroom. “Ah,” he said with a sad sigh, “we don’t give you a price as such, but we *can* adjust the monthly payments on your new car.” (He used the vernacular. Horseless Carriage is far more appealing.) I explained, patiently, that I would not be making any monthly payments as I wished to pay in cash. “Ah,” said the youth, his slight frame attempting to vanish into his suit, whose oversized trousers were flapping like flags in the wind, “but, if you were to take our gold plated caramelized finance option you could have a *brand new* car!”

“But if I *want* a brand new car I’ll buy it with cash. Or doubloons if you want,” I replied wearily. Not to be discouraged, he explained that, for minimal monthly payments, I could enjoy all the advantages of a new car, either handing it back after three years or making a vast payment to retain it.

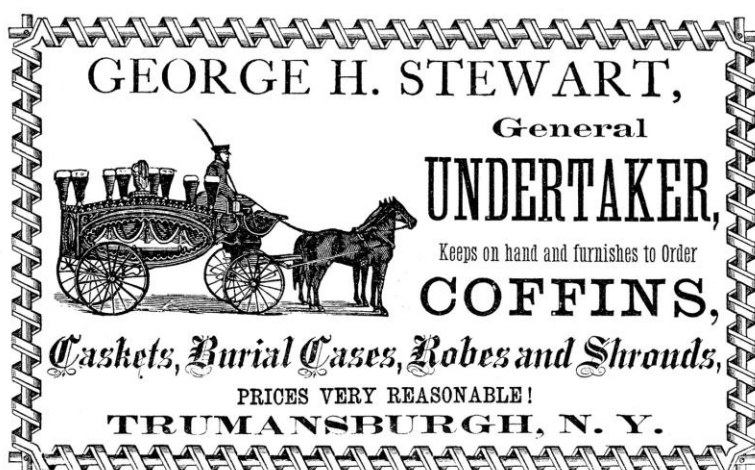
Uttering a frustrated hiss, like a snake that has just been sat upon by an overweight dowager, I suggested several impossible things to do with his deal and demanded a valuation of my vehicle if that wasn’t too difficult to manage! With great reluctance, he led me to the showroom where we seated ourselves at his desk and proceeded to fill in various forms. The manager of the establishment was seated about fifteen feet away at another desk, watching the proceedings with gimlet eyes. Having recorded all the necessary details, we proceeded outside to where my trusty steed was parked. The callow youth then used his ‘phone to take pictures of every detail of the car, inside and out, while I slowly froze. Eventually, he had all the pictures that he needed and we returned to the relative warmth of the showroom. “I need to upload these into the system so my manager can see them and give you a price,” he said, struggling with his ‘phone. I wondered why the manager hadn’t been able to take a couple of steps and look for

himself rather than go to the complication of having the information electronically transmitted to his desk fifteen feet away. But, hey, I'm a dinosaur! The hapless youth seemed to be having problems and a more senior colleague bent over the phone and muttered something into his ear. The young man seemed to shrink even further into his suit, turned slightly pink and spoke in desperate tones.

"I'm really sorry but I've just deleted all the pictures. Do you mind coming outside again?" I had a fixed grin on my face, caused by a sort of cold-induced rigor mortis which he mistook for cheery assent. So we wandered outside and went through the whole ludicrous process again, after which I felt like a biological specimen immersed in liquid nitrogen. He said that he would send the pictures to his boss and give me a price. "Not before three o' clock, I won't be home 'till then," I said and shook his hand, which was like holding on to a goldfish submerged in a bowl of cold semolina. I went out to my car to defrost and eventually made my way back home.

The light on the answering machine was flashing when I came in and I played the message. It was the hapless salesman who informed me, desolately, that nothing had worked and he couldn't give me a price. Rather unsurprised, I 'phoned him and listened to what he had to say. "I couldn't upload the pictures from my 'phone because it hasn't got the right app for our system. But I've got hold of an iPad and if you'd like to come back in?" Cue hysterical laughter. It's a good thing that he couldn't see my expression as it would have given him nightmares for months!

And so to the play which we have just finished performing. It was set in a home for retired actors and involved the untimely death of a theatrical knight in the first half, who then returned as a ghost in the second. All jolly good fun and japes – but with a problem. Try as we might, we couldn't source a medical trolley for the corpse to be placed on and wheeled out. We spoke to hospitals and we spoke to the ambulance service, on and on – just about everyone who might possibly have such a device.



GEORGE H. STEWART,
General
UNDERTAKER,
Keeps on hand and furnishes to Order
COFFINS,
Caskets, Burial Cases, Robes and Shrouds,
PRICES VERY REASONABLE!
TRUMANSBURGH, N. Y.

We had more or less given up the will to live (no pun intended) when Beloved and I happened upon a new undertaker who had just opened premises within sight of our theatre. "They must have trolleys to move bodies," murmured Beloved thoughtfully. So we went in. Having established that we were not bereaved,

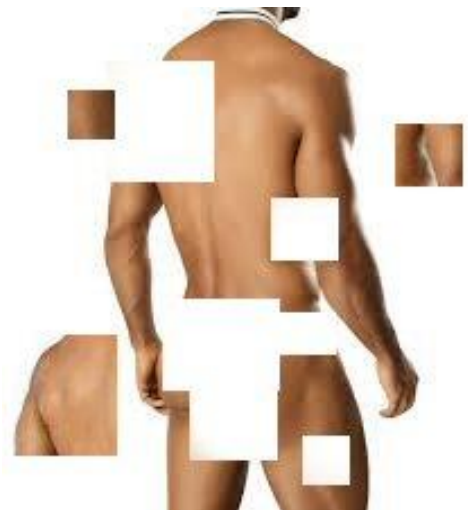
merely insane, we politely inquired if they had any trolleys and if they did, could we borrow one.

“You need an American,” said the charming lady. We looked confused and she explained that this was the generic term for the stretchers that automatically lower their wheels when they are taken out of the back of an ambulance. She telephoned a colleague and a look of disappointment spread across her face. “We don’t have any to lend,” she said, “but I’ll take a poster.” Beloved and I exchanged surprised glances. “Are you sure?” we chorused. “Oh yes,” she said, “we like to be part of the community.” Beloved went to her car to fetch a poster and handed it to the helpful lady. “Are you really sure about this?” she said, unrolling a poster for “Laying the Ghost”.

The undertaker seemed quite unfazed as she took the poster. But what any clients thought about a poster for a ghost story in an undertaker’s establishment, I shall leave to your imagination. The next play that we are doing is about a serial killer. I wonder if she would like one of *those* posters. For the same play, I was asked to provide a mildly pornographic jigsaw puzzle featuring a bevy of muscular firemen. The member of the cast who had to use the jigsaw in the play had acquired some suitable images from a calendar and had randomly glued them to an old one thousand piece jigsaw puzzle, expecting me to cut out the pieces from the back. One *thousand* pieces! Well, I don’t often admit defeat in these matters but even using a scalpel, the process was impossible. Therefore, I cut a large square out of the centre of the picture and segmented it into a series of smaller squares, making square pieces for the jigsaw. Hardly a problem, since very few members of the audience would be able to see the puzzle.

After a few rehearsals, I inquired of the actor concerned how she was getting on. “It’s f***** difficult to do,” she replied, with feeling.

Well, there you are, another jaundiced wander through vagaries of life – or is it just me? Insanity is merely a way of seeing the world as it truly is!



Let me close with a story that an elderly friend of mine recently told me. He was waiting to see a consultant in a hospital when he was approached by a very young child who proceeded to engage him in conversation. Eventually, talk moved to the subject of my friend’s advanced age. “How old are you?”

asked the child. My friend told him. The child's eyes widened. "Ah, then you're going to die soon," said the innocent.

On which deeply philosophical point, I think that it's time to bring put this rambling drivel out of its misery. There are lots of goodies in the fridge that need tidying and tidiness is a virtue! And I am nothing if not virtuous. Naturally, all that tidying will exhaust me so that I shall need a restoring cuppa.

Or I could just hibernate.

Paul Regeli, *Contributing Editor, Fellow of the Society of Amateur Safecrackers, Night Soil Man by appointment to the aristocracy, RA (reject), Village Idiot of note (and some notoriety), purveyor of bespoke jigsaw puzzles to the theatrical profession.*

TAKELEY GARDEN WASTE SKIP COLLECTION

**GARDEN WASTE DISPOSAL
AT CRUMPS FARM,
DUNMOW ROAD B1256**

**Saturday, 2nd April until Sat 26th Nov. 2016
Between the hours: 10am - 12.30pm**

**A manned skip will be situated near the
entrance to Crumps farm.**

**RESIDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO
PROVIDE PROOF OF ADDRESS**

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCILLORS

UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

NAME OF COUNCILLOR		HOME ADDRESS
ALLEN	Trevor John	12 Elm Close, Takeley, Essex CM22 6SF
BAGNALL	Geoff	2 Maggott's Cottages, Warish Hall Road,Takeley, Essex, CM22 6NY
BARBER	Patricia Ann	Woodside, Smith's Green, Takeley, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM22 6NX
BURNETT	Patricia	47 Roseacres Takeley Essex CM22 6QZ
CHEETHAM	Richard Froggatt	Beech Cottage, Smiths Green, Takeley, Essex CM22 6NR
CHEETHAM	Jackie	Beech Cottage, Smiths Green, Takeley, Essex CM22 6NR
DAYKIN	David Roy Southan	St. Omer, Dunmow Road, Takeley, Essex, CM22 6SH
DOMIGAN	Tina	2 Chapel Fields Brewers End, Takeley Essex CM22 6TR
GREEN	John Albert	50 Takeley Park, Hatfield Broad Oaks Rd, Takeley, CM22 6TG
PRATT	Carol Ann	Woodfield, Brick End, Broxted, Gt. Dunmow, Essex, CM6 2BJ
SPRULES	Susan Elizabeth	The Lodge, Dunmow Road, Takeley, Essex, CM22 6SH
STEER	Linda	1A South Road Takeley Essex CM22 6RB
SULLIVAN-SMITH	Natalie	23 Orchid Close Takeley Essex CM22 6TN

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING SCHEDULE 2016

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

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

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The following are extracts from the December & January Parish Council minutes (the February meeting was cancelled due to absence), which can be viewed on the TPC website: www.takeleypc.co.uk

Open Forum:

Mr. Martin Peachey reported: He will be coordinating a survey on the recently completed traffic calming scheme on Takeley Street. Any comments should be fed back to Martin. Essex Highways will be conducting their own review within the next 6-12 months.

- Good and bad comments coming through regarding Takeley Street traffic calming scheme.
- Faulty flashing speed sign to be reported to ECC Highways.

Takeley has seen a large increase of taxis using Parsonage Road and surrounding residential streets as waiting areas for customers coming in to Stansted Airport. As a knock on effect the amount of rubbish in these areas is also building up. District Cllr Howard Ryles will follow this up with the Enforcement Dept at UDC.

Cllr Howard Ryles reported: Complaints received from residents of Garnetts regarding taxi's using the road for parking. DCllrs will investigate further.

Martin also reported on **Stansted Airport's Departure Route Trials**. The consultation ended on 27th November. Not all flights/carriers are part of the trial. The trial is ongoing. It is hoped that Ryanair will be able to join at some point. If the 04 Dover route is no longer used it would benefit Takeley greatly.

Finance Committee Report & Recommendations 23/12/15:

2016/17 Budgets & Precept

TPC approved a schedule of budgets for 2016/17:

Precept Request	86916
UDC Grant	7038
Total Budget	93954
Other Income	4950
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	** 98904
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURE	102305

** NB: TPC has carried over £7546 from 2015/16

TPC approved 2016/17 Precept Request of £86916 (incl adj for 2015/16 - £7546)

Silver Jubilee Hall Development - Phase 2 :

TPC reviewed the up to date schedule of costs and funding submitted by SJH Management Committee.

Total cost £288k (inc vat)

	£
* TPC reserves	50000
SJH Funds	60000
Grants	41000
TOTAL	151000

Shortfall = £137k

Request TPC fund shortfall via PWLB loan for £150k .

TPC received an update/advice from TPC's solicitors & EALC re granting a loan (Local Govt Act (LGA) 1976 - Miscellaneous Provisions Section 19 para 3) This will enable the arrangement between the Parish Council & Takeley Silver Jubilee Hall to be categorised as an interest free loan, with fixed repayments over a predetermined period. Should either the agreed repayment schedule not be met or Takeley Silver Jubilee Hall trust/operation ceases the deeds would transfer to the Parish Council (amendment to Title Deeds).

TPC agreed that the solicitor should be instructed to draft an agreement.

TPC agreed will apply for a Public Works Loan Board loan for £150k to support the funding of the development.

* TPC agree to allocate £35k from TPC 'Community Project ' reserves plus £15k S106 funds

Purchase of Old School House:

In Nov. TPC resolved to proceed to purchase the property for community use and requested that ECC & CDB either guarantee that the tree works required will be dealt with or apply a significant discount to the conditional offer price (£350 001).

TPC voted 11-1 to approve the recommendation of the **Finance Committee meeting 11/11/15:**

- Borrow up to £300k (PWLB loan) to purchase over a period of up to 50 years
- Recd commitment of £100k private donation (to be used for refurb)
- £18k S106 monies plus £30k TPC Reserves (£48k)
- **Fund = £148k**
- Providing ECC's accept offer, working group will work to:

(i) detail refurbishment specification & project costs

(ii) assess potential groups (income v expenditure)

TPC has not received an update from Essex County Council/Diocese.

The Clerk will contact Essex County Council to remind them of their July 2016 deadline for completion.

UDC Local Plan Issues & Options Consultation (closing date 4th December):

TPC Planning Committee met on 10th & 17th Nov. to formulate a response, all members were invited to attend/contribute. A draft response has been circulated to full Council. TPC approved the draft response & agreed this should include point 1.10 of the 2014 UDC Local Plan Inspector's Report re his findings which says *'there does appear to be some concern that prescribed annual targets have yet to be properly evidenced and consulted on'*. TPC should ask if these will be addressed in the new plan.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Process:

TPC received a report from the workshop 18/11/15.

The recommendations were:

1. Complete Exercises 2 & 3 (Pros & Cons) based on discussions
2. Draft a project plan in order to get a better handle on the costs that might be associated with our NDP
3. Publish advert in TPC newsletter informing residents about the benefits of NDP & inviting people to express an interest thus gauging support for the process.
4. Request an extension to UDC deadline (propose Feb. 2016)

TPC received an update following an advert in TPC December Newsletter.

The Clerk has yet to receive any comments or feedback. Cllr Natalie Sullivan Smith reported that there were residents who may be interested in getting involved. TPC agreed to delay making a decision on whether or not to proceed with a plan until further notices have been advertised.

APP/1570/W/15/3006725 re UTT/14/2306/OP Gt Canfield/Gladman Appeal:

Gladman withdrew their appeal on 18th December 2015.

TPC approved payment of consultancy costs to date for Geoff Gardner (planning) and Bruce Bamber (highways) which have been reduced by 20% as a result of the cancellation of the inquiry as follows:

	Geoff Gardner £	Bruce Bamber £	TOTAL £	
Fees	6440.00	2660.00	9100.00	80% of agreed original fee
Expenses		173.36	173.36	
Sub Total	6440.00	2833.36	9273.36	
Vat	1288.00		1288.00	
Total	7728.00	2833.36	10561.36	

TPC is keen to recover up to 100% of the aborted costs & agreed the following action.

- Geoff Gardiner to write directly to Gladman requesting payment for costs incurred by Gt Canfield & Takeley Parish Council.
- The letter will stipulate a deadline for their response.
- If a negative response is received TPC will make a formal application to the Planning Inspectorate to apply for full costs. This will need to be completed by 15th January 2016.

Morrells Green - Play Equipment:

After a recent request for more play equipment for the play area in Morrells Green TPC requested resident's feedback in the December Newsletter. Details of this were also placed on a social media site. The requests that have been received are mainly for Multiplay equipment and a slide. TPC agreed to get quotes for these items which will be considered at the February meeting.

Highways & Transport Issues:

- **South Road:** Grass verges have been churned up and are now muddy and unsightly. UDC Housing Department will be informed.
- **Mud on the B1256:** This problem is being reported to Essex Highways several time a week.
- **Speed Camera:** Takeley Street camera is not working, TPC to report. Flashing speed sign (VAS) at the village gates will also be reported to ECC Highways.
- **Community Speed Watch:** Carried out on 2 occasions on Parsonage Rd.
- **Traffic Calming:** Repairs are being carried out on one of the islands after an RTC. Residents are now parking on the newly installed extended pavements, TPC to report it to ECC Highways. A new 'Takeley' village sign will be erected near lights at Kearsley Airways as you enter Takeley.
- **North Road:** UDC Housing Officers has been informed of residents parking & driving on the grass verge near Priors Wood Court.
- **B1256/ Dunmow Road:** More complaints re-mud on the road between the Bovis & Taylor Wimpy developments, this will be reported to Essex Highways.
- **Roseacres School:** Signage package and road markings are still outstanding for the school. Cllr Ray Gooding & Cllr Susan Barker from ECC have been informed. ECC Highways has been made aware. The ongoing flooding problem in Roseacres is also having an impact on the staff & pupils accessing the school.
 - **UDC Local Highways Panel:** ECC Highways has asked parishes to nominate items/schemes for the 20916/17 panel. Proposed list:
 - Remedial work & resurfacing of Jacks Lane.
 - Roseacres, repainting road restriction markings & School signage package.
 - Reduce speed limit on B1256 at Cook's Hill (Pincey Brook - Brewers End. 40mph to 30mph
 - A pedestrian crossing point on B1256 at Brewers End (Takeley Christian School, new residents, access to SJ Hall & Rec. Ground).
 - 2 x bus shelters on B183 Station Road outside Takeley Park.

- **Highways Faults:** B1256 at Four Ashes lights sunken drain,
- B1256 road constantly being dug up for the new developments & repairs are inadequate, & reinstate highways grass verge outside Countryside development.

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

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Public Access Defibrillators

A high energy electric shock, given to the heart in some types of cardiac arrest, may restore a more stable rhythm.

Public access defibrillators (PADs) can be found in public spaces like local shopping centre, gym, train station or village hall. That briefcase-sized box on the wall contains a PAD. It's there for anyone to use on someone in cardiac arrest. They are simple and safe. The machine gives clear spoken instructions. You don't need training to use one. Once in position, the defibrillator detects the heart's rhythm. It won't deliver a shock unless one is needed.

SHOULD TAKELEY HAVE PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS?

Takeley Parish Council is looking for people to join a group that will be in charge of the fundraising for the project, and liaise with The Community Heartbeat Trust regarding the supply, installation and any training.

The cost of a cPAD project is about £2500, which will supply the AED defibrillator, the vandal proof box, and training resource for the village. The CHT will give a grant towards this of about £500 and would ask you raise about £1900-£2000 towards the cost. Installation will require an electrical connection and thus the location must be central and easily accessible, yet also have access to electricity. Positioning of a cabinet must comply to disability rules, and be placed at a height no more than 1.3m from the ground, and not hidden from sight.

If you are keen to see this initiative succeed and willing to work within a group to project manage the funding and installation please contact takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com NOW.

TO: RESIDENTS OF TAKELEY 2016/17 COUNCIL TAX/PRECEPT

At the January Parish Council meeting the Council approved the 2016/7 Precept request of £86916 to submit to Uttlesford District Council. This ensured that there would be no increase to the Parish Council part of the Council tax bill for each household.

Following an error in 2015/16 the precept request for 2016/17 has been reduced by £7546.

	BAND D charge £	
2014/15	52.02	
2015/16 showing	56.23	Should be 51.79
2016/17	47.93	Includes 2015/16 adjustment - £7546

Jane Heskey

Jane Heskey
Clerk to Takeley Parish Council

Community Speed Watch Team

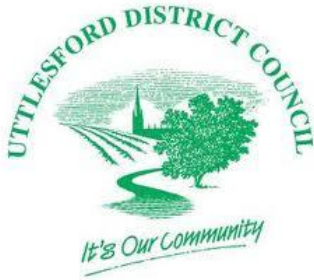
CSW does a very valuable job & we need try to keep it going & recruit new members.

The immediate focus is:

1. Reviewing the impact of Takeley Street Traffic Calming to be measured over 6 mths (Nov 15 - April 2016)
2. Speeding traffic (Station Rd, Parsonage Rd, Warish Hall Rd/Smith Green, Brewers End, Priors Green)

If you would like to know more about joining the team please email:

takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com



New multi-agency information trailer set for roll out in Uttlesford

Uttlesford District Council will be taking to the road as part of a new way to engage with tenants, leaseholders and the wider community.

The council's Housing Tenant Participation Service has refurbished an old trailer and will be using it to bring a wide range of multi-agency information and advice to residents. In the past 'Get Involved with Housing' days were held at locations across the district where residents could find out about various services available in Uttlesford. But the new trailer will allow the housing team to visit many more parts of the district, all year round, whatever the weather – and they'll even be able to offer people a cup of tea!

The 'roadshow' – which gets underway next month – will be packed full of information on housing services, as well as helpful advice from partner agencies such as Essex Fire and Rescue Service, Essex Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Family Mosaic, and the Tenants' Forum. Information from other services within the council, such as the Animal Warden, will also be available.

Cllr Julie Redfern, Uttlesford District Council's Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "By introducing this trailer our team can get to many more parts of the district throughout the year – I think it is a great way to engage with our tenants and the wider community. Hopefully people will find the information available can make a real difference to them.

"We would love to see as many of our tenants taking the opportunity to say hello, and even get a cup of tea, when they see the trailer in their neighbourhood."

Cllr Redfern added her thanks to the council's maintenance contractor, Roalco, who have agreed to provide a 'man with a van' to tow the trailer and a handyman service for council tenants whilst the trailer is in each location.

To find out when the roadshow is visiting your area, visit the website at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/housing or keep an eye out in the local press. Alternatively, contact the council's Tenant Participation Officer, Nicole Shephard-Lewis, on 01799 510510.

Timetable for the information 'roadshow' for March and April:

Friday, 4 March – 10am in Ashdon

Monday, 14 March – 11am in Jacksons Lane, Great Chesterford

Wednesday, 30 March – 9am in Frambury Lane, Newport

Friday, 15 April – 9am in Goddard Way, Saffron Walden

Tuesday, 26 April – 9am in Broomfields, Hatfield Heath

Future dates will be available in due course at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/housing

For more details on this media release please contact the Communications Team on 01799 510442 or media@uttlesford.gov.uk

Takeley Community Cafe

A non - profit café and we look forward to serving YOU



The station house is opening its doors for a community café. It provides a lovely venue for local people to meet up, relax or just have a good old chat.

We serve homemade cakes/scones & soups using local sourced ingredients plus a variety of teas all reasonable priced.

Be our guest at the café, as frequently as possible, and bring everyone you know with you.

Our opening hours are:

Thursdays	12 noon - 4 pm
Fridays	9am - 12.30pm

Be a volunteer - spend as little or as much time helping out.

*Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley
Off Station Road at the Four Ashes junction B1256
Sponsored by Takeley Parish Council*

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

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Stansted Airport Parking

Express Set-Down discount scheme

This scheme was updated on 1 June 2015 and is open to all residents living within a ten mile radius of Stansted Airport.

The scheme is no longer available for commercial use. The new arrangements were agreed in partnership with the Stansted Airport Consultative Committee - an independent body comprising of elected representatives from neighbouring Local Authorities, user groups, the local community and on-airport businesses.

Q: What discount will be applied?

A: All residents living within a 5 mile radius of Stansted Airport will pay £0.50 for up to 10 mins and £0.50 per minute thereafter. All residents living within a 5 - 10 mile radius of Stansted Airport will pay £1 for up to 10 mins and £1 per minute thereafter.

Q: How do I apply?

A: You need to complete an application form and return that to Empark, who manage our car parks, together with proof of ID. Full details, including terms and conditions, are detailed on the application form. To request an application form email customerservice@empark.co.uk

Q: Once I've registered how will the scheme work?

A: You will be sent a discount card. Express Set Down is a ticketless system, using Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology to read entry/exit times and to calculate duration of stay. Discount scheme members will simply insert the discount card at the exit barrier, the discount will then be applied and you can make your reduced payment to exit.

Full details and information on how to apply to join the scheme can be found on the [Driving to Stansted](#) page of the airport website.

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If you find it difficult to access CAB services in Saffron Walden or Great Dunmow, don't forget that face to face appointments are available at outreach services operating in Thaxted and Stansted Mountfitchet. Free advice sessions are also available via video link from the old Station House on Sycamore Close, Takeley, where you have access to a private room to speak confidentially to a trained adviser - no computer skills are necessary! Call 01799 618840 to arrange an appointment.

“We understand that many people find transport to the main offices in Saffron Walden and Dunmow difficult and we are aware that people often prefer to see someone rather than just use the phone, particularly in more complicated issues”, said Kate Robson, Manager of Uttlesford CAB. “We therefore believe that in our rural area, outreach services are vital to ensure that access difficulties do not prevent people seeking advice for their problems”.

Uttlesford CAB urgently needs volunteer ‘chaperones’ to join a rota to support their advice service in Stansted Mountfitchet. The chaperone welcomes and settles each client while the adviser works through the morning’s appointments. It is the perfect opportunity to read a book and be useful all at the same time! If you have a few hours to spare on a Monday or Thursday and can make a regular commitment, whether it is once a week or once a month, the CAB would love to hear from you!

The CAB welcomes all applications; please call Kate Robson on 01799 526557 to arrange an interview. No training required, but a DBS check would be necessary.

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1. Essex County Council Highways online at :
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Old School House, Brewers End

Update

The Diocese has handed control of disposal of the building to ECC (who own the outside areas). ECC requested TPC provide a formal bid to purchase the entire site (building & land) for offers over £350k by early September 2015 otherwise the site will be marketed for sale.

September 2015

TPC agreed that this site is strategically important as it is the last available site, in a central village location, that could be used to facilitate additional services in this growing community.

Cllr Chairman Carol Pratt proposed that TPC submit an offer to ECC to purchase both the land and the old school house building for £350,001. The offer would be subject to the following conditions:

1. Contracts
2. Survey
3. TPC's own independent open market valuation
4. TPC's independent assessment of cost of repairs
5. Full disclosure of relevant documents for the complete site
6. ECC agreement not to market the site for sale
7. Confirmation of residents support for financing. TPC agree to hold a public meeting for the residents of Takeley Parish to approve the purchase/financing within 4-6wks of ECC's response to the offer.

TPC agreed (9-3) in favour of an offer being put forward to ECC.

October 2015 :

TPC were then asked to satisfy a number of conditions before the end of October.

Following the public meeting on 21/10/15, and details of a structural survey & previous valuations, TPC considered:

1. Should the Old School House be purchased?
2. Does TPC agree the price required by ECC?
3. Does TPC agree to borrowing up to £300k to fund the purchase?

November 2015:

Members discussed:

- The strength of public support at the public meeting held on 21st October. There was overwhelming support to save the old School for community use. We have received many offers of support to assist with the renovation of the building and the creation of a 'community hub'.

- Members discussed the findings of the structural survey, the impact on refurbishment costs, long term stability of the building, and insurance implications.
- Gordon Silvester has provided an updated initial estimated costs based on the structural survey. £230-250k to refurbish & £270-300k to rebuild.
- The Clerk will verify the VAT treatment for both options.
- Conditions 2, 3 , 4 & 8 have been satisfied (Structural survey, independent advice re valuation and estimated cost of repairs, and a public meeting was held on 21st October).

Takeley Parish Council (TPC) resolved that:

1. TPC wishes to proceed to purchase the property for community use (12:1)
2. The structural survey has highlighted that the foundations of the building have been undermined by nearby trees. Underpinning will be required to stabilise the building which will add approximately £60k to the cost of refurbishment. In addition there is a considerable amount of tree work to be undertaken to ensure that the building is not compromised in the future. The trees in question are on land adjacent to the site owned by the Diocese (west & north west of site). The Parish Council requests that ECC & CDB either guarantee that the tree works required will be dealt with (to our engineers satisfaction), or apply a significant discount to the conditional offer price (£350,001).
3. TPC wishes to apply for the County Council's Assisted Purchase Scheme which we understand would provide a 25% discount to be applied to the Essex CC portion of the transaction (approx 2/3rds of total or 70%)
4. TPC will apply for a PWLB loan up to £300k, over a period of up to 50 years, to complete the purchase.

Once it is known that ECC has accepted the offer and the transaction is proceeding the School House Working Group will be meeting to agree a process to specify and cost the renovation.

January 2016:

ECC has confirmed that there will be no discount to the price. The Diocese is taking advice and getting quotes for the remedial tree work required.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Car key burglaries

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Firstly before you turn in for the night check that all doors, ground floor windows and easily accessible windows are closed and locked.

PVCu doors – don't forget that the door is not fully locked until you have lifted the inside handle and turned the key or thumb-turn. When replacing a Europrofile lock cylinder ensure that you get a TS1007 three star anti-snap, anti-bump lock cylinder.

If you have an intruder alarm and can do so activate the downstairs zone when you go to bed. To stop the burglar getting to the vulnerable windows and doors to the rear ensure that side gates are closed and locked.

Please also ensure that you put your car keys somewhere safe and out of sight, when you return home. Put your car keys in a drawer (preferably one that is noisy to open) or some other secure place, but don't take them up to the bedroom with you.

If you have cars of different values, please park the higher value car in your garage. If you can't do this, please park the lower value car in front of the higher value car, as the thieves are more likely to target high value cars and will be deterred if they can't easily drive such a car away from the scene.

With high value cars consider the fitting of a tracking system, word of caution you get what you pay for, look for a system that uses RF frequency, 3 or 4G phone networks SIM as well as satellite connection GPS. There are even systems where you can "Geo-fence" the vehicle location so that if it moves beyond this the tracking system is activated.

For further crime prevention advice contact your local Crime Prevention Officer using the police non emergency number 101.

Stephen Armson-Smith 9/2/16



Dear *Parish Council*

As you know, Essex Police has been engaged on a programme of major transformation. I am writing to you to provide an update on some of those areas.

The changes we are making will mean

- A renewed but realistic commitment to local policing which acts first on the highest risk and harm incidents but works in partnership to solve neighbourhood problems.
- New ways to contact Essex Police making reporting crime and lost and found property more effective and convenient.
- A modern and efficient police estate working with us to help people rather than against us by spending too much on ageing, unsustainable buildings.

A renewed but realistic commitment to local policing

Ten new Community Policing Teams, one per policing district in the county, launch across Essex in early April. The teams will be led by an Inspector and will work closely with partners to deal with all aspects of neighbourhood policing, from tackling night-time economy related crime to responding to a burglar targeting communities, to providing crime prevention advice and working to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Our PCSOs will be part of these teams, which will work with all the other aspects of our local policing offer, the 999 response teams, specialist investigators for domestic abuse and CID.

I will provide further detail on the makeup of the teams within your district and how they will engage with the public and partners prior to launch in April.

New ways to contact Essex Police

Essex Police needs to respond better to the changed landscape of public contact. With far fewer people wanting to visit police stations, and with the rapid advances of technology meaning growing numbers of residents are used to engaging and transacting with shops and public services online, we need to make sure that contact with the police remains effective and convenient.

Enabling residents to find information and do more online – to ‘self-serve’ – is an important part of delivering a value for money service. It should help to reduce demand, encourage residents to find their own solutions to problems, lessen the extent of manual intervention by staff in key processes, and therefore cut costs.

Essex Police Headquarters, PO Box 2, Headquarters, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6DA
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In April new online tools will enable residents to do more online. They will be able to report crimes online as well as by telephone or in person, report lost or found property and access information about a range of services for victims of crime and crime prevention advice.

Again, we'll provide more details in the spring on these exciting developments.

A modern and efficient police estate

As you know, in December we confirmed that less well-used fifteen police station front counters were to close by April. A smaller, sustainable police estate will help us deliver our local policing model and means investment can go into police officers rather than into buildings not fit for modern policing or public needs with spiralling maintenance costs.

Great Dunmow, Halstead and Witham police station front counters will close to the public on 2 March.

In Saffron Walden the police station has had to be closed temporarily three times in the past year due to problems with wasps, rats, and a chemical leak in October which has kept the police station closed since. Safford Walden residents currently use Great Dunmow police station, but the old police station will not reopen to the public.

It is our intention to co-locate the police station, permanently, into buildings on land at the Uttlesford District Council headquarters, keeping a public-facing police station in the town. I will provide more detail on when we will announce this as soon as possible.

I trust this information is helpful to you and by extension your constituents. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Carrington
District Commander
Braintree and Uttlesford

Community Clear Up



April is.....

TIDY TAKELEY MONTH

During the month of April **PLEASE** join Takeley Parish Council in our campaign to tidy the village and our parish. Your help is appreciated by collecting litter and pulling a few weeds to make our parish one to be proud of. Why not get a working party together in your street?

COMPETITION

Takeley Parish Council will be awarding **four prizes** in Takeley (including Priors Green), for the best kept residential frontage/garden, the best kept commercial frontage, and the best kept street. There will also be an additional mystery prize!

So.... please get weeding, litter picking, planting, cleaning and sweeping and then complete our competition form for a chance to win.

Email: takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com

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.

CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to the Council: Jane Heskey

Address:

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Station House
Sycamore Close
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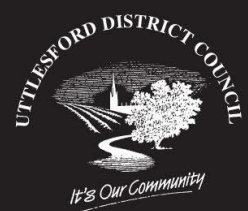


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25 January 2016

Weekend GP appointments now available in Uttlesford

A new Weekend GP Service is being trialled in Uttlesford and has, since November, received positive feedback from patients. The majority of people who have visited the service so far have been of working age and may not be able to access appointments during the week.

The NHS service is based out of Radwinter Road (Saffron Walden Community Hospital) and Great Dunmow Community Centre. Appointments are accessed through a patient's own GP surgery for a booked appointment only; it is not a 'walk-in service'.

All GP practices in Uttlesford are taking bookings for the service which allows patients to see a GP, healthcare assistant or nurse for routine appointments, health checks and treatments. People with long term health conditions such as asthma and diabetes can also access these appointments.

Liz Adams, Interim Chief Executive of Uttlesford Health, one of the organisations which run the service said: "We are incredibly proud to have launched this service which will allow people greater access to GP appointments. Our GP practices can book these appointments as part of their normal processes, which will provide greater choice to fit in with busy lifestyles.

"GP practices are under extreme pressure nationally and the demand for GP appointments is increasing and this service will help relieve that demand.

"To book appointment, simply contact your GP in the usual way."

The service is funded through a grant from the Prime Minister's Access Fund and is a pilot managed by two local GP companies; Stellar Healthcare and Uttlesford Health. These two companies have been set up by the GP practices in the area.

Contact: Kay Odysseos 01992566140
weccg.comms@nhs.net



Uttlesford Frontline is open to the public!

Uttlesford Frontline, a local community initiative initially targeted at health professionals, has proved to be so successful that it has been funded by West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group and Essex County Council to enable the public to benefit from the service.

Kate Robson, district manager for Uttlesford Citizens Advice and spokesperson for Frontline stated 'Two years ago a number of different charities and organisations in Uttlesford decided that they could work better together if they had a single, secure website to make referrals between their services. The concept caught on and now over 100 different health and wellbeing services appear on the system's library and around 450 professionals including social workers, GP's, district nurses, council officers and educational workers regularly use the Frontline to make referrals.'

'We are delighted that extra funding has now allowed us to make Frontline available to the general public. By visiting www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk and searching under a particular section, such as older people, families or mental health, you can easily find out which organisations are offering relevant services within your local area - you can even request call backs from many of the services.

Andrew Gardner from Age UK Essex said 'Frontline has enabled local services to work better together and it seems a natural progression to enable the public to use the system. If you are worried about a friend or family member, or need help yourself, it's important to be able to find out what support is available locally – however unless you already know a service exists it can be difficult to know where to start looking.'

Mary Hanbury from SEPT Macmilliansaid, 'The system is so easy to use, anyone who is looking for help will be able to quickly identify what support is available in the area. It also allows people to comment on a service or chat with someone if they can't find what they need – this is so important'.

For more information on Uttlesford Frontline, please call;

Kirsty at Uttlesford Council of Voluntary Services on 01371 878400 or Kate at Uttlesford Citizens Advice on 01799 526557.

Elsenham Village Fete and Craft Fair

Saturday 11 June 1.00 - 5.00pm

This year's fete plans are well under way with many stalls already booked but there is still space for more so if you'd like to book a pitch please return the slip below or email me at pajemiki@tiscali.co.uk



This year we have **The Ruthless Brothers** entertaining us throughout the afternoon along with Scotty and his circus skills have a go arena. We also welcome the Native American Cavalry League to our fete.

There will be the usual pony rides, punch and judy, bouncy castle, BBQ, teas, bar and raffle, plants and plenty have a go stalls for the children.

Again, will have a small selection of crafters who will set up in the marquee, so come along and take a look and watch some of them in action.

As the fete is run by people from the village for the village, if we have any budding fundraisers who would like to try and sell some of their gifts or have games for people to have a go at why not fill the booking form in and come along. We cannot guarantee the weather but good company and lots of people make the day worthwhile.



For more information on the fete, to book a pitch or to donate a prize please call me, Jennifer on 814434 or email me at pajemiki@tiscali.co.uk

Bookings for the above mentioned Fete / Craft Fair are now taking place. If you would like to book a pitch please fill in the reply slip below and return with your remittance **no later than March 31 2015**.

Pitch Fees(are per spot of one gazebo size 3x3)
£5 for Village Organisations / locals, £10 Semi Professional & £20 for Professional business stall holders. Or a % donation on the day.

Please provide your own tables, gazebos etc, for the fete.

To avoid too many stalls of the same type, the organisers reserve the right to request a change of stall.

TO: Mrs Jennifer Jarvis, 24 Broom Farm Road, Elsenham, Bishops Stortford, Herts. CM22 6LD, 01279 814434 / 07900123917
or email to pajemiki@tiscali.co.uk

Please reserve __ pitch(s) for me at the Fete

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We raise money for worthy causes in our community. We're not a charity, but we like to get involved with the issues that our community cares about. Across the country, Round Tables have contributed millions to projects and charitable causes that are close to our hearts.

We want to bring Bishop's Stortford Round Table back to life to benefit the local community – and offer the fantastic social benefits to young blokes in the area.

Have you ever been to a local bonfire night and wondered who had organised such a display? Or seen Father Christmas visit on his sleigh in December? More than likely, that was your local Round Table.

While our community and charitable giving is something to be proud of, it's not the number one reason that people join Table. What is that reason? It's to have FUN! Fun, whilst hanging out with a bunch of likeminded guys and having fun finding innovative ways to put a little back into the area we live.

All our social events are paid for by us and 100% of anything we raise for charity goes to that charity.

What sort of things do we do for fun? How about rafting, or kayaking or sometimes just heading to the pub (or maybe having a pub crawl on bikes!). Shooting, wakeboarding, BBQ meals out, charter nights, charity Christmas ball, firework collection, great south run...the list is endless but I think you get the picture. We are, and we socialise with, very active Tables who are always looking to do something new so you'd never get bored.

So, if you are male and aged 18-45, here is our question to you: are you ready to improve your social life? Are you up for improving the lives of others in Bishop's Stortford & Stansted?

Do you like the idea of international travel with like-minded people?

If the answer to all of those was **YES**, then it's time to get in touch. We're looking to hold a membership evening soon: there won't be any obligation to join, but you can come along and have a flavour of what a Table night is all about. Reserve your place now and we'll keep you up-to-date with the planning as it happens.

Even better – you have the chance to be a part of the rebirth of your local club. The structure is there, we are just looking for extra members.

Bishop's Stortford & Stansted Round Table are available to contact through Facebook by going to **Bishop's Stortford Round Table** or get in contact with Chris Bennett at **bsstable@outlook.com** or message us on **Facebook at <http://tiny.cc/bsrt>** or **Text Join to 60066**

*If you're still reading right now,
we think you might just be ready to be a part of the
best young man's club in the world.*

Press information

Article for immediate and general circulation

Ref: BSRT Local PR Dec 2015 Issue 1

Issued by Simon Thomas

Associated Files:

- RTBI-Logo (1.1).eps – Logo Landscape format
- RTBI-Logo (1.2).eps – Logo Square Format
- other formats available on request

For more information on future Bishops Stortford Round Table events please email Chris Bennett at **bsstable@outlook.com**.

For more information of the organisation as a whole please contact Simon Thomas at simon@simonthomas.org.uk

**Thank you for helping us make a difference to the prospects
of local young men and the community.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

'Your Village Your Voice Your Future'



What is it?

The Localism Act 2011 gave local communities the right to produce a development plan, setting priorities for the development and use of land in a parish or local area. Once a plan is made, it becomes part of Uttlesford District Council's Development Plan, a statutory framework affecting all planning applications as a matter of law.

For a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to be 'made', it will need to conform to planning policies and guidance at local, national and European level. It will also need to demonstrate support from the community through surveys and a referendum.

Can it stop development?

No. The aim of the plan is not to protect the village from **all** development but to ensure local people have a say in how targets for growth in our area are implemented in the parish. It will influence what land is designated as appropriate for housing, leisure use and green space and for the development of local business. It can however also help to ensure that the village's precious character and heritage is protected.

Where can I get more information?

There is a lot of information about the local planning process on the internet. Uttlesford District Council Planning department has got a lot of material on the website or follow this link:
<http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/>

Who needs to be involved?

It will need to involve the wider community in the formulation of the plan: residents, businesses, local groups, landowners and developers.

Will I be paid for any work I do on the plan?

No, it is a voluntary activity.

IF YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE IT IS UP TO YOU TO MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN AND GET INVOLVED

How can I get involved.....?

The Parish Council is learning about the process & is keen to gauge whether the community would want to undertake to prepare a plan for Takeley . A steering group of community would need volunteers to help with collecting data, arranging surveys and plans, getting up to speed on the requirements and putting together the plan in draft.


Please let us know if you think Takeley should have a NDP & how you can help.

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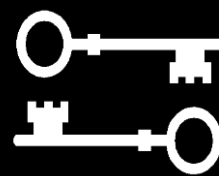
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I am delighted to announce that we have arranged for Andrew Robertshaw to be our speaker on 17th May. Andrew is an English military historian, curator, author and educator but he may be best known to you for his many television appearances including Time Team and Two Men in a Trench.



Andrew Robertshaw

Andrew's expertise is in all things to do with the Great War and he was military advisor on the film War Horse. His talk to us is titled "Digging the Trenches: the archaeology of the Western Front." All are welcome so even if you have not been before please make a note in your diaries and come along on 17th May.

Our meetings start at 7.30pm at Takeley Primary School (Priors Green) and all are made very welcome.

Don't forget, we now have 30 different booklets written by our members. These are listed on our website www.tlhs.org.uk. Copies of all of them are for sale at our meetings or by contacting our treasurer, Phyllis Altham on 01279 870615.

Steve Hazon, Chairman, Takeley Local History Society

Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 10th March 1906

RAILWAY STATION SCENE.

At Braintree County Court on Friday, before His Honour Judge Tindal Atkinson, Joseph Kaplan, house and land agent, of Dalston and Great Canfield, sued Edward Clarke, farmer of Great Canfield, to recover £100 damages, alleged to have been sustained through an assault at Takeley Railway Station, on December 23rd. Mr A.E. Robinson was for the plaintiff, and Mr A. Hatton, barrister, for the defendant.

The evidence for the plaintiff was that he was waiting for a train when the defendant came up, seized him by the coat, and dealt him two heavy blows with his fists, knocking him down and blacking both his eyes. Plaintiff had incurred a doctor's bill, and had to employ an assistant at £4 a week to do his work during his illness which followed the assault. Defendant stated that he asked plaintiff the reason for saying certain scandalous things about him to his friends behind his back. Plaintiff, after some offensive words, raised his stick to strike him, and in self defence defendant pushed plaintiff and the latter fell down among some milk churns on the platform.

Witnesses on both sides were heard at considerable length. Apparently a feud had existed between the parties for about a year, prior to which they had been friendly, both men occupying neighbouring farms at Canfield. In November last a County Court action arose between them about damages to crops, through cattle straying, and there was a counter claim. Defendant had also given evidence against plaintiff in a police court case. His Honour, after a patient hearing, said he had no doubt that an assault had been committed and that the defendant must have given plaintiff a severe blow, judging from the doctor's evidence, but he considered there had been provocation in the language used by plaintiff on the occasion. He thought justice would be met by his giving judgement for plaintiff for ten guineas.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Friday 19th April 1963.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR DOGS.

COURT HEAR SHEEP WORRYING CASE.

Tracks in the snow led away from a flock of dying sheep towards the nearby 'Teagles Farm', said Mr David Knight, prosecuting at Dunmow Court last Wednesday. Farm manager Mr Herbert Male, finding his flock savaged by dogs - 67 died or were later destroyed - followed tracks. "They all pointed in one direction - Teagles Farm" he said. Mrs Vera Anderson, of Teagles Farm, was accused of allowing her dogs to worry sheep at 'Warish Hall', Takeley, on February 8th and for failing to keep her dogs under proper control. The case was found proved by the Magistrates, and Mrs Anderson was fined £5 each on the two charges of sheep worrying, and an order was made for the destruction of the two dogs.

WORTH £435.

The sheep which Mrs Anderson's two were alleged to have savaged were owned by Mr Horace Juniper of Warish Hall, and were valued at £435, said Mr Knight. The dead and badly mauled sheep were discovered on February 9th when the farm manager followed the

tracks from the field where they had been grazing, to Teagles Farm, he continued. Inside a farm shed at Teagles, Mr Male and P.c. Charles Burt were shown six Labradors, two of the dogs were in an exhausted condition. They were extremely wet and tired, and when efforts were made to get them to stand they collapsed, he added.

SAMPLES.

Samples of the dog's hair were taken from the suspect animals and a sample of hair was also obtained from a wire fence near the place where the sheep had been grazing. Mr Eric Sweet, a principle scientific officer at New Scotland Yard, told the court that he had examined both samples. On the one taken from the dogs there were 'very slight' traces of sheep blood. He said that there was no way of proving that the hair taken from the wire fence belonged to the suspect dogs.

Mrs Anderson claimed that the six dogs were securely shut up in the farm shed during the time when the sheep mauling took place. She denied any suggestion that the two dogs had been washed after the alleged attack on the sheep. The exhausted condition of the two animals could have been due to mating, she said, and added that they could have become wet falling in a very large water container in the shed.

Of the tracks in the field and those leading to Teagles she said that the dogs were exercised daily - leaving tracks in the snow. Her husband, Mr Harry Anderson, and their son 13 year old Phillip, confirmed that the dogs had been shut up in the shed on the night of the attack, and could not have got out.

After finding the case proved the Magistrates were given formal notice of appeal by Mr J.Fellowes, Mrs Anderson's solicitor. They also fined her a total of £4 for having no dog licences in respect of four dogs, which she admitted.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 28th March 1903.

RECEIVING A STOLEN DUCK.

Emma Cowell, wife of Jonah Cowell, shepherd, of Little Canfield, was summoned for receiving from Alfred Perrin, a duck, value 10s, well knowing the same to have been stolen, on 8th March. Alfred Perrin (the defendant, in a previous case) deposed that on 10th March he was convicted at that Court, of stealing a duck, the property of Marcus Mabbett. He sold the duck to Mrs Cowell the day he killed it (8th March) for 6d. All he said to her was "Here you are Mrs Cowell, it is all right", and she gave him sixpence for it, He did not ask for more than sixpence for it because it was not worth any more. He could have eaten it himself "in one bait". The Clerk - You can't buy ducks for sixpence, can you?. Witness Yes.- What full grown ones ? - No, young ones. - Witness further said this was a full grown one, and asked how far a duck could stray from the place to which it belonged. He seemed to be under the impression that a duck had no right to be beyond a certain distance from home, and said this was quite a mile away.

P.c.Bateman deposed to receiving information of the duck being stolen, and to tracing a duck's feathers to within a hundred yards of defendants house. After further inquiries he went to defendants house, and said he had come to enquire about the duck she bought the previous day. She said it was in the oven, and he asked her to bring it, which she did. After being cautioned she said Perrin brought the duck to her house on Sunday afternoon and asked her sixpence for it. She took the duck and said "Where did you get it ? is sixpence enough ?" He replied "That's all right". Witness then took possession of the duck and the man who had stolen it.

Defendant was sworn, and said she bought the duck innocently, thinking it was found. In answer to Superintendent Barnard, defendant said it did not strike her as being cheap, because if a person found a thing he would not ask the full price. She had never bought anything like it before.

The Bench having retired, the Chairman, upon their return, said the Bench did not think the defendant bought the duck with the knowledge that it was stolen. She had hitherto borne a good character and they should be sorry to entertain any suspicion; but the Bench was of the opinion that she had acted very foolishly, and recommended her to be more cautious in future.

SUPERFAST ESSEX UPDATE

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- Support towards cost of satellite equipment/installation so that a basic broadband service can be purchased for a first year cost of no more than £400

When and where:

- Subsidy Scheme available from December 2015 until the end of 2017
- Dedicated web page: www.superfastessex.org/satellite

1. Check that you are eligible to apply (see above)

2. [Apply for a Subsidy Code online](#)

Form available from front page
of www.takeleypc.co.uk

3. We will check your eligibility (please allow up to 1 month)

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5. Contact one of the participating satellite broadband service providers to arrange installation

Superfast Broadband in Essex

Feb 2016 Update

Superfast fibre now available to 62,500



The rollout of superfast broadband in Essex has now reached a further 10,000 homes and businesses across the county since our last Programme Update was issued in November and work remains on schedule. It means around 85% of the county now has access to speeds of 24Mbps and above, with it set to increase to 87% by this summer.

We are in the process of updating the [Superfast Essex interactive map](#) to show the latest rollout progress, and hope to have the latest version live by the end of this month.

You can also check if your cabinet has been fibre-enabled by checking our [live cabinet list](#) on our website which is updated every Friday. The same page also provides a link for you to be able to [check which cabinet serves your address](#) if you do not already know.

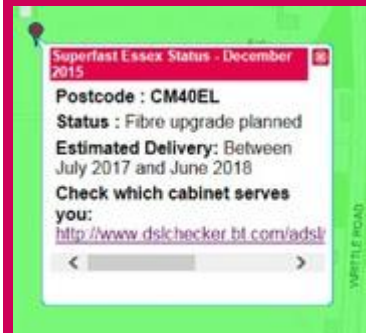
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Don't forget - nobody is automatically connected to superfast broadband when fibre becomes available, you need to ask your [provider](#) to switch to fibre, or buy a fibre service!

Satellite scheme open for applications

In case you haven't already heard, [Superfast Essex and UK Government have launched a Satellite Broadband Scheme](#) to help those with no or slow broadband connectivity access a basic broadband service. Full details including eligibility criteria, instructions on how the scheme works and how to apply, and FAQs are all available at www.superfastessex.org/satellite.

Annual timescales for Phase 2 now on interactive map



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Book Review by Elaine Wyld

The Thread By Victoria Hislop

Every summer Mistos visits his grandparents in Greece from his home in Highgate, London. He is curious to know why they choose to remain alone in Greece. Dimitri and Katerina share their incredible life story with Mistos.

The book is set Thessaloniki, once part of the Ottoman Empire, where Christians, Jews and Muslims once lived together in harmony. The central character to this story is Konstantinos Komninos, a very successful tailor who has worked hard to develop the family business. His brother, Leonidas, prefers to pursue a career in the army. In May 1917 Komninos is at the height of his success supplying hundred of uniforms to the military and enjoying a comfortable lifestyle from the profits of his business. However, a great fire destroys Komninos' factory and house. He moves his wife, Olga and their new-born son back to Olga's original home in a poorer part of the town. During the five years that Olga and her son Dimitri live in Irini Street they develop close relationships with their neighbours. In 1918 the war between Greece and Turkey continues into northern Greece and this has dire consequences for them all.

In nearby Smyrna. Leonidas leads his men into the city but pursued by the Turkish soldiers, only few escape. Leonidas' last service is to save a small child called Katerina and this act starts the thread which runs through the lives of Dimitri and Katerina.

Victoria Hislop cleverly weaves an interesting tale with these fictitious and fascinating characters to explore the events that affected Greece at that time and she highlights the suffering endured by the native Greeks and the Jewish and Turkish citizens.

Headline Review

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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.

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

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

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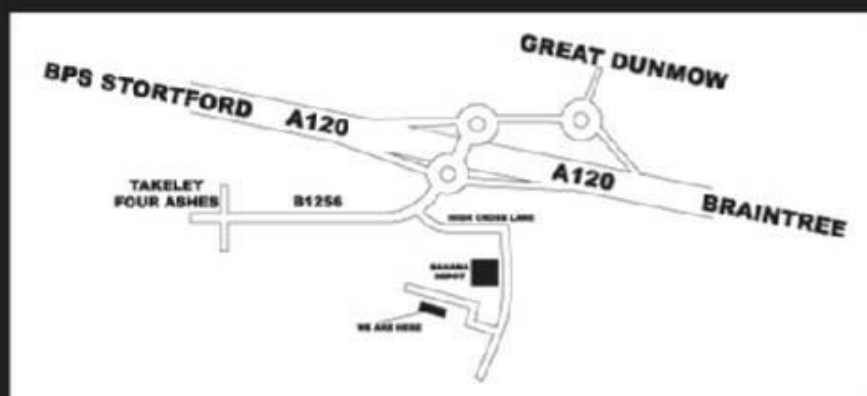
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