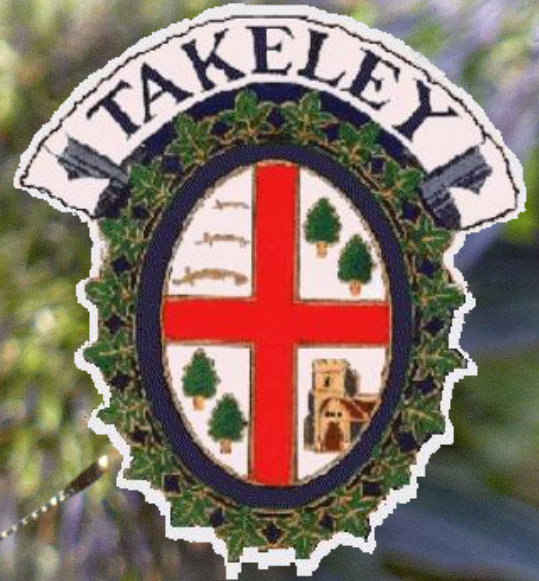


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Editorial

In which the editor continues to grow old, finds a soul-mate in Falstaff, discovers that his fridge exists in a quantum state, mourns the impoverishment of the English language, fails to go on a journey with a Greek historian and is involved in the accidental electrocution of a cow.

“Why, there is it: come sing me a bawdy song; make me merry. I was as virtuously given as a gentleman need to be; virtuous enough; swore little; diced not above seven times a week; went to a bawdy-house once in a quarter of an hour; paid money that I borrowed, three of four times; lived well and in good compass: and now I live out of all order, out of all compass.”

However, to extend the pun a little, my compass is getting exceeding large and my profile distinctly pear-shaped. Gives me a nasty shock when I catch sight of myself in reflections in shop windows. As a matter of policy now, I avoid looking in mirrors before the pavements are comfortably warm and I can be philosophical about what I see.

As I sit here listening to Rachmaninoff in superb quality from the Netherlands via internet radio, I am tempted to reflect on the changes that have occurred since I arrived in Takeley nearly fifty years ago. Certainly, being able to listen to such a huge variety of music from anywhere in the world would have seemed like mere science fiction then. I was still mightily impressed by the less than convincing monsters that cavorted around equally unconvincing sets for Dr Who and thought that the new show, Star Trek, was the last word in science fiction production values. The speed with which technology has caught up with and exceeded what was once considered merely preposterous has been, frankly, astounding. This, of course, was all viewed on a black and white television which had a large, clunky switch on its lacquered cabinet to change from 405 to 625 lines so that we could watch the new fangled BBC2! And now, as I struggle to understand articles in New Scientist, I see that warp drive and interstellar travel are not being dismissed as mere fantasy anymore. Hmm.



Maybe my fridge echoes the paradox of Schrödinger's cat and exists in a multiverse at a quantum level. And if you haven't the faintest idea what I'm talking about, hush. Neither have I. It would be a bit like The Lion, The Witch and The Fridge. Open the door looking for some milk only to be attacked by next door's cat with advanced frostbite and half a pilchard hanging from one whisker. Happens all the time, y'know ...

By this point, many of you will be reaching the conclusion that I have finally flipped, so I will serve you up a close friend's recent description of me. And no, it wasn't "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" It was "Shall I compare thee to a Dyson, for truly thou hast a transparent middle with much c*** whirling around inside." I love my friends.

"We have heard the chimes at midnight, Master Shallow."

*"That we have, that we have, that we have; in faith,
Sir John, we have: our watch-word was 'Hem boys!'
Come, let's to dinner; come, let's to dinner:
Jesus, the days that we have seen! Come, come."*

Ah, the passing of time. Not so long ago, a friend, who is of a similar vintage to your correspondent, and I decided to go to a Moving Picture Show. We were treated with near reverence as we bought our senior citizens' tickets. We then debated as to whether there would be time to have a coffee before the film.



"Don't you worry," said a kindly youth in the livery of the Picture Palace, "You have your coffee and I'll show you to the right screen." All said with that special tone that is reserved for the feeble-minded or infirm. He didn't quite take us by the arm and pat our heads but, hey, you get

the picture. That's when you know that you are becoming of archaeological interest.

As Agatha Christie once said: *"An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets the more interested he is in her."*

I was in the Station Cafe the other day when I started to reminisce with a chap who had been in my first ever class. We worked out that it was forty seven years ago. Chimes at midnight indeed. In those days, there wasn't any school uniform and everyone had free milk at morning break. I only have to close my eyes for a second to recall the slurping sound of nearly forty kids sucking on straws and smell the odour of milk just on the point of going sour. One of the cleaners was an elderly Australian who used to visit the milk crates, stacked outside the kitchen, at the end of the day to empty the rancorous dregs from the bottles to obtain enough milk for his cup of tea. Ah rapture! Or as Carmen sang after she had been stabbed in the finale of the opera, in a rather unfortunate misprint of the libretto in the programme notes: "Ah rupture, rupture!"

Then there was the kindly caretaker who felt that us teachers were underpaid and kept on trying to give me light bulbs from the stockroom. They were all enormous screw fit devices which wouldn't have fitted any domestic light, but he insisted that I deserved some sort of perk...

He wasn't quite so kindly when he came into my classroom after lessons at the very moment when I was testing a tissue paper hot air balloon which had just gone up in flames and was fluttering round the room, burning merrily. "Vandal, yob and bleedin' little terrorist," were some of the milder terms that he used. But it's good to be original!



Every July, each teacher was given twenty pounds to spend on the stock needed for his or her class for the entire year. This included books, paper, pencils, rulers, paint and anything else that one might want.

This was in the days when classes of forty were normal. Everything was kept locked in a cupboard in the classroom and guarded like gold bullion. We begged and scrounged in shops and offices for paper, old punch cards, cardboard – anything that could be used creatively in class. But strangely, even though we were as poor as church mice, we had fun. Yes, I know that through the reverse telescope of time we tend to forget the less pleasant aspects of life then, but when I meet ex-pupils from the same distant period, they too seem to have a shared affection for those blue remembered hills. I think that we were, in so many ways, far freer than the present generation, less hemmed in by fears and over-regulation. Life has become too earnest, too boringly sane.

Now, we obsess about the minutiae of grammar – yes, I know the difference between transitive and intransitive verbs. I know what a gerund is and the definition of a noun clause, I know how to parse a sentence and how to use the subjunctive mood. But, and here's a thought – Shakespeare simply made up the constructions and words as he needed. Indeed, it was common to neologise new words to accommodate the huge surge in creativity displayed by the authors of the time. Shakespeare alone added some 1700 new words to the English language. And imagine Shakespeare confronted with some of the idiotically pointless questions to be found in present day SATs. Jane Austen would probably have had very little of the formal grammar training that is inflicted on children today, but she would have been constantly exposed to well spoken English. And, well, our media set such a wonderful example, innit bruv? Should we not, instead, be tuning our ears to the heartbeat and soul of language instead of reducing it to little more than an anatomical specimen to be picked over and discussed by academic experts and crazed politicians who have about as much relevance to the good of society as a tic on a chimpanzee's backside? It is a universal truth (sic) that great leaps of intellect and imagination usually arise from the rebel mind. Conformity breeds a desire for reward but ultimately leads to stagnation. Remember that it was a child who, with bell – like clarity, announced that truly, the emperor had no clothes.

I wonder. I wonder. In that wonderful sixties film "If", the headmaster remarks to his coterie of sixth formers that: *"Education in Britain is a nubile Cinderella, sparsely clad and often interfered with."*

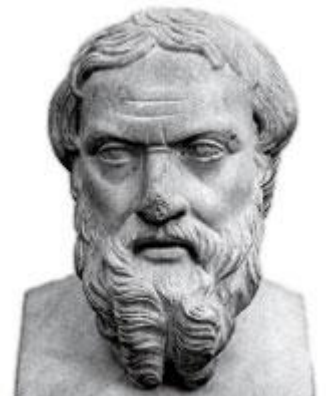
All we need now is a fairy godmother, I suppose.

Meanwhile, as Frankie Howerd was wont to say, Beloved has made another immortal pronouncement.

I was working in my office when she came in with a cup of tea and spied a book on the shelf. It was titled "Travels with Herodotus."

"He – rodot – who?" She said. "Herodotus," I replied, The Greek historian. Died about two and a half thousand years ago."

"Well," said Beloved, putting on a very sensible expression," he wouldn't be much use to travel with if he's dead."



And you can't argue with the logic of that!

Sometimes, of course, the logic of childhood can go too far.

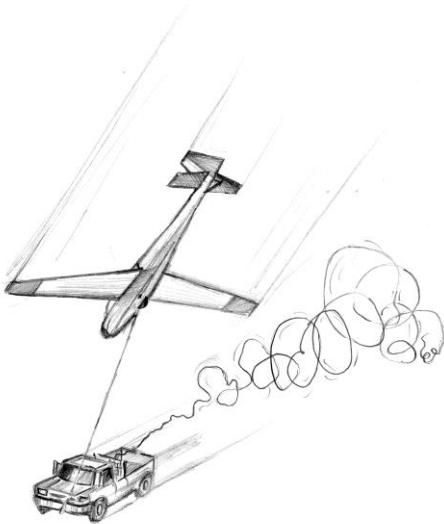
I was driving sedately home in my natty little yellow sports car one summer evening when a child leapt straight out into the road in front of me. I stood on the brake and the car screeched to a halt. The young miscreant stood his ground and put out his hand as a signal for me to stop.



“What do you think you’re doing?” I managed to squawk.

“I’m being a policeman,” he said, gravely, and marched off. Good thing it wasn’t one of my uncles driving. I still have a vivid memory of hammering down a long straight road near Porthmadog in an ancient but impressively noisy and rusty Allard when I was about ten years old. My uncle was giving a fair impression of Mr Toad with gauntleted hands and a tweed cap. We went round a shallow bend fastish and I grabbed the door handle to steady myself. Now you must understand that the doors on this particular model opened like the old Citroen *Traction Avante* a la Maigret – backwards. Well, my fiddling with the handle sprang the lock and the door flew open like the wing of a large beetle. It then detached itself from the car and bounced, fluttering, down the road behind us like a drunken bat, giving a couple of sheep mild palpitations. When we got back to it, they were investigating its potential as food. Needless to say, we didn’t tell my aunt the whole truth.

Which brings to mind one final anecdote with which to bore you.



When I started my gliding career, it was at North Weald which had long runway. The launching method that we used involved a very powerful V8 pickup truck pulling a single strand steel cable over a pulley attached to the front half of an articulated truck. The truck drove towards the glider, launching it into the air over the top of the pulley at the end of the very long runway. As the glider passed over the truck, an observer seated beside the driver would check the speed and altitude and call them out.

When the launch was nearly at its end, the driver would cut the power and the glider would release the cable which had a fluorescent red parachute attached to it to make it easy to see when it landed. The driver would go to full power to pull the cable in and control its descent to ensure that it would land inside the airfield boundary. Sounds good but, in practice, the cables tended not to last very long, developing kinks and hard spots that caused

them to snap. Well, on one particular afternoon, the cable snapped about two thirds up its length. The launch was nearly complete so, as the glider pilot released the cable, it was loose at both ends, drifting down completely uncontrolled. The wind blew it over a neighbouring field and it ended up draped over some high tension power lines. One of the cows, seeing the bright red parachute on the ground, thought that it might be good to eat. Before anyone could get to it, it had tried to take a bite out of the end of the wire and connected itself to the National Grid in a fairly pyrotechnic manner. Well, the farmer was duly compensated but he wasn't too worried. I mean, he had plenty of udders to choose from. Shocking, really. Which ends the current tale.

At which low point, I feel that I should end this strangely disconnected ramble. I feel the urge to go foraging in the kitchen for a little restorative snifter. And maybe I shall peek in the fridge to see if anything needs a little tidying. Or maybe Schrödinger's cat has eaten the lot. Or maybe not.



Ah, the delightful paradox of Heisenberg's uncertainty principle. It's almost as good as politics – no, on second thoughts, it makes more sense. Au reservoir until next time.

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*

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Saturday 11 June 1.00 - 5.00pm

Well we are days away now from this year's fete which we hope will be a huge success for all those organisations that have booked a pitch we would like to thank you all for coming along and supporting our village event. Let's hope the weathers good to us on the day!

This year we have The Ruthless Brothers entertaining us throughout the afternoon with their music, whilst children can join in at Scotty's Circus workshop and have a go, or maybe the American Civil War tent will be more up your street!



There will be the usual pony rides, bouncy castle, teas, raffle, bar and BBQ run by the football club along with over 40 various other stalls run by local people and organisations.

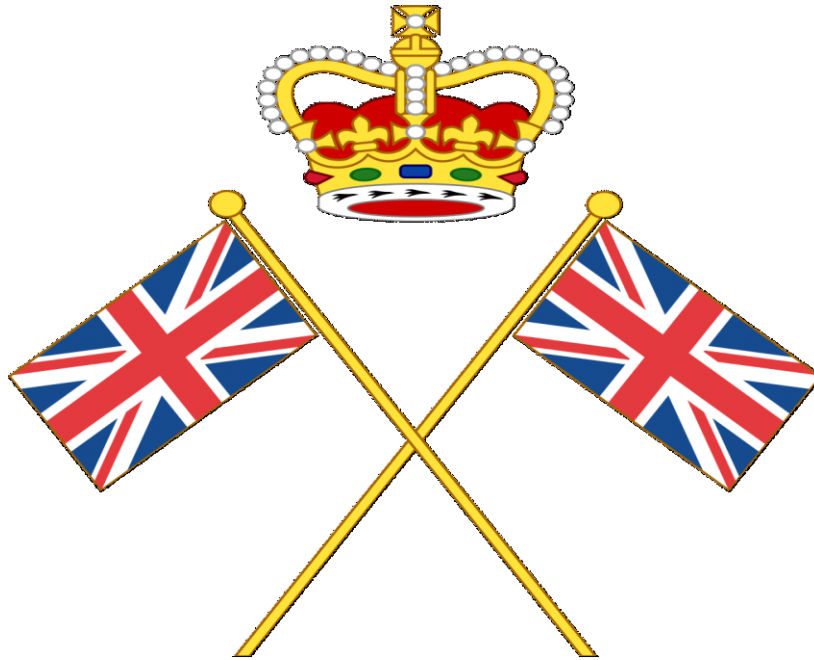
This year we again will have a small selection of crafters from the Essex Guild of Craftsmen who will set up in the marquee, so why not bring your family and friends and come and take a look at what's on offer to you all.



We cannot guarantee the weather but good company and lots of people make the day worthwhile, we hope you enjoy!

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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING SCHEDULE 2016

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

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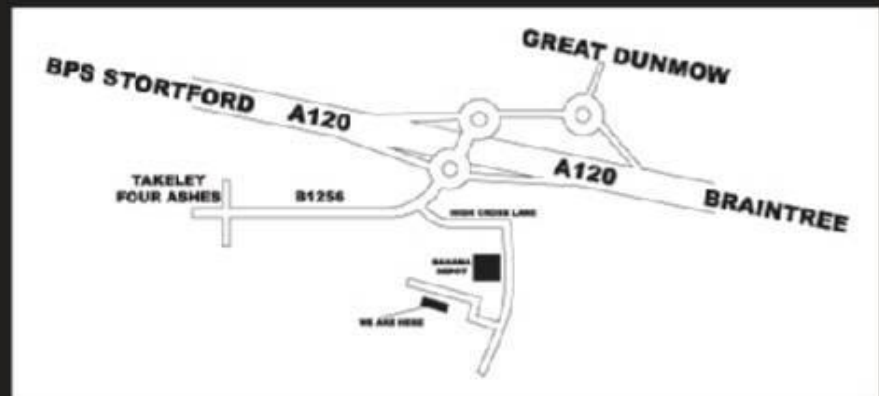
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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

April Open Forum ECC Cllr Susan Barker reported:

- The new Chief Executive of UDC Dawn French has been visiting villages & towns to familiarise herself with the district.
- UDC has concluded a Green Belt review and it has been decided that no changes will be made. This will have an impact on the Site Assessments for the Local Plan. Some will now have to be discounted. No details of the CPZ review have been circulated yet.
- It was brought to Cllr Susan Barker's attention that lorries servicing the Go Homes development have been parking on the pavement along the B1256. This has caused an obstruction to pedestrian's walking to school, on the designated "walk to school route".
- Replacement Waste Plan at Crumps Farm (A23): concerns have been raised about the depositing of hazardous waste. An ECC Planning Officer has been asked to address a meeting locally.
- Funds of £12k from S106 and £32k from UDC Highways Panel have been ring-fenced for re-surfacing works on byway 25 (Jacks Lane). The Clerk will be speaking to Mr. Euan Kennedy (Lord of the Manor) and ECC PROW regarding the future plans.
- TPC requested that Cllr Susan Barker follow up their regular reports and complaints regarding road cleaning in the areas of new developments with Highways.

Uttlesford Citizen Advice Bureau - Request for funding: In 2014-15 CAB helped 136 residents from Takeley & the Canfields ward with 700 separate issues. Cllr Trevor Allen proposed £1500 2nd by Cllr Richard Cheetham. TPC resolved to grant £1500.

The pilot scheme for a video link to CAB is still running in the Station House on a Thursday & Friday.

Morrells Green Play Equipment: After a recent survey of residents in Morrells Green it was agreed that TPC would purchase more equipment for the play area.

Cllr Pat Burnett presented 3 quotes for a piece of multi-play equipment for Morrells Green. Prices ranged from £5 - £11k. Cllr Jackie Cheetham proposed the purchase of 'Little Miss Muffet' play equipment from Wicksteed, 2nd by Cllr Trevor Allen. TPC resolved to accept this quote for £6330.80 (ex vat).

Cllr Pat Burnett has placed the order.

Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations:

- TPC has contacted local groups and schools regarding planned celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday.

- PCC has requested approximately £600 towards an exhibition and flower display at Holy Trinity Church. This is a joint event with Takeley History Society, Takeley Ladies Circle and PCC. TPC agreed to 'ring fence' £600 but will receive a fully costed proposal in the April.
- The Community Café will be running an event on 9th & 10th Jun, more details are to follow.
- The five day centres in Uttlesford are hosting a royal themed afternoon tea party. Takeley Day Centre will hold an event on 6th June. UDC will not be funding the party but have offered to help plan and organise the events. They have requested details of any residents who are turning 90 years old this year so that they can be invited as guests of honour.

The Clerk has received several requests from local community groups for funding towards their celebrations/events. TPC approved the following:

- Roseacres street party (Sat 11/6/16) - £250
- Takeley Youth Club event (22/4/16)- £120
- TLC Church, incl Takeley History Society & Takeley Ladies Circle - £600
- Community/Day Centre Tea Party (6/6/16) - £350
- Morrells Green street party (11/6/16) - £350
- Takeley Primary School purple litter bins x 2 - £262
- Little Learners Pre-School 'Kings & Queens' tea party (28/6/16) - £200
- Takeley Sports & Social Club children's party (14/5/16) - £350
- Commemorative medals to be provided for the children of both primary schools and SJH Playgroup/Nursery.
- Bunting will be provided to place around the village sign on the green at the Four Ashes.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Process:

17 people have responded to the recent advert in the TPC Newsletter for resident volunteers to participate in the plan process. A briefing meeting is scheduled for 9th June to ensure that the volunteers understand the undertaking. TPC will invite Rachel Hogger (UDC) who held the workshop for the councillors in November 2015.

Takeley Post Office: Changes will be made to the post office counter. The service point will be integrated with the retail counter. This will enable the service hours to be extended. Changes will take place in May/June. Because of the refurbishments the branch may have to close for up to 7 days. Full details will be advertised in and around the branch closer to the time.

Highways & Transport Issues:

- Mud on the B1256 from developments (Warwick Rd, Lt Canfield, Takeley Street) to be reported (again) to ECC Highways & Nigel Brown (UDC) .
- Highways Order for 20mph speed limit and 'no waiting' restriction on Church View Close, Brewers End - TPC no objection.
- Uber taxis are no longer using local roads as waiting areas.
- Repairs to the pothole in Station Road which had exposed wires has been completed.

- SRC & Lynch have been contacted regarding their vehicles causing an obstruction near the shops (Four Ashes) because of parking in the bay and on the verge opposite. Any further incidents to be reported to the Clerk with registration numbers. Lynch to be contacted regarding their speeding vehicles
- Community Speed Watch Team are creating an activity log for Parsonage Rd, Station Rd & Dunmow Rd noted (copied to Essex Police).
- Residents from Champneys Way, Priors Green have requested a mini roundabout at the junction with Roding Drive. Drivers are not stopping at the junction and residents believe it is very hazardous. The Clerk will contact Essex Highways regarding signage as there is insufficient room for a r'about.
- TPC to contact Essex Highways regarding the bus stop at Pincey Brook. Drivers are using the opposite side of the carriageway to overtake the bus once it has stopped.
- TPC will contact the Essex Highways Inspector regarding the current list of reported faults. There is no consistency with logged faults. A similar fault in the same area has apparently been given a different priority status.
- Dunmow Rd B183 resurfacing works to start 6th May for 6 nights (no weekend work). Phase 2 will start in July.
- Parsonage Rd resurfacing to start 24th May. Phase 2 will start in July.

UDC Highways Panel has approved funding for the re-surfacing of **byway 25 (Jacks Lane)**. TPC met with Mr. Euan Kennedy to discuss what needs to be done to prepare the byway before Essex PROW Team can begin work. The responsibility for clearing the ditches and cutting back the canopy is with the Lord of the Manor.

Purchase of Old School House, Brewers End:

- TPC solicitor has requested a draft contract from ECC.
- Approval given for works to be carried out on the protected tree (Cricket Ground).
- TPC to seek confirmation that the other problematic trees will also be trimmed.
- TPC to provide ECC with evidence of their funds i.e. PWLB and reserves to purchase the building.

ECC Replacement Waste Local Plan Pre Submission Consultation: TPC approved the following response:

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS

The Pre-Submission Draft RWLP is unsound in that aspects of the Plan are not legally and procedurally compliant:

In relation to the sites at **Crump's Farm & Little Bullocks Farm** TPC concurs with ECC's originally assessment which discounted these allocations. The Minerals Local Plan was approved by the Secretary of State and adopted by ECC as recently as 2014. This Plan included a condition that extraction of minerals from sites A22 and A23 could not commence

until the main Crump's Farm site was fully restored - which is not expected until around 2030. Why are ECC planners now saying that they can overrule that condition?

Some of the environmental consequences of these allocations have now either been ignored or understated.

The amount of minerals expected to be extracted from site A23 is very small, and we say, too shallow to allow the safe dumping of hazardous waste. Policy 13 clearly states that 'land raising that is considered to constitute a waste disposal activity, for its own sake, will not be permitted' so burying the waste by covering with other materials is not an option.

The RWLP fails to consider the impact on proposed housing development at Priors Green (Takeley/Lt. Canfield) - UDC Local Plan - potential for 1750 new homes and a primary school (north of B1256 opposite the above sites)

The enclosed maps are out of date and fail to show new, under construction, and approved/proposed housing development around the site.

There is no mention of housing development currently under construction adjacent to the site at Runnels Hay and the impact on this site. It is proposed to allocate hazardous waste to Site 2 which is adjacent to Runnels Hay.

TPC is very concerned about the environmental impact on the River Roding and Runnels Hay Bluebell Wood (ancient woodland). The RWLP underestimates the risk of leeching.

There is surely a real danger of 'bird strikes' (Stansted Airport)

The additional HGV traffic generated by these sites would add to the already intolerable volume of HGV traffic through Takeley and along the B1256 (Elsenham site currently has permission for 400 vehicle movements per day). The noise and vibration negatively impacts on the wellbeing of our residents and destroys the local road network.

For the reasons stated above TPC objects to any additional HGV traffic through Takeley as a result of the proposed allocation at **Gaunt End, Elsenham**

UDC Local Plan -Site Assessments: TPC Planning Committee has coordinated a response in conjunction with Geoff Gardner & Bruce Bamber (Planning Consultant).

- TPC agreed that the importance of maintaining the Countryside Protection Zone (CPZ) should be further detailed within the report.
TPC approved the draft report with revisions.
- DC Cllr Howard Ryles will arrange a meeting with all 3 District Cllrs and TPC. A copy of the response will be sent to them in preparation for the meeting.

- TPC agreed for a press release to be sent to the Herts & Essex Observer and Dunmow Broadcast regarding the shortened process of the local plan.

2015/16 Actual v Budgets Summary:

	2015/16 Budget £	2015/16 Actuals £	Variance £	
Cfwd	105386	105386		
INCOME	102250	104360	-2110	
TOTAL	207636	209746	-2110	
Employees	35005	34322	683	53rd week.
Administration	18250	9248	9002	£7533 Station House costs to be cfwd
Parish Services	23050	19474	3576	
Professional Advice	6000	450	5550	cfwd
Community Projects	10000	0	10000	Cfwd to Reserves
S137 Community Groups	10000	4965	5035	
Vat	1000	4536	3536	Claimed
TOTAL EXPENSES	103305	72995	30310	

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

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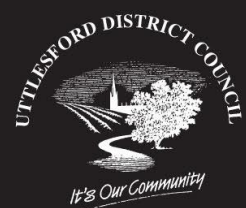


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Uttlesford Local Plan Process

Uttlesford District Council (UDC) has recently consulted on a revised 'Statement of Community Involvement' (SCI) policy which shortens the new Local Plan process and reduces the opportunity for full public engagement.

In responding, Takeley Parish Council remarked:

- Legislation maybe on the side of UDC but Chairman Clr Howard Rolfe promised 'openness & transparency,' so where is the right of response in this process? The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) stresses the importance of 'early & meaningful engagement with neighbourhoods' to produce a Local Plan that reflects the strategic priorities. Shortening the process, and the opportunity for full public engagement/comment destroys localism and negates any notion of community led planning.
- Why has UDC planned the only full public consultation regarding the new Local Plan over the Christmas period (Nov/Dec 2016)?
- The only opportunity for full public comment on the new Plan will not be acted upon. UDC has a responsibility to consider comments and recommended action. Instead, it is intended that comments will be summarised and bundled up to accompany the draft Local Plan submission to the Inspector
- Regulation 18 Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2012 sets out specific bodies or persons that any planning authority must notify and invite representation. 'The authority must take into account any representation made, and will need to set out how the main issues raised have been taken into account'. UDC is obliged to produce a document entitled 'Statement of Compliance' which will summarise the main issues raised through consultation & how these have been addressed in the submission document. How will this be fulfilled?
- The process lacks a strategic approach. The process used for determination of housing sites does not appear to be needs driven; rather it is driven by land availability and interest from land owners. The 'Landowner & Developer Site Proposals' document clearly emanates from interest registered by landowners rather than where development needs to be and should be.
- Where is the strategic plan? When will communities know what infrastructure requirements UDC has built into the Plan; and how these will be funded and

brought on stream at the appropriate time? ('Infrastructure Delivery Programme').

UDC has been too slow to gather technical evidence e.g. Highways assessment re M11 Jtn 8, and is sacrificing community involvement in order to meet the March 2017 Govt deadline. UDC should break this deadline (by 2-3 months) in order to fully consider the opinions of residents & communities.

- The schedule for completion and submission of a new Local Plan is at the expense of community involvement and is **FLAWED**. Page 7 of the draft SCI states that 'UDC's principle of community involvement is to provide everyone with an opportunity to get involved at a time in the process where their views can influence the outcome'. **TPC fundamentally disagree that there is an opportunity for meaningful consultation on a new Local plan.**

Takeley Parish Council has worked with professional planning & highways consultants to formulate representation regarding the recent Local Plan Site Assessments identified in Takeley. This stage of the process was not formerly open for public consultation, however the Parish Council felt that it was imperative that this element of the process was properly and professionally assessed on behalf of the community and informed with local knowledge. This has resulted in a substantial submission to Uttlesford District Council which can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

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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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.es

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.

Takeley Community Cafe

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



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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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Are you are around for two weeks starting Friday, July 22nd ? Would you like to make a big difference to the life of an abandoned child? If the answer to both of these questions is yes, then read on.

Now in its 26th year, Moreton Romanian Orphans Fund will again be bringing a group of institutionalized children over from Romania to experience life within a family unit. Abandoned by their parents at a young age, these kids know little of the love and care that comes with being part of a family. Our aim is simply to give them that opportunity.

Based in and around Bishop's Stortford, you will offer a child a place in your home for a fortnight. You will house them, care for them and feed them. But you won't be alone! During the two weeks, the charity organizes a full program of events such as discos, picnics, sports events and days at the seaside, meaning that all you need to supply is a roof, and of course lots of love and attention!

As well as the obvious benefits for the Romanian kids, the trip can be enormously beneficial for our own children, helping them to understand how those in other parts of the world may not have access to things we would normally take for granted.

The good news is that for families hosting for the first time, the cost of the trip is funded by the charity. If you're interested, then please call the hosting officer Rachel Berry on 07830 534129, or rachelberry46@gmail.com. She will make an appointment to come and visit you and your family.

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Superfast Essex is part of the national Superfast Britain programme, which was established when the government recognised that economic growth and social wellbeing in Britain were being held back by the lack of universally available broadband.

In Essex, they are investing more than £51m into the Superfast Essex programme, which is coordinated by Essex County Council. The programme is funded by BDUK, Essex County Council with a contribution from some Local Authorities (Tendring, Maldon, Epping and Braintree District Councils) and a significant proportion of the investment comes from the private sector delivery partners, BT and Gigaclear.

This will improve broadband coverage in the county so that 95 per cent of Essex has access to fibre broadband (with the potential to provide superfast speeds of 24Mbps and above) by 2019. The programme is also ensuring that a minimum of 2Mbps download speed is available across Essex by summer 2016 through the UK Government Satellite Broadband Scheme. Find out more about this scheme at www.superfastessex.org/satellite.

Takeley Parish Council are aware of the broadband upgrade. Whilst most of the village has seen an improvement there are still a few remaining roads not currently included in the upgrade.

We are looking into this and will give further updates.

Please check your postcode to find out how your street is affected.

Any comments please email takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com

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- **Influence the way local services are provided**
- **Decide how local money is spent to improve your Community**
- **Keep the parish a place where people want to live, work and enjoy themselves**

Making a difference

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

Council Meeting and time commitments

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

Who can stand?

You can stand for the Council if you are:-

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

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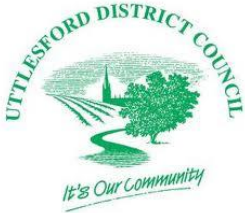
Please contact the Parish Clerk expressing your interest before **1st July 2016**. Further details will be provided.

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Apply now for a Community Project Grant

Community and voluntary organisations in Uttlesford are invited to apply for funding to assist with the development of community-based projects.

Uttlesford District Council's Community Project Grant scheme for 2016/17 is now open for applications – with grants from a minimum of £100 up to a maximum of £3,500 available.

Last year's scheme helped 44 different organisations, supporting a wide variety of local initiatives ranging from environmental projects to community building repairs. Grant awards can be made to properly-constituted voluntary organisations or similar bodies in the Uttlesford district, such as village hall committees, community shops, town and parish councils, community associations, play and recreation clubs and groups.

Grants will be considered for expenditure incurred in the provision of any of the following:

- Development of land for recreational purposes, including environmental improvements
- Buildings or facilities that are available for community use such as village halls, community centres or public conveniences
- Car parks and access roads to car parks directly associated with a community use building
- Children's play areas, including equipment and safety surfacing
- Improvement, refurbishment or extension to any of the facilities outlined above
- Essential equipment that contributes significantly to the aims and objectives of the project
- Training or a one-off staffing cost that contributes significantly to the development of the project or increases benefit to the community (wages and salaries cannot be paid)

Eligible projects must be completed after 1 April 2016 and before 20 March 2017.

If the application is for more than £1,000 the amount raised by the applicant must represent at least 50% of the total project cost. In the case of an application for less than £999 the applicant must have raised 25%.

Closing date for applications is **midday on Thursday, 30 June 2016**. Applications from sports and cultural groups are not eligible.

To request an application form, or for further information, please contact Sue Hayden, Community Development Officer, on 01799 510563 or shayden@uttlesford.gov.uk.

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

Essex continues to say “No” to Rogue Traders in 2016

Essex Police and Trading Standards continued to build on their success of last year in raising community awareness of rogue traders during National Rogue Trader week in April.

Rogue traders are people who call at your door pretending to be qualified tradespeople and offering to do work on your home. Some rogue traders try to sell poor quality goods at your door for highly inflated prices.

They may seem friendly and persuasive but too often they target vulnerable elderly people and recommend work is done that is not required, not actually carried out or carried out to such a poor standard it requires further work and expense to correct it.

They may claim to know your neighbours and have done work for them.

Take a look at their advice and make sure you don't fall victim to a rogue trader.

Trading Standards advice is:

- Never hire tradesmen who knock for business at your door – you decide whether you want repairs on your home.
- Find a reputable worker from the 'Buy with Confidence' website managed by Trading Standards.

A genuine trader won't:

- Call without an appointment
- Ask you to go to the bank to withdraw cash or make a money transfer
- Offer to take you to the bank to withdraw cash for payment
- Ask you to pay in full before the work is complete
- Insist that you make a decision about the work offered on the spot
- Bully or scare you into doing the work

If you do think you need some work doing:

- Contact a Buy with Confidence accredited trader 0345 4040506
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- Get a number of quotes
- Get a written estimate detailing exactly what work will be carried out, how much it will cost and what the terms of payment are
- Take your time to make sure you're happy with what you're undertaking – ask a trusted friend/relative for advice

Report any crimes or suspicious incidents to the police on 101, or in an emergency dial 999. If you need to contact Trading Standards please call the Trading Standards helpline (run by Citizens Advice) on 03454 040506.

FARMERS

WEEKLY

10 tips to cut your farmhouse burglary risk

Monday 20 October 2014



Stephen Armson-Smith, a crime prevention officer with Essex Police, provides some practical advice to reduce the chances of your home being burgled.

Being a victim of a burglary can be very traumatic experience.

A lot of attention has been paid to agricultural crime, but don't forget your home security. In some cases farmers, like many others, believe it won't happen to them. "My parents never locked their doors when they went out and we've never had a problem," they might say. But unfortunately times are changing.

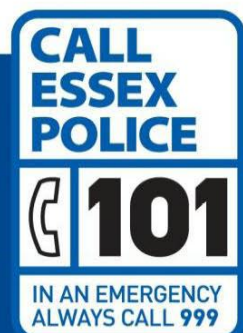
Farmhouses can often be empty in the day, and this is when most burglaries occur. I have called at a farmhouse before on a prearranged appointment to find nobody in and the front door open. Moments later a car arrived, the driver having just dropped a child at school and "never thought about shutting the door". There is a strong possibility an insurance company would not pay out for any loss in such circumstances.

1 Ensure that you have good British Standard locks on your windows and doors – look for the Secured by Design and Sold Secure accreditation, too.

2 Shut and lock all windows and doors while out of the house.

- 3** Put all tools outside away – a burglar prefers to use yours rather than bring their own.
- 4** Consider an intruder alarm, either self-monitored or by a certified receiving centre. Some can even be linked with CCTV viewable from a smartphone. Get three quotes from National Security Inspectorate- or Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board-accredited alarm companies. For added assurance, look for the Trading Standards “Buy with Confidence” scheme.
- 5** Where possible build fences and gates at the rear of your property. Fencing and gates should be at least 1.8m high. Lock the gate, too.
- 6** Display rule-setting signage to tell visitors where they are not welcome, especially when the public have access to the farm
- 7** Permanently light the front of the house with energy-efficient, external lighting, activated by a dusk-till-dawn sensor so that as you approach your house at night you see all is well before you arrive, and the burglar is discouraged from approaching by the light. Other areas can be manually lit or activated by passive infrared sensors. If no one overlooks an area or will see the light on, the only person to benefit from lighting elsewhere is the thief.
- 8** Create the illusion of occupancy with lights on timers in rooms (plug in or light switch) you would normally be in – especially important when the dark nights draw in. Leave a radio on; there is even a fake TV that flashes lights resembling a TV being on. Wellington boots outside the door, newspaper and glasses on a chair by the window all help create the impression you are in.
- 9** Have a safe and lock your valuables in it. Failing that, have two jewellery boxes – one containing “sacrificial” jewellery (needs some good stuff) on display and hide the rest in a really good hiding place. Hopefully a burglar would find the box on display and does not look any further and you keep your treasured items. Don’t forget your firearms, either – don’t risk someone getting their hands on them and losing your licence – always lock them away in a suitable cabinet.
- 10** Security-mark your property with your postcode and house number or the first three letter of your house name, there are also a number of “forensic” marking solutions available with IT-activated or download security and tracking programs. Use www.immobolise.com to register the serial numbers of property free of charge.

For further advice, contact your local crime prevention officer using the national police non-emergency telephone number, 101.





Uttlesford CAB – access for all.

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.

Barnards Yard, CB11 4EB

T: 01799 618840

W: uttlesfordcab.org.uk

E: bureau@uttlesfordcab.cabnet.org.uk

Saffron Walden 9.30 to 3.30 M.T.Th.F. (appointments available Weds)

Great Dunmow 9.30 to 3.30 T. W. Th.

Thaxted 9.30 to 12.30 Monday (fortnightly – appointments only)

Stansted Mountfitchet 9.30 to 12.30 Monday (fortnightly) and 9.30 to 12.30 Thursday (weekly) – appointments only

Takeley (by video link) Thursday and Friday (appointments only)

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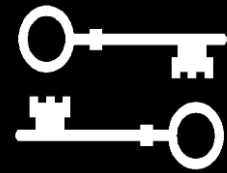
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3. The [Highways Agency](#) - For enquiries and reports relating to trunk roads and motorways, please call 0300 123 5000.

TAKELEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY UNLOCKING THE PAST

<http://tlhs.org.uk>

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I am very pleased to say that our May meeting with Andy Robertshaw was very well attended. As well as our own members attending seventeen visitors were warmly welcomed and some have now become members.

We have two further talks and two outings remaining for the 2016 season. Our meeting on 13th September should prove to be very interesting as Metal Detectorist Tony Carter will be bringing along his finds to show us what he has unearthed in the local area. Then on November 15th Kate Cole will be talking about The Witches of Elizabethan England with particular reference to the witches of the Great Dunmow area. In August (date to be agreed) John Monk will be showing people around Bush End Church, followed by a walk through Hatfield Forest to the Shell House. We last did this trip ten years ago in 2016. Then in September we will be given a guided tour of Pleshey Castle.

Six hundred years ago, in the time of Richard II, Pleshey was the site of a royal court to rival Windsor and Westminster. Its importance meant that Pleshey is one of only three places in Essex mentioned by Shakespeare in his plays. Now it is a quiet village but the castle motte and bailey remains and with the help of our



guide you will see the site for what it once was. Our talks and visits are open to all but if you are not a member and would like details of the visits please email me chairman@tlhs.org.uk so that I can add you to the list for further details.

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

FLOWER and PRODUCE SHOW

This was held for a number of years in the 50's and 60's and always on August Bank Holiday Weekend.

It started off being held in the old school and later a large marquee was hired and erected on the cricket field. Most houses had large gardens in those days and most people had an allotment as well. There was keen competition amongst the men for the vegetable section, there was a section for flowers and the ladies showed off their skill at making cakes and jams etc. Another keenly contested section was home made wine. In those days wine was made from almost anything including all sorts of vegetables and fruit and many wild berries and flowers found in the hedgerows and fields.

Some of the men who regularly entered the vegetable section were, William Salmon, Basil Claydon, Harry Monk, Walter Cook, Ern Salmon, Reg Reynolds, Gordon Sandford, Norman Newling, Reg Rallings, William Reynolds, Cecil Monk, Les Clarke and many others. William Salmon and Basil Claydon entered most of the different classes and most years either one or the other won the cup for gaining the most points overall. The competition generated very keen but friendly rivalry.

One of the early judges was Charles Wright, rose grower from Takeley, he was followed by Albert Woodley, a smallholder from Great Canfield, and the last one was Bill Marshall, foreman at Takeley Nurseries. Muriel Rogers from Bambers Green judged most of the ladies classes, and Blanch Gowlett from Broxted judged the wines. I am not quite sure how she did this, because if she sampled each one, some of those wines were very potent. I expect she did it the professional way, and did not actually drink any!

The children also had their classes, painting, drawing and collecting wild flowers etc, so the whole family was involved.

There were also a number of side shows, including the very popular bowling for the pig or hamper. Percy Read from Takeley provided the sound system and musical entertainment with his mobile record player. If the weather was kind a very good day was had by all with any profits going to the village hall fund.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer -- Friday 9th August 1957.

Largest attendance since inception.

In marked contrast to last year when rain interfered with the event on two occasions, Mole Hill Green Fete and Flower Show was held on Bank Holiday Monday in perfect conditions, which attracted the largest attendance since its inception, three years ago. Although the 300 flower show entries were smaller than in previous years, the figure was highly satisfactory when it is borne in mind, that some villages have cancelled similar functions, owing to the unfavourable season. The women's classes were particularly well supported, that for a Victoria sandwich attracting the day's largest entry, fourteen competitors. Competed for for the first time the challenge cup, given by Mr Geoffrey Brown for the highest points in the vegetable classes, was won by Mr W Salmon. The bowl for the woman gaining the highest number of points was won by Mrs W A Bush.

Turkey for prize. ;-- On such a brilliant summer day thoughts were far removed from Yuletide, but a competition gave two persons the opportunity of winning their Christmas dinner, Mrs W Carr winning a turkey and Mrs B Clayden a goose. In a bowling competition a pig was won by Mr B Clayden.

The fete was opened by Lady Hawkey, to whom a bouquet was presented by Noreen Digby, and who also judged the children's fancy dress competition, Her awards were ;-- 1. Robert Tyrrell (Davey Crockett). 2. Noreen Digby (Rock 'n Roll). 3. Gillian Digby (The Takeley Rat). Prizes in a scarecrow competition for small boys were won by Alan Salmon and Michael Monk.

The event was organised by the Village Hall Committee in aid of Hall Funds, and prominent among the helpers were Sir Roger Hawkey and Dr J Fairley, chairman of the Committee.

SUPPORT 4 SIGHT

JULY 13th at Takeley Village Hall, TAKELEY LADIES CIRCLE will be hosting a FUND RAISING EVENING 8pm-10pm.

Representatives from this Charity will be giving a talk and answering questions. There will be a Bring and Buy, Raffle and Refreshments.

A small charge of £3, which includes refreshments, will be made to members and guests when signing in. If you have a problem with sight please come and see how Support 4 Sight could help you.



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THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY



The first Hundred Parishes Society talk this year will be on Monday, May 9th at 7:30pm in Stansted Mountfitchet's Crafton Green Community Centre, when geologist Gerald Lucy will talk about "The Hundred Parishes - the last Hundred Million Years". Non-members of the Society will be most welcome. A £5 entry fee will also cover tea/coffee and biscuits.

The underlying geology of an area gives the backbone to its landscape and the soils influence what grows here. The local calcareous soils suit Ash trees which are a major component of our woods, coppices, hedges and waysides. Ash produces a useful wood which burns readily and makes excellent handles for tools. It is a host to a number of creatures, some of which are specific to this tree species.

Sadly, Ash trees are under attack from a virulent disease called Ash Dieback. This was first noted in the UK on imported trees and is now widespread. The disease is caused by a fungus which spreads throughout the tissues of the tree interfering with the transport of water, causing stress and death. Its symptoms are more readily observed in younger trees as the foliage withers and turns black as it dies; beneath the bark the infected tissue is black. In mature trees the annual growth rate is minimal as the trees struggle to combat the damaging effect of the fungus. At the moment, all we can do is wait as we do not know how quickly these trees may die, but the potential loss of so many Ash trees will have a major impact on the appearance of our landscape.

For further information, advice on reporting infected trees and how to deal with them, please see the Forestry Commission website, www.forestry.gov.uk

.Tricia Moxey, Trustee

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Or email us at mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk

Book Review by Elaine Wyld

Crooked Heart

by

Lisa Evans

Lisa Evans produced comedy for radio and television before becoming a writer. Her first novel "Their Finest Hour and a Half" was nominated for the Orange long listed novel.

"Crooked Heart" is set just before the beginning of the Second World War. You will read some interesting facts that happened during that time in the ordinary day to day lives of the people of London. For instance, before the bombing started residents were given sacks to fill and seal, to place outside their front doors as protection against the bombs.

The main character is an intelligent 10 year old called Noel Bostock who is living with his aged and eccentric Aunt Mattie. She was a suffragette in a previous life. She still bears the scars of where the handcuffs scuffed her wrist. Now she is a recluse. When Mattie goes missing Noel is taken in by his Uncle Geoffrey and Auntie Margery. Geoffrey is an air warden and Margery a definite homemaker, totally relying on Geoffrey and not venturing out.

As the war starts in earnest and London falls prey to German bombs Noel is evacuated to St. Albans to the home of another eccentric lady called Vee Sedge. She lives with her mother and her lazy son Donald, but at least Donald's work as a night watchman provides the family with some small accommodation. Noel can sleep in Donald's bed in the evening and vacate it for Donald during the day. Vee has taken Noel in to get increased rations and more money. However, she did not bargain for the evacuee refusing to attend school. Noel is more interested in earning money. After reading a small notice in the "Herts Advertiser" he has an idea of how to improve the stretched finances of his new family.

Val and Noel traipse around London with a collecting box – ostensibly collecting for "Dunkirk Widows and Orphans", "Cricklewood District" and soon acquire large amounts of cash, encountering unusual people and some trouble along the way.

Donald is making money by obtaining counterfeit medical forms for men who do not wish to sign up to join the army. When things go pear-shaped and Donald finds himself on the run Vee and Noel find that an unexpected benefactor changes their way of life forever.

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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.

1. Full Page (i.e. one half A4 sheet size), £25.00 Photo or disc ready
 2. Half Page, £15.00 Photo or disc ready
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