

# NEWSLETTER



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# TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL 2016/2017 TPC Responsibilities:

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<b>CHAIRMAN</b>			Carol Pratt
<b>VICE CHAIRMAN</b>			Geoff Bagnall
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	Report & recommendations to full Council	4	Carol Pratt, Geoff Bagnall, Richard Cheetham, Sue Sprules
<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>	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
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; TRANSPORT</b>			David Daykin
<b>SPORTS FIELD</b>			John Green
<b>RECREATION GROUND</b>			John Green
<b>RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/LAND</b>	Rights of Way/Footpaths/Land Tree Warden, Flich Way	2	Tina Domigan, Trevor Allen , John Green
<b>MOLEHILL GREEN *</b>	Green, Hall & Community		Carol Pratt & Trevor Allen
<b>POLICE LIASON/PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			Trevor Allen
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<b>EMERGENCY PLANNING</b>	Coordinating key contacts & resources		Pat Burnett, Clerk & Asst Clerk
<b>SCHOOL HOUSE WORKING GP</b>	Consider the future (Use & Ownership)		Carol Pratt, Tricia Barber, Trevor Allen, Tina Domigan, Pat Burnett, Linda Steer
<b>STRATEGIC PLANNING</b>	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:

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Takeley Youth Club	Linda Steer
Takeley Primary Schools (x2)	Sue Sprules

*All roles agreed TPC AGM - 4th May 2016*

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# Editorial

**In which the editor is investigated by MI5, is involved with diplomatic subterfuge, impersonates a duck and comes across a parrot suffering from ophidiophobia.**

*Great is the sun, and wide he goes  
Through empty heaven with repose;  
And in the blue and glowing days  
More thick than rain he showers his rays*

As I surveyed the arid grass in front of my house, I was reminded of the gardens of my childhood in Cyprus. Everything was brown and you could fry an egg on the front path by midday. As the brief Mediterranean twilight came, my mother would go out into the garden with a hose and water the desiccated plants with a sort of desperate hope, willing the sparse brown twigs to burst into verdant life. You could track her progress as the darkness fell by the red glow of her cigarette bobbing round the garden like a drunken firefly. And this evening, I found myself repeating the same actions, but without the cigarette. Yet only a month or so ago, the grass was growing furiously after repeated deluges. Weather is a peculiar phenomenon. One hot day seems to erase the memories of monsoon rains and lulls our minds into a totally different rhythm of being.

These sub-tropical musings bring to mind my last month or so in Cyprus when my Polish uncles came to visit. They had been separated from my father since the beginning of the Second World War. Dad, who was in the Polish army, managed to escape via Romania which, at that time, had a land border with Poland. For years, following the war, we had little or no contact with the family as the Cold War was an ever-present fact of life. However, when Dad was posted to Cyprus in the late fifties, an opportunity for a family reunion presented itself. My uncles, Bogdon and Jurek, were to visit us. No mean feat, bearing in mind that my father was based at Akrotiri which was militarily sensitive. Of course, the communist government in Poland would not allow them to bring their families with them. They were held hostage to quell any attempt to defect to the wicked capitalist West!

So, late one evening, with huge quantities of food prepared, my mother and I waited for my father to return from Nicosia with the uncles. They eventually arrived and we all conversed madly with huge enthusiasm. However, since the only one who spoke both Polish and English was my father, none of us understood a word. We all sat, in the cicada shrilling dark in the garden,

looking at the stars and enjoying the sound of our voices while attempting to get our tongues round unfamiliar and exotic words without the faintest idea what each was saying to the other. It's strange, isn't it, how the magic of an instant in time can still resonate in the memory nearly sixty years on.



Gradually, we learnt that they were under instruction to observe and record as much information as possible, especially that of a military nature. I am assuming that the risks involved had been thoroughly discussed with higher echelons in the RAF and that they were allowed to see and record whatever suited Her Majesty's government. Did the Polish intelligence

services really think that we were that naive? Who knows? After a couple of weeks, I left Cyprus for good to start at a new school in England and never saw them again. The Cold War warmed up and we had the Cuban Missile crisis and the Berlin Wall. Occasionally, Dad would speak about the family, especially his father who was in his eighties. Apparently, he was so taken by the female announcer on Polish State Television that he always wore a tie when he watched. And when the station closed for the night and she bade all the viewers a good night, he would rise from his seat, bow solemnly and say: "And a good night to you, madam."

We learnt that the family was in dire need of money so a way had to be found to help. With capital and currency restrictions a major factor in those days, my cousin – a medical student – hit on a brilliant idea. There was a huge shortage of high grade dental plaster in Poland and if we could get it into the country, it could be used as a de-facto currency. So it was that my father organised a flow of parcels containing dental plaster across the Iron Curtain to help our beleaguered relatives. Were the authorities aware of this? Probably. Did they care? Probably not. Families all over Europe who were separated by the Cold War found ways of helping each other every day. It's human nature.

Latterly, my Dad retired from the RAF and we moved to Takeley – forty nine years ago, to be precise – and joined the Foreign Office. And at this point, the real Alice in Wonderland stuff started. Now, I surmise that his work was more attached to intelligence rather than diplomacy – if the two can be separated. He was primarily a linguist and would often be summoned to work at short notice over the weekend. This was at a time when communist embassies and consulates were under intense surveillance by the intelligence services. Dad was not terribly good as a spy. The first thing that he did when he joined the Foreign Office was to get CD plates for his second

hand Cortina (He had bought it from an Italian in London and it came complete with a small framed portrait of the Pope fixed to the dashboard). Hardly discrete, especially as the department that he worked for didn't officially exist. If memory serves me correctly, it went under the guise of an import – export company. Sound familiar? At this point in my life, I was helping to drape a huge Soviet flag over the top of a water tower at my college of education. It had been delivered in a sinister black limousine from the Soviet embassy. For this sin alone I was probably scrutinised to see what threat I might pose to the security of the Realm. Having read my short stories and seen my paintings, it was probably concluded that such fine insanity posed no danger.



Whatever Dad actually did, it must have been quite important as he met the Foreign Secretary on a couple of occasions and received an MBE.

All this made him an obvious object of interest for the authorities in Poland and we received several visits from a lady academic purporting to be a friend of my cousin who was, by this time, a medical student. It was pretty obvious that her interest in our family was rather more than altruistic and it was decided that contact with the relatives in Poland needed to be curtailed due to the sensitivity of Dad's work. So all our Polish relatives were told that we had moved to New Zealand. An address was provided by the Embassy there and all mail was directed via that.

It was only a couple of years after Dad's death, when my cousin came over on an academic exchange visit and stayed with some Polish friends of ours, that the truth was finally revealed.

It just happens that one of my favourite films is "The Ipcress File". Now you know why. For me, the Cold War was a very personal affair.



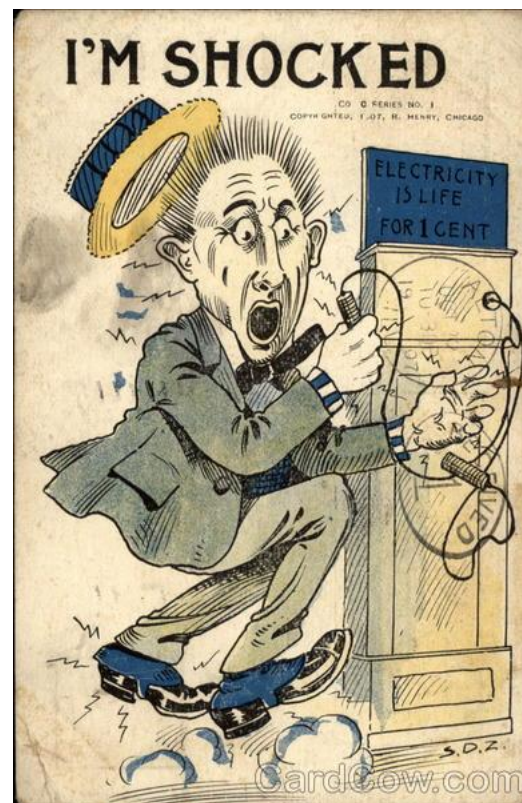
Still, to return to more seasonal musings, I find it quite extraordinary that, only a month or so ago, we were suffering deluges of Biblical proportions. I went to a street party in Roseacres which started in balmy summer weather and turned, within an hour or so, into a truly epic storm that rivalled a Hollywood disaster movie of insane proportions. Thunder rumbled and lightning zigger-zaggered as the rain bounced off the pavements. In a leisurely manner, the party-goers moved furniture, food and themselves under the awnings of various marquees and observed the Shakespearian majesty of the tempest. Polite conversation resumed and the DJ failed to get electrocuted. There's something endearingly stoic about the British when faced with meteorological vagaries. As W.S. Gilbert said:

*Let us shut our eyes,  
And talk about the weather.  
Yes, yes, let's talk about the weather.  
How beautifully blue the sky,  
The glass is rising very high,  
Continue fine I hope it may,  
And yet it rained but yesterday.  
Tomorrow it may pour again  
(I hear the country wants some rain),  
Yet people say, I know not why,  
That we shall have a warm July.*

And so we did as the water poured off sagging canvas and soaked the back of my shirt. All frightfully genteel as we imbibed tea, scoffed cake and watched the apocalypse unfold. Beloved and I had to leave early and we came across a tidal lake covering a large part of Roseacres. So being British, we naturally took off our shoes and socks, paddling home like a pair of well trained ducks.

Meanwhile, in the best traditions of farce, a friend of mine had suffered catastrophe as a result of the deluge. He is having his house extended and a wall and section of the roof had been removed from his kitchen. The resulting void was covered rather ineffectively by a tarpaulin which simply served to channel large quantities of water over the kitchen floor. As if that wasn't enough, he decided to shift the tarpaulin to a better position, blissfully unaware that the electrician had left a live cable in the ceiling. He found out.

And then just to make sure that it was really live, he tried again. Hmm. They do say that electric shocks can be quite stimulating but that's taking things to heroic lengths, I feel.



And finally, for I am very much in need of refreshment of the Scotch variety, I shall tell you briefly about a parrot of my acquaintance.

The bird in question is very talkative and has, apparently, a large and varied vocabulary. It engages in conversation in a most convincing manner. On one occasion, some years ago, when it had attempted to amputate a finger as I was feeding it monkey nuts in a friendly manner, I made my feelings known to it with some passion. When its owners returned from holiday, they were rather perplexed when it repeated, over and over again, in a fair imitation of my voice: "\*\*\*\*\* parrot." Needless to say, I denied all knowledge and suggested that its foul (or should that be fowl?) utterances were a result of its upbringing....



Recently, its owner purchased a cartridge hose. You know, the ones that roll flat but puff up when full of water. She unpacked it when it arrived. The parrot eyed her beadily, getting steadily more agitated. Then she started to unreel it. The parrot had had enough and went berserk, flapping its wings and hanging upside down in its cage. Then it shouted, at the top of its voice: "Snake!"

At which crucial point, I shall wish you all Top of the Evening. I'm going down to the kitchen to check it out for snakes. If I see one, I'll offer it a drink. Or does that just sound a bit hissterical?

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, supplier of alcoholic beverages to reptiles.*

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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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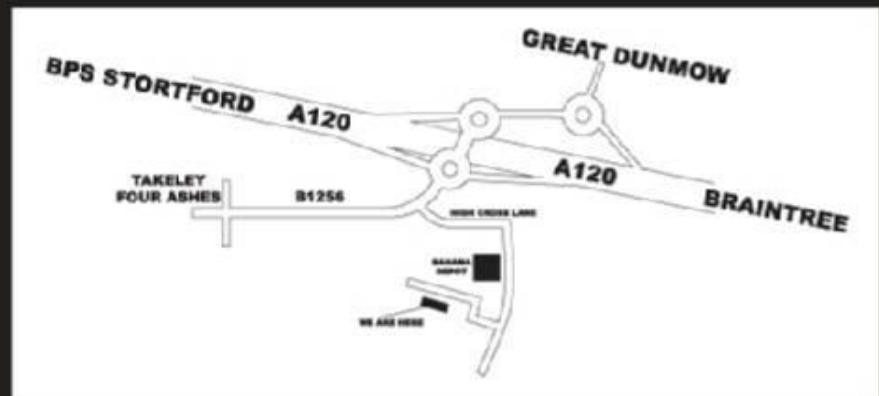
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# TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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The following are extracts from the June, July and August Parish Council minutes, which can be viewed on the TPC website: [www.takeleypc.co.uk](http://www.takeleypc.co.uk)

## Open Forum:

In June **District Cllr Howard Ryles** reported:

- Would like to make a financial contribution to the Takeley defibrillator project if and when it is started.
- A meeting will be scheduled with District Cllrs Jim Gordon and Derek Jones to discuss the new UDC Local Plan.
- The Satellite broadband voucher scheme has now been extended to include Wi-Fi for residents not able to receive a signal by the normal means.
- The appeal was lost for the additional 7 dwellings at Church Lane development owned by Taylor Wimpey. One of the reason for this is because the land is bounded by other development. TPC reported that trees had been taken out from the hedgerow unnecessarily on the boundary with Church Lane. Pipes from the development flow into the ditch along Church Lane and have caused a blockage, and water is unable to flow. This was brought to the attention of the developers some months ago and appears to have been ignored.
- UDC Local Plan Statement of Community Involvement consultation - only 2 parish councils responded (Takeley & Newport).

In August **Cllr Susan Barker** reported:

- Cllr Barker apologised to Cllr Jackie Cheetham following an incident at the UDC Council meeting on Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> July where a UDC member was rude to her whilst Cllr Jackie Cheetham was there representing TPC. A letter of complaint has been submitted to the District Council.
- Local Plan exhibitions will take place in September
- Highways issues: Cllr Barker will chase the outstanding potholes on Dunmow Road, east of the Four Ashes

**2016/17 UDC Community Achievement Awards:** TPC can make up to 2 nominations no later than 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2016

TPC agreed 3 names one of which may have been recognised previously. The Clerk will check with UDC and complete agreed nominations before 1<sup>st</sup> September.

## 2015/16 Year End - Annual Governance Statement & Accounting Statement:

TPC received the internal audit report 27/4/16 which noted:

*'The Council's approach to governance is sound with standing orders and financial regulations under regular review. The accounts are well-presented and the council is receiving the appropriate information to support their decision making.'*



Following review & recommendation by Finance Committee TPC approved:

- Year end bank reconciliation
- Summary of 2015/16 accounts & variance report

**Section 1: Annual Governance Statement** - TPC resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement which has been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

**Section 2: Accounting Statement** - TPC resolved to approve the 2015/16 Accounting Statement which has been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

**Purchase of Old School House, Brewers End:**

- TPC authorised the Clerk to complete the application for ECC's Assisted Purchase Scheme and the application to borrow £300k from the PWLB over 50 years (as agreed Nov 2015 minute 15/245).
- Further investigation on trees confirmed that a Sycamore tree is causing damage to the building and not the Chestnut. Instructions given to poison the tree by ECC, however TPC will request that the tree be removed to ensure that the tree is not made unsafe.
- Draft contracts received and £600 paid to Nockolds for searches.
- On 27<sup>th</sup> June notices were displayed around the building advising of the sale. Locks were changed by Diocese.
- The Clerk was informed of a break in on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. ECC Cllr Susan Barker and Essex Police contacted. ECC & Diocese are not willing to pay to repair any damage caused by the break in.
- Regular checks will be carried out by TPC on a daily basis to prevent further damage.
- Following the break in on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, the Clerk has requested the Diocese make an insurance claim to repair the broken glass (every window) and one window frame or reduce the sale price accordingly.
- TPC agreed the Clerk will submit an expression of interest re the Essex County Council CIF grant scheme (£20k) before 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**Silver Jubilee Hall Development - phase 2 completion:** Stage payment due on 12<sup>th</sup> August. TPC will advance £51300 from £150k PWLB fund & then issue the balance as required. Clerk to administer loan agreement.

**Priors Green Community Hall:** Chairman Carol Pratt attended the PGCH AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The Committee had done an excellent job of making sure the building is effectively maintained and well run, recovering and compiling the historic accounts to the present day, and putting in place policies and procedures that will ensure the longevity of the facility going forward. Now the accounts are complete and audited the Committee can complete the Charity Commission registration. When complete the lease will be granted and the S106 monies transferred.

## Planning Committee Meeting:

- **UDC (Local Plan) Review of 'Countryside Protection Zone' (CPZ) - Policy S8 - Reporting to PPWG in 9<sup>th</sup> June.** - Cllr Jackie Cheetham to attend and scheduled to speak on behalf of TPC. Members reviewed a comment for the PPWG meeting that reflects TPC's view re the importance of the CPZ, supporting the findings of the LUC consultant's report which says:

*'The requirements of the CPZ remain valid.*

*The CPZ is helping to maintain the vision of an 'airport in the countryside'. LUC recommend that, unless other planning policy considerations suggest otherwise, the CPZ is carried forward into the new Local Plan.*

*The CPZ helps to maintain the openness of the countryside and protects its rural character and restricts the spread of development from the airport. For some parcels, particularly to the south of the airport, the CPZ plays an essential role in protecting the separate identity of individual settlements'.*

- **UDC Local Plan Statement for Community Involvement consultation** - Only 7 responses were received 2 of which were from parish councils (Takeley & Newport). This is very disappointing as this is how UDC will determine what involvement the local community has in the Local Plan. The response from TPC will be sent to Sir Alan Haselhurst.
- **UDC Local Plan - Site Assessment Employment Land in Takeley** TPC approved the response coordinated by the Planning Committee & submitted to meet the 31/5/16 deadline

## UDC Local Plan & future development in Takeley:

TPC received a report from a meeting with UDC Leader Cllr Howard Rolfe.

TPC Cllrs Carol Pratt, Jackie Cheetham, Geoff Bagnall, Richard Cheetham, Tricia Barber, Trevor Allen, Sue Sprules met with Cllr Howard Rolfe on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to discuss TPC views re UDC Local Plan process & TPC's position on future development in Takeley:

- **Local Plan process - Statement of Community Involvement consultation concerns**
- HR confirmed that UDC agreed (26/7/16) allocation of housing based on Hybrid Option 5: New Settlement(s), Key Villages & Type A Villages
- Workshop for UDC members 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016
- 14<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Sept public sessions displaying proposals set in the context of where housing has gone before
- Formal consultation on UDC Local Plan will be in Nov/Dec
- TPC raised concerns re agreed strategy of dispersal without a strategic plan for infrastructure. HR confirmed that there is little funding other than from new homes.
- HR: New Local Plan requires an additional 4600 homes in Uttlesford (2011-2033). HR: keen to pursue 'Garden City' model which must include an infrastructure plan
- HR: parishes to receive letter from Sarah Nicholson. Want to hear from PC's where they would like/accept development
- HR: desire for more 'rural exception' sites
- HR: anticipate a village like Takeley would deliver 40-60 homes
- HR: sites for further discussion in Takeley (i) Treetops 5 (ii) Bonningtons 54 (iii) Land west of Station Rd 250 dwellings

- **5 Year Land supply - where are we?** HR: Uttlesford has 5 year land supply
  - **Strategic Infrastructure Plan - roads, schools, health?**
    - Takeley delivered 19% of 2005 plan allocation (939 of 5052)
    - Primary schools full. Only capacity to facilitate existing development
    - Access to Hatfield Forest is an issue. In danger of losing SSSI status
    - HR: advised TPC to write to Sir Alan Haselhurst re Hatfield Forest & SSSI status
    - M11 Jtn 8 & B1256 Four Ashes capacity issues – see our submission re SHLAA Review
    - Employment land Site 14: access cannot be direct to/from A120. Airport will not allow HGVs to use airport roads
    - Bus services are poor & being diminished
    - Poor access to railway station at airport (buses, pedestrian, cycle)
    - HGV traffic in Takeley. Elsenham 400 movements per day through Takeley centre.
    - Write to HR re what we want from airport: access to station (pedestrian/cycle, better bus service, eliminate illegal parking operations & access into airport - security risk, drop off charges, capacity on railway, fares more expensive than B/Stortford)
  - Principle of development south of Flitch (natural boundary) e.g. Gladman application land south of Flitch Way Gt Canfield/Takeley & land west of Station Road, B183
  - Importance of CPZ & implication for Call for Sites/SHLA
  - **Neighbourhood Plan process:**
    - HR: A NP would provide 'material evidence' for future plans (the local plan process is rolling)
- TPC agreed that this was a very beneficial discussion.
- TPC resolved that the Planning Committee will coordinate the response to the UDC Sarah Nicolson letter which must be submitted by 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

### **Neighbourhood Plan Process:**

Workshop held on 9<sup>th</sup> June by RCCE and attended by 7 members of the community. Only 2/3 volunteers out of a possible 17 committed to take the project to the next step. This is a large project for very few volunteers to undertake. In July, TPC agreed to defer making a final decision on this until after the meeting with the leader of Uttlesford District Council Cllr Howard Rolfe.

TPC agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan cannot be completed to affect the current Local Plan (2 year process). A NP should be a longer term ambition.

Whilst TPC will provide assistance to the project, the Parish Council cannot lead and resource the entire NP process. It is a 2 year project that requires community participation (realistically a minimum of 12 volunteers) in order to share the workload and responsibility. TPC will contact the 3 remaining volunteers and ask them to assess whether they believe they can proceed to build a group to complete this project in the longer term.

**UDC Community Governance Review 2016/17** there will be a boundary review of Takeley and Lt Canfield in the autumn following a request by Little Canfield Parish Council. TPC is disappointed that Little Canfield PC did not communicate this intention before submitting the formal request.

Further investigation will take place to establish whether the review will proceed as this is not something TPC would advocate. The Master Plan for Priors Green intended that the development should be part of the wider communities of Takeley and Little Canfield; and that the Parish Council's would work together to ensure that residents of Priors Green (whether they live in Takeley or Lt. Canfield parish) would benefit from a collaborative approach.

**3 Year Forward Plan:** TPC will hold a series of working group meetings to begin the process of constructing a 3 year (rolling) forward plan. The initial meeting agreed some assumptions which included no increase in Council Tax per household, however there will be an increase in the amount of occupied houses due to the completion of new developments. This will be the starting point of the plan. The purchase & renovations to the Old School House will also be included. Once some draft figures have been prepared it will be presented to full Council. The Strategic Plan Working Group should also feed into this model.

### **Highways & Transport Issues:**

- Request from resident of **Priors Green to cut the verges**. Verge cutting is now the responsibility of Essex Highways who now only cut the verges once a year (later in the season). Both the Parish Council and Andrew Fisher of Countryside urge residents to contact ECC with their comments. The Clerk will publish a note in the Grapevine.
- Complaints re the lack of verge cutting, especially on Priors Green, will be passed to DC & CC Cllr Susan Barker
- A site visit with Dave Chapman from ECC was carried out on Roseacres & Dunmow Rd re flooding. Findings & actions agreed. ECC will be chased for an update.
- Community Speed Watch reported 3 operations at Station Rd, Parsonage Rd & Brewers End
- The Clerk will write to a new coach company that is travelling through the village
- Airport related parking outside Takeley Football Club has been reported to UDC (Nigel Brown) who agreed to investigate.
- Four Ashes traffic lights - a sensor under the road on Parsonage Rd side is broken & needs replacing

### **Sports Field & Recreation Ground:**

- Tarmac repairs to skate park is completed.
- Repairs to electric supply completed.
- TPC resolved to renew the licence with Takeley Football Club for 2016/17 & for 2 x youth teams to use the field.
- Damaged goal posts have been removed.
- RoSPA yearly inspection has been carried out. The findings were reported to the meeting. The recommendations of the report will be costed & actions agreed.

### **Village Services:**

- The bin at the Four Ashes bus stop appears to be full most of the time. The Clerk will ask TBS Hygiene to check the contents for loose items or large bags of rubbish.
- A hole in the bus shelter at the Four Ashes has been repaired.

- Maintenance to 3 bus stops will be carried out by a volunteer (Mr. Charles Wilkinson) from the village.
- A tree on Morrells Green was hit by lightning but arrangements have been made to clear the debris.
- Morrells Green play equipment has been installed
- The 2 springers and bench in the area need cleaning & painting/staining. Cllrs Tina Domigan & Carol Pratt will organise volunteers
- The hedge surrounding the play area & balancing pond will be cut & reduced in height.
- TPC approved a quote for £88.69 to install a replacement ground anchor post to the Dog Bin outside the Sports Field

**Byway 25/Jacks Lane:** Cllr Geoff Bagnall reported that he has been liaising with Essex PROW Team re starting work to resurface the byway. He is also coordinating a site visit with Mr. Euan Kennedy (landowner) and Mr. Michael Coleman to agree the remedial work required to clear the tree/hedge canopy and ditches to prepare for the resurfacing.

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

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

Phone: 020 8270 1149

Email: [takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com](mailto:takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com)

## THANK YOU TO

Takeley Parish Council wishes to thank resident **MR CHARLES WILKINSON** who has volunteered to refurbish the wooden bush shelters in Parsonage Road with a coat of protective varnish

## Report a Highway Problem

### Report potholes or other road defects to:

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



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# Parish Council Office:

Takeley Parish Council has an office within the Station House from where it hopes to foster a more personal and supportive role in the community. Services will be built to facilitate the needs of the people in Takeley and includes direct liaison with council members through the clerk.

**The Parish Council Office is open to the public  
Wednesday morning  
10.00am - 1.00pm.**

## CONTACT DETAILS

**Clerk to the Council:** Jane Heskey

**Address:**

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Station House  
Sycamore Close  
Takeley  
Essex CM22 6QA

**Email:** [takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com](mailto:takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com)

**Telephone:** 020 8270 1149

## Takeley Cricket Club Quiz

Just a reminder that our next quiz night is fast approaching – details as follows:

Date: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Venue: Takeley Village Hall

Time: 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start

Price: £10 per head to include ploughman's style food



# **BUS PASSENGERS**

The information below explains who you need to contact to make a suggestion or complaint about a bus service:

## **Essex County Council contracted bus service**

If you have a complaint regarding a bus service operated under contract to Essex County Council (a footnote under the service timetable will state this) please use our complaints form from the link below or the details below:

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Contract Management Team, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH

Telephone: 0845 603 7631 Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5pm

Fax: 01245 469764

Email: [contract.managementteam@essex.gov.uk](mailto:contract.managementteam@essex.gov.uk)

## **Commercial bus service**

For commercially operated services, contact the bus operator directly and provide as much information as possible so they can investigate the matter thoroughly.

If you are unsure, please contact Passenger Transport on 0845 603 7631 who will be happy to advise.

## **Unsatisfactory response**

If you have complained to a bus or coach operator but are still dissatisfied, you should write to:

The Traffic Commissioner

Eastern Area Office

City House

126 - 130 Hills Road

Cambridge, CB2 1NP

Tel: 0870 606 0440

## **Phyllis Altham is bus passenger representative for Takeley**

If you have a complaint Phyllis has hard copies of the complaint form and will willingly represent your views at Parish Liaison meetings with County representatives.

If you make your complaint online please email a copy to:  
[takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com](mailto:takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com)



**TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 2015/16**  
**ANNUAL RETURN VARIANCE REPORT**

	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2015	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	Variance +/- £	Vari +/- %	COMMENT				
B/Fwd	131872	105386	-26486	-20	2014/15 included £30k Morrells Green S106 payment (Grds maintenance)				
Precept	87032	95500	+8468	+10	2015/16 Precept request error - claimed £95500, should be £87954. Difference = £7546. To be adjusted 2016/17.				
Other Receipts	17442	47568	+30126	+173					
						<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>		
						£	£		
					Newsletter advertising revenue	84	90		
					Station House income	610	1104		
					Dog & Litter bin collections	nil	343		
					'Tidy Takeley' Competition	nil	100		
					UDC New Homes Bonus	nil	7382		
					S106 payment	nil	30884		
					Council Tax Support Grant	7968	7546		
					Bank Interest	118	119		
					Priors Green Hall	8513	nil		
Sports Field Electricity usage refund	149	nil							
					<b>17442</b>	<b>47568</b>			
Staff Costs	33230	33230	nil	nil					
Loan Repayments	1729	1681	-48	-3					
Total Other Payments	96001	49706	-46295	-48	Variance -46295				
						<b>Extraordinary payments</b>			
						<b>2014/15</b>	£	<b>2015/16</b>	
					Silver Jubilee V. Hall Development	37620		Planning Appeal consultancy costs	11845
					Silver Jubilee V. Hall Development	10380		Village Maintenance contract	2414
					Eloo installation - Lt. Canfield Allotments	917			
					Priors Green Community Hall	6439			
					Station House Legal Expenses	3005			
					Tree work	1640			1000
					Youth Club - premises hire fees	1536			
					<b>61537</b>	<b>15459</b>			
C/Fwd	105386	163837	58451	+55					
Fixed Assets	166791	166787	-4	nil					
Total Borrowings	14042	13002	-1040	-7					

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Any elector of Takeley Parish is welcome to inspect the financial records of the Parish by making an appointment with the Parish Clerk. A full copy of the Annual Return & Governance Statement can be viewed on Takeley Parish Council 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

## **PRIORS GREEN COMMUNITY HALL**

Bennet Canfield, Takeley, Little Canfield, Essex CM6 1GB

**FOR BOOKINGS**

**Phone: 07538 049730**

**email: [Priorsgreenhall@gmail.com](mailto:Priorsgreenhall@gmail.com)**

# Helen Rollason H.E.A.L. Cancer Charity

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## PRIORS GREEN RESIDENTS

### Roadside verges

Both Takeley Parish Council and Andrew Fisher of Countryside have received many complaints from Priors Green residents regarding the overgrown verges on Priors Green.

The vast majority of Priors Green roads have now been adopted by Essex Highways and the responsibility to cut the verges lies with them. Essex Highways is tied into a long term contract for grass cutting & they have refused to allow communities to take back control of the verge cutting budget to manage their own services.

The Parish Council appreciates that the residents of Priors Green have been used to a programme of regular cutting that was undertaken by Countryside before the roads were adopted by Essex Highways. The problems on Priors Green have been discussed with Phillip Hughes of Essex County Council.

Takeley Parish Council encourages residents to voice their concerns via Essex Highways website at : [www.essexcc.gov.uk/Highways/Report-a-highway-problem](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/Highways/Report-a-highway-problem) or Phone: 0845 603 7631



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## **TIDY TAKELEY MONTH**

- During the month of September **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?
- We can support you with hi vis vests, litter pickers, rubbish bags & rubbish collection.

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❖ *Is your home or business NOT included in the program?*

❖ *Are you eligible for the Basic Broadband Scheme?*

### **Are you eligible?**

This scheme is available for both residential and business premises that do not currently have access to broadband speeds of more than 2Mbps from any national or local broadband provider. In addition, your premises must not already be due to be fibre enabled under Superfast Essex's rollout plans in the next 6 months.

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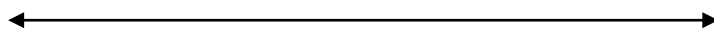
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## UK Power Networks: '105'

On 6<sup>th</sup> September a new national phone number “105” will be launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area.

Key points to note about this service are:

- Dialling 105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area.
- 105 is just one of the ways that customers can contact their electricity network operator. They can also contact them by phone or via their website, and most network operators are on social media too.
- 105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.
- Customers can call 105 no matter who they choose to buy electricity from.
- Customers can also call 105 if they spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, they should call the emergency services too.

Vulnerable customers who would like to sign up to the Priority Services Register can still call 0800 169 9970, email [psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk](mailto:psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk) or apply online at [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority).





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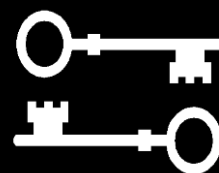
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# TAKELEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY UNLOCKING THE PAST

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This newsletter may come out just too late to remind you about our outing to Pleshey Castle on 11<sup>th</sup> September and our visiting Metal Detectorist, Tony Carter, on 13<sup>th</sup> September, (I mentioned these in the last newsletter) but it should be in plenty of time for you to note our last meeting of the year (our AGM) to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 at Takeley Primary School. The speaker will be Kate Cole and she will be speaking to us about Elizabethan Witches with particular regard to Dunmow witches.



We are currently planning our meetings for 2017 and plan to have a mixture of new speakers and speakers who we have used before who have other interesting topics to talk on.

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](mailto: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](http://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.

We are always keen to support anyone who has a project to do with Takeley History. If you would like to write an article for our website or a complete booklet on some specific aspect of Takeley History please get in touch as we would love to help.

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

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

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**The report below from 1907 gives us an insight into the way Takeley was developing at the time. The Recreation Hall, Billiard Room and Skittle Alley it refers to all pre-date the Silver Jubilee Hall and these are now part of the Christian School buildings.**

**Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1907.**

### **BAZAAR AT THE RECREATION HALL.**

It will be remembered that about two years ago a large recreation hall was built and presented to the parish of Takeley by Mr Wall, of Darley Dale, for the enjoyment of and social improvement of the youth of the whole village. A billiard room has now been erected in connection with the hall, and in order that the members and parishioners may share in the cost of its erection and equipment a bazaar was held there on Wednesday afternoon. The weather was unfortunately, very wet, but notwithstanding this there was a good attendance. Those present including Mr Wall (the donor of the hall) the Vicar (Rev C.H.Kempthorne), the Rev D.Harries (Congregational minister) and others.

Mr Wall himself performed the opening ceremony, he remarked he had asked several people to come and open the bazaar, but without success. Among those he invited was Mr E.B.Barnard M.P. but Mr Barnard was such a busy man, and he probably had to attend as many bazaars as he cared about in his constituency at Kidderminster. He had even asked a member of the cabinet (Mr John Burns) to come. Mr Burns exclaimed in reply, "What, me open a bazaar? The last man who asked me to open a bazaar was found dead on London Bridge a few days after." (Much laughter). Another gentleman who he asked to come expressed his sorrow at being unable to do so and gave him £5 towards the object (applause); and therefore it fell upon him to open the bazaar himself.

It was said that the reason so many people left the country districts for the towns was because in the country there was no where to for them to go in the evenings, while in the towns they could go to some place of amusement. He agreed that young men who were accustomed to see hedges and ploughs all day wanted a place where they could go in the evenings and be amused, and he was very pleased the mothers of the young people of Takeley had taken up in such a striking manner the object which this Recreation Hall had in view. This building was quite independent of the chapel, and they wished it be clearly understood, that any young man who satisfied the Committee that they were eligible and were fit and proper persons would be heartily welcome they had spent something like £160 on the billiard room and its equipment, and thought it only right that the young people of the village should have an opportunity of giving their help towards defraying these expenses. If they got all this money he would be surprised; but he did not intend to have a debt on the place after that date. The stalls all looked remarkably well and bore evidence of the great amount of work which had been done by the ladies, and he hoped the bazaar would be a great success (applause).

The bazaar was got up by a Committee of which Mr Harries was president and Miss Wall, Hon secretary, and the stallholders were as follows -- Refreshments - Mrs Wall and Mrs Lambert. - Competition Stall - Miss Cook, - Plain Needlework - Mrs Harries and Miss Nye - Men's Stall - Mrs R.Barker, - Rummage Stall - Mrs Barltrop, - Fruit and Vegetables - Mrs Everard, - and fine art gallery - Mr Henry Wall. In the centre of the Hall was an exceedingly pretty rustic bower made by Mr Harries and decorated with autumn foliage by the Ladies, which served admirably for the display of fruit and flowers, while the competition stall was also deserving of notice. Here were exhibited a host of plain and fancy articles which had been entered for the competitions, and those which had won prizes attracted a good deal of interest. Prize winners were - Plain sewing 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs Potter (Coventry), 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Carter (Warrington); fancy articles 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Augusta Meille (Florence-Italy), 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Gaze (Hampstead); croquet work Miss Sedcole (Knebworth).

Three concerts arranged by Miss Wall, were given at intervals. The programme included pianoforte duets by Miss Wall and Miss Pritchard and by Miss Kingdom and Miss Wall; harp solos by Miss Bacon, songs by Miss Pritchard; recitations by Miss Connie Everard; pianoforte solos by Mrs Kingdom; readings by Mr Kingdon; clarinet solos by Mr Sheehan; and songs by Mr Henry Wall.

It should be mentioned that the billiard room has been fitted up with a full size table, well lighted, and there was also a small one for use of the youngsters. The room will be opened to-day (Saturday). Beneath the billiard room is a skittle alley for the use of the boys' guild.

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## Book Review by Elaine Wyld

### The Moth Catcher

By

Ann Cleeves

Ann Cleeves has written over twenty-five novels and is the author behind ITV's *Vera* and BBC One's *Shetland*. As with all her stories about Detective Inspector, Vera Stanhope, the "The Moth Catcher" is set in Northumberland.

The gruesome discovery of two bodies on a country estate in a quiet village in Northumberland, leads DI Vera Stanhope and her team; Holly and Joe, to investigate the deaths. The first body is the young graduate ecologist who has been house-sitting for the owners of the big house at Valley Farm, while they are away on holiday. The second corpse is a grey haired, smartly dressed older man. The only link between the two victims is their shared fascination of moths.

Vera, the fat, middle-aged detective who has a knack of sniffing out clues and motives, starts to investigate the murders. Once the names and identities of the bodies are known, the trail leads Vera to meet some of the locals, the cleaner, Susan; Shirley a probation officer and Lucas, a retired prison officer. But how are these people linked to the murders?

Then there are the local hedonists - three couples who live within a stone's throw of each other in the adjoining barn conversions and have nothing better to do than party together every Friday night.

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The Newsletter was started up again in the autumn of 1998 (after an interval of some 10-15 years) as a result of opinion expressed in the Village Appraisal. It is designed to provide a free community magazine for Takeley Parish. It is intended that the Newsletter should reflect all aspects of Parish life and should provide an opportunity for community matters to be raised and discussed.

The Newsletter team currently comprises a Contributing Editor (Paul Regeli), a compositor (Steve Hazon) and a distribution and advertising coordinator (Jane Heskey) but no official reporters. An interest magazine, therefore, depends on articles, news and advertisements coming from people in the village and nearby which can be sent to:

**Jane Heskey, Clerk of the Council, Takeley Parish Council, Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley, CM22 6QA  
Tel. 0208 270 1149**

or email to [newsletter@takeleypc.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@takeleypc.co.uk)

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

It is not always possible to publish everything submitted and sometimes changes have to be made to the length of a contribution. Non-controversial articles cannot always be published immediately but they will appear later unless the contributor is told otherwise. Contributions of up to, say, 400 words, have a greater chance of being published in full than longer ones.

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

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