

NEWSLETTER



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL 2016/2017 TPC Responsibilities:

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VICE CHAIRMAN			Geoff Bagnall
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Report & recommendations to full Council	4	Carol Pratt, Geoff Bagnall, Richard Cheetham, Sue Sprules
PLANNING COMMITTEE	Report & recommendations to full Council re Planning Applications, Housing Policy/Local Plan, Stansted Airport, SSE PC Liaison, coordination of consultations responses.	4	Carol Pratt, Pat Burnett, Jackie Cheetham, Tricia Barber, Geoff Bagnall
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT			Clerk reports to Highways & TPC
SPORTS FIELD			John Green
RECREATION GROUND			John Green
RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/LAND	Rights of Way/Footpaths/Land Tree Warden, Flich Way	2	Tina Domigan, Trevor Allen , John Green
MOLEHILL GREEN *	Green, Hall & Community		Carol Pratt & Trevor Allen
POLICE LIASON/PUBLIC SAFETY			Trevor Allen
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NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION			John Green
REGIONAL/NATIONAL POLICY			Geoff Bagnall & Jackie Cheetham
EMERGENCY PLANNING	Coordinating key contacts & resources		Pat Burnett, Clerk & Asst Clerk
SCHOOL HOUSE WORKING GP	Consider the future (Use & Ownership)		Carol Pratt, Tricia Barber, Trevor Allen, Tina Domigan, Pat Burnett, Linda Steer
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*NOTE: Cllrs. Carol Pratt & Trevor Allen are trustees of Molehill Green Village Hall

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REPRESENTATIVE	COUNCILLOR/RESIDENTS
Essex Assoc. of Local Councils	Jackie Cheetham, Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt
Area Forums	Tricia Barber
Parish Passenger /Transport Gps	Phyllis Altham (resident)
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Takeley History Society & School	Trevor Allen
Silver Jubilee Hall	Carol Pratt
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Health Provision	Sue Sprules, Linda Steer
Takeley Youth Club	Linda Steer
Takeley Primary Schools (x2)	Sue Sprules

All roles agreed TPC AGM - 5th May 2016 amended 5th Oct 2016

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Editorial

In which the editor definitely sees Santa, is framed by his teddy bear and threatened by garden gnomes, scares some birds, is attacked by a goat and observes the dreadful effect of noxious crustaceans.

"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says, "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes."

Winter is one of those things that is wonderful to behold but not so wonderful to experience. At this time of year, I have an overwhelming urge to hibernate like any sensible and well-behaved bear. The first harbingers of winter have arrived with tempestuous blasts and murky damp and if that sounds like a grumpy old ***'s view of winter, well so be it! Snow doesn't say "Go to sleep, darling," to me. It simply lowers my body temperature to a point where I have



all the sparkle of a drugged sloth. No, let's be honest. Winter doesn't love us. It simply lurks around for a while, lulling you into a sense of false security and then, just as you think the summer will never end, it mugs you like a meteorological thug. And when it's done that, it administers an anaesthetic just to be sure. And now the Christmas thing heaves into view, like a monstrously gaudy pantomime dame, spewing good cheer from loudspeakers in shopping centres and high streets, exhorting us to buy, buy and buy.

The gentle musings of Lewis Carroll seem sadly out of place in the swarming ant-like surge to the shops to purchase "must-have" toys which will be forgotten in a trice. There used to be a family joke that I generally got more fun building things from the packaging that presents came in than from the presents themselves. But that was in a time when childhood was still allowed and dreams were part of it. Magic was real and our imagination lit up the drabness around us with a web of fascination and excitement. It's an

essential part of childhood and I spent much of my time as a teacher tending that precious spark. I once told a child in my class, who had been told the Father Christmas doesn't exist, that I had, indeed, seen Santa riding through the sky on his sleigh, complete with reindeer. I had even heard the jingle of the harness bells. This was no lie, for I had looked out of my bedroom window, aged six, and really seen him. I suppose, because I wished so hard, that he appeared in my mind. Or perhaps it was a dream. Who knows? There is some truth in the old adage of wish upon a star. If you really want something, you can *make* it happen and think it into being. So no lie was told and my pupil was able to keep his childhood for a bit longer.

And as I passed the spare bedroom the other evening, I saw my ancient teddy bear looking beadily at me from his recumbent position on the bed. He has little fur as I once attempted to shave him with my father's razor. I was mortified when I discovered that the fur would not grow back. He has a large incision in his chest which resulted from a failed attempt to repair his growl and looks slightly deranged, with stuffing bursting from every limb. He once got me into trouble at kindergarten when he tied my shoelaces in knots. The teacher wouldn't believe me when I blamed him and furiously berated me for my inability to tie my laces properly. But I forgave him and cuddled him that night. I remember my excitement when he was handed to me one Christmas. He was the biggest bear on the shelf of the Blackpool toyshop and he was bigger than me. He had a thunderous growl that would put a real bear to shame! When I told Beloved, she laughed hysterically and said that I must have been a midget. In reply, I muttered that I had often been threatened by garden gnomes that were bigger than me..... Well haven't we all? I mean, I still get threatening glances from gnomes in garden centres today. No, I'm not paranoid but simply cautious. But I am thinking of putting anti-gnome paint on the drainpipes – just in case. Anyhow, I had a growling bear to protect me. And if anyone tells you that I converse with Beloved's extensive family of bears as I pass the spare bedroom on my way to slumber, don't believe a word. It's all a bear-faced fib. Oh, and if you happen to see a rather battered bear with no fur, trailing stuffing behind it and staggering about the road outside my house, it's not my fault. He's got drunk, fallen out of the landing window on his way downstairs and lost his bearings. Or if he is in the company of a couple of pink elephants ... well that is *your* problem. Sometimes we must all bear the unbearable. It's just one of those grizzly facts.





These days, I like to keep Christmas in line with my childhood memories, full of sparkle and gentle nostalgia, when Christmases were a lifetime apart instead of flickering past like a video on fast forward. The boxes of glass baubles would be carefully taken down from the top of the wardrobe and unpacked like precious relics from an Egyptian tomb. They were wrapped in tissue

and twinkled magically as we laid them out in front of the fire. Then the Christmas tree would be put up, smelling deliciously of pine and damp. When Dad was in the RAF, he had a stand custom made from aluminium by a helpful fitter on the base. We used it to hold enormous trees that brushed the ceiling and rustled, dropping a haze of fir needles, as anyone brushed past. Our cats would stare, hypnotised, at the spinning, twinkling baubles. Then a furtive paw would be raised to touch the glittering objects of temptation. Gradually, the branches became steadily denuded until all the surviving baubles were clustered near the top with the tree encircled by a posse of felines gazing hopefully upwards. But, let's face it; Christmas is really a Dickensian confection of treasured, half-remembered, moments. And there are times when we all need a safe, rosy glow to shield us from the headlong rush of everyday, don't we? What is life without dreams?

Well, that's all the philosophy that you're going to get from me for the moment. Are those sighs of relief that I hear or is it just the wind outside....?

As winter closes in and dark creeps under the door, memories flicker like faded movies in the mind's eye. Bizarre moments rise up from the depths of consciousness – fragments buried in the mists of time - like the occasion when I fell asleep after a particularly festive Christmas lunch while an elderly lady, oblivious to my snores, carried on a one-sided conversation with me. Something must have penetrated my consciousness, for I woke with a start and the room erupted with squawks and



flying feathers as the parrot that had been asleep, lying on its back with its wings spread out on top of me, shot up into the air and flapped round the room in a shrieking panic... Work that one out, but it happened. But then, I have often been told that I am something of a polymath.

Or the time when I extracted a hoard of penny bangers that I had secreted under a loose floorboard in the dormitory floor and hung them outside the window one November the fifth. The resulting explosion blew all the Virginia creeper off that side of the building. When morning came, it could be seen that all the downstairs windows were streaked with the evidence of sleeping birds that had been panicked by a sonic enema!

Oh yes, and then there was Nella the goat lady.

She was an elderly lady who lived in what had once been an imposing house in the middle of a decaying and overgrown garden. She had been befriended by my mother and drifted around the periphery of our lives for several years and would appear in the distance, clothes hanging on her lanky frame like tattered sails, yoo-hooing for our attention. Normally (if that adverb could ever be applied to her) it was because she needed a lift somewhere. She was usually preceded by a pungent aroma that became steadily more toxic as she approached.

On one occasion, a friend and I were persuaded to visit her house, ostensibly to view a painting that she needed to sell and to give our opinion on its provenance. Her house, a faded fragment of times long past, was a shell with the floor covered in layers of newspaper. She shared her home with two goats that wandered freely and contributed to the unique



aroma that seeped like a miasma through every room. They were, she told us, the reincarnations of Adam and Eve and invited us to talk to them, an offer that we politely declined. One of them eyed me up and down and tried to eat my trouser leg, receiving a quiet kick for its troubles. I think that it probably swore at me and you'd never Adam and Eve what it said ... The picture turned out to be a rather tatty print, needless to say. After that disappointment, we drove her to Cambridge as a favour. We had to wind all the windows down to avoid asphyxiation as she rambled on about goats and

reincarnation. When she finally got out, we were nearly unconscious from the rancid smell and had to retire to a suitable watering hole for medication of the alcoholic variety. The last time that I saw her was at a village fete, waving her stick, yoo-hooing and hooting in a fair impression of a deranged owl, advancing in my direction like an ambulatory scarecrow. I'm ashamed to tell that I turned and sprinted in the opposite direction! My mother nearly swallowed her cigarette, let out a strangled squawk and followed rapidly in my footsteps.

I suppose that I must attract eccentrics. Exactly why, I cannot tell – I mean, I'm quite normal, aren't I. Answers in the affirmative only, please. I remember my elderly headmaster who took us for Shakespeare tutorials in his study. "So what?" you may say. Well, the windows were wide open all year round and there were bird tables suspended from the ceiling. As we turned the pages of King Lear with numbed fingers, chaffinches and blue tits swooped around our ears and occasionally collided with our heads. Don't suppose OFSTED would approve! But, my gosh, we learned huge amounts as we shivered beneath the huge framed portrait of Goethe that hung over the mantle. The aged Austrian professor had been a close friend of Sigmund Freud and had been instrumental in retrieving his library from the clutches of the Nazis. Like so many who had escaped from Europe, he was fiercely Anglophile. Each month, he would compile a list of every mispronunciation that he had heard on the BBC and sent it to the Corporation. And, each month, he would receive a polite acknowledgement from somebody who signed themselves as his obedient servant. There were still manners in those days.



Ah yes, and then there was the extraordinary Rhomboid Palmerstone (a fictitious name, if you haven't guessed, concocted to protect his anonymity) who was a fellow student when I was training to be a teacher (fifty years ago!). He was a physics student who tended to turn his attention to pointless and macabre experiments. He once placed a strobe light in front of a fish tank and adjusted the frequency until the goldfish was persuaded to swim upside down. Something to do with alpha rhythms, I believe. He also nicked a very large radio valve from somewhere and rejigged it to emit x rays. The only problem was that it was omni-directional and there was no shielding. Probably no bad thing as it is likely that the bursts of radiation that it emitted prevented him from ever breeding and disrupting the gene pool. He was a man of, shall we say, sketchy hygiene habits and an evil smell would ooze from his room as he crawled out for breakfast

each day like a semi-conscious rat emerging from a compost heap. We got

so fed up with him that we secreted an open pot of shrimps behind the radiator in his room, just behind his bed. At first he didn't notice anything beyond the usual farmyard aroma. After a week, though, he began to suffer. There was a morbid satisfaction in the sight of him totally dismantling the room over the next few days until the noxious crustaceans came to light. We remained tactfully silent, as you do... I lost touch with him many years ago. It is rumoured that he burnt down a laboratory at the school where he was employed, to destroy all his non-existent records and lesson plans before an inspection. But, hey, it's only a rumour.

And here, dear reader, I must draw these proceedings to a close and tiptoe downstairs to the kitchen to refresh my flagging brain with a wee dram. And if I find drunken teddy bears lying all over the place, why I'll wake them and offer them all another drink. Good cheer and festive dreams to you all.

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. Qualified therapist for alcoholic teddy bears.

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2016
TAKELEY PARISH COUNCILLORS
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

NAME OF COUNCILLOR		HOME ADDRESS
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VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

2 vacancies exists on Takeley Parish Council

Do you want to?

- **Get involved with your Community**
- **Have a say about local issues people care about**
- **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 (on the first Wednesday of each month) 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.

How can I stand?

Please contact the Parish before **Tuesday 3rd January 2017**.

You should submit a written/emailed application (no more than a single A4 page) outlining the following: - Name

DOB

Address

Contact details

Explain why you want to be a Parish Councillor

Are you currently involved in the community?

What aspects of the role/community are you particularly interested to be involved with?

If you require information regarding meetings or the function of the Council and councilors please contact the Clerk.

Clerk to the Council: Jane Heskey

Address: Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley, Essex CM22 6QA

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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING SCHEDULE 2017

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

Last meeting of 2016 is December 7th

JANUARY 11th	FEBRUARY 1st	MARCH 1st
APRIL 5th	MAY AGM 3rd	JUNE 7th
JULY 5th	AUGUST 2nd	SEPTEMBER 6th
OCTOBER 4th	NOVEMBER 1st	DECEMBER 6th



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Registered charity number 1051491—Whilst every effort will be made to keep to this timetable, Buffy Playbus reserves the right to delay a visit due to operational reasons

Buffy Playbus Timetable from SEPTEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Saffron Walden Cromwell Road CB11 4BE 9.15am–10.30am	Hatfield Heath The Heath CM22 7EB 9.30am–11.00am	Newport Cherry Garden Lane CB11 3PZ 9.15am–10.30am	Little Dunmow Community Centre Tanton Road CM6 3GG 9.15am–10.45am	Saffron Walden Goddard Way CB10 2DQ 9am–10.30am
Great Chesterford Jacksons Lane CB10 1PT 11.00am–12.30pm	Takeley Roseacres CM22 6QY 11.30am–12.30pm	Stansted Walson Way Forest Hall CM24 8EU 11.am–12.30pm	Dunmow Inside Tesco carpark Dunmow Road CM6 1SF 11.15am–12.30pm	Wimbish Near Village Hall Tye Green CB10 2XE 11am–12.30pm
Carver Barracks CB10 2YA 1.30pm–3.00pm	Thaxted Bardfield Road CM6 2LP 1.45pm–3.00pm	Birchanger Harrisons CM23 5QT 1.30pm–3.00pm	Takeley CM6 1FF Honey Road Little Canfield 1.45pm–3.00pm	Debden High Street near Yuva CB11 3LE 1.30pm–3.00pm

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Takeley Cricket Club – Winter 2016



The 2016 season seemed to end very shortly after it started, but then we do only tend to get 5 months during which we are able to play cricket, and a couple of games in early season felt like they were being played in Arctic conditions...

The season was successful in many ways, with our First XI improving on their 2015 performance to finish one place higher in 5th place. Tom Brown has been our mainstay this year, with best batting and bowling figures (finishing with 650 runs and 38 wickets). We hope to push on and challenge for promotion back to Div. 1 next year.

Our Second XI went several places better, and secured promotion from Div. 5 in their penultimate game of the season with a fine win at 3rd placed South Loughton. Unfortunately, we lost our final “winner takes all” match against eventual champions Wormley, but securing the promotion is a fantastic achievement and will mean the team will play in a much more “local” league next year, with games against teams such as Bishops Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, High Roding, Matching and Rickling.

We are always looking to attract new player for next season, and we have picked up a couple of new additions this year, who have recently moved into the village. If anyone is interested, please complete a contact form on our website, www.takeleycc.co.uk, or contact our Captain, Liam Brown, on 01371 499418.

We would like to thank everyone that has played, supported or assisted our club during the 2016 season, in particular those that are involved in preparing the ground (which is one of the most attractive in the area) and in preparing our teas (which are the envy of the leagues). Our ground is now prepared for the winter, having been scarified, seeded and plenty of topsoil applied.

We are also grateful to people that attend our fund raising events and we are already planning that our spring quiz will be held in late March 2017 and our autumn quiz in early October – keep an eye out in future newsletters for confirmed dates and so that you can let me know if you would like a table.

Malcolm Brown, Hon Secretary
01279 871055



UTTLESFORD FOODBANK

For families on a low income, hunger is a real concern, and relying on benefits can be stressful, especially if there is a delay in payment.

The Uttlesford Foodbank aims to help provide relief for families in times of crisis by providing three days' worth of food and other household essentials such as toiletries, pet food, nappies and cleaning products.

The Uttlesford Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks. We have three centres in Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow and Takeley and we collect donations from Waitrose, Tesco's, local schools and churches.

People are referred to us via the Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Services, doctors or simply call us when they have no-one to turn to.

Each week we publish online what items we are looking for, you may be surprised at what we need, it's often not what you would expect.

We are always happy to come and talk to local schools and churches and community groups about the work we do.

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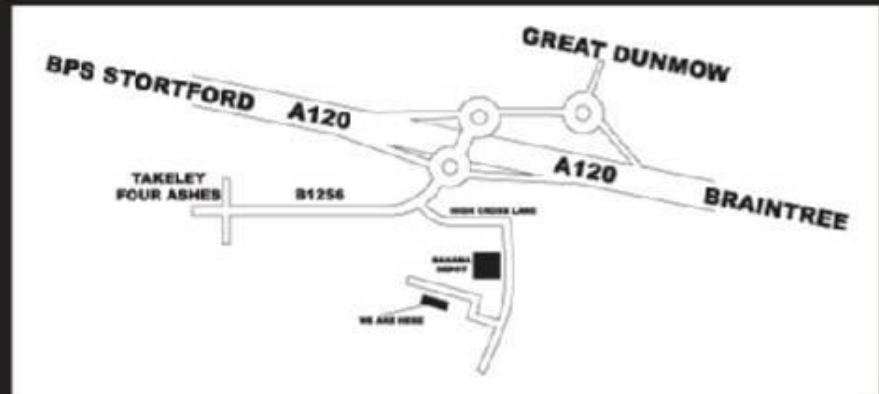
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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Open Forum:

Mr. Martin Peachey, **Community Speed Watch**, reported:

- Martin Peachey has expressed a desire to handover his role as CSW coordinator. He asked TPC for a view on the future value of a CSW group.
- After discussion TPC reiterated its view regarding the importance and value of maintaining a CSW group. TPC agreed to respond to Martin Peachey and to request that he assist TPC to produce an advert for more volunteers.
- Essex Police are using the data from CSW from across the county and are prosecuting persistent offenders.
- TPC would like to thank Martin for all of the work he undertakes on behalf of the Council.
- Awaiting the ECC Highways review on the Takeley Street traffic calming scheme. When will it happen, how will it be conducted? The Clerk has contacted Essex Highways.

Linda Younie raised the problem of **airport parking in Elm Close**. The road is continually being blocked by vehicles not owned by residents & being left in the close for up to 2 weeks. This is causing problems not only for residents but also for refuse collections and emergency vehicles. TPC will approve a request to UDC Highways Panel for parking restrictions providing the residents of Elm Close are consulted and agree. The Clerk will formulate a survey that Linda Younie has agreed to circulate among the residents of Elm Close & Elm Close extension.

TPC will speak to the District Councillors regarding the private hire of driveways & garages in the village.

Cllr Jackie Cheetham updated TPC on the recent **STACC meeting**:

- Cuts to local bus services will be raised at the next transport forum. This will affect residents commuting to/from London.
- UDC Enforcement are dealing with the unauthorised airport-related parking at Mill End. Additional fencing will be erected to prevent unauthorised footpaths into the airport.
- MAG will be submitting a planning application for full use of the single runway.
- 102 claims for compensation for noise pollution have been received.
- MAG are in the process of selling some of their housing stock. Tenants have been given 18 months' notice to vacate the properties.

District Cllr Howard Ryles reported that an additional £5500 had been set aside for the **Broadband Strategic Initiative fund**. 92% of households now have access to Superfast broadband and the fund will help the last remaining households to gain access. TPC will send details of areas without access to Superfast Broadband in Takeley to Cllr Ryles. TPC will also send information regarding faulty BT connection boxes.

Mr Mick Reed, a resident from **Molehill Green**, informed the Council that tenants have received letters from Strutt & Parker acting on behalf of Stansted Airport (MAG). The letters are advising them that they intend to sell the properties. Some residents have been given 2 months' notice to vacate the properties. At this time of year it is immoral to think that people can either secure funds to purchase the property or find alternative accommodation within 2 months. Most tenants are on short term 6 month rolling contracts that include a 2 month notice period.

Cllr Jackie Cheetham attended the recent STACC meeting and assurances were made that no tenants would be made homeless. Minute 16/207 recorded that MAG was giving 18 months' notice to tenants.

Residents are organising a public meeting will be held on 15th November. Plans are also being made for a leaflet drop, contact with the media & local MP. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to Stewart Ashurst Chairman of STACC.

TPC asked residents to keep them informed of developments and agreed to offer support if at all possible. Chairman Carol Pratt will attend the public meeting on 15th November.

2015/16 Annual Return & Governance Statement - External Audit:

PKF Littlejohn (external auditors) have completed the audit for 2015/16. The audit was 'clean' & there were no issues raised. Information has been published in TPC newsletter, on the website & on the noticeboard.

TPC resolved to pay the audit fee of £480 (incl vat).

½ year spend v budget:

	2016/17 Budget £	2016/17 ½ Actuals £	Balance £	
Cfwd	163837	163837		
Precept & UDC LTS Grant	93954	93954		
VAT Refund	3000	25050	-22050	All retrospective claims paid up to date
Bank interest	50	48	2	
Advertising	700	450	250	
Station House Hire	1200	829	371	Revise full year budget to £1350
INCOME	98904	120331	-21427	
TOTAL	262741	284168		
Employees	35005	16557	18448	
Administration	18250	9637	8613	Subscriptions budget +£50 Insurance budget -£300
Parish Services	23050	9063	13987	
Professional Advice	5000	3095	1905	

ICT Equipment	0	43	-43	Replacement laptop paid from Reserves
Community Projects	10000	0	10000	
S137 Community Groups	10000	5580	4420	
Vat	1000	4111	-3111	
TOTAL EXPENSES	102305	48086	54219	Overall budgets: Income = + £300, Expenses - £250

Purchase of Old School House, Brewers End:

- Tree work has been completed.
- Quotes for the repair of the windows have been sent to the Diocese.
- Refurbishment plan has been updated. TPC agreed the list of items to be included in phase 1 of the refurbishment.
- Searches are all complete & draft contract from Essex is with TPC solicitor.
- Grant application made to CIF (Essex County Council). TPC requested to complete a full application. This cannot be progressed because TPC does not yet own the building. The Clerk will request that the application is deferred until 2017 when the sale is completed. The Asst Clerk has undertaken research for other grant funding. Applications will be progressed once TPC are in possession of the building.
- Following the receipt of the results of searches and feedback re draft contracts from TPC solicitor, points raised by the School House Working Group that met on 13/9/16 have been sent to the solicitor and await a response from ECC.
- Asbestos report has been received and is all clear.
- ECC has not responded to the list of enquiries sent by TPC (via solicitor).
- Locations, meter nos & suppliers of the utility meters have been provided by Mitie.
- TPC to undertake indemnity insurance for any liability in the title (£200-300).
- The Finance Committee (9/11/16) will consider the 3 quotes for the buildings insurance and agree the most appropriate cover once quotes are adjusted for increase to £10m public liability (£1460 - £1841).
- ECC want exchange contracts by 11th November or threaten to withdraw the offer. TPC agreed to proceed providing TPC solicitor was satisfied that this was a 'safe' purchase and that there were no outstanding legalities that would arise subsequently.
- TPC has not yet applied for planning permission/building regulations
- TPC approved payment of funds for the deposit to be placed on account with Nockolds Solicitors (£35040.06)

UDC Local Plan: Residential Allocation in Towns & Villages Consultation

TPC approved the response coordinated by the Planning Committee & submitted to UDC to meet deadline 2/9/16.

Update re UDC Local Plan:

- Cllrs Tricia Barber & Cllr Jackie Cheetham attended the UDC Parish Forum 10/10/16
- Draft UDC Local Plan has been paused/delayed.
- UDC Cllr Howard Rolfe spoke to members of TPC and the Clerk to advise them that Bonnington Green site was allocated in the intended Local Plan- (200-230 dwellings). This is land west of Station Road on the Takeley/HBO boundary. The site was deemed sustainable due to the list of facilities to be provided by the developer. TPC members raised questions regarding UDC's evidence for the sustainability of this site & reminded Cllr Rolfe & Nigel Brown re TPC submission/representations to the 'Residential Allocations in Towns & Villages' dated 1st Sept. 2016.
- The Clerk has since spoken to Geoff Gardner Planning Consultants re options going forward. These are options:
 1. Wait for a planning application (which may come prior to or post the UDC Local Plan) & respond accordingly
 2. Wait for the Local Plan to be published & respond to the consultation
 3. Prepare an interim report now evidencing the issues that have been highlighted with a view to influencing UDC to remove the site from the LP allocations

The Planning Committee has discussed these options and agreed to recommend option 3. It was felt that TPC should aim to influence the allocation before the draft Local Plan is published for consultation as once the LP is published it is unlikely to be changed prior to examination. In addition, such a report would be equally valuable to respond to any planning application that might be submitted in advance of the LP publication.

- TPC will request support from Hatfield Broad Oak PC & Great Canfield PC.
- Apparently the proposal for a boundary review between Lt Canfield & Takeley has been abandoned. TPC to write to UDC requesting the minutes of the meeting and confirmation of the decision.

Joint Working Party Lt Canfield PC & Takeley PC 13/10/16:

- Cllr Geoff Bagnall, Jackie Cheetham & Sue Sprules attended on behalf of Takeley PC
- The meeting was chaired by LCPC. Cllr Paul Bryant (LCPC) will act as Chairman & Geoff Bagnall (TPC) will act as Vice Chairman.
- There will be 6 meetings per year. One topic will be discussed at each meeting.
- A list of issues/topics tbc
- The minutes of the meeting have not yet been circulated.

Highways:

- TPC is committed to Community Speed Watch and will advertise to recruit more volunteers. TPC to contact Volunteers for Uttlesford to see if they can assist.
- Potholes on B1256 have not met the criteria for repair. ECC Cllr Susan Barker is chasing Highways for further details on future work on Dunmow Road.

- A complaint from a resident of Molehill Green has been sent to ECC Cllr Susan Barker regarding the position of the bus stop, TPC supports the request to review the position and safety of the bus stop.
- **Jacks Lane** is being cleared in preparation for the resurfacing.
- TPC has sent a request to **Highways Rangers** of works that they would like carried out. List includes cleaning road signs, trimming back vegetation, clearing roadside water channels, collecting illegal road signs & minor repairs to paving.
- Hedges near Takeley Business Park need cutting back.
- **CSW** has been carried out on Parsonage Rd & Station Rd. The team spoke to drivers parked outside Takeley FC regarding airport related parking.
- A resident from Hatfield Broad Oak (Takeley border) has asked TPC to join his campaign to get local PC's to work together in getting the **speed limits lowered on the B183** (between communities). He would also like better signage. TPC agreed it is willing to participate and will copy the letter to other local PC (Hatfield Heath, HBO & Sheering).
- UDC has confirmed street cleaning will be carried out on a rolling program in the village.
- Airport parking is still a problem on Parsonage Road near Coopers End roundabout and in Takeley Street. This will be reported to Essex Parking Partnership.

An informal meeting on the **Neighbourhood Plan process** took place on 14th Sept with the (remaining) 4 volunteers. The group agreed to produce a leaflet/questionnaire to be sent out to all residents in January to gauge/galvanise public support.

Village Defibrillator Group:

- 10 volunteers have come forward to work on the project. The group are very enthusiastic and proactive.
- Demo machines were made available and the group are still considering which would be most suitable for the village.
- A representative from Essex Ambulance Service will be invited to the next meeting on 28th November to give some advice.
- A training session for the volunteers will be held on 14th November. Training will also be offered to residents of Takeley at a later date.
- Online payment packages, bank accounts, grants & funding are being investigated.
- Possible locations for the equipment are being finalised. One will be on Priors Green and the other in the centre of the village.
- Adverts will be put into the Grapevine, Takeley Newsletter & both primary schools.

The group have asked TPC for a small loan for set up costs such as donation tins & printing etc.

TPC resolved to provide £100 to help the group with its set up and also offered help with printing.

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

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.**

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After more than two years of waiting we have a bespoke new bridge at Pincey Brook!



Home Security a little practical advice.

When it comes to committing a burglary, in the main, burglars are a lazy and shy species. They look for the easy touch with little or no security, better still made easy for them by being insecure and the icing on the cake, not visible to any on-lookers. Now that is known, look at your own house/business premises, imagine you are the burglar, where am I going to get in, what tasty visible attractions do you have on show to entice them? Does my neighbour's house look more of a difficult job to break into, if the answer is yes chances are the burglar will notice that as well and you could become the victim.

Here are a few helping hints:-

- Lighting, if overlooked, or the chance of being seen, burglars will prefer to go elsewhere, so get some decent lighting on your house. Dusk till dawn on the front, not only can you see who is at your door, but also when you come home you have a welcoming light. At the rear fit a motion activated lamp, but ensure you set and site it so animals and plants don't keep turning it on as that only creates more alarm.
- Is there clear unobstructed access to the rear? Burglars will prefer to gain access out of sight at the rear. If there is fence and gate access to rear gardens then where possible top this with some trellis or spiky toppings (Max height without planning permission 2m or 1m next to a highway used by vehicles and the spiky topping requires a warning notice). How about some defensive planting, what's this you ask.....something like Berberus, Pyracantha or Hawthorn around perimeter fencing or anything else you wish to protect i.e. domestic fuel tank (some garden centres sell more established plants).
- Windows:- ensure that they have at least two locking points, if not fit visible window locks (most modern UPVC windows although having one handle this in fact engages a multi locking system).
- Doors: - In addition to the "Rim Lock" fit and use a five lever mortice lock. Most UPVC doors as with windows use a multi locking system, make sure you know how to use it, when inside pulling the handle up will engage all the locks but will only lock the centre lock to lock them all in place you must use the key (if in doubt try it before the burglar does).
- French doors: - Most modern doors have multi locking systems that lock top, bottom and at the centre, on older doors if each door is not in addition to the centre middle mortice lock also locked top and bottom fit additional locks.
- Keys: - keep them out of sight of the door, but ensure everyone in the house can find the key to get out in case of fire.
- Illusion: - Make the house appear occupied, if going away get a neighbour to open and close curtains, and put rubbish out for you. Let the neighbour park one of their cars on your driveway, it does them a favour too. Table

lamps inside on a timer or “dusk till dawn”, a radio on a talking programme, it all helps. Don't let post and newspapers build up at the front door. **DO NOT** leave Christmas tree lights on though as they can be a fire risk.

- Bins :- Secure bins and other objects away from buildings and walls so that they cannot be used as a climbing aid.
- Property marking: - If your property is marked with your post code/house number it reduces the value to a thief, visible marking is best then the thief knows it's marked too. If your kit comes with a sticker for the window display it, that way even before the thief comes in he know your property will be harder to sell on. With jewellery and small items photograph them, and record the details, if the item has a serial number make a note of it.

The shed or out building: - At this time of year as we run out of space in the house for all our Christmas supplies the shed, garage or outbuilding gets used. Keep the door shut and goodies out of sight when you can. Put a decent lock on it and keep it locked. DIY stores/Argos sell shed alarms at reasonable prices. As an added deterrent and where possible lock and chain large items to the floor or walls and with smaller items keep them in a secure box.

All this said the chances of you being a victim of crime is remote and even more so with a little thought.

Christmas gone and you have some new goodies

Over Christmas you may have been lucky enough to have received some rather nice gifts.

What did you do with the packaging? Left it by the roadside for the recycling collection? What better advert to the thief of where to find some new things to steal. Where possible fold the boxes inside out, or tear the box up, or package it in something else, or take it to the recycling centre yourself.

How many of us have thought about recording the serial numbers or property marking it. Be it a cycle, electrical goods, garden equipment or mobile phone it may have a serial number. You can record your serial numbers free or charge at <https://www.immobilise.com/index.php> and there are a number of property marking products available like indelible pens, SelectaDNA, SmartWater, CRE mark by CRE products to name but a few.

With jewellery and antiques don't forget to take photographs of it, include an “Object ID card” or ruler in a photograph to give it a scale. Some of these property marking products may also be suitable and you can now upload images to Immobilise too.

Mobile phone and personal music devices: Don't forget to make a note of the IME number of a mobile phone, to find it key in *#06#, with this if it's stolen you can block it. Many TV's, mobile phones, computers and other electronics come pre-loaded with security and/or tracking software, make sure that it is activated. If you are storing valuable college work or other on that nice new laptop don't forget to back up your work elsewhere just in case you lose the laptop. You can download an "App" on mobile phones to find your phone and more importantly wipe that data stored on it, check your "App store" or mobile phone provider.

When texting or talking on phones, or listening to music remain "in touch" with your surroundings, a number of road accidents, thefts and assaults occur when we fail to note what's going on around us, don't forget to pass this advice on to children.

If you would like further crime prevention advice "Do it Online":

<https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/> or contact your local Crime Prevention Advisor by using the Police Non-Emergency Telephone Number of 101.

Another good source of crime prevention advice is:

<https://thecrimepreventionwebsite.com/>

Stephen Armson-Smith
Essex Police, Braintree & Uttlesford District
Crime Prevention Advisor

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS

While we are working towards provision of public access defibrillators in Takeley and Little Canfield we are happy to make available our personal Automatic External Defibrillator should it be needed. Our telephone number is 01279 870884 and should you need a defibrillator urgently please call us. If we are at home we will bring the AED to you. If not, then the AED will probably be with us and not available. Hopefully nobody will need to use the AED, but if so, then hopefully we will be around and able to help"

Kind Regards

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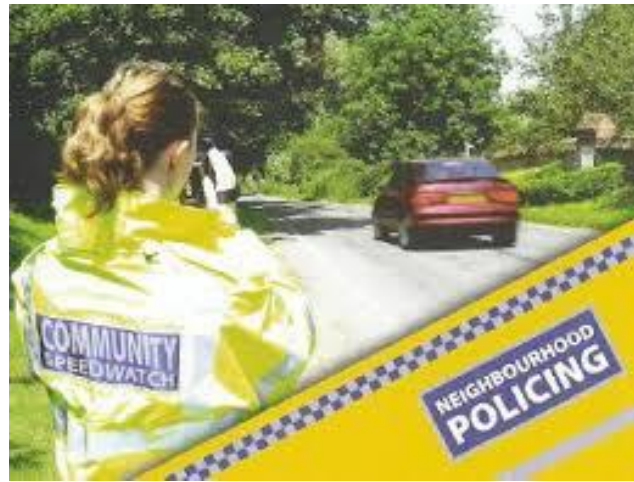
HOW TO COMPLAIN ABOUT AIRCRAFT NOISE

See also SSE leaflet "Concerned about aircraft noise?" at

http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/documents/SSE_Concerned_About_Aircraft_Noise_Leaflet2.pdf

Please avoid "complaints fatigue"

- Firstly to the Airport via the SSE website at http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/noise_complaint_form.asp
This is very important as it gets logged by the airport and SSE receives a copy which enables us to follow up where needed and helps in compiling evidence on noise impacts.
- **Phone** the airport noise complaints number 0800 243 788 (answerphone service)
- **Write to The Airport**
Noise Communications Team
Stansted Airport
Enterprise House
Stansted Airport
Essex CM24 1QW
Or email your letter to stanstednoiseline@stanstedairport.com
- **Write to NATS**
4000 Parkway
Whiteley
Fareham
Hants. PO15 7FL
Or email your letter to public.enquiries@nats.co.uk
- **Write to CAA**
Civil Aviation Authority
45-59 Kingsway
London
WC2B 6TE
Or email your letter to complaints@caa.co.uk
- **Write to Department for Transport (DfT)**
Aviation Noise Policy
Aviation Environmental Division
Department of Transport
Great Minister House
76 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DR
Or email your letter to aed@df.t.gsi.gov.uk
- **Your local MP**
- **Involve your local district/county council**



TAKELEY COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW) CO-ORDINATOR ROLE

The Takeley CSW activity is organised and run by local volunteers with guidance and support from Essex Police – see link <https://saferessexroads.org/policecommunity/community-speed-watch/>

The role of the Co-ordinator is to:

- Organise the rota for CSW monitoring in the village
- Ensure that the CSW rules are followed by volunteers
- Report the monitoring results to Essex Police
- Keep the CSW radar device, signs, warning jackets and CSW Guidance Manual
- Be the named 'point of contact' for Takeley CSW with Essex Police
- Keep the records of all Takeley CSW monitoring undertaken
- Provide a monthly report of Takeley CSW activity to Takeley Parish Council

Normally three volunteers are needed for each monitoring session, although the minimum number is two. There are currently three monitoring sites in the village namely in Parsonage Road, Station Road and Dunmow Road (outside the Silver Jubilee Hall). Occasionally monitoring is carried out in other sites if requested.

Martin Peachey

If you are interested in taking on the co-ordinator role please contact the Parish Council for further details
takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com

Passenger Information

Timetable Changes to Service 441 (Stephenson's of Essex) From Monday 17th October 2016

From the above date **Service 441** will operate a revised timetable from **Takeley** to **Saffron Walden County High School**.

Please see the revised timetable below.

Takeley - Stansted - Henham - Ugley - Newport - Saffron Walden

441

Mondays to Fridays

From: 16/10/2016

Notes :	Sch	Notes :	Sch
	0705	Saffron Walden, County High School	1530
Takeley, The Four Ashes (adj)	0705	Audley End Railway Station (o/s)	1537
Stansted Airport Coach Station (Bay 24)	0713	Newport, Gages Acre (Stop 2)	1545
Stansted Mountfitchet, Lower Street (NE-bound)	0725	Quendon, Providence Cottage (opp)	1555
Elsenham, The Crown (o/s)	0731	Ugley, Village Hall (o/s)	1600
Henham, Mill Road, opp Vernon Close	0737	Ugley Green (opp)	1602
Henham, Church (o/s)	0741	Elsenham Railway Station (o/s)	1605
Elsenham Railway Station (o/s)	0749	Henham, Church (opp)	1610
Ugley Green (opp)	0753	Henham, Mill Road, adj Vernon Close	1613
Ugley, Village Hall (opp)	0757	Elsenham, The Crown (opp)	1619
Quendon, Providence Cottage (o/s)	0805	Stansted Mountfitchet, Lower Street (SW-bound)	1624
JF Academy	0812	Stansted Airport Coach Station (Bay 24)	1634
Audley End Railway Station (o/s)	0818	Takeley, The Four Ashes (near)	1640
Saffron Walden, County High School	0825		

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Contact: Essex County Council – 0345 603 7631



Essex County Council

Things are changing at **your local recycling centre**



From 31st October changes are being made to recycling centres in Essex, so check the Recycle for Essex website before you go.

To find out more visit
www.recycleforessex.com



with **SAM POYSER** **FITNESS**

MON	Priors Green, Takeley	7-8pm
WED	Great Hadham Golf Club	10:30-11:30am
THURS	Priors Green, Takeley	7:30-8:30pm

For an up to date timetable please see my website:
www.samantha2.zumba.com
 mob: 07811 038427
 email: sammyzumba@live.co.uk

FIRST CLASS FREE

Old School House, Brewers End

Update

- TPC is proceeding to purchase the property for community use.
- TPC has successfully applied for a PWLB loan up to £300k, over a period of up to 50 years, to complete the purchase.
- The structural survey highlighted that the foundations of the building have been undermined by nearby trees. Underpinning will be required to stabilise the building. Tree work has been undertaken to ensure that the building is not compromised in the future.
- The School House Working Group has progressed plan for the refurbishment which have been prioritised. These plans will be finalised as soon as the purchase is complete.
- Contracts were due to be exchanged on 11th November. TPC is waiting for a deed of easement from the Diocese to enable access of shared drains on the adjacent Cricket Ground for maintenance.

Takeley Community Cafe

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



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

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

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

Our opening hours are:

Thursdays

12 noon - 4 pm

Fridays

9am – 1 pm

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

*Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley
Off Station Road at the Four Ashes junction B1256
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AIRPORT PARKING

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you



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.

PRIORS GREEN COMMUNITY HALL

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

FOR BOOKINGS

Phone: 07538 049730

email: Priorsgreenhall@gmail.com

Helen Rollason (H.E.A.L) Cancer Charity

Quiz Night

Takeley Silver Jubille Hall

Saturday 14th Jan 2017

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £8. pp Incl Supper

Bar & Raffle

Tables - 10 Max persons.

Tickets from Barbara (870532) / Mandy (870932)

Report a Highway Problem

Report potholes or other road defects to:

1. Essex County Council Highways online at :
www.essexcc.gov.uk/Highways/Report-a-highway-problem
2. Essex County Council by phone: 0845 603 7631/03456 037 631
3. The [Highways Agency](#) - For enquiries and reports relating to trunk roads and motorways, please call 0300 123 5000.

Potholes

A pothole is a hole in the road that is deeper than 50mm and wider than 75mm in any horizontal direction. They are usually formed during the winter months as a direct result of snow, ice and prolonged periods of rain and occur where an area of the road's surface has broken up and fallen out.

Prioritising potholes

We carry out regular inspections of the roads but also rely on the public reporting potholes to us. We inspect all reported potholes and risk assess them to prioritise their repair. They will either be classed as urgent or will be put into a planned programme of works to ensure they are repaired as efficiently as possible. The assessment will take into account many issues including the location of the pothole in the road and the type of vehicle that uses the road such as cars, motorbikes or pedal bikes.

Programmed repairs

The vast majority of reported potholes are not assessed as urgent and are put into a programme of work. Following the risk assessment, the pothole will be categorised from Priority 1 (P1) to Priority 4 (P4). The timescale for the repair depends on the risk assessment and which type of road the pothole is on – County Routes (A, B and some C roads) and Local Roads (majority of C and unclassified roads). Click on the link to view the map, or view the map at the bottom of this page. County Routes are shown in orange on the map.

The table below shows the different classifications of potholes and the response time. An assessed pothole will either have orange or purple paint by it, which represents the length of time it will take to repair it.

		Priority 1 (P1)	Priority 2 (P2)	Priority 3 (P3)	Priority 4 (P4)
County Route	Response time	2 hours*	2 working days*	Up to 28 calendar days	Defect to be considered for repair as part of the planned maintenance programme
	Paint colour	Orange	Orange	Orange	Purple
Local Roads	Response time	2 hours*	5 working days*	Repair will be undertaken within a non-specified timescale	Defect to be considered for repair as part of the planned maintenance programme
	Paint colour	Orange	Orange	Purple	Purple

*Where a P1 or P2 defect has initially been made safe but requires further treatment to make a permanent repair, this will be undertaken within 5 working days of the first repair.



The Hundred Parishes Society

This year the vibrant autumnal colours lingered well into November along with masses of red berries on hawthorns and holly bushes. It has also been a good year for acorns and beech nuts. As the days shorten through December this feast of fruits and seeds will provide ample food for our native wildlife as well as the winter migrants such as fieldfares and redwings. Large flocks of wood pigeons are especially noticeable at this time of year.

What makes the wider countryside of the Hundred Parishes so attractive is its tapestry of hedges, arable fields, copses and small woods which are a

testament to successive generations of landowners whose activities have shaped this landscape. The more recent additions of pylons, major roads and railways together with expanding urbanisation demonstrate that this landscape is evolving to meet the varied needs of people, while still retaining some considerable space for wildlife.

As the festive season approaches, the desire to festoon our dwellings with garlands of fresh green branches gathered from hedgerows is still strong. To bring the outdoors inside provides us with a timely reminder that we rely on this vital greenness to revive our spirits when the days are short.



William Winstanley

Today's customs associated with Christmas are largely due to the campaigning of one local man – William Winstanley. He lived in Quendon and was an influential writer in the 17th century. He championed the revival of 'traditional' celebrational trappings of Christmas that we now take for granted, but which were banned during the Puritan austerity of Oliver Cromwell's Commonwealth.

The website www.hundredparishes.org.uk has more information about Winstanley under the People section. The website also suggests interesting walks where you can appreciate the beautiful countryside at any time of the year.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

29th November 2016



Keeping warm this winter

Living in a cold home is bad for anyone's health, but older people, very young children and those with long term health problems are particularly vulnerable. Cold, damp and draughty homes can make certain health conditions, such as respiratory problems, much worse. Keeping warm over the winter can help prevent colds, flu or more serious health conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

If you are struggling to pay fuel bills or manage household repairs, there is a new way to access practical support to help you keep warm during the winter. Visit www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk and search 'cold' or call Uttlesford Citizens Advice on 01799 618858 to access help and advice regarding:

- **Benefits, including cold weather payments and disability benefits**
- **Money or debt, including debts to utility providers**
- **Switching, to get lower fuel bills,**
- **The priority services register.**
- **Home improvement grants and handyman services**
- **Energy efficient behaviours and home improvements**
- **Home safety**
- **Personal alarms**
- **Flu jabs**
- **Fall prevention services**
- **Community services, including transport, food delivery and home library services**

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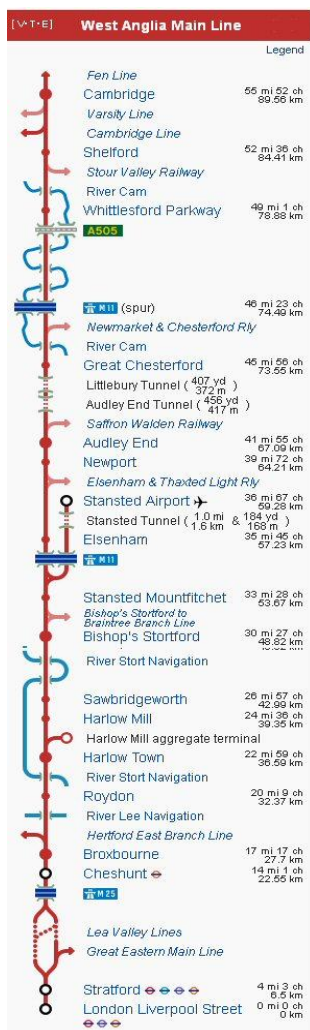
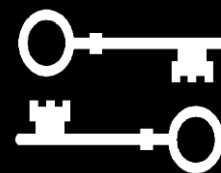


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Our first speaker of 2017 will be Terry Ward, a local documentary photographer and author, with many years experience. Terry has spent nearly forty years photographing various subjects. His talk to us will be 'Station to Station' where he presents a detailed look at the West Anglia Main line from Cambridge to London. I'm sure most of us have travelled on that railway line so it should be fascinating to see it from the photographer's point of view. This will be held on 7th February 7.30pm at Roseacres Primary School.

Please note the change of venue ! For several years now we have held our meetings at Takeley Primary School at Priors Green following the closure of the school in Roseacres and I would like to thank the head, Jill Doyle, and her staff for making us welcome. Now we have now been given the opportunity to move back to the new Roseacres School (which was reopened last year) and I know that most of our members will find this to their liking as the school is more central to the village and many more members will be within walking distance of home. I hope that any members who live closer to Takeley School will understand.

The remainder of our 2017 meetings are in the planning stages but we will be having a varied mixture of speakers as always.

Our talks and visits are open to all but if you are not a member and would like further details please email me chairman@tlhs.org.uk so that I can add you to our list for further details.

Our meetings start at 7.30pm at Roseacres Primary School and all are made very welcome.

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

Steve Hazon,
Chairman, Takeley Local History Society

Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Friday 27th December 1957.

FOUR KILLED IN AIR CRASH.

The all-male crew of four lost their lives when a York freighter of Scottish Airlines crashed near Mole Hill Green early on Monday evening. The weather was misty as the aircraft, loaded with 14,000 lbs of freight, began its approach to Stansted Airport. When it was only a short distance from the runway the York ploughed through a tree at the side of the Elsenham - Takeley road, crashed into a ploughed field and caught fire. Wreckage was strewn over a wide area. Fire Brigades and Ambulances were called from the surrounding districts. At the time of going to Press the names of the crew were not available.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Friday 3rd January 1958.

PLANE CRASHED ON THIRD ATTEMPT TO LAND.

INQUEST REFERENCE TO ALTIMETER SETTING.

The Scottish Airlines York freight plane which crashed near Mole Hill Green two days before Christmas, killing the crew of four, among them the navigator, Mr William Henry Webb (34) of Fullers Mead, Harlow, did so after two previous abortive attempts to land at Stansted Airport, it was stated at an inquest on the four men at Saffron Walden yesterday (Thursday).

On a flight from Malta, the York struck a tree at the side of the Elsenham - Takeley road about three quarters of a mile from the runway while making an instrument approach, plunged into a field and caught fire. All the crew died from multiple injuries, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

The principle witness Capt Ian Crawford Grant, of Thorngrove, Bishop's Stortford, general manager of Scottish Airlines and an experienced pilot, was asked by the Coroner, Dr J.F. MacDonald, if he had any theory as to what happened. Capt Grant replied "It is always difficult to say what happened, my opinion is that there could have been some omission or oversight in the setting of an altimeter which could have given a set of circumstances leading to an accident like this", when the Coroner asked if there was any evidence of that, Capt Grant replied "None at all".

CRUCIAL PARTS MISSING.

Mr John Golding, Senior Investigating Officer of the Ministry of Aviation, said he had found parts of the three altimeters carried by the aircraft, but not the crucial parts - the dials. Search for them was still being made. His investigation had not revealed any pre-crash mal-functioning of the plane. Capt Grant gave evidence that all the crew, including the pilot, Capt Alan Dennis Doole (34) of Tillingbourne Road, Shalford, Surrey, had the requisite licence qualifications, and had about four thousand hours flying experience. At the time the York arrived over Stansted, Capt Grant said another aircraft was expected shortly behind it, and it was necessary for

the York to "Hold" away from the airfield for a short time, after commencing two instrument approaches which were unsuccessful the York returned to the "holding stack" and the other aircraft landed.

VISIBILITY IMPROVED

When the York began its third approach visibility had improved and was 1,800 yards on the runway during the later part of its run "The approach seemed perfectly normal and the aircraft advised control that he was on his final approach. That was the last we heard of the aircraft" Captain Grant said. With regard to weather conditions, Captain Grant said that they were satisfactory "approaching marginal, but not so" Visibility and the cloud base were above the company's minimum requirements. - The Coroner, Everything was in his favour for landing ? - Captain Grant replied "Indeed yes". - answering questions by the Coroner, witness said the lowest height the company approved for Approaching Stansted on a beam approach was 350 feet, about a quarter of a mile from the end of the runway - the Pilot could check his height by reference to the altimeter. On starting his approach the pilot should use the altimeter setting which would show zero on the ground.

'HAPPY TO LAND'

If the pilot was on the radio beam, the aircraft would not have been near the tree, which was about 400 yards from the centre of the beam. Code warning was given to the pilot of an aircraft off the beam. Captain Grant, who told the Coroner that he went to the control tower after the York's first abortive approach, said he spoke to the Captain and discussed with him the weather and the possibility of a diversion." I told him the weather was rather changeable and that we would arrange a diversion to Lyneham if he so wished. It was the Captains decision and he was quite happy to land" he added.

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About the Takeley Parish Council Newsletter

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

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

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

or email to newsletter@takeleypc.co.uk

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

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

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

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

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 3. Quarter Page, £10.00
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