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Editorial



In which the editor tries hard not to get lost when flying but nearly lands sideways, profits from bad taste, gets caught up in a conga in a Chelsea art gallery, has a bad moment with a pheasant and fails to sharpen his head with a pyramid.

When daffodils begin to peer,
With heigh! the doxy, over the dale,
Why, then comes in the sweet o' the year;
For the red blood reigns in the winter's pale.
The white sheet bleaching on the hedge,
With heigh! the sweet birds, O, how they sing!
Doth set my pugging tooth on edge;
For a quart of ale is a dish for a king.

As I settle down to write, I am aware of a mild burning sensation at the tip of my gently radiant nose. Well, gently radiant is a relatively mild way of putting it. Barbecued tomato is probably a more fitting description of my sun-blasted proboscis. Now I know where Edward Lear got his idea for the Dong with the Luminous Nose. Beloved gently chides me for not bothering to put sun block on but, hey, the pain is how I know that spring is here every year. It's the result of flying in a cockpit that is rather like a glorified greenhouse with a temperature to match. Mind you, the countryside spread out below at this time of year is a thing of stunning, ever changing beauty.



Our airfield is a narrow green strip and it becomes increasingly difficult to find in the broad patchwork of Suffolk fields as the crops come into leaf, merging our little airstrip into a mosaic of subtle hues. The scudding clouds, variegating the greens with their lacework of shadows, only confuse the issue. At my level of qualification I must always stay within gliding distance of the runway so a constant position check is mandatory, especially in windy conditions. But there is something strangely magical about keeping aloft using nothing more than rising thermals. As I circle, trying to hold the glider as close to the core of the thermal as possible with the wing tip pointing towards the ground, it is the easiest thing in the world to lose one's bearings for a moment, distracted by the shadow of the glider in a sunlit field below or checking for other gliders circling close by. And it can go wrong if you are not constantly monitoring your actions. As any pilots reading this will know, flying is exhilarating but very unforgiving of errors.



The other day, when coming in to circuit to land, I failed to notice the increasing wind drift. In fact, the relatively benign cross wind had stiffened after I had taken off. Consequently, when I turned to make my final approach, the glider lurched sideways and started to drift rapidly to the right. There were some very concentrated moments as I got the nose properly pointed into wind and stuck EOF firmly on the ground. I had simply failed to take account of a changed situation. Lesson learnt and, in fact, there is something to be learnt from every flight. And I was able to get out of trouble thanks to my training.

Meanwhile, back on Terra Firma, I know it's spring because the grass demands attention on a regular basis and the ants in the lawn have declared war again. And, of course, the weather plays mean little tricks on a daily basis. I can almost guarantee that, lulled into a false sense of security by a sunny day, I will be tempted to venture out only to be drenched by a typhoon of biblical proportions. Not, you will understand, that I am ever one to complain. Perish the thought!

Many years ago, in my days of landscape painting, I would drive deep into the country in my old banger to wander the fields with a sketchbook. I did quite a lot of gallery work in those days and remember giving a painting demonstration

in the Old Schoolhouse during the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Everyone kept plying me with drink and the painting on the easel went through a remarkable mutation from realism to vaguely abstract. I say vaguely as my memory comes through a pleasantly alcoholic haze. I'm told that my performance, though of slim artistic value, was quite entertaining.



Being extremely impecunious at the time, a friend and I hit on a money-making scheme. I would paint the trashiest landscapes imaginable, using a tinted monochrome palette to use as little paint as possible and my friend would make the cheapest and most meagre frames for them. We busied ourselves on the kitchen floor, turning out a finished product at roughly twenty minute intervals. When we had a sufficient supply of this tat we took ourselves to a department store in Bishop's Stortford, now long-gone, which had a small art gallery on the top floor that sold

paintings by local artists. The proprietor was a formidable lady who viewed our efforts dismissively. No, she couldn't possibly give them wall space. Well, somehow we managed to persuade her to take a few paintings to be sold at a knockdown price – somewhere between £5 and £10 I believe. When we left the shop, shamed by her derision, she was still laughing. A couple of days later I received a sheepish 'phone call from the lady. Our trashy tat had sold out in a day and could we supply her with more? Suppressing my laughter, I agreed and my partner in crime and I started a production line on the kitchen floor. It was a glorious summer and our little enterprise kept us in beer for the whole of it.

My mother, an artist of considerable talent, set her sights much higher and managed, through various connections, to have her paintings hung in a couple of London galleries. Her first outing was at a gallery in Chelsea. The entire family descended on London for the auspicious event. When I arrived, I was greeted by the sight of Mama, dressed in full evening mufti and bearing a huge orchid. Fortified by a few Martinis, she proceeded with a gravity defying sway as she walked. She was followed by a fawning procession of friends and family, clutching champagne glasses and braying loudly to each other about genius running in the family. It was a bit like a deranged, very slow motion conga as the family and guests snaked through the gallery looking for the object of such fame and fortune. Eventually, dear Mama came to a swaying halt in front of what must have been the smallest painting in the gallery. Everyone came up to the picture, squinted and exclaimed: "Darling, how frightfully, frightfully clever." Mama swayed a bit more, her smile held in place

by her makeup, trying to look very modest. "My God, is that the time?" exclaimed one of the guests and, soon, anyone who was not a member of the family trickled seamlessly away. Ah, the social arts, don't you just love them?

The remaining party, all family, piled onto a bus and headed to Soho and my uncle's law firm. Mama, of course, was decanted into a taxi. As the bus drove through the night, my cousin – a writer – launched into loud political and artistic diatribes that drew anxious glances from the rest of the passengers. My uncle, a solicitor of some means, had to open up the top floor flat of the offices in Dean Street and provide food and drink for everyone. He was not amused. I visited him a few weeks later for lunch. "Bloody locusts. Stripped me bare," he growled.

The evening was brought to a perfect close by the antics going on in the first floor flat opposite. Inhabited, I believe, by a lady of the night.

My mother then managed to secure an exhibition at the Mermaid Theatre. A friend and I worked solidly for several days mounting and framing over seventy paintings, fitting each frame with two brass mounting plates. That's two hundred and eighty screws that we put in. Only to be told that she'd got it wrong and they'd all have to come off. Well, the pictures eventually got hung but she insisted on such eye-watering prices that only one sold. I've still got a lot of them in a drawer.

She was once commissioned to paint a pheasant and was provided with a specimen by a local landowner. Of course, she procrastinated and the pheasant, hanging on an easel, stayed in the spare room. I was passing the door one day when I heard a curious plopping sound. Upon entering the room, I was confronted with the delightful sight of the well-hung bird disgorging maggots onto the bedroom floor. This had been going on for some time and they had already eaten a large hole in the carpet. And that, I suppose, was the end of her painting career. A pity, as she had a considerable talent.

At one point, she became fixated by the occult, attending séances and visiting haunted houses. There was a fascination at that time with parapsychology and fringe science. Remember bendy cutlery or the powers attributed to pyramids? One could buy a cardboard pyramid kit. When assembled, one was supposed to place blunt razor blades under it and, after a few days, they would be miraculously sharpened. As an experiment, I constructed a foil pyramid that I placed over my head when I went to sleep. Upon waking, I can report that my head was not conical and my senses were as blunt as ever. I did, however, have the most peculiar dreams. But that's normal for me as well. And I do usually wake feeling slightly desiccated – a bit like a mummy, don't y'know.

I used to frequent a small shop full of occult and mystic curiosities and had many a fascinating discussion with its delightful owner on languid Saturday afternoons. I bought books about aliens and alien civilisations knowing full well that the contents would disappoint. A bit like the lurid posters for B movies. You knew the film would be rubbish but you still paid and went in. Eternal youthful optimism, I suppose.



As a birthday present, one year, I purchased a real crystal ball for my mother. It came with a wooden stand and a black velvet cloth. She was delighted but it remained covered by the cloth and nobody was allowed to stare into it to see the future. I still have it in a cupboard as a memento of strange days and even stranger nights. In a further nod to the occult, she kept all her nail parings in a small box by her bed to prevent them falling into the hands of a witch or demon that might use them to cast a spell on her. Which is why she went outside and curtsied to the new moon holding a silver coin. But if you talk to any

surviving members of my family, there is a vein of the mystic and a fascination with the exotic that runs through it.

Mother was fazed by technology. She never mastered a video recorder and how she ever managed to drive is a mystery to me. She had no understanding of the need to keep a vehicle properly maintained and once had to be stopped from driving off the forecourt of a garage by its proprietor since her tyres were so far gone that they had strands of wire poking out of their sidewalls. Getting

into her car was like being immersed in a very murky aquarium as the windows were always opaque with a thick film of nicotine. Every car that she owned soon became as battle scarred as a stock car racer! Each morning, she would start the engine, pull out the choke (remember those?) and roar down the road with the engine



screaming, the gears crashing and the clutch burning. She drove everywhere with the choke out, laying a smoke screen that would have made a destroyer envious. The people who lived across the road from us loathed her car with a vengeance as it definitely lowered the tone of the neighbourhood. Mother was outraged when, one day, there was a knock on the door. It was the scrap man,

offering to tow the wreck away. "I mean, darling, I told the silly little man that it was my car and not to be so impertinent. Tow it away indeed!" And then she lit a fag or two or three and smoked ferociously to get over it.



One of her friends once asked me to mend a cassette recorder that had jammed. I duly went to her house and was presented with the recalcitrant machine. "It won't play," she said bitterly. "Let me try," said I and indeed, it was jammed solid. Eventually, I managed to get the cassette door open and was confronted with a rancid, gooey mess. I finally levered the cassette out and wiped the sticky slime from my fingers. "Erm, what's all this stuff," I asked. "Oh, it started squeaking so I put butter in it," she said. I resisted the temptation to say that if it had been buttered it was not surprising that it had jammed, but you get my drift. However, I mustn't be too misogynistic: My old headmaster was convinced that the picture on the ancient school television could be adjusted by physically moving the set from side to side. And, hey, we once had a Transit van on the airfield that could only be put in reverse if you hit the gear lever with a sledge hammer. So there, technophobia is *not* a feminine preserve.

And so another ramble limps to a close. Therefore, I shall conclude with a titillating little quote carried in The Daily Graphic some years ago. I should love to know the context in which the remark was made, but it is a legal gem.



Said Mr Justice Vaisey: "It is a fearful thing to contemplate that, when you are driving along the road, a heavy horse may at any moment drop from the sky on top of you."

And if anyone asks me if I think that this is a likely event, why, I shall answer with a firm nay. I shall now proceed, with cat like tread, to the magic cupboard in the kitchen where I might just find a sustaining dram of Scottish medicine. To clarify my thoughts. Or not.

Sleep tight. It's owl time.

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

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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

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

The ladies of the Takeley fundraising group for the Helen Rollason H.E.A.L. Cancer Charity would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported their Plant Sale on Saturday 13th May, not only those who attended but those who donated plants and cakes for the sale. We raised an amazing £1645.34.

Parish Council Office

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

The Council aims to foster a more personal and supportive role in the community to facilitate the needs of the people in Takeley and includes an information point and direct liaison with Council members through the Clerk.

Any resident of the local community or member of a local group is welcome to attend the weekly surgery or contact the Parish Council via the Clerk.

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

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FRIENDS OF Jacks Lane (Byway 25)

The byway has recently been cleared and resurfaced and now provides an accessible amenity for residents of Priors Green as well as a safe alternative walk to school route for children walking from the village centre & Smiths Green to Takeley Primary School.

Takeley Parish Council is hoping to sponsor a 'Friends of Jacks Lane' group who, along with help from the 'Friends of the Flich' & the Highways Rangers, will assist in maintaining it and keeping the byway clear and tidy.

Volunteers should contact Takeley Parish Council.

email:takeleyparishcouncil@outlook.com

ESSEX HIGHWAYS CONTACT DETAILS

As you may be aware the Highway.enquiries@essex.gov.uk email address is closing from 19 April 2017 following the introduction of the improved Highways 'Tell Us' and 'Check a Query' web tools.

Although, we will no longer be offering a dedicated email address for Highway Enquiries, you can continue to contact us online in one of the following ways:

- To report a new highway issue to us you should complete our online form to **tell us** at www.essexhighways.org
(Please do not use other websites to report highway issues to us as these are not recorded into our system).
- To review the status of a previously reported highway issues, by either a reference number or searching the location, use the same website www.essexhighways.com and **check a query**
- Highways have also produced a 'how to' video **How to report a pothole and other highway issues in Essex** to help people who may not be too familiar using the web tools. You can see the film by going to the following Youtube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPT-Sta-3fl&t=1s>
- To tell us about a **compliment, comment and complaint** go to
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If you currently use or signpost enquiries to highway.enquiries@essex.gov.uk please can I ask you to redirect these to one of the above options. Anything sent after the 19 April 2017 will not be received or responded to.

Yours faithfully

Robbie Watson-Levey
Customer and Member Enquiries Manager

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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.

JULY 5th	AUGUST 2nd	SEPTEMBER 6th
OCTOBER 4th	NOVEMBER 1st	DECEMBER 6th

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO
TAKELEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION'S CAMPAIGN
TO PROTECT TAKELEY AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES FROM
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.**

Online Signatures are being collected via the link below:-

<http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/enough-is-enough-save-takeley-and-the-surrounding-villages-from-further-housing-development>

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Takeley Cricket Club

May 2017



The opening games of the season have all been completed, despite slightly colder weather and a couple of very heavy downpours, and have resulted in what may well be one of our best ever starts to a season, with both teams having won all three of their opening fixtures and sitting on top of their respective divisions.

The first X1, in Division 2 of the Herts and Essex League, started with a game at newly promoted Braughing, an unknown quantity, A number of batsmen contributed to our eventual total of 255-5, with skipper Liam Brown (64) and Pat Roach (50no) being the pick of the bunch. We bowled tightly and were never really in danger, and Braughing closed on 201-6 giving us victory by 54 runs. Tim Way took 4-31. In our second game, we piled on the runs against Birchanger and ended with 307-6, with Liam Brown hitting 136 and Tom Brown a quickfire 42. In reply, Birchanger wickets fell regularly and they were all out for 181, Pat Roach and James Fitten taking 3 wickets apiece. Our third fixture at Stansted Hall (who had beaten us twice last season) was rain interrupted, and we managed to restrict the opposition to 166 in 43 overs, with both Tim Way and Carl Mitchell taking 3 wickets apiece. With rain threatening and a damp wicket, Liam Brown set us off on our run chase with a quick 56, but a couple of wickets fell quickly and it was left to Chris Thake (62no) and Mike Sammons (22no) to pull us to the total needed with 7 wickets and 2 overs to spare.

The second XI, newly promoted to Div. 4, also got off to an excellent winning start at home to Matching Green. Matching batted first and achieved 239-7, with Trevor Gunn (2-37) and Carl Mitchell (3-38) the pick of the bowlers. In reply, we reached the required target with 5 wickets and more than 7 overs to spare, skipper Ashley Harrington hitting 111 not out, supported well by Rob Harrington (53) and Paul Jarvis (32no). In our next two games, we secured a 17-run victory at Sawbridgeworth III's and then ran out winners at home to High Beach by 60 runs. Details of these games will be made available on our website – www.takeleycc.co.uk. Along with all future fixtures (Saturday league and occasional Sunday friendly games. We also have 2 T20 competitions on Tuesday evenings.

If anyone reading this has a yearning to play, either league cricket or friendly games on Sundays, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our

Captain, Liam Brown on 01279 871055, Chairman Mike Phillips on 01279 870134, or myself. There is also a contact form on our website if preferred. We also run a youth team which is designed for boys and girls of secondary school age (12-15) who are getting into hard ball cricket (unfortunately we are unable to take primary age children). Anyone that would like to play can contact Paul Jarvis on 01279 870861 or attend Friday evening training sessions (6.30 – 8.00pm)

Malcolm Brown
Secretary, Takeley Cricket Club
01279 871055

STOP PRESS

For those of you who over the years followed the comings and goings of Tallen's house martins - I can report that one breeding pair are now back in residence after an absence of two years. It would be nice to think that one of this pair may be the offspring of the last nesting pair returning to its place of birth.

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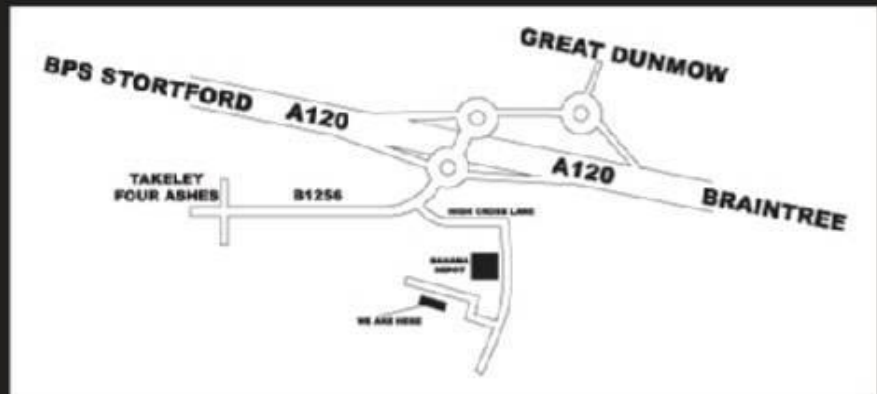
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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Parish Council Vacancies

TPC co-opted Jim Backus & Dom Roque to fill the Council vacancies.

ECC Councillor Susan Barker reported:

- *Residents in Takeley Street have raised concerns re the condition of the roads and this is due partly to the amount of lorries using the B1256. Essex Highways has been requested to clean the roads and the bollards.*

District Cllr Howard Ryles reported:

- *Cllr Howard Ryles met with a resident on Priors Green to discuss the low speed broadband. There are currently 200 households not included in the Essex Superfast Broadband rollout. This is not due to change in the current plans. 98% of Essex residents should be connected by 2019. There is also a grant scheme available for anyone not receiving at least a 2Mb broadband speed. A solution for these residents may be for them to privately purchase a fibre broadband service.*
- *UDC met with 5 developers in connection with the Local Plan. There are 4500 more homes needed across the district. 'We need to ensure that the process is done fairly and responsibly and careful consideration is given to the infrastructure'.*

Peter Hewitt Chairman of the Residents Association at Takeley Park spoke to the council regarding

- *Recent anti-social behaviour at the Sports Field in Station/Hatfield Broad Oak Road. Youths using the area have damaged newly planted hedging. Residents from Takeley Park were effected and have asked TPC to consider moving a goal post away from the boundary line which attracts the youths to this area of the field. The Police were not called at the time of the disturbance but several residents have made statements.*
- *TPC has since reported the incident to the Police & Community Policing Team who will make regular visits and have provided a crime reference number.*

- *TPC will contact the football club to discuss relocating the posts.*

Clerk will forward any correspondence from the park management to Peter regarding discussion on the boundary fence.

Uttlesford Citizen Advice Bureau

- *TPC are currently piloting a scheme which enables residents to use a direct video link to the CAB offices in Saffron Walden from the Station House.*

Silver Jubilee Hall Loan Agreement

- *Solicitors have finalised and agreed terms. SJH Chairman plus one other Committee member to sign the agreement. £150k loan will be repaid over 15 years. First loan repayment has already been made by SJH Committee*

Priors Green Community Hall Lease

- *Solicitors acting on behalf of PGCH Management Committee have requested further information about the building. TPC is seeking the help of developer Countryside to obtain copies of missing documents. TPC previously agreed the lease document which is a model lease recommended by RCCE. TPC agreed that the Chairman & Vice Chairman will sign the lease on behalf of TPC, and authorised the Clerk to administer the payment S106 monies when the lease is executed.*

Resignation of Clerk

TPC formally accepted the resignation of the Clerk Jane Heskey.

- *TPC agreed the advertisement for the vacancy which stated, “previous Parish Council Clerk experience preferred” and ‘may involve ad hoc evening meetings’ and ‘some home working’. Deadline for applications was set at 31st March with interviews commencing 10th April.*

The new Clerk was appointed at the 3rd May meeting.

Internal Auditor 2016/17

- *TPC resolved to appoint Mr Michael Letch as the internal auditor for 2016/17. (The Councils Internal Audit took place on Saturday 6th May 2017).*

Planning Matters:

- *TPC has submitted their objection to the Planning Inspector re **land adj to Willows Cottages, Mill End** referencing the recent prosecution at Waltham Hall.*

UTT/17/0180/FUL Takeley Football Club, Station Road

Brief Description: Proposed side extension to pavilion.

Recommendation: Support

The Old School House

Cllr Carol Pratt & Project Manager John Monk met with a UDC Planning Officer. There is a 50% reduction on the planning fees due to Parish Council status. The back wall of the existing toilet block may need to be removed & rebuilt due to the foundations. This will be included in the plan but further investigations needed.

- *TPC resolved to open a new bank account solely for the Old School House. This will enable members of the public to make donations towards the refurbishment.*
- *Bat survey has been received and confirms no bats on the premises. A 2nd survey is required as part of the building regulation.*
- *A planning application has been submitted and a decision is expected on/before 19th June 2017.*
- *A further clean-up of the playground is needed. Ivy and trees will be sprayed to allow for easy removal.*
- *Takeley Cricket Club have been given permission for the home team to park in the playground on match days*

New phone & email contacts for TPC

Due to the change of Clerk TPC have made changes to their contact details. Email Takeleyparishcouncil@outlook.com telephone **01279 902434**. TPC authorised changes to the XLN Business Broadband/phone contract.

- £25.95 + vat unlimited calls (currently £23.45)
- £1.99 + vat call divert facility to TPC mobile.
- £12.99 + vat sim only contract (12 months)- 700 units/mins.

Future Development in Uttlesford (particularly south)

- TPC approved expenditure of £1100 +vat for professional advice re Highways and UDC housing/land supply in preparation for the assessment of UDC draft **Local Plan**. Awaiting outstanding queries re Highways. Next meeting to be scheduled.

Easton Park Development

Cllr Jackie Cheetham, Cllr Richard Cheetham & Cllr Tricia Barber attended a presentation by the developers.

The site allocation could go up to 10,000 dwellings but could also make it viable for a smaller amount but highlight there would not be any additional benefits for a smaller site such as schools, health facilities etc.

30-35 dwellings an acre. Access to local network will be by the gravel pit Dunmow. This means more pressure on the A120/M11 junction 8 which is already at capacity. Highways England have requested a delay in development on A120 corridor until this junction is sorted out.

Other Reports

- A tree on **Morrells Green** has been damaged again. A new sign will be erected on the green stating no ball games. One other tree is due to be replaced later in the year.
- Cllr Geoff Bagnall will schedule a site visit with Essex Highways to **Byway 25/Jacks Lane** re tidying up and other issues. He will also speak to Euan Kennedy regarding his contribution and other village matters

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

Julia Peachey, Takeley Parish Council, Station House,
Sycamore Close, Takeley, Essex, CM22 6QA

Phone: **01279 902434** Email: takeleyparishcouncil@outlook.com

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 or phone, Online at : www.essexhighways.com Phone 0345 743 0430



TIDY TAKELEY CALENDAR 2017

DATE	LOCATION	
Sat. 25th March	PRIORS GREEN	litter pick
Sat. 8th April (10am)	CHESNUT WAY POND	Litter pick & trim & tidy
Wed. 19th April (10am)	WALK TO SCHOOL ROUTE	Dunmow Road north side (B1256), Four Ashes to Roding Drive
Fri 5th May (10am)	FOUR ASHES JUNCTION, B1256 & PARSONAGE RD	Litter pick and tidy bus shelters and Four Ashes village green
Sat 13th May (10am)	SPORTS FIELD, Hatfield Broad Oak Rd	Litter pick Bring the children!
Sat 10th June (10am)	BURGATTES ROAD PLAY AREA, PRIORS GREEN	Litter pick
Sat 24th June (10am)	THE PASTUTRES/MORRELLS GREEN Play area, balancing pond, green	litter pick/strim & tidy
Fri 30th June (10am)	COOKS HILL, B1256	Litter pick verges
Wed 12th July (10am)	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH LANE	Litter pick
Sat 22nd July (10am)	TAKELEY STREET (Kiersley Airways to Pincey Brook)	Litter pick
Sat 9th Sept (10am)	JACKS LANE (BYWAY 25)	Litter pick Bring the children!
Fri 15th Sept (10am)	RECREATION GOUND, off Chestnut Way	Litter pick

All volunteers welcome

For more information contact Takeley Parish Council

www.takeleypc.co.uk

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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 details below:

Passenger Transport Coordination Centre, 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

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@outlook.com

M11 maintenance and improvement

Our plans to improve the M11 are coming your way

In spring/summer 2017, Highways England is carrying out essential maintaining and minor improvements to the M11 between junction 6 (M25) and junction 12 (A603 – Cambridge). We will also be working on the A120 near Stansted Airport and the A11 at the junction with the A1307.

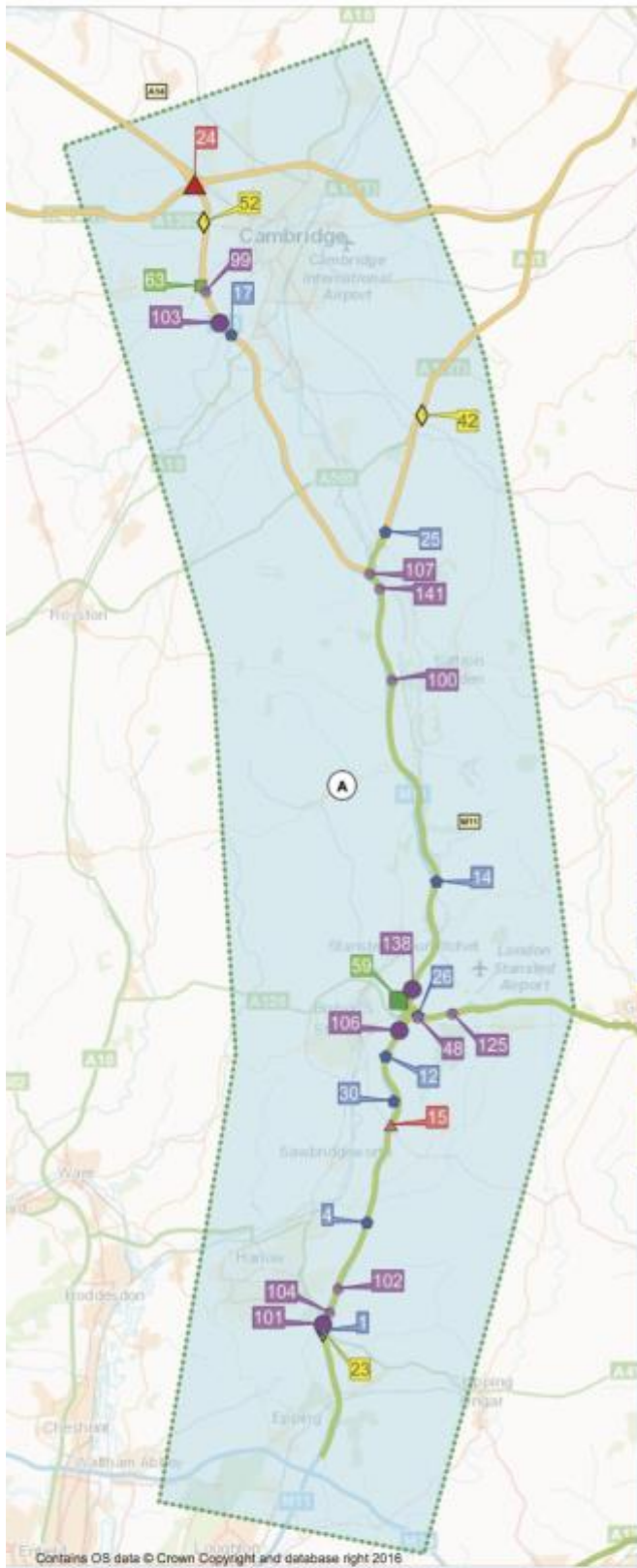
Safety is a top priority for Highways England and this programme will improve both safety and journey quality for drivers.

This programme includes installing digital messaging signs, resurfacing, drainage and embankment repair works as follows:

- Resurfacing parts of the M11 in both directions between junctions 6 and 8, and the slip roads at junctions 8.
- Resurfacing
 - the M11 junction 8 roundabout
 - the M11 junction 8a slip roads onto the A120 for Stansted Airport
 - the A120 Thremhall Avenue
 - the A120 Priory Wood Roundabout
 - the Priory Wood slip roads onto the A120.
- Repairing embankments on the M11:
 - at the junction 7 northbound exit slip road
 - on the M11 southbound between junctions 7 and 8
 - at the bridge crossing the M11 at Cantelupe Farm between junctions 11 and 12.
- Replacing street lights with energy efficient models on the M11 northbound entry slip road at junction 12.
- Repairing drainage on the M11 on slip at junction 12 at Haggis Farm.
- Replacing digital messaging signs on the M11 between junctions 6 and 8.
- Replacing noise barriers on the M11 southbound between junctions 9 and 8 at Wendens Ambo.
- Adding signs and road markings to the A11 Four Went Ways junction with the A1307.



We will do our best to minimise disruption to drivers and communities in the area while we are working.



M11 maintenance and improvement

48	A120 Priory Wood and Thremhall Avenue Resurfacing
99	M11 Junction 12 Haggis Farm Drainage
100	M11 Junction 9 to 8 Southbound Wendens Ambo Noise Barrier Gates
101	M11 Junction 7 Northbound off-slip Embankment Repair
102	M11 Junction 8 to 7 Southbound Harlow Embankment Repair
103	M11 Junction 11 to 12 Cantelupe Farm Overbridge Embankment Repair
104	M11 Junction 7 Harlow Southbound off-slip Resurfacing
106	M11 Junction 8a Inbound & Outbound slip road Resurfacing
107	M11 Junction 9 to 10 Central Reserve Barrier Renewal
125	A120 Stansted to Priory Wood Westbound Road Markings
138	M11 Junction 8 Slip Roads and Gyratory (Birchanger) Resurfacing
141	M11 Junction 9 Newport Southbound Road Markings
15	M11 Halingbury Hall Bridge Joint Replacement
24	M11 Girton Interchange Embankment Repairs and Bridge Refurbishment
1	M11 Junction 6 to 8 Message Sign Replacement
4	M11 Junction 8 to 7 Southbound Message Sign Replacement
12	M11 Junction 8 Message Signs Replacement
14	M11 CCTV Electrical Rectification Work
17	M11 Junction 11 to 12 Power Cable Replacement
25	A11 Electrical Remedial Works
26	A120 Electrical Remedial Works
30	M11 Junction 7 to 8 Northbound Message Sign Replacement
23	M11 Junction 7 Harlow Northbound off-slip Markings
42	A11 Four Went Ways Interchange Markings
52	M11 Junction 13 / A1303 Northbound off-slip Road Markings
59	M11 Junction 8/8a Birchanger Cycle Scheme Improvement
63	M11 Junction 12 Northbound Entry Lighting Upgrade

For more information

www.trafficengland.com

For the latest travel news and real time traffic information, including roadworks and closures.

For details about our work on the M11, visit

www.roads.highways.gov.uk

Phone us

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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, Tescos, 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.

If you are in need or know of someone who would benefit from our help then please get in contact.

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We need a range of different people to join us. Currently we have no Treasurer so someone with basic financial skills would be very useful. We also want to do the bulk of the maintenance at the hall ourselves to keep running costs as low as possible, so anyone with practical decorating, carpentry, plumbing or electrical skills would be most welcome to join us. Even if you do not fit into these skill sets please do not be put off, as we also just need folk who can bring their ideas to the table.

We have a great facility which if managed properly will be a huge benefit to the communities of Takeley and Little Canfield in the years to come. **PLEASE COME AND JOIN US** in making this a reality for us all.

If you are interested in joining us please contact:

Steve Casey.
Secretary.

For PGCH Management Committee.

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Garage and Shed security

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Garages and sheds by the nature of their construction and position especially when away from the house are always going to be vulnerable. Quite often the supplied locks provide just the barest minimum security and are easily overcome so always consider supplementing the existing locks with further locking systems both for the doors and items within.

On **garage** doors, this could be by adding locking bolts to both sides of the “up and over door” or a garage door defender in the ground in front of the door, if you have side door don’t forget the security on this too.

With **sheds** coach-bolt and plate the padlock hasp sections to the frame and door, use a good quality “Close Shackle” padlock or a key operated mortice lock; don’t forget the hinges ensure they cannot be unscrewed.

Consider using “Ground Anchors” or “Shed Shackles” to chain larger items such as ladders, mowers and pedal cycles to (again good quality padlock and chain); keep chains tight so that it is not in contact with a surface it can be struck against. Protect windows with a wire mesh and fit a curtain or white wash the windows to prevent prying eyes.

Visibly security mark your property with your post code and house number as this reduces the value to the thief; you can register serial numbers free of charge at www.immobilise.com . There are also a number of commercially available security marking systems available that are suitable for a wide range of products and others for specific products.

It is also worth adding security lighting and a shed alarm to the shed or garage, there are even alarms available that when activated call your mobile phone, these are relatively inexpensive and available from most

DIY/hardware stores. If siting a new shed where possible position it within sight of rooms in the house routinely occupied.

Products that are fit for purpose can found by looking for the "Secured by Design" or "Sold Secure" logos, or on their websites <http://www.securedbydesign.com/> or <http://www.soldsecure.com/> .

Keep informed about crime and policing issues which affect you by signing up to Essex Community Messaging – www.essex.police.uk/ecm. For further crime prevention advice see www.essex.police.uk/advice or www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com .

Stephen Armson-Smith
Braintree & Uttlesford Crime Prevention Officer
16/05/17

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AT CRUMPS FARM, DUNMOW ROAD B1256**

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Between the hours: 10.30am - 12.30pm**

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We were very pleased to welcome several guests who joined our regular members at our May meeting where Martyn Lockwood spoke about some Essex Heroes and Villains. We have something a little different for our 12th September meeting as Dr Heather Falvey will be talking about a recipe book compiled in the late 18th century by Baroness Dimsdale. Meals for the upper classes at this time had several courses and a wide range of what we would find today to be unusual dishes at each course. This book also contains the first known recipe for doughnuts and is thought to have come from Hertfordshire. This promises to be a very entertaining and informative talk. The presentation will start at 7.30 at Roseacres Primary School and all will be welcome.

At a date yet to be agreed we will be having our summer outing and this year it will be to Cressing Temple Barns for a guided tour.

Members will be emailed or contacted in the usual way nearer the time.



Our last meeting of the year will be on 14th November where speaker David Gunn will talk about his own career in the Army and his son's experiences when serving in Afghanistan. You may have seen David inspecting the parade in recent years at the Takeley War Memorial on Remembrance Sundays. Those of you who have lived in the village for some time will remember Col. W. Charlton who used to carry out this role and you might be interested to know that a memorial plaque is to be dedicated to his memory, on Sunday 2nd July 2017 at the 10.30am service. The Charlton Family invites all former friends to the dedication of the Memorial Plaque at Holy Trinity Church. Light refreshments will be served afterwards at Takeley Sports & Social Club.

Steve Hazon,
Chairman, Takeley Local History Society

Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer -- Saturday 4th February 1928.

HORSES KILLED BY TRAIN.

At about 7.15 on Sunday morning ten horses wandered onto the railway line, near Crumps Corner, Little Canfield, three of the seven run into by the train were killed outright, and the other four were injured, one had to be destroyed immediately, and another was killed later by police instructions. The horses belonged to gypsies encamped on the Takeley to Elsenham road.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer -- Saturday 21st January 1893

A STONE COFFIN AT THREMALL PRIORY.

During alterations at Thremall Priory, which is being put in repair for Lady Archer Houlton, part of an ancient stone coffin was dug out.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer -- Saturday 23rd July 1881.

TELEGRAPH POSTS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

About 4 o'clock on Saturday morning during a thunderstorm which passed over the district, three telegraph posts situated by the side of the line, about three quarters of a mile on the Bishops' Stortford side of Takeley Railway Station, were struck by lightning and much shattered. There are two wires only between Bishops' Stortford and Takeley, one being a spare one, and it was the working wire which was damaged. The electric fluid burning it completely in to, and passing on to Stortford, and injured the instruments there, Fortunately, no person was at the instruments at the time of the occurrence.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer -- Saturday 7th May 1881.

A CURIOUS INCIDENT OF A ROBIN.

In the autumn of last year, Miss Potter of Yew Tree Farm, Takeley, hung her water pot on a yew tree in her garden. The other day when she took it down, she found a robins nest in it with five young. Miss Potter being a lover of birds, placed the pot up the tree again, and the old ones still continue their attention to the wants of their young family.



The Hundred Parishes Society

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

The What's On section of our website shows a great many local activities throughout the Summer. As you travel about, I hope you will enjoy the vegetation along roadside verges that adds much to the overall vision of the countryside. The species present will vary throughout the seasons and reflect the underlying geology and cutting regime of a particular stretch of verge. For road safety reasons, some verges are close-mown but these may be speckled with the flower heads of Common Daisy, Dandelion and other species which thrive under such treatment. On busier roads, often only the first metre is cut on a regular basis, allowing taller wild flowers to survive further back.

During early summer our verges are dominated by swathes of the white frothy flowers of cow parsley or the chunkier white flowers of hogweed. Both are members of the carrot family and, perhaps surprisingly, thrive on the extra nutrients released by car exhausts.

Although many species of insects visit their flowers, their tendency to shade out smaller plants reduces the overall variety of wayside flowers and potential food for other insects. Similarly, increased roadside nutrient levels encourage docks and stinging nettles which also overshadow delicate species including blue-flowered speedwells.



Splashes of pink are provided by clumps of red campion; and blue or purple by vetches and several species of geranium. Thistles and scarlet poppies appear where bare soil is exposed. The presence of a large expanse of ox-eye daisy, with its white petals and yellow centre, is usually due to its inclusion in seed mixes sown alongside newer roads.

A number of verges have been identified as Special Roadside Verges or Roadside Nature Reserves. These are recognised for their floristic diversity or for the presence of rare species.

Tricia Moxey
Trustee

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:

**Julia Peachey, Clerk of the Council, Takeley Parish Council,
Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley, CM22 6QA
Tel. 01279 902434**

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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