

# 2017 TAKELEY PARISH COUNCILLORS

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## Editorial

In which the editor travels back in time and plays ghost croquet, gets radiation sickness from a chemistry set, finds a new use for a fire extinguisher, avoids explaining how to make gunpowder and discovers the problems in descending from a great height.

When the rose is faded, Memory may still dwell on Her beauty shadowed, And the sweet smell gone.

As one becomes older (and I shall be very old next year), memories of far distant youth take on a slightly melancholic tinge. We see ourselves smiling out of faded photographs, full of fresh-faced confidence and a sort of brave naivety. And we ask ourselves if that was really us. And did that memory really exist? Was youth just a dream, a tricksy illusion that we use to sweeten our imagination as we drift off to sleep each night?

I had those same strange feelings a few weeks ago when I met up with a couple of old school friends who I had not seen for well over thirty years. In fact, we first met as teenagers over fifty years ago! Three slightly aged blokes, ambling up the paths that we had followed so many years ago. We'd led very different lives since then and had hugely divergent experiences. But there were shared memories and as we entered our old school, they came flooding back in a strange way, like distorted images in a fairground mirror.

The boarding school where we had spent so much time together in those distant years still stands, recognizable even though it has been converted into a nursing home. The beautiful gardens that used to surround it are now built over with millionaires' houses and the croquet lawn, where I played a final game by moonlight the night before I left school, is gone. Only the path that ran between it and the tennis court now exists. But strangely, as I stood there, I could almost hear the sharp click of the mallet on the ball and smell, for a tantalizing second, the fragrance of night blooms.

The panelled Edwardian hall where we had put on plays with our lethal home-made lighting rigs seemed impossibly small now. The dormitory window that I had leant out of one frosty night to set off enough bangers to blow most of the Virginia creeper off the wall was still there. That was the night when I was nearly expelled. An aged teacher in the room below had seen the burning fuse, swinging to and fro, through the window and instantly had palpitations. He needed cigarettes and Horlicks in large quantities to calm himself down! Good

thing that he didn't grab a fire extinguisher because it wouldn't have worked. You see, we had long before removed the innards of the conical Minimax units (Remember them?) and filled them with sand! Why would we do that? Because, dear reader, the thick metal CO2 cylinder inside was much prized as a bomb case. In those distant innocent days, blowing things up was a rite of passage for most boys. A few commercially available chemistry sets contained radioactive samples in the form of uranium dust and even cyanide back in that golden mist of our youth! Oh yes, and some sets contained potassium nitrate which, when combined with a couple of other chemicals also supplied in the kit, (You all know them but I'm far too responsible to put the complete formula in this magazine!) made gunpowder. Explosive fun for all the family!



As we wandered round the building and what was left of the grounds, we had odd flashes of half-forgotten moments – almost as though the present building was overlaid by a barely tangible ghost of what had once been. It felt as though we were walking along a fault line between past and present. It is extraordinary how vivid the memories of youth can be! And even as I sit here writing, a haze of distant summers seems to infuse my thoughts. The past will always resonate, like distant music, in the present.

For though the camomile, the more it is trodden on the faster It grows, yet youth, the more it Is wasted, the sooner it wears.

Well, a friend once said that growing old is optional. In a sense, that may be true as many of my gliding friends are in or approaching their eighties and have an energy and enthusiasm for life that quite belies their age. We also have some very young pilots in the club – one of them is still at school, having gone solo at fourteen. Another, at the age of twenty, is already first officer on a commercial jet! It seems only yesterday that he was a twelve year old flying his model aircraft on the airfield when gliding had finished for the day.

A week or so ago, I was gently put in my place by one lad who spoke in a kindly way to me as though I was his grandfather. It was a difficult day with a nasty cross wind and I really wasn't sure about flying. As I was strapping

myself into the cockpit, he gently encouraged me in much the same manner as I had reassured reluctant pupils when I was a teacher. The comedy of the moment was not lost on me as I closed the canopy and prepared for flight. "Don't worry, you'll be fine," he said. So I checked the airbrakes and asked for the cable to be hooked on and took off. Well, after the flight and one of the worst landings that I have made for a long time, he drove down to tow the glider back. "There you are. That was a really good experience for you," he said in a kindly voice as I struggled to regain my composure.



I have been having great fun with good old EOF, though. She's a rather grand old lady – a proper aircraft made from wood, tubular steel and fabric. When you sit in her cockpit, there is a wonderful smell of doped fabric which takes one back to another age of flying. Compared to the modern, ultra streamlined composite gliders that are now the norm, she is a bit of a dinosaur – a true pterodactyl, in fact. The wings are huge, with a span of fifty feet or so and swept slightly forward. She is often the butt of good-natured insults but everyone wants to fly her. To be honest, I am having problems learning how the fly the PW6 which is the new club trainer and am always glad to get back into EOF!

We have just added an audio variometer to the panel. This gives an audible indication of whether one is climbing or descending. It means that you can look ahead when flying, rather than constantly looking down at the instrument panel.

A couple of weeks ago, around about five on a Sunday evening, I decided to take a launch. Nobody was staying up for more than three or four minutes and I didn't bother to plug in the battery for the audio vario (There is a mechanical one fitted as well).

"See you in a few minutes," I said and took off. As I turned over the stubble fields which were still warm in the evening sun, the vario needle shot up and I felt a strong surge of lift that I turned tightly into, hardly believing my luck. I

cursed myself for not bothering to plug in the battery for our shiny new audio variometer as I occasionally glanced down to the instrument panel to see what old mechanical one was reading! Everywhere I went there seemed to be thermals and I was soon at just over three thousand feet, which is the upper limit that we are allowed to fly over our airfield without intruding on Stansted's airspace. I patrolled around the airfield at that height, occasionally putting on speed to lose height and stay legal. I thought that I had been up for about an hour but had not checked the time when I had taken off. I could see the airfield, far below, getting emptier and emptier as the gliders and equipment were put away. In the end, I spotted a friend's car looking rather forlorn and all on its own as he waited at the launch point to log me down. With a pang of guilt and starting to feel rather thirsty, I began to descend. Except that I couldn't as the lift was so strong. Eventually, I opened the airbrakes and put on speed. The combination of speed and airbrake puts one into a shallow dive to lose height. I had the small perpex window on the side of the canopy open to cool me down, but the noise of the slipstream as I descended rapidly was so loud that it felt a bit like sitting inside a jet engine! I shut the panel and put up with the heat as I came down to circuit height. After landing, I opened the canopy to enjoy the blast of cool air as the tow vehicle arrived to collect me. I'd been up for an hour and twenty five minutes and had a huge grin on my face!

The following Sunday, I had another bit of luck. Once again, it had been a marginal day and most of the high performance plastic gliders were launching and coming down after a few minutes. One friend did four launches before giving up in disgust.



There was the usual cross wind so I had to put one wing down and turn the nose into wind as I went up the launch. Because of the conditions, I only managed just over a thousand feet before releasing the cable above the winch, fully expecting to go straight into a landing circuit. Imagine my surprise, then,

when I turned straight into a very strong thermal which was taking me straight up at six knots! Within a few minutes, I was at three thousand feet, bumping and bouncing in the turbulent air. Again, I had to speed up and use the airbrakes on the wings to keep my height within legal limits. I didn't have much time to admire the pale patchwork of ochre and dark umber stubble fields turning lazily beneath me, with a line of bluish haze running like a misty ribbon across the horizon. Anyone who imagines that flying a glider is a guiet and gentle experience should have been in the cockpit with me as I turned steeply, with bangs and rattles coming from the airframe, as the rough thermals threw me up against my shoulder straps! The heat under the big Perspex canopy was quite intense and I was wet with perspiration. Then my eyes started to sting as sun cream began to run into them. Soon, it was becoming really uncomfortable so I started the ritual of diving, with brakes out, to lose height. At that point, I suddenly ran out of lift and began a very rapid descent before finding more normal conditions in the landing circuit. I made a nice steep turn over some farm buildings and a steady sixty knot approach to land. The tow van came to pick me up but I couldn't hear what the driver was saying to me as my ears were still popping from my rapid descent.

And that is why gliding becomes such a passion. It's a strange mixture of elation, fun, fear and wonder at the sheer power of the elements. As I said, growing old is optional.

That night as I drifted off to sleep, my mind was in the air, turning like a seagull in the hazy blue sky. What better way to end a day?

Late last night I lay in bed, Flying gliders In my head.

"Time for bed," said Zebedee. But not before a sneaky trip down to the kitchen to tidy the fridge and find a furtive snifter or two. And if Florence is there, I'll offer her a sherry. Or not.

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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by Paul Regeli

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Three brothers are at loggerheads over the fate of the family firm, owned by their ailing father. The younger brothers are bitterly resentful of the control exerted by the eldest over their family. The dispute is cut short as the war intervenes and the two younger brothers join up to fight.

The three sisters have their own rivalries. The eldest is unmarried, bitter and fiercely protective of her favourite brother, the youngest of the three, who is flying with Bomber Command. She resents the freedom of the flippantly promiscuous life led by the youngest sister (the editor's mother) who seems to live a charmed life as she flits from one disastrous affair to another. The middle sister is bitter, trapped in a failing marriage and mother to three small girls.

The mother of the family tries to keep the peace between her bickering offspring and support her sick husband as he tries to save his floundering business.

Throw a charming young Polish airman (the editor's father) into the mix and you have an explosive recipe. Dark comedy and tragedy go hand in hand as the story unfolds.

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### Obstructions and Airport Parking

Dear resident,

Recently Essex Police has been receiving a number of calls in relation to airport parking, mainly causing obstructions in the area.

Essex Police can only deal with a vehicle obstruction if it meets the following criteria:

- A vehicle parked in a dangerous position
- An Obstruction to the pavement, not allowing persons to pass freely
- A vehicle causing an obstruction of the road or drive (blocking the drive)
- A skip causing an obstruction or in a dangerous position
- Any other impediment of the free flow of traffic

If the vehicle meets the above criteria an officer, once contacted will be deployed to investigate. If the nature of the obstruction does not fall into the above categories there will be no police attendance.

An officer will not be deployed to airport related parking if the vehicle is taxed, insured and holds an MOT.

You can report any airport related parking issues to BAA Stansted on the following number BAA airport parking hotline: 0800 731 2385

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

Where recorded evidence supports identification of a 'hotspot' BAA 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.

### Contact Essex Police

Non-Emergency number- 101 Local NPT mobile - 07989174801 Emergency-999

Kind regards, Hatfield Heath Neighbourhood Policing Team



### **During the summer**

Before you turn in for the night do the "rounds" some may think it is a bit over the top, but you will feel more confident and not become a victim of "the one time I forgot to shut the window....." Check the simple things: -

- 1. Cars on the drive? are the windows shut and doors locked (don't assume that by pressing the button on the remote it is locked, try the handle too)? Remove valuables from sight. It is worth parking the least expensive car in front of the more expensive one.
- 2. Side gate shut and locked, sheds and garages secure?
- 3. Doors closed and locked, don't forget on that UPVC multi-locking door you may have lifted the handle but until you turn the key on the inside you have not locked all the locks in place.
- 4. Don't forget to check that patio door, someone may have closed it but did they lock it?
- 5. Windows, lift the blinds or open the curtains and check them, the sun may have been on the TV so they were drawn with the window open because it was hot. Ensure all accessible windows are closed and locked, if you live in a bungalow or have flat roofs in unoccupied rooms keep the windows closed and locked but if you need a window open for ventilation in occupied rooms lock the big window and just have the small one open. If you only have bigger windows consider a lockable window restrictor or a small alarm sensor on the window to detect entry.
- 6. Check unnecessary appliances are turned off, and make sure in case of fire that keys are readily accessible to occupants but not in view of possible burglars.
- 7. If you have an alarm, activate the zone for the unoccupied area.
- 8. Car keys, don't take them to bed with you, where possible leave them in noisy drawer/location (if you don't have an alarm, consider a shed alarm or similar to cover that specific area).
- 9. If you do hear a suspicious noise in the house that you are not happy with dial 999, if you have an intruder remember your life is more important than your property, but do get a good description and if possible car index number.

<u>Last bit of advice, going on holiday?</u> Stop the milk and newspaper deliveries and look after each other, get a neighbour and/or friend to keep an eye on your property, ensure neighbours have contact numbers for a key holder and where possible let them park their car on your drive. Basically, if you create the illusion that your house is occupied it is less likely to be broken into.

Stephen Armson-Smith
Essex Police
Crime Prevention Officer – Braintree & Uttlesford districts
Police non-emergency no. 101, extn: 407110

# AIRPORT PARKING

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

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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

# 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

Alternatively, if you do not have access to the internet or prefer to leave your signature and details at the Station House in Sycamore Close, your details will be passed on to the Chair of the Residents Association.

The above link will also be found on the Takeley Parish Council website.

### **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.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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Julia Peachey

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### **Office Opening Hrs:**

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm

### TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

### **MEETING SCHEDULE 2017**

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

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A ragged teddy bear given to a grandparent decades ago, a damaged sleigh that once decorated the town square, a favourite train set a parent would like to pass on to their child Christmas morning, anything of personal sentimental value or importance to a community can be repaired and preserved for generations to come.

The team is especially eager to restore a sleigh that could decorate a town at Christmas time.

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### **TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The following are extracts from the June, July and August Parish Council minutes, which can be viewed on the TPC website: <a href="http://www.takeleypc.co.uk">http://www.takeleypc.co.uk</a>

### The Old School House, Brewers End

Takeley Parish Council is pleased to announce that planning permission has now been granted by UDC and Building Regs have been submitted. Huge thanks go to Mr. John Monk our Project Manager for his time and expertise in guiding us through this process at no cost to TPC. Work specification is near to completion and once finished will go out to tender.

TPC has received a generous donation of £5000 from a member of the public. We have now set up an Old School House bank account and if you wish to donate please make cheques to TPC Old School House or contact the Clerk Julia Peachey.

Email: takeleyparishcouncil@outlook.com Tel: 01279 902434.

### **ECC Councillor Susan Barker reported:**

- She highlighted that she had been re-elected and had taken on two new roles. These were:
- Chairman of the Essex Pension Fund; which provides pensions for ECC staff, Staff
  of District and Borough Councils, Parish Councils, Police, Fire and Teaching staff
- In addition, she confirmed she is acting as Cabinet Member for Culture, Communities and Customer Services
- She went on to update the Council that The Local Development Framework preliminary meeting will occur on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and that corresponding information will be in the public domain on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.
- SB set up a strategic meeting for parishes in mid-July so that various common issues may be dealt with. Rissa Long from Highways will be invited.

### **Takeley Park**

Council Members agreed to support the ethos of Takeley Park's Residents
 Association campaign against further housing development in this area and
 surrounding villages, so long as the campaign did not become a political party
 matter.

It was noted that Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Council, Great Canfield Parish Council, Hatfield Forest and Friends of the Flitch members had signed up to the petition also. All members agreed to support the joint campaign.

It was resolved that the Council would authorise payment for the banners under S137 (Section 20C).

Peter Hewett, Chairman of Residents Association highlighted the blatant misuse
of the layby adjacent to Takeley Football Club on the B183. It was noted that it
was being used by an airport parking company to park cars for long periods. It
was acknowledged that the residents have been subject to constant disturbance
as employees of the company have been delivering cars to the layby at all hours.
Amenity issues have been caused

### **Highways and Transport Issues**

### **Speeding at Priors Green**

- The area between Warwick Road and the Lion and Lamb in Priors Green had been noted as areas of speeding. The police were contacted about an earlier incident in the month. The matter falls within ECC's remit in terms of whether speed cameras will be investigated. Matter reported to Highways.
- Complaint from Ed Howley ref; issues in Priors Green ref: Honey Road not being used for buses with a suggestion the alternate Burgattes road route be used instead as other road was too narrow.
- All four approaches to the Four Ashes junction will be undergoing maintenance.
   The patching on the carriageway surface east of Takeley Four Ashes is now scheduled to be done in late Autumn. Duration will be around five days possibly weekend/evening or night time.

### **Feedback from Highway**

- Traffic Calming Highways has stated they will arrange some follow up surveys.
- It has been confirmed that there is no budget available for planting by the gate as per original plans.
- The council agreed that either astroturf or stones on sheeting could be laid by volunteers.
- Takeley Sign Not yet in place on B1256 Highways has relayed that this may need to be applied for separately
- Smiths Green Sign Highways required further clarification. This was provided by Councillor Patricia Barber and noted below: -

- The request was for the Smiths Green sign to be put back on the Eastern side of the road into Smith's Green at the time the one on the Western side, which had been damaged by a car colliding with it, was being replaced. There had been a sign in place some time ago, but it had disappeared. It was noted that when approaching Smith's Green on the B1256 from Dunmow; particularly when it is dark, signage would make the turning into Smiths Green much easier to see.
- Clerk to report back to Highways on last two items.

### **Planning**

- It was noted a letter had been received from Dunmow Council ref: UDC local plan new garden settlement proposals for Easton Park, Estate lane, West of Great Dunmow.
- Takeley Parish Council agreed that they would in principal oppose the new Garden Settlement at Easton Park however agreed that they would not agree to offer any financial support.

### **Local Plan**

- Consultation on Local Draft Plan has begun and ends 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (Details can be found on Uttlesford District Council's website). Hardcopies of how to respond will be posted out by the District.
- The Parish Council's initial response was circulated and agreed before it was sent out.
- It was noted that the Clerk had received confirmation that UDC's inaccurate map had been amended.
- Clerk attended meeting with Cllr Jackie Cheetham re: "Planning Policy Working Group". Takeley have been allocated 42 dwellings which have been ear-marked for building between 2016 and 2033 as detailed within the local draft plan area consultation document
- The Takeley area is being promoted by a few landowners however UDC have highlighted that due to the Countryside Protection Zone the area was not considered suited to further large-scale development.

### **TLC De-Fib Group**

Both defibs are now installed, one at Silver Jubilee Hall & the other at Priors
Green Committee Hall. The unveiling took place on 15th July. It is noted that the
sum of £500 has been repaid into Takeley Parish Councils account in respect of
an outstanding loan.

### **Stansted Airport**

Stansted Airport made a presentation at SJH on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017. A planning application will be submitted to increase airport movement from 35 million passengers to 44.5 million per year. TPC received further information from SSE. Extension to the scoping report consultation was requested.

### **Other Reports**

- New signs agreed to be erected at Morrells Green. 1 x sticker to cover existing Barkers Tank sign & 1 x sign on village green. Approx. cost £300+ proposed by Cllr Tina Domigan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Sue Sprules – all agreed.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> bin has been installed at Four Ashes.
- Footpath 43 cleared by TPC.
- Woods at Broadfield Rd are overgrown. Countryside have been contacted as this is on the walk to school route.
- Lease Station House lease has been secured for another year £6,000 per annum commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 – rent paid quarterly in advance.
   Mutual break clause requiring three months' notice.

For further information about Takeley Parish Council please contact the Clerk or visit the website: <a href="https://www.takeleypc.co.uk">www.takeleypc.co.uk</a>

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Takeley and Little Canfield

Village Firework Display Friday 3rd November 6.30pm

Button Seed Meadow, Lt Canfield (the field opposite Church Lane, Little Canfield - same as last year)

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The Local Draft Plan Regulation 18 consultation closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. All comments can be reviewed on Uttlesford District Council's website.

Takeley Parish Council responded with its own eight page document, as well as a summary letter at the beginning of the consultation A further joint response with Great Dunmow Council was also made to oppose further Development at Great Easton and expressed particular concern about the levels of traffic this would generate through Takeley. We are currently awaiting Uttlesford District Council's publication of Regulation 19



If you need to contact your local MP – please send an e-mail with your name and address to <a href="mailto:Kemi.bedenoch.mp@parliament.uk">Kemi.bedenoch.mp@parliament.uk</a>
Appointments with Kemi can be booked via e-mail and she will be holding a surgery in Takeley on the

13th October 2017 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

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#### HOW TO COMPLAIN ABOUT AIRCRAFT NOISE

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### Please avoid "complaints fatigue"

- Firstly to the Airport via the SSE website at <a href="http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/noise">http://stopstanstedexpansion.com/noise</a> 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 <u>public.enquiries@nats.co.uk</u>

### · 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)

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Department of Transport
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Or email your letter to aed@dft.gsi.gov.uk

- Your local MP
- Involve your local district/county council

### Takeley FC

Takeley FC are looking for a grounds person to assist with the upkeep of their Club in Station Road. This position would suit a retiree who is able to spare one day per week cutting the grass and carrying out general grass maintenance duties. This one day can be flexible to suit the person, i.e. two half days etc and all relevant machinery is on site. For further information please contact the Chairman, Pat Curran, on 07831 263339.

### **ESSEX HIGHWAYS CONTACT DETAILS**

As you may be aware the <u>Highway.enquiries@essex.gov.uk</u> 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 <a href="https://www.essexhighways.com">www.essexhighways.com</a> 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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPT-Sta-3fl&t=1s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPT-Sta-3fl&t=1s</a>
- To tell us about a compliment, comment and complaint go to

http://www.essex.gov.uk/customer-services/Pages/Complaints,-compliments-and-comments.aspx

• For *Freedom of Information* requests go to

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If you currently use or signpost enquiries to <a href="mailto:highway.enquiries@essex.gov.uk">highway.enquiries@essex.gov.uk</a> 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

Corporate and Customer Services
<a href="Essex County Council">Essex County Council</a>

### Hello

**September**, this is a mass participation cycling event delivered by the organisers of the Tour de France (Amaury Sport Organisation). We have been working with Essex Council over the last few months to secure a closed road section of our cycling event on a short section of the B183. I wanted to get in touch so you could kindly spread the word to the local residents of the closure, of course we will put up advance warning two weeks before the event, conduct letter drops to any residents/business inside the closure and provide a clear and easy diversion for road users. We designed this part of the course to be as undisruptive as possible to the local community, however I felt getting in touch directly was another good course of action.

Attached is the diversion signage we will be putting out on the day and the permissions document provided by Essex County Council. If you would like any further details or think you could benefit from a face to face meeting to go over some of the further details then please do let me know.

Further details about the event can be found here: http://www.letapeuk.co.uk/london.

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### **Proposed Road Closure (Takeley)**

Date: 24/9/17

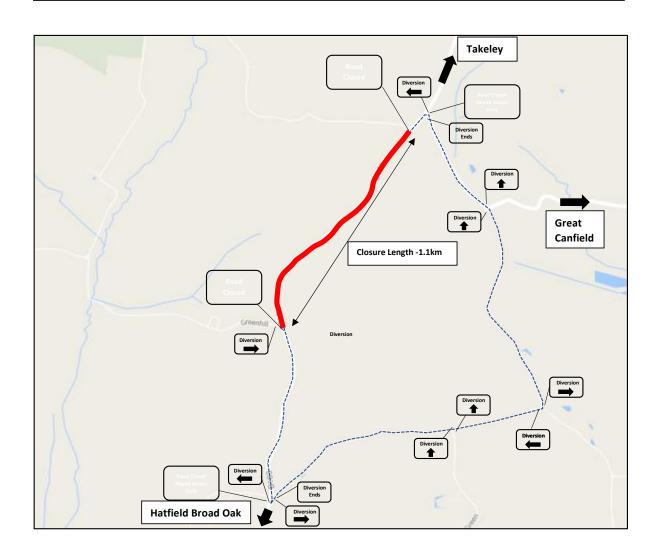
Proposed Closure Timings: 07:00 - 13:30

Location: B183 North of Hatfield Broad Oak. Proposed closure from Greenhill to Unnamed Rd (before Canfield Hart bus

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Residents/Business on Closure: None. Two entrances to farmland. Organiser to liaise with farm owners.

Diversion: As per below.



### Hatfield Broad Oak Youth FC

Football Players Wanted Season 2017 - 2018

Under 10s (year 5) - 7 aside Under 7s (year 2) – 5 aside

Matches normally on Sundays



Youth Football Training only £2 per session

Saturday Morning

Age 4 to 11 years old 9:30am to 10:30am at Hatfield Broad Oak - Village Green September to July

Contact: Mark Strutt - Chairman of HBO Youth FC Mobile 07825940645 Club 01279717169 youth@hbofc.co.uk





### Hatfield Broad Oak FC Vets Team (Over 35s) PLAYERS WANTED

Hatfield Broad Oak FC are expanding and looking for additional Veteran Players over 35 to play in the Essex Greene King Vets League. Kick off 2pm most Saturdays Oct-April. Proper football on grass, decent standard, full contact and 90 minutes play. Enjoy a few pints and food after the game and make new friendships. Good social outlet, periodic events, horse racing & curry nights etc. Well run and funded. 6 years in league well established.

Contact Simon Marshal on 07733 320855 or marshatter@aol.co.uk

### Public notice

The Essex County Council (B183 Dunmow Road, Hatfield Broad Oak and Skreens Park Road (Shellow Road), Roxwell) (Special Event) (L'Etape London Cycling Event) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2017

**Notice is hereby given** that Essex County Council in exercise of its powers under Section 16A-C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, has made the above Order to facilitate the holding of the L'Etape London Cycling Event.

Effect of the order: To prohibit traffic on the following lengths of B183 Dunmow Road, Hatfield Broad Oak and Skreens Park Road (Shellow Road), Roxwell in the District of Uttlesford and City of Chelmsford:

Road	Description	Alternative route		
B183 Dunmow Road, Hatfield Broad Oak	From its junction with Greenhill, north east for a distance of approximately 1100 metres.	B183 Dunmow Road, Cannons Common, Regis Grange Road, Green Street, B183 Dunmow Road and vice versa.		
Skreens Park Road (Shellow Road), Roxwell	From a point approximately 10 metres east of its junction with Elms Farm Access Road (known as Elms Lane), west for a distance of approximately 1400 metres.	Skreens Park Road, Dukes Lane, Cross Street, Ongar Road, A1060 Chelmsford Road, Boyton Cross Lane, Skreens Park Road and vice versa.		

The closures are scheduled to commence on the above dates and times or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting and is required to facilitate the L'Etape London Cycling Event.

Access for emergency vehicles and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure.

The Order may continue in force for up to 3 days unless extended by the Secretary of State

Date: 21 September 2017

County Hall Chelmsford Liz Burr Head of Network Management

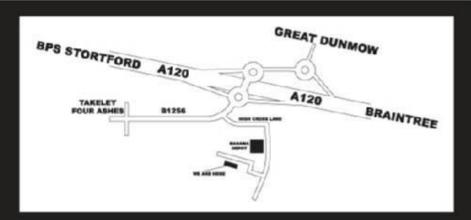


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### Helen Rollason (H.E.A.L.) Cancer Charity

The ladies of the Takeley fundraising group would like to thank Takeley Ladies Circle for organising a fundraising evening on 12<sup>th</sup> July in aid a of the charity which not only raised £122.50 but also resulted in another volunteer for our group and also some for our new support centre at the Herts and Essex Hospital. We would also like to thank everyone who supported our lunch on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July we had a very enjoyable afternoon with a speaker from Canine Partners and raised £619.15.

Our forthcoming events are:

Soup & Pud Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Takeley Xmas Bazaar Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November we will be running the kitchen, gift stall and cake raffle.

Xmas Party Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December with music from Ray Spiller Quiz Night Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Some of our group will also be helping with a Bucket Collection and Awareness Day at Tesco's in Dunmow on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October So if you pop in to shop please drop a few pence in the buckets because as they say at Tesco's 'every little helps'

If you have any unwanted gifts that we can sell at the bazaar or would like any information regarding any of the other events please contact Anne Farr on 01279 871145



# TIDY TAKELEY CALENDAR 2017 Remaining Dates

DATE	LOCATION	
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept (10am)	JACKS LANE (BYWAY 25)	Litter pick Bring the children!
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept (10am)	RECREATION GOUND, off Chestnut Way	Litter pick

### All volunteers welcome

For more information contact Takeley Parish Council

www.takeleypc.co.uk



### Media information

7 July 2017

### Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) announce public consultation on proposal for service changes

People in west Essex are being asked for their views on a proposal designed to make best use of the money available to the local NHS, while helping as many people as possible to live healthier, longer lives and avoid preventable illnesses.

This proposal is being put forward by West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (WECCG) and comes as the CCG faces a number of challenges. The number of people who need health service support is increasing and many people are living longer, often with complex conditions. A limited budget, care that is expensive and national and local shortages of NHS staff mean that we have to make sure that doctors', nurses' and other specialists' time is used wisely.

### The proposal is about:

 Limiting the routine prescription of medicines and products that can be bought without prescription for short-term conditions and minor ailments.

### Dr Rob Gerlis, Chair of West Essex CCG said,

"Wherever possible we are looking to make savings that won't affect the quality of patient care. We are working more closely with our partners in the local health and social care system to avoid duplication and reduce administration costs; laying plans to make more efficient use of technology and buildings and working with those organisations that directly provide services to deliver best value for money."

The CCG has been working with the two Hertfordshire CCGs – East and North Hertfordshire CCG and Herts Valley CCG - as part of a <u>Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)</u>. There are 44 STPs covering all of England, where local NHS and social care organisations have drawn up proposals to improve health and care in the areas they serve. These new partnerships will plan services jointly and are built around the needs of the local population across whole areas, not just those of the individual organisations involved.

### Dr Christine Moss, Clinical Director of West Essex CCG

"We are not acting in isolation; the proposals we are seeking views on are also being put forward in Hertfordshire. While the proposals will, over time, save money they are also

designed to encourage patients to look at freeing up GP appointment time by using the expertise of community pharmacists who can advise on minor illnesses."

"We have to be realistic about what we can afford. In view of this, we will aim to get as wide a range of views. We will be holding public events; speaking to people across west Essex; attending community and local health and social care meetings; taking opinion online and communicating with people via social media."

Details of all these events will be advertised widely on the website - <a href="https://www.westessex.ccg.nhs.uk">www.westessex.ccg.nhs.uk</a> (please copy link and paste into your browser for best effect)

A consultation document has been produced which give more detailed information on the proposal, why we are considering them, and a survey asking you what you think. The survey will be open from 7 July and will close on 14 September. To give your views, go to — <a href="https://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/Overthecounter#">https://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/Overthecounter#</a>

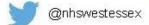
#### **ENDS**

#### Note to editors:

- NHS West Essex CCG serves the communities in Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford and the surrounding areas, approximately 303,000 people.
- The Board is led by elected GPs, a senior nurse, lay members, senior NHS managers and a secondary care consultant. Public Health and Social Services are also represented.
- It is responsible for an annual budget of over £380m.
- · It plans and buys healthcare through:
  - assessing local needs
  - listening to patients and public
  - working in partnership
  - designing services and agreeing contracts
  - WECCG manages quality and performance

Contact: 01992 566140: Out of Hours 07855 126914

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# TAKELEY GARDEN WASTE SKIP COLLECTION

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

Saturday, 1st April until Sat 28th Oct. 2017 Between the hours: 10.30am - 12.30pm

A manned skip will be situated near the entrance to Crumps Farm

RESIDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF ADDRESS

# **BUS PASSENGERS**

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

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

If you have a complaint regarding a bus service operated under contract to Essex County Council (a footnote under the service timetable will state this) please use our complaints 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

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### **UTTLESFORD FOODBANK**

### **Our Vital Stats for August**

We fed 75 people including 25 children 67% of these in Saffron Walden 27% in Great Dunmow We were pleased to help a family in Thaxted via our pick up point in The Library

In the twelve months to Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 we are feeding 69% more people than same period previous year

We took in donations of 100kg and gave out 95kg of food during August

Waitrose customers donated 376kg
Tesco Great Dunmow customers donated 168kg
Tesco Saffron Walden customers donated 162kg

We had a delivery direct from the Company Eat Natural of 71kg of snack bars and cereals

We also switched back on deliveries from Stanstead Airport and received 30kg of food confiscated from passengers at security

### <u>Uttlesford Foodbank 5 year plan</u>

- Short term: Move to Independent Charitable Status,
- Medium term: Acquire our own van
- Long term: Acquire own premises: Warehouse with Client meet and greet reception area

If there is anyone who feels they may be able to help the Foodbank with their five year plan please do not hesitate to get in contact with:-

Malcolm Domb Co-ordinator Uttlesford Food Bank 07531 436335



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# **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

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### Takeley Cricket Club May 2017



Having been in second place in the Division 2 table with 2 games to play, our 1<sup>st</sup> XI lost the final two games of the season and finished in sixth place, such was the competitive nature of the league this year. In fact, going into the last weekend of the season, any of the top 6 sides could have been promoted. As it was, our final two opponents - from Ilford Catholics and South Loughton were the top two sides and will play in Division1 next year. Both games were close and if we had not had a form dip in mid-season when a few players were also missing, we might easily have ended as League winners. Skipper Liam Brown topped the sides batting average this season with an impressive 870 runs from 14 innings, including 3 centuries. Liam's average was 79, and vice-Captain Chris Thake also finished with an average above 50. On the bowling front the highest wicket taker was Tom Brown with 21, followed by Pat Roach and Tim Way who both took 16 apiece. We were very pleased to have the services of fast-improving youngsters Coby and Olly Miles who took 14 and 11 wickets respectively and also to have Vamsi Madhav playing more regularly (until he unfortunately broke a finger in mid season)

The other key event that occurred was our first ever League Cup win, at Stansted CC on Tuesday evening 18<sup>th</sup> July. We went into the final as underdogs against Division 1 League leaders (and eventual winners) Nazeing Common, but batting first we set them a decent target of 166. Some tight bowling and clinical catching saw us run out winners by 9 runs on the night, with Damon Miles taking the man of the match accolade with 25 not out and 4-29 from his 4 overs. Thanks are also due to our amazing supporters who turned out in great numbers on the night.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 also challenged for promotion from Div 4 of the league, having only been promoted the previous season, but some results went against us in the latter part of the season and we ended up in 5<sup>th</sup> place, but 89 points above the team in 6<sup>th</sup>. A highly creditable performance overall. At the time of writing this article, the teams results are still awaiting update into our website, and the final averages are not therefore available.

We have one final Sunday game to play before putting the season to bed, but the Sunday friendly side has also been successful, winning 6 and losing 3 of the 9 games played to date. The Sunday side is a great platform for our younger players and regulars this season have included Matty and Jake Yeoman, Toby Cobbe and Jack Ramsden, with Ben Furrer another good young player keen to play more regularly next season.

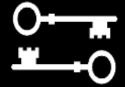
One final date for the diary is our Autumn quiz which will be held on Saturday 28th October. Tables can be booked through myself on either 01279 871055 or 07887 767713.

Malcolm Brown, Secretary, Takeley Cricket Club

# TAKELEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY UNLOCKING THE PAST

http://tlhs.org.uk

chairman@tlhs.org.uk



Our late summer outing this year will be a guided tour of Cressing Temple Barns and the date has now been fixed for Saturday 30th September 10.30am. There will be a £5 a head charge to cover the guide. If you would like to join us

on this trip please contact Phyllis Altham on 01279 871615

Cressing Temple, between Witham and Braintree, is of supreme interest for its buildings and gardens.



Given to the Knights Templar in 1137, its Grade I-listed Barley and Wheat Barns, built in the 13th century, are among the oldest timber barns and few surviving Templar buildings in England.

And finally, at our last meeting of the year on 14<sup>th</sup> November speaker David Gunn will talk about his own career in the Army and his son's experiences when serving in Afghanistan. If you have attended the Remembrance parade at Takeley War Memorial in the last few years you will have heard David say a few words relevant to the occasion. This is an opportunity to hear more about the life and experiences of two local people who have served in the modern army.

We are currently arranging a varied set of talks and visits for next year so watch out for details in the Spring Newsletter.

Steve Hazon, Chairman, Takeley Local History Society

### Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon

### Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 16th June 1888.

### BORROWING A PIPE.

Thomas Aylett, grocer, of Takeley, was charged with stealing a meerschaum pipe, value 10s, the property of Mr Charles Cass, on June 9th. -- Mr Snell appearing for the defence, -- Prosecutor, a carpenter, of Hatfield Broad Oak, said he was in the 'Ashes' at Takeley, on Saturday morning. He had been smoking his pipe as he went along, and when he arrived at the place he put it on the shelf in the bar. He was working at the place, and when he looked for his pipe about eleven o'clock it was gone. He complained to the police, and in the afternoon of the same day, he saw it in the possession of the police. Defendant was in the 'Four Ashes' in the morning- In cross-examination witness said he had always known the defendant as a respectable man, but he could not say whether this was done for a lark. He was sorry this had occurred, and had no wish whatsoever to press the case, Harry Cass, nephew of the last witness, deposed to seeing the pipe on the shelf in the bar when three of them were there together. -- In cross-examination witness said defendant told him a man from Easton had taken the pipe and he had fetched it back, -- P.c. Clark said after he had received a complaint from the prosecutor he saw the defendant, who denied taking a meerschaum pipe from the place, but shortly after his return to Takeley the defendant drove up to the workshop of Harry Cass and produced the pipe in question, which was identified by the prosecutor.

Defendant said he had been over to Easton to get the pipe since he had seen the policeman, but he declined to give the name of the man as he did not wish to incriminate him. Defendant elected to be dealt with summarily and pleaded not guilty.

Mr Snell, in addressing the magistrates spoke of the good position occupied by the defendant and said the pipe was taken by his client in order to have a smoke going home, when he heard the affair was in the hands of the police, he became frightened and told a lie about the matter. Later however he took the pipe back to Cass. His client regretted having taken the pipe but he did not do so with any felonious intent. The Bench inflicted a penalty of £1 and costs.

(Note: Meerschaum -a fine light whitish clay, once supposed to be a petrified seafoam.)

### Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 24th November 1888.

### BOILER EXPLOSION.

A portable engine, belonging to Mr Gowlett, of Takeley, was at work on Wednesday, threshing corn in the farmyard at Little Canfield Hall, occupied by Mr Frankham. The next morning his man Gipp, got up steam, and fortunately for himself, left the spot to see to other matters. As he was on the point of returning, a loud explosion

occurred. The burning coals were hurled over the yard and set fire to the straw. No one was near enough to receive injury, and the flames were quickly extinguished, although at first the danger of an extensive conflagration appeared so imminent that the Dunmow Fire Engine was sent for, being subsequently stopped by a second messenger when it was found that its help would not be needed. The force of the explosion bulged the boiler out, although it does not seem to have actually burst it, and wrecked the fire box.

### Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 28th July 1888.

### DEFICIENT MEASURES.

Charles Rawlings (aged 60), beerhouse keeper of the 'Mole', Takeley, pleaded guilty to having in his possession two earthen measures which were unjust, at Takeley, on 4th July. Supt Ackers said he found two earthen pint mugs at defendant's place, one nearly 1 once short, and the other about the same -- fined 10s and costs.

(Note: The Mole was in School Lane. Mole Hill Green)

### Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 2nd June 1917.

### THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK ON SPARROW CLUBS.

The Countess of Warwick contributes her views in Wednesdays Daily Chronicle upon the subject of 'Sparrow Clubs' under the heading of "Misguided Zeal" her Ladyship says "Sparrow Clubs are now established throughout England, and there has been a great effort to stimulate their activity. I cannot help thinking that these institutions may do more harm than good. It has been suggested that children should take the nests and young of sparrows. Now the house sparrow, the only bird against which the agriculturist brings serious charges, builds as a rule out of the reach of children. Round my home it seems to choose the thatch of barn and cottage, to which children cannot get unaided. But the delightful hedge-sparrow which, of course, is not a true sparrow at all builds in the lanes and bye-ways, and I believe the comparatively rare tree-sparrow may be found too, and just now, when nests are most plentiful, the misguided zeal of the club organisers will sacrifice countless eggs and young of the insect eating birds that are our best friends. In this way the interests of the country suffer. Quite apart from this aspect of the question there is another very wide importance. There is in many children an instinct towards cruelty that can be eradicated quite successfully by careful treatment, and can be developed to a hideous extent by the neglect of parents and guardians to enforce John Ruskin's famous maxim that he who is not actively kind is cruel. What can we hope for from children who are taught that it is their duty to catch sparrows or take the fledglings from their nests and destroy them in any ugly fashion they like? I defy any human being who has been fairly trained and had normal tendencies to regard a bird that has done him no harm with any save the kindliest feeling, and whatever the depredations of the sparrow may be, they have never done the smallest harm to the children asked, encouraged or permitted to destroy them. Cruelty is a fearful disease to plant in a child, and I would most earnestly beg every mother of little ones who reads this to

see to it that none of those whom she controls is guilty of the destruction of bird life. If it is perfectly clear and beyond the possibility of doubt that sparrows are harmful to man and must be kept in check, let the necessary steps by people old enough to know what they are doing and humane enough to do it in the quickest and most effective fashion. In any case let nothing be done in the sight of children. Who can doubt that if we would deal as we should with the life around us and regard ourselves as trustees, the measure of cruelty in the world would be reduced! I would even go further and declare that for all the evil we inculcate or condone, humanity must in the long run pay the fullest penalty. There will be many who feel with me that the beauty of this beautiful month is clouded by thought of the cruelty, that every day must witness. Even in the few places upon which the shadow of world war does not fall".

### Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 2nd June 1917

### MIDNIGHT INCIDENTS AT GREAT CANFIELD.

Robert Warren, dealer, of Great Canfield, was summoned for using indecent language, and also with having no lights on a vehicle, at Great Canfield, on May 10th. P.c. Warnes stated that at 11 p.m. he met defendant driving home with no lights on his cart. He stopped the horse and asked defendant where his lights were, the defendant replied that they were alight. Witness examined the lamps and they were quite cold, the candles having burnt out. Defendant had been drinking but was not drunk. At midnight, as he was passing defendant's house he heard defendant in his garden making use of very bad language. He called to defendant over the hedge to stop it - Defendant said he had been working at Little Hadham that day and was very tired. He had tried to keep his lamps alight on the way home.

Defendant was fined £1 for having no lights and 15s for using indecent language.



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Location	Venue	Day	Start	Session
Takeley	Jubilee Hall	Monday	7pm	Juniors
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Aythorpe	Village Hall	Wednes	7pm	Juniors
Roding		Wednes	8pm	Seniors
Braughing	Old Boys School	Thursday	7pm	Combined
Hatfield Broad	Scout Hut	Thursday	6pm	Juniors
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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.

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