

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING LEADEN RODING VILLAGE HALL

GOOD FRIDAY 10TH APRIL

**COME ALONG FOR A CHAT WITH A DRINK AND HOT
CROSS BUNS**

Owing to the current emergency
it has been decided to **CANCEL**
this Event.

Look out for something similar in
the Summer?

**ALSO RAFFLE, PLANTS FOR SALE, CAKES &
TOMBOLA**



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Introducing Rev'd Robert Stone.

Dear Neighbours,

What a joy to have moved into the Rectory at Leaden Roding and to be getting to grips with what it might mean to be your Vicar.

I am an Essex lad through and through and was born at Frenches Farm, Felsted, not in the stable but not far away.

I grew up in Felsted and Little Dunmow. I made my own Christian commitment aged 18 and realised this would have a long-lasting impact as I started working out

what this meant for my life.

I was licensed as a Lay Preacher aged 27 and served in this capacity until I was ordained in 2016 and I have been the curate at St. Peter's Parish Church in Bocking for the last three and half years. Throughout all of that time I was working full-time in Local Government first for Essex County Council and most recently for Chelmsford City Council. I applied for the post of Vicar here after doing a three-month placement here early in 2019. Having already taken services in the area in my capacity as a Lay Preacher the placement felt like being amongst old friends.

I am married to Annie and we have five children although two have already flown the nest. Our youngest son is in his final year at Rodings Primary School so I can often be seen at school at pick up time.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the days ahead. Please don't be shy if you see me around and want to have a chat.

Every Blessing,
Rev'd Robert Stone

March Services at Leaden Church

8th March 11.00am (Rev.J.Haywood)

22nd March 9.30am (Rev.C.Hawkes)

See Parish News for other 9 Churches



**VELO
ESSEX**

Coming to the Village Sept. 20th see pages 16 -19

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There are lots of people involved in various organisations throughout the village. Most give their time for free, helping to organize weekly gatherings, meetings and events.

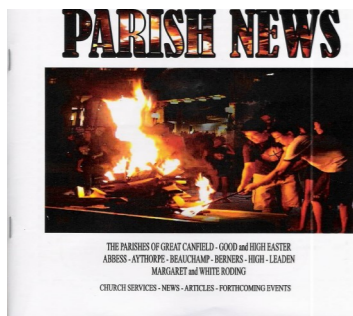
All organizations would love to see some new faces. Yes it might be a bit scary first time, but a first phone call and chat will break the ice and ensure that the welcome mat is there to greet you.

SO GIVE ONE A TRY.

Thanks to all contributors to the magazine.

MORE REQUIRED

Last date for contributions for June by 10th May please.



Contact Phil Sutterby to order your copies of the Parish Magazine.

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Want to make a comment on the Leaden Reading? Want to make a contribution? Would you like to see something different? If no-one tells me, I don't know! Please e-mail : leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk

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Watch out for Events Happening in the monthly Parish News, the Village Notice Board or The Village Hall Notice Board

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See her website for surgery dates
See page 24 for more details



A mammal you are less likely to see in winter despite not hibernating is the Water Vole. Although numbers continue to improve slowly, the Water Vole was an endangered species in the 1990's with almost a 90% decline in population at that time due to loss of habitat and the increase in numbers of Mink as a major predator. The UK now has a programme of reintroduction along with more considerate waterway management to aid their recovery, although they remain at risk. One mammal that appears to be thriving locally is the Grey Squirrel, I saw eight in one short section of ditch in Leaden Woods. Rabbits seem to be holding their own numbers wise, although I have seen fewer foxes this year than in previous years.

I look forward to a period of dry and warm weather soon so we can enjoy the spring sunshine and all that will bring in the Countryside.

Best Wishes to you all.

Ken.



In the meadows behind "The Room in the Rodings", Bauchamp Roding Village Hall stands the outside wedding Meadow Pavillion where couples "tie the knot" throughout the year.

But this winter it is only used by "themed wedding's. i.e. sub mariners or channel swimmers.



Jackdaw



Kestral



Coot



Mole



Muntjac Deer



Water Vole

Winter in Leaden Roding by Ken Pavitt

As I reflect on the winter just past, it seems hard to believe that in the February of 2019 we were basking in record high temperatures of 20 degrees and yet in 2020 we have had rain, rain and more rain - what a difference a year makes!! In the Rodings we are fortunate not to suffer the level of flood waters seen in the Midlands, the west and north of the UK, although at times driving locally has thrown up some very large puddles to navigate. The fields are all saturated and pretty much every ditch has been full to the brim for the last few months with the River Roding overflowing its banks in all the usual places.

The swollen rivers have meant the water loving birds have thrived, I saw three Egrets close to Wapers Mill wading across the flooded fields and I have also seen a couple of Herons. The Ducks, Moorhens and Coots have already settled into their mating pairs. The Rooks are noisily starting to make repairs to last years nests and you can often spot them sitting on the telegraph wires leaning into the strong westerly winds. The resident Jackdaws of Leaden Close are busy building their nests in the chimney pots.

I have seen more Kestrels locally this year than I have in the last couple of years. It seems the Red Kites and Buzzards are also doing well with increased numbers circling above the local fields. My daughters dog came across a Red Kite feeding on some prey, the bird abandoned its kill but circled close over my daughter and her dog until they moved away. Barn Owls have also been seen more frequently around the Rodings. The Fieldfares and Redwings will soon be returning to their summer nesting grounds, I have seen fewer of these birds than in recent years. I have seen six Woodcock on Matching Aerodrome, which is six more than I saw last year. The local Woodpeckers have been heard 'drumming' on trees and I'm sure all other species will soon be pairing up ready for mating.

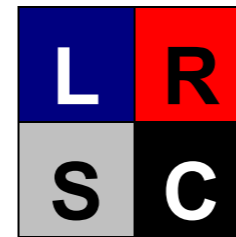
I have heard that some people are seeing less of the small native birds in their gardens compared to recent years but this could be down to the milder conditions and a plentiful supply of food in the local hedgerows. However we seem to have an increase in the number of birds visiting our garden, we recently took part in The RSPB Birdwatch and in our 1 hour watching we saw the following birds.

15 Starlings
6 Hedge Sparrows
9 Blue Tits
6 Great Tits
4 Blackbirds
12 Jackdaws
28 House Sparrows
2 Robins
5 Collared Doves
7 Long Tailed Tits
1 Wren

Please be aware that if we do have a prolonged cold spell the native gardens birds will need to depend on the feeders in your garden so keep them topped up.

Spring is making a slow appearance this year. The Daffodils have replaced the Snow Drops and the Primroses are also now starting to emerge and flower. I have also seen some Violets in sheltered positions around the villages. The Catkins on the Hazel Nut trees have also been out for a while although there is less evidence of their yellow pollen so far and as yet I still haven't seen any bees on the flowers.

Muntjac Deer numbers appear to be down this year as do all other species of Deer, although there is one large herd of 20+ head which gather in the middle of the field opposite the Axe & Compasses on a regular basis. Badgers are now digging out their water logged setts, a task they may end up repeating several times this year! Other mammals affected by the saturated ground include Moles who have evolved the instinct to head for higher ground, often en masse, whenever their tunnel networks are threatened by water. Their weather predictions are legendary, it's said that if during a cold snap you see Moles throwing up fresh earth it's a sign of an impending thaw in the next 48 hours, but if they throw up more earth than usual then rain is coming!



What's on in the Village Hall



See the back page for details of the annual **GOOD FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING**

Regular Events

Bowls matches (see page 5)

Practice Bowls & Social Evening (Fridays from 8pm until 11pm)

Quiz nights every 2 weeks on Mondays from 8.30pm—next quiz Monday 16th March

Bar is open at all the above events (Prices are well below pub prices)

LEADEN RODING VILLAGE HALL TRUST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE LEADEN RODING VILLAGE HALL TRUST WILL TAKE PLACE IN LEADEN RODING VILLAGE HALL ON

MONDAY 18th MAY 2020 AT 8PM (subject to change)

If there are any nominations for the position of Trustee, these need to be presented in writing to the

Secretary, Ann Bush by 1st April 2020

Contact details Dave Clayden, Chair, 30 Holloway Crescent, Leaden Roding, Essex



VILLAGE HALL CREAM TEAS

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

2.30PM UNTIL 4.30PM

31st May, 28th June,

26th July, 30th August &

27th Sept.

Tombola, Sales & Raffle

HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

In recent months there have been some hirers who have left the village hall dirty and on some occasions damaged. It is up to every hirer to leave the hall in the state in which they found it. PLEASE HIRERS - ABIDE BY THESE CONDITIONS.

[You may be charged for any damage or for any additional cleaning or repairs](#)



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60% goes to good causes

£25,000 Jackpot!

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www.essexlottery.co.uk

and search for: **Leaden Roding**

Players must be 16 years and over and physically based in the UK



SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

Now you can support the village hall and you could win yourself £25,000!

The Essex Lottery has recently been launched and if you go to the “Leaden Village Hall Trust” page, from the home page, a proportion of your entry fee will go towards the upkeep and improvement of the village hall.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ENTER, GO VIA THE LEADEN VILLAGE HALL TRUST PAGE.

www.essexlottery.co.uk

A BIG “THANK YOU” to those who already support the lottery.

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THERE'S BEEN WINNERS IN THE VILLAGE.

Contact the Leaden Reading by e-mail with all your news, what's on, what's happened leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk or to 19 Lordswood View
Want a copy of a photo? Send your request to the above contact address.



Have Your Say on the Future of Rural Essex

Help shape the refreshed Essex Rural Strategy

What matters to you the people who live and work in our rural communities?

Public Consultation is open until 30/03/20

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/rci/essex-rural-strategy-2020-consultation/>



The refreshed Essex Rural Strategy will:

- Set out a shared vision for the future of rural Essex
- Highlight priorities for action over the next four years
- Represent the needs of rural Essex to all levels of Government
- Encourage greater collaboration between organisations working in rural Essex
- Provide an evidence base for new initiatives for funding bids

The Strategy is being prepared by the Essex Rural Partnership which brings together a wide range of organisations to co-ordinate action on the major challenges facing the county's rural areas.



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- Orsett
- Thorpeness
- Woodbridge
- Thorpe Hall
- Gog Magog



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PRICES: Weekdays £8.50 per hour

Weekends £9.00 per hour

Saturday Evenings 7.00pm until midnight £90.00

SPEAK TO IVY 01279 876568 TO BOOK



Children and Families:

The Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Cllr Louise McKinlay is leading on a project to develop a better package for care leavers. This includes improving access to and quality of housing, developing better work experience opportunities for care leavers and reducing the impact of Council Tax on care leavers. At a recent meeting of Leaders and Chief Executives from across Essex, leaders were in agreement to exempt care leavers from council tax up to the age of 21.

Cllr McKinlay also presented an update to the leaders and chief execs on the JAMs (Just about managing) project. This project looks to Help 'hard working families' that sit just above the need for intervention - identified with reference to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation Minimum Income Standard (MIS). ECC are currently in the data gathering stage on this project and more information will be available once the data has been analysed

.In February, Cllr McKinlay is holding a workshop with parents and officers to develop a 3 year strategy for overnight respite care for children with disabilities.

Councillor Susan Barker

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Leaden Roding Bowls Club

The club is open to all so if you fancy a game come along to the club night on Friday evenings from 8pm.

Friendly matches take place every couple of weeks and anyone of any skill level is welcome to take part. Most evening matches also includes a supper, raffle and a bar at some venues.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Anyone can enter the competitions. Come along on a Friday evenings (from 8pm) for a practice.



Nell Peck—March 13th & Sept 11th 7.30

Bowlathon— June 20th 11.00am

HJG Village Idyllic—July 10th 7.30

Rob Simpson Tankard—Aug. 14th 7.30

Memorial Pairs - 16th Oct 7.30

Betty & Ken Rolph Trophy.—Nov.13th 7.30

If you would like to enter any of the above please contact Paul Perkins 01279 876588

2020 FIXTURES

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GOOD EASTER	H	Feb 5th	7:30	6	2	0
FINCHINGFIELD	H	Feb 19th	7.30	7	0	1
BROOMFIELD	A	Feb 27th	7:15	3	2	3
GT. WALTHAM	A	March 6th	7.30			
STEBBING	A	March 12th	7.30	Cancelled		
GT WALTHAM	H	March 25th	7.30			
DUNMOW U R	H	April 1st	7:30			
BROOMFIELD	H	April 15th	7:30			
BARNSTON	H	May 20th	7.30			
CHIGNAL	A	May 26th	7.15			
LITTLE EASTON	H	June 3rd	7:30			
ROXWELL	H	June 10th	7.30			
ROXWELL	A	June 29th	7.30			
BLACK NOTLEY	A	July 13th	7.30			
PLESHEY	A	July 23rd	7.30			
CHIGNAL	H	Aug 5th	7.30			
STEBBING	H	Sept 2nd	7.30			
BLACK NOTLEY	A	Sept 9th	7.30			
GREAT CANFIELD	H	Sep 16th	7.30			
LITTLE EASTON	A	Sept 21st	7.30			
DUNMOW U R	A	Oct 5th	7:30			
PLESHEY	H	Oct 21st	7.30			
FINCHINGFIELD	A	Oct 29th	7:30			
GREAT CANFIELD	A	Nov 10th	7:30			
BARNSTON	A	Nov16th	7:30			



**Essex County Inter League
Champions 2020**
Leaden Roding Bowls Club
Paul & Ashly Perkins, Nigel Bentley & Ray Bell

Last year the club played 25 matches.
Won 9
Lost 9
Drew 7
And everyone had a great time.

More fixtures will be added during the year. Everyone welcome to come to watch and have a drink. (But see below)

DO YOU FANCY PLAYING. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU HAVE NOT PLAYED BEFORE, COME TO THE HALL FROM 8PM ON FRIDAYS FOR A CHAT AND A PRACTICE.

YOU'LL BE SURPRISED HOW EASY IT IS TO PLAY.

The outside green is to be renovated in early spring and should be ready to play on in May/June.



1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group

The Beaver Scout Colony - 5 and three quarters to 8 years old-

Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.15pm

1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group & Dragonian Explorer Unit

Beaver Colony – age five and three quarters to eight years

The Beavers finished the year with a reverse Christmas Party. They walked to St Nicholas Church Fyfield with food for the Food bank and then walked back to the Scout HQ to have their party food.

At the first meeting of the Spring term the Beavers had a Log Chew about what they had done over the Christmas holidays. Also, they heard that the Beavers will be going to a water activity centre in the summer term and they talked about what they would like to do. Wobble boarding and rafting were the two most popular events. After this they played blind fold games including following a blind trail. This coming term they are also looking forward to an evening of Archery.

At the end of this meeting the Beavers were all awarded with their Communicators badge and their Scientist badge. Two Chief Scout Bronze Awards were presented to Ava Grist and Finlay Grist. This is the highest award that a Beaver Scout can gain. After this presentation Ava and Finlay swam up to Cubs and were welcomed by David Gordon our Cub Scout Leader.

We do have some spaces in the Beaver colony.

If you need further details please contact me on the phone or email details at the end of this article.

Cub Scout Pack – age seven & a half to 11years

The Cub pack made painted glass lantern to sell at the Craft Fayre at the beginning of December. They had a Christmas Party playing lots of games and having lots of party food. At the first meeting of the Spring Term the Cubs held a Cub Pack Forum where they discussed what they would like to do for the term and also select the activities they would like to do on a visit to the Water Activity centre in Broxbourne later in the year.

The Cubs then played some games before the presentation of their badges earned during last term. These were Science badge and Fire Safety, Book reader and Snow Sports. David presented Reece Speller and Alfie Grimmette with their Chief Scout Silver Award. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn.

We invested new Cubs. Isla, Tilly, Sophie, Emily, Blake, Henry, Charlie L and Charlie C. Fabian and we will welcome Ava and Finlay from Beaver Scouts.

Two of the cubs Reece and Marley will be going over the rope to the Scout Troop on the 23rd January.

Scout Troop – age ten and a half to fourteen years

To finish the end of the term in 2019 the Scout troop went to the Ice Rink in Chelmsford.

The first camp of the year took place on January 10th to 12th January. This was to the Pedal Car Olympics a national event held at the Thriftwood Scout site in Brentwood. This was a weekend in tents. Jack Riggs one of our Scout leaders was also being assessed for a Nights Away Permit.

We had four teams entered in the event and they were kept busy from 7.00am to 11.00pm each day. There were eleven different races, so everyone was kept busy. All the other site activities were also open to all the Scouts and Explorer teams all weekend.

One of the races was dismantling a pedal car and carrying the parts over and under obstacles and then reassembling. There was a sprint race which Thomas Benton came first and was awarded with a first-place medal. Another race the driver of the car was blindfolded and directed by the team members not blindfolded. Very funny to watch. All competitors took part in the endurance race which went around the campsite. In the evening there were other activities for the campers including a silent disco. It was a brilliant weekend and they all said they wanted to go next year. So, 16 happy scouts and Explorer Scouts and a happy Jack Riggs as he gained his Nights Away Permit. A huge thank you to Jack, Peter Wick and Vicki Wood for helping all over the weekend.

We have a few spaces for new scouts to join as several Scouts have moved up to Explorer Scouts this term. If you need further details, please contact the phone or email details at the end of the article.

All events are being co-designed and supported in partnership with Essex's local communities via the six Essex 2020 'collaborative hubs' of arts, business, education, community and local authority organisations that will steer programming in local areas, with each managed by a lead organisation:

- Uttlesford: Stansted Airport College
- Chelmsford, Brentwood, Basildon and Maldon: Chelmsford Ignite
- Thurrock, Rochford, Southend and Castle Point: Focal Point Gallery
- Harlow and Epping Forest: Harlow Creative Ways
- Braintree: Braintree Cultural Education
- Tendring and Colchester: Signals.

Through participation in science and creativity, Essex 2020 will help deliver *The Future of Essex* ambitions to **Unite behind a sense of identity** and **Strengthen communities through participation**.

For more information about Essex 2020, please contact Essex2020@alwayspossible.co.uk.

Rough Sleeping:

ECC formed a partnership with four district councils to launch the Essex Rough Sleeper Outreach Service in the summer of 2019. The service operates in Chelmsford, Maldon, Braintree and Epping Forest. The partnership commissioned CHESS, a local voluntary sector provider with a history of expertise in working with local rough sleepers to provide personalised support and accommodation, assisting rough sleepers to break the cycle of homelessness and move into sustained housing. As a result in the first six months the partnership has helped 82 rough sleepers.

If a member of the public is concerned about a rough sleeper they can make a report to Street Link and a trained professional from CHESS will make contact with the individual. Street Link can be contacted via the Street Link app or by going online at <https://www.streetlink.org.uk/>.

Homelessness:

ECC recognises that homelessness goes beyond rough sleeping. ECC commissioned the voluntary organisation Peabody in April 2019 to provide advice and support to households at risk of losing their home in the county. Peabody provides people with support and advice on: Money management advice, housing law, attending court, housing benefit and wider benefit advice. Peabody helped over two thousand Essex families and individuals with their housing in the first six months of the financial year.

Essex Housing:

The Essex Housing Team continue to work alongside public sector partners to identify vacant or under-utilised public assets for high quality housing to meet general and specialist needs of Essex residents. Most recently, the scheme at Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford achieved practical completion on 6 December, generating 18 private and 8 specialist apartments for adults with disabilities to live independently with an on-site carer.

A design team has also been appointed to explore options to redevelop the Shenfield Library site to include a brand-new library building with high spec apartments above. The team will be asked to explore a range of options that will include rebuilding the library to ensure the best use of the space available. We will be working closely with the library service to design the library so that it is a modern, fit for purpose building which is in line with ECC's new library strategy and will better serve the local community. A full costed design will be brought back to members for decision before any action is taken on site.

A planning application has been submitted for a proposed development at Shernbroke, Epping Forest, which will provide 10 specialist apartments for young people transitioning to adult services and 14 private apartments to help meet local housing need. The outcome of the planning application is expected in late January 2020.

Essex Highways Member led footway scheme:

Cllr Kevin Bentley invited all Members at ECC to nominate up to five footway defects for consideration for priority repair - the work, wherever possible was to be resolved in addition to the already scheduled forward capital works programme in place for footways.

Officers have been working hard to assess, schedule and mobilise the resources needed to deliver the repairs Members asked for. ECC's plan has always been to assess the sites identified over the coming months and deliver works to resolve them by the end of the financial year in March 2020

Cllr Barker's Parish Update – January 2020

Essex County Council Budget 2020/2021:

The Council's Cabinet will meet to approve the proposals on Tuesday 21 January, before they go to Full Council for final approval on Tuesday 11 February.

The proposals include an extra £5million for highways to enable investment in improving the condition of roads and pavements, and new investment in technology to support social care case management, more money to help meeting increased demand for home to school transport and adults and children's social care.

A further, more detailed update will follow after the Full Council meeting.

Essex Climate Change Commission:

ECC is in the process of setting up an independent, cross party Climate Action Commission, which will have a high profile independent chair and representation from ECC Members, academics and experts in their field. This Commission will, over its two year life, make recommendations to the County Council for actions to be taken to help tackle climate change and reduce carbon emissions across Essex. Cllr Finch has allocated a reserve of £5m in the budget for the implementation of recommendations from the Commission.

Essex Forest Initiative:

The Essex Forest Initiative was launched in Tree Week on the 23rd November 2019 with Cllr Finch and Andy Wright, the CEO of Braintree Council along with local school children planting 61 trees

All forestry projects depend on finding the land to plant up and people enthusiastic to improve their environment. ECC will start with our own land and land for approximately 50,000 trees has already been identified. In addition, ECC are working with our partners in the district and borough authorities to plant on their land. As for enthusiastic tree planters, ECC are being contacted by charities, parishes, communities and individuals and are now asking these partners to begin to work up their tree planting proposal so ECC can make a long-term difference to these areas of Essex which will make up the new Essex Forest.

ECC are particularly keen to engage work with the parishes in Essex as we know they are passionate about improving their villages and towns. If you have areas of land where the landowner is happy to plant trees and local people keen to plant the tree then please e-mail environment@essex.gov.uk. The team will send you a form to get all the necessary information for the tree planting scheme and a planting agreement. The Essex Forest Initiative is a 5 year project so ECC will have plenty of time to make a real difference to your local environments and doing our bit for the climate change global challenge.

Essex 2020:

Essex 2020 is an Essex-wide, year-long programme of science and creative events, exhibitions, festivals, performances, workshops, activities and opportunities for every Essex resident to be a part of. It offers a unique opportunity to celebrate Essex's pioneering past and embrace the future to create a sense of identity and pride that can drive prosperity.

Essex 2020 aims to deliver:

- 350+ events
- 500,000+ participants

100s of businesses, schools and community organisations taking part.

Residents can check out all the details of events registered so far here at www.Essex2020.com and find out more about the specific events in their area Through the website, organisations and community groups are able to submit expressions of interest/event proposals, so that they too can become a part of this landmark programme.

Parishes are asked to spread the word about this very special year of events and encourage residents to check out the Essex 2020 social media channels:

- https://twitter.com/essex_2020
- https://www.instagram.com/essex_2020/
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkrZUvwcSerOjfGWfkh0NuQ/about>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Essex2020>

Dragonian Explorer Scout Unit – age fourteen to eighteen years

The Unit has grown over the last few months and now has 19 members. They are nearly all working on their Duke of Edinburgh Award as well as the Scouting chief Scout Awards.

The unit plan their meetings, and everyone gets a turn at doing this and running an evening for the unit.

Caitlin Clark has also been awarded with her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this term and is now working on her Silver Award.

Eight of the Explorers took part in the pedal car Olympics which they all enjoyed.

1st Moreton & Fyfield Group news

We have had several fundraising events over the last two months. These have all been successful. We held a Beetle Drive in November for the children. We had a small attendance, but all there really enjoyed themselves. The next event was a Christmas Craft Fayre on December 1st. This was very successful, and the HQ was full of tables and produce and crafts and lots of people too.

We also held a Christingle service on the 1st of December at St Nicholas Church Fyfield. This was also very well supported, and we sent £125.00 plus a donation of £30.00 to the Church of England Children's Society.

We have three Explorer Scouts who were selected to attend the European Jamboree in Poland later this year and we wish them well with raising the funds to attend.

Brian Baldry

With great sadness we were told of the death of Brian at the beginning of December. He was a leader with our group for over five years with his wife Susan. Katy his daughter was also a member of our group from Beavers through to the Scout Troop. Brian left to take up the role of Group Scout Leader at 3rd Ongar Scout Group. He was very involved with the Big Build for a new Scout HQ for Ongar.

His funeral was held on the 2nd January and over 200 people were present. His Scouting life took him all over Europe helping to run the Archery team for Intercamp in various European countries each year. There were many Scouters came to the funeral from all over Europe. He was also very involved in the Gang show held in the Maldon & Dengie District.

Over the last three years Brian had battled with ill health, but he never gave up and did as much as he could.

Brian was a very dear friend of Michael and I and we miss him.

Mary Bacon – Chairman 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

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SOCIAL MEDIA SITES WHICH YOU MIGHT FIND USEFULL FOR THE VILLAGE

www.essexinfo.net/leadenroding (Parish Council)

Facebook: Leaden Roding Village

Facebook: Friends of Roding Primary School

Facebook: Leaden Roding Village Hall

Facebook: Leaden Roding Fire Station

Facebook: St Michael and all Angels Church, Leaden Roding

Facebook: The Axe & Compasses

(please inform us of any other sites of interest to be listed)

COMBATING LONELINESS

All the lonely people, where do they all come from? So sang the Beatles in 1966 in the haunting ballad of Eleanor Rigby. Fifty three years later, loneliness is perhaps even more of a societal problem than ever before.

Modern life has much to recommend it, but in its wake comes divorce, the breakup of families, bereavement, retirement, ill health, old age and myriad other situations that can trigger those paralysing feelings of loneliness.

Paradoxically, loneliness is not the same as being alone. Many people live happy and contented lives in solitary bliss, while others experience the empty feelings that come with this isolating condition, even in a crowd of people. Nor are young people exempt - loneliness can impact anyone whatever their age.

Loneliness is debilitating, has a real impact on our well-being and can lead to severe mental health problems. So what can be done to help? There's no magic wand, of course. But we can all do our "bit" by keeping a weather eye out for family, friends and neighbours who may have experienced one of life's devastating events. A phone call, an invitation for a "cuppa" or a glass of wine for instance are obvious ways by which we can demonstrate that someone cares, that there's someone there who will listen.

There are also organisations that can help through social activities, befriending, regular phone calls and outings. There are clubs and societies for all sorts of interests and sometimes local churches provide "cafe" facilities for their local community. However, trying to track down what's out there and what's available is another matter.

WECAN, for instance, has been awarded a grant by Essex County Council to deliver the United in Kind programme throughout West Essex with dedicated coaches in each district working to raise awareness of loneliness and isolation alongside Community Champions and programmes of activities.

Carers, older people and those with mental health or learning disabilities are able to call upon Essex Befriends while Age UK also offers one-to-one and telephone befriending and REAL Friends provides support to young people enduring bullying.

Fortunately, there are also a number of organisations which provide social activities and befriending for people with conditions such as Dementia, cancer, loss of sight and/or hearing and mental health issues - those who are often at most risk in society of loneliness and isolation.

Full details about these organisations and many more are available on Uttlesford Frontline. This is the brainchild of Uttlesford CAB and lists almost 200 organisations across West Essex that can provide help, advice and information on a wide range of health and well-being issues.

WHEN YOU'RE SEEKING HELP TURN TO FRONTLINE

Love it or loathe it, the internet has become integral to our daily lives. However, it's not always easy or straightforward to navigate through hundreds of websites to find just what we're looking for. It's particularly true when matters of health and wellbeing are at stake. Say, for instance, you're a carer looking for some form of support, or you have a loved one with dementia. Where can you turn to find information that is trustworthy, reliable and up-to-date?

This is where **Frontline** comes in. A digital service pioneered by Citizens Advice and supported by Essex County Council and the West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS) it enables anyone - the public or professionals - to find sources of help and advice in their local community.

Frontline is a veritable treasure trove of information. It's simple-to-use and invaluable when it comes to finding out what's available locally and who can provide genuine assistance. For example, you may want to find out what support there is for someone who's housebound, suffering from depression, needs to exercise or is disabled simply enter what sort of help you're looking for or search under the following categories: **Advice; Family; Older People; Mental Health; Disability; Addiction; Transport and Wellbeing.**

Often surprising, it's well worth browsing through the entire **Frontline** library to discover just how many services are listed and the range of help that is available locally (there are **196** services currently!) Each includes a full description, contact details and details on how it is delivered. What's more, it's often possible to self-refer rather than having to go through a GP.

Frontline also offers access to detailed fact sheets such as Local Transport Options, How to Complain if you're not happy with a local health provider, Planning Ahead for Later Life, to name just three.

Not everyone has internet access, of course. So if help is needed to find a local service, **Healthwatch Essex** is available from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (0300 500 1895 - calls charged at local rate).

Frontline is continuously expanding as both the public and professionals discover the many advantages of this easy, one-stop access to support and advice in the local community.

Access to Frontline is via: www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk

Each service listed provides full contact details, fact sheets and a call back option.

or if you do not have digital access, call Healthwatch Essex on

0300 500 1895 (calls charged at local rate).



Check if you need medical help



NHS 111 has an online coronavirus service that can tell you if you need medical help and advise you what to do.

Use this service if:

- you think you might have coronavirus in the last 14 days you've been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus – see our [coronavirus advice for travellers](#) ON NHS.uk
- you've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus

Use the 111 coronavirus service DO NOT GO TO YOUR DOCTORS

More information

[GOV.uk: coronavirus action plan](#)

[GOV.uk: information on coronavirus and the situation in the UK](#)

[NHS.uk England: coronavirus information for health professionals](#)

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

Recently there have been many complaints of dog fouling on footpaths and pavements in the village. Most residents do clean up after their dogs but the few who do not, give others a bad name.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

Anybody witnessing people not clearing up should report this to the Animal Warden at Uttlesford District Council (Tel: 01799 510510) and the offender will be fined!

VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS

THE FOOTPATH AND THE GRASS IN THE VILLAGE HALL IS USED REGULARLY BY CHILDREN.

JUST IN THE LAST MONTH SOMEONE HAS ALLOWED THEIR DOG TO DEFICATE IN THE GROUNDS AND THEN NOT CLEANED IT UP. (see facebook page)

THE GROUNDS ARE COVERED BY CCTV. THIS WILL, IN THE FUTURE WILL BE USED TO REPORT THE OWNER TO THE UT-TLESFORD DOG WARDENS WHICH COULD LEAD TO

PROSECUTION.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus.



What's the risk of coronavirus in the UK

The UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate. Health professionals are working to contact anyone who has been in close contact with people who have coronavirus.

Symptoms of coronavirus

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a cough
- a high temperature
- shortness of breath

But these symptoms do not necessarily mean you have the illness. **The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu.**

How coronavirus is spread

Because it's a new illness, we do not know exactly how coronavirus spreads from person to person.

Similar viruses are spread in cough droplets.

It's very unlikely it can be spread through things like packages or food.

How to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Don't do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean



LEADEN RODING GREEN WASTE SKIP

Uttlesford District Council offer a Green Waste Skip again for 2020.

the Parish Council will again provide the funds to support this community amenity.

Collections will take place from the school car park/layby on Sundays from

4.00—5.00pm

8th March 2020

19th April 2020

17th May 2020

(full list of dates available on village website)



For all Bin Collections, please put bins out by 7am



Website to visit for more information:

www.loveessex.org

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Donate your old cloths instead of throwing them away.

FREEGLE is a site where you can get FREE things

PLUS LOTS MORE INFORMATION ON RECYCLING YOU DIDN'T KNOW

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that green waste is being deposited in ditches within the village. Residents are asked to use the monthly Green Waste Skip for all green waste. Alternatively residents can apply to Uttlesford for a green waste bin for their own use at a fee of £40 per year.

Green Bin Collections

The individual Green Waste Bin Collection continues. If you would like a bin for your home go to the Uttlesford D C. website.

Bin collections are on Black Bin Days

Green Waste collections from your home costs £40 for a full year.

(See the Uttlesford DC website for an application form. Bins are collected every two weeks.)



FIRST RODINGS BROWNIES News

We have enjoyed another busy start to the Spring Term at Rodings Brownies. This term, as usual, due to the dark evenings all of the activities have been inside including making cookies, Valentine cards, making lovely Polar Bears from recycled newspaper, we celebrated Chinese New Year by eating prawn crackers and fortune cookies and made paper lanterns and tried our hands at origami by making a rat to celebrate the Chinese year of the Rat. We had an evening of playing Bingo which was very popular with the Brownies – so much so that they keep asking when they can play again! Our most recent evening was spent making and eating pancakes with various toppings to coincide with Pancake Day.

We have welcomed quite a few new Brownies in the last term and now have up to 24 Brownies attending every Monday! On Sunday 24th February some of our Brownies attended a Guiding Division Thinking Day event in Old Harlow where they had a passport to be stamped each time they visited a craft table representing a country of the world and they made a craft from that country. They also sang camp fire songs with over 100 Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from our Division, it was a very successful afternoon and we hope to be able to attend again next year.

The next half term will be busy –we have a few activities lined up including a Beetle Drive, Mother's Day presents and an Easter craft evening before the end of term Easter Egg hunt which is always very popular. If any girls of between 7 and 10½ years old would like to join they would be very welcome. Just telephone Hilary Freeman on 01279 876638 or Terry Bell on 01279 876045 or visit the Girl Guiding Go! website, add your details and you will get a call back.



INSTALLATION OF DEFIBRILLATOR

Leaden Roding Parish Council are in the process of purchasing a Defibrillator to be installed on the outside wall of the Fire Station by mid-April 2020.

In the event that it might need to be used by a member of public the Parish Council have arranged a training morning for the use of the defibrillator and basic CPR training at Leaden Roding Village Hall on Saturday 18th April at 10.00am which is open to all residents at a subsidised cost of £10.00 per person. Non-residents are also welcome to attend at the full price of £20.00 per person.

To book a place please email the Parish Clerk –

terrybell19@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01279 876045.

Footpaths:

P. Sutterby has nothing to report at this time. Any footpath problems can be reported by contacting Phil Sutterby or by telephoning 0845 6037631 or by emailing www.essex.gov.uk/highways

Fencing of Chalks Green:

Mr Collins attended this meeting and stated that he has not heard from Uttlesford with regard to a request to take the fence down and was not prepared to take it down until Uttlesford come up with a sustainable solution to keep out travellers if the green was left open.

The Chairman requested that, in order to come to an agreeable conclusion, Councillors might agree to a compromise whereby the posts were cut by half and the wire taken away which would The Chairman requested that, in order to come to an agreeable conclusion, Councillors might agree to a compromise whereby the posts were cut by half and the wire taken away which would stop any further expense to all parties involved which could be very costly.

M Whitehead stated he would rather discuss this with Cllr Barker before the next meeting before making any decision.

Mr Collins stated that, although there were already access points to the green, he was happy to make the green more accessible but would prefer for the fencing to remain on his side of the green. After more discussion it was decided to request a decision from Uttlesford on how to protect the land from travellers. The Chairman stated that once a decision is made on a way forward it was imperative that it was adhered to.

Defibrillator:

The clerk produced prices obtained with the help of Chris Flack which included a discount if purchased through the Ambulance Service. The clerk will seek written confirmation from Leaden Roding Fire Station that they will be happy for a defibrillator with a heater cabinet to be located on their site, this is the preferred site but if not viable then the second option would be to site it on an outside wall at the village hall.

After discussion and consultation from residents present it was unanimously decided to purchase a defibrillator and lockable steel cabinet from the Ambulance Service. It was also unanimously agreed to request Chris Flack runs a training day at Leaden Roding village hall on the preferred date of the morning Saturday 25th April; the training will be open to all residents of the village at a subsidised fee of £10 per person. Once this date is confirmed as acceptable to Chris Flack the training will be advertised in the March edition of the Leaden Reading and on the village notice board. It is hoped that the defibrillator will be in place at approximately the same time.

Parish Precept:

The clerk circulated finance details for the last two financial years for Parish Councillors' reference. After discussion, and taking into account the proposal to purchase a defibrillator, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Precept for the financial year 2020 to 2021 should remain at £6,500.00.

Any other business:

1. The clerk will report a pothole in road opposite no. 12 Holloway Crescent to Uttlesford.
2. P. Sutterby confirmed that, in the Chairman's absence, he will attend the Licensing and Installation service of Revd. Robert Stone as Priest in Charge of our 10 villages, on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm in High Easter church.
3. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting :Tuesday 3rd March

Dates for future meetings: Tuesday 19th May (Annual Assembly)

Tuesday 14th July

Tuesday 1st September

Tuesday 20th October

Tuesday 1st December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL & COUNCILLORS

Clerk for the Parish Council - Terry Bell Tel. 01279 876045 e-mail terrybell19@yahoo.co.uk

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2020

Present: D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, Mrs G.Essex, J.McIntock, M.Whitehead, Mrs A Ringrose and 5 members of the public. Apologies received from: Cllr Barker

Minutes of the last meeting of 10th December 2019 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident stated that she was happy that the footpath on Dunmow Road between Leaden Roding and Aythorpe Roding had been cleared making it more accessible to pedestrians.

A resident stated that the weeds were still present in the drains on Stortford Road and, although drainage appears to have improved during heavy rain there is still surface water and puddles forming, although the clerk has already reported this, she requested any photographs the resident has to report again with as much evidence as possible.

Clerk's report.

- A1060 speed limit – the extension to the existing speed is to be formally advertised towards the end of the financial year so that funding can be agreed for the installation to start in the early part of 2019/2020 financial year – still ongoing.
- Puddle outside King William House – due for repair, paint has now been put around the area so it is hoped that the repair is imminent. • Drainage problems on Stortford Road – see above.
- Financing of footpath repairs in Holloway Crescent – no further information at this time, it was decided that as the Parish Council has no involvement in these repairs that no further monitoring of this issue is necessary at this time.
- Repair of road by the post box on Dunmow Road – not repaired as yet.
- Suggestion of defibrillator – see below.
- 30 mph sign beside village hall – not yet repaired
- Fallen Highways sign approaching the roundabout on Chelmsford Road – this has been reported but not yet repaired.
- The clerk has not yet received any correspondence regarding next year's green waste skip but expects a request by Uttlesford for the Parish Council to make a decision will be received before the next meeting. Therefore, she asked Parish Councillors to consider whether they would be happy to fund a green waste skip once a month during 2020. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to once again fund this amenity in 2020.

Finance:

The clerk was given authority to pay: - £17.00 to L Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today's meeting.

Planning Applications:

The following decision to determine the following planning application has been made by Uttlesford:

Little Acorns, Chalks Green – single storey side extension – conditional approval.

A requested has been received from Highways to consider:

Highways land adjacent to Inglewood, Dunmow Road - to remove Highways rights from the strip of land in front of the property, the land in question is currently maintained by Highways; should the rights be removed the land would be added to the property curtilage of Inglewood, Dunmow Road. After discussion it was unanimously decide that Parish Councillors would prefer the land to be retained by Highways.



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Chairman
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Help to Claim in Dunmow

From Monday 8th July our office in Dunmow will be open on Mondays for anyone who needs help to make a Universal Credit claim.

We have public access computers available and trained staff on hand to offer help and advice - just drop in between 9.30 and 3.30.

Find us at The Chestnuts, Suite 8, 4 Stortford Road, CM6 1DA.

We will continue to open as normal on Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday to offer general advice.

Please call 01799 618840 to book an appointment.

Need support to make a Universal Credit claim?

We can help.



VE DAY COMMEMORATION

Join residents at

Leaden Roding Village hall for

A Game or Two of Bingo for adults and children

A Sausage and Mash Supper followed by

Apple Pie will be served during the evening

on Friday 8th May 2020 at 7.00pm.

Other games and activities will also take place to raise funds for

SSAFA – the Armed Forces Charity.

Price: £6.00 adults £3.00 children (bingo tickets to be purchased on the night).

Tel: 01279 876045 or 07774 842978 to book your place.





RODINGS SCHOOL

Tel: 01279 876288

Www.rodingsprimaryschool.co.uk

Rodings Primary supporting Young Carers

One of our Core Values at Rodings is care and as part of our ethos to make sure that all children in school are cared for we are always looking to how we can best support all children in our school. Recently, we have been focusing on a sometimes 'invisible' group of children called Young Carers.

A young carer is a child under 18 years of age who is responsible for the care of a parent, sibling or other family member who has any form of additional needs, whether this be a long term illness, physical disability or mental health issue. They carry out tasks such as cooking, cleaning, administering medication and carrying out intimate care such as toileting and bathing relatives.

Many young carers see this as their duty and don't see it as a burden as they are caring for someone they love. This often means an impact of other parts of their life as a child including their schooling or maintaining friendships. National statistics suggest that on average there is one young carer for every class.

To make sure that any young carers are identified and supported at Rodings we have signed up to a new initiative by Essex County Council who have a dedicated team to support the young carers and their families.

All staff have had training in spotting the signs of a child that may be a carer and know how to refer the child for support. We have established two young carer leads who are accessible for children to talk to. We have established two notice boards in school with additional information and signposting for support; one for the children and another for staff and parents.

With this additional support we hope that every child at Rodings makes the best progress they can.

Learning Together, Caring For Each Other

Colin Raraty
Headteacher



ABOUT US www.saffronscreen.com/category/whatson/

Saffron Screen is your not-for-profit independent community cinema. Our professional auditorium boasts a full size screen, 200 cinema seats, Dolby Digital surround sound and both 35mm and digital projection equipment. Ticket and refreshment prices are kept low to benefit all and parking is free.

Based within Saffron Walden County High School, we are open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with additional screenings in the school holidays, and show a range of mainstream, independent, art-house and children's films as well as streaming special events from around the world.

Saffron Screen opened in 2006 and is supported by 19 part-time staff and nearly 100 volunteers, all of whom live locally. We are very proud of our cinema and welcome you to join us for a film or event soon.



	Little Women	8pm Friday 13th March
	1917	8pm Tuesday 14th April
	The Personal History of David Copperfield	5pm Sunday 22nd March

Examples of films coming up. See website for full details

Saffron Screen is the trading name of Saffron Walden Community Cinema Ltd, a registered charity (no 1113259) and company registered in England and Wales (no 5626997), registered office 10 Market Walk, Saffron Walden CB10 1JZ

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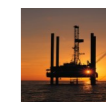
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UTTLESFORD CITIZENS ADVICE

PRESS RELEASE

15th January 2020

Have you received your Winter Fuel Payment?

You should automatically receive a Winter Fuel Payment of between £100 and £300 if you were born on or before 5th April 1954 and you get the State Pension or another social security benefit (not Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction, Child Benefit or Universal Credit). You should have received your payment by 13th January, if not, call the office that pays your benefits and don't forget to make your claim before the deadline on 31st March.

If you need some help to do this or you are worried about how to pay your bills and keep warm this winter, Ali, the Warm Homes Adviser at Uttlesford Citizens Advice can help. Call her on 01799 618858 for advice on winter benefits and cold weather payments, the warm home discount scheme, energy efficiency, affordable warm and home improvement grants, switching energy suppliers and the priority services register.

Or pick up a copy of 'Keeping Warm in Uttlesford', from doctors surgeries, day centres, libraries and council offices across the district.

If you feel you can do without your winter fuel payment, perhaps consider donating it to help others. During the cold weather many elderly people are faced with the stark choice of fuel or food, and lower temperatures increase the risk of health problems such as heart attacks, strokes and bronchitis. Uttlesford Citizens Advice will use donations to help people save money on heating costs, including access to help with insulation, understand what financial help is available and manage any fuel-related debts. Donate via their website or call 01799 618840.

Alternatively, if you would like your payment to go directly to local people who are struggling to pay for gas, electricity or oil,

you might consider donating it to Sophie's Fund – a small Uttlesford charity that gives grants to people in desperate situations. This can be done online at www.sophiesfund.org

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

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Stansted Mountfitchet 9.30 to 12.30 Tuesday (appointments only)



Rodings Walking Group 2020

Phil Sutterby

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www.rodingswg@gmail.com



Back in January 1995, the Rodings Rights of Way Conservation Group was formed by Ray Percy, a retired farmer who had moved to Aythorpe Roding. The aim of the Group was to keep local paths open. Ray stood down as chairman in 1998 and was replaced by Trevor Buckle, who held the position until 2002. I took over and 18 years on I am still in the chair. In 2012 it was decided to change the name to Rodings Walking Group, and this year we are 25 years old.



The group has a membership of 50 people with walkers coming from Romford, Braintree, Witham, Dunmow and Chelmsford... and the Rodings. We usually meet on the first Sunday of the month and walks are around 5 miles. We also have Friday evening walks in the summer together with social events such as our Christmas lunch, fish and chip supper and barbeque.

Over the years some of our walkers have also tackled some long distance paths here in Essex: Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation, St Peters Way and the Essex Way.

Walks coming up April 5th and 19th London (must be booked), May 10th Abbess Roding Church and June 7th Saffron Walden.

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As I write this we have just seen our first lot of snow of the winter. The current outside temperature is 2C and it's been raining every day. So it's now the time to start thinking of a new season of cricket.

And we have a new season of changes. The league structure has changed and been renamed, "The Herts & Essex Borders League". The teams in the league are a lot more local, so less travelling.

We are still in the second division with Braughing, High Beech, Nazing Common II, Abridge, Thaxted, Hockerill I, Willingale, Stansted I and Woodford Wells IV.

Our first game is a friendly against Lindsell on the 24th April at home, in 8 weeks time. The first league game is on the 2nd May away at Woodford Wells. Our first league home game is on the 9th May against Braughing.

It would be great if we could see a few new faces in the team so if you're interested call Dave on 07711 130424. Nets have just started on Thursday evenings at the County Ground in Chelmsford so come along and see what you can do.

And it's not just cricket we do, we have an annual golf weekend in the autumn. We have quiz nights and golf challengers at various times of the year.

If you don't play, why not come and enjoy an hour or two of watching a game. If you are around at tea time you might even get a cup of tea. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. (The sun will shine again soon!)

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG BAG IT AND BIN IT - REMEMBER ANY LITTER BIN WILL DO!



Failure to clean up after your dog could result in a £1000 fine

To report incidents of dog fouling call the council's Customer Service Centre on 01799 510510

Alternatively, fill in an online form at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/animalfoulingreport

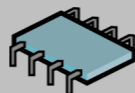
*This does not include recycling bins It is preferable to take it home and use your black lidded bin



Microchipping and Dog Tags - Are you aware?

You are probably aware that UK Law states that all dogs must be microchipped however, are you aware that the law also states that all dogs must have a tag. The tag must include your surname, full address and telephone number. The number of animal wardens is reducing and this additional information means that if somebody finds your dog they will know where to return it straight away.

Please also remember that if you have a change of address to make sure that you update the microchip details immediately and also make sure that you purchase a new tag.



DOG BINS ARE PROVIDED AROUND THE VILLAGE. DOG OWNERS CAN NOW USE ALL VILLAGE WASTE BINS. PLEASE USE THEM!

MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesdays - (School)

10.40—11.10

18th March

8th April

29th April

Essex have announced revised library plans for 2019/20

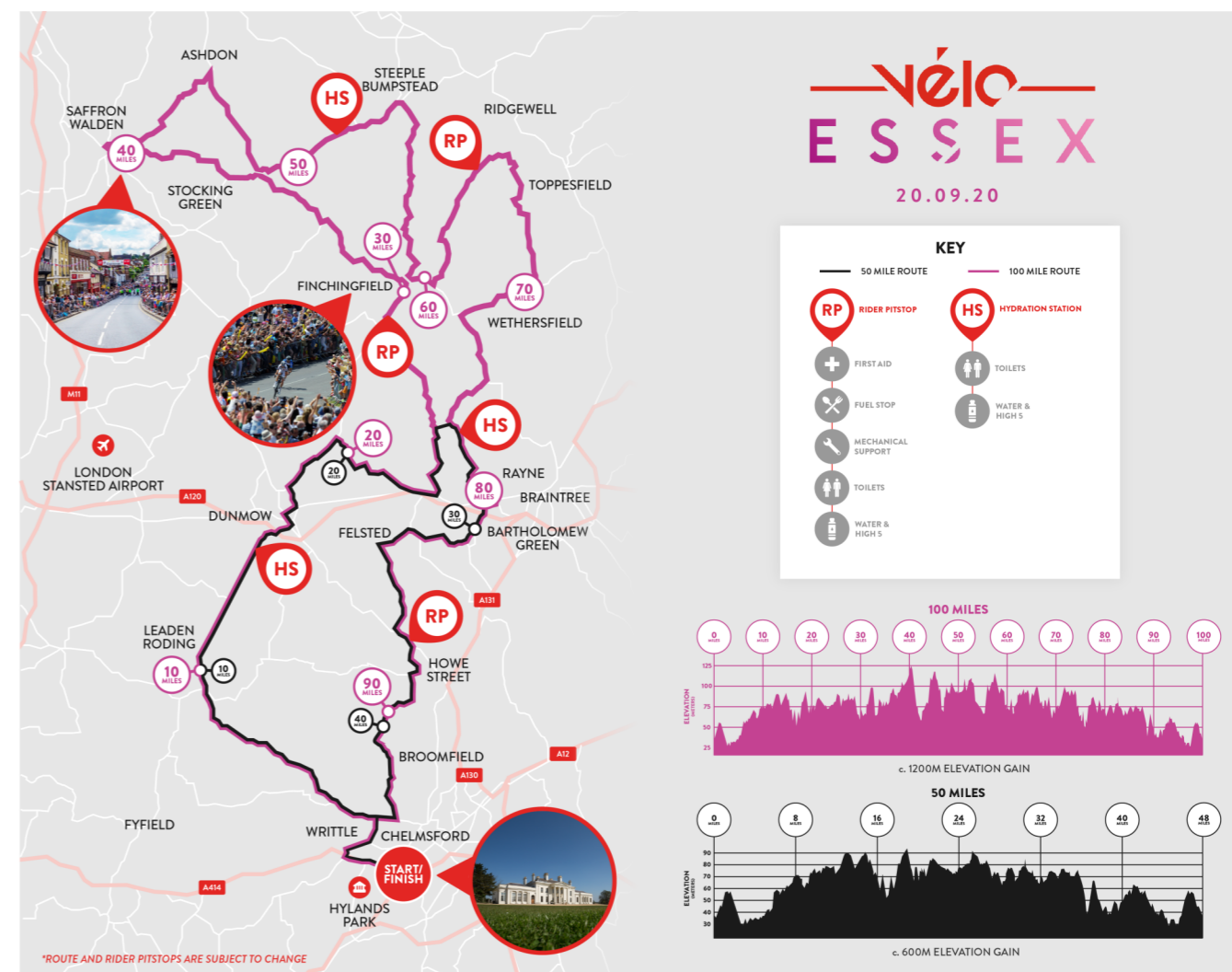
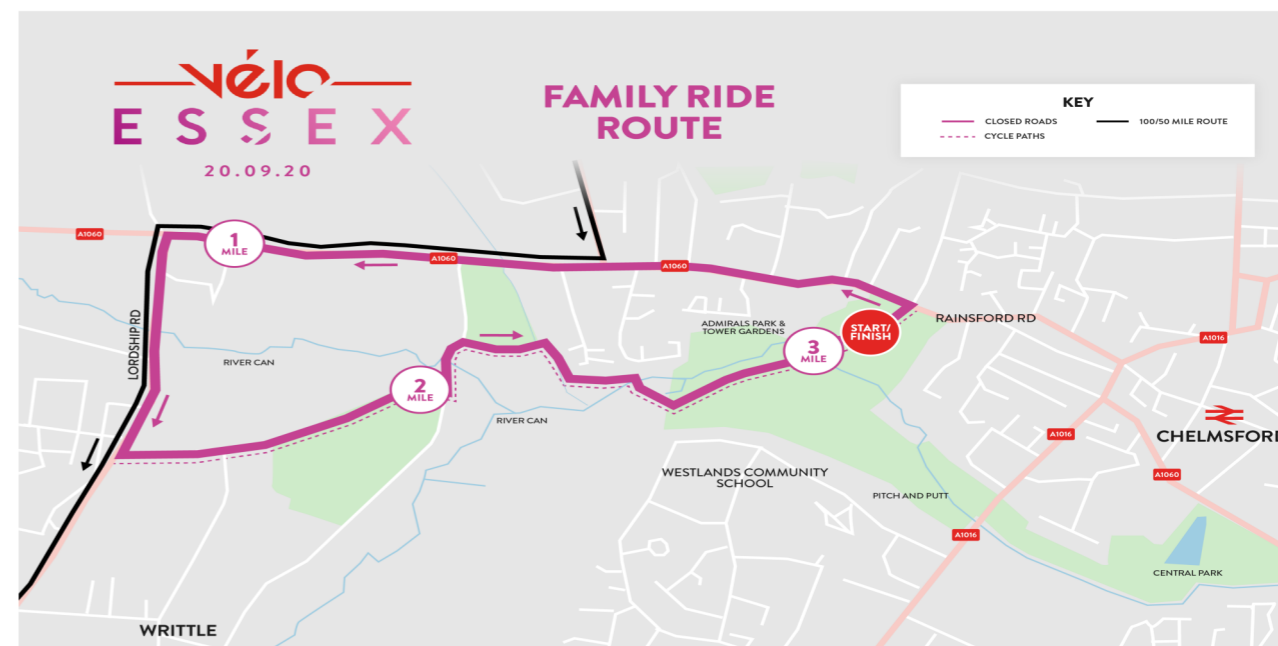
Due to the council rearranging the schedules there are now no visits to Holloway Crescent.

The visits are on Wednesdays outside the school.

Essex Council are continually reviewing the usage of the library bus, so **USE IT OR LOOSE IT!**

VISITS are due every 3 weeks

www.essex.gov.uk/Libraries-Archives/



JustGiving

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

www.veloessex.com route@veloessex.com

How do you ensure the safety of the event?

Safety is a primary focus from both a participant and general public perspective and is at the forefront of decision making throughout every aspect of planning for Vélo Essex, including road closures, medical plans, and route selection. Subject to the scrutiny of 'Safety Advisory Groups', Vélo Essex engages with Local Authority representatives, Emergency Services and other key stakeholders on all safety planning aspects. Appropriate infrastructure, signage and stewarding will be employed across the route and closures to ensure the safety of both participants and locals.

All of the emergency services are involved as part of the planning for Vélo Essex. Emergency services vehicle access will be maintained, and services will be operating as usual on the day of the event. Please note that the event has its own highly experienced medical provider to cover the needs of its participants.

How will you inform local people about the event?

Vélo Essex recognises that widespread communication of the event and its associated road closures are crucial to the success of the day. Full details of the event will be published at the earliest date when able to ensure ample time to plan ahead. Communication methods of event information will include a leaflet drop to all addresses in close proximity to the route and within the event footprint; local media, together with the use of local community channels; and advanced warning road signage, strategically placed through the event's footprint around two weeks prior to the event.

Navigating around the road closures

It will not be possible to drive on the route during the road closures. The easiest way to navigate around the road closures will be to use Google maps or a live update GPS as the route and road closures will be updated live on the day of the event.

Whilst the cycling route will be closed to vehicles, pedestrian access via existing footpaths and pavements will be maintained, we advise all pedestrians to use footpaths or existing crossing points where possible. Please take extra care when navigating roads along the route and ask an event steward for assistance if you are unsure.

As part of our communications we will be advising people to plan any journeys ahead and advising local businesses to consider reviewing opening hours and delivery schedules, liaising with staff regarding rotas and planning access arrangements during road closure times. For anyone struggling to navigate the road closures, find a route, or with any other queries, the Vélo Essex Route Team are available to assist on route@veloessex.com.

If you know of any businesses within the local area that will need assistance in planning for road closures, please encourage them to get in touch with the Velo Essex route team directly as early as possible.

What happens next?

Working together we can ensure that local communities, businesses and residents are made aware of the event and are given the resources to plan ahead and get involved.

This notification is the first of many correspondences where collectively we can continue to share information and knowledge that will help shape the event. As planning progresses, and discussions and information shared is factored in, we can then share more detailed information.

More information, including our guide for businesses, a route map with road closure timings, and information on getting involved will be available on our website in due course.

Check out our event information, on our website: www.veloessex.com



MUTTS IN DISTRESS

THROWING OUT AN OLD DUVET OR OLD TOWELS? Please remember that they can be put to great use by Mutts in Distress Pound Dog Rescue in Little Hallingbury who rely solely on donations.

Other donations which can help can include the following:-

Foreign coins and used postage stamps (Mutts can get money in exchange for these, perhaps they could also be collected in the workplace. Please just tear around the stamp leaving at least half an inch as we can trim them properly).

Fleece blankets/Sheets/Duvet covers/Dog beds (particularly plastic ones)

Items for the animal hospital including sterilising fluid, cotton wool, cotton buds, sudocrem, antiseptic cream, kitchen roll, bleach, soda crystals, antibacterial sensitive handwash

The dogs pictured here are just two of those at Mutts in Distress who are waiting for their forever homes.

Lucy is a very beautiful lurcher who is approximately 3 years old. She is very gentle and sweet natured and although she was very nervous when she first came in to Mutts she is now really starting to grow in confidence. Lucy would like a quiet home with either a family or someone who can help her to build her confidence. She can live with another dog.

Ruby is 4 ½ and a cross breed. I don't normally feature the same dog in two editions on the trot but with Christmas out of the way, I am hoping that we will now find this lovely dog her new forever home. Ruby found herself back at Mutts six months ago after being in what everyone thought was her forever home. I have spent a lot of time with Ruby and she really is a bundle of fun who loves to play. Although she is particularly lively when she first comes out of her kennel (completely understandable for a dog when they come out of their kennel), once she gets over her initial excitement at being back out in the big wide world she soon calms down. Ruby absolutely loves people and human cuddles. She is a very loving and loyal dog who will give you back all the love you give and more. Ruby takes food very gently and is also very well behaved in the car. She knows the words sit and down and is a very quick learner. I have also spent a lot of time walking her and she now walks really nicely on the lead. When she sees other dogs out at the kennels, I tell her to sit and she sits nicely and just watches them.

A home with children over the age of 10 would be more suitable as she can be a bit bouncy. Also, she can't live with cats and like humans she can be a bit choosy about her dog friends. As you probably gathered I have a real soft spot for Ruby and although it's not possible for me to rehome her myself (I would if I could!) it would be wonderful if we can find her a home in Leaden Roding or any of the surrounding villages. Can anyone give this adorable dog her forever home? If you are on Facebook, please either look on the Leaden Roding Village page or join the Mutts in Distress Facebook group (under Mutts in Distress!!!!!!) and search my name to find some videos of these lovely dogs. This will give you much more of an idea of their lovely personalities. New arrivals also tend to appear on the Facebook page before going on the website.

If you are interested in rehoming either of the dogs above or in fact any of the many other dogs at Mutts, please either contact me or see their website for details of the rehoming application form. Please ensure that you type something in every box, even if you type 'not applicable' as the form doesn't always go through otherwise.

Should you wish to donate anything - however small, to Mutts in Distress please contact Keely or Ann Robinson on 01279 876308 or Keely on 07921 611347 e-mail keelyrobinson@live.com. Alternatively, please deliver to Finale, Dunmow Road, Leaden Roding and we will be happy to pass your donation on to Mutts in Distress. Collection can be arranged if requested.

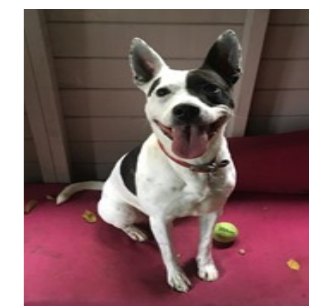
Mutts in Distress Website: www.mutts-in-distress.org.uk Monetary donations should you wish, can be made via paypal donations@mutts-in-distress.org.uk Thank you for your help.

Keely Robinson (Leaden Roding resident and volunteer for Mutts in Distress)

LUCY



RUBY





EVENT NOTIFICATION – VÉLO ESSEX 2020

On Sunday 20 September, we need your help to showcase the very best of Essex County as together we welcome up to 15,000 cyclists to the area for Vélo Essex; a major new closed road cycling event that's set to raise millions for charity.

Setting off from the iconic Hylands Park, up to 15,000 cyclists of all abilities will head out on an incredible 50 or 100-mile route through the beautiful County of Essex, passing through rolling countryside and picturesque towns and villages.

Alongside the 50 and 100-mile events, there will also be a free 3-mile Family Ride that presents everyone with the unmissable opportunity to saddle up and experience the unique thrill of cycling on closed roads in a safe and friendly environment. This is a hugely exciting event for Essex, and we are writing to you at this early stage to ensure you have all the information you need ahead of the full event launch.

This notification is the first of many correspondences you can expect to receive through which Vélo will share important information and detail that will, with your support, help shape the event. We wanted to inform you of the 2020 event date and share a short summary to ensure you are equipped with information should your any of your constituents enquire following the full event launch.

Vélo has been working closely with Essex County Council along with key stakeholders to design a route which is safe, inclusive and takes riders on a beautiful tour of Essex. As we continue to plan, we would love to include you, as local knowledge is key to the success of Vélo Essex! In this document you will find an overview of the current working route as well as some frequently asked questions around the planning of the event. As planning progresses in the coming months more information will be shared with you directly. In the meantime, we kindly ask you to take note of the date and begin to think about what information locally you might need to share with us and consider how we can maximise the event benefits for your constituents and community. Please do share with us your thoughts and if you have any questions regarding the event or the road closures, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at route@veloessex.com

Whether you take part, spectate or volunteer, there are countless ways you and your community can get involved and be part of shaping the vibrant and fun day it promises to be for communities throughout the County. The event expects to bring a significantly positive economic impact to the region and will provide a platform to raise millions for both local and national charities. Working alongside Essex County Council's health and wellbeing initiatives, Vélo Essex will help to inspire thousands of residents of all ages to cycle, in turn leading a healthier and more active lifestyle and building a greener County for everyone.

We very much look forward to working together in sharing a day to remember.

The Vélo Essex Team

www.veloessex.com route@veloessex.com

What are the benefits of Vélo Essex?

Vélo Essex is one of only three cycling events in the UK this year that offers the special thrill of covering the magical 100-mile distance on a closed road route - the ultimate experience for an amateur rider. The event also offers a shorter 50-mile distance that is more accessible for those new to cycling. We are investing in building something that in time we hope will become a celebrated annual event that the county of Essex is incredibly proud of.

As well as being a great experience for the riders taking part, Vélo Essex brings a number of economic, charity, health and wellbeing and community benefits. It is also a great opportunity to showcase the beauty of the area and attract visitors who may not have ordinarily visited. With this comes additional revenue through accommodation, local restaurants and cafés, tourist activities and community engagement.

How can local communities, businesses and residents get involved in the event?

Vélo Essex will be amongst the UK's largest mass participation events and will provide businesses, community groups and local organisations with a great opportunity to make the most of the big day. Ideas could include organising a pub garden

BBQ, painting bikes, community parties with a cycling twist or simply a special offer for spectators on the day. We invite anyone thinking of planning something for the day to get in touch with us on route@veloessex.com - we'd love to hear your ideas and we'll do all we can to help it lift off!

The Vélo Schools 100 Challenge presents an opportunity for local schools along the route to get involved with the event and take on their own 100-mile challenge! More information about this will be available on our website.

There are also plenty of volunteering opportunities for those not able to take part but still keen to contribute to the success of Essex's biggest sporting event of the year. Information on the volunteering opportunities and how to register will be available on the event website or you can contact volunteer@veloessex.com for more information.

Local charities that would like to raise money through charity riders can get in touch with us by emailing www.charity@veloessex.com.

Why are road closures required and how are they planned and agreed?

Due to the scale and numbers expected to participate in Vélo Essex, in order to deliver the event safely, we've taken the decision with Essex County Council to keep motorists and cyclists separate. It is necessary to implement road closures across the full route to facilitate the safe passage of the participants and to ensure the safety of residents and businesses. The road closures are put in place and removed in sections to minimise the length of time the roads are closed.

The route and associated road closures are planned through a partnership of Essex County Council, emergency services, and transport operators to minimise the inconveniences of the necessary road closures. Full details of all closures and their timings will be published once finalised.

The process we follow is the same as for any major closed road event, and is as follows:

- We initially agree at a senior political level the desire to stage the event and the essential elements required for the event.
- We then undertake more detailed operational and logistical planning to deliver a safe and successful event and meet the specifications of all local authorities. This process includes working with key stakeholders and meeting with Safety Advisory Groups.
- Several months before the event is due to be staged, we begin a detailed and ongoing communication process with all residents and businesses along the route. This is designed to inform local businesses and residents of the event and give them the opportunity and resources to plan for the event, be it to get involved, spectate, or to plan around road closures. This also gives the route team a chance to assist anyone who may be potentially impacted by the event in order to mitigate any inconvenience.
- Close to the event the TTRO is signed off by the Council, which marks the end of the process and formally concludes many months of collaborative work.