



# Christmas Lunch

## 3 Course Hot & Cold Buffet

Leaden Roding Village Hall

Sunday 1st December 12pm for 1pm lunch

# All Welcome

Father Christmas will be attending to give out Christmas presents for the children. Music & Games. Bar Open!



**£10 per person (£5 for under 14's which includes a present from Father Christmas)**  
Please call Ivy on 01279 876568 to book your place



**PLEASE COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME**



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# Leaden Reading

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## BROWNIES COMMEMORATE REMEMBRANCE DAY BY DECORATING THE VILLAGE WITH POPPIES

Lots of work colouring and cutting out. Poppies on sticks were attached to road signs with a bit of help from the adults. It was a great surprise to many to see nearly 100 red poppies decorating the village & some purple ones to remember the animals.

A great way of bringing to the attention of everybody Remembrance Day on November 11th

A Remembrance Service was held at the church on Sunday 10th by Rev. Jeff Hayward and was attended by parishioners from local villages.



**ON 20TH NOVEMBER A TAXI DRIVING ALONG HIGH EASTER ROAD CRASHED INTO A TREE AND ENDED IN A DITCH. THE POLICE ARE TRYING TO FIND ANYONE WHO MIGHT OF TRAVELLED IN IT BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6AM  
REGRETABLELY THE DRIVER DIED AT THE SCENE.**

**IT'S HERE.....**




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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.

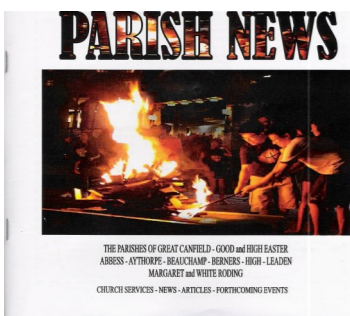
All organizations would love to see some new faces. Yes it might be a bit scary first time, but a first phone call and chat will break the ice and ensure that the welcome mat is there to greet you.

SO GIVE ONE A TRY.

*Thanks to all contributors to the magazine.*

**MORE REQUIRED**

**Last date for contributions for December by 10th February 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

**The Who's Who of the Village**

(Tel no 01279 unless stated)

<b>Parish Council Chairman:</b>	<b>Dave Clayden</b>	<b>876735</b>
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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



Barn Owl

Barn Owls are being seen more frequently locally, mostly at night flying silently through the air or hovering searching for food. According to the RSPB there are currently four thousand breeding pairs in the UK and they are not on an endangered list.

Greenfinches are declining in numbers, mainly due to the fungus which grows in the bottom of bird feeders. You can help here, please try to ensure that you clean your feeders thoroughly before you start to refill them for the winter.

I also took great delight in seeing a Kingfisher at the lagoon at Garnish Hall last weekend.



It has been a good year for fruit and berries, the apple, pear and plum trees in the village have all been laden with fruit. I have noted that the Sloe bushes in hedgerows that have been cut back by mechanical hedge cutters appear to produce more fruit than those in hedges that have been left uncut. I suppose like our cultivated varieties of fruit they benefit from a good pruning. If you look closely at the Hazel Nut trees you can see the catkins forming ready for the spring.

The Butterflies have all but disappeared for the winter, although you may have seen a few on warmer autumn days especially the odd Red Admiral possibly feeding on ripe apples. The warm and wet weather has also produced a larger number of Mushrooms again this year, if you do go on a ramble and are tempted to pick Mushrooms for consumption please ensure you know what variety they are before eating them as some can be poisonous.

That brings me to the end of my report and with the end of another year fast approaching let me wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Ken Pavitt  
November 2019





Weasel



Stoat

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Stoats can be identified by the black tip to their tails, which are longer than those of Weasels. Both species are reddish brown in colour and have white bellies, although in colder climates Stoats will turn white in winter, although the tips of their tails remain black.

The Fallow Deer rut has started and you will need to take extra care on the roads as the herds are on the move. The Bucks make a roaring sound to attract the females and the young will be born in June or July.



Male Fallow Deer



Female Fallow Deer

Foxes and Badgers are continuing to thrive although rabbit numbers still seem to be in decline. Bird migration is well under way, the Wheatears, Swifts and Swallows have returned to their winter feeding grounds with fewer birds being seen this summer. The Winter visitors have arrived although I am yet to see any Fieldfares or Redwings. I have been lucky enough to see one Woodcock. The Wood Pigeons seem to have reduced in numbers this year which will please the local farmers.



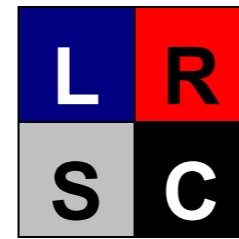
Buzzard

Buzzards and Red Kites are increasing locally and garden birds are well up in numbers. We have had up to thirty five House Sparrows in the garden, together with Blue Tits, Great Tits, Hedge Sparrows, Collared Doves and Robins on our feeders. Jack-



Red Kite

daws are making full use of disused chimney pots in the village. Watching them carrying sticks to the roof tops I wonder if they have planning permission!



# What's on in the Village Hall



## 2019. Things to see and do.

The Art Group, Quilters, Brownies & Rainbows meet regularly, as do the Leaden Roding Bowls Club.

Watch out for signs around the village and in the next Leaden Reading for the next event. The Social Club is open every Friday evening for a drink, game of bowls or darts or just a social chat.

PLEASE SUPPORT EVENTS. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL IN MAINTAINING THOSE GROUPS AND FACILITIES WHICH GIVE THE VILLAGE AN IDENTITY AND MAKE IT A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SAY NOTHING HAPPENS IN THIS VILLAGE!!

LOOK AT THE LIST ON PAGE 2 AND GIVE THEM A CALL.

CAN YOU HELP ANY OF THE GROUPS THAT OPERATE IN THE VILLAGE?

EVERYONE IS LOOKING TO WELCOME VOLUNTERS TO HELP PLAN & RUN EVENTS SO THAT THINGS HAPPEN IN THE VILLAGE.

**Messy Tots**  
**Parent/Carer and Toddler Group**  
 Come Along For Some Messy Fun!!

Sand Pit, Painting, Water  
 Glitter & Glue  
 Play Dough  
 Plus More Messy Fun!

Every Thursday during term time - 10:15 to 11:45  
 Starting Thursday 7th November 2019  
 £5 per session / £7.50 with a sibling  
 Leaden Roding Village Hall,  
 Stortford Road, CM6 1QX

Book in advance, limited spaces available!

Tel (Emily) - 07772 552 709  
 messytotsatleadenroding@outlook.com

New weekly parent/carer toddler group in Leaden Roding held at the Leaden Roding Village hall on Thursday's from 10:15 to 11:45 during term time only. The session includes play time with a wide range of toys, messy play with sand and water as well as playdoh, glitter and glue, painting and crafts. The price includes a healthy snack for the children and tea/coffee for the grown ups.

## 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

## 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](http://www.essexlottery.co.uk)



Charities and community groups around Essex are celebrating as tickets for the new Essex Lottery go on sale. The lottery is run by ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

The Essex Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery set up by Essex County Council to support local charities and good causes in communities across Essex with their fundraising efforts. Tickets cost £1, of which 60p will go directly to good causes.

The first draw took place on Saturday 25 November with a jackpot of £25,000 and guaranteed weekly prizes.

Buy your tickets on the website [www.essexlottery.co.uk](http://www.essexlottery.co.uk), or call 0300 302 32 32 to be in with a chance of winning something for yourself and supporting local good causes with their fundraising.

**REMEMBER TO USE THE LEADEN RODING VILLAGE HALL TRUST PAGE**



## A FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL EVENING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Why not come and meet friends and other villagers, whilst playing bowls, darts or just having a drink.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Open 8pm**

**XMAS LUNCH 1ST DECEMBER VILLAGE HALL (SEE BACK PAGE FOR DETAILS) ALL WELCOME**



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

## Autumn in Leaden Roding

We've had some unusually good weather this Autumn with high temperatures well into October, although as I write this report we note that some areas of the country have seen extremely high rain fall and the resulting floods have caused widespread devastation. Locally the trees have held on to their leaves well into November. The harvest seems a distant memory and most of the fields have been drilled with new crops and are already turning green with new growth.

I walk passed a Walnut tree most mornings and note that it seems to be raided earlier every year by Rooks and Squirrels. The Grey squirrel has only been resident to the UK since the 1870's. They are native to the Eastern half of North America and were brought to the UK as a fashionable addition to large estates. It has been a good year for other hedgerow species with plenty of Sloes ready to be collected for the making of Sloe Gin, together with many hedges full of Haws and Rose Hips which are a particular favourite food of mice.



*(There is a walnut tree on Cloghams Green planted 25yrs ago and in August/September you can stand underneath it and get hit by nut shells dropped by the squirrels)*

There are six species of Mice in the UK. Five are native to the UK and the sixth, the Edible Dormouse was introduced to Hertfordshire by an escapee in 1902. The species of Mouse you are most likely to see is the



HOUSE MOUSE

House Mouse, being uniformly brown-grey with a mostly hairless tail, small feet, large eyes and ears and pointed nose. The Field or Wood Mouse has large back feet and its tail is roughly the same length as its head and body. The Harvest Mouse stores berries and seeds in the autumn to feed itself through the winter. The Harvest Mouse is the cute one you see on calendars with a prehensile tail clinging around stalks of wheat. They weigh as little as



Door mouse

6 grams and have a blunt nose. The Yellow Necked Mouse is easily confused with the more Common Wood Mouse but can be identified by the collar of yellowish fur. This species is mainly found in Southern England, the Midlands and South Wales.



Wood/Field Mouse

The fifth native species is the Common or Hazel Dormouse which is rare and vulnerable to extinction. They have golden brown fur with large black eyes and are the only UK species of small mammals that have a furry tail. They are a nocturnal



Yellow Necked Mouse

species and in summer spend most of their time in the branches of trees. They sometimes use old birds nest but also make their own nests usually in brambles or other shrubs. When the weather is wet or cold they go into a hibernation type state called torpor to save energy.

Other small mammals which are rarely seen are Stoats and Weasels. although I did have a Stoat streak across the Chelmsford road in front of my car recently. *(Here's a chart which might help)*

	Weasel	Stout
Size	15-25cm	15-30cm
Weight	50-120g	100-450g
Colour	Light brown with pale underside	Light brown with pale underside, black tip on tail
UK Distribution	All over the UK	All over the UK
Further Distribution	Most of Europe, parts of Asia, North Africa and North America	Much of Northern Europe, not in the Southern Regions
Prey	Voles, mice, small rabbits, eggs, birds	Voles, Mice, Rabbits, Hares, Birds, Eggs, Chickens etc..
Life Span	3 Years	10 Years
Seasonal Variation	None	Often turn completely white in winter.
Hibernates	No	No

# Kemi Badenoch MP

## Surgery Dates 2019



For an appointment at any surgeries, please send an email with your name and address to:

[kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk) or telephone 0207 219 1943

Her website shows her interventions in parliament over the last few months in debates.

## SOCIAL MEDIA SITES WHICH YOU MIGHT FIND USEFULL FOR THE VILLAGE

[www.essexinfo.net/leadenroding](http://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)*

## CLOGHAMS GOLF WEEKEND

In half term twenty memberd of the cricket club drove south into Kent for a weekend of golf at the Tudar Park Golf Course and Hotel near Maidstone.

Three days of competition with teams of 4, the teams adorned in their individual colours.

The first round was a pPs competition, the second day Better Ball and the final day Singles.

The weekend clashed with the Rugby World Cup so we were up early to watch the matches and had late nights where the red wine and beer flowed freely.

In the end it was a clean sweep for the Orange Team. Dave Bardell, Ray Bell, Rob Crouchman & Craig Jones.



## 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—20/9 (won by Terry Bell), ,Rob Simpson Tankard—13/9 (Won by Paul Perkins), /Memorial Pairs - 18/10—to be rearranged, Betty & Ken Rolph Trophy.8/11—(won by Ivy Clysden)

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

The Ken and Betty Rolph singles competition took place on the 8th Nov. The final was a family affair with Ivy Clayden coming out the winner beating her sister-in-law Jan Clayden in the final.



### 2019 FIXTURES

				W	D	L	
BROOMFIELD	A	January 17th	7:15	5	0	7	(3 mats used).
GT. WALTHAM	A	Feb 22nd	7.30	3	0	5	
BROOMFIELD	H	March 6th	7:30	6	1	1	
STEBBING	A	March 14th	7.30	5	0	3	
FINCHINFIELD	A	March 19th	7.30	CANCELLED			
GT WALTHAM	H	March 20th	7.30	5	0	2	
DUNMOW U R	H	March 27th	7:30	4	0	4	
GREAT HALLINGBURY	A	April 12 th	7:30	4	0	4	
CHIGNAL	A	May 8th	7.30	CANCELLED			
ROXWELL	H	May20th	7.30	6	0	2	
CHIGNAL	A	June 6th	7.30	4	0	4	
BARNSTON	H	June 12th	7:30	3	1	4	
ROXWELL	A	July 1st	7.30	3	0	5	
GREAT HALLINGBURY	H	July 10th	7.30	6	0	2	
BLACK NOTLEY	A	July 15th	7.30	2	0	6	
PLESHEY	A	July 25th	7.30	4	0	4	
FINCHINGFIELD	H	July 31st	7.30	4	0	4	
LITTLE EASTON	H	Aug 21st	7.30	7	0	1	
STEBBING	H	Sept 4th	7.30	3	0	5	
BLACK NOTLY	H	Sep 11th	7.30	5	1	2	
LITTLE EASTON	A	Sept 23rd	7.30	3	1	4	
GREAT CANFIELD	H	Sept 25th	7:30	4	2	2	
PLESHEY	H	Oct 2nd	7.30	3	1	4	
DUNMOW U R	A	Oct 7th	7:30	CANCELLED			
FINCHINGFIELD	A	Oct 24th	7.30	4	0	4	
GREAT CANFIELD	A	Nov 5th	7:30	4	0	4	
BARNSTON	A	Nov18th	7:30	1	0	7	

**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.**



## 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group

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

Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.15pm

1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group & Dragonian Explorer Unit

### Beavers Scouts

The beavers started the term with an amazing dragon camp at our Scout Head Quarters. They went on a hike following the Dragon trail and did lots of various dragon activities with the night being finished off with a dragon's dinner and dragon movie. We got fantastic feedback from the beavers who said they loved every minute of it.

So, it was a huge success.

This term they've also done several sessions to earn their communication badge: they wrote letters home addressed to themselves, deciphering messages in Morse code, sign language (thanks to the lovely Stella Howell), made phone calls to our very own Mick bacon emergency services where they were given a scenario and had to ask for correct service and give details etc.

We went on a walk around Fyfield to get pine cones for a project later in the year while out walking they did a litter pick collecting 1/2 A bin bag of rubbish as part of our community badge and to also teach them why it's important to dispose of our rubbish properly.

We've had a mad hatters tea party and Halloween party not only as rewards for their hard work these were a great opportunity to do some teamwork games where they had to work together.

For fireworks night they learnt some fire safety had sparklers, collected wood for a fire and learnt how not to light a fire lol as unfortunately the young leaders weren't very successful, so they had to just eat untoasted marshmallows. This week we're off to pets at home as part of our animal care badge. With Christmas approaching will be hopefully making some decorations to be sold at the Christmas fayre and more community work with our reverse calendar where they donate food to the local church for the food bank.

We have had some fantastic feedback from our beaver parents on our what's app group saying how much they're enjoying the activities.

All of which couldn't have been done if it wasn't for my 2 amazing assistant leaders Ed Collop and Julia Grist and the several young leaders we have. The young leaders are a massive help.

So, thank you.

Sam Bird – Beaver Scout Leader

### 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Cub Pack

We currently have 20 Cubs split over 4 sixes. The following briefly details some of the events and activities that we have done this Autumn term:

Daniel & Chloe our two young leaders agreed to give talks on their experiences at the recent Jamborees. Daniel went to Australia and Chloe went to the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. Hopefully some of our current Cubs will have the opportunity to attend a future Jamboree.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> September, ten Cubs & two Leaders spent the day on a canal boat with Canal Ability in Harlow. We all had a great time on the water and the Cubs learnt how to open and close canal locks. The weather was better than forecast and no one fell in the water which was a bonus! Following the Canal Ability day, Ken Templey a volunteer of the charity very kindly came to the Scout Hut to give a talk about canal boats and the history of the canals.

In October we started work on the Home Help Badge, the Cubs cooked snacks, each ironed a t-shirt and did some sewing. They also completed the Scientist Badge.

Before the October half term, the Cubs all had a go at apple bobbing and making toffee apples. This was ahead of our fireworks night, where the Cubs made their very own Guy Fawkes, which they burnt and then had an impressive display of fireworks. The Cubs also joined in with the rest of the Scout Group by parading to the Church for Remembrance Sunday.

This is a list of the badges that the Cubs have earned over the last 12 months.

Chief Scout Silver Award, Team Leader & Teamwork Challenge

Fire Safety Badge, Scientist Badge, World Challenge, Skills Challenge, Adventure Challenge, Time on the water, Fire Safety Badge, Scientist Badge, Athletics Badge, Home Help Badge, Home Safety Badge, Nights Away Staged Badges, Hikes Staged Badges

The Cub pack is running well, and we are proud of what they have achieved over the last few months.

David Gordon Cub Scout Leader.



**Our Central region is in drought  
Above average rain will be needed  
this autumn and winter for water re-  
source situation to improve**

We welcomed the rain in late September in our Central region, which was above the long-term average at 137%.

However, following nearly three years of below average rainfall our Central region is in drought. Groundwater levels are still well below average and a few good weeks of rain is not enough to make up for this.

This means we may need to introduce temporary water restrictions (also known as hosepipe bans) in spring 2020 if we do not get above average rainfall this autumn and winter.

We have now entered the recharge season, which is when rain is more likely to filter down into the aquifer (porous rock where groundwater is stored). This period usually runs from October to March. However, soils were drier than average in September and any rain that falls will first need to saturate the soil before filtering down to the aquifer, potentially delaying recharge of groundwater.

In September, we launched an extensive campaign through direct customer emails, social media and traditional media to ensure customers are fully aware of the situation. This resulted in over **4,000 orders for water saving devices in just 24 hours** and we would like to thank customers for their support in saving water.

We will continue to update customers as the situation progresses and in November, we will engage with customers to get their views to ensure they are fully prepared if restrictions need to be introduced in spring 2020.

We would appreciate that you share our message by following us on Twitter [@affinitywater](https://twitter.com/affinitywater) or

Facebook [/affinitywaterandlinking](https://www.facebook.com/affinitywaterandlinking) to our page at [www.affinitywater.co.uk/resources](http://www.affinitywater.co.uk/resources)

Our central region, where drought conditions are in place includes Hertfordshire, West Essex and parts of Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey and North London.



## **First Rodings Brownies News**

We are coming to the end of another busy Brownie term where we have created, cooked and played games among lots of other activities. We have learned semaphore – an old flag signing activity Brownies learnt in the past, Edna Hall – a retired Guiding Leader has visited us each week this term to teach a little at each session

ready for the Brownies to show their skills to the older Rodings residents at our annual Christmas gathering. During one evening earlier in the term Brownies frantically coloured in lots of poppies ready to be put around the village to commemorate Remembrance Day. We had lots of praise as residents and visitors when they noticed poppies attached to road signs and the village sign with lots more attached to the Notice Board and bus shelters too, we also had one complaint – one resident felt it was inappropriate to do this but as the complaints outweighed this complaint by far we have decided to do it again next year with a plan to ensure larger poppies are attached to road signs without being blown down in the bad weather. If anybody is not happy with this please let us know and we will review our idea. As Christmas is fast approaching we are very much looking forward to entertaining older Rodings residents with semaphore, Christmas carols, food and drink and the annual raffle. On the very last week of term, as usual, our annual Christmas party with Roding Rainbows will take place, where lots of food, games and festivities will be enjoyed and, as the Brownies and Rainbows have been very good this year, no doubt we will be visited by a very special guest in a red suit bearing presents for all! (See the pictures of the poppies on the front page)

**Any other business:**

1. P. Sutterby thanked residents who have helped with the three litter picks held since the beginning of the year. 40 bags of litter have been very promptly collected by Uttlesford after these events. The clerk suggested that she contacted Uttlesford's Waste Team to thank them.
2. The clerk will book 2020 Parish Council meetings to follow the same pattern as 2019 meetings if possible.
3. The Chairman invited Councillors and residents present to a Charity quiz to be held on Monday 11th November to support Children in Need.
4. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

**Date of the next meeting Tuesday 10th December**

There being no further business the meeting **closed** at 8.45pm

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 12TH IS  
VOTING DAY  
MAKE SURE YOU USE YOUR  
VOTE  
THE POLLING STATION IS AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
AND IS OPEN FROM 7AM UNTIL 10PM**

### 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 OR SO SOMEONE IS**

**ALLOWING THEIR DOG TO DEFICATE IN THE GROUNDS AND THEN NOT CLEANING IT UP.**

**THE GROUNDS ARE COVERED BY CCTV. THIS IN THE FUTURE WILL BE USED TO REPORT THE OWNER TO THE UTTLESFORD DOG WARDENS WHICH COULD LEAD TO PROSECUTION.**

**Scout Troop**

At the start of the term we held a Knife, axe & bow saw training & individual permits were gained by the scouts; the evening included starting campfires using natural materials, bark & the use of a flint & steel.

The Fyfield 5k fun run in September from the sports field across the fields & countryside was completed by the leaders & scouts who ran to raise sponsorship for coming camps.

Several weeks later the Scouts took part in a Night Hike & night navigation scheme following the route of the 5k run route.

Trip to The Imperial War museum Duxford by Dennis & scouts who had won a competition.

The Friday before Remembrance Day the scouts had a presentation by WW1 military historian representing the 10<sup>th</sup> Essex battalion, he brought along uniforms, webbing, rifles, revolver, Vickers machine gun, gas masks & a soldier's personal kit.

On Remembrance Sunday the troop & the rest with the Group sections carrying our flags marched behind our drummer to Fyfield church for the remembrance Sunday and to lay a wreath of poppies was laid on the memorial.

We were proud to support 3 of our explorer scouts to the World Jamboree in America & 1 of our scouts to the International Jamboree in Australia. Our support will be extended to support our 3 scouts destined for the Europe International Jamboree in Poland in 2020.

**Rolf Bassnett Scout Leader.**

**Dragonian Explorer Scouts**

Our numbers have grown from 5 Explorers to 12 with more due to come up from Scouts in the coming months.

As a unit, we have been working on our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. Each half term the young people spend time recording their skills, volunteering and physical activities into the online Duke of Edinburgh system. We have recently spent a number of weeks planning menus and route cards as well as consolidating our first aid and equipment skills in preparation for our bronze expedition. Eight Explorers successfully completed a walking expedition around the Hertfordshire countryside; demonstrating their teamwork, perseverance, map reading, resilience, and scouting skills. The weather was kind to us, although rain was never far away! The next step for these young people is to complete the other sections of their award before moving on to their Silver.

As part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, most of the Explorers spend their time volunteering as Young Leaders with other sections within the group. To assist them with this role, they have been completing modules for their Young Leader Award. All the Young Leaders have thus far, completed their basic training and continue to work on other modules and missions to gain the full award. Both the Young Leader training and Duke of Edinburgh award offers the Explorers an opportunity to develop personal skills which they will utilise many times in the future.

Throughout the year, we have supported Caitlin, Matthew Chloe and Daniel with their fundraising efforts, culminating with their visits to the World Scout Jamboree in America over the summer and Australia in December. Congratulations to all four of them for being selected and working tirelessly to raise the funds necessary for their trips. We all thoroughly enjoyed their presentations, hearing your stories, looking at your photos and souvenirs. As we move forward into the next year, we will be supporting Shannon, Saffy and Emma as they fundraise for their trip to the European Jamboree next summer, in Poland.

**Vicki Wood and Peter Wick Explorer Scout Leaders**

Mary Bacon Chairman 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

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## AYTHORPE RODING PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish council has Allotment Sites to rent.

For details please contact the Parish Council Clerk,

Karen Weare on 01279 876274



## SAFFRON WALDEN MUSEUM

### WHATS ON 2019

#### November

From Death Masks to Diaries:

Nov 16 2019 to 22 March 2020

An exhibition exploring the many faces of portraiture.

#### December

Perfect Portraits 20 - 21 Dec

Come and have your photo taken with some historic props, a perfect Christmas gift! Make a paper Christmas wreath from your hand prints



### Was that a Bus? How to find out about transport options in our area

There's no doubt that living in this part of the UK has many advantages. We are surrounded by beautiful countryside and picturesque villages, have London within easy reach, Cambridge on our doorstep, and all number of stately homes and interesting places to visit.

However, life being what it is, rural living comes with its own set of issues. One of which is transport. Cuts to local services mean buses are few and far between. So for most of us a car is essential - whether to get to the station for the daily commute, to medical appointments or the nearest town. But what happens when driving is no longer an option?

Fortunately, there are alternatives, though tracking them down can be time-consuming and frustrating. And what's available largely depends on where you live.

For the over 60's who find public transport too difficult, Uttlesford Community Travel can be a godsend as can the Social Car Schemes which some villages offer to ferry residents to medical appointments. While for those who have been assessed as in medical need there's the non emergency transport service for hospital appointments.

For a comprehensive over-view of all local transport options Uttlesford Frontline offers a free fact sheet "**Getting Places**" - via [www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk](http://www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk).

This includes: Social car schemes; bus travel - with access to route planning and timetables; DaRT (on demand) services - villages covered and booking details plus how to check whether a particular bus is accessible for anyone with mobility problems; rail travel and how to gain assistance by Greater Anglia, as well as at Stansted Airport. Details about concessionary bus passes, the Blue Badge Scheme and help available to pay travel costs for medical appointments are included together with full contact details, links and telephone numbers.



More information: Amy Rowson, Business Development Lead, [projects@frontlineuk.org.uk](mailto:projects@frontlineuk.org.uk), 01799 618842/Janet Elsey  
[admin@frontlineuk.org.uk](mailto:admin@frontlineuk.org.uk)

## BREAK-IN ON CLOGHAMS GREEN

On the night of the 17th

November a shed at Willow Tree Cottage was broken into .

Tools and a large amount of fishing equipment was taken. This is the second time in a matter of months this house has been broken into.

Two eastern European men have been seen in a white transit type van in Beauchamp Roding acting suspiciously.

A silver fiesta was involved in a break-in in Clatterford End (High Easter Rd) on the 19th Nov.



- Financing of footpath repairs in Holloway Crescent – a resident stated that no repairs have commenced as yet.
- Repair of road by the post box on Dunmow Road – this has been reported, the clerk will report again.
- Crumbling footpath outside Rossdene – now repaired.
- Overgrown vegetation on the footpath between the Village Hall and Holloway Crescent – now cut.
- Worn/rusted school sign on Dunmow Road – this has been reported.
- Suggestion of defibrillator – the clerk has looked into prices; these range from £1,000 to £1,500.00 with different specifications which would need looking into. P. Sutterby stated that the Fire Service would be in agreement to have a defibrillator erected on the outside of the building. P. Sutterby suggested that before making any decisions, the Parish Council seek advice from Chris Flack, a local First Responder; the clerk will contact Mr Flack to ask him to get together with Parish Councillors either at the next meeting or a time convenient to him.

#### Finance:

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

£17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today's meeting.

£105.60 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (inv. 243)

£211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (inv. 207)

£280.00 to R.C. Bell – printing of Leaden Reading (September 2019)

#### Planning Applications:

An appeal decision has been made by the Secretary of State against the decision by Uttlesford Planning Department to refuse:

Old Rectory, Stortford Road – proposed detached outbuilding – appeal dismissed.

#### Footpaths:

P. Sutterby reported that Footpath 11, Sewerage Works to Longsted Lane is overgrown and has been reported, (Ref 2633269) this should be rectified within 56 days of being reported.

Any footpath problems can be reported by contacting Phil Sutterby or by telephoning 0845 6037631 or by emailing [www.essex.gov.uk/highways](http://www.essex.gov.uk/highways).

#### Fencing of Chalks Green:

Since the last meeting Cllr Barker received an email from Essex County Council stating that they have not received a response from Mr Collins to the original letter sent and they have sent a further letter as per the request from Cllr Barker. They advised they do not usually get involved in these matters as it is not their duty to act. They stated that under Legislation anyone has the power to take action against illegal works on commons (this includes members of the public and/or Parish / District/Borough Councils). Cllr Barker passed this information to the clerk between meetings and Parish Councillors were made aware. At the meeting Cllr Barker suggested she report the fencing to the Legal Officer at Uttlesford District Council as she was concerned that if the green is fenced off indefinitely the owner of the soil could claim ownership of the land. She stated that the original suggestion by the Parish Council of removing the wire and cutting the fences by half is still fencing off the green, M.Whitehead was in agreement.

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**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday 29th October 2019**

Present: D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, J.McIntock, M.Whitehead, Mrs A Ringrose, Cllr Susan Barker and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Mrs G. Essex

Minutes of the last meeting of 3rd September 2019 were agreed and duly signed.

**Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council**

A resident stated that she had sent photos of weeds growing from the gullies on Stortford Road stopping rainwater from draining to Cllr Barker who confirmed she had reported this to Highways.

A resident stated that part of a tree was falling towards the road at Leaden Hill. P. Sutterby will inspect the severity and decide whether he can remove the tree part himself or report to Highways.

A resident once again stated that vegetation is encroaching the footpath on Dunmow Road towards Kears Green, this has been reported several times to Highways who state that the problem is not severe enough to rectify at this time. Cllr Barker will report this again.

**Cllr Barker's report**

Cllr Barker reported that 3 Uttlesford Councillors elected to represent the Residents for Uttlesford Party have defected to the Green Party.

At this time a number of planning applications for new development are being refused by Uttlesford, there is concern that when being passed after appeal the housing is not passed to the same standard as the original application.

A report from inspectors should be received in the next few weeks regarding the Local Plan.

There is concern that Uttlesford are querying sections of the 106 Agreement regarding planning for Stansted Airport which has already been agreed.

A Youth Strategy Group has been set up to support young people in Uttlesford.

Village organisations can now apply for Micro Grants with an easy application to complete. Cllr Barker will send information to the clerk to pass to village organisations who could benefit.

Cllr Barker has used £600 of her Councillor Allowance for a grant for Roding School towards refurbishing the playground.

**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 – this does not appear to have been repaired since being reported under the Highways Repair Scheme, Cllr Barker will enquire as to why.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – see above.

## Leaden Roding Church

See Parish News for further information on forthcoming Services



**Services : 8th Dec. @ 11.00am (all age)      15th Dec. @ 9.30am (CW HC)**  
**22nd Dec. Carol Service @ 6.00pm      24th Dec. @ 3.30pm (Crib Service)**

**10 Parishes**

**Christmas Day services @ 10.00am @ Good Easter & Beauchamp Roding (HC)**



**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.**

### **LEADEN RODING GREEN WASTE SKIP**

If Uttlesford District Council offer a Green Waste Skip again for 2020, the Parish Council will consider taking this up if the cost remains within budget. Please give your views to Parish Councillors or the Clerk as to whether this service is necessary.



**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.)**



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

**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.





## How to claim bereavement benefits

You might be able to claim some money if someone has died.



What you can claim depends on your circumstances and what your relationship was to the person who died

### [Get help to pay for their funeral](#)

If you get benefits, you might be able to get help to pay for the funeral of a partner, close relative, close friend or child you were responsible for. You can [check if you can get a Funeral Expenses Payment](#) on GOV.UK.

[Claiming Bereavement Support Payment](#) If your husband, wife or civil partner has died, you might be able to claim Bereavement Support Payment.

### [Check if you're eligible](#)

You can only claim Bereavement Support Payment if your husband, wife or civil partner died on or after 6 April 2017. You can't claim if you or your partner weren't married or in a civil partnership. You need to have been under your State Pension age when your partner died - [check your State Pension age](#) on GOV.UK if you're not sure. It doesn't matter what your income is, if you have any savings or if you're working.

Your husband, wife or civil partner must have either:

- paid National Insurance contributions for at least 25 weeks in one tax year
- died because of an accident at work, or a disease caused by their work

When you apply, the DWP will check to see if your partner paid enough National Insurance contributions.

### [How much you can get](#)

If you don't have children, you can get a lump sum payment of £2,500 and monthly payments of £100 for up to 18 months. If you have children or you're pregnant, you can get a lump sum payment of £3,500 and monthly payments of £350 for up to 18 months. You won't have to pay tax on any of the payments, including the lump sum. Your monthly payments won't affect your other benefits. If you still have some of the lump sum left after a year, it could affect the amount of other benefits you can get.

You won't be paid your Bereavement Support Payment if you're given a prison sentence. If you're on remand, your Bereavement Support Payment will stop but you'll get any missed payments if you're released.

### [When to apply](#)

You should try and fill in the form within 3 months of your husband, wife or civil partner's death to get the full amount of money. After 3 months, the DWP will count your application as late. You'll lose one monthly payment for every month your application is late. To get the lump sum, your application must reach the DWP within 12 months of your husband, wife or civil partner's death. If your application arrives after 12 months, you won't get the lump sum.

### [How to apply](#)

You can apply for Bereavement Support Payment by filling in a form or calling the Bereavement Service helpline. You can download a [Bereavement Support Payment claim form](#) on GOV.UK or order one by calling [your local Jobcentre Plus](#). The form comes with notes to help you. If you need more help [contact your nearest Citizens Advice](#). Read through the form before you send it to make sure you've answered everything properly. Make a copy of the form if you can - you might need to refer to it later. If you send it by post, ask the Post Office for proof of postage - you might need to prove when you applied.

When you've filled it in you should take it to your local Jobcentre Plus or send it to:

**Bereavement Support Payment** You can also apply over the phone by calling the Bereavement Service helpline. Make a note of the date and time you call and write down the name of the person you speak to. You might need these details later in your application

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Textphone: 0800 731 0464  
Wolverhampton  
WV98 2BS

**Bereavement Service helpline**  
Telephone: 0800 731 0469  
Textphone: 0800 731 0464

- Crumbling footpath outside Rosdene, the areas has been marked by Highways and will be repaired shortly under the recent Highways Repair Scheme.
- Overgrown vegetation on the footpath between the Village Hall and Holloway Crescent has been reported and Uttlesford state it will be cut within the next week.

### Finance:

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

- £17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today's meeting.
- £105.60 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (inv. 171)
- £115.35 to Uttlesford District Council – cost of uncontested election.

### Planning Applications:

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision by Uttlesford Planning Department to refuse:

Old Rectory, Stortford Road – proposed detached outbuilding.

### Footpaths:

P. Sutterby reported that now the harvest has finished footpaths are in a better condition 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/highways).

### Fencing of Chalks Green:

After a decision was made at the last meeting the clerk informed Mr Collins that the Parish Council would prefer him to remove all wires and cut down the posts by half if possible, the Parish Council also stated that they would consider funding all or part of the cutting of the green in the future. The clerk read his reply which stated that he has arranged for the green to be cut during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September and rather than contributing to the cost of the cutting suggested the Parish Council cut the posts and removed the wire which he estimated to be approximately 2 hours labour and if necessary he would dispose of the left over wood. Cllr Barker reminded the Parish Council that the entire fence should not be permitted and could, at their request, ask Essex County Council to request it be removed. Residents present at the meeting stated the fence should be removed. After discussion where P.Sutterby and A Ringrose at first stated they would prefer to stay with the decision made at the last meeting, it was agreed that the clerk make a written request to Cllr Barker for her to request that Essex County Council ask Mr Collins to remove the entire fencing.

### Any other business:

1. P. Sutterby requested that Cllr Barker pass his thanks to Uttlesford for the very speedy removal of rubbish after a recent fly tipping incident in the village.
2. The clerk will report to Highways that the school traffic sign is in need of repair.
3. The Chairman suggested consideration for a defibulator to be installed in the village, suggesting the fire station might be the preferred location. P. Sutterby will make enquiries from the Essex Fire Brigade to see if this is an option and the clerk will look into costings.
4. P.Sutterby stated that he is organising another litter pick on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September.
5. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

**Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

**Future meeting dates:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL & COUNCILLORS

Clerk for the Parish Council - Terry Bell Tel. 01279 876045 e-mail [terrybell19@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:terrybell19@yahoo.co.uk)



Dave Clayden  
Chairman  
Tel.876735

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

**Present:** D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, Mrs G Essex, M.Whitehead, Mrs A Ringrose, Cllr Susan Barker and 5 members of the public.

Minutes of the last meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> July were agreed and duly signed.

#### Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident asked for an update after the clerk requested the cutting of vegetation on the footpaths on both sides of Dunmow Road towards Aythorpe Roding. The clerk stated that Highways have inspected the footpaths and reported back that they are not seriously overgrown enough to be cut at this time, Highways stated that it is not as serious as some other defects they are dealing with but they will monitor the area periodically. Cllr Barker agreed to look into this.

A resident stated that she is still witnessing dog fouling in the village. The clerk advised that if anybody witnesses dog fouling, they should report the name of the perpetrator to the Animal Warden at Uttlesford and they will be fined.

A resident asked for an update on the fencing of Chalks Green – see below for report.

#### Cllr Barker's report

The Uttlesford Local Plan is progressing with some modifications being made. There is concern regarding costs of planning appeals being made and concern that if development is refused the amount of homes required to be built will be too low.

There has been a recent change in the criteria in Blue Badge applications, residents who did not meet the old criteria may now qualify for a Blue Badge.

#### 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 – after the clerk provided photographic evidence of the problem and Cllr Barker expects this to be repaired shortly under the [Highways Repair Scheme](#). The clerk stated that although the repair outside Rosssdene which was reported at the same time has been marked for repair, the problem outside King William House has not, she is concerned it could be missed; Cllr Barker is sure that the repair will be carried out imminently.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – the gullies have been jetted recently; it appears there is some improvement but will be continued to be monitored after further rainfall.
- The clerk reported that the yellow lines between Long Hide and the School have not been painted all the way to the school leaving a gap where parents are still parking on the pavement. Highways stated that the yellow lines installed is the planned length there can be no extension.
- VAS sign on Dunmow Road – as Highways state the pavement is too narrow to install a VAS sign, the clerk requested that Cllr Barker look into when the improvements to the speed limit signage will be installed. Request for vegetation on Dunmow Road to be cut – see above.
- Financing of footpath repairs in Holloway Crescent – a resident stated that it appears the repairs to some parts of the footpaths will be started shortly.
- Repair of road by the post box on Dunmow Road – this has been reported but still ongoing at this time.



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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.

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and Thursday to offer general advice.

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**Let's connect  
our community  
with kindness**

### Spread some kindness and help tackle loneliness - new Essex-wide community initiative launched

#### Spread some kindness and help tackle loneliness

Are you interested in making a real difference in your local community without dedicating huge amounts of time?

With one in four Essex residents often or always feeling lonely, United in Kind, a new county-wide movement which aims to tackle loneliness and social isolation, needs your support.

By taking just a few minutes out of your day to take a neighbour's bin out, chat to a stranger at a bus stop or make time to call in on someone who lives alone nearby, you can make a big difference to how connected that person feels in their community.

Or if you have more time to spare, why not volunteer a couple of hours to help at one of the many community organisations, charities and groups who are already supporting Essex residents who feel lonely or isolated?

It's time to re-connect and make everyone feel part of a kinder community. To find out how you can get involved, and to see what's happening in your community, visit [www.unitedinkind.org.uk](http://www.unitedinkind.org.uk). You can also share your stories of kindness and inspire others to follow your lead on social media using #UnitedInKind.

Together we can tackle loneliness with kindness. Start today





# RODINGS SCHOOL

## Rodings Primary Fireworks Night

**Remember, Remember the 5th November  
... or the 6th to be more precise!**

On the 6th November we held our annual Fireworks Night run by the Friends of Rodings Primary. It is one of many highlights in our Autumn calendar and it is a spectacle excitedly anticipated by many. It also marks the final event before our Christmas activities really kick in.

Once again we had a fantastic display created by John and his team. With a great variety of fireworks from colourful plumes, whizzes and pops to ground shakers, there was something for everyone. Each year I feel quite humbled that we are able to put on such a show for the local community.

Our Fireworks display, as well as being a fundraiser for the school, is very much a community event. This was really reiterated to me this year when one of our Friends committee overheard a conversation amongst a group of adults saying they had lived locally for many years but didn't realise that the event was open to the whole community. So I would



like to get the message out there, that if you see a banner outside the front of the school promoting an event, local residents with no connection to the school are more than welcome to join us.

After a great show, fantastic sausages from Great Garnetts, bar and tuck shop we raised an incredible £3000.

Myself and the Friends Committee would like to say a big 'Thank you' to our sponsors Kelly's Beauty, AG Hugo Building Contractors, Peardon Health and Safety, The Flitch House and Beresfords Estate Agents.

Hopefully we will see you all next year! - COLIN RARATEY (Headmaster)

### EDITOR NOTE:

Colin makes a very important point. There are many organisations in the village who organize many events. There are three main community hubs in the village. The School, the Church and the Village Hall. All organise events and ALL RESIDENTS are welcome to come along and take part. (You might have to reserve a place.) So watch out for the adverts for the events and please support them.


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Were you in the area on that day, around that time? Did you see any suspicious activity? Did you note a suspicious person or vehicle?

If you noted any suspicious activity in relation to the reports then please call Essex Police on 101.

Make a note of the incident reference number and quote this when calling. (If you have information in relation to a suspicious vehicle, please make note of the Make, Model, Colour and index number if possible).

Please do not feel that you will be wasting police time. The information you provide may prove useful in an investigation. Please inform the call taker that you are part of a watch scheme. If you have any queries your local Essex Watch Liaison Officer will be only please to assist you.

Thank you. [SEE PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS OF RECENT BREAK-INS/WARNINGS](#)

<b>For crimes and suspicious activity NOW phone</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>For non-urgent incidents and reporting a crime that has already happened</b>	<b>101</b>
Alternatively you can report non-urgent incidents or suspicious activity and crimes on-line at <a href="https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/">https://www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/</a>	
<b>To give information anonymously phone CRIMESTOPPERS</b>	<b>0800 555 111</b>
or report it online at <a href="http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org">www.crimestoppers-uk.org</a>	
<i>The information you provide is very important to us so please make sure that we can use it effectively, by reporting it correctly through the proper channels above. Thank you.</i>	

**The tips for a crime free Christmas shop** start before you leave your house, after all you don't want to come home to find the house broken into.

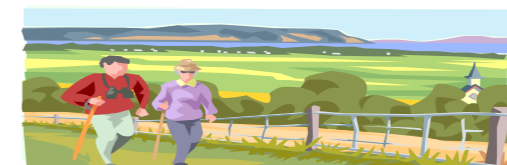
1. Garden tools securely locked away in the shed – Burglars will be happy to use your tools to break into your house.
2. Create the illusion your home is occupied - Radio and lights on a timer in rooms you would normally occupy, there is even a device called "Fake TV" that flashes a series of lights when it gets dark that looks like the TV is on. There are now door bells that you can view and answer from your Smartphone.
3. Lock up properly not just your windows and doors in the house, but also any gates and outbuildings.
4. Choose a "Park Mark" car park where you can <http://www.parkmark.co.uk/> . By choosing a Park Mark® Safer Parking facility you are visiting a car park that has been vetted by the Police and has measures in place in order to create a safer environment for both you and your vehicle.
5. Leave nothing in sight within your car, remove the "Sat Nav" cradle and clean the mark on the wind-screen.
6. When you lock your car with the remote look for the light flash confirmation or better still try the door handle before leaving the car.
7. Now you're starting your shop watch your purse, wallet, mobile phone and handbag especially in busy places, don't leave them on display in bags or on counters while you pay, and while you're paying watch that no one is watching you entering your PIN when making purchases or withdrawing cash.
8. Time to stop for lunch or a cuppa, don't drop your guard. Mobile phone on the table, shopping by the chair, wallet or purse visible, coat, jacket or handbag over the chair; if a thief sees it a thief will steal it.
9. Need to off load some of those purchases in the car, look around are you being watched? Back to (5 & 6) above again.
10. Time go home, don't fall for any distractions while you load the car i.e. "you dropped some money" pointing to cash on the ground, holding a map "can you tell me the way to....". While you are engaged the second person steals from your car on the other side. Close and lock your car before speaking to anyone.

## Rodings Walking Group 2018

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Another year is about to close and throughout the year walks have been well supported and the weather has also played its part.

We start 2020 with a local walk around Leaden Roding on Sunday 5th January 10.30 from the Village Hall.

Thank you to the walkers for their continued support throughout the year. May I take the opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year. Phil Sutterby 01279 876274 [www.rodingswg@gmail.com](mailto:www.rodingswg@gmail.com)

## MUTTS IN DISTRESS

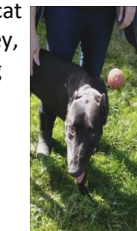
**THROWING OUT AN OLD DUVET OR OLD TOWELS?** Please remember that they can be put to great use by Mutts in Distress Pound Dog Rescue in Little Hallingbury who rely solely on donations.

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 .

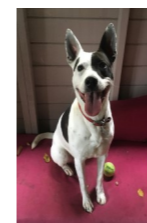
### END OF YEAR REHOMING UPDATE

Mutts in Distress have continued to help rehome many dogs during the year. Bonnie, Sharon, Dash and Snowy the cat who have all been featured in the Leaden Reading this year have all been rehomed. However, unfortunately Beverley, Toby who were featured in the June edition and Josie who was featured in the September edition are all still looking for their forever homes.



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

**Flash** is a very handsome great dane sized looking lurcher. He is about 3 to 4 years old and is very loveable and friendly who wants to be with you. He loves to have a cuddle and to be made a fuss of. Flash would like a sofa of his own where he can curl up small if needed. He cannot be homed with cats.



**Ruby** is 4 ½ and a cross breed. She found herself back at Mutts three 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. She absolutely loves people and human cuddles and she will give you all the love you give her back and more. Ruby takes food very gently and she knows the words sit and down. I have been doing some heel work with her and she is responding really well. A home with children over the age of 10 would be more suitable as she can be a bit bouncy. She cannot live with cats and like humans she can be a bit choosy about her dog friends. Can anyone give this adorable dog her forever home?

To see videos of the above dogs which will give you more of an idea of how lovely they are, please join their facebook page group (under Mutts in Distress!!!!!!) and search my name. 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. If you need any help with the process, please feel free to contact myself (Keely) on the number below and I will talk you through what you need to do.

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](mailto: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](http://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)

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



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](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/animalfoulingreport)

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



**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**

11th December  
1st January  
22nd January

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!

Essex have announced revised library

**VISITS are due every 3 weeks**  
[www.essex.gov.uk/Libraries-Archives/](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Libraries-Archives/)

**Mindfulness Yoga & Meditation**

'Love Yourself as You Are'

Gentle, mindful yoga with breath awareness ~ to open, soften, strengthen, release & heal your body, your mind, your heart... ..

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**Commercial Flytipping** It is believed that Essex is being targeted by a criminal gang working out of West London using large tipper lorries to dump shredded materials in country lanes around the west and north side of London.

The police have requested that people look out for certain vehicles which they believe are involved in this crime wave and if seen dial 999. They are:

- EO08RJY white FORD Transit
- T58CBD Red Nissan patrol vehicle
- AE11ERX White Cab Tipper Lorry. All vehicles are unregistered, uninsured, not taxed and without MOTs

**Prepare Yourself for Emergencies**

Prepare but don't panic! Emergencies are unlikely but they can happen, and with a few small steps you can prepare for the unexpected. <http://www.essexprepared.co.uk/prepare-yourself>

**Are you prepared for these types of things to happen to you?**

- Power cuts, or disruption to electricity supplies
- Flooding at home, on the roads or at your place of business
- Severe weather, high winds or snow
- Loss of telephone communications
- Evacuation from your home or business
- Being confined indoors at home, at work or somewhere else
- Unplanned separation from family members
- Becoming stranded or severely delayed on a journey in your car

You can find out more on preparing for, and managing, situations like these on the website [Are you prepared?](#) and in the Community Risk Register Public Information located at [Know Your Risks](#)