

LITTER PICK

Please come and join us for just one hour on **Saturday 17th March** to tidy up our village.



10.00 am Leaden Roding Village Hall

You will be given your litter picker, bag to fill and allocated an area to clear.

Please wear gloves and hi viz clothing (if you have it).

Any questions ask Phil 01279 876274

LITTER PICK WILL BE POSTPONED IF WEATHER IS POOR



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2018. New Year. New things to see and do.

As we are still in a very cold winter, plans are being made in the village for various events to take place during spring, summer and autumn.

Residents and Society members are looking to raise funds to keep activities surviving for another year.

The village hall needs to raise over £10,000 each year just to stand still and they would like to improve the building and facilities, so more is needed. The hall is available for you all to use.

When different groups who use the hall are successful in raising money, they can support members by charging a reduced fee for membership, etc.

Outside groups also use the facilities which helps with the hall's upkeep.

So far these events will take place in the Village during :

Bowls matches all year, Cricket, Sat's in Summer, Quiz every fortnight

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| March 17th | Litter Pick |
| March 30th Good Friday) | Coffee Morning for Farleigh Hospice |
| April 21st (Saturday) | St George's Fish & Chip Fun Night |
| May—Sept (2nd Sunday of the month except July 1st) | Cream teas, Car Boot/Table Top sale |
| May 7th(Monday) | May Day Fayre for Mutts in Distress |
| June 16th (Saturday) | School Fun Day |
| 16th June | Bowlathon for Air Ambulance & GOSH |
| July 8th (Sunday) | Village Fete/Fun Day & Dog Show |
| July 14th & 15th (Sat & Sun) | Church Flower Festival |
| Oct 13th | Grand Music Quiz for The J's Hospice, Witham |
| Dec (date to be arranged) | Village Xmas Lunch |
- The Art Group, Quilters, Brownies & Rainbows meet regularly.

Watch out for signs around the village and in the next Leaden Reading.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE 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 ??

VERY SORRY FOR THE LATE DELIVERY OF LAST QUARTERS MAGAZINE. THIS WAS DUE TO PROBLEMS WITH THE PRINTERS WHICH ARE NOW OVER 4 YEARS OLD AND HAVE PRINTED OVER 135,000 A4 PAGES OF THE LEADEN READING, TOGETHER WITH PARISH COUNCIL, VILLAGE HALL TRUST AND VILLAGE SOCIAL CLUB PRINTING.

A NEW HIGH QUALITY PRINTER HAS BEEN PURCHASED. I HOPE YOU SAW THE DIFFERENCE?



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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.

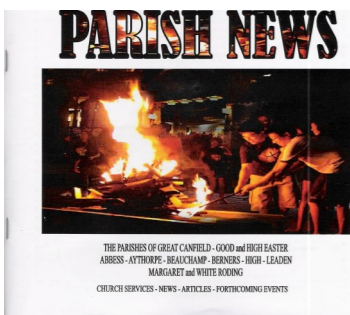
SO GIVE ONE A TRY.

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.

£10 .00 for 12 months.

Vicky Ford is the MEP for the East of England. Contact her by e-mail: office@vickyford.org Or vicky.ford@europarl.europa.eu Tel: 01954 211722

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)

Table listing village officials and their contact numbers, including Parish Council Chairman Dave Clayden, Parish Council Clerk Terry Bell, and various school and club representatives.

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

Kemi Badenock M.P.

contact details for future reference.



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Starlings in display



Barn Owl



Reed Bunting



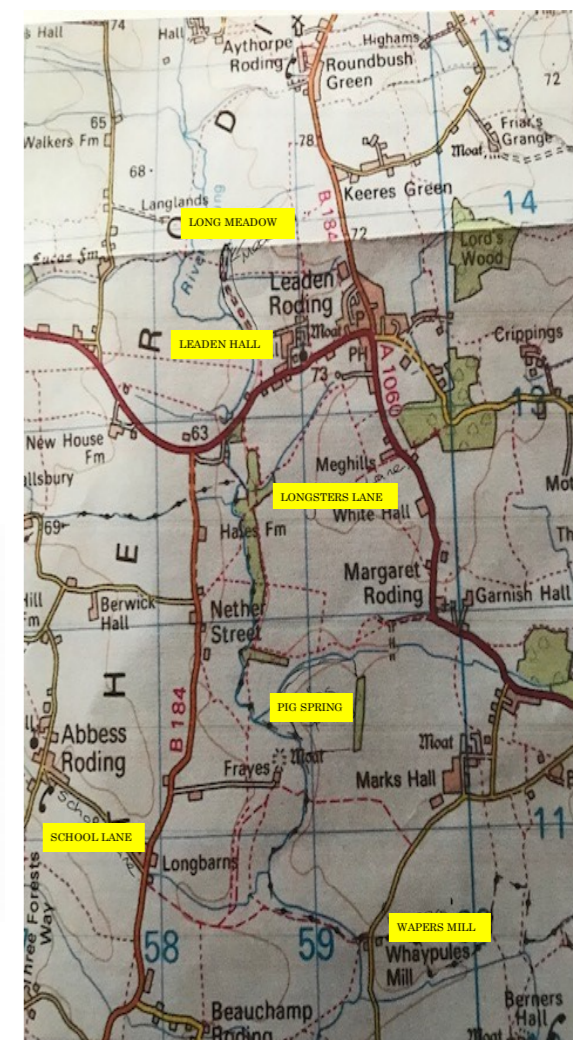
Chiff Chaff



Catkins



Honey Bee



Winter in Leaden Roding by Ken Pavitt

After a dry Autumn came the rain, it was dry until the end of September and we have had several periods of heavy rain since causing flooding to both roads and fields. It is still very wet underfoot and any new rain seems just to sit on the ground as puddles. We also had two heavy falls of snow in January, causing power cuts and problems on the roads.

Despite the weather a great number of our birds and mammals continue to thrive. We have seen large numbers of Fieldfares and Redwings feeding on the plentiful supplies of hips and haws. The Ivy is also providing plenty of berries for the blackbirds and Pigeons which can only be good as Pigeon numbers are at their lowest on record. The Woodcock seem to be increasing in numbers as well, some pairs nest in the UK but the majority are winter visitors from Russia. Starlings are also benefitting from favourable conditions, I have seen a large flock possibly as many as 500 birds, performing their evening aerial display above Leaden Roding. The early nesting birds have starting preparations for the coming breeding season. The Jackdaws are already staking their claim to the chimney pots at Holloway Close. The Rooks are busy as always at this time of year rebuilding their nests which have suffered damage by the high winds. The rooks are some of the earliest birds to lay their eggs, soon followed by the Magpies which protect their nests with a dome built over the top.

A Barn Owl has been spotted in Aythorpe Roding and we hope it nests at Leaden Hall. The Kestrel has again started to build a nest in the Ash Tree at Long Meadow. The Woodpeckers have been 'drumming' in Lords Wood. I'm not sure which species of Woodpecker as I can't get close enough to see! We have three species of Woodpecker in the UK, Green, Greater Spotted and the much rarer and aptly named Lesser Spotted. I'm still not sure if the 'drumming' is to attract a mate or to tell other woodpeckers that it has found a mate. Most of the other species of birds are beginning to pair up. So far this year I have seen Blue Tits, Great Tits, Reed Buntings, Wrens, Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Collared Doves and House Sparrows which nest under the tiles at the bungalows in Holloway Close. Herons have been seen on the flooded meadows at Leaden Hall and after months without a sighting a Little Egret was spotted by the river at Wapers Mill in early Feb.

In my Autumn report I stated that I hadn't been fortunate enough to see a Kingfisher recently. I still haven't seen one but within a week of me submitting my report my daughter caught a flash of brilliant blue as she walked along School Lane in Abbess Roding and again during the first week of February when she watched the bird fly out from a hedge and over the field towards Long Barns. The Winter visitors will soon be leaving our shores and will then soon be replaced by our Summer visitors. The Wheatears will be the first to arrive, followed by the Warblers, the Chiff Chaffs, Swallows and House Martins. We can only hope that the visiting Cuckoo, Nightingale and Turtle Doves will start to recover numbers after years of decline.

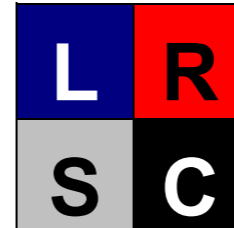
A little later than last year we are beginning to see signs of the forthcoming Spring. Catkins are abundant this year, covered in yellow pollen waiting to be pollinated by the tiny crimson flowers on the Hazel Nut trees. I have seen a few Honey Bees on sunny days feeding on the Pussy Willow. Snowdrops are blooming and Bluebells are beginning to emerge as are the Primroses and I'm looking forward to seeing Longsters Lane a carpet of yellow again this year. One change you may spot this year if you walk around Leaden Hall or Garnish Hall farms is the introduction of a new crop - wild bird seed. It will interesting to watch this crop develop over the coming months.

The cold weather seems to have had little effect on the Mammal populations locally. Deer numbers appear to be increasing with herds of 20 or more regularly seen in Garnish Hall Woods and Pig Spring. An increasing number also seem to be killed on the roads, this is probably also due to the increase in traffic. We seem to have plenty of rabbits locally and young are now beginning to emerge out of the hedge-rows and ditches but they are under threat. The new disease effecting rabbits is a mutated strain of Rabbit Haemorrhagic disease which has its first recorded case in the UK in 2014. Some experts are predicting that this could be even more devastating than Myxomatosis which wiped out most of the UK population of rabbits in the 1950's. We can only hope that they develop some immunity and can beat this new disease. It feels like Badgers have a sett in every field. If you come across a scrapped out Bees nest it will be the work of Badgers. Foxes have been heard calling and some will already have mated. The Hare is one of our native breeds which is not recovering in numbers, this is due in part to the increase in the number of Buzzards as they prey on the young leverets.

Life continues in the countryside regardless of the weather and all the new threats to our wildlife. I look forward to telling you about the coming years successes and concerns in my next report.

Best Wishes to you all.

Ken.
Feb 2018.



What's on in the Village Hall



CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

LEADEN RODING VILLAGE HALL
GOOD FRIDAY 30TH MARCH
10AM until 1PM

COME ALONG FOR A CHAT WITH A DRINK AND HOT CROSS BUNS
ALSO RAFFLE, PLANTS FOR SALE, CAKES & TOMBOLA

ALL PROFITS IN AID OF FARLEIGH HOSPICE



Would you like a good night out with good company and take part in a very friendly quiz? Come along to the Village Hall every second Monday night from 8:15pm.

The bar is open and the drinks are much cheaper than pub prices. Bring your own supper, as there is a half time break..

The next quiz is Monday 12th March then every alternative Monday throughout the year.

HAVE A NIGHT OUT AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND COME HOME WITH CHANGE IN YOUR POCKET!

DOOM BAR/IPA BITTER (Bottle)	£2.50	CARLSBERG LAGER (Large Can)	£2.50
GLASS OF WINE	£2.50	VARIOUS BOTTLED LAGERS	£2.00
SPIRITS	£2.50	J2O JUICES	£1.50

Plus many more drinks at reasonable prices, well below pub prices.

SEE YOU THERE EVERY FRIDAY FROM 8PM

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 Roding Village Hall Trust" page, from the main page, a proportion of the lottery entry fee will go towards the upkeep and improvement of the village hall.

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

See below for more details or go to the Essex Lottery page.

www.essexlottery.co.uk



Now up and Winning—the Essex Lottery

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, 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**

CRIME PREVENTION

Your Property

Your belongings may be important to you but to a thief they are just a way of making easy cash.

Marking your possessions makes them less attractive to burglars because they are hard to sell on and too hot to handle.

Every year we recover property worth thousands of pounds but are unable to return it to its rightful owner because it can't be properly identified.

We hope you are never the victim of theft but you can increase the chances of being reunited with any stolen items by registering them on the Immobilise website.

Immobilise helps us identify the owners of recovered property every day. It's completely free and allows you to create a private and secure inventory all your personal property. All you need to do is register on the Immobilise website and list possessions identifiable by a unique reference number like IMEI, serial number, bicycle frame number etc.

Protecting your home against thieves is vital but marking your belongings, especially those with sentimental value, could deter thieves or help us prove they were stolen. Registering them with Immobilise makes it easier for us to identify you as the owner.

How can I mark my property?

There are several ways to mark your belongings and you can buy easy to use kits for each method from DIY stores.

Engraving or etching

Use an electric engraving tool to leave a permanent mark on most hard surfaces.

Ultraviolet marking

Use an ultraviolet pen to leave a mark which only becomes visible under a UV lamp. The mark can fade over time so needs to be renewed regularly.

Ceramic marking

Use ceramic marking pens to leave a permanent mark on china and glass without cutting or scratching the surface.

Electronic marking

Modern televisions allow you to record your details electronically and prevent others accessing them with a security code.

What should I mark it with?

A simple way to identify your property is to mark it with your postcode followed by your house or flat number.

After doing so, take photographs of the items alongside a ruler or tape measure. This will help make any insurance claims you may need to make in the future easier.

For more information on property marking download the Home Office Coded for keeps leaflet.

Doorbell device helps car thieves

Car thieves are using wireless doorbells to jam remote locking systems on vehicles, police have warned.

The doorbell transmitters are used to block the signal from the motorist's key fob, leaving the car unlocked.

Crooks wait until the owner has walked away and can then take the car or steal anything the owner may have left inside the vehicle.

Work is under way to see which cars are most vulnerable to the jamming and what can be done to combat this.



Police looking to name most vulnerable cars

Always check your car is locked when you leave it!



Kemi Badenoch MP

Surgery Dates 2018



Nothing has yet been posted to her website

She is proposing to carry out random street surgeries in town centres

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

kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk

37-year-old MP who only entered the House of Commons seven months ago has been put in charge of selecting Conservative candidates for the 2022 general election as Theresa May seeks to broaden the appeal of the party.

Kemi Badenoch, who was brought up in Nigeria and introduced Mrs May's leader's speech at the party conference in October, becomes vice chairman for candidates.

The Tory party is expecting to start selecting candidates to fight next election in the next few months, putting Ms Badenoch in an influential position over the next generation of Conservative MPs.

Ms Badenoch, who entered Parliament at last June's election, is one of nine new vice chairmen appointed by Mrs May in the reshuffle taking the total number of party vice-chairmen to 13 MPs.

CLOGHAMS CRICKET



Only 3 months to go until we start again, as pre-season nets have been interrupted due to the floor in the hall at the Cloud FM ground being re-layed, so we are going to be lucky to get 5 weeks practice in.

The 3rd Division sees some old rivals coming down and up and we see Wormley coming up, a club we have never played against. Wormley is just south of Cheshunt.

The clubs in the league this year then are: Braughing, Birchanger, Abridge, Potter St, Willingale, Nazing Common, Essendon & North Weald.

Again we are a fairly small squad of players, all getting older so we would love some new young blood into the team. By young I mean under 40!

Come March we will have to start cutting the grass again and in early April we will spend some time preparing the square, getting a heavy roller on it for a few days to compact the soil, cleaning the pavilion and changing rooms and generally making the ground presentable and ready for 5 months of cricket.

If you don't want to play, why not come and support us. It's a good afternoons entertainment and you might even get a cup of tea.



59 Bus Route Alteration.

Since June the route has been extended to Anglia Ruskin University, stopping at Chelmsford Bus Station

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 can take part. Most evening matches also includes a supper, raffle and a bar at some venues.

More details from Dave Clayden 01279 876735

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Anyone can enter the competitions. Come along on a Friday evenings (from 8pm) for a practice or Thursday afternoons (from 2pm)

NELL PECK TROPHY	March 16th	7:30	
BOWLATHON	June 16th	11:30	
HJG VILLAGE IDYLIC	July 20th	7:30	Outside Green
ROB SIMPSON TANKAR	Sept 15th	2.00	Outside Green
NELL PECK TROPHY	Sept 28th	7:30	
MEMORIAL PAIRS TROPH	Oct 12th	7:30	
BETTY & KEN TROPHY	Nov 9th	7:30	



2018 FIXTURES

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BROOMFIELD	A	January 18	7:30	10	0	2 (3 mats used)
PLESHEY	A	February 8	7.30	5	0	3
GREAT WALTHAM	A	February 23	7:30			
GREAT WALTHAM	H	March 21	7:30			
STEBBING	A	March 22	2			
GREAT HALLINGBURY	A	April 20	7:30			
BLACK NOTLEY	A	May 21	7:30			
BARNSTON	A	TBC	7:30			
LITTLE EASTON	A	July 2	7:30			
GREAT HALLINGBURY	A	July 11	7:30			
BLACK NOTLEY	H	TBC	2			
BROOMFIELD	H	September 19	7:30			
GREAT CANFIELD	H	September 26	7:30			
STEBBING	A	September 29	2			
DUNMOW U.R.	A	October 15	7:30			
GREAT CANFIELD	H	November 6	7:30			
BARNSTON	H	November 14	7:30			
LITTLE EASTON	H	November 21	7:30			

This list will increase through out the year (almost double)

The outside bowling green is open in the spring/summer. If anyone wishes to come along to use the facilities. Contact Dave Clayden 01279 876735



COME AND HAVE A NIGHT OUT ON ST. GEORGE.

SILLY GAMES TO PLAY & A FISH & CHIP SUPPER. £10 per person. Under 14, £6

29TH APRIL FROM 7.30PM, VILLAGE HALL— BOOK YOUR PLACE

TEL: Terry 01279 876045

Get advice before jumping to Universal Credit



If you are receiving **income based Jobseeker's Allowance, income related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Working tax credit, Child tax credit or Housing Benefit** and your circumstances haven't changed - please wait for the DWP to contact you to move you on to Universal Credit. If you are thinking of applying independently, consider the following words of warning:

- 1) After you start the application for Universal Credit you **cannot revert back to your current benefits** (for some people this will mean a drop in income and will certainly involve a delay between the end of the legacy payment and the start of the Universal Credit payment).
- 2) As someone 'choosing to migrate' you will **not have access to any potential transitional protection** (to help you manage a possible reduction in benefit)
- 3) The Department of Works and Pension will move you on to Universal Credit between 2019 and March 2022 anyway - **so why the rush??**

If you have a change in circumstances, for example because you are working more or less hours or move in with someone, you may trigger a claim for Universal Credit – this is unavoidable. If this happens you will also lose your right to transitional protection. For more detail about the circumstances that might trigger a move to Universal Credit please go to https://www.entitledto.co.uk/help/changes_that_trigger_Universal_Credit

IMPORTANT: Universal Credit does not include help with your Council Tax. You must claim Council Tax Support separately, from your local council.

For free, confidential and impartial advice about Universal Credit, please call us on 01799 618840 or alternatively speak to the Benefits Department of Uttlesford District Council on 01799 510 510

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Advisers <http://www.uttlesfordcab.org.uk/news>

We are currently recruiting volunteers to join our next adviser training course, which will start this autumn. Initial training over 6 months will involve a commitment of 9 hours a week plus homework, thereafter we ask volunteers to commit to a day a week for a further 18 months. We are particularly keen to encourage applications from people who are able to work at our office in Great Dunmow. Our Volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and have many reasons for volunteering. Some are looking for something interesting to do with their spare time, others are keen to develop new skills. They are all bound by a common desire to support others and make a difference in our community.

Trustee

We are looking for a volunteer Trustee to join our Board and eventually to chair our Community Engagement Committee. Main duties and responsibilities will include:

- leading and co-ordinating a team of volunteers to conduct activities and events organised by the Committee
- working closely with the Chief Executive Officer and other Bureau staff to raise the public profile of the Bureau
- identifying possible new sources of funding in the community
- organising the preparation of publicity materials for events and campaigns.

providing written reports to each Board meeting on the Committee's activities and plans

The main trustee board holds 6 evening meetings each year at UCA's office in Saffron Walden and in addition the Board has 2 strategy meetings, normally held off-site and during the working day.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)! Check out our [latest video](#) to celebrate Volunteers' Week 2017!

If there is anything in the information given in which you do not fully understand, please contact us and we will try to clarify it for you. You can reply to this message or telephone 01799 618840 (The lines are open from 9.30 to 3.30 Mon/Tues/Wed/Thur/Fri). We are constantly trying to improve our advice services. If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints about our service, we really welcome them. Please email bureau@uttlesfordcab.cabnet.org.uk to request a copy of our complaints leaflet to be either posted or emailed to you.

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Old Park Meadow Natural Burial Ground

This is a new burial ground between Chelmsford and Great Dunmow and is being transformed from 34 acres of farmland. Already a pond has been planted for wildlife alongside 3,200 young trees, 200 larger trees, several hundred metres of native hedging and thousands of Spring Bulbs. Plans include putting up Barn Owl nest boxes as part of the Essex Barn Owl Conservation Project run by the Essex Wildlife Trust.



We want to create a space that contributes to the local eco-system and are working with the Essex Wildlife Trust to ensure we provide a beautiful and long-lasting contribution to the environment.

Set amidst the wildflowers and young bluebell wood is the venue for funeral services, Old Park Meadow. A purpose-built, larch-clad design, the Lodge has a main hall with room for in excess of 100 visitors and its glass surround gives a spectacular view of the neighbouring countryside. The large reception area also gives access to a kitchen and restrooms, while the building is fully equipped with a hearing loop, disabled toilet, air conditioning and has no steps making it accessible for all.

This setting gives us the opportunity to cater to every and all needs. Whether you are religious or not, would prefer a burial or ash interment, a service or a catered wake afterwards, Old Park Meadow is open to any request. Our only condition is that all burials are sustainable, everything else can be completely personalised, from the type of memorial plaque to the music at the service.

Email: info@oldparkmeadow.co.uk

COFFEE MORNINGS ARE ALSO HELD EACH WEEK. See website for details

**Old Park
MEADOW**
NATURAL BURIAL GROUND

**Celebrate lives
lived in a beautiful
natural setting**

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Telephone **01245 806332**

Coppice Lane, North End, Chelmsford, Essex CM6 3PL

www.oldparkmeadow.co.uk

Countryside Photography Group

NEXT MEETING CHECK WEBSITE

LEADEN RODING VILLAGE HALL

Call Keith Denton for details:

Keith Denton

01279 876320

07980805377

email: countrysidephotographygroup@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/>



Planning Applications:

The following planning application was circulated between meetings:-

Great Headlands, Poplars Lane, White Roding (also sent to White Roding Parish Council as the property is on each border) – proposed demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage –no objections.

Footpaths.

P.Sutterby had nothing to report.

Any footpath problems can be reported by contacting Phil Sutterby or by telephoning 0845 6037631 or by emailing www.essex.gov.uk/highways.

Parish Precept.

Due to Council Tax Benefit being abolished and Council Tax Support Discounts replacing it, the amount requested by Parish Councils will be given by part Precept and part grant. Parish Councils need to work out the amount that is required and then apply just for the Precept, the grant will be credited automatically when the Precept is given allowing the full amount to be collected by Parish Councils.

The clerk circulated finance details for the last two financial years for Parish Councillors reference. Discussions took place regarding village enhancement – it was agreed to budget for village enhancement again this year. After further discussion it was agreed that the Parish Precept for the financial year 2018 to 2019 should be £6,285.00, this will be increased to £6,500.00 when the grant is received.

Any other business:

1. J.McLintock stated that the extra car park spaces made in Holloway Crescent have still not been marked. The clerk will request Uttlesford to mark the spaces.
2. The Chairman proposed that MD Landscapes are requested to include the grass area outside the village hall in the grass cutting schedule for this year.
3. The Chairman proposed that the cost of £549.99 purchased by the editor of the Leaden Reading be paid by the Parish Council, in the 10 years the editor has been producing the village magazine he has had to replace his printers at his own cost 4 times due to the wear and tear of printing 300 copies each quarter. After discussion it was unanimously decided to fund the purchase of the printer.
4. The clerk read an invitation from the Essex Association of Local Councils to an interactive webinar on Tuesday 23rd January presenting information regarding the annual audit by PKF Littlejohn and the common issues which arise with Annual Returns. The clerk will not be able to attend the webinar but will request a copy of the PowerPoint slides for reference afterwards. Parish Councillors were invited to attend if they thought it would be beneficial.
5. The clerk received a telephone call from a resident of the village who is a mother of a pupil of Rodings Primary School; she stated her concern regarding speeding traffic past the school and stated that parents themselves were speeding in the area. She intends to discuss this problem with the Headmaster of the school. The clerk wrote to the Headmaster requesting that he uses the school newsletter to request parents drive within the speed limit and if possible ask staff or governors to monitor speeding outside the school and speak to the parents who they find speeding.
6. The clerk has received an email from Essex Association of Local Councils regarding funding for preparation for the Transparency Code which comes into force later in the year. Funding is given to set up and maintain village websites to publish items in line with the Transparency Code. The clerk will look into this.
7. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 6th March

Dates for future meetings:
 Tuesday 15th May
 Tuesday 17th July
 Tuesday 4th September
 Tuesday 30th October
 Tuesday 4th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.



Essex Launch

Sunday 25th March, 10.00am – 3.30pm

Marks Tey Village Hall, Old London Rd, Marks Tey,
Colchester CO6 1EJ and Crapes Fruit Farm

Orchards East is an exciting new environmental and cultural project covering six counties in the East of England – Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Landscape Group in the School of History at the University of East Anglia (UEA) is undertaking a three year project to research, conserve and promote the region's orchards, their legacy and their future. It builds on work by partner organisations including Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group, the East of England Apples and Orchards Project, and Essex Wildlife Trust.

A collaborative project working with existing county orchard groups, other interested organisations and orchard owners, **Orchards East** hopes to stimulate interest and engage a wide range of new volunteers in all things orchard. Amongst other things the project will:

- Survey and record the history of orchards across the region;
- Identify surviving sites and record new orchards;
- Research the history of fruit growing in the region;
- Undertake surveys of the biodiversity and wildlife of orchards;
- Help restore important old orchards and create new community orchards;
- Simply celebrate and enjoy orchards, past, present and future!



The launch of **Orchards East** in Essex will involve a morning of short presentations to explain more about the project and how to get involved. Presentations will include:

'Orchards; what they are & where they come from'

Paul Read, Chair, Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group

'Mapping Orchards in Essex'

Lorna Shaw, Essex Wildlife Trust

'Historical orchard research, an introduction'

Tom Williamson, Professor of Landscape History, UEA

'The origins of D'Arcy Spice'

Neil Wiffen, Historian and Hon. Ed *Essex Journal*

'Orchards East's activities and how to get involved'

Howard Jones, Orchards East Project Manager

The morning presentations will be followed by a guided tour of the orchards at Crapes Fruit Farm. This will be led by Andrew Tann, whose family have been growing fruit at the farm for three generations, and Paul Read.

Over lunch (please bring your own!), there will be an opportunity to talk, look at stands and displays and hopefully taste something fruity! Tea, coffee and juice provided.

This is a **FREE** event but booking is required.
 If you would like to find out more about the project or come along to the launch, please book a place by contacting:
gen@orchardseast.org.uk
 or visit www.orchardseast.org.uk



Leaden Roding Church

Services for Easter

With the retirement of the vicar, Clive Duxbury last year, all services will be undertaken by visiting clergy.

18th March Holy Communion 9.30am
 25th March(Palm Sunday) Holy Communion followed by ACPM 10.30am

Easter Sunday Services @ Abbess 9.30am & Beauchamp 11.00am both Holy Communion

See Parish News for further information on forthcoming Services



Meet Mondays at Leaden Roding Village Hall

Contact: Rainbows Steph Green 01245 231362

Brownies– Hilary Freeman 01279 876638 or Terry Bell 01279 876045

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. We have used old Christmas cards to make very pretty Peace Dove wall hangings, we had a 'chocolate evening' when we made delicious chocolate truffles and fruit dipped in chocolate and even found time to make and decorate a box to put them in, we made Valentine Day wreaths decorated with hearts of all shades of pink and red with lots of our favourite sparkling jewels attached. We also ate Shrove Tuesday pancakes with different toppings a week earlier than usual as Shrove Tuesday fell in the half term holiday. Thinking Day – our day of Guiding Association annual celebrations – is on 23rd February and we will celebrate by going to Little Hallingbury Brownies joining all Brownies and Guides in the Hatfield Forest District for a Beetle Drive, we have been practicing the game of Beetle so hopefully our Brownies will come home with lots of prizes!

We welcomed three new Brownies at the beginning of term who have settled in and will be enrolled soon and are very happy to welcome another three girls after half term. The next half term will be busy – we are trying to arrange a visit to Pets at Home so Brownies can earn their Pet Keeping badge and we have a few other activities lined up before the end of term Easter Egg hunt which is always very popular. At this time we do not have a full pack so 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.



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2018

Present: D.Clayden, M.Whitehead, P.Sutterby, Mrs G Essex, J.McLintock and 6 members of the public.

Apologies received: Cllr Barker

Minutes of the last meeting of 12th December 2017 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident informed the Parish Council that manure has been dumped at Leaden Bridge, the clerk will inform Highways.

A resident informed the Parish Council that a resident from Holloway Crescent lets their dog out and leaves it to roam around the crescent alone. As the resident has been identified the clerk will inform the Animal Warden.

A resident reported that there are pot holes in Holloway Crescent near to the parking spaces at the end of the crescent, the clerk will report to Uttlesford.

A resident enquired if the green waste times skip times and dates have been organised for 2018 yet, the clerk is still awaiting the details from Uttlesford.

J. Hildrew asked for an update on Mrs Golding's plans to ensure Chalks Green is secure from trespassing by Travellers. The clerk read a letter from Mrs Golding and her daughter stating that that last autumn the ditches along the roads were deepened to increase the security of the green and they are still considering the best options to secure Chalks Green from Travellers camping there in the future while still making it accessible to everyone. J.Hildrew expressed his disappointment that a decision has not yet been made; the clerk will write to Mrs Golding again after 4 weeks if she has not heard. The Chairman stated that this is not an area in which Parish Council can have an involvement as the green is owned by Mrs Golding and her daughter.

Clerk's report.

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – awaiting a decision from Highways following a Highways meeting planned for March 2018.
- Service area outside the shop – no further update, the clerk has reported a further pot hole in the service road which appears to have been caused by a collapsed drain. Highways stated this will be investigated as a priority.
- The clerk has reported to Highways that the 30 mph sign outside 5 Stortford Road has rotted and is now lying on the ground.
- The clerk has once again reported the large puddle outside King William House, when reported before we were informed it was not severe enough to be repaired but it appears to have become larger.
- The clerk has requested both Highways and Essex County Council look into the possibility of passengers not getting splashed in wet weather while waiting for buses on Stortford Road.
- Grass by the footpath on Dunmow Road has been requested to cut back but has not yet been done.
- Over the Christmas period the clerk sought support from Cllr Barker when Leaden Roding had been omitted from the list of villages to have a Christmas tree waste collection. Cllr Barker arranged for an extra stop in Leaden Roding on Sunday 7th January which was used by some residents. The clerk proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Barker for her assistance.
- The rubbish at Willow Green has now been cleared.
- The clerk has purchased a £30 voucher for Mr Moore as a thank you for his continued litter picking. She will give it the P.Sutterby to pass it on the Mr Moore.
- The clerk has had confirmation that the resurfacing proposed for Holloway Crescent is for the footpaths and not the road as originally stated by Uttlesford, notifications to residents should be sent late January/early February.
- No further update regarding the possibility of an extension to the 30 mph on the A1060 at Leaden Bridge has been received at this time.

Finance:

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

- £17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today's meeting
- £280.00 to R.C.Bell – printing of Leaden Reading (Dec 2017)
- £30.00 to Mrs T.E.Bell – purchase of voucher for Mr Moore
- £549.99 to R.C.Bell – purchase of printer for Leaden Reading printing (see below).

- The clerk has asked for the service road out side the shop to be inspected by Highways, part of the pavement is in need of repair and the area needs repainting; she is awaiting a reply.
- The clerk has requested that Highways cut back the footpath at Leaden Hall Chase.
- The clerk has again requested clarification from Roz Millership of Uttlesford as to whether the path or the road is to be resurfaced in Holloway Crescent and is awaiting her reply.

Finance:

The clerk was given authority to pay: -
 £17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today's meeting
 £211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (invoice no.1066)
 £675.00 to Mrs T.E.Bell – clerk's ½ year salary
 £36.00 to M.Whitehead (Eastern Hardwoods Ltd) – purchase of wood for repair of village seat

Planning Applications:

The clerk has received notification from Planning that the new homes under construction replacing a barn at Leaden Hall Farm is to be addressed 1-3 Westgate Barns, Stortford Road, Leaden Roding CM6 1RA

The clerk stated that in a report received from Planning Enforcement it appears that a breach of planning for landscaping at Leaden Hall Barn has been reported. This was not reported by the Parish Council and the clerk has not received any information regarding this.

The clerk read an email from Nigel Brown, a Development Manager from Uttlesford inviting small Parish Councils to attend a Cluster Group meeting as part of the restructure of the Planning Enforcement Function at Uttlesford. Parish Councillors were happy to be part of the Cluster Group, the clerk will reply stating this and also stating that Leaden Roding Village Hall can be booked for meetings if required.

Footpaths.

Any footpath problems can be reported by contacting Phil Sutterby or by telephoning 0845 6037631 or by emailing www.essex.gov.uk/highways.

Any other business:

1. The clerk reported she had received an email from Nick Hill, Sustainable Travel Planning Advisor for Essex County Council asking the Parish Council to consider parents from Roding Primary School using the village hall car park when dropping off and picking up children at the school. She replied to the email stating that the village hall car park was under the control of the Village Hall Committee and that they had already received this request from the Headmaster of the school; the Village Hall Committee has already decided and informed the Headmaster that this would not be feasible as car park was in use on a high proportion of weekday afternoons by different organisations using the hall.
2. The clerk reported that she received a telephone call from a resident of Holloway Crescent regarding the lack of presence this year of the Christmas tree waste skip. The resident was informed by Uttlesford that it had not been arranged by the Parish Council. As the Parish Council had never needed to arrange for this collection in previous years the clerk contacted Uttlesford and was told that Leaden Roding had been overlooked in error this year and it was now too late to make any changes. The clerk contacted Cllr Barker to see if she could assist and after several emails to Waste Aware it has been arranged that the skip will make an additional stop at Leaden Roding on Sunday 7th January between 3.30pm and 4.00pm but this will not be advertised by Uttlesford. The clerk has arranged for a leaflet to be put on the Notice Board and also a leaflet to be delivered with the Leaden Reading so that every resident could be informed.
3. The clerk informed Parish Councillors that the precept would need to be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting, she will gather information regarding expenditure over the last 2 years to be given to them for reference at the next meeting.
4. The clerk has received an email from a member of the public searching for a copy of the Village Idyllic – an account of life in Leaden Roding by Jim Godsave. As Parish Councillors were not able to help the clerk will suggest that the member of public contacts the Essex Record Office.
5. The clerk will pass an email to Mrs Essex from Essex Heritage Trust offering grants for local churches.
6. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 16th January
 Dates for future meetings: Tuesday 6th March
 Tuesday 15th May
 Tuesday 17th July
 Tuesday 4th September
 Tuesday 30th October
 Tuesday 4th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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 have changed from Black days to Green.

Renewal notices have now been issued. Please arrange payment asap. Renewal costs £40 for a full year. (Information regarding the Green West skip has not yet been received)



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Four local young people to represent the United Kingdom in USA and Australia

1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group and Dragonian Explorer Unit have three members of the Group and Unit selected to be part of the 117 Essex contingent representing the United Kingdom at the next World Scout Jamboree in July and August in 2019. This is to be held in the USA and in Canada and Mexico as well.

The three members who have achieved this are

Chloe Bellsham a member of the Scout Troop

Caitlin Clark a member of the Explorer Unit and a young leader with the Scout Troop.

Matthew Wadey a member of the Explorer Unit.

In addition to these three we have Daniel Woollard who has been

offered a place on the Australian Scout Jamboree in January 2019.

All the young members had to send a personal statement with their application form. If they were accepted from this information they were invited to attend a selection weekend with other applicants from our Royal Forest District. This was held at the Scout Campsite in High Beech Loughton. Seventeen young people in total attended that weekend where they were given lots of tasks and challenges to complete.

After a couple of weeks all four of our members were invited with seven others from Royal Forest District to attend the Essex County selection weekend which took place in November at Skreens Park Scout Activity Centre in Roxwell. All the young members were put into patrols and worked together on various tasks throughout the weekend. They then had to wait until 6th December 2017 to find out they had been selected to attend the WSJ19 to the USA.

Daniel Woollard only heard at the beginning of January that he had been offered a place on an alternative Scout Jamboree in Australia in January 2019.

The Scout Group are delighted that these young people have achieved this great life changing opportunity. We now have a huge amount of money to raise. For each of the USA Jamboree members the cost of this adventure will be £3,800 each so a total of £11,400 and the cost of the Australian Scout Jamboree will be £2,800.

If anyone has any great ideas for raising money, please let me know. The young people are expected to raise the money themselves and they have already started by bag packing and are helping at a function in Moreton washing up and serving at tables so any ideas for them would be helpful.

Mary Bacon Chairman 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group
01277 899052, 07554933563, marychristinebacon@aol.com

Fyfield Cubs and Scouts attract many young people from the local area, including many from Leaden Roding. 20 attend Rodings Primary School. As you can see from the articles which appear in each issue of the Leaden Reading this is a very active troop.

For more details please telephone or email Mary Bacon.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL & COUNCILLORS

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2017

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

Minutes of the last meeting of 31st October 2017 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

J. Hildrew stated he had not heard from Mrs Golding regarding her decision on a way to make Chalks Green secure from visiting Travellers. Parish Councillors decided that the clerk should write to Mrs Golding to enquire of her plans for the green asking her for a reply before the next meeting.

A resident asked for an update regarding the installation of a dog bin at the church, the clerk has requested that Uttlesford look into this and is awaiting a decision.

A resident stated that a 30 mph sign is lying on the grass verge outside 5 Stortford Road due to a rotting post; the clerk was already aware of this and has reported it to Highways.

A resident complained that the puddle outside King William House is dangerous in freezing conditions, when this was reported last year Highways decided that the puddle was not severe enough for repair; the clerk will report this again stressing it is now larger and more dangerous.

A resident complained that residents waiting for buses at the bus shelters on Stortford Road are getting splashed when it is raining due to water not flowing quickly enough through the gullies in the road. She would like either the gullies to be made better or splashbacks attached to the bus shelters to deter this; the clerk will write to both Highways and Essex County Council dealing with bus shelters for a solution.

A resident complained that the footpath on Dunmow Road towards Aythorpe Roding has not yet been cut back, the clerk has reported this and suggested Highways might be waiting for better weather before carrying out the job.

A resident stated that bins in the area of Willow Green and the flats in Holloway Crescent were overflowing; the council are not emptying them due to somebody not using the correct bins for specified rubbish. The person who is doing this has been reported to Uttlesford. J.McLintock has been clearing the rubbish into the correct bins; the clerk will ask Uttlesford for the bins to be emptied.

A resident suggested that the Parish Council might consider giving a voucher to Mr Moore, a resident of the village who is consistently litter picking to make the village tidy. After consideration it was decided that the clerk would buy a £30 Tesco voucher for him as a thank you.

A resident enquired as to if the Parish Council had considered opting out of the Highways hedge cutting programme as she had read that Aythorpe Roding opts out in an edition of the Parish News. Parish Councillors confirmed this had been discussed in the past and it had been decided to remain on the programme.

Clerk's report.

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – awaiting a decision from Highways following a Highways meeting planned for March 2018.
- Service areas outside the shop – no further update, the clerk will ask for information regarding a decision.
- The seat in memory of Ken Essex for the village hall grounds - a location in full view of the security camera has been chosen for the seat; J.McLintock will install it securely after the winter months.
- The clerk is still awaiting information from Piggotts regarding their records of the village flag. The drain concreted over by Highways at Leaden Close for safety reasons has now been fixed.
- No further update regarding the possibility of an extension to the 30 mph on the A1060 at Leaden Bridge has been received at this time, the clerk will request an update from Highways
- M.Whitehead has repaired the seat at the village sign – Parish Councillors thanked him for taking on the repair.
- Chalks Green – see above

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New/Nearly New Stall Pet Photo Competition And Much More

Raffle – Prizes include £100 Cash (donated by Malins Roofing), Skip Hire (Dunmow Waste Management), Sunday Lunch for Two (The Hunters Meet), Pet Photo Shoot (4 Legs Photography), Haircut & Blow Dry (DG & Co), £30 Voucher (Wild Hart Restaurant), Meal for Two up to £30 (The Black Lion), Shellac Manicure (Head Over Heels), £15 Voucher (The Shed Coffee House)

Pat Clark, Founder of Mutts in Distress will also be at the event to answer any questions you have about rehoming or any problems you may have with your dog.

Leaden Roding Village Hall

Monday 7th May 2018

10.00am – 3.00pm

May Day Fayre Donations

If anyone has any unwanted Christmas presents or anything which can be used on our tombola, raffle or new nearly new stalls, I would be very grateful for any donations. Nothing goes to waste as anything left over will either be sold at subsequent events or sold online with 100% of the money going to Mutts in Distress. I am also looking for anyone with creative talents, who would perhaps be willing to donate just one or two pieces for our craft stall and much nearer the time, anyone who would be happy to make a cake, jam, sausage rolls, or anything we can sell on our cake/food stall.

Raffle

This year I have obtained a license from Uttlesford and therefore raffle tickets are also available to purchase before the event. Tickets are 50p each or £5.00 for a book of 10. If you would like to purchase tickets before the event, please contact me on the details at the bottom of the page.

Pet Photo Competition

This year I am also running a pet photo competition. Any pet or pets can be entered, however large or small from hamsters, to horses we welcome them all. We are just looking for the photo which will appeal most to our neutral judges who will judge the competition towards the end of the May Day Fayre. There are no actual rules so you can dress your pets up, have a group of pets, an action shot or just a cute photo, it really doesn't matter. The price is £1.00 per photo (even if there is more than one pet in the photo) and you can enter as many photos as you like. Photos will be displayed on the day and can either be e-mailed or dropped in to the address below prior to the event or brought along on the day. Payment can be made by dropping the money in to me or by paypal using the e-mail address below.

Keely Robinson Tel. 07921 611347 E-Mail: keelyrobinson@live.com Address – Finale, Dunmow Road, Leaden Roding

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MUTTS IN DISTRESS

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Other donations which can help can include the following:-

- 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 properly)
- Dog coats/Fleece blankets/Dog beds (particularly plastic ones)
- Foreign coins
- Items for the animal hospital including sterilising fluid, cotton wool, cotton buds, sudocrem, anti septic cream, kitchen roll, bleach, soda crystals, antibacterial sensitive handwash .

UPDATE

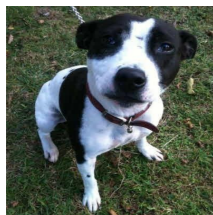
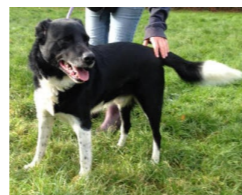
I am afraid that I have some very sad news to report. You may recall Bob the German Shepherd/Husky Cross who I featured in the June Edition of the Leaden Reading who had been found lying next to his dead owner. Unfortunately, towards the end of November Bob stopped eating and was losing weight. After various tests, it was confirmed that Bob had cancer which had spread considerably and that nothing could be done to save him. All those involved at Mutts were understandably devastated and reluctantly Bob was put to sleep whilst being held and stroked by two members of the Mutts in Distress team.

Sadly Bob couldn't be saved but Pat Clark the founder of Mutts and her team of volunteers will continue with the fantastic work they do and save many more dogs and find them their forever homes.

On a much happier note, Loki featured in the September Edition and Amber and Annie in the December Edition have all found their forever homes. In fact, incredibly more than 20 dogs at Mutts have found their forever homes in January alone and at the time of writing, just 10 days in to February another 8 dogs have already been rehomed. Unfortunately Digby who was also featured in the December Edition still remains at Mutts.

The dogs pictured here are just two more of the dogs at Mutts in Distress who are currently up for rehoming.

Jyp is a middle aged collie. He is fine with cats and although he was a little shy at first he has now started to enjoy himself. Jyp will take a little time to get to know you. He would like to live in a quiet adult only home with somebody who has time and patience.



Skye is a lovely little girl of about 5 years old whose owner sadly died. She is very friendly and is looking for someone who can love her and who she can give love to in return. She is great with other dogs and loves people.

If you are interested in rehoming either of the dogs above or in fact any of the other many dogs at Mutts, please see their website for details and more information.

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

Mutts in Distress Website: www.mutts-in-distress.org.uk

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WHICH WAS BRIGHTER, THE MOON OR THE STREET LIGHT?

MANY RESIDENTS WENT OUT ON A VERY COLD NIGHT TO SEE THE SUPERMOON, WHICH ALSO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A RED TINT TO IT. (31ST JAN)

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The History of Firefighting in Leaden Roding

Part 1 : The Early Days

The first known mention of any kind of provision being made for the fighting of fires in Leaden Roding dates from the mid 19th century. It comes from a document held at the Essex Record Office and gives details of the Rules and Regulations of the Roding District Fire Engine Association as agreed at a meeting held at the King William, Leaden Roding on 15th March 1854.

The committee consisted of the Church Warden of every Parish in which a member resided. It is clear that at this stage there was already a fire engine locally as members were stated as those who had subscribed to the original purchase of the engine or who had moved into the district since October 1844 and donated at the prescribed rate. The key to the engine house was kept at the King William. Old maps of the village show the Engine House as being close to where the village sign now stands.

An Engineer and four assistants were paid 7s 6d for each fire they attended and 2s 6d for practice. A fee of 9d was also paid to up to twenty other people for assisting with the engine when needed. At this time, the engine would have been a manual engine with the power to pump the water being provided by the assistants pushing large handles on either side of the machine up and down. It would have been hot and thirsty work and you would certainly have earned your 9d fee by the time the fire was out!

If you called out the engine to your property or business then you were charged and were expected to either reclaim the cost from your insurers or bear the cost yourself if you were not insured. The charge was £1 plus another £1 expenses if you were a member of the association or £3 and another £2 expenses if you were not. That represented a lot of money in 1854, £5 being the equivalent of about 10 week's wages for the average agricultural labourer of the time.

There are two old black and white photos that have sat in the watch room at Leaden Roding fire station for as long as I have been a firefighter. They both show the same manual fire engine, I presume it is the one mentioned above. The older photo, a staged shot, shows the engine, with hose laid out and a number of men looking busy, positioned in front of a large house. At a bit of a guess, it dates from the late 19th century but no more detail is known. Unfortunately it is not in good enough condition to reproduce here.

It would seem that this manual fire engine was still in use right up until the start of World War Two, I certainly have not come across anything that mentions any replacement engine and I was recently shown the minutes from the Leaden Roding Parish Meeting held in March 1944 chaired by Mr P.J. Benthall, who I believed farmed at Whitehall in Leaden Roding and also Garnish Hall, Margaret Roding. The minutes state that Mr Benthall informed the meeting he "had recently sold the old fire engine to Sawbridgeworth Fire Brigade for the sum of £2" and it was resolved that this was to be donated to the fund being raised in the village for the benefit of those serving in His Majesty's forces during the war. I believe that this engine was the manual fire engine as Sawbridgeworth have a website that mentions them purchasing a manual fire engine from one of the Rodings which would seem to tie in. In 1944, Sawbridgeworth was home to a modern for the times National Fire Service fire station and would have had no practical use for such an elderly bit of kit so I can only wonder at why they bought it.



It certainly appears to be the same engine and would appear from their dress to have been taken in the 1950's or possibly early 1960's, so clearly some years after the sale. Again, I know neither the identity of those in the photo nor the location but clearly at that stage the engine still existed and still had some link to Leaden Roding. I have tried to track it down via internet searches and have heard that it is possibly now preserved in the collection of Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, if so then it is now approaching its 175th birthday.

The second photo mentioned above, and shown here, now poses something of a mystery.



Rodings Walking Group 2018

Sunday Morning Walks 10.30 am start

Distance 5-6 miles – 3 hours

May 6th

Elsenham Railway Station

June 3rd

Shalford Village Hall, Braintree

July 1st

Lees Farm, Peppers Green AGM & BBQ

August 5th

The Green, Finchingfield

September 2nd

Little Easton Church

October 7th

Hatfield Broad Oak Village Hall

November 4th

High Ongar Church

December 2nd

Chignal St James walk and lunch

London Special

Sunday April 8th (full) and 15th (nearly full)

9.30 Epping Underground Station

limited places - please book

Friday Evening Walks 6.30 pm start

Distance 3-4 miles - 1½ hours

June 22nd

Broads Green, Great Waltham

July 13th

Pleshey Church

August 17th

Leaden Roding

Followed by fish and chips at Walnut Tree Cottage

Midweek Walk (all day)

Wednesday 11th July

10.00 Dobbs Weir Car Park

Visiting the Olympic White Water Centre

Phil Sutterby

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What we at Rodings School are working to achieve in 2018

1. Improving outcomes so that most children meet age related expectations at the end of the year and make good progress.
2. Developing and embedding the school's curriculum so that learning opportunities are enriched for all pupils especially the academically more able and pupil premium.
3. Working with staff to develop a better understanding of Mastery in Maths.
4. Reviewing and improving the information that is sent home to parents about their child's progress so that they are able to support their learning even more.
5. Developing a mindfulness school so that the children build more resilience to challenges.
6. Developing a Learning Hub for SEND and AMA children to improve the access to the resources and assistance that they need.

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Kind regards
Hilary

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