

LEADEN VILLAGE FUN DAY & DOG SHOW

SUNDAY JULY 8TH

AT LEADEN VILLAGE HALL FROM 2PM

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FUN DAY AND DOG SHOW SUNDAY 8TH JULY

The Annual event is only around the corner so make sure you have the date in your diary.

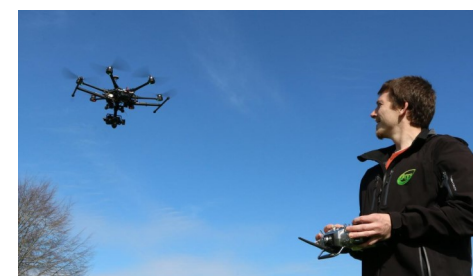
All of the usual stalls will be there including a huge Barbeque, Beer and Pimms Tent and not forgetting the Fun Dog Show.

The money raised goes to those local organisations who take part, so if you are not represented speak to me (Ray) and we will fit you in.

There will be lots of food to buy and other types of drinks. Also various competitions including "Best Cake", "Best Single Flower" and "Best Kids Art".

We will have an old fashioned Coconut Shy and various stalls selling flowers/plants and other products.

Why not enter your dog into the Fun Dog Show? All sorts categories. Enter on the day and win rosettes and the kudos of having the best dog in the village.



MISSING DRONE I have lost my white drone which was a birthday present from my Mum and Dad. I only had it for 2 days. I was flying it over the fields behind Lordswood View when it went out

of range and crash landed. If you find it in your field or garden can you please let my mum Heather know on 07425 142302.

Thank you
Myles Read



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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.

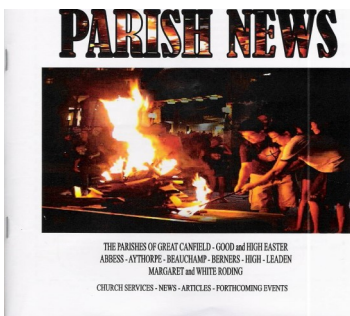
SO GIVE ONE A TRY.

Thanks to all contributors to the magazine.

MORE REQUIRED

Last date for contributions for Sept by 10th

Aug please.



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

£10

.00 for 12 months.

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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 :

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The Who's Who of the Village

(Tel no 01279 unless stated)

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See her website for surgery dates



Brimstone Butterfly



Orange Tip Butterfly



Wheatears



Cuckoo

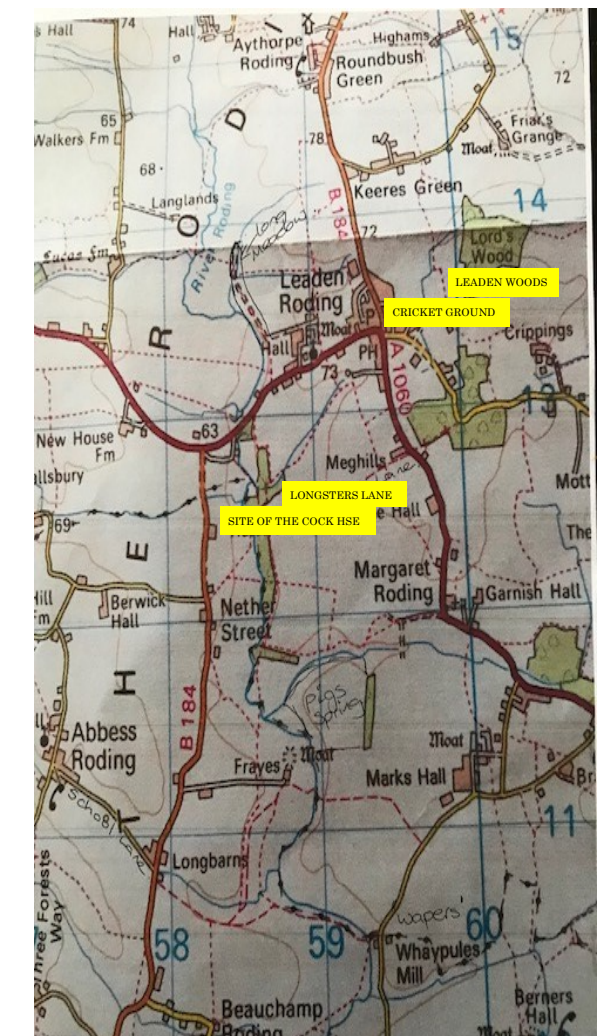


Greenfinch



American Mink

Beware, these are quite aggressive animals



Spring in Leaden Roding

This is the year that has become known as the “year with no Spring”, we go from hot sunny days wearing T shirts in the garden to snow and thermals within 24 hours. I start writing this article for Leaden Reading on a May day colder than last Christmas day where we have had 2 inches of rain in the last 24 hours. We can only wait and see what these extremes of weather are doing to the local wildlife.

On one of the first sunny days we had I saw a Brimstone Butterfly in Holloway Close. These are usually the first of the butterflies to emerge as they hibernate in the butterfly state. The next Butterfly to be seen was the Small Tortoiseshell which survives the Winter by laying dormant in old houses and farm buildings. I caught sight of three Orange Tips as I walked around Cloghams Cricket pitch, these probably hibernated in the thatch on the pavilion.

The Winter visiting Fieldfares and Redwings are gradually being replaced by the incoming Wheatears, ChiffChaff, Swallows and Martins. My daughter’s nesting Swallows returned at the beginning of May and she hopes they successfully breed a few broods this year. I hope that this is the year when I hear the Cuckoo again, the RSBP still show this species as wide spread over the UK but believes there are only 15,000 breeding pairs migrating here every year. The Rooks still seem to be increasing in numbers and the local birds have been nesting for some time now. I remember an old farm worker saying “you will always get snow on a Rooks back’ and this is especially true this year although this species seems to thrive whatever the conditions. Most of our native birds have survived the Winter due to an abundance of Hips, Haws and Berries.

We are still waiting to see the first Swift, which is the last summer visitor to arrive and the first to leave as it needs warm weather to provide a constant supply of flying insects. These birds only spend about 3 months in the UK before starting their long migration back to Africa. You will never see a Swift perching on wires like Swallows as they have tiny feet and legs and can hardly walk. They even sleep on the wing and only settle when they breed their young in holes, often inside old buildings. One local bird which is thriving is the Buzzard as there is plenty of woodland around for these birds to build their nests. We even have the rarer Red Kite nesting in our local woods. We have a pair of Moorhens nesting again on the pond leading down to Leaden Cricket Club and ducks are pairing up and nesting in brooks and on river banks. My daughter had the pleasure of watching a Barn Owl hunting across Meadows for a good twenty minutes whilst walking her dog late one evening.

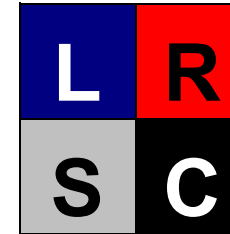
We have taken part in the RSPB birdwatch earlier this year and in one hour of watching we noticed the following visiting our garden. 2 Wrens, 3 House Sparrows, 1 Chaffinch, 2 Blackbirds, 1 Robin, 1 Blue Tit, 2 Collared Doves, 3 Pigeons, 1 Jackdaw, 1 Gold Crest, 1 Magpie, 4 Starlings and 1 Great Tit. We were very impressed with the number of species that visit our garden on a regular basis. I am still waiting to see a Waxwing this year and also hopeful of spotting a Nightingale which is also declining in numbers although one used to nest regularly in Lords Wood. I am saddened by the continuing decline of the Green Finch. This is partially due to a particular parasite that thrives at the bottom of bird feeders. These parasites transfer to the Green Finches and the birds then unfortunately die. **Can I please ask that you all give your birds feeders a thorough clean regularly.**

The bizarre weather this year has had a big impact on the flowers with all varieties flowering later than usual although this has had a beneficial effect of the Primroses which seem to be blooming in abundance, especially in Leaden Woods and along Longsters Lane. White and Blue violets can also be found along Longsters Lane. You can also see Marsh Marigold and even some fruit trees which were originally in the garden of the old pub called the Cock House, situated in Longsters Lane which was demolished in 1935. The Daffodil and Bluebells seem to have had a very short flowering season and I have seen more than usual Cow Slips or Peggles along the roadsides.

Badgers still seem to be thriving, with an ever increasing number being killed on the roads. the American Mink, which have descended from the animals released either by accident or deliberately from Mink farms are also increasing in number locally. I see less foxes but breeding pairs will already have their first cubs of the season. Hares still seem unable to increase in numbers but this is probably why the local Buzzard population is thriving, although my daughter did see a pair locally earlier this year. The local rabbits seem to be holding their own numbers wise even though they are fighting two debilitating diseases. As I finish this article I'm sitting in my back garden bathed in glorious sunshine. **I still haven't heard the Cuckoo, but if anyone is lucky enough to hear one could you kindly let me know.**

So ends another ramble through Leaden Roding and hopefully the end of the cold weather.

Ken Pavitt
May 2018



What's on in the Village Hall



2018. New things to see and do.

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.

Different local groups use the hall regularly and outside groups or individual bookings are always welcomed.

The following events are earmarked to take place in the Village during the year:

Bowls matches all year at the Village Hall, Cricket on various Saturdays in the Summer at Cloghams Green, Quiz every other Monday during the year at the Village Hall.

May—Sept (2nd Sunday of the month except July 1st) Cream teas, Car Boot/Table Top sale at the Village Hall.

June 16th (Saturday) School Fun Day At Rodings School.

16th June Bowlathon for Air Ambulance & GOSH at the Village Hall.

July 1st Fire Station Open Day at Leaden Roding Fire Station.

July 8th (Sunday) Village Fete/Fun Day & Dog Show at the Village Hall.

July 14th & 15th (Sat & Sun) Church Flower Festival at the Church.

Oct 13th Grand Music Quiz for The J's Hospice, Witham at the Village Hall.

Dec (date to be arranged) Village Xmas Lunch at the Village Hall.

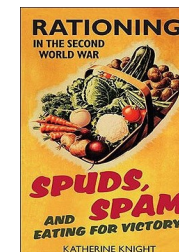
The Art Group, Quilters, Brownies & Rainbows meet regularly.

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 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.

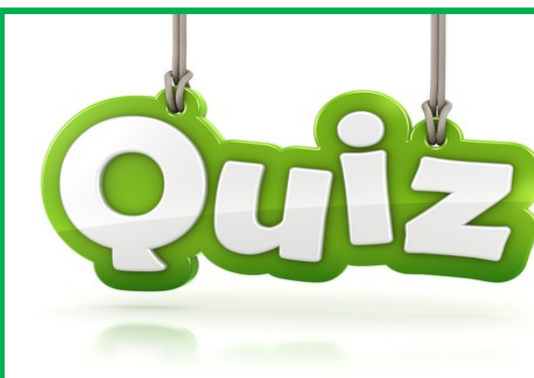
**AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SAY
NOTHING HAPPENS IN THIS VILLAGE ??**



Do you have any memories or mementos of the First World War ?

The Ten Parishes are putting together a display and celebration of the ending of World War One in September.

If you can help speak with Jackie Denton 01279 876320



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 quiz dates in June are Monday 4th and Monday 18th 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**

Leaden Roding Fire Station The Second World War and After



As the Second World War approached, the 1668 fire brigades that existed in 1939 were quickly consolidated in the face of war and by 1942 the whole country came under the protection of the National Fire Service. How Leaden Roding and the surrounding area were served during the war is unclear but until 1944 village was still in possession of its manual fire engine. This would not have been taken into the National Fire Service as it was far too outdated.

Soon after the war it was announced that the National Fire Service was to be disbanded and the task of organising a fire brigade was returned to local government at county or county borough level. On April 1st, 1948, Essex Fire Brigade came into being and by 1952, a decision had been taken to place a station at Leaden Roding.

Training of the crew started on 3rd August 1952 and for the next 6 months the 7 members of the crew trained once a week and received instruction in all areas of firefighting from full time firefighters based at Loughton and Harlow. From March 1953 this was stepped up to twice a week.



A plot of land was found, and a station constructed. The original station building stood closer to the road than the current one, on the edge of the plot adjacent to what would many years later become Leaden Close. Like a lot of wartime and post-war stations, it was very much a temporary structure having previously been used as an ambulance station in Great Dunmow. The crew would be summoned by the sounding of a siren, seen just to the left of the station in the picture below, during the day and by the activation of bells installed in their homes for calls overnight.

Figure 1 The 1953 fire station at Leaden Roding

As the opening of the station neared, a final drill was undertaken. Firemen Easter, Mead and Rolph faced a simulated fire at Leaden Bridge in front of two senior officers - Divisional Officer Jones and Station Officer Fernie - on 27th May 1953. It must have been judged more than satisfactory as Station 68 Leaden Roding was put into commission at 08:39 the next day with no fanfare, just an entry made into the Watch Room logbook that recorded in minute detail the life of a 1950's Fire station. The fact that these early logs still survive has provided much of the information for these articles. The following Wednesday saw the Chief Officer Mr Barton and his deputy Mr Tobias visit the crew but they had to wait almost a month until 12:45 on 21st June for their first call which was to a fire in the front room of The Mount, Sawbridgeworth Road, Hatfield Heath.



The first appliance was an auxiliary towing vehicle, a Land Rover (registration PPU 178) and trailer pump DG584. Almost all pumps in service in the early 1950's were ex wartime issue. Replacements were extremely hard to come by and were allocated by central government based on a combination of need and wartime service, with Essex Fire Brigade sending its share to the bigger towns first. The trailer pump was replaced by a more recognisable Fire engine as early as late 1954 and as we shall see Leaden Roding did fairly well when it came to getting an upgraded station.

An early picture of the Land Rover and crew at Leaden Roding

Like a lot of fire stations just after the war, especially the more rural retained ones, the station at Leaden Roding was little more than a large shed and wasn't really fit for purpose. With money tight, the replacement of these stations was a long slow process which Essex Fire Brigade did not fully complete until the 1980's but Leaden Roding was lucky. Its station wasn't by any means the worst of the bunch, but it was one of the first to be replaced by a purpose built building, the present fire station.

Firemen Left to right:

Tubby Simpson, Cliff Clayden, Ken Rolfe, Harry Crouchman, David Lodge, B (Bert?) Gandy,

Roy Ketley, Mick Cater

Thanks to Dave Clayden & Peter & Louise Crouchman for the information.



The presentation of the crew at the opening of the new station

At 3:10pm on Saturday 27th October 1962, the current station was officially opened in the presence of a host of senior officers including Chief Officer Ellis, Divisional Officers Cashman and Garnham.

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



Not a great start to the season, although the first three games were affected by the state of the wickets.

The rain in April made the wickets extremely wet and it made them very difficult to bat on. So batting first in every game so far, we never knew what the ball would do, come through at a normal height, skid along the ground or bounce towards your chest.

Lindsell, Birchanger & North Weald all benefitted on knowing what the target was and unfortunately they were not big scores and so we lost badly. With the weather improving and a week of sun, Saturday the 19th May saw us at Abridge. We batted first again and made a reasonable score of 208 for 6 wickets. However they had an impressive top 3 batsmen who quickly went about reducing the target, which they achieved after 33 of the 40 over game.

The next games are: Nazing (H), Willingale (H), Essenden(A), Wormley (A), Braughing (H), Potter St (A)

Hope to see some of you at the ground.



59 Bus Route Alteration.

Since June 2019 the route has been extended to Anglia Ruskin University, stopping at Chelmsford Bus Station on route.

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)

BOWLATHON	June 16th	11:30	
HJG VILLAGE IDYLLIC	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 ROLPH TROPHY	Nov 9th	7:30	



2018 FIXTURES

				W	D	L	
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	4	1	3	
STEBBING	A	March 22	2	5	0	3	
BARNSTON	H	April 17	7:30	5	0	3	
GREAT HALLINGBURY	A	April 20	7:30	2	1	5	
BLACK NOTLEY	A	TBC	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

Countryside Photography Group

NEXT MEETING CHECK WEBSITE

LEADEN RODING VILLAGE HALL

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



CREAM TEAS/CAR BOOT AT THE VILLAGE HALL

10th June (see opposite), 1st July, 12th Aug & 9th Sept.
From 2PM



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ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH FOR YOUR UTILITIES

Economy 7 tariffs give cheaper rates at night (usually midnight – 7am) and more expensive ones during the day. If you have storage heaters this can save you money. However, if you use nearly all your electricity in the daytime, you could be overpaying on your electricity bill.

If you're on Economy 7 and decide it's not for you, check if your supplier will switch you to a normal meter for free. If your current supplier charges for new meters, see if you can switch to another provider that will transfer you over without charge, try British Gas, SSE, Scottish Power, Npower, EDF or Eon. You will probably find you will be placed on a standard tariff, so as soon as you move to a new meter, do a comparison online and then move to the cheapest deal (be aware that if you've got storage heaters and move to a electricity-only tariff, using them on a normal rate can be expensive.)

If you decide to stick with Economy 7, make sure you are making the best use of the cheap night rate:

Always check exactly when your off-peak period begins and ends. Be careful when the clocks change! Make sure your meter's clock is working correctly

Maximise your night time usage. For example, install timers on washing machines, set tumble dryers to come on just before you wake, (fire brigades advise against setting tumble dryers to come on while you're asleep) and charge gadgets at night

Sewerage Charges. While the water meter billing system is mostly straightforward, it's assumed "what goes in, must come out" and that any water used creates roughly an equivalent amount in sewerage. The general assumption is that 90-95% goes back. But this can be wrong in a few specific circumstances.

Do you have a soakaway? This is a large underground pit that collects water from the roof or drive. If you're unsure you can check your property deeds or see your local authority to check the planning application.

Water companies should give rebates to those whose surface rainwater goes into a soakaway or straight into a river or canal, rather than mains sewers. This is usually between £20-£50/year and can be claimed whether you're on a meter or not. To apply for a rebate call or go online to request a form.

Do you have a cesspit or septic tank? If you're in an area with no connection to mains sewerage, so have a cesspit or septic tank, you don't have to pay sewerage charges. This only applies to a few people, but you should query any charges paid for sewerage services if your property isn't connected to the main sewerage system.



Rodings Brownies We have packed a few activities into the last three even though there have been a few Mondays missed due to the Easter Holidays and Bank holidays. Before Easter we had our annual Easer Egg Hunt, the weather was kind

so we were able to search for small eggs in the village hall grounds before exchanging them for larger eggs and chocolate goodies at the end of the meeting. After the Easter holiday we have made a new baby card for Prince Louis, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's new baby and a lovely horseshoe which we sent to Prince Harry and Megan Markle to celebrate their wedding. Later on in the term we will make gifts and cards for Father's Day and as the summer holidays are fast approaching we will partake in some outdoor activities and games and prepare for our popular fish and chip walk at the very end of term.

We have welcomed new Brownies this term and said goodbye to Molly, one of our older Brownies as her and her family prepare to move to Vancouver for a while – we are looking forward receiving some photos of her life in Canada and sending some of our photos back to her too.

On Sunday 10th June, in association with Leaden Roding Social Club we will be hosting a cream tea with games, tombola, plants for sale and a car boot sale to raise money in memory of Katie Green who sadly passed away 10 years ago this year. Katie was a popular member of our Brownies at that time.

If any girls of between 7 and 10½ years old would like to join us on Monday evenings at Leaden Roding Village Hall 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.



Our Disability Benefits Home Visit Team needs YOU!



We are looking for volunteers to join our Disability Benefits Home Visit team. This specialised service operates across the district offering continuity of care, confidentiality and reassurance for those living with long-term conditions. Volunteers help with the often complex applications for Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Personal Independent Payment (PIP). They also provide advice on financial issues or care needs such as purchasing aids and appliances, getting a blue badge, or lowering fuel bills.

For people living with disabilities getting access to advice can be difficult and many people in Uttlesford do not claim the benefits to which they may be entitled. As a client put it, 'I felt extremely intimidated by the DLA form, but by having my adviser to fill in the form, it allowed me to answer the very challenging and personal questions honestly and with less distress.' A disability benefit award allows people to pay for services that aid independence and substantially improve their quality of life.

A home visit can take up to three hours; volunteers must also have access to a car. Full training is given and travel expenses are paid. One volunteer said, 'Being a volunteer in the disability benefits team feels like a privilege. I can use many of the skills developed during my working life, and really help people to express the problems they are facing. And the positive feedback evident in the success rate of my clients is an added bonus. The role is also flexible and can be easily adapted to fit in with my life.'

If you are interested in joining the team and would like to know more, please call us on 01799 618848 or email admin@uttlesfordcab.org.uk Click here to download a [role spec](#) and [application form](#)

The team often works with clients who have been referred by health professionals or the social services, but if you, or someone you know, might benefit from this service please call 01799 618840. Our general team can cover questions on benefit-related issues but can pass you onto the Home Visit team if their help is needed.

May Day Fayre (all proceeds to Mutts in Distress)

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The sun was shining at Leaden Roding Village Hall and the turnout was huge. We had plants for sale, clothes barbecue, tombola, pet photo competition, face painting, various games, lots of lovely homemade cakes and much more. Pat Clark, the Founder of Mutts was there to answer any questions about the dogs available for rehoming and one of the lovely dogs who is up for rehoming also joined us on the day.

The first eight prizes in the raffle went to the following people:-
 £100 Cash - Heather Ransley (Leaden Roding)
 Skip Hire - Daniel (High Roding)
 £50 Hairdressing Voucher - Ray Stuart (Hertfordshire)
 Pet Photography Shoot - Matt Hill (Leaden Roding)
 Sunday Lunch for Two at the Hunters Meet - Matt Fletcher (High East-
 £30 Voucher for Wild Hart Restaurant - Claire Edwards (Harlow)
 £30 Voucher for The Black Lion - James Gunn (Aythorpe Roding)
 Shellac Manicure - Mark Brash (White Roding)



The support leading up to the Fayre from the residents of Leaden Roding and the surrounding villages was incredible. People have been so kind and I would like to thank all those who kindly donated items, transported things, helped set up, man stalls and clear up afterwards, those who bought raffle tickets and those who came and supported the event on the day. We managed to raise a fantastic amount of £4505.77 which will go towards helping a lot of dogs. This would never have been possible without all the support I received so a massive thank you to all of those involved. The amount raised is continuing to rise as I have now started to sell the items left over online with 100% of this money also going to Mutts in Distress. Not only has the event raised lots of money for a fantastic charity, it has helped Mutts in Distress become more well known which will hopefully result in more local people approaching them if they are looking to rehome a dog. If you are able to offer a loving home to a dog, please visit the Mutts in Distress website www.mutts-in-distress.org.uk and start the process of finding a four legged friend by completing the rehoming application form.

Keely Robinson (Leaden Roding Resident and voluntary fundraiser for Mutts in Distress)

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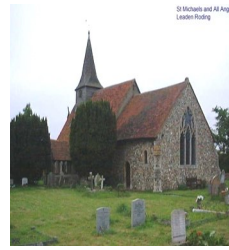
Services for June

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

10th June 11.00am All Age Worship

24th June 9.30am Holy Communion

See Parish News for further information on forthcoming Services



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Litter Pick

Thank you to everyone who took part in our April litter pick. Fourteen bags of rubbish were collected in just a couple of hours. I am also grateful to anyone who goes out at any time to keep our village tidy. Thanks also to Cllr Barbara Read and Aythorpe Roding Parish Council for the loan of their sturdy litter pick sticks and to Cllr Susan Barker who has agreed to fund some litter picks of our own. The next event will be August.

Cllr Phil Sutterby

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:-

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, antiseptic cream, kitchen roll, bleach, soda crystals, antibacterial sensitive handwash .

UPDATE

There has been some fantastic news at Mutts in Distress in recent weeks. Digby who was featured in the December Edition of the Leaden Reading and who had been at Mutts for a long time has now found his forever home and as I write this, it is looking like Sampson a lovely German Shepherd who is also one of the long term residents will soon be rehomed. Sky featured in March is happy in her new home however Jyp who was also featured in March is unfortunately still waiting.

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



Tarquin is one of the current longest residents at Mutts and has been with them now for two years. He is three years old and a very sensitive gentle boy who can be shy of men. He requires a quiet and calm adult only home to help him gain confidence. He can be fussy who his dog friends are and cannot live with cats. Tarquin is currently in a foster home and visits the kennels daily for rehoming meetings. Can you give him a loving home?

This is Benji featured with Pat Clark the Founder of Mutts in Distress and myself. He is about five years old and is a really lovely, well behaved, friendly boy who will make a wonderful pet and companion. He can walk with other dogs but is not happy to live with them. Benji has had some training and has previously lived with children but unfortunately he had to be returned through no fault of his own.



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

Monetary donations should you wish can be made via paypal using the e-mail address donations@mutts-in-distress.org.uk

Thank you for your help.

Keely Robinson (Leaden Roding Resident and Voluntary Fundraiser)



Some of the stalls at the May Day Fayre at various times of the day

Planning Applications:
Nothing to report.

Footpaths.

P. Sutterby stated that footpaths are being used by many walkers at this time, he stated that dog owners should respect the code of picking up after their dogs while walking on 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 Chairman stated that the drain outside King William House is in need of repair, the clerk will report this to Uttlesford.
2. The clerk stated that with assistance from the Essex Association of Local Councils she has applied for a grant to update her computer and receive training and payment for the upgrade and future upkeep of the village website in preparation for the Transparency Code which comes into force in May 2018.
3. The clerk informed Parish Councillors that after the Transparency Code comes into force the Parish Council will need to appoint a Data Protection Officer, she has agreed with other Parish Clerks in the area to get together to provide this service between Parish clerks as we do for the annual audit.
4. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.
5. As not all Parish Councillors are able to attend the Annual Assembly on 15th May it was decided to change the date to Tuesday 29th May.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 29th May (Annual Assembly)

Dates for future meetings:

- Tuesday 17th July
- Tuesday 4th September
- Tuesday 30th October
- Tuesday 4th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8. 45pm

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SOME OF THESE CHANGES ARE SIGNIFICANT. IF YOU USE ANY OF THE LOCAL RECYCLING CENTRES PLEASE ENSURE YOU KNOW THE NEW RULES. VANS AND PICKUP'S ARE NOW NOT ALLOWED IN!

LEADEN RODING GREEN WASTE DATES 2018

The following Sundays 4.00pm-5.00pm at Rodings School

6 th May 2018	3 rd June 2018
1 st July 2018	29 th July 2018
26 th August 2018	23 rd September 2018
21 st October 2018	15 th November 2018





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1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

Scouts - 10 to 14 years - Friday 7.30pm to 9.30pm

After the weekend at Thriftwood Pedal Kart Olympics the Scout Troop turned to survival techniques as it was time for the annual brass monkey camp. Unfortunately, the Troop could not attend the District camp at the beginning of February as the Leaders were either away or working. So instead they went to Danbury Edward the V11 site in the woods on 24th/25th February. Leading up to this camp they trained on Axe and Saw skills and fire lighting, First Aid, Bivouac building and fire lighting. They choose teams and planned their menu and decided on their programme for the 24 hours. 16 scouts and 3 leaders went off to Danbury. They stopped off at Tesco in Chelmsford and bought their food for the weekend. Once at camp each team choose a site and then for the next 24 hours built their bivouac made a fire place collected wood and made a wood pile. Cooked their meals over an open fire, Kept the fire burning all night and cleared away in the morning not leaving a trace that they had been there. The weather went below freezing and they all survived. Well done Scouts. A big thanks to Dennis, Peter, and Jack for giving up another weekend.

During the term the Scouts had an evening based on the Cube game show. With lots of different challenges to complete. One of which was to get each patrol through a spider web of ropes. They had to work out codes and use emergency signalling. Fun but also useful. Toward the end of March, the troop had a crystal Maze evening with six different things to do. They had to build a rope less bridge out of broom handles and stand on it. Another event was to float a tennis ball to the top of a tube which was full of holes, each patrol had three attempts and the fastest patrol was 4 seconds. Another game was 60 ping pong balls into 5 buckets in a set time. The next was to get a tennis ball from one end of the hall to the other through an obstacle course but only using pipes or cardboard tubes. If the ball dropped, they had to start again. The next base was throwing articles over their shoulder into a paddling pool following directions from a patrol leader. The last base was match stick puzzles. The next week was spent on learning preparation for hiking. This involved foot care and first aid and rucksack packing and using Trangia stoves and food ration packs. Well a full term for everyone.

Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years - Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30pm

The Explorer Unit have been working on repairing camping equipment and helping Simon with the role of Quartermaster for the group equipment. They are also planning some evening hikes before the big exam period starts. Most of the members have exams after Easter so they will have some meetings for Archery or rifle shooting as relaxing activity. They are all working on their Duke of Edinburgh Award. They hope to complete their bronze award by the summer term. They also plan to have a summer camp to the Yorkshire Dales in August. The Scout leaders and Explorer Scout leaders all hope to do the three Yorkshire Peaks challenge at the beginning of May.

World Scout Jamboree 2019 & the Australian Scout Jamboree 2019 Jamboree news and fundraising events.

The Jamboree four have been busy over the last two months raising funds for their great adventure. They have been Bag Packing in Sainsburys and raised £335.00. They have been collecting Scrap metal in their villages which is proving very profitable for them. They have been gardening. They held a quiz night and raised over £700.00.

They have two sessions of bag packing in Sainsburys in April. Chloe also sold delicious cakes at the High Easter races and later that day Caitlin and Chloe washed up at the Church Supper at Matching Tye Village Hall. On the 29th April the Scout Group have a St Georges Day parade from our HQ to the church and they are holding an afternoon tea Scout Group fund raiser back at the HQ and the Jamboree four will be have some stalls at this event.

Tickets for this event can be bought from :

Sandra Mead - Fundraising Chairman on 01277899519

For further information on the Scout Group please contact
Mary Bacon Chairman 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group
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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL & COUNCILLORS

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

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th March 2018

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

Apologies received: Cllr Barker

Minutes of the last meeting of 16th January 2018 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident informed the Parish Council that there appears to be an increase of residents who are not picking up after their dogs, the clerk stated that if anybody recognises irresponsible dog owners and are willing to report them to the Animal Warden then they will be fined. The clerk will again ask Uttlesford if they can install and empty a dog bin near the church; she informed people present that dog owners have for some time been allowed to use normal waste bins for dog waste.

A resident stated that some of the potholes have been temporarily repaired in Holloway Crescent and it also appears that the footpaths in Holloway Crescent are being prepared for repairs.

Clerk's report.

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – awaiting a decision from Highways following a Highways meeting planned for March 2018, if the clerk has not heard anything before the next meeting she will ask for an update.
- Service area outside the shop – although the Parish Council have not been informed it appears the area is being prepared for repair work to be carried out.
- Chalks Green ditch – the Chairman stated that the Parish Council have done all they can do to make enquiries as to tidying up the area and is awaiting further information.
- The clerk has requested a monthly Sunday slot for the green waste skip again this year and is waiting for the schedule to be issued by Uttlesford. Information regarding dates has missed the March edition of the Leaden Reading but the clerk will put dates on the notice board as soon as they arrive.
- The clerk stated that although she has requested the footpaths on Dunmow Road to be tidied up, on inspection they appear to be acceptable at this time.
- 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 before the next meeting.
- The Parish Council has received a donation of £500 from Councillor Barker for the purchase of the new printer for the printing of the Leaden Reading. A vote of thanks was unanimously proposed.
- P. Sutterby has now given Mr Moore a voucher as a thank you for his litter picking throughout the village, Mr Moore sent his thanks to the Parish Council.
- Requests to Highways and Essex County Council regarding looking into the problem of pedestrians and bus shelter users getting splashed in the rain have not yet been answered, this problem seems to be county wide.

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 (March 2018)

£594.00 to Uttlesford District Council – green waste skip hire for 2017



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1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group Leaders Adventure

To raise money for the Scout Group minibus & funds for the World Jamboree Explorers & Scouts picked to go to the USA & Australia in 2019, scout leader Rolf Bassnett & Assistant explorer leader Denise Hayes & her friend Kay completed the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge, 3 peaks to be completed in 12 hours along a cross country rocky 25 mile route. They achieved this on the hottest day of the year. Rolf was the driver & Denise the navigator to get to Yorkshire after 11pm on Friday night, up at 3-30am Saturday morning drove a further 16 miles to the start & somehow found a parking space in Horton in Ribblesdale for this popular northern event. Started walking up Pen - y - Ghent at 6-10am to the peak at 694m, arrived at the top at after a steep climb feeling good in the fresh early morning air with a feeling that we could easily do this challenge. After a further 10 miles in the heat of the day of 24 to 25 degrees arrived tired at a tea wagon for a break before ascending Wernside by a 4.5 mile circuitous route, much of the route was in the heat without a breath of wind & not a tree in site for any shade. Much of the chit chat between ourselves & other hikers evaporated on this climb as it dawned on us & many around us that the challenge had only really just begun. Rolf was running out of water & feeling dizzy with a few stop on the way up; but we made it to the top of Wernside 736m, made the summit & did not sit down as our legs felt beyond being tired & we were worried if we sat down we might not get up. The worst part of the hike we now faced our tired leg muscles the rocky & winding decent with a constant sharp impact on knee joints thighs & calves, Rolf went down with cramps in both legs a mountain ranger helped him & stretch the legs, Denise & Kay donated the last of the water to Rolf; the ranger informed us if we could make the next 2 miles where Rolf could re-hydrate, but the ranger said your day of hiking is over for you, after much suffering we made the 2 miles & bought as much sports drink & water to re-hydrate & had a 20 minute rest. Checked the map & revaluated our situation, filled water bottles & collectively decided that if Rolf could walk the valley below the last peak Ingleborough it was worth a try, if not he could walk back to the cafe & wait there for a vehicle rescue, while Denise & Kay would go on. Ingleborough 4.5 mile ascent has a near vertical short section of rocks & stone steps cut into the ridge & this was a challenge to scramble up, when on the ridge the last hike to the top was easier but when everyone is tired we saw a number of people trip & fall on the rocky path; you had to concentrate on each & every step you took. Last summit Ingleborough 724m with a fantastic view of the sea at Morecombe bay in Cumbria like a strip of silver in the afternoon sun was a fantastic relief to see.

We were elated enjoying taking photos posing around the stone trig point at the top. The decent was a hard grind on joints & tired muscles & we had to check our euphoria of achieving the 3 summits against the sheer practical requirements of finding the best route through a boulder strewn limestone pavement area with sections of bog land but we made it without a fall. Found the car & were pleased to see we were not the last one parked along the road from the morning, drove slowly back to the hotel & went in dressed as we were, covered in dust with the taste of salt on our lips to the restaurant & order 3 pints of lager shandy & had dinner without commenting what it tasted like, we just needed fuel. We were informed when we ordered our dinners it would be about 45 minutes; they appeared in under 10 minutes; we thought that perhaps the staff wanted to get these 3 dishevelled hikers fed & gone as we were attracting attention. We were pleased to hear others recounting their experience of the day & were pleased to note that some had only completed 2 peaks; were were certainly one of the more mature teams. Well we made it as a team & worked together as a team with each member working for the other 2 & encouraging each other & that is what scouting is about.

Best regards,
Rolf B Bassnett 07950 789090

The Beaver Scout Colony - 5½ to 8 years - Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.15pm

The summer term for Beavers started with learning about St George's Day and the Beavers all designed their own flags to represent their own family. The next two weeks were spent learning how to take part in Archery. This is one of the Beavers adventurous activity which is part of the Adventure Challenge Award. Whilst one group were learning about Archery the other half were learning some basic first aid. They took part in some scenarios of accident that could happen for example a Beaver had fallen down a rabbit hole and hurt his leg. They had to find where the nearest adult help was, how to put a person in the recovery position and how to call for an ambulance. Beaver Scouts also need to know how to put up a hike tent and how to light a fire and they must cook something easy on the fire. Beavers learnt how to do this on the first week of term. There are four Beavers swimming up to Cubs this term they are Jacob, Zack, Taliesin, and Nathan. We have had four new Beavers join us this term, they are Florence, Xander, George and Alfie. The Beavers joined the whole Scout Group in the St Georges day parade to St Nicholas Church Fyfield on the 29th April.

Cub Scouts - 8 to 10½ years - Thursday 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Cub Scouts had a fantastic camp away at the end of the spring term. The minibus had its first long trip out as the Cubs all travelled to Duxford. This was part of the Air Activities staged 1 & 2 badge. They all really enjoyed the whole experience and investigated lots of information and watched some planes taking off and landing.

After a very busy day they all travelled to the village of Rayne where they were staying the night in the 1st Rayne Scout HQ. Paul who was our Quartermaster cook for the weekend had made spaghetti Bolognese and chicken curry with garlic bread and nan breads, with Chocolate Brownies and ice cream for dessert. After supper they cleared up. The Cubs were all shown how to make a buddy burner with a tin, some cardboard and melted candle wax. After they had made these they took them outside and under supervision they lit the burners and they burnt for nearly an hour. When it was bedtime the Cubs all had a hot drink and a bedtime story and then went to sleep. The next day Paul the QM for the weekend made pancakes for breakfast which they all enjoyed. They all made their packed lunches and they were ready for the hike on the Flitch Way to Great Notley Park. Once they had hiked the five kilometres to the park they got excited as they could see the Sky Ropes in the distance. This was a surprise for the Cubs as they had not been told they were going onto this apparatus. Everyone managed to go on the sky ropes and Albert Dincu was invested on the very top with David and Ed the Cub leaders. After lunch the final part of the day was spent on the giant seesaw with the leaders on one side and the cubs on the other side. This was one of the happiest well-run action-packed cub camp I think I have ever been on. Everyone was happy and well behaved, and the leaders got to enjoy camp as well. Huge thanks to David, Ed, Sonia, Paul and of course Michael who planned the weekend and whose licence was used.

This term the Cubs have also had two weeks of Archery training and will be taking part in a litter pick on the sports field and Dole path. Twelve Cubs have also just come back from Cub District camp which was a Tolmers in Cuffley, Hertfordshire. This was two nights away in tents which was a bit of a different camp for most of them. They had lots of activities which included Vertical climbing wall and Air Rifles, High Ropes, Inflatable Assault course, and archery. They also all completed badge work. As you see our Cub pack are a busy happy pack and achieve a lot. Many thanks to our hard-working leaders.

Scouts - 10 to 14 years - Friday 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Scouts are now in their Hiking time of the year. This term they have learnt how to pack a rucksack properly, they have all managed to write out route cards, also how to use small solid fuel burners. On the evening of May 4th they hiked following their route cards, they were in three groups leaving at 15-minute intervals from the HQ. The plan was to follow the route cards, they all succeeded and finished at Skreens Park in Roxwell where they had some supper provided by a parent. They put up their hike tents and all slept extremely well. In the morning they got up and cooked their ration packs over the burners. Then they all hiked back to Fyfield to the HQ and were picked up by 11.00am. Once again, a huge thank you to the troop leader Rolf for walking the route prior to the Scouts planning their route, thank you to Dennis, Peter, and Jack for monitoring the patrols and spending the night at Skreens Park yet again. What would we do without them. The following week after the hike the Scouts went foraging for dandelions and nettles. They then made Nettle tea and Dandelion Pancakes. Which everyone did enjoy. The Saturday of the 19th May and Sunday 20th

May nineteen Scouts and three older Cubs are going in six teams on the Waltham Walk. This is a two-day incident hike which is taking place within the Witham to Danbury and east Hanningfield area over the two days. The teams will walk up to nine miles the first day and eight miles the second day. I'm sure they will all enjoy the experience.

The Scouts are now looking forward to Gliding, Hiking on the South Downs Way and Summer Camp in the Lake District, then followed by microlighting in September.

Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years - Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30pm

Most of the Explorer Scouts are in the middle of exams so some meetings have finished until the end of May. A few of the them have had the opportunity to take part in Archery which they have enjoyed.

World Scout Jamboree 2019 & the Australian Scout Jamboree 2019**Jamboree news and fundraising events.**

The Jamboree four have been busy attending local fetes helping at church functions, bag packing at Sainsburys and collecting scrap. They also helped at the group fundraising afternoon tea after the St Georges day parade on the 29th April. In addition they have also been looking after pets, dog walking and gardening. Keeping busy and bringing some funds in. The four of them went with Rolf Bassnett the Scout leader to the Parish Assembly to talk about how they were selected and the fundraising they are doing.

Scout Group News

Rolf Bassnett our Scout Troop Leader and Denise Hayes walked the three Yorkshire Peaks Challenge on May the 4th and 5th. They travelled up on Friday the 4th and then started walking early on the 5th May. They made the final ascent in just over 11 hours and 30 minutes. However the final finish time was just under 15 hours. They were raising sponsorship for two causes Rolf for a trailer for the minibus and Denise was for the Jamboree Four.

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Wednesday	Seniors	8pm-9:30/10pm	18yrs+

Start now, start next week whenever you can, you will be welcome. The first week is free so come and give it a try. Turn up to the weeks that you can make.

Ch'uan Chang Do provides a framework that allows you focus on the various aspects of training from the combat side, physical fitness, to the skill and art as suits your own build and temperament. It combines elements of many different martial arts.

Our instructor Si-jo, Si-fu, Stan Matthews, 5th Dan founded the Aythorpe Roding Ch'uan Chang Do Club in 1989 we are celebrating 27th year.

Over his time teaching in this style he has created a light and friendly environment where everyone is respected and welcomed.

Come and join in with our training and become a student in the way of the soft palm and hard fist.

2017

Ofsted, Retirement and the Ancient Greeks.

All schools dread the phone call to notify them that they are going to be inspected and after waiting in anticipation for over two years, that phone call finally came on the 29th January. However, rather than approaching the Ofsted Inspection with dread we took the opportunity to celebrate and show off all the amazing work that has been going on in school over the last couple of years.

Thankfully, that hard work and commitment from the staff, children, governors and parents was recognised by the inspector and the report really reflects what a great position the school is in.

My favorite phrase from the day followed the inspector going out on to the school gate to canvas the views of parents first thing in the morning. After spending nearly 30 minutes at the school gate (he had planned to be about 10 minutes) he came back in, took his coat off, sighed and said 'That was outrageously positive'. And that phrase really summed up the day.

There were many other positives too. It was identified that there is a real 'Team Rodings' spirit in the school with everyone working together closely to provide the best possible education. The report mentions the 'skilful leadership' in managing change and moving the school forward. There have been significant improvements in Early Years provision, which was great feedback, as early Years was an area for development from the previous inspection. Children's engagement in their learning and behaviour was deemed to be excellent with the children reporting that they felt safe and happy in school.

So what do we need to work on in the future?

The inspectors have asked us to concentrate on the broader curriculum, so making sure that all subjects that we teach are at the same standard as Maths and English. Consequently, looking at how we assess subjects such as art and geography.

Overall, it was a very positive experience for the school and gave us renewed focus as we continue to make the school the best it can be. If you would like to read the full Ofsted report you can find it on our school website www.rodingsprimaryschool.co.uk.

We also said a sad farewell to Mrs Parmenter and Mrs Cossey who both retired at the end of Spring. Combined, they had a total service of 47 years. Throughout their time at Rodings they showed great care and passion for their roles in school and it has been very strange not having them about at the start of the summer term. We wish them all the best in their retirement.

To finish the Spring term Year 3 and 4 put on a production about Ancient Greece. It was the first time Lower Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to lead a production of their own and they did an amazing job. As well as the funny jokes, great scenery and wonderful acting and singing, the most special part of the production was seeing those children who were slightly nervous about acting grow in confidence. The feedback from parents was fantastic as well, so we will make sure that the children have this opportunity again.



After a very successful Spring Term I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers for all their hard work and commitment.

Colin Raraty
Headteacher - Rodings Primary School



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

01279 876274

New email: rodingswalkinggroup@gmail.com

Rodings Walking Group

The Group goes from strength to strength attracting new faces. This year we have been in to different parts of the county, Roxwell, Ingatestone, Good Easter and Elsenham. We also had our annual outing (twice) to London. This time from on the Parkland Way - Park (Finsbury) to Palace (Alexandra) along the disused railway line.

Upcoming walks July 1st Lees Farm (AGM & BBQ, July 13th Pleshey, August 5th Finchingfield and August 17th Leaden Roding (fish and chips). Please ask for details or see Parish News.

Phil Sutterby

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

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



DOG BINS ARE PROVIDED AROUND THE VILLAGE. PLEASE USE THEM!





MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday - (School)	Due to the council rearranging the schedules there are now no visits to Holloway Crescent.
<u>10.40—11.10</u>	
20th June	The visits are on Wednesdays outside the school.
11th July	
1st & 22nd Aug	Essex Council are continually reviewing the usage of the library bus, so USE IT OR LOOSE IT!

VISITS are due every 3 weeks

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



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