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## What is going on in our Village?

On two occasions recently holes have been made in one of the doors at the cricket club and in a van parked in Stortford Road.

At least two of the benches in the village have been substantially damaged, as well as the large flower containers at the sign.

Evidence has been passed to the police on some of the incidents. The growing belief is that the problems have been caused by a group of local youths who are high on drugs. Again the police have been passed the intelligence.

Much damage is being caused by a few and it needs to stop, NOW!

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE.







December 2018

## What is coming up in the Village this Winter?

Plenty of Bowls nights. Quiz Nights every 2nd Monday night (next guizzes are on Mon 3rd & 17th Dec—Christmas quiz)

For Christmas this year we are having a **Christmas Buffett on the 9th December** 

There is also all the usual groups who meet in the hall.



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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 March by 10th Feb. please.



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

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Want to make a comment on the Leaden Reading? Want to make a contribution?

Would you like to see something different? If no-one tells me, I don't know!

Please e-mail

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## The Who's Who of the Village

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	Ray Bell			876045			
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	Terry Bell			876045			
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Rodings Walking Group	Phil Sutterby	7		876274			
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St Michael's Church				876927			
Friendship Club	Jackie Eldric	lge		876350			
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See her website for surgery dates



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

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:-

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.

#### MAY DAY FAYRE - 6th MAY 2019

Due to the huge success of this year's event I am pleased to confirm that I will be holding the event again on the above date. Next year we hope to make it even bigger with a few more additions. The residents of Leaden Roding were once again very generous this year and it was very much appreciated as without your help and kind donations I would not have been able to arrange such a successful event. Mutts in Distress is a small local charity so every penny raised is very important to them. It is run by volunteers and they don't pour money in to advertising but instead use the money raised to help and save more dogs. The more items donated, the more we can raise to help the rescue dogs. Therefore, if you have any unwanted Christmas presents or anything which can be used on our tombola, raffle or new/nearly new stalls I would be grateful if you could please bear us in mind. Once again, nearer the time, I will also be looking for anyone with any creative talents who would be prepared to donate anything for our craft and cake/produce stalls. Full details of the event will follow in the March Edition of the Leaden Reading.

#### FUND RAISING UPDATE

Anything donated for the fayres does not go to waste if it's not sold. Those of you who are on the facebook local selling sites will no doubt have seen that I have been busy selling the remaining items. Again, Mutts in Distress receive 100% of the money raised through sales. People very kindly donated these items to help raise money for Mutts and that is what has happened and what will continue to happen. In fact, along with more donations from locals and through Mutts themselves, in the last six months since the fayre

, sales have already raised a fantastic additional amount of £2,538 and there is still lots more to sell! So thank you once again to all those who have either donated items or have bought something.

Although a lot of money has been raised this year, many of you no doubt realise that vets bills can be quite costly and this money can be "eaten up" very quickly. It is therefore important that the fundraising continues as the more money raised the more dogs Mutts in Distress can help. If you would like to see what items I have for sale (the majority are for Mutts in Distress and if they are, it will always state that), please have a look at 'The Rodings Selling Group' on Facebook and search my name. I sell a wide variety of things and most of the things are either new or nearly new, so please grab yourselves a bargain and help the dogs at Mutts at the same time!

#### REHOMING UPDATE

Mutts in Distress have successfully rehomed over 80 dogs (and a couple of cats!) this year including Skye and Tarquin who were featured in the March and June editions and Capone and Woody who were both featured in the September edition. Unfortunately Jyp who was featured in the March edition and Benji featured in the June edition are still awaiting their forever homes remain at "Mutts".

Mutts in Distress have dogs both big and small, young and old. Contrary to belief, rescue centres do have puppies so if you are looking for a puppy why not try a rescue centre. "Mutts" themselves have had a few puppies in recently.

The dogs pictured here are just two of the dogs at Mutts in Distress who are waiting for their forever homes. JR has been at Mutts for a few months now. He is about 4 years old, loves cuddles and walks well on a lead. Poor JR was abandoned by his owners. JR loves people and is great in the car. He can live with children but would like to be the only dog in the home and cannot live with cats. JR would benefit from socialising at dog classes. Sky has also been at Mutts for a few months now. He is a young, medium/large sized boy with a beautiful long coat. Sky was in a pound with other dogs so can be rehomed with another dog. He needs a calm, adult only home. Everything is still new to him and whilst he is growing in confidence with people, he can still be unsure of some people at first. He needs a home that is going to spend time and patience introducing him to things gradually. Once he knows you he is a cuddle monster and gives the best cuddles! If you are interested in rehoming either of the dogs above or in fact any of the many other dogs at Mutts, please see their website for details and more information.



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m JR}$ 



Sky

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

Monetary donations should you wish can be made made via paypal, details of which are shown on their website. Thank you for your help.

Keely Robinson (Leaden Roding resident and voluntary fundraiser for Mutts in Distress) Photos kindly supplied by Juliette Steer of 4 Legs Photography Page 26 Leaden Reading

The Marsh Warbler passes down the East side of Scotland and I understand we have less than 10 pairs which reside for the Summer months along the East coast of England. The Winter migrant birds, Fieldfares and Redwings of the Thrush family and the less common Waxwing have arrived already to feast on the plentiful supplies of Berries, Rose hips and Hawthorn berries. Redwings are the most common with an estimated 8 millions birds visiting these shores, with a few pairs breeding in Scotland. Fieldfares number in the hundreds of thousands with 1-2 pairs breeding here and approximately 10 thousand Waxwing arrive for the Winter.

Looking back to earlier this Autumn, the warmer weather brought out several butterfly species as we saw Red Admirals, Peacocks, Commas and Large and Small Tortoiseshells. We have also seen some Cinnabar moths on the plentiful supply of Ragwort which is also known as Stinking Willie. This is a tall wild plant which has yellow flowers and can be harmful to horses and cattle. It has also been a good year for the Crane Fly which is better known as Daddy Long Legs. These insects lay their eggs in the ground where they survive the winter ready to emerge next year.

Our resident mammals seem to increase in numbers every year, especially the Fallow and Muntjac deer and badgers if the number of road kill of these species is anything to go by. Rabbits seem to be coping with the diseases that attack them and I'm glad to report I have seen more hares than in previous years.

So ends another ramble though Leaden Roding and wider afield. I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

#### Ken November 2018







Wood Warbler



Grasshopper Warbler



Sege Warbler



**Dartfor Warbler** 

### Brownies at "Pets at Home" in Harlow continued from page 3







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# What's on in the Village Hall



## 2019. New things to see and do.

Plans are being made in the village for various events to take place during next year.

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 round 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 (next ones are Monday 3rd & 17th Dec. )

Sunday Dec 9th Village Xmas Buffet at the Village Hall.

Monday Dec 17th Village Hall Christmas Quiz

The Art Group, Quillters, 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!!

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

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

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

#### RARE PHENOMENA OVER LEADEN!

When the Rainbows met at the Village Hall on Monday 19th Nov. this weird phen omena was in the sky.

AT NIGHT and only then, there are things known as Moonbows. These are typically white. But they are rare and seldom seen.—Wikipeadia

Alas - We are informed it was a rainbow taken by Steph Green at sunset!



#### **First Rodings Brownies News**

We are coming to the end of another busy Brownie term where we have created crafts, cooked apple crumbles and played games among lots of other activities. The Brownies earned their Friend to Animals



badge by visiting Pets at Home in Harlow and had a really enjoyable evening learning about different pets and how to care for them. We held Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Rabbits and Rats and then fed the tropical fish with special food (see photos). I know of at least one Brownie who went back and visited Pets at Home and is now the very happy owner of two Guinea Pigs! At this time we have made some lovely presents to give to members of Rodings Friendship Club when they come to visit us for an evening of mince pies, entertainment and Christmas carols, newer Brownies will earn their Hostess badge for this event. At the end of term we look forward to joining up with Rodings Rainbows for our Christmas Party, where lots of food and games will be enjoyed and, as the Brownies have been very good this year, no doubt we will be visited by a very special guest in a red suit bearing presents for all! See page 26 for photos.

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

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

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

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

www.essexlottery.co.uk



## 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

## Countryside Photography Group

NEXT MEETING CHECK WEBSITE

Call Keith Denton for details:

Keith Denton 01279 876320 07980805377

email: countrysidephotographygroup@gmail.com





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Autumn in Loadon Doding

## **Autumn in Leaden Roding**

As we move into the Autumn the combine harvesting is a distant memory. This year has seen one of the earliest harvests since 1976, with most of the fields already drilled with Winter Wheat and Oil Seed Rape. We were lucky to have a couple of local fields sown with Linseed which produces a lovely blue flower, but unfortunately this doesn't bloom for more than a few days. There are also some Peas growing locally. I've also seen a bumper crop of Sugar Beet which is harvested with a vast machine that can lift 6 rows of crop at a time. You may have seen some of the huge piles of Sugar Beet on the edges of the field awaiting transit to the sugar processing plants. I've done a little research into what happens to the Sugar Beet and found the Website of British Sugar. They are the sole processor of UK grown Sugar Beet. They processed 8 Million tonnes of Sugar Beet a year which produces 1.4 million tonnes of sugar. The co-products of this process go into making animal feed, Liming products for UK agriculture, Bioethanol and even renewal energy where the pulp product

produces enough energy that excess can be sold to the National Grid. Even the stones and topsoil which arrive with the sugar beet are recovered and marketed. Its amazing that so much can be done with something that looks like an overgrown parsnip!



We have had some unseasonably good weather with warm temperatures well into October but the leaves are now beginning to turn into the riot of reds, oranges and yellows. Most walks are now being taken through a carpet of fallen leaves. I walk passed a Walnut tree which is raided most mornings by Rooks and Squirrels. The Squirrels bury Walnuts and other nuts to help sustain them through the coming Winter. It is another mixed year for the hedgerows with an abundance of Haws and Rose-hips. The Sloes are more hit and miss with some bushes laden and others with no berries at all. I'm sure there will be enough to make a large quantity of Sloe Gin ready for the Christmas festivities. The combination of wet and mild weather should have made excellent growing conditions for mushrooms and toadstools. I found a pretty mushroom as I walked across Aythorpe Roding cricket pitch which goes by the name of Meadow Wax Ear, although I haven't seen the variety that I did last year. They may be just waiting for wetter weather?



It is with much sadness that I have gone another year without hearing the Cuckoo. According to the RSPB the first Cuckoos are usually heard in the Isle of Scilly and then gradually move northwards. <a href="mailto:britishbirdlovers.co.uk">britishbirdlovers.co.uk</a> is a Website where people can advise when and where they first heard a

Cuckoo. People near Stock and Great Wakering heard the Cuckoo during the second week of April so it's good to know there are still some birds in Essex. The summer visiting birds will now have left our shores, along with the well known Swallows, Swifts and House Martins the UK is also the summer home of Turtle Doves which are Europes only migrating Dove. The resident birds seem to be holding their own and the number of Buzzards and Red Kites are increasing locally.

Several Warblers are also UK visitors over the warmer months and these include Willow Warblers, which are very common, Wood Warblers, Garden Warblers, Grasshopper Warblers, Sedge Warblers and Savi's Warblers which number very few breeding pairs. These Summer visitors join the resident Cetti's and Dartford Warblers. Some Warblers only pass through the UK onto their summer and winter feeding grounds, these include Aquatic Warblers with a very small number passing along the south coast. Numbers are stronger in Europe but there are not many of this species still in existence.

Yellow Browed Warblers pass through the UK from September to November and a few birds may attempt to spend Winter in this country. The Reed Warbler passes through Scotland to spend the Summer months in England, Southwest Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland.

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## Kemi Badenoch MP

## Surgery Dates 2018/19



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.

#### £5.9m social care investment in Essex

Tuesday, 23 October, 2018

I am glad to hear that Essex will be receiving an additional £5.9 million in social care funding for this winter, the second highest amount out of the £240 million government grant.

#### Kemi Badenoch calls for an end to hare coursing

Thursday, 18 October, 2018

I cannot over-emphasise the stress and harm being caused to my constituents by hare-coursing. This is not just an issue of police numbers - hare coursers are often caught by the authorities. However, this picture is an example of the kinds of things they do when they are confronted



#### Kemi becomes ambassador for Mind in West Essex

Wednesday, 10 October, 2018

With today being World Mental Health Day, I am proud to announce that I will now be Mind in West Essex's newest ambassador, supporting all the work that they do in helping those struggling with their mental health in Essex.



## CLOGHAMS CRICKET



We finished 6th which means we stay where we are in terms of leagues for next year.

It was disappointing to find that the clubhouse has again been vandalised with one of the doors ruined by needless damage. Who knows what the motive could be, but the police were informed.

In October we had our annual residential golf trip, this time to Helidon Lakes near Daventry. The 16 players split into two teams and over 3 days played a "Ryder Cup" type competition. A great time was had by all.

We are now looking forward to sampling the new Essex Indoor Centre in late January for nets.

Anyone interested in joining us speak with Dave Bardell 07711 130424

Team of 2018/Golf Party







## 59 Bus Route Alteration.

Since June 2018 the route has been extended to Anglia Ruskin University, stopping at Chelmsford Bus Station on route.

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## **Leaden Roding Bowls** Club

The club is open to all so if you fancy a game come along to the club night on Friday evenings from 8pm. Friendly matches take place every couple of weeks and anyone of any skill level can take part. Most evening matches also includes a supper, raffle  $\;\;$  BETTY & KEN ROLPH TROPHY and a bar at some venues. More details from Ivy Clayden 01279 876568

### **CLUB COMPETITIONS**

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



TBA 7:30

2018 FIXTURES				W	D	${f L}$
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
GREAT HALLINGBURY	A	July 11	7:30	5	1	2
PLESHEY	H	July 18th	7.30	5	0	3
BARNSTON	A	Aug 20th	7.30	5	0	3
STEBBING	H	Aug 29th	7.30	5	0	3
LITTLE EASTON	A	Sept 3rd	7.30	2	2	4
BLACK NOTLY	H	Sept 12th	7.30	3	1	4
BROOMFIELD	H	September 19	7:30	2	1	5
GREAT CANFIELD	H	September 26	7:30	6	0	2
GREAT CANFIELD	H	November 6	7:30	4	1	3
BARNSTON	Н	November 14	7:30	7	1	0

November 21 7:30

This list will increase through out the year

## Nell Peck Trophy

LITTLE EASTON

In late September the club played the above trophy competition during one Friday social night.

At the end of a nail biting contest Ivy Clayden and Stewart Turner made it through to the final. With 7 ends and 28 bowls to bowl Stuart Won the match by 12:6.



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#### 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group and Explorer Unit

#### Award of Merit



Dennis Sweeting 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

Dennis arrived at Shelley cubs, a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group and asked if he could join but was informed that he was just too old.

One very disappointed little boy, but he did ask "what came next" The situation was that there were no Scouts at Shelley as the Group had only recently been formed. Dennis was given a challenge. Find some boys of Scout age and we will see what we can do. Next week Dennis returned with enough friends to make a Scout Troop viable. Guess who was the first patrol leader.

Dennis threw himself into everything that was Scouting.

Most of the members of the troop came from less privileged backgrounds but this did not stop every month for a year. Dennis, with his patrol did two years.

Dennis was and still is interested in flying and as a scout he achieved the distinction of obtaining his Master Airman badge. A very rare achievement for a non air scout.

After Scouts Dennis joined Dragonian Venture /Ranger unit where he soon found his feet and his ability to make people laugh. The natural progression was to get very involved in group gang shows.

Dennis was ever present on all events. A Scouting event without Dennis was unheard of. During this period Dennis achieved his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

At 18 Dennis became Assistant Scout Leader and later Scout Leader. He was later appointed Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts This was a role he took very seriously. Not only did he increase the number of District events but also managed to increase attendances. During this period Dennis gave a lot of time and energy to helping struggling troops. He also ran the annual Brass Monkey Camp which involved winter camping without tents but using homemade bivis. This he did for 15 years.

When the district was amalgamated he stood down as A.D.C. However, he then joined the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ongar Group as Scout leader as they were struggling to keep the troop going.

However, he was unable to keep away and returned to his first Scouting home 1st Moreton and Fyfield as Assistant Scout leader.

Dennis still has an interest in air activities and has encouraged the Scouts to take part in Gliding, Microlighting and Parascending.

Dennis is a Postman and with a fellow Postie collects articles of clothing toys and tined food. He hires a large vehicle and he and the other Postie drive to Kosovo to distribute to those in need.

Certainly, Dennis Does his best, helps other people and keeps the Scout law. Dennis was presented with his award at Scout Summer Camp surrounded by the scouts who would not do half of what they do if it was not for his imaginative approach to Scouting.

Mick Bacon Local Training Manager Royal Forest District 1st. Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton & Fyfield Scout Troop summer camp to Great Tower in Windermere

I have asked some of the Scouts to write about summer camp and there likes and dislikes.

#### Sunday 12th August Oliver Upson Patrol Leader.

For our annual summer camp, we went to Lake Windermere which is nearly 300 miles away from Fyfield. One of my favourite days was Sunday, where half of the scouts and I went up Cartmell Fell mountain range. From the bottom looking up I knew that the mountain would test everyone including myself. We walked up through a valley, alongside a fast-flowing river. We slightly wandered off the trail but thanks to the high spirits and enthusiasm we soon ventured back on the path. We could not see much in the way of scenery because of all the clouds, but we knew they were magnificent. After a while we had our first stop and of course to our luck it started pouring. When we started again the ground started getting muddy and it was almost impossible to stay dry. After more challenges we stopped for lunch where we played a game that our leader made. And eventually it stopped raining and we could take in the breath-taking views and finally relax, but we were only halfway we still had to go down the mountain. Later, we lost the trail and we was forced to cross a river. This was by far the hardest challenge we had come to. The water was cold but with some perseverance and help from the leader we all safely crossed, and we could taste the success or was that just more rain. Soon we made it back to the minibus and was greeted with a hot chocolate. You could probably tell why this my favourite day at the lake district. I would to like to Mary and Mick, Dennis, Rolf, Peter, Jack Duncan and the young leaders without them the 1st Moreton and Fyfield scout group would not be what it is today.

#### Shannon Watkins Patrol Leader of Wolf Patrol

On the 2nd day on our scout trip to Lake Windermere two of the Star Wars patrols Mustafu and Naboo visited the town of Ambleside to take part in a treasure trail and Murder Mystery challenge. It included following directions and hints to find out who the murderer was and what they used to kill the victim. Some of the highlights were going to the park and eating ice cream, but the main highlight was walking up to the top of a waterfall and taking some photos on the bridge. When we got down to the bottom of the waterfall we all had a paddle and made rock piles. The water was freezing cold, but it was really refreshing on your feet. Thankfully one of the leaders had a towel for us to dry our feet on. Our lead navigator was Finlay Wallbanks but we all

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#### **Planning Applications:**

The following decisions to determine planning applications have been made by Uttlesford: -

Land to the rear of 3 Holloway Crescent - Erection of 2 two-bedroom flats with associated parking - Conditional approval.

#### Footpaths.

#### P. Sutterby reported:

Footpath 28 - from Cloghams Green to Cut Elms Cottage, Keers Green -overgrown vegetation has been reported and is awaiting inspection (Report No. 2587637)

Bridleway 20 - from Meghills to the Wash - fallen trees reported and awaiting inspection (Report No. 2593026) Footpath 11 - from Sewerage Works past the oak tree to Longstead Lane - high vegetation has been reported and is awaiting inspection (Report No. 2593029)

P. Sutterby reported that on both footpaths and pavements there is a lot of incidents of dog fouling. The clerk stated that any person witnessing a resident not clearing up after their dog should report it to the Uttlesford Animal Warden and the offender will be prosecuted.

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:

- The clerk passed the details of the new Interim Waste and Recycling Officer Rebecca Lockwood to P. Sutterby as she has requested details of dates for local litter picks.
- The clerk passed details of funding offered for WW1 Remembrance Day commemorations to give to the church for their forthcoming commemoration.
- P. Sutterby stated that the date for November Green Waste collection is incorrect on the Notice Board and the Village Website, the clerk apologised for the error and will correct it on the website, P. Sutterby will correct the date posted on the Notice Board.
- The clerk reported that between meetings she received an email from the clerk from Margaret Roding requesting details of the owner of the land between Chalks Villas and Porters Cottage as the pavement is becoming almost impassable in places due to overhanging vegetation. Details of the owner have been passed on.
- The clerk has received an email regarding meetings being arranged to discuss Planning Enforcement in Uttlesford. The cluster group meeting of the Rodings is on Wednesday 5th December, the clerk will attend if possible.
- The clerk has received an email from the Animal Warden offering posters to try to tackle dog fouling, after discussion it was decided to request posters for the village noticeboard, Cloghams Cricket Field, the Village Hall ground, outside the school and the footpath leading to the Sewerage Works.
- Between meetings the clerks reported she received an email via Cllr Barker from a resident stating a rumour has evolved with concerns that Strutt and Parker are selling the land behind Holloway Crescent for possible future development. The clerk informed the resident that at present the entire farmland owned by Strutt and Parker is for sale and is being sold as farmland. Cllr Barker also allayed the resident's fears by confirming that Uttlesford's draft plan does not look to change the status of the Green Belt land around Leaden Roding and neither does the plan allocate any new housing in the village.
- Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 4th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Present: D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, Mrs G Essex, J.McLintock, M.Whitehead, Cllr Barker and 9 members of the

Minutes of the last meeting of 4th September 2018 were agreed and duly signed.

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

A resident requested the possibility of a children's play area erected in the village. The chairman explained that although the Parish Council would back the idea and look for funding for a playground, parents and volunteers would need to be sought who would be willing to organise the location, building and the ongoing upkeep of a playground in the village. The resident stated she would try to get a working party together.

A resident stated that the problem with pedestrians getting splashed by cars when it is raining on Stortford Road from the roundabout down to Leaden Bridge is still ongoing. The clerk stated that she has again reported this with photographs to Highways but thinks that the main problem is not the drainage (apart from a large puddle at King William House) but an uneven road surface which vehicle wheels have caused since the last resurfacing of the road. She has again reported both the road surface and the large puddle where water collects opposite King William House but as on previous occasions Highways have stated, due to Essex County Council budget restraints this is not severe enough to put right, she is not hopeful there will be a different reply this time.

A resident stated that there were small deep holes around the edge of Chalks Green which are proving dangerous. The clerk confirmed that earlier in the day poles had been place in the holes. It was assumed the work was delayed when an electric cable was damaged two weeks previously as these holes were being dug causing many homes in this and surrounding areas to have no electricity for up to 15 hours.

A resident suggested that the Parish Council buy a gift voucher for Mr Moore, a resident who continually collected litter around the village. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

A relation of a resident requested the possibility of dropping the curb on Dunmow Road on the entrance to Clovelly and adjoining properties so that a mobility vehicle could be driven safely to the shop from their home in Dunmow Road. Cllr Barker will contact Highways to make this request.

#### Cllr Barker's Report

Cllr Barker stated that she now has of contact at Highways to assist in ongoing issues and will pass on our is-

After discussion with Rissa Long, Highways have now agreed to look into the possibility of placing a VAS sign on Dunmow Road on the opposite side to where they had previously planned.

The plan for extending the 30-mph limit on the A1060 towards White Roding is in the pipeline.

Cllr Barker has been given a budget to repair potholes in Uttlesford, although not a pot hole she has included the pavement outside King William House and hopes this might be repaired.

The requested yellow lines to stop school traffic parking on the footpaths between Long Hide and the School has been approved. This will be advertised over the Winter and if no objections come forward should be implemented in the Spring.

#### Clerk's report.

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road see above.
- Puddle outside King William House see above.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road see above.
- Leaden Close dove problem this is still ongoing; Cllr Barker and the resident are in communication to try to resolve this.
- Request for yellow lines between Long Hide and the School see above.
- VAS sign on Dunmow Road see above.
- Another advertisement for a Parish Councillor vacancy has brought a resident forward interest in the post. Parish Councillors will interview the resident before the next meeting and if accepted, the candidate will be co-opted at the next meeting.

#### 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 (Inv 1292)

£105.60 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (Inv 1331)

£52.80 to Rural Community Council for Essex - annual subscription

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worked as a great team and managed to find out the killer and their weapon. We were then allowed to go shopping for around 20 minutes in Ambleside.

#### Monday 13th August 2018 Daniel Woollard Assistant Patrol Leader Lion Patrol

On Monday we went motor boating on Lake Windermere and had a great time. We had one boat per patrol with an adult. Everyone had a go at driving the boats some people were better than others but that didn't matter as we had a great time and had a good laugh together. One of the most fun parts of the activity was when we were playing catch on the boats, throwing the balls at each other and sometimes accidentally into the water but that was fine as the drivers at that point would loop round and pick up the ball. This involved good team communication which is one of the key aspects of Scouts. The leaders also enjoyed themselves because all the Scouts were ferrying them around whilst they had a good laugh and a little bit of relaxation.

#### Tuesday 14th August Harvey Wheldon Panther Patrol

I loved everything I did at camp. There were some games I wasn't sure I could do but we got lots of encouragement to try new things.

One activity was to do with a tomahawk. A tomahawk is a type of axe. The less dangerous type is called an Angel. The Angel (which looks a bit like a cross) has 4 spikes at the end. The tomahawk has on big blade which looks like a scythe (a bit like the grim reaper has).

With the Angel you lightly grip the handle and aim it up and slightly behind your ear and then you throw with all your might aiming at a wooden target.

The tomahawk is held nearly at the end of the handle. This has to be thrown with lots of power to hit the target. We played a game aiming the Angel and tomahawk at different wooden targets (some looking like Star Wars char-

#### Wednesday 15th August Mountain Hike Finlay Wallbanks Assistant Patrol Leader

On the fourth day of my scout troop's Summer Camp, we were split in two groups of eight and one group walked around a town called Ambleside, while the other group (my group) got to hike around the Coniston Coppermine's valley, near the Old Man of Coniston.

Sadly, the weather that week wasn't brilliant and although the other group hiked the same area earlier in the week, we couldn't hike to the peak as it was too windy. However, that did not stop us. The day before the hike, Jack (the expedition leader) plotted a safer, more scenic route, which went around the valley that the mountain

On the day of the hike our leader Pete drove us and Jack to the starting point in Coniston near to the Ruskin Museum. We all filed out of the bus and started the long hike up to the valley. For the first few hundred metres, we followed a road that brought us to a concrete bridleway. As we followed the path we met up with a river, the Church Beck Ghyll, and used a bridge that crossed it as a landmark on the map. We followed the path and took a right at the top of the path where it forked. The view of the valley from there was incredible. The river gushed frantically in the middle of the valley on its way down to Coniston Water. You could just about see the peak of the Old Man of Coniston in the distance, despite the rain clouds best efforts to hide it. After lunch, unfortunately, the weather worsened. The rain had finally caught up with us and one of our group (who shall remain nameless) remembered why they should have brought their waterproofs! For me, I enjoyed walking in the rain, safe inside my waterproof clothes! In the end, Jack decided that because of the weather, we should turn back, as the wind had picked up considerably and visibility was getting quite a bit worse! We made our way back and arrived at the minibus having hiked for three or four hours. Then we headed back to camp. All in all, I enjoyed the trip, despite not finishing it, as I spent quality time with my friends in a beautiful setting, battling against the elements. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August Grace Woollard Tiger Patrol

On Wednesday 15th half of the scouts went to the local town Ambleside and we followed a pre-set trail that was around 2.2 miles long. It took us all around the town. We saw multiple intriguing sights like army-servants graves (we could tell that's what they were because they were kept clean to respect them) and the grave of Charlotte Maria Shaw Mason - the lady who devoted her life to giving children from all backgrounds education. The aim of the treasure trail was a bit like Cluedo as you had to find out who killed who and what they used to murderer them. About 3/4 of the way through we stopped to hike up a waterfall which was worth the walk as we saw some amazing sights and saw how (through several thousands of years) the water had carved into the rocks slowly working it away. To find out who murdered who we had to answer questions and every time it would ever eliminate a person or weapon. By the end you should end up with one person and one weapon. Overall, I really enjoyed the trail and thank you to the amazing leaders who had the patience to walk around the town with us. My favourite part was hiking up the waterfall as the view were spectacular and there were money trees, trees with coins hammered into them and padlocks that were locked to a fence by people, so they would remember that they were there. Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August Saffy Long Patrol Leader Tiger - The Money Trees

On Thursday we were woken up by the Leaders as we had to be up early!

There were eight in our group, plus Caitlin, Jack and Pete and we were going to go hunting for Money Trees. It was a competition to see which group could find the most Money Trees. The trees we were looking for were all around the lake and they had all sorts of different coins embedded in them. There were British coins and foreign coins, mainly 1p, 2p some 50p and Ollie did find a £1. There were quite a lot of Euro coins too, visitors and tourists had put their coins in the tree trunks. We did give the coins a wiggle to see if any of them were loose, but most of them were firmly stuck in. We wouldn't have taken any.

Each time we found a Money Tree we had our photo taken in front of it to prove that we had found one. We did find lots of Money Trees, maybe 20 or more that had lots of coins in, then we found a lot more that had one or only a few coins pushed in the tree trunk. Some of the trees had been cut down but people had still planted their money in the trunk of the trees. Our group didn't win the competition, but we had a lot of fun trying! too far out. PLUS, our fish and chips had been ordered and were nearly ready to eat. The food was amazing. Some people bought a nice milk shake too.

After our meal we went outside and saw a metal statue of Eric Morecombe (70% of the scouts had never heard of him!). We all had to do the pose that he was doing which was quite funny. Dennis took a photo of us. After our meal we all went to the park. There was also a family casino and 6 of us had a look inside. After we got back to the scout hut we found out that Pete had fixed the tyre on our mini bus. All of us went to bed after happy but an

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#### <u>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August Jessica Lee Patrol Leader Panther Patrol</u>

Hello, my name is Jessica lee, I am 13 years old and I am proud to be part of the 1st Morton and Fyfield Scout Group. On the 12th of August 2018 16 scouts, 4 leaders and 2 young leaders made their way up to Windermere in Cumbria. After 5 great, exciting and fun days of different activities we reached our last full day. Friday was my favourite day, although it was an early start it was worth it.

We went and participated in gorge scrambling. Gorge scrambling is an outdoor activity which one follows the course of a stream. We started off at Coniston and we climbed up towards church Bech. This was on foot, in the water. This included climbing waterfalls, splashing around in the water, jumping off the edge into the water and fun, wonderful and exciting challenges and games. The most fun part of Friday's adventure in my opinion was the rapids, I loved been pulled along by the water and passing a challenge at each waterfall we climbed. This was one of the most amazing experiences and I would do it again.

#### 1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Camp to Great Towers in the Lake District August 2018 By Jacob Franklin Age 13, Patrol Leader Lion Patrol

For the last 2 years I have filmed and edited the scout summer camps. Last year we travelled to Wales where we climbed Mount Snowdon and went caving along with lots of other fun activities. This year we moved east and went to Windermere in the Lake District.

At 4.45am on the 11th August we arrived at the Scout Hut where I had a ruck sack full of my camera equipment and a lot of food for our long journey. We were meant to leave at 5am however a certain person naming no names..... Dennis, arrived a little late meaning we left at 6am! After a couple of films and a lot of singing of "Barbie Girl", "Baby Shark" and "It's Coming Home" we arrived 10 hours after leaving. (Note to self, try not to get in a mini bus for 10 hours with crazy scouts, you will start to go mad! LOL)

Our first day we went mountain walking with Jack. This was a very important day for him as he was being assessed for his mountaineering qualification, great news, he passed! Filming today consisted of a lot of sheep or "Shep" as Oliver calls them and crossing some very scary rapids with a helping arm.

On Monday we hired four day boats to drive ourselves on Lake Windermere. The boats got up to a staggering 4 miles an hour! Using my suction pad for filming, I placed the camera on the outside of the boat to give a real sense of being on the boat. Suddenly near disaster, the camera fell into the water, luckily "Super Pete" jumped to its rescue and scooped it to it to safety! I thought we had a "smashing" experience!

The next day we went "Bell Boating", this is two nine-person kayaks connected to each other. Today the waterproof camera case came out and I attached it to the ore for real action shots. Next the chest harness came out as we had to jump out of the boat onto a barrel to see how long we could each stay on it, two seconds was the lonaest time any of us could do! Dennis watched us from the pier, however when we came back we found him fast asleep in his deck chair! Nine scouts shouted which caused him to jump out of his skin nearly into the water!

On Wednesday we went into Ambleside for a treasure trail, Filming was on hold today as I forgot to charge the camera! This was a shame as I missed Grace screaming while being catapulted down a zip wire!

Day 6 did not go to plan. The ferry we were meant to go on had engine problems, we got lost on route and then got a puncture, resulting in having to hire a bus to get us to the beach just in time for an amazing Fish and Chips supper. Then to finish, a trip to the park and a visit to see Eric Morecombe's statue, however hardly any of us

Friday, the last full day was Gorge Scrabble, my best day! The camera was again in its waterproof case and filming showed us climbing up water falls, swimming in freezing plunge pools and jumping into them from two meters high! Our last night and torrential rain stopped our BBQ, but we still had burgers and sausages expertly cooked by our chef for the week Duncan!

It was a great Summer Camp with lots of fun and new experiences that I will never forget!

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

Sixteen of our scouts all had a wonderful summer camp and without the dedication and imagination of our four Scout leaders the week might not have been so successful. We all appreciate the time that our voluntary leaders give, and the programme ideas keep flowing. So, watch out for further adventures over the next few months. Explorer Scouts - 14 to 18 years - Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30pm Dragonian ESU, Summer Term 2018.

With many of the Explorer Scouts sitting their GCSE exams over the last term, the program has been pretty relaxed, allowing time to socialise, alongside the more usual weekly activities.

In July, the Explorers took part in Gilwell 24 - a weekend event delivering 24 hours of non stop crazy adventurous activities.

At the start of August we held our annual summer camp. This year, locally at Skreens Park in Roxwell. The weather was fantastic and the holiday included Water Wipeout inflatable obstacle course at the Lea Valley White Water Centre, an evening at Roperunners in Kelvedon Hatch and a day trip to Southend.

The Explorers will be planning their next term when we begin meeting again in September, with the aim to support a local homeless charity and to continue working towards their D of E awards.

Mary Bacon - Chairman 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

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#### Footpaths.

P. Sutterby stated that two trees have fallen across the bridle path at Longsted Lane but it is still passable on foot. The trees will be removed in due course.

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

#### Report from Cllr Barker:

Uttlesford are increasing fines for offenders of dog fouling, dropping litter and fly tipping. Residents are encouraged to report offenders to Uttlesford so that they can be prosecuted.

Essex County Council are in the process of finalising proforma letters to assist Parish Clerks in writing to landowners requesting them to cut back hedges. These will be sent to all Parish Clerks when finalised.

#### Any other business:

- P. Sutterby thanked Cllr Barker for the funding of the newly purchased litter pickers.
- P. Sutterby stated that the litter pick arranged for the 25th August gathered 12 bags of litter which was collected by Uttlesford the following Tuesday, he thanked all volunteers for their help on the day.
- P. Sutterby proposed a vote of thanks to Geoff Todd for removing and disposing of the damaged village planters by the village sign and also for cutting the grass verge from the village hall to the church.
- P. Sutterby proposed a vote of thanks to Geoffrey Farrington for renovating the village seat and reinstating it by the village sign. Parish Councillors complemented the quality of his work.
- The clerk reported that she has requested that Highways repair the road sign on the A1060 opposite the entrance to Holloway Crescent as the posts appear to be rotting.
- The clerk stated that a notice has been placed on the notice board advertising the sale of 40% share in a home in Boreham Court, High Easter. This was requested to be advertised as local residents will be considered as purchasers if a purchaser from High Easter is not found.#
- The clerk brought to Parish Councillors attention an article regarding the Rodings in a recent edition of the Romford Recorder which might be of interest.
- The clerk has been informed that the Writtle University Road Race will cycle through Leaden Roding on the morning of 30th September.
- Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 30th October **Dates for future meetings:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.



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It will be regularly monitored through future scheduled inspections to see if it has worsened. A future inspection may result in its current prioritisation being changed if there has been significant deterioration.

Vegetation on Dunmow Road - We have investigated and risk-assessed this issue. Every report we get is treated as very important and we aspire to repair all highway defects in good time. Essex is a large county and across a network covering more than 5000 miles of road, more than 1500 structures and 127,000 street lights, we need to prioritise how we spend your council tax money to best effect for all residents. At present we prioritise our principal road network, the repair of the worst pot holes and other safety critical work such as flooding and bridge repairs. Our recent inspection of this issue has prioritised it as not as serious as some of the other defects we are aware of, so we have recorded it and will consider it when we are planning future works in the area. Consequently, you do not need to report this issue again. This does not mean that this issue is not important to us; we will repair it just as soon as is humanly possible given the constraints explained. It will be regularly monitored through future scheduled inspections to see if it has worsened. A future inspection may result in its current prioritisation being changed if there has been significant deterioration.

The resident also enquired regarding her request for another dog waste bin – the clerk stated this was reported in the minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> May and repeated again that Uttlesford do not have the resources to empty any more dog waste bins, however dog owners can now deposit dog waste in all village litter bins.

A resident stated she has made a request to Highways for double yellow lines to be installed on Dunmow Road between the school and Longhide as it is dangerous for pedestrians when parents are parking on the footpath when picking up children from school. Cllr Barker is aware of this request and will make enquiries from Highways and inform the resident of her findings.

#### Clerk's report.

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road Cllr Barker and the clerk have received the following information from Highways:

  The validation relating to the request to install a VAS
  on the approach to the school has now been completed. Although in principle the concept of a
  VAS would meet the criteria based on the approaching speeds the site assessment has dete
  mined that there is not sufficient highway verge width to facilitate this. The validation has ho
  ever identified the need to improve the conspicuity of the existing signage through removing
  vegetation and increasing the size of the existing repeater signs and it is recommended that the
  LHP funds amendments to this in the new financial year. Parish Councillors were disappointed
- Possibility of an extension to the 30 mph limit on the A1060 at Leaden Bridge the Chairman, P. Sutterby and Cllr Barker attended a site meeting with Highways to discuss this issue in July. Cllr Barker stated that Highways have decided that there is enough length of road to extend the 30mph to Bridge Cottages. This should be completed sometime in 2019.

with this decision, other villages with similar footpaths and verges have had VAS installed, Cllr

- Puddle outside King William House see above.
- Vegetation on footpath on Dunmow Road see above.

Barker stated she will request the decision be reviewed.

- A1060 drain clearing see above
- Vegetation opposite the village hall the has now been cleared.
- Residents have now trimmed the laurel hedge at Redwings.

#### 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 the Leaden Reading (Sept 2018)

#### **Planning Applications:**

The clerk has received a letter from Planning Enforcement informing of an allegation that a breach of Condition 3 (Materials) and 4 (Contamination) of planning approval at Leaden Hall Farm, Stortford Road. They confirm an investigation has been carried out and a decision made to close the file as the condition has now been fully discharged and compliance achieved. The Parish Council were unaware of this allegation.

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## Leaden Roding Church

#### Services for December

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

Carol Service

Sunday 23rd 6pm

Monday 24th 11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion (Common Worship)



The church held its annual Christmas Market on Sunday 18th November, but no report has been received.





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!

There appears to be different rules for Harlow and Ongar so please check.

## LEADEN RODING GREEN WASTE DATES 2018/19

No further collections this year.

Dates will be announced as soon as they are available in this publication, on the Parish Council website and the village notice board if the Green Waste Skip is offered again next year.



#### **Green Bin Collections**

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

Bin collections have changed from Black days to Green.

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

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



Normal Bin Collections, please put bins out by 7am

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Present:** D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, Mrs G Essex, J.McLintock, M.Whitehead, Cllr Barker and 11 members of the public.

Minutes of the last meeting of 17th July 2018 were agreed and duly signed.

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

A resident commented on the cut of the vegetation opposite the village hall stating this was an improvement.

He also complained that the village website was lacking information regarding events in the village. The clerk stated that the website is primarily for Parish Council information which is included, all information regarding Parish Council minutes, accounts, the green skip, and copies of past and present Leaden Readings are published. If Parish Councillors wish her to include more she is very happy to add them but at this time this is all the information she has been given to publish.

A resident asked for information regarding a problem with doves plaguing Leaden Close, nesting under his solar panels and leaving droppings on his and his neighbours' properties. It is thought that the doves originate from a dovecote in a neighbouring property in Rossdene Garden. Between meetings the clerk has written to the owner of the dovecote and read the response - they were unaware of problems regarding their doves, since 2003 they have been very particular about removing eggs every two weeks to ensure that numbers in the dovecote do not increase. At present, of the eight nesting holes, seven are occupied but only 4 pairs are actively laying although all of the nesting holes are regularly checked. They are mystified as to where the other doves have come from although as they do 'flock' they could be from elsewhere. They have brown/white doves and racing pigeons occasionally visit their garden but do not encourage them and do not feed the doves or leave bird food on the open table or on the ground. They will keep the numbers restricted in the dovecote to an acceptable level by continuing to remove the eggs on a two-week cycle. The problem has also been reported to Uttlesford and Cllr Barker, Cllr Barker stated that after consultation she believes this is a civil matter but the resident present stated that after seeking advice he has been assured it is a Public Authority matter. He will email Cllr Barker details of his finding and she will look into this further and seek clarification from Uttlesford's Environmental Health.

A resident asked for an update on complaints reported regarding rainwater on the A1060 not flowing from gutters quickly enough during heavy rain. The clerk has spoken to Highways and has been told that the drains have been checked and there are no blockages. She has also reported that the road surface has indents which cause water to collect during rainfall which could be causing pedestrians to get wet, she was informed that this will be looked into but if the indents are less that 2 inches deep (which they probably are) there will be no further action taken. She has also requested on the website and through Cllr Barker that the Highways Rangers clear the gutters along the A1060 of weeds.

A resident requested the date when Parish Councillor Nick Ringrose resigned. The clerk went through previous minutes and informed her of the date. She asked if the post had been advertised and stated that this should be the case up until 6 months before the next election in May 2019. The clerk agreed that she was quite right and clarified that the post has been advertised at regular intervals since Cllr Ringrose's resignation and will be again within the next week.

A resident asked for updates on complaints made regarding the puddle outside King William House and the vegetation on the footpath on Dunmow Road towards Aythorpe Roding which cannot be cleared by the Highways Rangers at it is outside the 30-mph limit.

Both problems have again been reported to Highways and the clerk read the following responses: Puddle outside King William House -

We have investigated and risk-assessed this issue. Every report we get is treated as very important and we aspire to repair all highway defects in good time. Essex is large county and across a network covering more than 5000 miles of road, more than 1500 structures and 127,000 street lights, we need to prioritise how we spend your council tax money to best effect for all residents. At present we prioritise our principal road network, the repair of the worst pot holes and other safety critical work such as flooding and bridge repairs. Our recent inspection of this issue has prioritised it as not as serious as some of the other defects we are aware of, so we have recorded it and will consider it when we are planning future works in the area. Consequently, you do not need to report this issue again. This does not mean that this issue is not important to us; we will repair it just as soon as is humanly possible given the constraints explained.

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Barnards Yard
Saffron Walden
Essex CB11 4EB
Suite 8, The Chestnuts
4 Stortford Road
Great Dunmow
Essex CM6 1DA

Advice 01799 618840

#### Why Volunteer?

It's easy to feel disconnected from your community, as you juggle work, family and jobs around the house. One of the most satisfying, fun, and productive ways to get to know your neighbours is through volunteering for community service projects. Just a small amount of your time can make a big difference to an organisation or person that needs your help.

There are many different roles and types of volunteering. What suits you will depend on your age, experience, skills, interests and availability. There are fewer opportunities for young people under 16, so if you have young children why not volunteer as a family? If volunteering begins at an early age, it can become part of kids' lives — something they might just expect and want to do and could prove a fun activity for everyone. There are so many reasons to volunteer...

- Help others and make a positive contribution to the local community
- Have fun
- Meet people and make new friends
- Develop existing skills
- Learn new skills
- Put your spare time to good use
- Support a cause you care about
- Gain valuable experience to add to your CV and get up-to-date references
- Build confidence and self-esteem

Improve your mental health and wellbeing

If you don't have much time to spare perhaps consider flexible, local activities such as offering to run a stall at a fete or fundraising event; helping to clear leaves or snow for elderly neighbours; joining in with a local litter pick or tidying a park, churchyard or community allotment. Or you could make a more regular commitment to visit someone who is housebound and help with shopping or gardening, offer your time to a nearby charity shop, foodbank, community transport scheme, school or day centre. If you love animals you could help train service dogs or provide short term foster care for animals before they are re-homed.

Volunteering is a fantastic way to develop new skills; you could learn to be a community first responder with the Ambulance Service; train as an adviser with Citizens Advice, work with children as a Scout or Guide Leader, join Essex Police as an Active Citizen or Special Constable, or develop the skills needed to support people wo have recently been bereaved. These are just a few of the opportunities that are currently available - the possibilities are endless. Whatever you choose you can be sure you will make new friends, rise to new challenges and feel proud of your achievements.

For more information about volunteering opportunities in your local area, visit <a href="www.volunteeressex.org">www.volunteeressex.org</a> or call Volunteer Uttlesford on 01799 510525. Uttlesford Citizens Advice will be starting a new training course for advisers in January - to find out more, please visit <a href="www.uttlesfordcab.org.uk">www.uttlesfordcab.org.uk</a> or call 01799 618840.

#### PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

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

## PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

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

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### RODINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tel: 01279 876288

Web: rodingsprimaryschool.co.uk

The start of the new academic year has once again been busy but successful with a variety of different activities going on in school. As usual everything that happens in school we try to link to the school's Core Values, a set of principles used to make decisions and set the high expectation that we have of the children. What follows are some examples of our Core Values being realised.

#### **Respect and Care**

At the beginning of October we had a group of volunteers from Strutt and Parker come and help improve the school grounds. They painted sheds around the school and they cleared a woodland area ready for our youngest children to us. Once they had completed that they began to cut back overgrown bushes and hedges around the perimeter of the school. Finally, they tackled our allotment polytunnel which needed a good clear out and repair. It is amazing what can be achieved in a day and by a group a people that have no connection to the school but just want to help out in the community. On top of that two of our dads have volunteered to clear and make repairs to the raised beds in the allotment ready for the growing season. On behalf of all the children and staff I would like to say a massive 'Thank You!'. It has made a huge difference and we really appreciate it.

We held our annual Harvest festival at the end of the first half term and, once again, supported local charity CHESS. CHESS help support the homeless in Chelmsford and the surrounding area. The collection of provisions this year was the largest so far and Liz from the organisation came to thank the children and collect the vast amount of provisions donated.

#### Challenge

Each year the school has to produce a document called a School Development Plan or SDP. The SDP is based on data we hold in school about what we need to improve. Governors, teachers and children are involved in the process of putting the SDP together so that it is a true reflection of the school's needs. This year's SDP is heavily influenced by the inspection that we had back in January. This year the five main areas are:

**Key Priority 1** – End of Key phase outcomes - That at least 75% of children achieve GLD in EYFS and in all other year groups at least 85% of the children achieve expected outcomes, with KS2 gaining a combined score of at least 70%.

**Key Priority 2** – Foundation Curriculum - To raise the profile of Foundations Subjects so that the expectations and outcomes are at the same level of Maths and English.

**Key Priority 3** – Broader Curriculum - To ensure that assessments carried out across the curriculum are accurate and give a clear indication to Subject Leaders the outcomes in their subject. At least 85% of children are at the expected outcomes in every subject.

**Key Priority 4** – To improve the outcomes of SEND/AMA pupils by embedding the use of the Learning Hub

**Key Priority 5** – To improve the wellbeing of children and staff so that they achieve their best but are also resilient and can overcome barriers.

#### **Enjoyment and Confidence**

Over the last couple of weeks I have been training up a group of Year 5 children to be Playleaders at lunchtime. The idea behind Playleaders is to provide opportunities for younger children, in particular ,to engage in meaningful games at lunchtime that are run by older children to help build their cooperation skills and confidence. The Year 5s have been brilliant and have really taken to their role. Often they have already set up and decided on what games to play. The way they have interacted with the younger children is brilliant and you can clearly see the improvement in their confidence.

This is just a small sample of the work that has gone on this term. I hope that it has given you a taste of what else goes on at Rodings on top of our main role of education.

Colin Raraty Headteacher Issue 34 Page 17



## Tips for a crime free Christmas shop.

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

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

Further crime prevention advice see https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/ or ring Essex Police on 101.

If you know who is committing crime or handling stolen property call Essex Police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Sent by Kevin Blake to all of Essex









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One incident type that has been surprisingly high in number down the decades is a call to a plane crash. Before Stansted Airport became our biggest neighbour in the 1980s, crews from a Leaden had already dealt with at least 3 aircraft crashes at Willingale Airfield and other local sites. Most recently, on 21st December 1999 a Korean Airways 747 crashed on the edge of Hatfield Forest seconds after takeoff from Stansted Airport. The fire engine at Leaden Roding was one of ten sent immediately to the scene by ECFRS along with several crash tenders from the Airport Fire Service. Because of the location of the crash and the traffic chaos on surrounding roads, Leaden Roding were the second crew to reach the scene although the massive impact meant there was little they could do except extinguish small pockets of fire amongst the debris and search for survivors although none were ever found. The plane had been carrying cargo so there was only a skeleton crew on board but unfortunately, they were all killed instantly.

Other incidents of note include several trips to the seaside to help extinguish Southend Pier, the dry summer of 1976 where crews spent many 'happy' hours in Epping Forest, the Axe and Compasses that ched roof in 1984/5 (FF Gerald Greenfield's very first call out of many in over 34 years of service) and the floods of 2001 where the crew answered 24 call outs in 24 hours.

Reading through the surviving Watch Room logs covering 1952 to 1972, it soon becomes clear that many local farms, businesses and houses have at some time in the past 65 years had reason to be thankful for the presence of a fire station in Leaden Roding and the locals that do their best to provide a service. Long may it continue!

Mark Nevell



Figure 3: Axe & Compasses Pub, Ayethorpe Roding. Thatched Roof fire

It was dark when the plane took off from Stansted Airport, with the captain flying. When the captain tried to bank the plane to turn left, his ADI showed it not banking, but the comparator alarm sounded repeatedly. The first officer, whose own ADI would have shown the true angle of bank, failed to participate in (or was uncomfortable with) full crew resource management techniques, saying nothing to challenge his captain's actions nor made any attempt to take over the flight with his own controls. The older and more experienced flight engineer did call

out "bank" four times in 19 seconds, but the captain ignored his warnings, continued to ignore the chiming alarm, made no verbal response, and actually continued to increase the left bank angle. At 18:38 seconds after take-off, Flight 8509's left wing dragged along the ground, then the aircraft plunged into the ground at a speed of between 250 and 300 knots, in a 40° pitch down and 90° left bank attitude. The aircraft exploded on impact. Wikipeadia

The actual aircraft at Paris CDG



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## Rodings Walking Group 2018

Sunday Morning Walks 10.30 am start

Distance 5-6 miles - 3 hours

December 2nd

Chignal St James walk and lunch



*Phil Sutterby* 01279 876274

Please note the new email address for the group:

www.rodingswg@gmail.com

Stondon

Massey

Walk.

Nov. 18th

#### **Rodings Walking Group**

Since my last report, walkers have enjoyed walks around Little Easton, Hatfield Broad Oak and High Ongar, all walked in good weather. We finish the year with a walk around Chignal St James followed by our Christmas meal in the village hall.

Next year we start with a local walk from Aythorpe Roding Village Hall on Sunday 6th January 10.30. If you would to join any of our walks or would like to know a bit more please get in touch.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Happy Walking in 2019.

Phil

01279 876274 and rodingswg@gmail.com

## **Out There**







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

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

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

\*This does not include recycling bins

It is preferable to take it home and use your black lidded bin





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## **MOBILE LIBRARY**

<u>Wednesday - (School)</u>

<u>10.40—11.10</u>

5th Dec

The future dates have not been published

Essex have announced revised library plans for 2019

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

The visits are on Wednesdays outside the school.

Essex Council are continually reviewing the usage of the

library bus, so USE IT OR LOOSE IT!

VISITS are due every 3 weeks

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



## The History of Firefighting in Leaden Roding – Part 3

#### **Notable Incidents**

Over the almost 65 years that the station has been operational, the crews have attended thousands of calls and a few of these have made the national news or are worthy of special mention.



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The first of these incidents attended by a crew from Leaden Roding was probably the Harrison and Gibson



Harrison & Gibson, Ilford



Figure 2. Barns on fire at Leaden Hall Farm—date unknown

Fire in Ilford High Road. Harrison and Gibson was a large department store with a large furniture showroom in Ilford High Road. At 7:30pm on 16th March 1959, the alarm was raised by a passer. The fire spread incredibly quickly, fed by the copious supply of flammable furniture in a store spread over 4 floors and comprising two interconnecting buildings. Fire engines from an ever-growing part of Essex and London were sent to deal with the growing fire.

At 8:14pm the siren and bells sounded at Leaden Roding, calling them to Ilford where they spent the next 6 hours. By the time the fire was extinguished it had consumed not only the Harrison and Gibson store, but the adjoining Moultons Department Store and twelve smaller shops. It had taken 40 fire engines from as far afield as Harwich, 4 turntable ladders and over 200 firefighters to defeat it using 28 jets of water.

Figure 1- Harrison Gibson fire, Ilford High Road

In the early hours of Boxing Day 1969 a tragic fire occurred at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden that was to claim 11 lives and was one of the drivers behind a big change in fire protection legislation in the UK.

Although not called initially, a crew from Leaden Roding twice attended the scene over the following 24 hours to relieve crews at what would have been a harrowing and traumatic incident for all involved, especially given the time of year.

In the early 1990s, Essex Fire Brigade was renamed Essex County Fire and

Rescue Service, partly to reflect the wider role being taken on by firefighters who were finding themselves responding to a wider range of incidents. Looking at the watch room log books from the 1950's and 1960's, it is striking to note just how few incidents other than fires were dealt with. Indeed it was many months before the first call to a road accident, a car on its roof in Aythorpe Roding. Now, we deal with a much wider range of calls with road accidents, flooding, animal rescue and industrial accidents all being regular call outs in addition to fires.