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Leaden Reading

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June 2019

May Day Fayre. Hundreds Turn up to make it a Huge Success *(all proceeds to Mutts in Distress)*

It was a little on the chilly side this year but thankfully it stayed dry and the turnout was huge. We had plants for sale, clothes, a new/nearly new stall, 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 three of the lovely dogs who are up for rehoming also joined us on the day and received lots of fuss and attention!

The first few prizes in the raffle went to the following people:-

- £100 Cash – Charlie Meadows (Leaden Roding)*
- Skip Hire – Barbara Rogers (High Roding)*
- £75 Facial Treatment – Ruth O'Sullivan (Leaden Roding)*
- Sunday Lunch for Two at The Hunters Meet – Sophia Lee (Hertfordshire)*
- Pet Photo Shoot – Michele Simpson (Pat Clark's Dog Training School)*
- Ladies Hairdressing Voucher – Lewis (High Roding)*
- Shellac Manicure - Chris (Hertfordshire)*
- Pet Grooming Voucher – Janice Green (High Easter)*
- £25 Voucher for The Axe & Compasses – Duncan Forsyth (Leaden Roding)*
- Two Main Meals at The Potters Arms – Karen Brooker (Harlow)*
- Mini Car Valet Gold Service – Tom Figg (White Roding)*
- Car Valet Silver Service – Linda & Martin Matthews (High Roding)*
- Car Valet Bronze Service – Ansell (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 generous and I would like to thank all those who donated items, made cakes and items for the craft stall, helped set up and man stalls, 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 £5,303.95 which was increased by a very kind and generous local person who donated £106.05 to take it up to the final amount of £5,500. Thank you so much to them as well, you know who you are! This money which will go towards helping a lot of rescue dogs and it would never have been possible without all the support I received, so a massive thank you to all of those involved.

The amount raised will continue to rise as I have now started selling the items left over online and other items as well with 100% of this money also going to Mutts in Distress. If you are interested in getting yourselves a bargain and helping the dogs at Mutts in Distress at the same time, please join 'The Rodings Selling Group' on Facebook and search my name, as I have all sorts of things for sale. If there is something in particular you are looking for, please don't hesitate to ask as you never know I may just have it!

Not only has the event raised lots of money for a fantastic organisation, 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. In fact one dog was rehomed shortly after the fayre and there has been interest shown in others as well.

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**

IT'S HERE.....

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

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

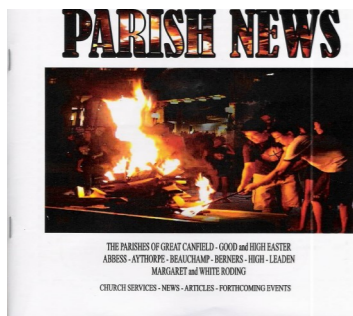
SO GIVE ONE A TRY.

Thanks to all contributors to the magazine.

MORE REQUIRED

Last date for contributions for June by 10th

May. please.



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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!

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The Who's Who of the Village

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

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See her website for surgery dates



Jackdoor



Rook



Barn Owl



Kestrel



Wheatear



Nightingale



Red Campion



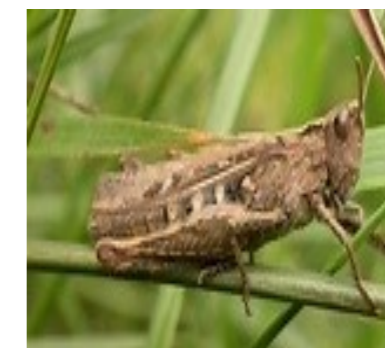
Red Underwing Moth



Cinnabar Moth



St Marks Fly



Field Grasshopper



Meadow Grasshopper

Spring in Leaden Roding

After a dry Autumn and Winter the lack of rain continues, but despite the weather much of the wildlife and flora is thriving. We have seen large numbers of Fieldfares and Redwings feeding on the plentiful supply of hips and haws to prepare for their long journeys back to their summer feeding ground. The Ivy is providing plenty of berries for Pigeons, which can only be good as Pigeon numbers are at a record low. Woodcocks appear to be increasing in numbers with some pairs remaining to breed in the UK. Although there are reports that numbers for Starlings are at an all time low we still see plenty of this species and can have up to twenty birds at a time on our feeders. The Jackdaws are busy building their nests in the chimney pots of Leaden Close and the Rooks should soon be hatching out their young. Magpies will soon follow with their dome topped nests to keep their young protected from predators.

The Barn Owl has been spotted at Leaden Hall and we hope it nests there again this year. The Kestrel has started to build a nest again in the Ash Tree in Long Meadow. Most of the garden birds have started to pair up and we have seen pairs of Blue Tits, Great Tits, Reed Buntings, Wrens, Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Collared Doves and House Sparrows which are nesting again in the tiles on our bungalow roof. We haven't seen many wading birds and water fowl so far this year but this is the result of the river not overflowing its banks and water levels being low in general.

Someone has reported seeing a pair of Red Kites along Anchor Lane in Abbess Roding. According to the RSPB there are currently 1600 breeding pairs in the UK following their successful reintroduction into England and Scotland. They are of large size, have a reddish brown body, angled wings and deeply forked tails. Their wing span can measure as long as 195cm (76 inches or over 6 feet). They are larger than Buzzards whose wing span measures up to 128cm (50 inches or just over 4 feet). Buzzards also have a fan shaped tail. Buzzards are now our most common bird of prey with between 57,000 and 79,000 breeding pairs in the UK. Kestrel pairs are currently 46,000.

The Summer visiting birds have arrived. The Wheatears were the first to arrive, followed by the Warblers. I have seen a Chiff Chaff opposite Rodings Primary School. I haven't heard the Cuckoo yet this year but I have been told of eighteen separate hearings of their call, the first being on 8th April. I'm hoping to see Nightingales and Turtle Doves this year. Swallows have arrived with the first sighting on 7th April but numbers seem to have drastically declined.

The Oil Seed Rape in the fields has been in bloom very early this year, but this is because it was sown before the winter instead of in the spring. Wild flowers are in abundance this year, although the Primroses and Cow Slips didn't seem to be in bloom for long. They have been replaced with lots of Dandelions, Daisies, Dead Nettles and Red Campion which provide a plentiful supply of nectar for Bees, Butterflies and Hover Flies. The seeds of the Red Campion were used in traditional medicine for the treatment of snake bites. You might also see White Campion which produces a heavy scent at night to attract moths.

This has been a great year so far for Butterflies and Moths as a result of the plentiful supply of nectar and we have seen lots of Red Admirals, Peacocks, Comma and Large and Small Tortoiseshells. We have also seen some Orange Tips, Whites and Brimstones. A fairly common moth is the Red Underwing, which has a mottled grey top to its wings to blend into the Poplar trees where it lays its eggs. Also keep an eye out for the Cinnabar Moth which is very unusual as it flies during the day. This moth lays its eggs on Rag Wort. The caterpillars are black with orange rings which serve as a warning to birds they are not a good food source.

It has also been a wonderful year so far for the rest of the insect species, with plenty of Crane Flies, more commonly known as Daddy Long Legs. They lay their eggs in the ground and their dull brown lava are known as Leather Jackets and these are considered pests as they feed on plant roots especially grasses and can do serious damage to your lawn or crops. I have recently noticed a lot of very strange looking flies with what look like long dangling tails hanging below their bodies when in flight. After some research I believe these are in fact St Mark's Flies, so called because the adults usually emerge around St Mark's day on 25th April. They are also known as Hawthorn Flies and are common to woodland edges, hedgerows and wetlands, the long tails actually being their legs held up whilst in flight!

I have also seen and heard a lot of Grasshoppers this year. There are many different species of Grasshoppers in the UK and these are split into four groups, Grasshoppers, Groundhoppers, Bush Crickets and True Crickets. Grasshoppers feed on plants and have shorter stubby antennae. They are also larger and tend to fly or jump away from danger, whereas Crickets will often walk. Grasshoppers 'sing' by rubbing their legs against their wings. They also have ears in their bottoms. The most common species in the UK are Field Grasshoppers and Meadow Grasshoppers. On a walk through long grass recently I came across a spider that had spun its web in the shape of a bell to protect itself from birds and the weather.

Let's hope the warm weather continues and our local wild life thrives again this year.

Ken Pavitt
May 2019

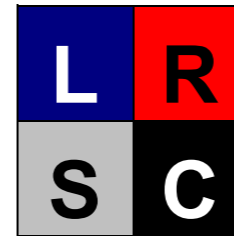
Editors note:

NATURE IN ACTION

I was walking down to Cloghams Green when I spotted a Red Kite circling over Chalks Green. It seemed to be floating in a big circle. I watched it for about 5 minutes, the Kite descending and then climbing again. Suddenly from out of the tree line came a very loud squarking rook in attack mode. Climbing quickly towards the Kite it attacked the Kite having several goes at it.

The Kite thought better of it and flew away.

I can only imagine that the rook was protecting young chicks in a nest in the trees.



What's on in the Village Hall



2019. Things to see and do.

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

Residents and Social Club 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 24th June, 8th July, 22nd July, 5th Aug, 19th Aug, 2nd Sept)

Good Friday April 19th Annual Charity Coffee Morning, May Day Fayre Monday 6th May. Both these events were very well attended and raised amazing amounts for the two charities

Walking Group Fish & Chip Supper June 21st, monthly Cream Tea Afternoons have returned (see back page), Fire Station Open Day, look for signs & the Village Fun Day now changed to 7th Sept

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.

VILLAGE FUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

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

HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

In recent months there have been some hirers who have left the village hall dirty and on some occasions damaged.

It is up to every hirer to leave the hall in the state in which they found it.

PLEASE HIRERS - ABIDE BY THESE CONDITIONS.

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 up-keep and improvement of the village hall.

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

www.essexlottery.co.uk



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

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

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

Buy your tickets on the website www.essexlottery.co.uk, 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

FIRST RODINGS BROWNIES News



Since the last edition of the Leaden Reading we had our annual Easter Egg Hunt and made Easter bunting for Brownies to decorate their homes. After Easter we welcomed many new Brownies which brings our numbers up to 21 Brownies - we have not had this amount for some time so we are very lucky to welcome Jenny Lodge (aka Barny Owl) as our new Unit Helper, she is very good at remembering names which is just as well! We are also very lucky to have Eleanor Giles a new Young Leader to help us,

Eleanor used to be a Rodings Brownie a few years ago so has fitted in very well. What with the Easter and May Bank Holidays we have had a few Mondays off but are now back in full swing until the Summer.

We made Superdad Fathers' Day Cards enclosed with a bar of chocolate at the beginning of June and are soon to make Peppermint and Lemon Creams to take home for anyone in the family who has a sweet tooth! In the weeks leading up to the Summer Holidays we are hosting a District Games Event, a craft evening and look forward to our end of term Fish and Chip walk.

Microchipping and Dog Tags - Are you aware?



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

Leaden Roding Fire station Open day

Sat Date to be confirmed
10 am Watch for the signs



LITTER PICK

Saturday 16th March

Thank You to all who took part.



Frontline was designed by Uttlesford Citizens Advice, but it is really a large community project where organisations and services sign up to improve people's knowledge and access to local services. Frontline in west Essex is funded by Essex County Council and the NHS's West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group. Uttlesford's Council for Voluntary Services is helping to run the services.



Kemi Badenoch MP

Surgery Dates 2019



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

kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk or telephone 0207 219 1943

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

SOCIAL MEDIA SITES WHICH YOU MIGHT FIND USEFULL FOR THE VILLAGE

www.essexinfo.net/leadenroding (Parish Council)

Facebook: Leaden Roding Village

Facebook: Friends of Roding Primary School

Facebook: Leaden Roding Village Hall

Facebook: Leaden Roding Fire Station

Facebook: St Michael and all Angels Church, Leaden Roding

Facebook: The Axe & Compasses

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

CLOGHAMS CRICKET



Early Days yet but CLOGHAMS ARE TOP OF THE LEAGUE! Only one defeat so far with five wins.

HECL Division 3

	P	W	L	T	NR	Bat	Bowl	Pen	Total
Cloghams (7)	6	5	1	0	0	2	1	0	133
Birchanger I (4)	6	4	1	0	1	5	3	0	116
Nazeing Common II	6	4	2	0	0	6	4	0	114
Abridge (3)	6	4	1	0	1	1	4	0	113
High Beach (P)	6	4	2	0	0	3	4	0	111
Braughing (9)	6	3	2	0	1	6	10	0	98
Woodford Wells IV	6	3	3	0	0	11	8	0	97
Willingale (5)	6	1	5	0	0	10	15	0	51
Wormley I (6)	6	0	5	0	1	16	8	0	28
Little Munden (P)	6	0	6	0	0	8	9	0	17

Leaden Roding Bowls Club

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

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

CLUB COMPETITIONS

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



Nell Peck —20/9, HJG Village Idylic—26/7, Rob Simpson Tankard—13/9, /Memorial Pairs - 18/10, Betty & Ken Rolph Trophy.8/11

BOWLATHON 20TH JULY FROM 11AM

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

2019 FIXTURES

				W	D	L
BROOMFIELD	A	January 17th	7:15	5	0	7(3 mats used).
GT. WALTHAM	A	Feb 22nd	7.30	3	0	5
BROOMFIELD	H	March 6th	7:30	6	1	1
STEBBING	A	March 14th	7.30	5	0	3
FINCHINFIELD	A	March 19th	7.30	CANCELLED		
GT WALTHAM	H	March 20th	7.30	5	0	2
DUNMOW U R	H	March 27th	7:30	4	0	4
GREAT HALLINGBURY	A	April 12th	7:30	4	0	4
CHIGNAL	A	May 8th	7.30	CANCELLED		
ROXWELL	H	May	7.30	6	0	2
CHIGNAL	A	June 6th	7.30	4	0	4
BARNSTON	H	June 12th	7:30	3	1	4
ROXWELL	A	July 1st	7.30			
GREAT HALLINGBURY	H	July 10th	7.30			
BLACK NOTLEY	A	July 15th	7.30			
PLESHEY	A	July 25th	7.30			
LITTLE EASTON	H	Aug 21st	7.30			
STEBBING	H	Sept 4th	7.30			
BLACK NOTLY	H	Sep 11th	7.30			
GREAT CANFIELD	H	Sept 25th	7:30			
PLESHEY	H	Oct 2nd	7.30			
DUNMOW U R	A	Oct 7th	7:30			
GREAT CANFIELD	A	November 5th	7:30			
BARNSTON	A	November 18th	7:30			This list will increase through out the year

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

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

1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group



The Beaver Scout Colony - 5 and three quarters to 8 years old- Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.15pm

After a busy Spring Term, the Beavers were awarded two activity badges. These were their Safety Badge this involved learning their Green Cross Code and having a practical demonstration in Ongar High Street by using the pedestrian crossing, The Water safety code, Knowing what to do if approached by a stranger, Identify dangers around their homes and explain what to do, Knowing what to do in the event of a fire and taking part in a fire drill and knowing how to get help from the emergency services. The other activity badge they all gained was the Global Issues badge. The syllabus for this badge was Learn about how to save energy or recycle. Decide on three ways your Colony could save energy or recycle to help save the environment. Try different Fairtrade products and talk about the benefits of Fairtrade to the world, learn about endangered animals and transform your Colony into endangered animals by making masks or costumes. Why are they endangered and how could we save them? this included polar bears, Siberian tigers, white rhinos, mountain gorillas and loggerhead sea turtles. Use a bottle to create a water filter using sand and pebbles. Talk about the problems some people have finding clean and safe drinking water

They have all worked and played hard and nearly all the older Beavers had gained challenge awards as well.

Four Beavers swam up to Cubs on the 7th May and Charlie Long, Henry Petterson and Charlie Cook were awarded their Bronze Award.

The Beaver leaders are planning to spend as much time on outside activities this summer term and this will finish with a sleepover on the 6th and 7th July.

The Colony has two spaces for any child aged between five and three quarters and seven years old. Several of the Beavers will be attending the Scout Groups Family camp with their parents and siblings in June. This will mean more activities to go towards their Challenge Awards.

Cub Scouts - 8 to 10 and a half years - Thursday 7.00pm to 8.30pm

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

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

The older sections of the Scout Group - the Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts and the leaders have all been preparing for the Waltham Walk which is an incident hike run by the Boys Brigade and 2019 is its 50th year. Our Scout Group have taken part in this event since 2002. From the start of the term they have been learning map reading skills, writing out route cards, practical local walks, practicing Trangia cooking for the older Scouts and Explorer Scouts and the Cubs practised their menu for the evening meal of pasta and bolognese sauce. The Cubs learnt how to put up the hike tents they would be sleeping in which was a new experience for the younger group.

This year we had ten Cubs Scouts, seven Scouts and three Explorer Scouts and three leaders and three parents in seven teams.

This event is run over two days and includes twelve incidents at the twelve checkpoints along the route these are varied incidents normally team building exercise and some skills based and some strength based. All the teams were given a map reference for the next checkpoint once they had completed their incident. They then set the route they were to follow. When they arrived at checkpoints the teams had points gained or deducted for timing and they also lost points for the number of years they had entered the Waltham Walk.

All our seven teams really enjoyed this experience. The Teenie Trek (under 12 years) and the Mini Trek (12 to 14 years) all hiked 9.9 miles on the Saturday and another 8.1 miles on the Sunday.

The three Teenie Trek teams which were 10 cubs and 1 scout were remarkable. They had an adult walking with them to help with the map reading. The incidents at each checkpoint only the young people took part in them as the adult walking with each team were in supervisory roles.

All the teams camped in hike tents at Skreens Park activity centre in Roxwell.

Paul Speller and Sarah came to Skreens Park and cooked the evening meal for the Cubs and helped them with their tents as they were all very tired after their 9.9-mile hike. The Mini Trek and Explorer Scout Teams cooked with Trangia's and had ration packs.

The Scout leaders - Rolf and Jack and Steve all managed the Veterans Hike

(a one-day hike) which was 16 miles on the Saturday.

The Explorer Scouts also hiked the 16 miles that first day but with full packs. They then completed the 8.1 miles on the Sunday also with full packs.

The route they followed on Saturday was from High Easter Village Hall to Pleashey Village Hall, from there they travelled to Chignal Smeally Church before heading to Great Newarks and then to Newlands Hall before finishing at Skreens Park Activity Centre. On the Sunday morning they started from Skreens Park and headed to Blows farm and then to Hands farm, after this checkpoint they headed to Parsons Spring and then on to Mill Green Common and finished at Blackmore Village Hall.

Well done to all our competitors.

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Finance: The clerk was given authority to pay: -

£17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today's meeting.
£200.85 to Essex Association of Local Councils – annual subscription.
£395.29 to BHIB Ltd – annual insurance
£594.00 to Uttlesford District Council – hire of green skip from April to December 2018
£211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting
£30.00 to Mrs T.E. Bell – purchase of gift voucher (see above)

Planning Applications:

Decision for the appeal made to the Secretary of State against the decision to refused the following planning application:

5 Brownlows Close, Demolition of rear conservatory. Erection of single storey extension and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation

The appeal is dismissed in so far as it related to the alterations (the conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation) and planning permission is granted for the conversion of the existing garage to habitable accommodation.

The following application was brought to Parish Councillors attention between meetings:

4 School Villas, Stortford Road – Change of use of existing garden shed to dog grooming salon/ parlour – concerns were nuisance to residents caused by barking dogs, potential parking problems caused when dropping of and picking up dogs.

The decision to determine the following planning applications have been made by Uttlesford:

The Old Rectory, Stortford Road – proposed detached outbuilding – *refused*.

4 School Villas, Stortford Road – Change of use of existing garden shed to dog grooming salon/ parlour – *conditional approval*.

Footpaths:

P. Sutterby reported:

Highways have installed new bridges with handrails on the following footpaths:

Footpath 28 from Cloghams Green to Cut Elms Cottage, Keers Green

Footpath 3 beside Rodings Primary School

Footpath 10 opposite Bridge House, Stortford Road

Footpath 11 from the sewerage works past the oak tree to Longstead Lane.

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

Fencing of Chalks Green:

See above.

Any other business:

1. P. Sutterby stated that residents are tipping garden waste into ditches in the village, particularly those close to Longhide. The clerk will ensure a notice is included in the next edition of the Leaden Reading ensuring all residents are aware of the monthly Green Waste skip.
2. P. Sutterby reported that the road in Dunmow Road by the post box is in need of repair, the clerk will report this to Highways.
3. P. Sutterby reported that Essex Police were in the village recently in positions in Stortford Road and Dunmow Road and cautioned a number of drivers for speeding.
4. Mrs Essex enquired if anyone had made an application to Strutt and Parker for assistance with maintenance of the village hall as a planning gain for homes built at Leaden Hall Farm which are now completed and ready for sale. Planning gain for these homes was discussed when the application was put forward and Strutt and Parker were agreeable at that time. The clerk will enquire whether the Village Hall Trust has applied to Strutt and Parker.
5. The clerk has received a request from Cllr Barker asking for any footpath repairs that need to be carried out, she has already earmarked the footpath outside King William House and has asked for a list any others which in need of repair by 30th May. Mrs Essex stated that the footpath on the corner of Rosdene Avenue is breaking up. The clerk will report and send photographic evidence to Cllr Barker and asked Parish Councillors to let her know of any other problems with footpaths by 30th May.
6. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 16th July

Future meeting dates

Tuesday 3rd September

Tuesday 29th October

Tuesday 10th December

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2019

Present: D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, Mrs G Essex, J.McLintock, Mrs A Ringrose and 19 members of the public.

Apologies received from: M. Whitehead and Cllr Barker

Minutes of the last meeting of 5th March were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

Concerns were raised by residents regarding an approach by a group of residents requesting that the Village Hall Trust consider donating a piece of village hall land for a proposed play area. The Chairman stated that although at this time this is a matter of the Village Hall Trust to discuss, if they were to donate land then a planning application will need to be put forward to Uttlesford and then considered by the Parish Council. Residents stressed the importance of their views being taken into account and emailed the Parish Clerk with their concerns between meetings; although at this time there is no involvement from the Parish Council, they requested that their objections be read at the meeting so Parish Councillors are aware of their objections. The clerk read three emails with objections and will retain them for future reference should a planning application be received.

Russell Collins attended the meeting to find a way forward regarding the fencing of Chalks Green. Between meetings he suggested to the clerk that he was happy for the Parish Council to pay a peppercorn rent of £1 per year for 25 years to maintain the land for village use. The clerk passed this suggestion on to Parish Councillors between meetings. At the meeting Mr Collins stated that his solicitor had informed him that 5-year Peppercorn Rent leases were more feasible and he again offered this option to Parish Councillors with the option to renew the lease after 5 years. Between meetings Mr Collins had received a letter from Essex County Council requesting that the fence be taken down, the clerk stated that this request was not instigated by the Parish Council but was an individual request from a resident. Mrs Essex suggested a way forward could be that the wire be taken away and the posts shortened, still keeping Travellers from accessing the green but it would look more aesthetically pleasing. J. McIntock was of the view that it should be removed altogether as this was the law. Various residents present had differing views. Mr Collins stated he was happy to remove the fence if this was the decision made as his only intentions were to deter Travellers from returning. The decision and cost of the digging of the ditch on the Leas Chase side was made by the previous owners of Chalks Green. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council look into the logistics of taking on the Peppercorn rent and to arrange a site meeting with Mr Collins to find a way forward. The clerk will arrange a site meeting in the near future.

A resident complained of motor cyclists speeding through the village, usually on Sundays. The clerk will request a police presence.

Clerk's report.

- A1060 speed limit – awaiting implementation – this is in the Highways budget for 2019/20.
- Puddle outside King William House – still ongoing, Cllr Barker has requested this to be repaired in a separate Hiways Repair Scheme (see below).
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – this will be monitored after further rainfall.
- Request for yellow lines between Long Hide and the School – awaiting implementation.
- VAS sign on Dunmow Road – no further update, the clerk will request details from Highways.
- The clerk has purchased a £30 gift voucher for Mr Moore and P. Sutterby has given it to him between meetings.
- The majority of the rubbish accumulated at the front of the village shop has been cleared, with the rest hopefully following soon.
- The dates for the Green Waste Skip have now been received and published on the village website and notice board. They will also be advertised in the Leaden Reading.
- Damaged sign on Stortford Road – now repaired.

Once all the teams had arrived and checked in and handed in their checkpoint cards and the items, they had to collect on the way there was a BBQ for all the competitors.

The closing ceremony was at 3.00pm. Our three Teenie Trekker teams were not in a competitive event but they were still awarded with a certificate and a 50th celebratory cake and a cloth badge.

The two Mini Trek teams also received certificates and cake and badge our Alpha Team of Chloe, George and Horus were awarded with the highest placed Scout team trophy and the Beta team of Finlay, Jack and Thomas won the Mini Trek Silver cup finishing in second place. The Explorer Team were also given certificate and a metal badge and celebratory cake.

Rolf, Jack and Steve came second in the Veterans event they also received certificate, badge and cake and were presented with the Boys Brigade walking stick trophy.

It was a great weekend and although tired and some not walking very well at the finish they all completed the event.

Well done to all our competitors.

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Saffron Walden Museum and Saffron Walden

Museum Society Ltd



Saffron Walden Museum is the accredited public museum for the district, operated by Uttlesford District Council in partnership with Saffron Walden Museum Ltd (charity 1123209). The Museum Society owns the Museum collections, and is responsible for purchasing new acquisitions.

If you would like to support us, donations can be made to Saffron Walden Museum Society Ltd either on-line at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/saffron-walden-museum> or by cheque and posted to the Society's Treasurer c/o Saffron Walden Museum, Museum Street, Saffron Walden CB10 1BN. For more information please contact Carolyn Wingfield, Curator on 01799 510333 or email cwingfield@uttlesford.gov.uk

The Museum Society needs to raise £10,880 in total by May 2019 to secure these four locally-found objects for the Museum. We hope to raise at least 45% of the funds needed through grants, but have to raise at least £5,000 locally to secure all these, so that they can be enjoyed and studied by local residents, visitors and stPost Medieval gold Posy Ring



Medieval gold Reliquary Pendant in the form of a cross.
Probably 14th - 15th century, found in the Farnham area

The faces are decorated with engraved patterns and black letter script. The back-plate is still secured in place, so a tiny relic may survive inside. Length with suspension loop 29mm. Reported through the Treasure Act 1996 (Image: Portable Antiquities Scheme)

Late Saxon silver Penny of Harold II
Dated to 1066, found in the Ugley area

Harold II reigned for less than a year before he fell at the Battle of Hastings. This is a rare opportunity to acquire a coin from a very important year in English history! (Image, 'heads' side; Saffron Walden Museum)



Late 17th – early 18th century, found in the Lindsell area

Bezel engraved with a heart, inside the hoop engraved 'Remember me in hope AT'. It is either a commemorative mourning ring or perhaps a betrothal ring. The diameter is 16 mm. Reported through the Treasure Act 1996 (Image: Portable Antiquities Scheme)

Bronze Age gold and copper alloy Penannular Ring

Around 1,150 – 750 BC, found in the Lindsell area

This gold-plated ring with a copper alloy core was used for personal adornment in the late Bronze Age. We do not know exactly how they were worn; possibly on the ear or nose, rather than in the hair or on clothing?

(Image: Portable Antiquities Scheme)



SAFFRON WALDEN MUSEUM

WHATS ON 2019

August

Wallace's Great Big Birthday Bake off: Friday 9

Celebrate Wallace's 200th birthday. Get your wooden spoon out and bake Wallace a birthday cake to enter the competition.

Create your own party hat. (£1.50)

Wonderful Wednesdays in Summer

31 Jul: Embossed pinch pots (£1.50)

14 Aug: Peg insects (£1.50)

21 Aug: Paper cone animals (£1.50)

28 Aug: Cardboard cactus (£1.50)

September

Open Heritage Weekend 14 - 15

Enjoy free entry to the Museum all weekend

Roald Dahl Day Sat 14

Create your own BFG ears (Free)

October

Half Term 28 Oct - 3 Nov

Wed 30: Spooky forest mobile (£1.50)

Thurs 31: Ghost in a jar (£1.50)

Fri 1 Nov: Museums at Night (£1.50)

November

From Death Masks to Diaries:

Nov 16 2019 to 22 March 2020

An exhibition exploring the many faces of portraiture.

December

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Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 8.00pm at Leaden Roding Village Hall

Present: D.Clayden, P. Sutterby, Mrs G. Essex, J.McLintock, Mrs A. Ringrose 19 members of the public.

Apologies: M.Whitehead

Parish Councillors signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms and confirmed that they had submitted Register of Interest forms to Uttlesford District Council.

Election of Chairman: Mrs Essex proposed that D.Clayden be re-elected Chairman for the coming year. This was seconded by Mrs Ringrose and carried unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Mrs Essex proposed that P.Sutterby be elected as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by D. Clayden and carried unanimously.

Minutes of the 2018 Assembly held on 29th May 2018 were agreed and duly signed.

Appointment of Parish Representatives: the following representatives were elected for the year 2019/20:

Village Hall Trust	D.Clayden
Public Transport	M.Whitehead
Tree Planting/ Warden	P.Sutterby
Parish Footpaths	P.Sutterby
Road Safety	P.Sutterby
Essex Police	M.Whitehead

Chairman's Annual Report:

During the past year some progress has been made on various concerns in the village.

The road and drain adjacent to the shop have been repaired. The No Entry sign has been repaired on the road. This seems to have little effect on some drivers!

The thirty mile per hour speed limit is to be extended at Leaden Hill and some road markings are to be placed outside Central Rodings Primary School.

Various plans have been circulated during the last year but none with major effect on the village.

Some residents have enquired about the possibility of a children's play area. This has been passed to the Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust as this is where there is an area of grass.

Chalks Green has been to the forefront of discussion with the legality of fencing and tree planting as the main area of discussion. This is ongoing and will be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting.

So ends another year!

Dave Clayden.

Annual Accounts:

The Annual Statement of Accounts was circulated and the books made available for inspection. Parish Councillors agreed all items on the Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020. D.Clayden proposed the approval and adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mrs Essex and carried unanimously. The Chairman and clerk duly signed the accounts.

The clerk informed the meeting that the accounts were audited this year by Allison Ward, the clerk for High Easter at no cost to the Parish Council due to a reciprocal agreement.

Open Meeting:

There were no comments by members of the public at this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15p.m.

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

Fencing of Chalks Green.

After the meeting chaired by Cllr Barker immediately before this meeting to gain views from Mr Collins (the owner of the land) and residents, Cllr Barker will gather advice re the legalities of suggestions made. Once all information is gathered Parish Councillors will make a decision for a way forward.

After the Chalks Green meeting Lucy Golding informed the clerk she would like it made clear that her father, Ralph Golding, while being the former owner of Chalks Green had never been in possession of the title of Lord of the Manor. She also wanted to make Parish Councillors aware that when travellers camped on Chalks Green in the summer of 2017, her mother and herself obtained a fast-tracked court order to evict the travellers on the same day that Mr Collins instigated their eviction. They were also still very upset with the abuse they received from residents at this time and very disappointed that her email address was made available to residents.

Any other business:

1. J. McLintock stated that the car park spaces created in Holloway Crescent by Uttlesford 18 months ago still need lines painted to ensuring maximum usage of 5 cars being able to park at any one time. Cllr Barker will report this to Uttlesford.
2. The clerk reported that she attended an Essex Police presentation at Saffron Walden between meetings and gained information that Essex Police are increasing the number of PCSO's in Uttlesford from 350 to 600 so residents should experience more police presence in towns and villages in Uttlesford.
3. The clerk gave details of the Chelmer Road Cycle race which will come through the village on 7th April.

Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 21st May (Annual Assembly)

Future meeting dates

Tuesday 16 th July
Tuesday 3 rd September
Tuesday 29 th October
Tuesday 10 th December

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

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!

Leaden Roding Church



See Parish News for further information on forthcoming Services

Services

9th June 11am All Age Service 23rd June 9.30am Holly Communion

CHURCH ANNUAL FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND OF 13TH/14TH JULY.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

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

Green Bin Collections

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

Bin collections are on Black Bin Days Green Waste collections from your home costs £40 for a full year.

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

LEADEN RODING GREEN WASTE DATES 2019

Dates for this Summer

4pm –5pm at Rodings School

30th June

28th July

25th August

22nd September

20th October

17th November



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



Editors Message

Very sorry for the late publishing this month but I'm afraid I have had to put family commitments first.

Many thanks to friends for their condolences.



Getting help with Dementia through Uttlesford Frontline

Alzheimer's Society research shows that many people worry about

"saying the wrong" thing to people living with dementia. And despite almost all of us knowing someone affected, two thirds of people living with dementia report feeling isolated and lonely.

That's why the primary aim of Dementia Action Week in May was to encourage everyone to take action - by starting a conversation with someone we know who's living with dementia. It could be a relative, a friend or a neighbour. But whoever it is, it's definitely time to start talking. Even a chat about the weather could make a difference.

Getting out and about is also beneficial: whether to a dementia cafe, special cinema screenings, a pub lunch or taking part in an exercise programme. But if you're involved with someone living with dementia just how can you track down what help is available in the community? Who can provide the right advice and information? And, importantly, who can you trust?

Help is at hand, thankfully, through a simple-to-use website developed by Uttlesford Citizens Advice - www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk. Just enter 'dementia' in the search box to browse through some 40 services available locally, descriptions of what they do and how to get in touch. You can also access a resource sheet compiled by Saffron Walden Dementia Action Alliance.

www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk enables one-stop access to more than 130 organisations in Uttlesford who can provide help, support and information - with full contact details. Information is listed under: Advice; Family; Older People; Mental Health; Transport; Disability; Addiction; Well-Being. Frontline is also available as an app for mobile devices.

June 2019.



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- The clerk has had difficulty in purchasing the £30 gift voucher for Mr Moore but will get it in the next few days and give it to P. Sutterby to pass on to Mr Moore as a thank you for his continued litter picking in the village.
- P. Sutterby stated that despite his request to the owners of the shop to clear the rubbish accumulated at the front of the building, the rubbish is still there. Cllr Barker will contact Uttlesford's Environmental Health Officer to inspect the property.
- Within the last few days the clerk has been requested by Uttlesford Waste Aware to make a decision whether the Parish Council agree to fund Green Waste skip again this year, the cost has risen by £2.00 per hour. This request has been sent to Parish Councils too late to discuss at any precept meetings with just a week to make a decision. Cllr Barker will contact Waste Aware requesting that they give more notice in future. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would again fund the skip with a request for the same day and times as 2018.
- Damaged sign on Stortford Road – Cllr Barker will look into this as the clerk was informed by email that the problem was not severe enough to be repaired and as the whole sign is on the ground it is thought that this is an error by Highways.
- The clerk has spoken to the resident at Cloghams Green regarding the ownership of the trees on the land, explaining that the Parish Council has no details of an agreement regarding the peppercorn rent and the resident confirmed he has no details either. This is not uncommon as historically peppercorn rents were agreed with a handshake. The resident is happy to organise the disposal of the dangerous tree with a suggestion that the Parish Council pays 50 per cent of the cost. Parish Councillors agreed to this in principal but have requested that an estimate is put forward first.
- The pickup truck parked by the shop has been removed.
- The clerk informed Parish Councillors that she had received clarification from Uttlesford that the date of 21st May is acceptable for the Annual Assembly.

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 2019)

Planning Applications:

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Uttlesford District Council to refuse the following planning application:

5 Brownlows Close, Demolition of rear conservatory. Erection of single storey extension and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation.

The clerk informed Parish Councillors that a recent planning application notification has been received by email and passed to those with email to examine online as it appears Uttlesford have ceased to post paper copies of applications to clerks for examination. She requested that if Parish Councillors have any comments regarding the application that they should email comments to her by 9th March. She will forward all future planning application notifications to Parish Councillors by email with a deadline date for comments requested.

Footpaths.

P. Sutterby reported:

Bridleway 20 – from Meghills to the Wash – fallen trees have now been cleared.

Footpath 11 – from Sewerage Works past the oak tree to Longstead Lane – high vegetation has been inspected and will be cleared in the spring.

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 5th March 2019

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

Minutes of the last meeting of 15th January were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident stated that the drains on Stortford Road, particularly by the roundabout are still flooding after heavy rainfall despite the cleaning of the gullies. Cllr Barker will inform Highways again.

A resident of Holloway Crescent informed the Parish Council that non-council residents of Holloway Crescent have been informed by Uttlesford that they will be charged for repair of pavements in the crescent. Residents at the meeting who live in Holloway Crescent stated that not all of the pavement is in need of repair, some parts just need patching which should reduce the cost which is estimated at £36,000.00. The resident has asked Uttlesford if they could get quotes from other sources for the work but were told that Uttlesford use their own contractors. Cllr Barker will get clarification from Uttlesford.

A resident expressed concern that when the proposed double yellow lines are installed on Dunmow Road at Long Hide to stop parents of the school parking on the pavement, the problem will be moved to the other side of the road where there is already concern regarding inconsiderate parking at school times. The Chairman said that the Parish Council are aware that the school is doing all they can to alleviate to parking problem and once the yellow lines are in place, Essex Police will be requested to fine anybody parking illegally and regularly attend to monitor inconsiderate parking. Cllr Barker encouraged residents to report poor parking to the Community Policing Team.

A resident asked that if it was agreed that land at the village hall site was given for the installation of a children's play area, would all residents be consulted to give their views before any installation took place as not all are in agreement. The Chairman agreed that residents would be consulted first but a decision from the Village Hall Committee will need to be made first.

A resident stated that the hedge opposite Westpoint on Dunmow Road was in need of cutting; the clerk will report this to the Highways Rangers.

Clerk's report.

- A1060 speed limit – awaiting implementation – this is in the Highways budget for 2019/20 at a cost of £10,000.00.
- Puddle outside King William House – still ongoing.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – still ongoing (see above).
- Request for yellow lines between Long Hide and the School – awaiting implementation.
- VAS sign on Dunmow Road – the clerk read a Highways report stating they were unable to install a VAS sign; however existing signage will be enhanced. Cllr Barker will seek clarification as although she was aware that there is difficulty installing a VAS sign in the proposed position, she had been told that Highways would look for an alternative position for the sign.



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How well do you *really* know Uttlesford?

We live in a prosperous and attractive area. Education and wage levels are above average, crime is relatively low; there are good schools and attractive countryside. But living here can be a challenge, especially if you are on a low income.

It is well known that property prices in Uttlesford are high compared with other parts of the country. Affordability in real terms is getting worse as the ratio of house price to earnings has risen steadily for a number of years and is now higher than anywhere else in Essex other than Epping Forest, which is on the London Underground. In January 2019 there were over 1,000 people in the district on the housing waiting list, so there is growing reliance on the private rental sector to meet housing needs; over 10% of households in Uttlesford now rent privately. And therefore live with reduced security of tenure, higher removal costs and fees. Furthermore, housing benefit levels fall below actual market rents – local housing allowance for a 3 bedroom house in the north of Uttlesford is currently £776.52 a month, but the cheapest property on the market in April 2019 cost £900 to rent; a monthly shortfall of £123. Housing costs put great strain on families' budgets and can easily lead to debt issues.

A number of factors, including poor health, low income, high fuel costs and houses which are old or poorly maintained interact to make it difficult for many people to heat their homes. You may be surprised to learn that 1 in 12 households in Uttlesford are fuel-poor and excess winter deaths here are double the national average. Over the last 6 years, Uttlesford Citizens Advice has worked with Uttlesford District Council with the aim of addressing some of these issues – offering specialist advice to help people reduce their heating bills and stay warm and healthy in the winter.

The rurality of the area means that car ownership levels are high. Nine out of ten families own at least one vehicle, so demand for public transport is low. This, together with the wide dispersal of the population over the district makes it difficult for operators to provide a bus service without reliance on council subsidies. As a result, many of our villages and hamlets have virtually no bus service and where there is one it is infrequent, expensive and time consuming. For example, the return bus fare from Littlebury to Saffron Walden is £6. Compare this with the minimum wage, which ranges from £3.90 for an apprentice to £8.21 an hour for someone aged over 25. The lack of public transport options means that access to services is particularly poor, especially as our nearest job centre is in Braintree and the closest night shelter in Cambridge.

Currently 5% of people in the district are living with a disability or long term condition which limits their day to day activities. With an aging population (over 65's are projected to represent 22% of the population by 2025) this puts increased pressure on social care services. Uttlesford Citizens Advice often help people who are struggling to navigate the complexities of the system, particularly those who need to find suitable care. A growing number of people are experiencing real hardship securing disability benefits. A specialist team of disability benefit volunteers from Uttlesford Citizens Advice carried out over 250 home visits last year, helping people to complete complex application forms and supporting clients to appeal where it was felt that the decision made had been unfair.



RODINGS SCHOOL

Book Week at Rodings

in a focused read for 5 minutes. This happened several times during the day.

A new activity for this year was Flashlight Friday. This involved the children building comfy dens in the class from tables and blankets and then reading by torch light. The children loved this and even for many, there is nothing greater than getting lost in a good book. Whether it be imaginary worlds or researching facts about our favourite countries or animals, books give us a wealth of knowledge and escapism. At Rodings we aim to nurture the love of books and the pleasure that they can give us.

Each year we dedicate a week in the curriculum to books, reading them, exploring them and having fun with the characters and settings contained in them. This year was no exception! There was the obligatory dress up day, which is always fascinating, as certain characters go in and out of fashion but you can always guarantee that we will have a collection of Where's Wally and a classroom full of Harry Potters.

The children were also invited back to school for Bedtime Stories in the early evening. Teachers and children change into their best pj's and brought their favourite cuddly toy to spend 45 minutes sharing and indulging in bedtime reads. In many classrooms, artificial log fires were projected onto the whiteboards while hot chocolate was served as a bedtime treat, making a very cosy atmosphere.

We also held an extreme read. This involved the children carrying their reading books with them at all times including playtime and lunch. Whenever the bell rang they opened their books and participated the most reluctant readers were engrossed in their books, wrapped in blankets and lying on the floor.

Following the lead of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory we held our own Golden Ticket hunt but instead of winning a visit to a chocolate factory the children could win a beautifully illustrated picture book. There were five golden tickets in total. The excitement and buzz around finding the tickets was infectious and every inch of the school was painstakingly searched. It took a total of seven days for the children to find all the tickets. Delight and sadness spread through the school when all the tickets had been found but luckily we had none of the unfortunate incidents that occurred to the children in the book.

LEADEN FUNDAY NEW DATE NOW SATURDAY SEPT 7th from 2pm

The organisers would like your help.

Are you a member of a group who attend festivals and entertain? Singers, dancers, gymnasts, play music or do other things are all welcome to entertain us on the day. Would you like to make the event a big success? We would love to hear from you.

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

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

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

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

Thank you

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

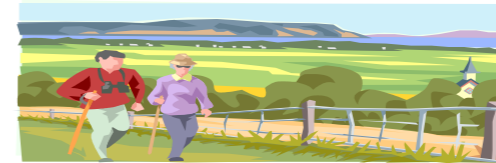


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FISH AND CHIPS



FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 8.00PM

cod (medium), sausage or chicken and chips £5
 please ask about vegetarian option

name, choice and payment to Phil Sutterby before 15th June

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday - (School)
10.40—11.10

26th June
17th July
7th August
18th September

Due to the council rearranging the schedules there are now no visits to Holloway Crescent. The visits are on Wednesdays outside the school. Essex Council are continually reviewing the usage of the library bus, so USE IT OR LOOSE IT!

Essex have announced revised library plans for 2019

VISITS are due every 3 weeks
www.essex.gov.uk/Libraries-Archives/

MUTT'S

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 .

REHOMING UPDATE

We have some great news this month as Bonnie, Sharon and Trixie who were featured in the March edition have all since found their forever homes. 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 are expecting a few puppies themselves in the very near future. Please see their website for details. The animals pictured here are just three of those at Mutts in Distress who are waiting for their forever homes.

Beverley is about 3 years old and is a lurcher cross. She loves people and although she can walk with other dogs she would prefer not to live with them. She cannot live with cats. Beverley walks well on the lead and would like a home with no small children. She really is a lovely dog with a very big smile!

Toby is approximately 3 years old. He is medium sized, very handsome and happy go lucky. He loves to play with his toys! Toby is a smart boy and loves training and learning to which he responds really well. Toby would like to be the only dog in the family and would be more suited to an adult only family with no cats.

Snowy. Occasionally Mutts in Distress help to rehome the odd cat. Snowy has recently arrived at Mutts. He was found as a stray. Snowy is thought to be approximately 2 years old and a Persian. He seems to be a very friendly cat who likes cuddles but would like a home without dogs please.

If you are interested in rehoming any of the animals above or in fact any of the many other dogs at Mutts, please see their website for details and more information. If you need any help with the process, please feel free to contact myself (Keely) on the number below and I will talk you through what you need to do. Should you wish to donate anything - however small, to Mutts in Distress please contact Keely or Ann Robinson on 01279 876308 or e-mail keelyrobinson@live.com. Alternatively, please deliver to Finale, Dunmow Road, Leaden Roding and we will be happy to pass your donation on to Mutts in Distress. Collection can be arranged if requested. Mutts in Distress Website: www.mutts-in-distress.org.uk

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

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

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