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SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 29TH

(last Sunday of each month, May—September)

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FUN DAY & DOG SHOW

The weather was great—a nice sunny afternoon.

The event was opened by the Dunmow Majorettes with a great display of their talents. The girls were from 5 to 16 years old. They performed a much bigger display later on.

Many dogs turned up with their owners and took part in a brilliant display. Many thanks to Keith and Jackie Denton for their organising of the event.

The burgers and giant sausages sold well and the games all did well entertaining the many people who turned up. Thanks to the members of the Art Group who organised a kids painting competition.

Thanks too, to the judges of the other competitions.

Thanks to everyone who helped and attended, making it a great day.



IT'S HERE.....

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

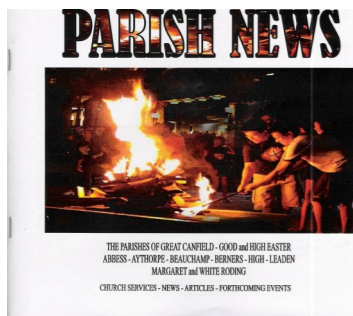
All organizations would love to see some new faces. Yes it might be a bit scary first time, but a first phone call and chat will break the ice and ensure that the welcome mat is there to greet you.

SO GIVE ONE A TRY.

Thanks to all contributors to the magazine.

MORE REQUIRED

Last date for contributions for December by 10th November please.



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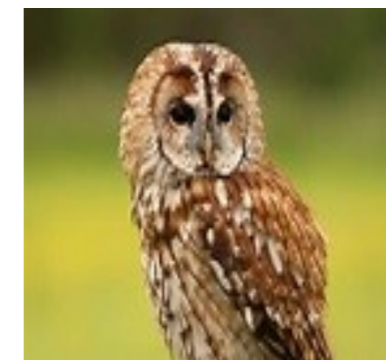
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Kestrel



Tawney Owl



Egret



Red Kite



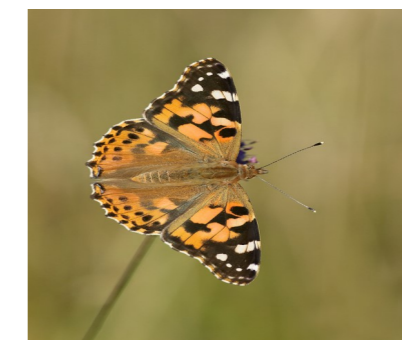
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Swallow



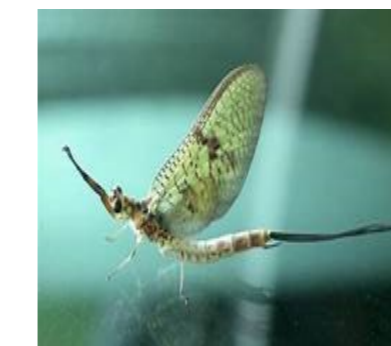
Swifts



PaintedLady Butterfly



Comma Butterfly



Mayfly



Harlequin Ladybird



Fallow Deer

Summer in Leaden Roding (2019)

I started my Summer report last year commenting on it being the worst heatwave for 42 years and again this year the weather has been very hot! The local plant life is suffering and some of the cracks in the ground are even deeper than they were last year. We have had a period of rain but the dry hot weather seems to be continuing and we have even had record temperatures over the recent August Bank holiday weekend, which is most unusual.

On a brighter note Kestrels have again successfully hatched out a brood in the Ash Tree in Long Meadow. The Tawny Owls have also produced some offspring. The pair of Egrets that were seen on the water meadow have disappeared hopefully to breed elsewhere. We have four nest boxes in the garden and two of these have been used this year with both House Sparrows and Blue Tits successfully hatching broods. A Mallard duck was seen on the lagoon at Garnish Hall with 6 young.

There have been lots of sightings of Red Kite in the sky locally, however despite my best efforts my first sight of this majestic bird was over Braintree when I was being driven through the town. I did have the pleasure of seeing a low flying bird over High Roding when I got closer to home the same day. The local Buzzards seem to continue to thrive. The Swallows and Swifts have hatched out their young but breeding numbers seem to have declined greatly this year and Turtle Doves seem to be declining as well. Lots of people have told me they have heard the Cuckoo this year, so I hope this means number will soon start to increase.

Butterflies are having a fabulous year with many people seeing large numbers of Painted Lady Butterflies in what is known as a 'Once in a Decade' phenomenon. In 2009 about 11 Million of the butterflies were seen in the UK and this year experts predict an even higher number of this species to hit the UK. Apparently the current global weather conditions and good food sources are providing ideal conditions for the species to thrive. The insects can cover up to 100 miles a day as they migrate. Their life cycle is five to eight weeks and it can take up to six generations to make the annual migration. They leave Africa in April and head north, returning once the weather become cooler in Europe. The number of butterflies appearing in the UK each year is determined by favourable conditions early in the year and are aided by warmer temperatures and wind conditions as they migrate north. Other species of Butterflies are also doing well this year, my daughter spotted several Small Tortoiseshells, Red Admirals and a Comma Butterfly on her Buddleja bush together with a number of Painted Ladies. I have also spotted Large Tortoiseshells, Meadow Browns, Ringlets, Peacocks, Wood Whites and Brimstones.

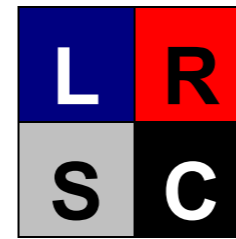
There seem to be an abundance of flying insects at night which can only be good for the local bats. It has been another successful year for the Mayflies on the River. The common name of Mayfly can be misleading as this group of insects can appear throughout the year. The common name comes from one species which emerge as adults when the Mayflower or Hawthorn is in bloom. They are also unique as insects as they have two winged adult stages. The adult Mayfly lays eggs on the surface of the water and these sink to the bottom where they hatch out into aquatic nymphs. These nymphs can stay in the larva form for up to two years feeding on algae and plants. In the Summer they moult their nymph skin and emerge from the water then fly to the bank where they shelter on the underside of leaves or in the grass. They then moult their drab 'dun' skin to reveal their shiny 'spinner' skin. It is in this form where they form mating swarms dancing above the surface of the water. Lucky individuals mate, the females lay their eggs and the adult Mayflies having fulfilled their destiny sadly die. I haven't seen many Ladybirds so far this year, although there is concern in the press that the foreign Harlequin Ladybird, which is black with red spots is increasing in numbers and this could have a detrimental effect on the existing UK species.

The continued warm weather has had an effect of the wild flowers with only those species such as the Dwarf Mallow which grows along the river banks seeming to thrive. The Oil Seed Rape has all been harvested, together with most of the Wheat. The combine harvesters cut the wheat straw close to the ground and the straw is baled and gathered up and the field ploughed in preparation for a new crop in a matter of days. Some of the bales of straw are sent off to a power station in Ely, Cambridgeshire. Years ago the straw 'stubble' was left longer and the fields of stubble would be burnt by the farm employees. I have noticed that the combines and other machines that work the land seem to be getting bigger every year and the drivers look much younger!

The local Fallow Deer will have produced their young around the end of June. The bucks will be growing their antlers ready for the rutting season. Roe Deer have again been spotted in High Easter. These are medium sized deer with short antlers and no tail. They are mostly brown in colour, turning reddish in Summer and darker grey in Winter. Rabbits are still suffering from nasty diseases although Badgers and Foxes appear to continue to thrive and several hares have been spotted locally. My daughter was driving down a country lane and had to reduce speed as she followed a hare ambling along for a short distance before diving into a field without a care in the world.

May the sun continue to shine or the rain come depending on your garden needs.

Best Wishes
Ken Pavitt
August 2019



What's on in the Village Hall



2019. Things to see and do.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Music Quiz
Leaden Roding Village Hall
October 12th 2019
7:30 for 7:45 Start

£10 per ticket - includes ploughman's supper
Contact Paul Perkins 01279 876588
Teams of max. 8

HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

In recent months there have been some hirers who have left the village hall dirty and on some occasions damaged. It is up to every hirer to leave the hall in the state in which they found it. **PLEASE HIRERS - ABIDE BY THESE CONDITIONS.**

You may be charged for any damage or for any additional cleaning

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



We had a busy time before the summer holidays; as the weather was good, we enjoyed a few outside activities including sharing an outdoor games evening with Sheering Brownies. We also made Father's Day cards containing a hidden present of chocolate, we made butterfly fridge magnets and, always very popular, we had a night of cookery where we made peppermint and lemon creams.

We finished the term with our annual Fish and Chip Supper walk on a lovely summer evening, where we invited some of the ladies from Guiding's Trefoil Guild to join us. We said goodbye to our Young Leader, Hannah Parsons who is starting University this month, we wish her luck and lots of success in the future and thank her for all the help she has given us over the last three years.

This term we have some new Brownies joining us from Rodings Rainbows and we also welcome another Hannah - Hannah Cox who is joining us as a Young Leader. Next term we have lots of things planned, a lady from the Trefoil Guild is joining us every week to teach the Brownies (and Leaders too) semaphore, she will teach a little every week and we hope that by Christmas we will be very good at it! Towards the end of term we will be starting the beginning of the Christmas celebrations by entertaining Roding Friendship Club - an annual event which Brownies very much enjoy as they earn their Hostess Badge, last year we also invited senior residents of the village who are not members of the Friendship Club and also any Grandparents of Brownies, this proved a great success so we will open the invitation again this year (see invitation on page 20). We will finish the term by joining Rodings Rainbows for our annual Christmas party.

Mutts in Distress

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

Other donations which can help can include the following:-

- Used postage stamps (Mutts can get money in exchange for these, perhaps they could also be collected in the workplace. Please just tear around the stamp leaving at least half an inch as we can trim properly)
- Dog coats/Fleece blankets/Sheets/Duvet covers/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

Unfortunately Beverley, Toby and Snowy the cat who were featured in the June edition are all still looking for their forever homes and remain at Mutts in Distress.

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. At the time of writing, "Mutts" themselves have some puppies in and are expecting some more in at the end of August. Please see their website for details.

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

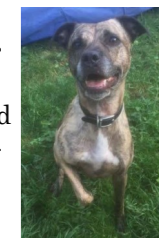
Dash came in to Mutts with no hair after his previous owners shaved it all off but it has now all grown back. He is an absolute cuddle bug and I can vouch for that because he wants a cuddle before he has his breakfast! Dash is aged about 3-4 and is extremely gentle. He has never met children but may be more suitable to a home with older children rather than little ones. Dash is good with some dogs but not all particularly if they are bouncy or noisy. He cannot be rehomed in a house with cats. Dash walks nicely on a lead and he knows how to sit. He just wants to please and generally be with you. He will make a loving companion and I can promise you that he really is adorable! In fact I would have him if I had room!



To see videos of the above dogs as well as other dogs at Mutts which will give you more of an idea of how lovely they are, please join their facebook page group (under Mutts in Distress!!!!!!). New arrivals also tend to appear on the facebook page before going on the website.

If you are interested in rehoming either of the dogs above or in fact any of the many other dogs at Mutts, please see their website for details of the rehoming application form. If you need any help with the process, please feel free to contact myself (Keely) on the number below and I will talk you through what you need to do.

Josie is a gorgeous girl with beautiful colouring. She is 5 years old and has been spayed and is also fully up to date with her vaccinations. Josie would like an adult only home or a home with older children as she can be a bit bouncy. She loves to play and also loves a cuddle so will make a great companion for her new owner. Josie really is a lovely dog and a real bundle of fun. Please take a look at the video of her on the Mutts in Distress Facebook page having a great time playing in the paddock (please join the Facebook group if you haven't already done so and search Josie - if you can't find it please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below).



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

Monetary donations should you wish can be 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).

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



HECL Division 3

	P	W	L	T	NR	Bat	Bowl	Pen	Total
Abridge (3)	16	11	4	0	1	12	10	0	312
Birchanger I (4)	16	11	3	0	2	8	9	0	311
Woodford Wells IV	16	9	6	0	1	23	16	0	277
High Beech (P)	16	9	6	0	1	8	11	0	257
Braighing (9)	16	8	6	0	2	18	15	0	249
Cloghams (7)	16	9	6	0	1	10	5	20	233
Nazing Common II	16	7	8	0	1	23	21	0	230
Willingale (5)	16	7	8	0	1	19	21	0	226
Wormley I (6)	16	3	11	0	2	32	18	0	136
Little Munden (P)	16	0	16	0	0	22	18	40	0

Summer holidays has really made problems this year. We have a couple of teachers in the team and parents with school age children so they are somewhat restricted as to when holidays are taken. So if you fancy joining us give Dave Bardell a call : Tel 07711 130424

We are also looking forward to our annual golf trip in October to Tudor Park in Kent.

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 any one of any skill level is welcome to take part. Most evening matches also includes a supper, raffle and a bar at some venues.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

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

Nell Peck—20/9 (won by Terry Bell), ,Rob Simpson Tankard—13/9 (Won by Paul Perkins), /Memorial Pairs - 18/10, Betty & Ken Rolph Trophy.8/11

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



BOWLATHON WAS HELD IN AUGUST WITH 20 TEAMS TAKING PART FROM AROUND ESSEX.

It was a great success yet again.

2019 FIXTURES

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



1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group

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

Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.15pm

This half term the Beaver Scouts have been completing lots of badges and this has resulted in 85 badges being awarded. Some of them are the Challenge awards which the Beavers work on over the two years they are in the Colony. They have taken part in several staged badges which included Nights Away, Hike and Navigation stage 1 and Time on the water 1.

The Beavers have managed to be outside for most of their meeting's since June. They have looked for various insects and small animals, butterflies and dragon flies. They all made their own Bug Hotel to take home. They completed their health and fitness badge this half term as well.

The culmination of this half term was their Dragon sleepover at the beginning of July. They went on a "find the dragon" hike as their first activity which gained them a stage Hike, an Explorer and Navigation badge. Once back from their hike they all helped pitch four hike tents and strike and put them away. This is part of their Outdoor Challenge Award. It was then time for their Dinner. This was Dragon Roasted Sausages, Cheesy Mash and Dragons fire Baked Beans and for pudding Dragons Blood Chocolate Brownie and Dragon Venom Custard.

After dinner they all washed up their plates and cutlery then went to wash and brush their teeth and get ready for bed. The Girls were one end of the hall and the boys the other end of the hall. Once in their sleeping bags the film Dragon 3 was shown on the screen. Most of the Beavers were asleep very quickly. This also meant that they were awake nice and early too. There were lots to do for those early risers. Word Searches, dot to dot puzzles and decorating dragons' eggs to take home.

Before breakfast they all tidied up their sleeping area washed and got dressed. After breakfast of Dragon Back Bacon Rolls Dragon Bogey Crispies and Dragons Blood, they helped sweep the hall and pick up any rubbish. At 10.00am the Parents turned up to collect them. All the Beavers were presented with a Beaver Sleepover Fun badge to wear on their Beaver jumpers. They were all very tired as were the leaders that had run the sleepover. So thank you to Sam Bird and Ed Collop for organising the camp Jo Collop for a very memorable menu Sandra Mead our Group Scout Leader for supporting the leaders and a huge thank you to Rolf Bassnett the Scout leader for attending the sleepover as he had the Nights Away Permit to take the Beavers on the sleepover. They had their end of term party the last week of term which was the theme of Alice in wonderland. There were four Beavers swimming up to Cub Scouts that evening as well.

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

The Cub Scouts have also spent most of this half term outside. They all took part in a litter pick with Les Lamb and the Cub leaders. They have been working on the athletics badge, and they celebrated the start of Wimbledon fortnight with Tennis games and agility competitions. Another evening they all met at High Ongar church and walked along the Essex way to Greensted Church where they were met by their parents. The following week all the Cubs brought in their bicycle and they started on the cyclist activity badge. They learnt how to look after their bike and how to mend a puncture and how to maintain their bikes. After that they had to show how to mount and dismount off their bikes. They had to bring in their safety equipment that they wore whilst riding their bikes. This included bike helmet and any other protective clothing that they had. They could then show the leaders how safely they could ride their bikes. The following week the Cubs met at Hylands Park and enjoyed a treasure hunt in the grounds and visited the Scout One World Garden and then finished with a game of Sticky Toffee. The last week of term the cubs cooked their own BBQ food. Then it was games to finish the evening. We had four Beavers swim up to Cubs on the last week of term which will give us 19 cubs in the pack.

We have also welcomed Toby Trew back to the Cub pack. Toby was a leader with us before going to University he is now back in Ongar and has come back to work in the pack as an assistant Cub Scout Leader.

The first event the Cubs have next term will be a day trip on a canal barge with Canalability in Harlow where they will learn how to work the barge along the river and learn how people used to live on the barges. Ken Templey will come in before they go to show them videos on what they will be doing so an exciting start for the Cubs next term.

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

The Scouts have been out and about this half term. They all helped Les Lamb with clearing the footpaths from the village hall to Queens Street. They all worked hard and enjoyed the opportunity of using the tools that Les had brought along for them to use.

11. Are you allowed to drive 10% over the speed limit?1

No. While many vehicles' speedometers allow a 10% error in overestimation (but not underestimation) built-in, this 10% allowance doesn't exist. You can't drive at 33mph in a 30mph zone, for example.

Simply put, if a police officer catches you with a mobile radar speed gun exceeding the limit, you are liable for prosecution even at 1mph over the limit.

The National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) suggests police forces don't prosecute until drivers exceed a margin of error of 10% of the speed limit, to take into account driver concentration, plus 2mph for speedometer error. But this is only a suggestion, not a rule and the NPCC don't enforce the law – it's down to the discretion of the police officer in question.

12. How many drinks can I have and still drive?

It's a common myth that men can have 'a pint or two' or women a large glass of wine and still be safe to drive afterwards.

Your blood-alcohol level actually depends on many factors other than the alcoholic drinks you consume – whether you've eaten or exercised, how tired you are, or if you're taking any medication can all affect how your body processes the chemical.

There are many factors to consider, it's not a cut-and-dry rule. For more help read our [complete guide to the drink-driving limits](#).

The best advice to make sure you're safe enough to drive is to not guess at how many drinks to have for you to be over the limit, and simply not drink any alcohol at all.

13. Does my fully-comprehensive insurance policy cover me to drive other cars?

That depends on your insurance policy. It used to be the case that many policies came with 'driving other cars' (DOC) cover included as standard.

These days, this is far less common and will often only be included if the driver asks and pays more for it. Drivers under 25 are unlikely to even have this cover available to them.

Even if you do have DOC cover it's only supposed to be used in an emergency, which means your provider might not pay out if you're involved in a collision and don't have a good reason to be driving someone else's car.

To be sure of your specific cover, check your insurance policy to see what cars you can, and cannot, drive.

MORE PICTURES FROM THE FUN DAY



6. Is it illegal to drive with headphones on?

While there is no specific law that clearly states it's not legal to drive while wearing headphones, it is highly inadvisable because it can be dangerous.

Not only could it see you charged with dangerous driving, loud music could also stop you from hearing emergency vehicle sirens, [level crossing warnings](#), other road users and pedestrians approaching your vehicle.

7. Is it ok to make a phone call using a hands-free system?

Using a hand-held mobile phone while driving is illegal, punishable by six points on your licence and a £200 fine. Distractions by mobile phones are a deadly problem on the roads and caused 32 fatal collisions in 2016

You're allowed to use a phone if it's fully hands-free, but not allowed to interact with it in any way, which includes picking it up and even momentarily operating it. So any hands-free devices should be fully set up before you drive, so you can take calls without handling the device.

The police still have the power to stop you if they believe you have been distracted by using a mobile phone while driving, even if it's fully hands-free. Some road safety groups believe mobile phones should be completely switched off while driving, to avoid any distractions.

Mobile phone driving laws have changed - do you know the updates?

8. Can you use a sat nav whilst driving?

Sat navs, whether a separate device or smartphone app, should be fixed in a set position, either on your windscreen or dashboard – we recommend dashboard so your view isn't impeded.

Just like with hands-free phones, you should not interfere with your phone when you're using it as your sat-nav while driving, because that will lead to six penalty points and a £200 fine if caught.

9. Are women better drivers than men?

According to a study on driving habits in rental cars, female drivers exceed the speed limit 17.5% more often than men, but males are five times more likely to cause damage to a rental car than female motorists.

Data from an [NCP survey also proved women are better at parking than male motorists](#), scoring 13.4 out of 20 for manoeuvring compared to an average 12.3 for guys.

The real answer though, is that it's impossible to say which gender is better because, in reality, it's down to the individual.

Sorry if you were looking to settle a score, but there it is.

10. If a speed camera doesn't flash does it mean I've not been caught?

The short answer is no.

There are many different variations of speed camera [JR1] but only the Gatso type flash to take a picture of you speeding – others catch you using infra-red light while travelling towards the unit.

While [speed limits](#) may vary from one road to the next, there is only one proven method to make sure you don't get caught speeding — always know the speed limit of the road you're on and stick to it.

Average speed cameras 'better at slowing cars down'

11. Are you allowed to drive 10% over the speed limit?

No. While many vehicles' speedometers allow a 10% error in overestimation (but not underestimation) built-in, this 10% allowance doesn't exist. You can't drive at 33mph in a 30mph zone, for example.

Simply put, if a police officer catches you with a mobile radar speed gun exceeding the limit, you are liable for prosecution even at 1mph over the limit.

The National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) suggests police forces don't prosecute until drivers exceed a margin of error of 10% of the speed limit, to take into account driver concentration, plus 2mph for speedometer error. But this is only a suggestion, not a rule and the NPCC don't enforce the law – it's down to the discretion of the police officer in question.

The following week Jack Riggs our Assistant Scout leader talked to the Scouts about his two-week hike in Sweden which he has written a report about. They also had a meal of Swedish meat balls cooked on a Swedish Log block.

The last three weeks of term they spent two weeks at Skreens Park Activity Centre. The first week building rafts sailing and sinking in the lake. The next week they enjoyed climbing the wobbly ladder – Grace managed to do this blindfolded. Archery was the other activity and Jack Pailthorpe managed to win a five-pound note when his arrow went into the gold through the middle of the note Well done to Jack. The last week of term they are having a fun night and a BBQ. The following day the troop is visiting Duxford for the day. Then Summer camp to Dorset in August.

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

The summer term has been busy for the Explorers.

We have just returned from Gilwell 24 which is a national Explorer event. A huge range of activities are put on for the young people to partake in, including: High Ropes, Scuba Diving, 4x4 Experience and everything in between. Activities started at 9am on Saturday morning and ran for 24 hours. Our challenge was taking part in activities for the whole 24 hours without any sleep! Nine of us attended the event at Gilwell Park and almost all of us saw the sun rise over London. We have been working on our Young Leader awards. As well as volunteering with the younger sections within the group, we have completed two training modules on leadership skills and how to explain a task to youngsters. The Explorer scouts were challenged to apply their skills complete a mission by organising and running a range of games within the sections they volunteer within. One of our explorers organised an evening Geocaching, which involves searching for hidden treasure in the countryside, using GPS. In May, we took part in the Waltham Walk, which is a long-established hiking challenge. The participants are tasked with reaching various check points, hidden across Essex. Map reading and practical skills are challenged along the way.

The Scout Group News

The Scout group have run some fundraising activities as we have to replace the Boiler in the Scout HQ this summer. We have run stalls at fetes, held a raffle, enjoyed a summer BBQ to draw the raffle, Helped at an event in Moreton, we then ran a Pit Stop for the Dunwich Dynamo an over-night cycle event and held a Boot Sale in the HQ the next day.

We also have three Scouts who are also raising money to attend the Eurojam in Poland next year July 2020.

On July 20th, three of our Explorer Scouts are heading to America for the 24th World Scout Jamboree for three weeks. The camp is based in West Virginia on a huge purpose-built site. They will be meeting 40,000 scouts from across the globe in a campsite offering state of the art adventure facilities. The Jamboree is being hosted by Canada, the USA, and Mexico. They will be travelling up the East coast and visiting New York, Washington and taking part in home-hospitality in Canada, with many opportunities to see the sights. We are looking forwards to seeing their photos and hearing their stories when we return after the summer break.

Future Fundraising events

We have two fundraising events in September the first is the 5K run on Sunday the 15th September and we have a Table top and Craft Sale on Sunday 29th September. Please help us raise the funds towards our new boiler.

Mary Bacon Chairman 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group

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AYTHORPE RODING PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish council has Allotment Sites to rent.

For details please contact the Parish Council Clerk,

Karen Weare on 01279 876274



SAFFRON WALDEN MUSEUM

WHATS ON 2019

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

Perfect Portraits 20 - 21 Dec

Come and have your photo taken with some historic props, a perfect Christmas gift! Make a paper Christmas wreath from your hand prints (£1.50)

RODINGS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It is with regret that the death of the chairman, Peter Tendall after a long illness has to be reported

Peter was chairman for many years and contributed a lot to the group.

Taking over will be Derek Saville. He can be contacted on:

Tel. 01245 231701

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Driving Myths (produced by the RAC)



These days there always seems to be a driving myth doing the rounds on social media but that's exactly what a lot of them are — myths.

To help you sort the driving laws from the fake news, we've put together some definitive to a few of the most common motoring unknowns out there.

1. Is it illegal to eat and drive?

No, it's not illegal to eat while driving.

However, if you get distracted while snacking behind the wheel, the police could prosecute you for careless driving if they consider you to not be in proper control of the vehicle, an offence which carries an on-the-spot fine of £100 and three penalty points.

Grabbing a cheeseburger at the drive-thru could also see you risk a fine if you get caught using your mobile phone to pay while your engine is running.

2. Is it illegal to drink when driving?

Just like eating behind the wheel, taking a swig of water or coffee while you're driving is not illegal, but it could carry the same careless driving penalty if you're accused of being distracted.

In some situations, it can be more dangerous to not have a drink in the car with you. Scientists at Loughborough University found that driving while dehydrated can be just as dangerous as drink driving.

Dehydration can cause a loss of focus and lead to drowsiness and slower reaction times. If you are heading off on a long journey, particularly in hot weather, keep dehydration at bay by carrying a bottle of water in your car.

3. Is it illegal to smoke and drive?

Smoking while driving itself is not illegal, but just like eating and drinking, if it causes distraction behind the wheel you could face a charge of careless driving.

If you're travelling with passengers aged under 18 though, it is illegal to smoke in the car following recent changes to the law that seek to protect children from second-hand smoke.

While health campaigners welcomed the legislation, in 2016 it was uncovered in a Freedom of Information request that the law is not being enforced by the majority of police forces.

4. Is it illegal to have a light on in a car while driving?

There's no law against driving with interior lights on. But if a police officer pulls you over and judges your interior light to be a driving distraction they could ask you to turn it off, or even charge you with careless driving.

And it doesn't have to be a distraction for you, either. If the light is judged to be dazzling or distracting to other road users, particularly those driving behind you, you may also be charged.

5. Is it illegal to have open alcohol in a car?

In the UK it's not illegal for a passenger to be drinking alcohol while being driven, so by default it is not illegal to have open alcohol containers in the car, unless you are supervising a learner driver. The main alcohol law to remember is the UK drink-driving law, which states you can only drive if under the national drink-drive limit, or face heavy fines and a driving ban.

In 2016 alone, Department for Transport figures estimated that over 9,000 people were injured or killed in road collisions related to drink-driving.

The RAC branded these figures "very disappointing" and called for the government to be more vigilant in pressing home the message that "drink-driving ruins lives and makes our roads more dangerous."

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

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 3rd September
Future meeting dates: Tuesday 29th October
Tuesday 10th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

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

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

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

VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS

THE FOOTPATH AND THE GRASS IN THE VILLAGE HALL IS USED REGULARLY BY CHILDREN.

JUST IN THE LAST MONTH OR SO SOMEONE IS

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

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

First Rodings Brownies
Invites Senior Village Residents

to

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

on

Monday 25th November 2019
6.30pm to 7.30pm

at

Leaden Roding Village Hall

The evening includes light refreshment,
Christmas Carols, a raffle
and
Entertainment from the Brownies.

Leaden Roding Church



See Parish News for further information on forthcoming Services

Services

8th Sept 9.30am Holy Communion 22nd Sept 11.00am Harvest Festival
29th September 11.00am 10 Churches Thanksgiving and Stewardship

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.

Things are changing at your local recycling centre

From 31st October changes are being made to recycling centres in Essex, so check the Recycle for Essex website before you go. To find out more visit www.recyclefor Essex.com

VEOLIA Essex County Council

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
22nd September
20th October
17th November



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

Microchipping and Dog Tags - Are you aware?

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





Are you married or in a civil partnership? If so you may be entitled to a £1,150 tax break called the marriage tax allowance. Marriage tax allowance lets you transfer £1,250 of your Personal Allowance to your husband, wife or civil partner if these specific circumstances apply:

You must be married or in a civil partnership (just living together doesn't count).

One of you needs to be a non-taxpayer, which usually means earning less than the £12,500 personal allowance between April 2019 and 5 April 2020.

The other partner needs to be a basic 20% rate taxpayer (higher or additional-rate taxpayers aren't eligible for this allowance).

This means you'd normally need to earn less than £50,000

You both must have been born on or after 6 April 1935

So, in a nutshell, one of you must be a non-taxpayer and one must be a basic-rate taxpayer.

The marriage tax allowance for the tax year 2019/20 is up to £250. However, you can backdate your claim by up to four

years, which means that if you claim now and backdate, you could get up to £1,150.

You can apply for Marriage Allowance online at www.gov.uk/apply-marriage-allowance. The person with the lowest income should make the claim. If your application is successful, changes to your Personal Allowances will be backdated to the start of the tax year (6 April).

HMRC will give your partner their extra allowance either:

by changing their tax code - this can take up to 2 months when they send their Self Assessment tax return

Your tax code will also change if you're employed or get a pension. Your new code will reflect your new Personal Allowance and will end with 'N'. If your new Personal Allowance is lower than your income after you've made a claim, you might have to pay some income tax. However, you might still benefit as a couple.

Your Personal Allowance will transfer automatically to your partner every year until one of you cancels Marriage Allowance or your circumstances change, for example because of divorce or death. If your circumstances change you can cancel Marriage Allowance online. You'll be asked to prove your identity using information HMRC holds about you. If you stop transferring the allowance to your partner, it will run until the end of the tax year (5 April).

More information about married tax allowance and income tax in general can be found at www.gov.uk or call the HMRC helpline on 0300 200 3300 (it helps to have your National Insurance number with you when you call). Advisers at Uttlesford Citizens Advice can help check your eligibility and offer advice on benefits and tax allowances as well as housing, debt, relationship and employment issues. Call 01799 618840 for an appointment.

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- The clerk made a request that residents refrain from dumping garden waste in ditches in the last edition of the Leaden Reading.
- The clerk reported that the road by the post box on Dunmow Road is in need of repair.
- The clerk provided photographic evidence that the footpath outside Rosdene is crumbling, this should be repaired shortly under the recent Highways Repair Scheme.
- The clerk made a report to Essex Police regarding motor bikers speeding through the village, she has requested a police presence particularly on Sunday mornings.

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 (Jun 2019).

£52.80 to Rural Community Council for Essex – annual subscription

£211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (inv. 125)

£211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (inv. 23)

£105.60 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (inv. 98)

£675.00 to Mrs T.E. Bell – Clerk's ½ year salary

Planning Applications:

No planning applications or decisions have come to the attention of the Parish Council since the last meeting.

Footpaths:

P. Sutterby reported that at this time there is high vegetation on and beside footpaths in the village which could be due to funding cuts to farmers. This should improve after crops have been harvested. 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: Between meetings D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, J.McIntock, Mrs Essex and the clerk attended a site meeting with Mr Collins to discuss a way forward regarding the fencing of Chalks Green. At the site meeting the clerk made it clear that the Parish Council did not have any decision making powers to insist the fence should be removed but after discussion with Mr Collins could make suggestions on what they felt would be a way to improve the outlook of the green for all residents of the village.

At the site meeting Mr Collins stated he was happy to remove the fencing if necessary but would prefer for it to remain on the side of the road by Chalks Farm. He has arranged for the green to be cut towards the end of August. He also confirmed his offer to lease the green to the Parish Council for a peppercorn rent of £1 per year with a view to reviewing the lease every 5 years. After discussion at this Parish Council meeting it was unanimously agreed that as there is still some question over the legality of the fence and the ditch the Parish Council would not take over the maintenance of the green. However, they are willing to consider funding or part funding the cutting/maintenance of the green on a yearly basis. With regard to the fencing of the green it was decided that the Parish Council would prefer Mr Collins to remove all wires and cut down the posts by half if possible. This decision was proposed by D. Clayden, seconded by Mrs Essex and passed by a majority of Parish Councilors present. M. Whitehead was not present at the meeting so could not vote on this decision but emailed his views that all fencing and wires should be removed.

Any other business:

1. The clerk informed Parish Councillors that the Essexinfo net, the web host for the village website, is being decommissioned in March 2020 so a new web host will need to be sought. This is a free service; the clerk will gather information regarding other free web hosts in the coming months
2. The clerk has received a letter from Saffron Walden Member of Parliament, Kemi Badenoch informing of new Government funding for the improvement and repair of village halls, she will pass this to the Village Hall Committee.
3. The clerk has received an email from Uttlesford Election Team informing that due to significant strain on the resources of the council due to European Elections taking place very close to District Elections they are not able to send invoices for the cost of the District Elections at this time, they should be sent out in September.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL & COUNCILLORS

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2019

D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, Mrs G Essex, J.McLintock, Mrs A Ringrose and 7 members of the public.

Apologies received from: M. Whitehead

Minutes of the last meeting of 21st May were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident stated the vegetation beside the pathway between the village hall and Holloway Crescent is in need of cutting, the clerk has already made this request to Uttlesford and will request this again if it is not cut in the next 2 weeks.

A resident stated that the Uttlesford Trailer visited Holloway Crescent recently, she stated that it did not appear to have many visitors. The clerk stated she had not been informed it was coming to the village and has not been given any information on the Uttlesford Trailer but assumes it is for the use of Social Housing Tenants. She will make enquiries from Uttlesford asking the frequency of the visits, why it visits and who is invited to make use of it.

A resident asked for an update on the request for a playground on the village hall site. The clerk explained that she is aware that the Village Hall Committee has requested that the organiser supplies a business plan before any decisions can be made. If planning permission is submitted the Parish Council will be involved but until that time it is in the hands of the Village Hall Committee.

A resident requested an update of any decisions made regarding the fencing of Chalks Green. This will be discussed later in the meeting (see below).

Clerk's report.

- A1060 speed limit – the extension to the existing speed is to be formally advertised towards the end of the financial year so that funding can be agreed for the installation to start in the early part of 2019/2020 financial year.
- Puddle outside King William House – still ongoing, the clerk provided photographic evidence of the problem and Cllr Barker expects this to be repaired shortly under the Highways Repair Scheme.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – the gullies have been jetted recently; it appears there is some improvement but will be monitored after further rainfall.
- Request for yellow lines between Long Hide and the School – the yellow lines have now been installed on a stretch for road from Long Hide towards the school but does not appear to go as far as the school resulting in a part clear footpath for pedestrians but there is a gap where parents are still parking on the pavement. The clerk will report this problem with a view of getting the yellow lines extended to the school gates
- VAS sign on Dunmow Road – improvements to the speed limit signage is due to be installed towards the end of the summer.
- There is now just a small amount of rubbish to be cleared from the front of the village shop so the area has improved, it is hoped that the clearance will be finalised shortly.
- Request for hedge on Dunmow Road opposite Longhide to be cut – this has not yet been cut, the clerk will request an update.
- Financing of footpath repairs in Holloway Crescent – this review by Uttlesford is ongoing.



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Citizens Advice service marks its 80th year

Citizens Advice celebrated 80 years of service across England and Wales on 4 September 2019. The charity was formed at the onset of World War II. It originally helped people deal with the impacts of war, such as rationing, evacuation and losing their home in the Blitz. In its 80 years of service, the organisation has helped the British public find a way forward with a wide range of problems.

Uttlesford Citizens Advice opened the doors of its first permanent office in Church Street in 1983. Since then it has expanded to offer 75 face to face generalist and money advice appointments every week across offices and outreach locations in Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow, Stansted and Thaxted, plus a home visit service to help people who are housebound (as a result of disability or frailty) to access benefit and community support advice.

Many of the charity's clients are dealing with serious life changing circumstances, such as bereavement, job loss, family separation or the loss of a home and the team of highly trained volunteer advisers are aware that one problem can very often lead to another. They therefore aim to work with clients to prevent problems from escalating and help them to deal with a sudden change in their circumstances.

Chief Officer, Kate Robson, said:

As a member bureau of the national network of Citizens Advice, we are incredibly proud to mark 80 years of providing free, independent and confidential advice for people across England and Wales. We would like to invite all our supporters to help us celebrate this milestone at our AGM in Saffron Walden Town Hall on Monday 25th November, so please save the date!



In particular, I would like to say a massive thank you to all our volunteers and staff, both past and present, who work so hard to support our clients and help them to find the knowledge and confidence they need to move forward, whoever they are and whatever their problem."

you believe in social justice and would like to find out more about training as a volunteer adviser, call Uttlesford Citizens Advice on 01799 618840 or email admin@uttlesfordcab.cabnet.org.uk



RODINGS SCHOOL

SCHOOL RETURNS WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER



Introducing Mr Albus ... Rodings Primary School's Reading Dog

At Rodings we are constantly looking at ways in which we can improve the learning environment and wellbeing of children and staff. For many years there has been research and anecdotal evidence of the benefits of animals visiting the elderly or those having prolonged stays in hospital, brightening their day and improving people's mental health. With this in mind we started to investigate how we could apply this to a school situation.

Owning a pet and being near animals has proven to have both physical and mental health benefits. It has proven to help with overall wellbeing and studies have also shown more positive behaviour of pupils. For example, when one school wanted to improve their litter onsite, they discussed with the pupils the dangers of the school dog eating their plastic waste – this had immediate results. Pet ownership teaches pupils many of our school's core values, and whilst many busy working families are unable to keep pets themselves, having a pet in school would benefit and equalise children

Mr Albus lives with Mr Crawley, our deputy head, and is a 2 year old schnoodle (which means he is hypoallergenic),

who is well trained and has grown up around young children.

To start with Albus came into the building on an ad-hoc basis to allow him to settle in. This was part of a managed transition and introduction to the school as part of the special agreement with Essex County Council's education department to allow Albus on site. Whilst in school Albus stays with Mr Crawley the entire time and is available as a reading dog, meaning children have the chance to read to Albus in small groups and may even help out in our celebration assembly.

As Albus has become accustomed to the school and being around so many people he has joined in with more events including playtimes, visiting all classes in the school and our Summer Fun Day.

The safety of all children and Albus himself is paramount and a full risk assessment has been carried out as well, planning for procedures whilst Albus is in the building. Also we have sought advice from outside agencies and dog trainers, this has included having a qualified dog trainer deliver a workshop to the entire school on how to approach dogs and how to recognise dog behaviours. No child will have to read to Albus should they not wish to and Albus will never be unsupervised whilst on school premises.

Since Mr Albus started as a member of staff we have seen the difference in how some children interact with animals; becoming more confident, children who are anxious have been calmer and the children really enjoy having Albus on site.

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


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

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

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

Thank you

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/	
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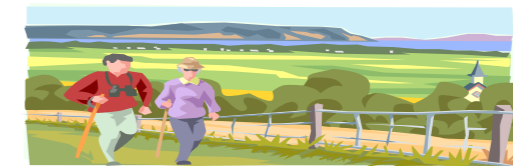
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Rodings Walking Group 2018

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Rodings Walking Group

Since my last report, we have been to Stebbing and Great Waltham and our evening walks have taken place in Matching Green and High Roding. Our first evening walk started at Leaden Roding Village Hall and ended with our twenty fourth Annual General Meeting. After the meeting 46 walkers and locals sat down to fish and chips. Special thanks to the Sports and Social Club and Dave and Jan on the bar. We are looking forward to our autumn and winter programme, and dare I mention, Christmas lunch?

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SOME OF THE WINNERS OF THE DOG SHOW





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 WASTE BINS. PLEASE USE THEM!



MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesdays - (School)
10.40—11.10


9th October
30th October
20th November

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 team at Old Park Meadow Natural Burial Ground are delighted to have raised over £2,500 at their recent fundraising art exhibition in aid of the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance with over 250 people attending over the two days.

With over 30 different talented artists exhibiting, there was a wide range of paintings on display for people to view and buy which supported the artists and the Air Ambulance. Paintings and prints were kindly donated to the raffle by the Aubery Art Gallery, Jacquie Brown and Neil Higgs.

Next year they hope the exhibition will be bigger and better! If you would like more information please email info@oldparkmeadow.co.uk or call in and see them, they are behind the Butchers Arms pub at North End between Great Dunmow and Chelmsford, CM6 3PL.

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

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

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