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OUR VILLAGE UNDER LOCKDOWN

What a fantastic village we have. A large army of volunteers has been co-ordinated by Jackie Denton producing scrubs, masks etc for the NHS.

Volunteers are also collecting prescriptions from local surgeries and chemists for those housebound at this time.

They are also shopping for the neighbours who again are stuck at home.

What a great show of human kindness. They can't all be named here individually but I am sure that everyone in the village would like to thank you all.

There is still weeks and months to go but I am sure they will all keep up the great work until we can get through this crisis. We all live in the hope that this virus will be beaten soon.

This edition of the Leaden Reading is being produced on-line as it is thought safer not to post paper copies through every door in the village as normal. If somebody you know does not have access to the internet and would like a paper copy please ring me - Ray Bell on 01279 876045 and I will gladly print and deliver to them.

Meanwhile Uttlesford has released its most recent update on its services. This can be found on www.uttlesford.gov.uk/coronavirus

The Garden Waste Skip service is back as per the original 4 week schedule at 16.00 until 17.00 on a Sunday.

See page 7 for more information.

Let's get through this and then we can all come together and hopefully stay together for the future.

KEEP SAFE. FOLLOW THE ADVICE.



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

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

SO GIVE ONE A TRY.

Thanks to all contributors to the magazine.

MORE REQUIRED

Last date for contributions for SEPT by 10th AUG please.



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

£12.00 for 12 mths -

12 issues (6xChurch)

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

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

Please e-mail:

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The Who's Who of the Village

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Bowls Club	Ivy Clayden		876568
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Watch out for Events Happening in the monthly Parish News, the Village Notice Board or The Village Hall Notice Board

Kemi Badenock M.P.

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Both daughters have seen Bats this year, Teresa first noticed her resident pair whilst out Clapping for the NHS staff and other Key Workers on 2nd April. Sandra has since seen Pipistrelle Bats flying around Long Hide. Hares have been spotted in the fields with Rabbits and Muntjac deer. Fallow deer are still been seen in small herds. Badgers have dug out their setts and the foxes will have paired up and rearing their new young.

Our wild plants have burst into life after the recent rain, meadows and hedgerows are suddenly knee to waist high in vegetation! The Bluebells and Cowslips of early April have been replaced with swathes of Red Campion, Cow Parsley and Wild carrot and the grasses along the local paths have grown to full height and full of seed heads in a very short time. My daughters have also seen Meadow Buttercup and Cuckooflower (also known as Ladies Smock) on their recent dog walks. Teresa has come to the conclusion she needs a 'field guide to wild flowers' to carry with her and help with plant identification as there are so many different varieties to see!

As I am currently confined to barracks please do let me know if you have any evidence of Wildlife reclaiming the streets of Leaden Roding? I hear there were wild goats running through the empty streets of Llandudno! I was also intrigued but ultimately disappointed to discover the fake news of Dolphins and Swans returning to Venice's clear and clean canals although this story did at least lift our spirits for a while. Hopefully with reduced road vehicle and air traffic at the moment nature has the upper hand if the reported reduction in CO2 levels are anything to go by.

Let's hope the warm weather continues and our local wild life thrives again this year. I also hope by then next time I write my report the world will be returned to some normality and I will once again be able to get out and about. In the meantime please stay safe.

Ken Pavitt May 2020









Holly Blue Butterfly

St Marks Fly

Wheatear







Partridge

Tern

Barn Owl







Pipirstrelle Bat

Red Campion

Ladies Smock

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Spring in Leaden Roding by Ken Pavitt

Well this is a strange to do! Not quite sure what is happening to the modern world, but Sylvia and I are isolating together, limiting ourselves to the bungalow and our garden. I can only report on what's happening around Leaden Close, but my daughters are both out dog walking every day so are able to tell me what they have seen around and about.

We'll start as always with a bit about the weather. Following on from the very wet Winter since Lockdown began we have been blessed with fine weather. This has allowed us to get out in the garden and we have listened to the sound of birdsong amplified by the much reduced drone of traffic. It has been the hottest April on record with cracks appearing in the soil in the fields more familiar to August than this early in the year. The little rain we have had recently has made a huge difference to the plant life and everything suddenly appears to be thriving.

It was on a warm but windy 26th March that the first butterfly was spotted, being a Brimstone butterfly that was a welcome bright splash of yellow against the field of green. A peacock butterfly appeared on 4th April and a Small Tortoiseshell two days later. The strange looking St Marks Flies were seen in large numbers on 8th April, the same day as Orange Tip Butterflies and a Red Admiral Butterfly. We have continued to see lots more of these common butterflies including a Green Veined White in my garden and a Holly Blue in Beauchamp. Both daughters have commented that whilst walking at the weekends they have heard the buzz of insects more distinctly than normal. The Crane Flies or Daddy Long Legs have started to hatch out and can been seen in large numbers by the river and in gardens.

Whilst we remain confined to our homes the birds have been migrating as usual, with the arrival of Wheatears, Warblers and Chiff Chaffs amongst others. My daughter Sandra was lucky enough to hear a Cuckoo at Keeres Green on 9th May and since then has heard another near Meghills. The House Martins that nest at my other daughter, Teresa's house arrived on 22nd April and she has since seen Swallows but hasn't spotted their nests. Sandra has seen and heard the screaming of Sky Larks at Leaden Hall, berating the walkers as they go along the cart paths. Only last night Teresa reported seeing a 20 strong flock of Swifts swooping over the wheat fields at Beauchamp as the birds enjoyed their early evening feast of insects.

Moving on to our native birds, Teresa has Blue Tits nesting in a box and plenty of Blackbirds and Sparrows nesting around her garden. Not sure about the number of pigeons around the country but if Teresa's garden is anything to go by they are making a recovery as her garden is also host to loads of very plump noisy Pigeons and Collared Doves! Most of the native garden birds will have hatched their first broods. We have Sparrows and Robins nesting in the roof with a pair of Blackbirds hatching out their brood in the garden. We have seen lots of Goldfinches, Yellow Hammers and Pied Wagtails.

I watched a Red Kite kill a Sparrow on my lawn. Red Kites are a more common sight, often as are buzzards and even the Kestrels are making a comeback locally. Young Moorhens have been spotted on the pond at Cloghams Lane and Partridges can been seen flying low over the emerging crops. Teresa was lucky enough to see a Tern flying over the Berners reservoir, a good sign for the fisherman who had arrived for the first weekend the fishing lakes were re-opened since lockdown. Sandra has seen a couple of Barn Owls on her evening walks with these silent ghostly birds hunting out prey and a Jay in her garden. My Sister-in-Law in Beauchamp has been feeding the garden birds and has even had a pair of Pheasants and a pair of Partridges feeding on her front lawn, watching these birds has brightened up her days. I hope that the local owls and Kestrels manage to produce young again this year.

The Jackdaws are again nesting in the chimney pots of Leaden Close. Jackdaws are smaller than Rooks and Crows and have a distinctive silver grey head. They tend to live in colonies as they are social birds and will even flock with Rooks and Starlings. The female Jackdaw lays 4-6 blue speckled eggs and incubates them for about 17 days, with the male bird feeding his mate for all that period. The young hatch at different times and usually leave the nest within 4 weeks. Rooks are the noisy social birds that flock together between their Rookeries and feeding grounds. They have paler beaks and all black untidy looking plumage. The female can lay between 3 and 9 eggs and will incubate these for 16-20 days, again both parents feed the young. The Carrion Crow is a far more solitary bird and these will be seen on their own or in a pair. These are an all Black bird including the beak. Recently the Hooded Crow has now been identified as a separate species from the Carrion Crow, although the two do interbreed. The Carrion Crow lays 3-4 brown speckled blue or greenish eggs which the female incubates whilst being fed by the male. These hatch after 18-20 days and fledge at about 4 weeks old. The Magpie is another member of the Crow family, they have striking black and white plumage and build large domed nests, laying 6 greenish blue brown spotted eggs which again incubate for about 18-19 days. Breeding Magpies are territorial and as nest-sites are limited there are a number of Magpies that won't breed every year.

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What's on in the Village Hall



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Due to the current health crisis all planned events/meetings have been cancelled at the Village Hall.

For future information look on-line at the Parish Council website (e-voice.org.uk/leadenroding/) or Leaden Roding Village Hall Facebook page. (see below)

Via Google ...Leaden Roding Parish Council (this will give you the link)
Via Facebook... Leaden Roding Village Hall



INSTALLATION OF DEFIBRILLATOR

Leaden Roding Parish Council have now purchased a Defibrillator to be installed on the outside wall of the Fire Station when possible.

In the event that it might need to be used by a member of public the Parish Council had arranged a training morning for the use of the defibrillator and basic CPR training which is open to all residents at a subsidised cost of £10.00 per person. The initial date was during lockdown so was cancelled. A further date will be organised.

Non-residents are also welcome to attend at the full price of £20.00 per person.

For information regarding the training please email the Parish Clerk – <u>terrybell19@yahoo.co.uk</u> or telephone 01279 876045.

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.

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Contact the Leaden Reading by e-mail with all your news, what's on, what's happened leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk or to 19 Lordswood View Want a copy of a photo? Send your request to the above contact address.







SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL **CHARITY**

Now you can support the village hall and you could win yourself £25,000!

The Essex Lottery has recently been launched and if you go to the "Leaden Village Hall Trust" page, from the home page, a proportion of your entry fee will go towards the upkeep and improvement of the village hall.

Draws are still taking place.

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

www.essexlottery.co.uk

A BIG "THANK YOU" to those who already support the lottery.

ALL FOR £1 MIN. A WEEK.

THERE'S BEEN WINNERS IN THE VILLAGE.

To start supporting visit:

www.essexlottery.co.uk

and search for: Leaden Roding

Players must be 16 years and over and physically based in the UK

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Dear Friends.

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Whilst you couldn't describe the current situation we are all facing together as good it has been heartening to witness the way in which this community has come together and is supporting those in need, and although I live on the edge of the village the encouragement of the Thursday clap has been clearly heard. I have also been en-



couraged by a recent news report that suggested one in four people have been experiencing church online and are praying for our nation and the world.

I have to admit that I never planned to become a YouTuber but I am now online and we are producing weekly resources for the community. You can check out what we have been up to at https:// www.youtube.com/channel/UC5wgMql6xkhJK9rfFKeo4Sg/featured? or via http://thesixparishes.org.uk/ index.php/our-church-online

Prayer is not just what humans do when they feel they are in tough places, it that thing which I believe draws us closer to God, so that we learn more about Him and what in the end changes us by contributing to the experience of becoming the best version of ourselves we can be. It can also be an expression of our love for others, especially those in need to this end I have a 'Say One for Me, Prayer Promise'. If you would like someone to pray for you just send me some brief details or give me a call and I promise to remember you in my prayers everyday for a month. I don't need a huge amount of detail to do this small thing for you. Why not email me at roberstone1965@gmail.com or call or text on 07726 719288.

Rev'd Robert Stone





AXE & COMPASSES GOLF SOCIETY

FANCY A DAY OF GOLF?

Play up to 6 different courses this vear with

a friendly group of golfers of all standards. **UNDER REVIEW**



Venues for 2020 Knebworth

Thorpeness

Woodbridge Thorpe Hall

Gog Magog



HIRE LEADEN RODING VILLAGE HALL FOR YOUR PARTIES, EVENTS, MEETINGS ETC USE OF FULLY STOCKED KITCHEN & IF REQUIRED YOU CAN HAVE THE BAR OPEN (FOR AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF £25.00)

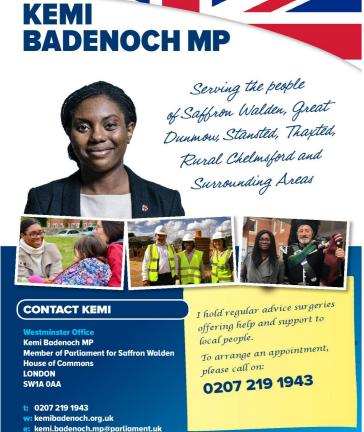
> PRICES: Weekdays £8.50 per hour Weekends £9.00 per hour

Saturday Evenings 7.00pm until midnight £90.00

SPEAK TO IVY 01279 876568 TO BOOK-CLOSED AT PRESENT



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Kemi Badenoch MP, Saffron Walden Constituency

Write: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Email: <u>kemi.badenoch.mp</u> @parliament.uk

Tel: 0207 219 1943

Website : <u>www.kemi.badenoch.org.</u> <u>uk</u>

Tuesday, 28 April, 2020

1,146 small businesses in Uttlesford and 1,880 in Chelmsford have received grants as part of the Government's Small Business Grants Scheme. In total, more than £13.8 million has made its way to small businesses in Uttlesford and over £25 million in Chelmsford.

In recognition of the extraordinary pressures facing small businesses during the coronavirus outbreak, the Government launched the Small Business Grants Scheme, backed by £12.3 billion. The funding is provided to local authorities, who are then able to offer grants of up to £10,000 to small businesses, and up to £25,000 for eligible leisure, retail and hospitality businesses. Since the scheme's launch in March, £6.1 billion has already been paid out to 491,725 business properties across England.

Uttlesford District Council was allocated over £20 million to support 1,734 business properties and Chelmsford City Council over £31 million to support up to 2,623 business properties.

Commenting, Mrs Badenoch said: "This is a hugely challenging time for businesses, especially for the smaller firms that are at the heart of our local communities across the many towns and villages within the constituency.

"It's reassuring to know that the support announced by the Government has already reached 1,146 businesses in Uttlesford and 1,880 in Chelmsford and is helping to protect people's livelihoods and the businesses that may have taken years to establish.

"Following my correspondence with local businesses over the last few weeks, I know these grants will be welcomed and I would like to thank both councils for their hard work to ensure these grants are distributed as quickly as possible."

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Leaden Roding Bowls Club

The club is open to all so if you fancy a game come along to the club night on Friday evenings from 8pm. Friendly matches take place every couple of weeks and anyone of any skill level is welcome to take part. Most evening matches also includes a supper, raffle and a bar at some venues.

More details from Ivy Clayden. 01279 876568

Obviously the club is closed at this time but all are very welcome to join us when we are back up and running.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

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

Nell Peck Trophy—Sept 11th 7.30

Bowlathon—June 20th 11.00am -cancelled

HJG Village Idyllic—July 10th 7.30

Rob Simpson Tankard—Aug. 14th 7.30

Memorial Pairs - 16th Oct 7.30

Betty & Ken Rolph Trophy.—Nov.13th 7.30

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

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1279 876588

The above matches may be cancelled/postponed at this time to comply with Government guidelines due to ${\rm COVID19}$

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2020 FIXTURES

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BROOMFIELD	A	Feb 27th	7:15	3	2	3
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STEBBING	A	March 12th	7.30	Cancelle	ed	
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BLACK NOTLEY	A	July 13th	7.30			
PLESHEY	A	July 23rd	7.30			
CHIGNAL	Н	Aug 5th	7.30			
STEBBING	Н	Sept 2nd	7.30			
BLACK NOTLEY	A	Sept 9th	7.30			
GREAT CANFIELD	Н	Sep 16th	7.30			
LITTLE EASTON	A	Sept 21st	7.30			
DUNMOW U R	A	Oct 5th	7:30	Las	t year th	e club played 25 matches.
PLESHEY	Н	Oct 21st	7.30		Won	n 9
FINCHINGFIELD	A	Oct 29th	7:30		Lost	9
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BARNSTON	A	Nov16th	7:30	And		e had a great time.
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More fixtures will be added during the year. Everyone welcome to come to watch and have a drink. (But see below)

ALL EVENTS ARE NOW POSTPONED.

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1st Moreton and Fyfield Scout Group



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

Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.15pm

ALL MEETINGS HAVE NOW BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Mary Bacon – Chairman 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Group 01277899052, 07554933563, marychristinebacon@aol.com



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FIRST RODINGS BROWNIES—News

All meetings have been cancelled for now. Brownies will be contacted when it is decided to is safe to return.



Again all meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Rainbows will be advised when it is safe to return.

SOCIAL MEDIA SITES WHICH YOU MIGHT FIND USEFULL FOR THE VILLAGE

E-voice.org.uk/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)

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A LETTER FROM THE QUEENS REPRESENTATIVE IN ESSEX



Mrs Philip Tolhurst Lord-Lieutenant of Essex

12 May 2020

Dear Volunteer,

I wanted, as Her Majesty the Queen's personal representative in the County, to write to you as one of the huge army of volunteers in Essex who have stepped forward to help your communities in this very difficult and unprecedented time. I want to say thank you for the exceptional work you are doing and to say how much it is appreciated at every level throughout the County.

There are always many challenges for volunteers, but they have become more extreme in recent weeks; financial problems, mental health, the provision of food and prescriptions, and ensuring that children are safe and keeping up with their schoolwork to name but a few. I want to offer my support and encouragement for all the work you are doing and to applaud the quite outstanding contribution made by you, the community support volunteers, who have worked so imaginatively from a standing start to ensure that people are cared for in their communities.

I have been privileged to be able to help the Danbury Volunteers in a small way manning a telephone for a few hours a week and so I have been able to see in my village, an example of what is being done throughout the county with kindness and good humour, and it is very impressive.

I hope that I will be able to honour and celebrate in some way, the work that is being achieved and the sacrifices that are being made by so many in our great County when we are out of the woods.

Thank you again for your quite wonderful contribution, it is hugely appreciated.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Tolhurst

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex

Lord-Lieutenants Office, 3rd Floor, Marlborough House, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1LN Tel: 01245 809884 email: enquiries@essex-lieutenancy.org.uk

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HOW WE CAN HELP.

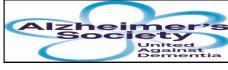
WE CAN REFER YOU TO THE FOLLOW ORGANISATIONS AND MORE



ACTIVE WITH PARKINSON'S UTTLESFORD













Parenting Support Project

Adult Learning

Activity groups for people with Dementia or Memory Problems

Feeling Good, Caring Well

Action for Family Carers Young Adult Carers (ages 16 - 24)

Build confidence & feel less isolated

Adult Mental Health Wellbeing Team

Free Home Water Efficiency Check

Home Help Service

Help, advice and guidance for carers and sufferers

My Weight Matters –How to loose weight NHS—Health Checks

Help with clothing and equipment for your baby

Little Goslings Children's Centre

Spangles Children's Centre

British Lung Foundation **Breathe Easy**

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UPDATE ON OUR SERVICES

GARDEN WASTE SKIP TO START AGAIN IN JUNE.

LEADEN RODING - SUNDAY 16.00—17.00

VOLUNTEERS WEEK 1ST—7TH JUNE. Send photos/stories etc to Uttlesford FACEBOOK page or TWITTER.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE HELP TEL:03333 408 218 or

EMAIL communityresponse@uttlesford.gov.uk

LISTENING LINE— SPEAK WITH A VOLUNTEER ABOUT ANYTHING!

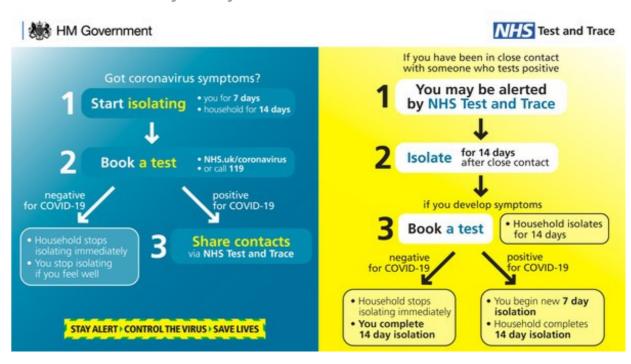
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3030 IN JUNE - KEEP MOVING FOR 30 MINUTES FOR 30 DAYS IN JUNE

(SEE KEEP ESSEX ACTIVE YOU TUBE CHANNEL) ALSO SEE THE "ACTIVE AT HOME" BOOKLET ON UTTLESFORD WEB SITE

ESSEX SUMMER OF ART goes VIRTUAL! 50 ARTISTS DISPLAYING THEIR CREATIONS, BUT ON LINE. See the Uttlesford website for more details

VISIT ESSEX PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION—USE THE SPARE TIME YOU MAY HAVE TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE COUNTY. It might only be in your back garden but who knows –you may win! See Uttlesford website.



Stay Safe. Stay Alert.
Protect yourselves and the NHS.

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VILLAGE VOLUNTEER GROUPS - IACKIE DENTON | lackie @ dentongb.co.uk

THE RODINGS DREAM TEAM

After my appeal for bedding last month I have travelled the length and breath of the Ten Parishes collecting bags and bags of donated bedding, ribbon, buttons and cord. It has then been washed, ironed and cut into: Scrub Bags, headbands, scrub hats and scrubs

We have some very talented ladies in the area, who have been personalising some of the bags with artwork. Some of the children, who are still in the Rodings Primary School have been busy making labels for the bags.

My workroom was stripped of elastic, thread and ribbon, however, no problem! - young Berri White (a local Brownie) aged 8, from Leaden set about fundraising to enable us to buy more supplies. She has done a fantastic job selling flower bunches and tombola tickets-managed to make the headlines in the Dunmow

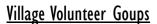
We have been extremely fortunate to have received so many donations, including money left in envelopes through my letterbox. The local Parish Councils have been generous with their donations (£200 from Leaden) and our Parish Councillor Susan Barker was able to provide an amazing amount from Uttlesford Discre-

And to keep the ladies strength up while they sew, Gaynor (who visits our village in fish & Chip van) arrived at my unit one lunchtime with two boxes of cakes. The sewing machines went quiet for half an hour, time for tea & cake.

Completed items have been distributed to:-

Broomfield Hospital, Braintree Community Hospital, St Elizabeth Centre Perry Green, Cambridge, and with a nurse who lives in Leaden who works at Oueens in Romford.

You can follow the antics of the Rodings Dream Team by liking their Facebook page, see the photos and some of the completed items. www.facebook.com/rodingsdreamteam



My plea for volunteers has been amazing. It has taken a great deal of organising but it seems to have settled into a workable workforce.

Leaden, Aythorpe, High, Abbess, Beauchamp, Berners and Margeret Rodings and Good Easter have been working individually as villages, however Lesley Viggers(HR), Sue Crisp(MR), Sharon Biddle(A/B/Br), Marie Stephenson)GE) and myself(L/A), have connected to help support each other, as well as offering cover to any neighbouring village as needed.

Great Canfield, White Roding and High Easter have managed to cover their own areas,

Nothing has been too much trouble for the volunteer; queuing at the Supermarkets, prescription runs to Doctors Surgeries and chemists—all done with a smile.

The requests for help have not come from villagers themselves, but also from the Community Hubs set up by Uttlesford and Dunmow. We had a request from Wales for some shopping for a lady's parents who are "at risk". Needless to say, all the coordinators have had some interesting conversations.

The Village Groups have developed into "Community Support Groups", offering help and advice for all sort of things, friendships have been made that would never had been if it hadn't been for Covid.

The Uttlesford Hub is very keen to try to maintain contact with the Village Groups once we are through this tough time, and that is fantastic compliment to all

Each village has developed its own character. For example, Good Easter has been busy producing a fortnightly newsletter that is delivered to everyone in the village. This has been a true bonus to the elderly who have no access to technology.

From Leaden volunteers a "sewing group" has evolved, adding friends from other villages and beyond. This has become known as the "Rodings Dream Team". Not everyone sews but there are lots of other jobs that people have been happy to pick up.



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Check if you need medical help



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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!

VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS

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

RECENTLY SOMEONE HAS ALLOWED THEIR DOG TO DEFICATE IN THE GROUNDS AND THEN NOT CLEANED IT UP. (see facebook page)

THE GROUNDS ARE COVERED BY CCTV. THIS WILL, IN THE

FUTURE WILL BE USED TO REPORT ANY OWNER WHO BREAKS THE LAW TO THE UTTLESFORD DOG WARDEN WHICH COULD LEAD TO PROSECUTION.

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Unauthorised Encampments: P. Sutterby reported that he attended a briefing meeting giving information regarding unauthorised encampment. Information he has gathered is:

- A bill is going through at the moment to ensure that if Travellers have been removed from an area, they will not be able to return within 3 months.
- If Travellers park on the side of a Highway police have no power to evict them.
- Essex Police visit all unauthorised encampments to check vehicles are taxed and dogs are chipped. Essex Police have increased the number of officers who deal with unauthorised encampments by 10 and as their resources have increased data has shown that Travellers are gradually being pushed into neighbouring counties.

Any other business:

- The clerk reported that she received an email from a resident requesting clarification as to whether the road in front of 1 to 4 Lordswood View is a private road as she when using the road with a pushchair to access Chalks Green she was informed by a resident that she was not allowed to use it. The clerk has since received confirmation that this is a private road. The resident from 1 to 4 Lordswood View was in attendance at the meeting and also confirmed it was a road.
- In a previous meeting the clerk informed Parish Councillors the Essex Info website hosting the Parish Council website is closing on 31st March, she is in the process of transferring to another host and uploading Parish Council details in preparation for the closure.
- Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting Tuesday 19th May (Annual Assembly)

Dates for future meetings

Tuesday 14th July

Tuesday 1st September

Tuesday 20th October

Tuesday 1st December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Important Information

LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

Due to COVID19 restrictions at this time all scheduled Parish Council meetings will not go ahead until further Government guidelines are received regarding meetings in public places.

Due to potential network issues for both Parish Councillors and members of the public Parish Councillors have chosen not to hold virtual meetings at this time.

LEADEN RODING ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 19TH MAY 2020

Due to COVID19 restrictions Government guidelines state that Parish Council Annual Assemblies can be cancelled this year.

In this meeting Chairman, Deputy Chairman and village representatives are elected within the Parish Council, this year these posts will be carried forward to the next annual meeting in May 2021. If Parish Councillors choose not to carry on these responsibilities others will be elected when ordinary Parish Council meetings are allowed to go ahead once more.

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The Waste Skip collection of

WASTE SKIP COLLECTIONS

14th June 2020

Garden Waste IS BACK!

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.

Garden 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 Green Bin **Days**

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

(See the Uttlesford DC website for an application form. Bins are

12th July 2020 9th August 2020

collected every two weeks.)

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House which was the property which would not have been included in the 30mph extension. Between meetings, all Parish Councillors agreed to go ahead with this proposal with the exception of Mrs Bush and this was passed on to Cllr Barker. It was assumed by Parish Councillors that to keep with the original option might stop any work being completed but since then the clerk was told that if Parish Councillors decided to stay with the 30mph option it would not hold the installation up as long as whatever is decided is well supported with reasons for the decision. After discussion it was unanimously decided that Parish Councillors would prefer to remain with the original plan of a 30mph extension as this would be safer for residents of Leaden Hill Cottages to cross Stortford Road to gain access to vehicles parked on the other side. The clerk will feed this back to Cllr Barker.

- Puddle outside King William House repair now completed.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road see above.
- Repair of road by the post box on Dunmow Road the clerk reported this problem again giving full information of the location but Highways do not appear to be able to locate the problem. It is thought that if the road is not wet at the time of the Highways inspection it does not appear evident that there is a problem. The clerk will take a photo of the area when it is wet and report this again.
- Purchase and installation of defibrillator see below.
- 30 mph sign beside village hall not yet repaired Highways appear to think this has been repaired, the clerk will report again.
- Fallen Highways sign approaching the roundabout on Chelmsford Road this has been reported and on Highways list to repair.
- Green Waste Skip between meetings the clerk has arranged for the green waste skip to attend the village in 2020 with the same timeslot as last year. The dates and times have been advertised on the notice board and website. Uttlesford have extended the visits this year by one month to include 29th November 2020.
- Pothole outside 12 Holloway Crescent reported but not yet repaired.
- The clerk has received details that once again the garage at Wrens Park is flooding Cllr Barker reported this to Highways who responded by stating the area is on their list to inspect. The clerk requested that Cllr Barker chase this urgently as the residents need this to be resolved as soon as possible.

Finance: The clerk was given authority to pay: -

£17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today's meeting £612.00 to Uttlesford District Council – 2019 green waste skip £1612.20 to Defib Central – purchase of defibrillator and case (see below)

Planning Applications: The following applications were circulated between meetings:

Inglewood, Dunmow Road – proposed two storey side extension, demolition of existing garage and erection of two bay garage, change of use of land to residential curtilage and erection of fencing and gates to front boundary- Parish Councillors have no objections except for the removal of Highways rights from the front curtilage as stated in previous minutes.

Burniere, High Easter Road – demolition of existing detached garage and erection of attached garage. Porch extension and internal alterations. Removal of existing front hedge boundary and erection of brick boundary wall – no objections.

Footpaths: P. Sutterby has nothing to report at this time. 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.

Defibrillator: After advice from Chris Flack, the clerk has started the purchase of a defibrillator and case which is expected to be delivered mid-April. A training morning has been arranged for Saturday 18th April in the village hall as the previous date of 25th is now not convenient for Chris Flack. The clerk has spoken to Mark Neville who has confirmed that Essex Fire Service is happy to provide electricity for the case and that their maintenance team will install it. Notices advertising the training have been put on the website and notice board.

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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL & COUNCILLORS

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 rd March 2020

Present: D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, Mrs G.Essex, J.Mclintock, M.Whitehead, Mrs Bush and 7 members of the public. Apologies received from: Cllr Barker

Minutes of the last meeting of 14th January 2020 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident requested an update regarding Chalks Green fencing. The Chairman stated that as the Parish Council has no rights to be involved with the decision making regarding the fencing, they are waiting for Uttlesford District Council to inform as to how they are dealing with the matter and to date we have had no information from them. He stated that it would be expensive and costly to all residents if the Parish Council was to go into a legal route and all attending the meeting were in agreement that this would not be the correct route at this time.

The clerk will ask Cllr Barker for an update from Uttlesford.

A resident stated that she was disappointed that the clerk did not minute the comment made by Mr Collins that the green was accessible for pushchairs, as she did not agree with his comment.

The clerk stated that, although she tries to convey all aspects of the meeting in the minutes, minor comments were overlooked. The clerk felt that this particular comment was fundamental to the meeting but if she had also commented at the time giving her views it would have been included in the minutes.

A resident stated she was not happy with the lack of action by Highways on the clearing of the drains on Stortford Road after she and the clerk had reported, with added photographs, that weeds were growing in the drains. After being informed that the routine cleaning was about to be done the clerk informed Highways that she did not think this would solve the problem.

The resident was not happy when Highways went ahead with the maintenance when the engineer attending confirmed more needed to be done. The resident stated that she would get a group together and go to the press if the problem was not dealt with imminently. The clerk will ask an update from Cllr Barker.

Another resident expressed her concern regarding the blocked drains on Stortford Road as her husband walks along the pathway regularly to work and is constantly being soaked by the water coming off the roads.

A resident stated that a large pothole at the junction of Ongar Road and Stortford Road has recently appeared. The clerk will report this to Highways.

A resident asked for an update on the fallen roundabout sign as she felt it was dangerous that there was no warning sign of a roundabout for traffic coming from Chelmsford. The clerk stated that this has been reported and was on the list to be completed soon.

A resident stated that, after hearing about problems with flooding at Wrens Cottage, she recalls there was a pond in the garden at some time and this may be where the issue is coming from.

A resident stated there is a pothole at the entrance to Holloway Crescent, the clerk will report this to Highways.

Clerk's report.

• A1060 speed limit – the clerk received an email from Highways via Cllr Barker between meetings requesting a decision that an observation from the speed survey makes Highways believe that the 40mph buffer would be a more appropriate measure for the location. The 30mph extension that had previously been agreed would relocate the terminal signs to just beyond Leaden Hill Cottages or the alternate would be for a 40mph buffer to commence at the point of the existing terminal signs and then extend out further to include Bridge

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RODINGS SCHOOL

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Rodings in Lockdown

At the time of writing this article I am in the process of planning for the reopening of Rodings following lockdown in March. It's a strange and surreal time and Rodings has changed in many ways. However, although schools were 'closed' at the end of March we have been supporting children and their families both in school and remotely.

We have been open for a very few children on a daily basis including the Easter break and the bank holidays. These pupils are the children of key workers such as NHS staff, supermarket workers, careers and teachers. We have also been looking after children that are classed as vulnerable. This means they either have Special Educational Needs (SEND) or have a social worker.

Being in school while your friends are at home could be discouraging so we have put together a series of activities to engage them, reassure them and to have some fun. The children have completed projects on VE Day including a socially distanced street party, pizza making, a pirate day and creating their own crazy golf courses, as well as keeping up with their spellings, reading and times tables.

The children have also been thinking about others at this time of crisis. From creating displays of thanks with rainbows and our 'Keep Smiling' sign on our school fence to writing messages to accompany scrub bags for local NHS staff to wash their uniforms in. At home, many children have been raising money for various charities too.

The majority of children have been at home isolating with their families. To support them with their education throughout lockdown we have created a set of home learning activities and themes. Organised by my brilliant Deputy, Darryl Crawley, each week a new set of plans are published on our website for parents to us and children to follow. You are more than welcome to look at the activities set. Just visit our website www.rodingsprimaryschool.co.uk and click the Home Learning tab. We have encouraged the children to send us photos of their work and we have been publishing them in our newsletter. What they have been up to is amazing and they have been very creative. Again, if you want to see what the children have been learning about at home go to our website and click on Parents' Information and follow the Newsletter tab. Once there, click on any newsletter dated since the end of March. It will bring a smile to your face seeing all the photos of their work and as well as their cheeky grins. It has definitely kept the staff going during the crisis too.

So what happens next? When we reopen, Rodings will look very different. Classes will be reduced to 12 children per class and they will be taught in 'families'. Sadly, each family will not be allowed to mix with any other family in school to avoid spreading the virus. There will be lots of activities that we will not be able to do such as sharing resources, working in groups, sending reading books home or playing team games in PE lessons. Things we do lots of with the children.

However, we will make the most of the situation and Rodings will still be a happy and friendly place to be. This is because of the fabulous staff! I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge "Thank you' to the whole school community. Rodings staff have been amazing and have gone above and beyond to make sure that the children are supported throughout lockdown. To the parents and children, for all your messages of support and your understanding at this difficult time. You have been amazing! I know it has been hard but you are doing a brilliant job.

The only things left to say is, I look forward to the day when all the children are back in school and we are able to join together as one big family once again.

Take care and stay safe!

Colin Raraty

Headteacher

It has been reported that the school was broken into a few weeks ago. This is not the case and according to Colin was a false alarm. Colin has asked for everyone to keep watch over the school in these difficult times. Editor

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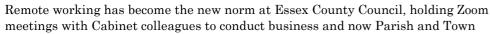


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Dear Residents

I do hope that you and your families are keeping safe at this time





meetings too. There have, of course, been changes. We have closed Libraries and Civic Amenity sites and our formal Country Parks. We are hoping very soon to reopen the Country Parks and The Civic Amenity sites but ensuring that social distancing is observed. These are outdoor spaces; but indoor spaces such as Libraries are likely to reopen rather later and likely to be for book borrowing only. Again social distancing will need to be in place as well as rules around book handling. We have a duty to protect the public and the staff. We have seen a 10,000 increase in the number of residents using our Libraries on line where we have vastly increased the number of e books and comics, as well as making Story and Rhyme times available.

The majority of ECC staff in my area of work are working from home and have adapted swiftly to the new norm. This includes customer services, financial services, the registration service, legal services and business support. The registration service has been under a lot of pressure although the government did move swiftly to allow the registration of deaths by phone rather than in person. One particular area where there are difficulties is weddings, where there are restrictions in place on the number of attendees allowed. Many couples who had planned to get married this summer have had to change those plans. To give you an idea there are around 600 weddings planned in August alone ...so a lot of reorganising.

We have furloughed a few staff such as those involved in Essex Outdoors and our Music Teachers but the majority of staff are working normally. (Councils can only furlough staff who earn their salary through fees) .Many who are unable to work (such as front line Library staff) have agreed to retrain to other positions and taken up work within the registrations service and the Essex Welfare Service, supporting those who are shielding and do not have support.

Many of you, I know will be helping neighbours and relatives who cannot go out and many thousands also signed up with Essex County Council to volunteer. Some days more than 1000 requests for help have been made and all of these picked up by a volunteer in under a minute. So much kindness. Thank you to each and every one of you.

Our road contractors initially ceased work but as of the start of May are back working and we are expecting an allocation from the Governments pothole fund to help clear some of the backlog. Across the area from Little Hallingbury to Dunmow there are road surface dressing schemes planned, including the total resurfacing of the High Street from the Braintree Road roundabout to the Queen Vic roundabout. The majority of the work will be done overnight and the latest date I have is early September. Follow the link for more details https://one.network/?tm=116724650

Other Highways schemes that will progress in the New Year include the long awaited build out at the bottom of Rosemary Lane in Dunmow, the extension to the 30 mph speed limits in Rands Road, High Roding and Stortford Road Leaden Roding. Works to improve signage in Sawbridgeworth Road Little Hallingbury and Ongar Road Great Dunmow where drivers frequently come off the road. The installation of railings outside High Stile School and the designing of a pavement widening scheme on the hill from Barnston to Dunmow.

My portfolio at Essex includes many back office functions such as IT, where the procurement of new systems, and supporting staff working remotely carries on. A new Library management system is being procured which will enhance the Library experience online and in branch.

As you will be aware many retail shops and pubs have been able to claim a grant from Government of £10,000 or £25,000 depending on their rateable value. This grant is also available to some Village Halls, sports clubs and similar who receive a rates bill (even if this is Zero). To apply go to

https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/covid19-business-grants-fund

For other help with funding ... I have a £2000 Uttlesford grant pot and a £10,000 ECC grant pot please do get in touch. So far I have allocated money to High Easter Parish Council towards a playground project, £500 towards beekeeping in Great Hallingbury and £400 for materials to Roding ladies who are making scrubs for Broomfield Hospital. Well done ladies!

Please do get in touch if I can help in any way

Susan Barker Cllr.susan.barker@essex.gov.uk 01245 231250

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Rodings Walking Group 2020

Phil Sutterby 01279 876274

www.rodingswg@gmail.com



All planned walks have been cancelled until restrictions are lifted.

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE GOING WALKING. PLEASE KEEP TO THE FOOTPATHS AND STAY CLEAR OF FARMLAND BEING USED FOR AGRICULTURE.

LOOK OUT FOR THE YELLOW ARROW SIGNS.



ALL CRICKET CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. NOT EVEN THE PRO'S CAN GET AROUND THIS ORDER. NOT AT LEAST UNTIL JULY.

AT CLOGHAMS, WE HAVE DECIDED UPON PLAYING VIRTUAL GAMES AGAINST THE OPPONANTS WE WERE DUE TO PLAY. WE HAVE NEVER HAD A BIGGER SQUAD, 49 IN ALL, WITH AGE RANGES OF 80+ TO 6, MALE AND FEMALE. MATCH FEES HAVE GONE DOWN FROM £15 A GAME TO £1 WITH A PRIZE FOR "MAN OF THE MATCH" AND THE "RUNNER UP" AND FINES FOR "DROPPED CATCHES" AND "DUCKS".

APPARANTLY ITS ALL DONE WITH TABLE TENNIS BALLS, ITS ALL VERY CONFUSING! LAST SATURDAY'S GAME ENDED WITH DROPPED CATCHES BY 12 PLAYERS, ONE OF OUR TEAM WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL WITH AN INJURY AND THERE WAS 12 "DUCKS". ANY SCHOOLBOY KNOWS THERE ARE ONLY 11 PLAYERS IN A SIDE AND ONE WILL REMAIN, NOT OUT, SO YOU COULD ONLY HAVE 10!

ANYWAY THE GOOD NEWS IS THE MIGHTY CLOGS ARE UNBEATEN THIS YEAR AND SIT ON TOP OF THE TABLE.

THE STRANGE THINGS PEOPLE DO TO KEEP INVOLVED WITH THEIR SPORT!

IN THE MEANTIME WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER AS WE ARE LOOKING TO ORGANISE OUR ANNUAL GOLF WEEKEND. (WE HOPE).



THIS YEAR IS THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CLUB.

CELEBRATIONS ARE BEING HELD OVER UNTIL SOME SORT OF NORMALITY PREVAILS.

Whilst loading my car recently a neighbour told me that there was a fish on the cricket green - a foot long koi carp!

Perhaps the explanation maybe: A heron has taken it from a pond and dropped it—any other ideas greatly appreciated.

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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.





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Essex Council are continually reviewing the usage of the

library bus, so USE IT OR LOOSE IT!

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



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MUTTS IN DISTRESS

Donations

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated food, bedding, carrier bags, foreign coins, used postage stamps and anything else, either previously or during lockdown. Even during these difficult times the support for Mutts from the residents of Leaden Roding and the surrounding villages has been incredible and I thank you all. I am continuing to collect items, however with regard to the bedding can I please ask that for the time being the items which can be used for making scrubs, masks and bags for the NHS workers ie, duvet covers, sheets and pillow cases are passed on to the lovely ladies who are working hard to make these items. I am continuing to take items like towels blankets and duvets/quilts.

Homechecks and Rehoming (Important Information)

Mutts in Distress are currently closed and unable to rehome any dogs due to the current situation. For those of you who have applied for a homecheck and not yet heard anything, the lady who co-ordinates the homechecks has asked that you please reapply once they re-open. For those of you who are not on the Mutts in Distress facebook page, I will put a post on the Leaden Roding Village Facebook page to let people know when this will be. She has received so many applications in the last few weeks that it has been impossible to keep up and by reapplying it will mean that she will know who is still interested in rehoming a dog. It may be that some people will just want to escape as soon as we all can! Please can I ask that you remain patient whilst they catch up with the application forms and allocate a home checker. All home checks are carried out by volunteers in their spare time. I am not a home checker myself as I already spend a lot of my spare time fundraising and helping over at the kennels on a voluntary basis however, if you have any queries concerning Mutts you are welcome to contact me on the number below and I will either answer your question or contact the relevant person on your behalf.

Rehoming Update

I am pleased to say that Lucy who was featured in the March edition of the Leaden Reading has now found her forever home and is doing incredibly well. Ruby who was also featured is currently in foster with one of the members of staff who looks after the boarding kennels and she is also doing fantastically well, however, she is still in need of her forever home so if you are interested in giving Ruby a home then again, you are welcome to give me a call. Please do take a look at the latest videos and photos of her on the Mutts in Distress facebook page.

Mutts in Distress During Lockdown

As previously said, Mutts are currently closed and unable to rehome at the present time however, you can still view the dogs who are available for rehoming either on their facebook page, their website or

their new instagram page. You will find that the dogs who come in tend to go on the Facebook page before they go on the website. The facebook page also includes videos so that you can get more of an idea of their personalities.

The dogs at Mutts obviously continue to be very well cared for during the lockdown period and so do the many other animals who also reside there. Many people don't know that Mutts have also rescued various other animals over the years, however, these animals are not up for rehoming and do actually live there. The photo below is of Pat the owner and Founder of Mutts with Kathy the sheep who is currently receiving veterinary treatment for a poorly leg.



Should you wish to donate anything to Mutts in Distress however small, please contact Keely or Ann Robinson on 01279 876308 or Keely on 07921 611347 E-Mail keelyrobinson@live.com

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Keely Robinson (Leaden Roding resident and volunteer for Mutts in Distress)