



# “RIDE LONDON” IT’S BACK FOR A SECOND YEAR

*We know that some of you objected last year to the closure of roads but the committee of the event has conducted a review and it would appear that the majority of residents in the areas which were affected were happy for their areas to be put into the limelight.*

*Full details of the route is still to be finalised but the event will take place 28th MAY 2023*

*See the Ride London website*



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**10.40—11.10**

21st Dec 2022  
11th Jan 2023  
1st Feb 2023  
22nd Feb 2023  
15th Mar 2023

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!



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# Leaden Reading



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**MERRYCHRISTMAS &  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**SEE PAGE 3 FOR ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS  
COMPETITION**

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

All organisations 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 Match 2023 by 5th February please.

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Phil Sutterby  
876274

Parish Council Clerk  
Terry Bell  
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Susan Barker

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

£10.00 for 12 mths -  
12 issues (6xChurch)

**The Who's Who of the Village**

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Rodings Primary School	Colin Raraty (Headmaster)		876288
Fire Liaison Officer	Mark Nevill		876384
Roothing Quilters	Joan Clarke	01245	231559
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	Ray Bell		876045
The Art Group	Dorothy Saville	01245	231701
Roding Brownies	Hilary Freeman		876638
	Terry Bell		876045
Rainbows	Steph Green	01245	231362
Rodings Horticultural Society	Derek Saville	01245	231701
Rodings Walking Group	Phil Sutterby		876274
Bowls Club	Paul Perkins		876388
Church Events	David Tregunno		876601
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Friendship Club	Jackie Eldridge		876350

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

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 : [leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk)


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See her website for surgery dates  
See page 28 for more details




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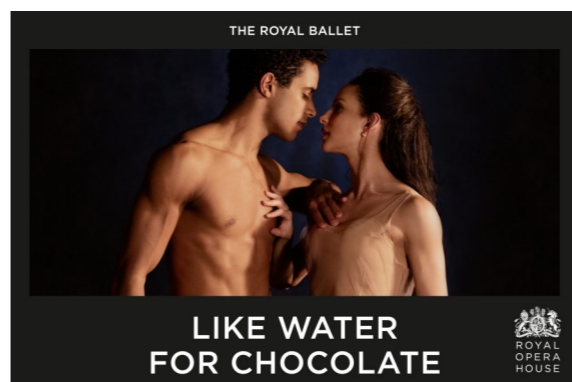
I hold regular advice surgeries offering help and support to local people.  
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Here's just two of the up & coming films. See website for full programme

**New Arts on Screen Programme on General Sale!**  
We're delighted to let you know that tickets for our new Arts on Screen programme are now on general sale! We have live and pre-recorded theatre, ballet and opera from **The Royal Ballet**, **The Royal Opera** and **National Theatre** Live through to April 2023 on sale.



THE ROYAL BALLET  
**LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE**  
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE



National Theatre Live  
**THE CRUCIBLE**  
by Arthur Miller  
National Theatre



THE ROYAL OPERA  
**THE BARBER OF SEVILLE**  
LIVE WEDNESDAY  
15 FEB 2023  
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE



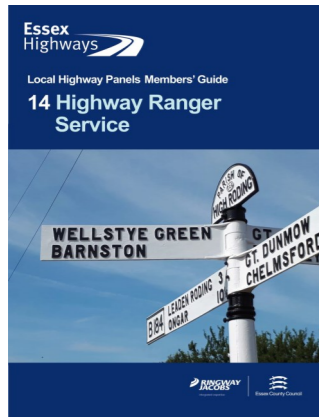
THE ROYAL BALLET  
**CINDERELLA**  
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

PLUS MANY MORE: CONTACT CINEMA OR GO TO WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS

### Essex Rangers

There are minor improvements that could be made to the highway across the County that are not necessarily highway defects and would not meet the maintenance criteria but that would make a huge difference to the appearance of the local area. These types of works are best carried out by the Highway Ranger Gangs, typically consisting of two people and a van. The Highway Rangers Service is dedicated to provide practical support to the LHPs. The Service is funded through the ECC Revenue Budget and is carried out either directly, via Essex Highways, or in Partnership with the Borough, City or District Council.

Sadly Leaden Roding Parish Council have been informed that the Uttlesford Rangers Team are regularly receiving criticism and on occasions abuse when they visit villages. For many years Uttlesford Rangers have provided a solid and professional service and we are lucky to have such a skilled and dedicated team representing the district so it is a shame when they are faced with such negativity when going about their jobs.

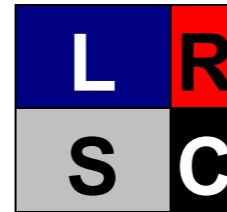


*The Parish Council would like to politely request that residents be courteous and respectful all contractors as they go about their jobs in our village.*



# LONG LIVE THE KING

## THE START OF A NEW DYNASTY




## What's on in the Village Hall



**Full fibre broadband has landed**

Our Community Hub is powered by Gigaclear Hyperfast 900Mbps full fibre broadband



### HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

We are again taking bookings for the use of the hall. After the Covid 19 pandemic Hand sanitisers have been installed to follow Government recommendations regarding Covid19 hygiene.

Speak to Keely Robinson 07921 611347 for current rates and availability.

See page 4

[You may be charged for any damage or for any additional cleaning or repairs](#)



### WHAT DOES YOUR HOME LOOK LIKE THIS CHRISTMAS?

### LIGHTS, ANIMALS, FATHER CHRISTMAS, HOME MADE DECORATIONS

ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR THE PARISH COUNCIL & THE VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB ARE SPONSURING THE BEST DRESSED HOME.

HOUSES WILL BE JUDGED ON 19TH DECEMBER WITH 2 FIRST PRIZES OF £25 AND FURTHER PRIZES FOR RUNNERS UP. THE WINNERS WILL BE INFORMED A FEW DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.



**OUR PRIZE**  
**IS**  
**STRUCTURE**  
**CHANGING**

**More chances to WIN**

- WIN cash prizes from £25 up to the £25,000 Jackpot
- The more numbers you match, the more you WIN!
- We still receive 50p from every ticket sold via our lottery page – a further 10p goes to other local causes
- Support us from just £1 a week and help make a real difference to our community

**60%**  
goes to good causes

**£25,000**  
Jackpot!

To start supporting visit:

[www.essexlottery.co.uk](http://www.essexlottery.co.uk)

and search for: **Leaden Roding**

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



# 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](http://www.essexlottery.co.uk)

**A BIG “THANK YOU” to those who already support the lottery.**

**ALL FOR £1 MIN.  
A WEEK.**

Contact the Leaden Reading by e-mail with any news, what's on, what's happened  
[leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk)  
Want a copy of a photo? Send your request to the above email



## Do you restrict your use of power because you are worried about the bills?

Getting into arrears with your energy supplier or being forced to cut back your spending on food or other essentials can be bad for your physical, financial and emotional wellbeing.

Warm Homes Essex is a new service set up by Citizens Advice to provide practical advice and support to people who are finding it hard to heat their homes.

Our experienced, professional advisers can help in a number of different ways:

Making sure you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to

Helping you with fuel debt if you have already fallen to arrears (in some cases we can apply to trusts and foundations to help pay these off – giving you a fresh start)

Energy saving around the home

Switching suppliers – working out which energy tariff is the best one for you

Helping you to join an oil club

Access to grants for energy saving improvements – we can help you find the best scheme and help you apply

Access to emergency fuel payments

**For more information speak to Kaleigh, our specialist energy adviser, on 01799 618858 or email [warm-homes@uttlesfordcab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:warm-homes@uttlesfordcab.cabnet.org.uk)**

## The rising cost of heating your home

Over a quarter of homes in Uttlesford use Oil or LPG to heat their homes. Due to the recent situation in the Ukraine, heating oil prices and supply have been severely disrupted; prices continue to be very high and volatile, ranging from 90ppl to 150ppl.

During these unprecedented times, you may wish to consider ordering smaller quantities or waiting to top-up if possible. If you do need to place an order, it's even more important than usual to shop around to ensure you are getting the best price. You can do this on one of many price comparison websites:

[www.oil-club.co.uk](http://www.oil-club.co.uk)

[www.boilerjuice.com/](http://www.boilerjuice.com/)

[www.fueltool.co.uk/](http://www.fueltool.co.uk/)

**Joining your local heating oil club** is another great way of finding savings. Speak to your Parish Council or neighbourhood group. Or visit the Uttlesford District Council website for more information:

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/5783/Set-up-or-join-an-oil-club>

**With the price of oil at an all-time high, the risk of theft rises.** Make sure your heating oil is covered under your household insurance so that if thieves do strike, you will be able to make a claim to replace not just the lost oil, but also cover the cost of any repairs to the damage thieves may have done. However, be aware that most insurance companies will expect you to install some preventative measures, such as tank alarms, security lighting and other deterrents to try to stop your heating oil from being stolen.

**LPG is an alternative to heating oil for those not on mains gas.** Whilst fuel prices are higher than oil, boiler and tank replacement costs are much lower. You can find more information here:

<https://www.theheatinghub.co.uk/oil-verses-lpg>

**If you are struggling to heat your home and pay for oil, LPG, mains gas or electricity,** the team of energy specialists at Uttlesford Citizens Advice are here to help. They can check your benefit entitlements and offer advice on energy efficiency measures and home improvement grants. They can also provide support to manage fuel related or any other debts and access emergency funds on your behalf, if needed.

**If you would like to help people get the advice and confidence they need to tackle their problems,** Uttlesford Citizens Advice would love to hear from you! The local charity is in urgent need of volunteers who would like to train as advisers and someone with a background in accountancy or finance to join the board of trustees as Treasurer.

Your Local Oil Syndicate is :

Contact Marcelle [rodingsoilsyndicate@outlook.com](mailto:rodingsoilsyndicate@outlook.com)



Rev. Robert Stone is the priest in charge of the Ten Parishes.

He can be contacted at the Vicarage Leaden Roding next to the church.



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Vicar's Letter – December 2023

Dear Friends,

When I first arrived here at the beginning of 2020 I was looking forward to a year of working out what the traditions of these villages were, and I was told of how well attended some services were, especially the Christmas Services. I was promised a packed Christingle Service, Lots of Carols by Candlelight, including some services with mince pies and mulled wine, and then there was the South Rodings Knitvity with its cast of colourful knitted figures to name just a few. Then Covid happened and it never quite worked out that way.

Hopefully, Christmas this year will be different. Not only will we be able to get back to attending our favourite services, we will not have Covid restrictions, and we will be facing the beginning of new traditions as we welcome a King's Speech. Some of us will be thinking about restricting our use of festive lights as we live with ultra-high electricity prices, and many who have been dealing with increased shopping bills may be cutting back on gifts and festive feasting.

For some, especially those families who came here as refugees from the war in Ukraine, this will be an especially poignant time. The absence of loved ones, unfamiliar festive food, and the missing traditions of home.

For those bereaved this year there will also be painful gaps in the traditions of the season.

That this season should be a time of difficulty and trial is hard, when the media tells us it's all joy and celebration, but the Christmas story is one of struggle and difficulty. A young couple having to travel far from home encountering foreign soldiers, a baby being born to a young woman in an animal pen because there was no room at the inn, and yet in these trials and struggles God identifies with us all. God seldom meets us in the comfort and successes of life but is often most keenly felt during the tough times. And in the hardest times he speaks peace and shines a light of hope.

God knows what we are experiencing and into it all he whispers his love.

I look forward to seeing as many of it you as possible and sharing the blessing of Christmas.  
Rev'd Robert Stone

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT LEADEN RODING CHURCH**

- 11TH DEC. Carol Service 4.00pm
- 17TH DEC, Carols around the Christmas Tree, with Hot Chocolate for everyone 3.00pm
- 18TH DEC, Common Worship/Holy Communion 11.00am
- 24TH DEC. Nativity Crib Service 3.30pm
- 1ST JAN, 10 Churches Service 11.00am

Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm - The South Rodings Parish Midnight Communion will be at Abbess Roding

# Leaden Roding Bowls Club

More details from Paul Perkins  
01279 876588



Fixtures are now being sought for future weeks/months.  
Do you want to play?  
The lockdowns have taken their toll on players. For various reasons they have not come back and at our last match away at Chignal last month we struggled with only 10 players.  
The night finished with a defeat, but at least we got supper of tea, cakes and biscuits.  
If you would like to play contact Paul on the above telephone number.



**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 KEELY ROBINSON TO BOOK—07921 611347**

## RODINGS BROWNIES

Meet Monday Nights from 6pm until 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Brownies is open to girls of 7 to 10 years.

Contact Hilary Freeman on 01279 876638 or Terry Bell 01279 876045



## RODINGS RAINBOWS

The Rainbows meet again in the Village Hall between 4.00 until 5.30pm on Monday evenings after school.

Rainbows in open to girls 5 to 7 years.

Contact Steph Green 01245 231362



### First Rodings Brownies



We are coming to the end of another busy term where the Brownies have earned a few badges for cooking apple crumble and discussed and played games on various subjects for their Mindfulness badge. The Brownies also enjoyed an evening of decorating cakes and playing games for Halloween and made poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day. Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed doing lots of different crafts to make Christmas cards and decorations which the Brownies will take home at the end of term. The last Brownie meeting of this term will be shared with Rodings Rainbows for our joint Christmas party which everybody is looking forward to, We have lots of food, games and, if the Brownies and Rainbows have been good this year (which we are sure they have!) they might be surprised by a visit from a very special visitor with a long white beard with gifts for all!

First Rodings Brownies would like to wish all residents of Leaden Roding and surrounding villages a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

If you have a daughter between the ages of 7 and 11 years who would like to join our Brownies pack please visit the Girl Guiding website and express an interest online or contact Hilary Freeman on 01279 231362

## COST OF LIVING CRISIS

What will happen if you can't pay your bills? Well the first thing you can't do is nothing! Energy companies, Banks, Credit Card companies, etc will be prepared to help, so it's imperative that you make contact with them.

If you don't know who you should talk to, speak to the Citizens Advice (see their page in this magazine.)

We are coming into the colder weather as winter has arrived, as a community keep in touch with your neighbours, check that they are okay.

Some people are saying that as the village has no gas we are saved from some of the problems, but did nearly all our power stations are now run on gas.

There is talk that electric prices will be frozen. Lets hope something like that happens.

Tax cuts could happen to give us all more cash in our pockets, unfortunately this will be needed to pay those bills.

If you need it, find help from the people you owe or the voluntary agencies. Don't do nothing.

Hopefully in a few months we might get back to some sort of normal.

**Uttlesford Citizens Advice** are here to help. We review all email messages on [help@uttlesfordca.org.uk](mailto:help@uttlesfordca.org.uk) every working day and can also receive voicemail messages from 01799 618840. We have a team of staff and volunteers that will contact you via email or phone - please be aware however that the number we call on may be blocked and we will only call you if you have specifically asked for help from us.



This message may contain confidential information and must not be copied, disclosed or used by anybody other than the intended recipient. If you have received this message in error, please notify us by email [help@uttlesfordca.org.uk](mailto:help@uttlesfordca.org.uk) and then delete the email and any copies of it. Thank you for your assistance.

We are registered with the Information Commissioner's Office under reference Z2570454 and will process your personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and data Protection Act 2018.



## HOW WE CAN HELP.

WE CAN REFER YOU TO THE FOLLOW ORGANISATIONS AND MORE



**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**

AND LOTS MORE ORGANISATIONS Tel: 0300 500 1895 E-M



**Uttlesford  
District Council**

## UPDATE ON OUR SERVICES

**Community Response** If you're someone who needs some extra support or you're looking to help the community, please get in touch. The number **03333 408 218** is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Email: [communityresponse@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:communityresponse@uttlesford.gov.uk).

### Green Homes Grants

Grants are available to homeowners to improve your homes energy efficiency. Look at the Energy Saving Trust website.



St Clare are bringing their experience in palliative care to the streets and are opening up a drop-in centre in the Salvation Army rooms in Abbey Lane , Saffron Walden 10am—3pm every third Thursday of the month.

### UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

#### .Free appointments with a planning professional

Residents and small businesses can now book 15-minute appointments through the Uttlesford District Council website to speak to a planning officer about any smaller-scale development projects to their home or business.

Appointments will be available on a Monday and Thursday, between 2pm and 4pm.

This service – which will run initially as six-week pilot project – is part of the council's commitment to improving the planning service for individual residents and other small business users.

Book appointment on-line at :> [UDC Booking System \(bookinglive.com\)](http://UDCBookingSystem(bookinglive.com))



## Household support funding

The cost-of-living crisis is impacting on all residents.

We have a household support scheme which will provide a rebate to households that were in receipt of Local Council Tax Support. These households have been identified as most vulnerable and in need of additional support with the cost of food and utilities.

► [Find out more about the Uttlesford household support scheme](#)

Essex County Council has this week announced a [£50 million package to support residents to help with the cost of living](#).

The government also has a number of schemes to support people, particularly with [energy bills](#). Find out more about the help available on the [GOV.UK website](#)

## Energy rebate exceptional hardship scheme

The Council Tax Energy Rebate is being delivered by the council to help households with rising energy costs.

Those who qualified under the main scheme will have already received their £150 payment or been contacted on how to claim it.

If you did not qualify for either scheme but are struggling to pay your energy bill, you may wish to apply for help through our Energy Rebate Exceptional Hardship Scheme.

The scheme will close on 31 October.

► [Get full details and the online application form](#)



**Please do not apply if you have already received a council tax energy re-**

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## Are you missing out?

If you're facing higher living costs, but have little or no extra money coming in, there may be extra sources of income and support available. For example, if you re:

- out of work
- self-employed
- in work on a low income      having a baby
- bringing up children      disabled or with a long-term health condition

9.4 The clerk stated that, due to problems with signatories on the bank account which, until resolved, means a new cheque book cannot be issued, she is using as few cheques as possible resulting in some payments still outstanding. Once a new cheque book is issued, payments will be cleared quickly.

### 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.1 The following decision to determine the Certificate for Lawfulness for Proposed Works was made by Uttlesford:

14 Lordswood View – loft conversion with rear facing dormer and front roof windows - [Approve Certificate of Lawfulness](#).

### 11. FOOTPATHS

11.1 Cllr Sutterby reported:

The following issues are still outstanding.

Footpath 5 – bridge over river Roding in need of repair – this bridge is now accessible but the full repair has not yet been completed.

### 12. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

12.1 After discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr McIntock and carried unanimously that future Parish Council meetings would commence at 7.30pm.

### 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 It has come to light that the Parish Council bank account signatories and authorisations have not been updated since that last amendment was submitted, this problem was noticed when she was applying for a new cheque book. She has emailed the bank requesting them to look into this and is awaiting a reply.

13.2 The clerk read a letter of condolence sent to His Majesty King Charles II from the Parish Council following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

13.3 The clerk reported that, following the death of the Queen she attended several online meetings regarding protocol to be followed after the death of the monarch most of which did not affect our Parish Council or meetings scheduled. She also ensured the St George flag at the village hall was raised and lowered according to protocol after the Queen's death and during the period of mourning.

13.4 The clerk reported that there is to be a drop-in session to be held at the village hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 held by the Ride London team to discuss any concerns raised regarding Ride London 2023 which will again be going through the village. It is thought that access in and out of the village will be less restrictive as last year but there are still lots of organising to be completed, the drop-in session will be Phase one of the consultation with the public.

13.5 The clerk reported that she has received an email from a resident which was copied to Cllr Barker, Cllr Scott MP Kemi Badenoch, Essex Highways and Essex Police stating her concern regarding dangerous driving on Dunmow Road at School drop off and pick up times when school traffic is queuing to enter the school grounds. Cllr Barker has replied to the resident stating that all parties are aware of the problem and it will be discussed at the next Highways Panel meeting.

13.6 The clerk also received an email from Mr Rarety, the school headmaster requesting permission for parents to park in the village hall car park at drop off and pick up times. The clerk has passed this to the Village Hall Committee for their consideration.

### 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2022.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.





## Help paying for your childcare

Getting financial help with your childcare costs is easier than you might think. Childcare Choices brings together all government childcare offers in one place, including two new schemes for working parents – tax-free childcare and 30 hours free childcare.

Use the Childcare Calculator on the website to see what offers are available to support you and your family.

► [Find out more about the offers and how they can help you](#)

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## Get boosted

Vaccinations are our best defence against COVID-19 and flu. By getting vaccinated you will protect yourself and others from serious illness caused by these viruses.

The best time to get vaccinated is in the autumn, before the cold temperatures start. Washing your hands, keeping rooms ventilated, and self-isolating if you become ill are also important steps that we can all take.

This year, the offer of the free flu vaccine has been widened to include more groups. The most vulnerable people will be offered protection first.

The flu spreads from person to person – even amongst those not showing symptoms. The vaccine is the best protection for you and those around you.

## Consultation on draft Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2028

We are asking people to comment on plans to reduce health inequalities and improve the health of people who live and work in the district.

We have put together a draft five-year strategy which sets out our health and wellbeing priorities to tackle inequalities in health outcomes between groups of people and communities.

## Have you responded to the Survey?

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to either a letter or email on the Annual Canvass. From next week, our canvassers will be visiting around 2,000 households across the district who have not responded to the canvass. All of our staff will be wearing ID badges, but if you have any concerns on whether someone is from the council you can call us on 01799 510510 to verify their identity.

If you already have your unique reference number, you can respond [online](#).

► [Get more information on the annual canvass](#)

- 8.3 Blocked drains outside 10 Holloway Crescent have been reported – Cllr McIntock Reported that he has not witnessed flooding in this area recently but will continue to monitor.
- 8.4 At the last meeting the clerk asked Cllr Barker if she has an update from Cllr Scott regarding looking into why the installations of a VAS sign on the approach to the school which was shelved after being approved by Highways and included in the Local Area Panel projects budget about two years ago and was then removed stating that there was nowhere to place the VAS sign safely as the footpath on Dunmow Road is too narrow. Recently the Parish Council has been advised by the same Highways Officer that a VAS sign can be installed at the same site at the expense of the Parish Council. Cllr Barker has not yet received any information but will ask again – no update from Cllr Barker at this time.
- 8.5 Field opposite the school - a resident clearly remembers a footpath to the right of the field in the past – at a previous Parish Council meeting it was reported that Cllr Wareham found that public footpaths cannot be changed unless it has been agreed by the County Council or Central Government. At a previous meeting Cllr Barker reported that she had referred this to Public Rights of Ways for advice and was told there was never a footpath at the location. As the resident was adamant a footpath was there years before, Cllr Barker asked the resident to provide evidence that this was an official footpath and she will then seek advice, this evidence has not yet been provided – see above District Councillors report.
- 8.6 The damaged village sign outside Bridge Cottages, Stortford Road previously reported to Highways – not yet fixed.
- 8.7 The damaged sign outside the fire station which has previously reported to Highways has been examined three times by Highways representative but not yet been fixed – not yet repaired, Parish Councillors expressed concerns that the small part of the post still in the ground is a health and safety risk – the clerk has not been updated at this time.
- 8.8 The clerk has received an email regarding the damaged road sign opposite the village hall to reported to Highways (ref 2794153). Highways state they have investigated and risk-assessed the issued and have concluded that it is not as serious as many other issues reported and will not be taking any further action on it.
- 8.9 Overgrown trees on Dunmow Road on the approach to the school have not yet been cut.

### 9. FINANCE

- 9.1 Cllr Whitehead proposed that the following cheques be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Sutterby and carried unanimously.  
 £17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall  
 £320.00 to R.C. Bell – printing of Leaden Reading (September 2022)
- 9.2 Cheques for £442.77 have been received from both the Village Hall Committee and Social Club Committee for expenses incurred for the Platinum Jubilee event, the cheques have not been time banked at this time.
- 9.3 Bank reconciliation:

Balance brought forward 06.09.2022	Curr.	12,341.05	
	Dep.	345.01	12,686.06
<u>Add:</u>	Total Receipts		3,250.00
<u>Less:</u>	Total Pay-		0.00
Balance carried forward 18.10.2022			<u>15,936.06</u>

These cumulative funds are represented by:

Current Account balance	£15,591.05
Deposit Account balance:	<u>£345.01</u>
	£15,936.06
Less outstanding cheque	£1,588.53
Plus credits to account	<u>£885.54</u>
	<b>£15,233.07</b>

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](http://www.recyclefor Essex.com)

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**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 year.

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

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**Volunteers Required**

If you would like to contribute to the Leaden Reading with either a regular article or just a one-off we would love to print your article in a future edition of the Leaden Reading.

Any subject could be covered, perhaps a well loved recipe which you would like others to cook and enjoy, travel experiences, perhaps you have lived in the village a long time and would like to share your experience of life in the village years ago. Readers sorely miss Ken Pavitt's fabulous regular trip around the countryside since he sadly passed away—we would be very grateful if somebody would like to take over this regular article.

Please email [leadenreading@yaoo.co.uk](mailto:leadenreading@yaoo.co.uk) with your article of for any further information

**YOUR PARISH COUNCIL & COUNCILLORS**

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**LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 18th October 2022 at Leaden Roding village hall.

**Present:** Cllr Phil Sutterby (Chair), Cllr Mike Whitehead (Vice Chair), Cllr Jim McIntock.

**Members of the public: 2**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Cllr Ann Bush, District Cllr Mrs Susan Barker
2. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION  
Between meetings the clerk received an email from Cllr Wareham submitting his resignation. The Chairman proposed at vote of thanks to Cllr Wareham for his work and commitment to the Parish Council during his time as Parish Councillor.
3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING  
None
4. MINUTES  
The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were proposed by Cllr McIntock as a true record, seconded by Cllr Whitehead and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by Cllr Sutterby.
5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT  
Although absent Cllr Barker reported to the Chairman that various maps had been studied since that last meeting to ascertain whether a footpath opposite the school was ever recorded and at this time has not been able to find any record.
6. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS
  - 6.1 The Chairman reported that between meetings the litter pick which he organised proved successful with 11 bags of litter collected from around the village.
7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS
  - 7.1A A resident stated it has now been approximately 5 years since Chalks Green was fenced to deter Travellers and since then it has become an eyesore with weeds growing high. He was concerned that it has become dangerous for people, especially children, to walk along Lees Chase as the weeds were higher than pedestrians and walkers could not be seen by cars driving along Lees Chase. He asked Parish Councillors if they had any objection to him approaching the owner as a neighbour to request that he cut the weeds back for safety reasons at no cost to the owner. Parish Councillors present had no objections to the resident doing this and it was felt that this helpful approach might be a good idea; it was thought that, if given permission, other neighbours might join him to make the green tider, more accessible to the public and safer for people walking along Lees Chase. Cllr Whitehead stated he would assist the resident with the cutting if allowed by the owner.
  - 7.2 A resident expressed concern that an events company has advertised an upcoming Halloween event as Warwicks, White Roding. She stated that an event held in Fyfield by the same events company had left lots of litter for residents to clear. The Chairman stated that as Warwicks falls under the Parish Council for White Roding we have not been consulted regarding this event.
8. CLERKS REPORT
  - 8.1 Damaged soakaway at the corner of Dunmow Road and Holloway Crescent – not yet fixed, the clerk has reported again (see above).
  - 8.2 Damage to footpath at entrance to Holloway Crescent by Finale driveway – Cllr McIntock reported that he has not witnessed flooding in this area recently but will continue to monitor.



Phil Sutterby  
Tel.876274  
Chairman



Jim McIntock-  
Tel.876011



Mike Whitehead  
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Ann Bush  
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DigiGo connects rural communities in north Chelmsford, including Felsted, Little Dunmow, Barnston, **Leaden Roding**, Good Easter, Pleshey, Great Waltham, Little Waltham and Great Leighs to popular locations such as Chelmer Valley Park and Ride, Broomfield Hospital, and Writtle University College.

Meanwhile, the service in south Braintree connects villages, including Great Notley, Black Notley and Rayne, to Braintree Bus Interchange, Braintree Railway Station, Braintree Community Hospital, Springwood Industrial Estate, Great Notley Country Park and many other locations.

The new service operates seven days a week, from 7am to 10pm and caters for everyone; students, families, the elderly, and people travelling to work, with accessible minibuses available for people with disabilities, providing a flexible and environmentally friendly service for people who do not live close to public transport routes.

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**Operating times**  
 DigiGo operates 7 days a week, from 7am until 10pm everyday - we've got you covered for evenings and weekends!

Excluding Bank Holidays

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Concession's travel for free after 9am on weekdays and at all times at weekends. Before 9am on weekdays the standard fares apply. A young person on DigiGo services is classified as under 18 years of age.

**Since the implementation of the bus service there have been some adjustments to routes—See next page .**

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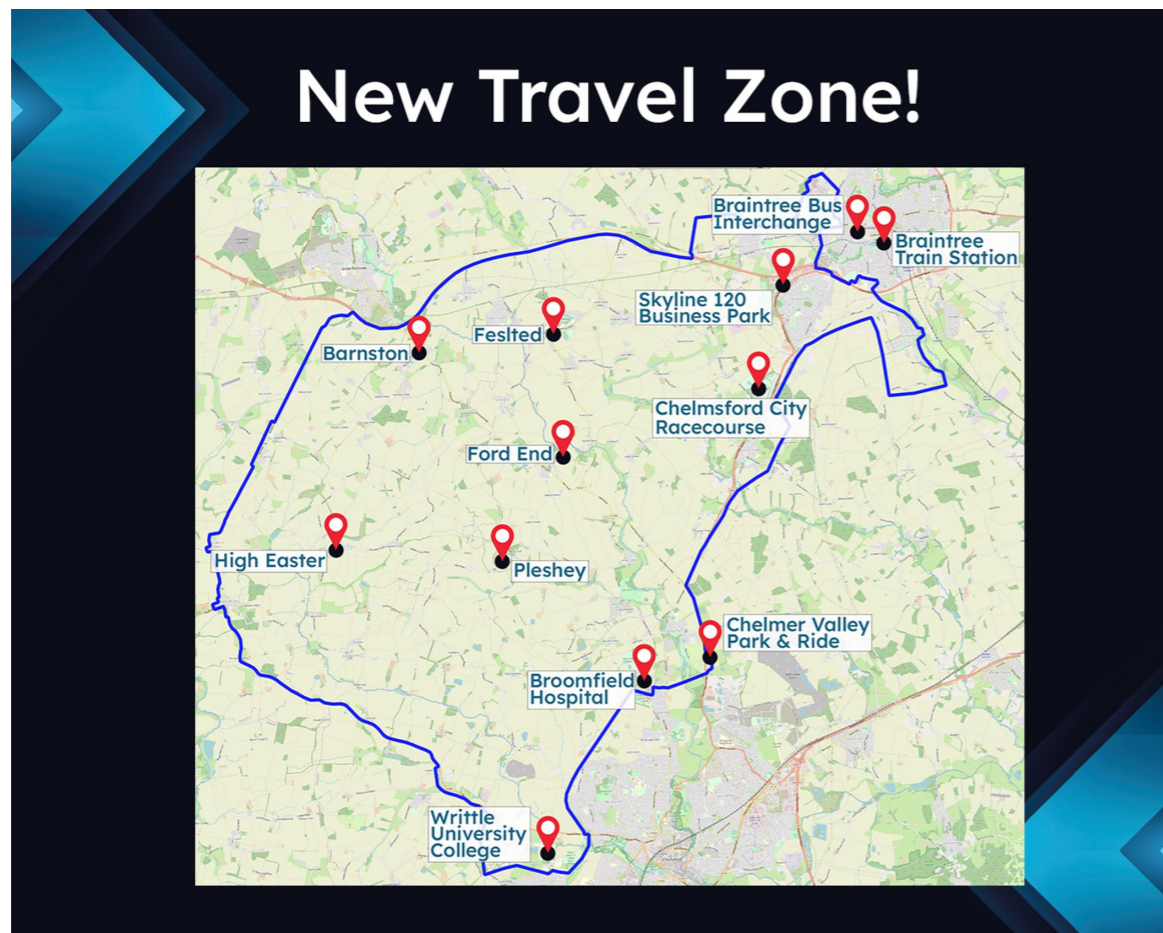
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2. Braintree Town Centre – Train Station and Bus Interchange
3. Chelmsford City Racecourse
4. Great Notley Country Park
5. Chelmer Valley Park & Ride
6. Many local village pubs, restaurants and cafes  
Various places of worship and community clubs!

This improvement comes after listening to passenger feedback and wanting to improve the network of potential journeys passengers can take.

Please feel free to forward this information onto any local community clubs or transport representatives.

The best way to book DigiGo is via the TravelEssex app but selecting where you want to go. You can book on-demand (approximately 15-20 minutes time) or up to 7 days in advance!

To stay updated you can 'like' @DigiGoUK on Facebook, or visit [www.digigo.uk](http://www.digigo.uk) for more information



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- Calling **101**
- To remain anonymous call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**

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## DIGITAL 101

You can report non-emergency crime by calling Digital 101, a quick and easy to use on-line service that's available at any time.

Also available on the Essex Police website:

[Essex.police.uk](http://Essex.police.uk)

**Crimestoppers**—make an anonymous report to the police

Neighbourhood Watch—  
[www.essexnwa.co.uk](http://www.essexnwa.co.uk)

Uttlesford DC –Community Safety Partnership [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/csp](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/csp)  
01799 510555

Uttlesford DC –Environmental Health  
01799 510510  
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In the summer members of the Community Police visited the village handing out update leaflets on the work they do.

**Uttlesford Updates**

PC Sampson and PCSO Morris have been out in the parishes of Littlebury Green and Great Chesterford carrying out speed checks. The highest speed reported was 48mph in a 30mph.

PCSO Morris and PCSO O'Donnell Smith attended the Repair Cafe event in Radwinter. They spent the day marking property and speaking to residents.

Local PCSO Natalie Smith visited Great Dunmow primary school to speak about her role and answer any questions the children may have. She then spent the afternoon on foot patrol in the High Street and Doctors Pond areas of Great Dunmow.

The Saffron Walden Town Team and Essex Police Fraud Prevention Team visited the WI in Saffron Walden to carry out a fraud and personal safety talk. The talk covered a range of topics including: credit card scams, rogue traders, burglary advice and vehicle safety.

The Community Policing Team attended the Walden Walk event being held in Saffron Walden by the Rotary Club to raise money for local charities.

The Uttlesford Community Safety Partnership have worked alongside Great Dunmow Town Council to fit a permanent knife amnesty bin within the town, this is the first of its kind in the Uttlesford district. The bin is situated in White Street, Great Dunmow.

Follow us on our Uttlesford Facebook page for more local updates.

**IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999**

### Tootsie (“Toots”)

Toots has been with us for five years now and is approximately 10 years old. He hasn't done anything to deserve this, his only concern is his nerves. He is shy and he would need a few visits but once he knows and trusts you he is a sweet boy. He is medium sized and he needs a quiet, calm and patient home with an enclosed garden where he can just wander around. He can possibly live with another calm dog but cannot live with children. He is another favourite of the volunteers and we would love to see him find a home of his own.



If you are interested in adopting Bertie or Tootsie or in fact any other dog we have at Mutts in Distress, then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07921 611347 or e-mail me at keelyrobinson@live.com

Finally on behalf of everyone at Mutts in Distress I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have supported us during the year. We really do appreciate it, thank you.

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

**Mutts in Distress Website : mutts-in-distress.org.uk**

**Mutts in Distress Facebook pages: Mutts in Distress!!!!!!**

**Mutts in Distress Sales Group**

## WINTER ARRIVES

OUR FIRST PROPER SNOW FOR A FEW YEARS AND WITH DROPPING TEMPRATURES IT'S COLDDdddddd.

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## How to get help from Uttlesford Citizens Advice

The last 18 months have been hard on many of us. It is estimated that more than 3,000 households in Uttlesford are already struggling to pay their bills or cutting back on food or their use of gas or electricity to pay for other household essentials.

If you are worried, you are not alone. Please get in touch with our team of trained advisers for help to access:

- Universal Credit & Disability Benefits
- Benefits for working families
- Support for carers
- Help from your local council, such as council tax support
- Help to save money on your energy bills & grants to improve energy efficiency
- Budgeting & debt support
- Employment advice & access to support for job seekers
- Support with housing and homelessness issues
- Emergency funds for prescriptions and other household essentials
- Local foodbanks and children's clothes banks
- School holiday support

Remember, you don't need to be on benefits to ask for our help. **Our advice is available to everyone and is always free, confidential and impartial.** We will work with you to overcome barriers and solve problems that may be preventing you from sleeping well at night.

For online advice go to [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)  
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Email [help@uttlesfordca.org.uk](mailto:help@uttlesfordca.org.uk)  
Or visit our new one-touch video access point in Great Dunmow library!

**If you are passionate about social justice and have some time to spare, why not join our team of volunteers?**

**SOCIAL MEDIA SITES WHICH YOU MIGHT FIND USEFULL FOR THE VILLAGE**

**E-voice.org.uk/leadenroding/ : Leaden Roding Parish Council website**

**Facebook: Leaden Roding Village Hall and Local News**

**Facebook: Friends of Roding Primary School**

**Facebook: Leaden Roding Village**

**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)*

**Please be aware that there are several other sites which use the Leaden Roding name which have adverts from organisations outside of the village, advertising events etc outside of the village**



# RODINGS SCHOOL

## New Website!

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## Mutts in Distress, (Little Hallingbury) News

### 2022 Update

Mutts in Distress have managed to rehome over 30 dogs this year, however, like all rescues we have seen an increase in the number of dogs coming in during the last few weeks. Fortunately some of those have already been rehomed.

We are absolutely delighted that Sky who has been with us for five years now and who was featured in our December 2018 edition will be going to his new home in the new year. Sky has become a real favourite with volunteers and we wish him lots of happiness in his new home.

Peter who I featured in the June edition and Dorothy (Dotty) who I featured in the September edition are happy in their new homes. Unfortunately Merlin who was in the March edition, Ghost who was in the June edition and Darwin who was in the September edition are still looking for their forever homes.

I continue to take Merlin in to a training class every week and for the last few weeks I have also been taking Ghost in to a training class. Merlin is a very good boy in class and he loves doing them so much. Darwin has also attended some classes with another one of the volunteers. Both Ghost and Darwin are also doing very well. All dogs need some training and Pat Clark the owner and founder of Mutts in Distress holds her own dog training classes at the kennels for puppies and beginners, to intermediate and advanced. The classes are very relaxed and are lots of fun for both the dogs and the owners! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are interested in these classes and I will pass on the relevant details.

### Fundraising - do your Christmas shopping online with us and save yourselves a fortune!

I continue to help fundraise for Mutts in Distress. For those of you who don't know we have a "Mutts in Distress Sales Group" on facebook where myself and two others sell various items. Most of these items are new and we sell them at bargain prices. Because these items are very kindly donated to us and we do it on a voluntary basis in our spare time it means that 100% of the money does go towards helping the existing dogs and to help save more dogs as well.

The items we sell include toiletries, gift sets, household items, jewellery, toys, games, jigsaws, craft items and much much more, in fact just about everything because we never know what is coming in! We also have special themed sales.

### Dogs for Rehoming

#### Bertie

Bertie is one of our more recent additions. He is only young and is a small lurcher (probably a whippet cross). He is very friendly and sweet natured and he gets on well with other dogs. He could possibly be rehomed with a family with children. He really is a joy to be around.

