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Toppesfield Village Hall Booking Secretary - Daphne Jude	01440 788270
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Toppesfield Community Shop
Church Lane, Toppesfield
01787 236003

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Milk,
Newspapers, Confectionery, Pet Food,
Dairy Products, Meat & Poultry, Kindling
and Coal, Cards, Stationery and more!

Monday - Friday
8.30 am – 3.30 pm.

Saturday 10.00 am – 12.30 pm.

Toppesfield Post Office
Church Lane, Toppesfield
Wednesday 10.00 am - 1pm

Services include: Special Delivery, Mobile
Top Up, Insurance Services, Household
Payments, Travel Money, Moneygrams,
Savings Accounts plus more!

Toppesfield Parish Council

Councillors - Alan Collard, Amanda Smith, Andrea Chinery, Boyd Page and
Chris Neale.

Parish Clerk - Kaaren Berry

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of every month in the Village Hall. During lockdown the parish council are meeting virtually. You are welcome to attend the Open Session that starts at 7.30pm. Please email the clerk for login details.

A Parish Councillor will also be available to listen to your views and answer your queries at the Village Markets when they restart.

Toppesfield & Gainsford End Parish Newsletter

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Please see our online resources to find out what is happening

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Toppesfield & Gainsford End Community
Toppesfield Village Hall
Toppesfield Village Stores
The Green Man, Toppesfield
Pumphouse Community Brewery

Twitter & Instagram - Toppesfield & Gainsford End Community :
Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/toppesfield-parish-council/>



From the Parish Council



We're probably all getting a sense of *déjà vu* right now, although in the end the reimposition of a strict lockdown (or 'circuit breaker' seems to be the description currently in favour) was probably not a great surprise for many people.

Having started to ease ourselves back into a more open and usual lifestyle after the summer restrictions, it is disappointing to find ourselves back in a similar situation again. We all learned a great deal from the earlier lockdown and the parish really came together to provide mutual support. Again, we ask you to look out for your friends and neighbours and if you become aware of anyone that may need some help or if you have problems caused by the restrictions, please call our dedicated phone line, which is **07341 264220**.

Please make a note of the number and don't hesitate to use it.

Also on the positive side, we are fortunate in having a range of amenities that is unusual for a village of our size.

Our community shop provided an amazing service last time and it plans to continue with business as usual after this Thursday. Full details are in the article from the chair of the Shop committee, Ann Read, later in the Newsletter. The shop is an amazing resource for the village and one of which we should be very proud. Please use it whenever possible and if you have a few hours to spare please think about volunteering your services.

David and Paul at the Green Man are offering a range of takeaway options; do give them a call and let them know what you would like. With the darker evenings, a takeaway or home delivery might be just the right thing.

And at the Pumphouse Brewery you can buy draught beers to take away and a range of bottled beers. They will also be offering a selection of Christmas gifts which will be advertised soon.

Approaching Christmas, it is clear that we will not be able to hold the range of events that have marked previous years, such as the (in)famous Church Supper Auction, the Christmas tree lighting-up, the Remembrance Service etc.

However, Little Chestnuts Pre-school have enlisted the help of a team of elves who are going to create a Christmas lights advent trail through the village. You can read about it in the Newsletter; why not offer to decorate your house and garden and be part of this creative way of celebrating the advent period as a community.... but safely distanced!

Finally, we are aware that there has been a number of families moving into the village over the past 9 months who may well not have been able to get to know many people because of the covid-19 restrictions. All the normal places and events where you can get to know people have, well, not been normal. The Parish Council would like therefore to welcome everyone who has arrived in the village during 2020 and we hope we can get to know you all as soon as possible.

This is the last Newsletter of 2020; the next one will be produced and delivered in January 2021. In the meantime, the Parish Council wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year

St Margaret's Church

We're moving quickly through the church's year and things are still no nearer to returning to normal. Indeed as I write we are returning to an almost full lockdown until December. In the last two months we've been able to return to regular services every Sunday and once again we've celebrated weddings in St Margaret's. Congratulations to Hannah and Roy on their wedding in October and to James and Emily who, after hasty rearrangements were married on Nov 3rd.

We were also able to celebrate Harvest. Thanks to everyone who donated to our Harvest request for goods for the Halstead Food Bank, either in the shop or at the Harvest Festival service, and many thanks to Lynn who filled her car to take them all to Halstead. While times are tough we think it's a good idea to carry on collecting, so you'll find a box for donations in the village shop. Thanks also to those who decorated the church for the Service. Here's a picture of our Harvest loaf which Zoe made a year or so ago.



This Autumn we also celebrated Sally's ordination to the priesthood. Because of Covid very few people could go to the service in Chelmsford Cathedral but here's a happy photo of Sally and Frazer just afterwards. As many of you will know Frazer has been suffering from the virus. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, Sally and the family for a speedy recovery.



Christmas

For the rest of the year things remain uncertain. There will be no further services in church during November and we won't be able to hold our famous Supper Auction.

We still probably won't be able to sing carols at Christmas. But, if we're allowed, instead of the usual Carol Service we'll have a service telling the story of Christmas, with readings, poems and some music at 6pm on Sunday Dec 20th and then our usual Family Service to share our Christmas presents at 11.00am on Christmas morning. We can hum loudly even if we can't sing!



Toppesfield Parish Paths

Hi Everyone

Can't quite believe how quickly this issue has come around. With the latest Covid restrictions being imposed the great outdoors is becoming even more important for our health, well-being and just plain enjoyable.

In the last issue I spoke of Autumn coming and certainly the leaves are beginning to change colour and with gusty weather becoming a carpet. With all the damp weather lots of fungi are popping up. I find fungi a fascinating group of organisms as well as beautiful. They are in such a range of shapes and colours and also do a vital job in helping to rot down both dead and living material to be recycled into compost. Some of course are delicious to eat but please don't try unless you are absolutely sure of what you are eating as some of them are poisonous!

When I was doing field work with school children I would suggest to them that they were detectives and had to look for clues and signs of organisms that they could not see but had left a clue that they had been there. Of course poo and dropping were very popular but there are so many other amazing things. While walking across the footpath from Berwick Hall Wood to Elms lane I spotted the deer tracks in the mud, often called slots. Also in the hedge rows you may have spotted red balls of mossy fluff growing on the wild dog rose bushes. These are commonly called Robins' pin cushions and are an example of a plant gall. Galls are formed by an insect or mite laying its' eggs in the bud of the plant in Spring. This then disrupts the normal growth of the plant. The gall will have cavities inside in which the larvae will develop and the adults will emerge in the following Spring. Oak has several different types of gall growing on it. Oak apples, Spangle galls, marble galls and crown galls to name but a few. Some gall organisms have two generations involving root galls as well. Amazing! Also in the hedgerow the hazel catkins are beginning to form ready for next year so there is not a beginning and an end. It is just a cycle.

So keep an eye out when you are walking. Become a nature detective. There are amazing things going on in the hedgerows and fields around you.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy our beautiful parish.

Ann Read



Deer slots



Robins pin cushion gall on wild dog rose.



Hazel catkins coming. Also something has been eating this!



2020 has been a momentous year for our Community Shop. We have proven that we can support a huge increase in demand both in terms of volume and breadth of products plus offering deliveries where needed. But the experience during lockdown earlier this year also showed up some limitations with our current set up.

The main issue was lack of suitable storage space. Keeping additional stock on a high shelf, plus stock in the former Post Office Unit plus additional stock in the barn belonging to TCP did complicate matters. In addition, when you visualise a volunteer working alone using ladders whilst carrying stock you can see that there are some safety issues.

The world also moved on in terms of what people wanted from the shop – additional fresh meat and vegetables, a larger range of tinned and “cupboard” goods plus newspapers and more frozen foods.

So, we have taken note of this and are looking at options to expand the shop (you will recall we contacted shareholders about this earlier in the year).

Our current thinking is that the Community Shop should include:

- A wider range of fresh, tinned, dried and frozen foods

- A wider range of household goods including “eco” products

- A refill station for basics such as washing and washing up liquids

- Frozen goods where you buy the amount you want rather than what’s in a packet

- The opportunity to recycle materials not currently accepted through our BDC scheme such as crisp packets

- The opportunity for local people to sell their home-made items (e.g. crafts)

- A storage room with suitable shelving so that volunteers do not have to use ladders whilst carrying stock

We would very much appreciate input from the Community on what else they would like to see offered through the Community Shop, so please send your comments to me at skomerann@tiscali.co.uk

The next couple of years will be exciting for many and varied reasons. Let’s make it an exciting one for the development of our Community Shop which has been serving the village for almost 20 years!!



I am sure, like most of you, the move from 5th November to the new lockdown will be causing concern and disappointment. The shop has continued to provide a fantastic service to the community and possibly, with the new restrictions, it will be even more important.

Since the last issue we have extended the shop hours so that the shop is open from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm every week day. Saturday hours remain at 10.00 am – 12.30 pm.

We have now appointed a shop manager and Clare Lewin is doing a fantastic job in keeping the shelves stocked, introducing new lines and the shop manned.

Do remember that you can order newspapers and magazines, all meats and sausages, Tensheds bread and Zoe's pies and quiches. Please leave orders at the shop or email Ann Read on email:skomerann@tiscali.co.uk

In addition to our range of fresh fruit and vegetables we have increased our range of frozen foods so that all your needs can be catered for without going out of the village. Also, we do still offer a delivery service to save you having to come out.

Times are hard and getting harder for many people. For the Harvest Festival at the church we did have a box for people to donate items of food in to be delivered to Halstead Food Bank. Thank you to all the people who did donate. It was suggested by one of our volunteers that the shop continues this so we have a box in the shop for donations of food to go to Halstead Food Bank. Just popping that extra tin or packet in when you are doing your shopping would be wonderful and I thank you in advance.

The shop AGM was finally held on September 29th via zoom. Twelve shareholders attended the meeting sadly we could not enjoy our usual refreshments after the meeting! The shop has now changed its status to a Community Benefit Society which is basically updating the legal side of things.

Dare I say Christmas is coming! It is all going to be a bit different this year, I fear. However, the shop will always come to your aid. We usually have our exciting Christmas market at the beginning of December and we are looking into ways how we can have some sort of market this year but under the current rules we are unsure at present what this will be. Keep an eye out for posters regarding this. We now stock cards and calendars by our own Daisy Parr-Watson. Her art work is so colourful, different and inspirational. As well as cards, masks and mugs are also available.

The shop will not continue to thrive unless we have more support from customers, and helpers such as committee members and volunteers in the shop. Please do have a think about it. Exciting times are ahead.

Take care and stay safe.

Ann Read



All your favourite festive bottled beers

Now's the time to place your Christmas orders for:

**Gold, 19 Elms, Allied Amber, Black, 9th's Havocs,
Pale Oktober and St. Margaret's.**

High quality craft ales for just £2 a bottle.

Draught beer too, ready to drink at home

**4 pint plastic containers £7.50 (£1.88 a pint)
10 litre (17 pints) demi-pins £28.00 (£1.65 a pint)
Pins (36 pints) £50.00 (£1.39 a pint)**

Plus Gift Packs, award winning wines from Toppesfield Vineyard and tasty snacks from Snaffling Pig. Cheer yourself up every weekend from now until Christmas!

Please stop by the brewery to see what's available in bottles or draught:

We're open 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm Saturday.

Or you can message us in advance through our Facebook page, or email pumphousecommunitybrewery@gmail.com

NEW Loyalty Card Scheme

Each purchase of £8.00 or more will earn a Pumphouse stamp for your loyalty card. Collect just six stamps and receive a FREE bottle of one of our beers.

Environment & Ecology



Over the past 50 years, about half the world's original forest cover has been lost. In the UK only 13% of land is covered by trees, one of the lowest tree covers in Europe.

The UK has a target to become carbon net zero by 2050. It has been calculated planting 1.5 million additional hectares of woodland would be required to help reach this target, an area the size of Yorkshire.

Trees are the ultimate carbon capture and storage machines. Like great carbon sinks, woods and forests absorb atmospheric carbon and lock it up for centuries. They do this through photosynthesis. The entire woodland ecosystem plays a huge role in locking up carbon, including the living wood, roots, leaves, deadwood, surrounding soils and its associated vegetation. Young wood with mixed native species can lock up 400+ tonnes of carbon per hectare.

Trees not only capture carbon they also help fight against other climate change effects. They help, prevent flooding, reduce city temperatures, reduce pollution and keep soil nutrient rich. In the UK, the value of trees for flood protection is estimated to be £6.5 billion, and £6.1 billion for urban cooling.

By planting a tree we can help to capture excess carbon, support wildlife and make sure that we have more trees in the future to prevent climate change.

Do you have an idea of your own carbon footprint?

Find out by following this link: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

Rosie Daines

You can also get involved by helping to maintain our parish trees and planting new ones. The Parish Council has set up an informal working group for the environment and ecology of the village, which has been gathering information and looking for potential sites for trees.

We are delighted that a local farmer has offered space for 25-30 trees, which we hope to plant this autumn / winter. Next year we hope to have many more sites and trees to plant.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please email me at lynncollard@yahoo.co.uk or ring on 01787 237841.

How good to have something positive to look forward to!

Lynn Collard





Luxury Accommodation at Toppesfield Vineyard

Thank you first of all to everyone who wrote letters of support to help us obtain planning permission for changing the Wine Centre to a luxury holiday let. We are delighted to have had so many 'staycation' visitors in just a couple of months.

We are lucky to live in such a green and peaceful environment. For many people living in London or other built up areas, our Wine Centre accommodation has proved to be a very restful place for them to escape to during Covid. Some of their comments are provided below:

"Wow! 5 star accommodation in a beautiful, peaceful and secluded location. The gardens are lovely to walk around and relax in. We were lucky with the weather and it felt like we were abroad.

Don't think twice before booking this place it's absolutely perfect! Our holiday got cancelled because of Covid and we were lucky enough to find this gem. It is completely spotless and even better than expected from the pictures. The views from the bedroom overlooking the vineyard are beautiful.

Better than the holiday we should have been on... After Covid ruined our travel plans, we found Jane's place last minute and are so glad we did. We loved the privacy, views and comfort. We will be back again, hopefully soon; we can easily see this being a regular visit.

This was a great place to just unwind and escape the city for a few days. There were spectacular views of the vineyard from the main bedroom. Due to Covid we decided to stay in and cook each day, which we found fine, as they had a small but fully decked out kitchen. It was super quiet and was the perfect place to sit and read a book. We would definitely come again!"

We are lucky to have a fabulous goddaughter who came with some friends to shoot the promotional video on our website:<https://www.toppesfieldvineyard.co.uk/luxury-accommodation/>. We are also grateful to Rob Sullivan as our local drone videographer; he was accompanied by his very able assistant, Victoria, to produce some amazing footage, despite the very windy conditions that weekend.

Thanks as well to Susie Seager, our right-hand woman; she is always there to help whatever the challenge might be. And of course, thanks to Sally and Frazer for the loan of their hot tub which is proving very popular with guests for late night stargazing. We will change the position of the jacuzzi shortly so don't be surprised if you walk along the footpath and hear someone shout 'cheers'.

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Toppesfield & Gainsford End Allotment Society

Welcome to the allotment newsletter incorporating the last Tommo's Tips of the season below: unashamed to say plagiarised in the most part.

Thanks to all who have socially distanced and enjoyed a convivial chat on Monday evenings in groups as low as 4 up to 6 including guests!

Here are some jobs you can be getting on with on the allotment in November/ December

Garlic, onions and shallots are all easy to grow. Shallots and onions are grown from tiny bulbs, known as sets, and garlic is grown from cloves. Cover with fleece to protect them from the worst of the weather.



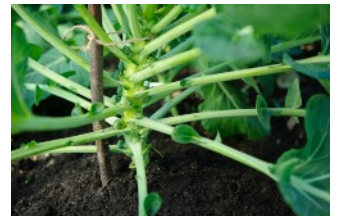
Blackcurrants, redcurrants, gooseberries can be pruned any time between November and March, while they are dormant. Prune out any dead, dying or diseased wood and aim for an open, goblet shape.



Autumn-fruiting raspberries bear fruit on new wood, so cut down all of the old canes to the ground once they have finished fruiting, between November and March.



You'll need to protect your brassica crops from hungry pigeons (or dinner as I call them) at this time of year. Use mesh and make sure that it lifts clear of the brassicas, otherwise birds will be able to peck through it.



If you haven't done so already, stake Brussels sprouts, as they can get top heavy and topple in heavy winds.



Taking hardwood cuttings from fruit bushes is very easy to do, and will give you a decent-sized plant in a few years.

You can harvest a surprising amount of crops in November, including, cabbages, Brussels sprouts, celery and cauliflower.

Remember that the nights are drawing in and it is time to put everything away on the allotment area so that there are no trip hazards.

Keep your tools sharp, straight and ready for any opportunity to use them.

Thanks to all that have made this season the best ever, with a great community allotment spirit.

Dog walkers Please remember there are Poo Bins at the entry point and on the playing field.



News from the Green Man

As of Thursday 5th November the pub will be closed in line with Government restrictions. However, we will continue to offer our takeaway and delivery service. Meals are available from Wednesday through to Saturday and can be collected from the pub between 5 – 8pm and Sunday roasts are available between 12 - 4pm. Due to the bridge closure we are unable to deliver to Gainsford End, unless you want to meet at Cust Hall bridge.

Our normal menu of classic, tasty pub food is available to takeaway as well as a great range of home-made pizzas. Look out for weekly specials that will be offered in single or family-sized portions.

Buy now, eat later? We have some fantastic offers on frozen meals – buy 3 for the price of 2. All your favourites at a tasty price.

Birthdays, special occasions? Then let us do the cooking for you. Let us know what you want, how many you are catering for and we'll do the rest – main course, vegetables, side dishes etc. All you have to do is get it home, warm it up and serve!

Getting your five a day? If it's vegetables and fruit you're after, then why not take advantage of our daily supply of the best produce? Your orders delivered to the pub six days a week for you to collect.

For all enquiries regarding food, takeaways and fruit and veg, contact David or Paul on 01787 237418 or message us on Facebook.

Hopefully we will see you all when the pub reopens in a month's time!





As the nights draw in
And the clocks go back,
You can hear a faint jingle and jangle
As a jolly St Nicholas starts to make toys for his sack.

St Nick has declared we need an extra special sparkle this year,
So, has sent his elves to Little Chestnuts
With a great idea!

From the 1st December at 5 o'clock,
The elves will be in the village, running amok.
They will light up each home every day one by one,
Creating a village advent calendar,
Bringing Toppesfield lots of fun.

Follow the elf trail
Each day at this time,
And we will come together on December 24th,
For a minced pie and mulled wine.

Of course, we will social distance,
St Nick is strict on that,
But when has Toppesfield given in
And just back.

Let's make this Christmas one to remember
jingling all the way
And say a little prayer for those
Who cannot be here today.

For this year has not been what was expected,
But the sun will again shine through,
As Toppesfield will not be defeated
And we will continue to make our Little Chestnuts Christmas dreams
come true.

**We are looking for 24 homes in Toppesfield to join us in lighting up their windows or gardens, from the 1st December continuing everyday until the 24th December, in which the trail will then see all 24 houses lit.

If you are wanting to shine a light on this year, please contact Andrea at Little Chestnuts on: 07901 880914**



Toppesfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan

It will not come as a surprise that progress on the Neighbourhood Plan has slowed considerably since our last note. However, we continue to progress where we can.

You may remember for the last newsletter that we are working with the international consultancy AECOM on preparing a draft Design Code to capture the essence of the built environment within the Parish. They have now issued us with their first draft, members of the committee have made some initial comments, and these have been returned to AECOM for review.

We continue to walk round the parish taking photographs of key building elements that characterise our parish, and that we would wish to see respected in the designs of any small development proposed in the future. We would dearly love to receive your thoughts, and pictures, so that we get a full range of thoughts and ideas as to what you consider to be good, and bad, architectural features found in the parish. So far we have had few responses, so why not have a think and whilst out walking, jot down some thoughts or take some pictures to show us what you really appreciate about our built environment – all whilst staying Covid-safe of course!

This will be of immense use to AECOM in their work. Please forward your thoughts to us via email at ToppesfieldNP@gmail.com, or via our FaceBook page, which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/tgenp>.

There is also our Instagram page showing the views some people have already submitted. Here is a link to explain how to create an account:

<https://help.instagram.com/155940534568753>

Once you have an account if you search for “toppesfieldviews”, you should then be able to click “follow” and then be able to see the page.

If you have any queries, thoughts or opinions, do please feel free to contact us at: ToppesfieldNP@gmail.com.

In the meantime, please continue to stay safe, and look out for neighbours who may be feeling isolated or have needs that you feel you can help with – obviously with social distancing in mind!



Park Lane, Parish Car Park

The parish car park in Park Lane is an asset that over the years has been used by residents as well as by visitors.

For the most part, the car park has been properly used but over the last few years the Parish Council has received frequent complaints about misuse of the space, especially in respect of unroadworthy vehicles being abandoned for long periods of time.

As a result of parishioners' complaints, the Parish Council has written to the owners of these vehicles asking them to use the car park in a more considerate and neighbourly manner.

Unfortunately some of these requests have not had the desired effect, obliging the Parish Council to seek legal guidance. The advice that has been received from our solicitors is that if abandoned vehicles are not removed by the owners they could be removed legally by the Parish Council, at the owners' expense.

These actions will, however, still have some cost implications to the Parish but they will be undertaken.

Once the abandoned vehicles are removed the car park can be cleared and tidied.

As to the future of the car park should we set out permanent parking bays or use the land for a totally different purpose?

Let us know your thoughts about this. Any ideas about the potential use of the car park or thoughts as to design or layout would be welcome.

Toppesfield Parish Council

Puzzles

Last month we set some word puzzles.

Here are a few more idiosyncrasies of the English language for you to think about.

1. Can you think of a common word which contains 3 consecutive pairs of double letters?
2. Take a common, one syllable word. Add another one syllable word to it and you make a 3 syllable word. What are the 3 words?
3. Which 5 letter word sounds the same if you take away the last 4 letters?

(answers on page 17)

Finally, it's surprising the difference adding one little full stop can make to a sentence.

**I'm giving up drinking until this is over.
I'm giving up. Drinking until this is over.**

I think I'll drink to that!

TOPPESFIELD

community shop

CHRISTMAS MARKET



SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER

12.00 - 16.00 in the marquee at the rear of the Green Man



Answers to word puzzle

1. Bookkeeper
2. Are + a = area
3. Queue



St Margaret's School

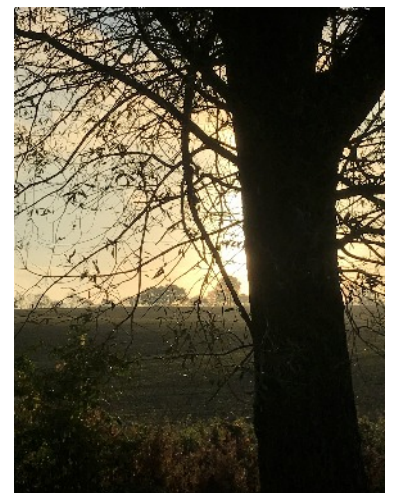
The Autumn first half term has been a very different start to the academic year but at the end of the first half term, Mrs Newland reflected on how fortunate we are to have such an amazing community. The children, staff and parents have all come together this half term to support us in keeping everyone as safe as possible by adhering to all the new guidance and rules. Mrs Newland thanked everyone for their support

The school have taken advantage of DFE funding available to set up Google Classrooms which will enable us to provide home learning in the event of another full lockdown. We are currently fundraising to improve our ICT provision across the school which is an absolute priority.

We held two very successful open afternoons for EYFS intake in September 2021 - there were a further two planned for the second half term which we have had to postpone until December following the latest government guidelines. If this is not possible for any reason, they will be held virtually.



Views from walks around the parish



Danaher Animal Home



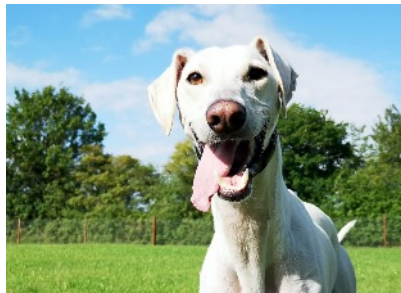
Hello, I am Snowy a 2 year old Lurcher. I arrived at Danaher after being found as a stray so not a lot is known about my background.

I just love to play and zoom around off lead in the enclosed compounds. I love throwing balls around and engaging with you to play more.



I have Addison's disease, that will have to be managed for the rest of my life. It sounds scary, but it really isn't. Please don't let it discourage considering rehoming me, as all it means is my body cannot produce the adrenaline hormone, but luckily it can be managed with medicine that isn't costly!

I do become spooked by simple household noises, so would prefer a quiet, calm and understanding home with a human who has lot of patience to help me learn what home life is all about! I would benefit from owners that are in most of the time to help me settle as I can become anxious when left. I need to be the only pet in the home, and need further socialisation around dogs. Once you get to know me, you will realise I am a big ball of affectionate fun!



If you are interested in adopting me, please fill out an application form online at www.rspcaessex.org.uk, or telephone 03001114321. Please, please help me find my forever home, I have been at Danaher over 200 days now.

Please look out on our Facebook page for confirmation of our Toys & Treats day for Christmas www.facebook.com/DanaherAnimalHome/



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Community Shop



*Support your community
to enable them to support you!*

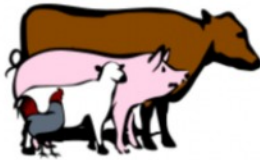
**We now stock a wide range of
frozen convenience foods
alongside our fresh and 'to order' products
all at very competitive prices**



Weekly orders

Bacon
Ham
Sausages
Chicken
Lamb
Beef

PRIORS HALL FARM



Fresh Quality Meat

Prices dependent on cut and weight

Fine wines



TOPPESFIELD
Vineyard

Artisan bread

Fortnightly orders - Order by Tuesday 5pm for delivery the following Friday



White Sourdough - £3.20
Whole Rye & Whole Wheat Sourdough - £3.20
Multigrain Sourdough - £3.50
White Tin (AKA Bacon Sandwich Loaf)
Large £2.40 - Small £1.60
Brown Tin (70% Wholemeal 30% White) £2.40
Granary £1.80
Focaccia (AKA Pub Crummet) £2.20



*also available in
our freezer cabinet*

Specialty
CAKES
PIES
PASTRIES

OPENING TIMES

Monday 8.30am - 3.30pm
Tuesday 8.30am - 3.30pm
Wednesday..... 8.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm
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