

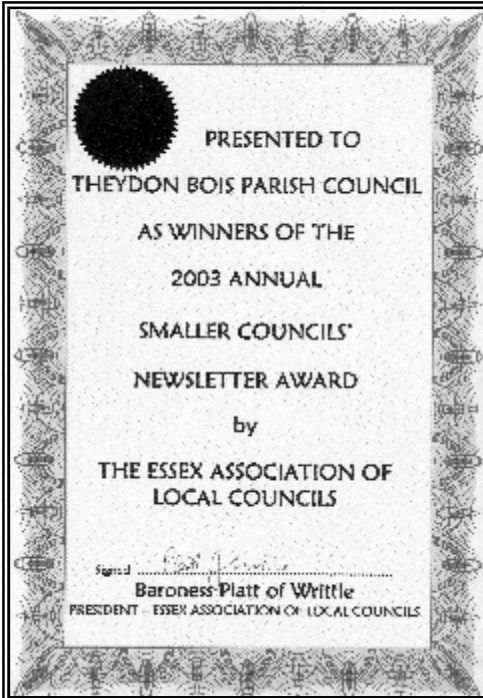


# Theydon Bois Village News

Produced for residents  
of Theydon Bois

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## Village Newsletter Wins an Award!



Earlier this year Theydon Bois Parish Council took the decision to re-vamp its newsletter, which had been produced in its existing format for a number of years. A committee was formed consisting of three parish councillors, the parish clerk and the current editor. A plan of action was agreed which aimed for a period of evolution for 2003 with more changes to be made in 2004. In particular it is planned that the magazine will have more emphasis on village activities and local events to supplement reporting of the workings of the parish council.

Revisions began in April and the parish clerk, unbeknown to the newsletter committee, was so confident of the improvements that, with the agreement of the Chairman, she entered the April edition into a competition organised by the Essex Association of Local Councils.

Towards the end of June the parish council were advised that they had won the category for small councils magazines and the Parish Clerk and myself attended the AGM of the Association, where we were presented with a commemorative plaque by Baroness Platt of Writtle. We were very pleased to receive the award which is a very good start to the revamping of the village news. Hopefully this will help us in our aim to obtain sponsorship to fund further improvements.

**KEN CUSHING**



## Report on Parish Council Meeting 31st July 2003

Present were Councillors J Eaton (Chair), K Cushing, R Glozier, P Gooch, M Hannibal, M O'Connor, J Padfield, S Powell and W Shales. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Oliver and Cllr Smith.

The Minutes of the meeting on 22nd May, 2003 were confirmed as a correct record.

### MATTERS ARISING

- It has been established that the lane leading down to the Old Foresters Club is the responsibility of EFDC.
- District Cllr Roy Newland to speak later in the meeting regarding the soil importation at Blunts Farm Golf Course.
- Should Tottenham Hotspur Football Club be interested in purchasing land behind the station on the Old Foresters site we have had an assurance from Lambourne Parish Council, and other Parish Councils who opposed the proposals at Abridge, that we can count on their support against any similar proposals for a Football Academy in Theydon Bois.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the following:-

- A letter from Theydon Bois Village Association thanking the Parish Council for their donation of £1,650 towards upkeep of the Village Hall.
- A letter from Essex Police asking the Parish Council to work with them to identify public spirited individuals who would be prepared to act as Special Constables in the Village, providing they meet the recruitment standards of the Special Constabulary.
- A media release from Epping Forest District Council warning residents to beware of bogus contractors 'cold calling' at their property offering to tarmac driveways.
- A media release from Epping Forest District Council advising that the pest control service was re-introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Residents should call Environmental Health if they have a problem. There is no charge for rats and cockroaches but all other pests are chargeable.
- A letter from Nick Eade, Head Forest Keeper at the Corporation of London thanking the Parish Council for their letter conveying their kind words and thoughts on his retirement.



## Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

### ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

- The accounts up to 28th July, 2003, having previously been circulated, were approved.
- A final draft of the Annual Accounts for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2003, having previously been circulated to Members, were submitted to the Council for approval and adoption and these were properly proposed, seconded and carried unanimously.

### STANDING ORDERS

A final draft of the revised Theydon Bois Parish Council Standing Orders, having previously been circulated to Members, was submitted to the Council for approval and adoption. This was properly proposed, seconded and carried unanimously.

### PLANNING

- Cllr Gooch reported that the Parish Council continued to be concerned with the loss of bungalows in the village with permission regularly being granted by Epping Forest District Council for upper storey extensions.
- The Parish Council had objected to an application for a telephone mast at Thrifts Hall Farm. It continued to be the policy of the Council to register its objection to this type of application.
- An enforcement notice had been applied to stop the importation of materials on to the Blunts Farm site. Cllr Newland to provide further details later in the meeting.

### ENVIRONMENT

- Cllr Eaton read out a report by Cllr Smith. In using the lane from Abridge to Hobbs Cross it has been noticed that two CCTV cameras have been positioned at different points along the road together with a notice about fly-tipping and penalties. It appears that EFDC are taking the initiative on car dumping and rubbish dumping in the surrounding district with a pilot scheme designed to deter offenders. Cllr Smith had been unable on several occasions to contact the people responsible in the Highways department to find out more about the scheme. He asked Cllr Glozier, as portfolio holder for Highways and Engineering, if he could find out more about the scheme and keep the Council informed.
- The Council refuse tip at Luxborough Lane, Chigwell now require proof of residence in the Epping Forest District Council area before being allowed onto the site. Without such proof it would cost £3 to enter. A refund can be obtained from



## Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

Essex County Council on production of a receipt and proof of residence (i.e. Council Tax Bill, driving licence or utility bill). The reason for introducing this scheme is to recover some of the costs involved processing waste from people who do not live in the Essex area. A copy of the notice is being held by the Parish Clerk and an article about this matter will appear in the forthcoming edition of the Village News. At present this scheme only affects Luxborough Lane but it is suggested that identification is carried when visiting any site as it appears that there was no pre-warning from Essex Council or Epping Forest District Council about this change.

- Environmental Committee members have recently been sent drafts of the suggested Terms of Reference to be adopted by the Committee. This will be discussed at the next Environmental Committee meeting in mid-September, after which it is hoped that the finished article will be sent to all councillors prior to the Public Meeting at the end of September.
- The overall winner of the Best Kept Village Competition was Coggeshall, with Great Bentley winning for the second year running in the category in which Theydon Bois was entered. The winner of the Best Kept Churchyard competition was Dengy. We expect to receive the full results and our marking in August, after which we will review what our strong points are, strengthen our weak points and consider changes in the competition itself. Cllr Smith stated that he still considers Theydon Bois to be one of the nicest villages in Essex.
- The Green has looked very good this year and the designated conservation areas have added to the overall appearance. It has been well managed and the Council has received compliments from the community.

### CEMETERY

- There has been an improvement to the standard of mowing at the cemetery and the gardener is keeping the area neat and tidy. Unfortunately, he has recently had an accident which will keep him out of action for some time. If anyone is able to deputise for him over the next couple of months would they please contact the Parish Clerk.
- Cllr Smith recorded his thanks to all those involved in making the planters look so good and also to all those who pick up litter.

### TREE STRATEGY

- Cllr Shales reported that the Tree Strategy Publication had now been distributed to all households in the Village and had been favourably received by residents. Cllrs



## Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

Shales and Padfield had attended a seminar on housing development which showed the importance of maintaining the rural aspect of the village in association with Epping Forest Countrycare, Theydon Bois Rural Preservation Society, Corporation of London, the Tree Wardens and Chris Neiland.

- There are plans to have allocated sites for memorial trees and also fill in any gaps to improve the appearance of the street scene. The strategy is a five year plan and it is hoped that after the Parish Council elections next year that new councillors will carry on with what has been done up until now.

### LITTER

Cllr Eaton reminded those present that there was a litter pick on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and appealed for as many volunteers as possible.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE GROUP

The Committee met in June and a number of improvements were agreed to our plan. Wansfell College has agreed, subject to board ratification, to become a recovery centre for the village in the event of an emergency and this is seen as a big advantage for the village. A meeting will be held soon with those villagers who have special skills which have been identified as especially useful in the event of a disaster.

### REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

*VILLAGE NEWS - (Not reproduced here as it is reported on the front page).*

### **BUXTON TRUST**

At a special meeting convened to canvas the feelings of Trust members should the Tennis Club decide to apply for Planning Approval for Floodlighting the voting was 8 in favour of the application going ahead with 1 against.

### **PARISH PASSENGER TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVES**

A meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> May. Wendy Jackson has recently been appointed as Passenger Liaison Manager. A complaints form and system of handling complaints has been introduced. Complaint forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk and complaints or suggestions will be reviewed with Wendy Jackson in due course. The bus route 500 has been replaced by route 200 on Sundays with a revised timetable of no service to Romford. Weekdays are not affected.

### **WEB SITE**

Cllr O'Connor reported there is an average of 2000 hits per month on the web site, with the news page still being the most popular. The web site and the Village News



## Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

are always looking for new material. As a result of looking on the Web Site, an inner London School contacted Theydon Bois Primary School and as a result they have embarked on a joint project and two classes visited the village in early July. Many of the shops are on the web site and the Quality and Excellence Butchers now have carrier bags with the Theydon Bois web site address printed on them. Cllr O'Connor expressed her appreciation for the continued good work of Jim Watts in running the Web Site.

### ***VANDALISM AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR GROUP***

- Cllr O'Connor reported that two members of the Group had visited the Primary School Years 5 and 6 and carried out a mini-youth audit to find out what the children wanted in terms of activities in the Village. Karate classes will be starting in the Village Hall in September for ages 5 years and upwards. Further details in the forthcoming newsletter.
- Following the success of the safety course held last year, another course is planned to take place in the Village Hall for residents of Theydon Bois, which will be free of charge.
- Abridge village had received funding for CCTV cameras, which has resulted in a reduction in crime. Installation of CCTV cameras will be considered by the Council in the coming months.
- The mobile police office recently held a home safety morning, which was well attended. The mobile police office gives the opportunity for anyone with concerns to speak to the police in person and residents are encouraged to make use of it.
- Cllr Glozier reported that Theydon Bois had been top of the list for making its own efforts and as a result had been given funding for the planned safety course mentioned by Cllr O'Connor. He expressed his appreciation to Cllr O'Connor for her work in moving ideas forward and in particular to Sarah Hannibal, a young person who had contributed a great deal of input.

### ***LIMESLINK***

Cllr Powell reported that a meeting is to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> August with an Open Meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### ***RURAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY***

Cllr Powell reported that there are changes in the Disability Discrimination Act which will affect access into buildings for the disabled. This may have



## Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

implications for the Village shops. The Parish Council will take this new legislation into account when formulating the Strategic Plan for the Village. The notice board at The Bull PH is to be repaired.

### *THE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION*

- Cllr Padfield reported that Hall bookings were very good which has put additional demands on the management team, who need more help in running the Hall. It is hoped to encourage more activities for youngsters in a joint initiative with the Parish Council.
- There is still outstanding snagging to be done at the Village Hall and the paving is to be relaid starting 5<sup>th</sup> August, as it was not laid according to specification. It is planned to install another ramp at a drop off point from the car park to enable easier access for wheelchair users. Further radiators may be added as there is insufficient heat in winter.

### *COPPED HALL TRUST*

There will be an Open Day on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2003 from 11.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

### *THEYDON BOIS PRIMARY SCHOOL*

Cllr Gooch reported that an article had recently been published in the Guardian about the progress of the school in recent years. The SATS results were not yet available, The Head teacher, Mrs Bonds, was confident about the improving reputation of the school.

### *WAR MEMORIAL*

Cllr Shales reported that the War Memorial was in need of an overhaul and enquiries were being made as to the possibility of obtaining a grant from the War Graves Commission, although this may prove difficult because although the church is listed, the memorial is not.

### **BRIEF GIVEN BY DISTRICT CLLR ROY NEWLAND ON THE BLUNTS FARM GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT**

- Cllr Newland said that Epping Forest District Council had set up an Ad Hoc Committee to deal with the problems of Ongar Park and Blunts Farm Golf Courses. The Parish Council and the Rural Preservation Society had expressed considerable concern about the lorry movements pertaining to this development.
- The decision notice for planning permission had been given in 2002, after finalising a legal agreement, for the development of the site as a golf course, subject to a number of conditions requiring prior approval of details before the



## Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

commencement of the development. It had been agreed at the planning stage that in principle the Course should be constructed using imported material to create the contours and this could not now be reconsidered. However, it was considered reasonable to insist on further modifications to the submitted indicative earthworks plan to lessen importation and associated lorry movements. It was also considered that the estimation of quantities of imported materials should be checked against the approved drawings. Importation of hardcore onto the site had commenced and a substantial working area had been constructed which was in breach of the conditions and requirements of the legal agreement.

- Several other conditions to be satisfied prior to construction of the site had not been met.
- The Committee resolved to ensure that the requirements of the legal agreement and the conditions applied to the planning permission were applied vigorously and immediately, with any breach of the agreement and/or conditions being subject to appropriate action. If necessary, court proceedings to prevent excess lorry movements and the deposit of spoil on the site in excess of any importation materials specifically authorised.
- It had been noted that the work had now stopped.
- The Chairman thanked Cllr Newland for coming straight from a District Council meeting to the Parish Council meeting in order to speak on this topic.

### **SUSPENSION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE.**

*The following topics were raised by the Public:-*

- Establish who owns scout hut site and look into the possibility of buying the land so it cannot be lost to development in future. See if there is a restrictive covenant on the land.
- Overhanging foliage on bridge coming from The Bull PH and on the opposite side from the bungalows in Thrifts Mead.
- The footpath from the end of the bridge to the cemetery is in poor condition due to road works.
- EFDC will be providing Electric Blanket Testing in the Village Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> September. Details on notice boards.
- The speakers at the meeting were not heard. The possibility of microphones should be looked into.
- A request for black sacks to be kept in the Parish Office for those who pick up litter, not just on litter pick days, but throughout the year. The Chairman thanked everyone who was involved in picking up litter in the Village.
- Vandalised Footbridges.





## Limeslink

### GRAND OPENING OF NEW SURGERY AT THE LIMES



All patients of the Limes Medical Centre are invited to the grand opening of the new surgery at

6.30 on Thursday 18th September.

Full details are available from leaflets obtained at the surgery.

Electric Blankets - Free Testing while you wait.

Thursday 4th September 2003

Theydon Bois Village Hall, Coppice Row, Theydon Bois  
2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.



Free service available  
to all EFDC residents.

For further information contact  
Linda Hague,  
Road and Safety Officer, EFDC.  
Tel: 01992 564094.



## Results of Front Gardens Competition July 2003

Are Theydon Bois gardeners too modest about the gardens in our village? Residents only nominated eight front gardens to be judged in this year's competition. A thorough search of the village by Horticultural Society Committee Members resulted in forty gardens and commercial displays being short listed for judging in mid July.



Prolonged hot weather had browned many lawns but well watered hanging baskets and containers were particularly eye catching.

The new category of "Hard standing with Planting" recognised the increasing provision of off road parking with some pleasing colourful results.

Our pubs have better displays this year with the Queen Victoria and Sixteen String Jack setting a good standard in the commercial display section.

Formal Garden		Informal Garden	
<b>First</b>	14, Hornbeam Road	<b>First</b>	8, Hornbeam
<b>Second</b>	16, Woodland Way	<b>Second</b>	"Elmcroft" Robins Lane
<b>Third</b>	"Midhill" Coppice Row	<b>Third</b>	1, Dossetts Retreat
Hard standing with planting		Commercial	
<b>First</b>	3, Dukes Avenue	<b>First</b>	Queen Victoria
<b>Second</b>	The School House	<b>Second</b>	16 String Jack
<b>Third</b>	8, Woburn Avenue	<b>Third</b>	The Bull

Next year please help us by nominating those gardens which you consider best in your part of the village.

**BARRY TURNER PRESIDENT  
THEYDON BOIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**



## Local History Recorder for Theydon Bois



The position of Local History Recorder in Theydon Bois, was established in November 1996 through the Parish Council as part of the Essex County Council Local History Recorder Scheme. Many villages in Essex now have a Recorder and those in this district are part of the Epping Group. The function of the Recorder is briefly:

- To record, where possible, all noteworthy events in the village and present them in an annual chronicle or report to the County Co-ordinator for retention by the Essex Record Office as part of the local history of the county. I have now written and forwarded six reports, which have been well received so a substantial record of current Theydon Bois history is now retained for posterity.
- To act as a village archivist and in this respect I keep a running, photographic, file of village buildings and events eg. the Wood and Kraling Development, the Millennium Celebrations and the opening of the new Village Hall. I also keep a further file of news cuttings published both locally and nationally, which relate to the village. Where possible I retain all leaflets of historical relevance eg. local election publicity literature.
- To act as a contact point for any enquiries relating to village history which cannot be dealt with by local historians such as Jack Farmer or Leslie Jerman.

My annual reports are quite substantial comprising an average of a hundred pages of text with some coloured illustrations, and make interesting reading. Each contains an extensive chronicle for each month, with specific details of some particular events included in a supporting topic; the Topics in the 2002 Report covered the Refurbishment of the Railway Viaduct, the Opening of the Garden of Remembrance, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Party, the proposed Tottenham Hotspur Football Academy and the affect of the increased rainfall on the local flora and fauna. Copies of the Reports, which are limited due to cost, are deposited with the Essex Record Office, the Theydon Bois Parish Council, the Theydon Bois Preservation Society and the Village Association. Most residents therefore have access to these Reports through those channels. However, it might be possible to provide further copies, preferably through particular village organisations, should this be necessary.

The Parish Council has been most helpful to me in my task. It has provided information when required and given financial support. The Parish Council is affiliated to the Friends of Historic Essex through the Local History Recorder.

**TREVOR ROBERTS**



## Police Matters



**Sunshine Crime Spree** - Summer's here, the kids are at home & what do you do with them? It's hot, there's no breeze, and so every window in the house is open in an attempt to stay cool. That probably puts most people into a relaxed frame of mind, thoughts of barbecues, cool drinks & lazing in the back garden.

It's worth knowing now that there are some people out there that see this time of year as the ideal time to commit crime. Open windows mean open opportunities, easy access to your property. Think about it, we lock up at night; we set alarms, we lock cars. In the summer, at times, it seems just too hot to bother. Well be bothered please, Theydon Bois has experienced 6 house burglaries since the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

In the majority the houses have been entered by small open downstairs windows, in addition the houses have been on the West side of Theydon Bois. I believe that the person responsible may be walking or cycling the area looking for opportunities.

The descriptions given to police of two people disturbed at one of the burgled properties suggests that they were both white males, aged 20 – 30 yrs. One of them was about 5ft 8" tall with a local/London accent, was of medium build and had close cropped hair.

If you see anybody around your area that you are not happy about call the police on 01992 561212. Put us into a position to be able to check these people over. Remember police are on duty 24 hours a day & 7 days a week. **Remember never leave downstairs rooms vulnerable, when at home or when you go out.**

**P.C. 1297 ALAN SHELLEY (01279 625512)**

**Essex Police - Special Constables** - Through a new initiative Harlow Command Team will undertake that priority will be given to any Special Constable recruited through their local community, to provide regular patrols and a high visibility presence within that community.



A Special Constable dedicated to the Village would know what the problems were, who was causing them and when they occurred. Dealing with local issues, there may even be several people in the village who would like to provide this service to the community on a joint basis.

An applicant would have to measure up to the recruitment standards of the Special Constabulary, **but if you are public spirited enough to assist the Police in providing additional local policing in Theydon Bois please contact the Parish Clerk on 01992 813442.**



## District Councillors Column

### BLUNTS FARM GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT

We have become increasingly concerned that lorries have again started dropping spoil at this site, which has planning permission for development as a golf course. This was granted in April 2002 after some two years or so of negotiation of the details and planning conditions.

District Councillors have, in recent months, become aware that, where inadequate controls are in place, some golf course developments have been preceded by large scale land-fill before the golf course is actually constructed as the final stage. The Ongar Park Golf Course development is a prime example of this problem.

For this reason, a special Council committee, of which Roy Newland is a member, was formed to look at ways of avoiding the same problems on any future applications for such developments and to control, as far as circumstances allow, events on current approved schemes, such as Blunts Farm.

The recent dumping at Blunts Farm is not authorised, as there are conditions in the planning permission which have to be complied with before any development work can take place. As a result an urgent resolution was passed at a Council committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July that enforcement action would immediately be taken against the developers if work did not stop. **This was sufficient to bring the dumping to an immediate halt.** We will ensure that the developers continue to comply with the conditions to which their planning permission is subject and seek to avoid any excess land-fill as part of this development.

*If you have anything that you feel that you would like to bring to our attention please let us have any comments to either of the e-mail addresses below*



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## HORTICULTURAL SHOW

### 13TH SEPTEMBER 2003

### Village Hall 2.15 PM

A different time of the year so a different schedule. Do study it and see what you might exhibit. Perhaps you have the heaviest marrow in the village or a cactus that has come into flower at just the right time or do you have any good photographs? The cookery section is open to all - men, why not "have a go"? There are handicraft and wine sections too.



The society sent seed home with the schoolchildren and sunflowers have been sprouting up all around the village. Who will have the "Best Sunflower Head"? Plenty more for the children to enter - see pages 5 and 6 of the year book.

Prizes for show entries, the Poster Competition and Best Front Garden Competition will be awarded at approximately 4.30 pm followed by an auction of flowers, fruit, veg and cookery items. Any queries call

**812177 Show Secretary & 812652 General Secretary**

Copy for the Village News and Village Website to be sent to Parish Clerk, Parish Office



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## Your Parish Council 2003



John Padfield



John Eaton  
Chairman



Peter Gooch  
Vice Chairman



Madeleine Murphy  
Parish Clerk



Robert Glozier



Sheree Powell



Ken Cushing



Mike Hannibal



Ron Smith



Wilf Shales



Martin Oliver



Margaret O'Connor



## Theydon Bois Primary School



These pictures were made by the year 5 pupils as part of the 'Caribbean' geography topic. They had produced a range of fish pictures of exotic tropical fish, through pencil sketch, coloured pastels and finally a 3D relief picture using either a newspaper mould to cover with mod-rock, or to cut an outline from card and then

stitch and stuff the shape. All were painted and mounted onto backing card. They were allowed to replicate a particular fish or to create a fish style from their own imagination.

Classes RT and RM  
have been painting  
"Tiger pictures".



**CHRIS MARJOT - THEYDON BOIS PRIMARY SCHOOL**





## Theydon Bois & District Rural Preservation Society

### Diamond, Concrete and Swans



Tradition, and some of its publicity, asserts that the Rural Preservation Society was founded in 1943 and therefore should be celebrating its diamond jubilee this year. However it appears from the Society's first minute book that the inaugural meeting was in fact held in 1944, on 26 February, (in the British Restaurant) so the Society will be celebrating its golden jubilee next year. The first committee meeting was held on 9 March 1944 (Secretary B.J. Goodchild)

when affiliation to the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) was agreed.

The Society is still affiliated to CPRE, now called the Campaign to Protect Rural England. CPRE has this year initiated a major new campaign *Communities not Concrete* in response to the Government's Sustainable Communities Plan. As one of the areas included for development is the M11 corridor this could seriously affect Theydon Bois, and the Society will be monitoring the impact of the proposals.

**The Society's Autumn event is as follows:**

**Friday 10 October at 8.00pm**

in the Village Hall

David Reed, Bargemaster

to the Worshipful Company of Dyers

will give an illustrated talk on

***The History of Swan Upping.***

Admission is free and all are welcome.

**HUGH METEYARD, PUBLICITY OFFICER,  
THEYDON BOIS & DISTRICT RURAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY**



## Essex County Council Refuse Tip, Luxborough Lane

All householders should now be aware that Essex County Council have introduced a **PROOF OF RESIDENCE** within Epping Forest at the Council Tip, Luxborough Lane, Chigwell. There is now a requirement to produce a Community Tax Bill or Driving Licence or Utilities Bill to security personnel (positioned at the entrance of the site) to gain entry.



Failure to do so will incur a cost of £3 to enter the site, although a refund can be obtained from Essex County Council, Chelmsford, on production of a receipt, which will be issued by the security personnel. The reason for this is to recoup the cost of handling non-Essex residents' waste. At present there is not a similar requirement at any other site but it is recommended to be prepared by carrying some form of residential evidence before setting off to dispose of any rubbish.

Essex County Council has issued a Public Notice a copy of which is held by Madeleine Murphy, Parish Clerk. A copy can be obtained at the Luxborough Lane site or by telephoning the Waste and Recycling Helpline on 01245 491222.

CLLR R G H SMITH



**Friday 7th November 2003**

*The*

**NSPCC**   
 Cruelty to children must stop. **FULL STOP.**

are holding a  
**'Cockney Evening'**

at the Village Hall,  
 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm.

Tickets are £15.00 including Supper.

**Contact Diana Rumsam on 815125**



## The End of Country Dancing in Theydon Bois?

In a recent issue of the Village News the history of the Theydon Bois Country Dance Club, stretching over 50 years, was recounted.

The Club starts its end of year session on 30 September and there will be a dance at 7.30 every Tuesday in the Village Hall until 9 December, with the exception of 21 October when the hall is needed for another purpose.

Unfortunately, this could be the last session of the Club because its support is dwindling. There is a solid core of about a dozen members who attend regularly but their devotion is not enough to keep the club financially viable.

Over the past three years the current committee have tried everything to increase the membership by having live music, outside callers and even demonstrations of belly dancing! Although the numbers might go up for special occasions they sink back again in the following weeks.

The Club has received grants but the larger grants cannot be used for the biggest expense which is hiring the hall. The money for this has to come from the members and if there are not enough members, the Club cannot survive.

So a facility in the Village for people aged from 8 to 80, which has a very friendly atmosphere and provides a very enjoyable way to exercise, with refreshments in the interval, is in desperate need of support or it must close.



**Why not forget the TV and go out and socialise this Autumn?**



**More information from Pauline on 814445**

### Parish Council Public Meeting Dates for your diary

25th September 2003	Village Hall
27th November 2003	Village Hall



## *Neighbourhood Watch*

Recently, I have received several calls from villagers worried about being contacted by telephone from firms saying that Representatives will be in the area the next day, and offering to pay a visit to examine or advise on fire and/or crime prevention precautions.

Whilst I have no knowledge of any crime having been committed, I have heard of people being persuaded to part with large sums of money in exchange for unsuitable products. If you do deal with security firms do make sure that they are reputable and registered. Please be aware that neither the police nor the fire service 'tout' for business. It is up to you, the householder to contact the appropriate authority for advice if needed, and you can contact our Crime Prevention Officer, Tony Ellis at Epping Police station who will be pleased to help.

A few wise precautions are:-

1. Avoid telling unknown telephone callers anything about yourself.
2. If the person claims to have misdialled and asks for your number, do not give it.
3. If you have reason to be worried by a phone call, contact the Police.
4. NEVER, EVER tell the caller of your movements each day (it has been done).

Whilst on the subject of telephones, not a lot of people know that you can stop unsolicited phone calls from firms selling everything from windows to insurance.

It is called the Telephone Preference Service, and registration is free.

Those who want to block cold callers should simply phone 0845 070 0707. Refer to page 1:4 in the Telephone Directory.

Companies which flout this service will be fined by the Data Protection Registrar.

Copies of the 2003/2004 Harlow Divisional Policing Plan are now available from me or Epping Police station.

The plan gives the policing objectives for the next year, and also information about the staffing of the Division.

On a more personal note, I still require volunteers from Slade End to deliver the Neighbourhood Watch letter, twice a year. Not too onerous a task, especially if two or more people apply.

***please contact me, Caroline Law,  
on 01992 813905 if you can help***



## Village Association Affiliated Clubs & Societies

All villagers are reminded that there are a variety of clubs and societies in and around the village, most of whom use the village hall on a regular basis. If you would like further information, the contact names and numbers are listed below.

Club or Society	Contact Number	Contact Name
Art Group	0208 506 1356	Miss R. Goodrich
Badminton Club (Afternoons)	01992 812645	Mrs. D. Snell
Badminton Club (Evenings)	01992 813697	Mr. S. Golding
Baptist Church	01992 814740	Mrs B. Dowsett
Buxton Trust	01992 812908	Mr. P. Gooch
Cancer Research	01992 813480	Mrs J. Terry
Conservative Association	01992 812343	Mr. R. McEwen
Country Dancing	01992 814445	Mrs. P. Martin
Davenant Wanderers AFC	01992 573601	Mr. J. Smith
Debating Society	01992 813132	Mr. M. Boyle
Drama Society	020 8504 8158	Mrs Jan Freeman
Friends of Guiding	01992 814410	Mrs. J. Simmance
Friends of Wansfell College	01992 814740	Mr. V. Dowsett
Horticultural Society	01992 812652	Mrs. J. Turner
Keep Fit	01279 723700	Mrs. Todd
Lace Club	01992 812058	Mrs. L. King
Music Society	01992 573202	Mrs. B. O'Conner
NSPCC	01992 813724	Mrs. C. Risdon
Over 55's	01992 814795	Ms. W. Walker
P.A.T. (Playground at Theydon)	01992 813219	Mrs. J. Wainwright
Rural Preservation Society	01992 813708	Mr. P.J. Newton



## Village Association Affiliated Clubs & Societies (cont)

Club or Society	Contact Number	Contact Name
Save the Children	01992 812087	Mrs J. Smith
Scouts	01992 815454	Mr. S. Hutton
Short Mat Bowls	01992 812104	Mr. T. Norris
St. Marys Church	01992 813724	Mr. R. Risdon
Tennis Club	01992 813485	Mrs. P. Walter
Theydon Bois Music Society	01992 573202	Mrs B. O'Conner
Theydon Masonic Lodge	01992 812391 01992 812813	Mr. P. Sheehan (Sec) Mr. J. Bridge (VA Rep)
Theydon Singers	01992 812068	Mrs. G. Neal
Trimby School of Dancing	01992 812186	Mrs. J. Schena
University of the Third Age	0208 505 5427	Mr. G. Ansell
Village Association	01992 813491	Mrs. C. Davies
West Essex Ramblers	01708 702095	Mr. P. Spence
Wine Circle	01992 578421	Mr. R. Weston
Womens Institute	01992 813124	Mrs. A. Washer
Yoga	01992 812087	Mrs. J. Smith

## Other Non-Affiliated Societies Active in the Village

Friends of Copped Hall	01992 619834	Francis Dennett
Herts & Essex Architectural	01245 256102	Alan Bayford
Loughton Astronomical Society	0208 889 9253	Charles Munton
Loughton & District Historical	01992 814445	Ted Martin
Montessori Nursery	07930 313075	Mrs. Palmer
Theydon Bois Cricket Club	peter@tbcc.co.uk	Peter Gooch secretary
Victorians Petanque Club	01992 812392	Bob Wilmot



## News from County Hall



**COUNTY CLLR  
JANET  
WHITEHOUSE**

I am very pleased to be asked to contribute to the Village Newsletter to keep you informed about Essex County Council activities.



The most noticeable county activity has been the strengthening and refurbishment of the bridge over the railway. This is being undertaken in six discrete stages, two of which have now been completed. These are the "above deck works" which were completed in October 2002 and the "country-side below deck works" which were completed in July 2003. Because of budgetary constraints and the need to carry out more urgent works elsewhere in the county the next stages will be programmed in the five year construction programme starting in 2006.

The County Council, along with all except small councils, has been forced by government legislation to adopt new structures. In place of the traditional committees there is now a cabinet of portfolio holders who are the main decision takers. Other councillors have a scrutiny and policy development role and also serve on their Area Forum.

In May 2002 the first meeting of the West Essex Area Forum was held. The West Essex Area consists of Epping Forest, Harlow, Brentwood and Uttlesford and meetings rotate around these districts. The original intention of the forum was to bring the county council nearer to residents and enable them to meet their councillors and hear issues relevant to their area discussed. However the main value of the forum appears to be as a meeting place for representatives of the district councils, parish councils, primary care trusts and police to meet with the local county councillors to discuss issues of common concern. Members of the public are welcome to attend but the publicity for the meetings has been poor. The next meeting is on Friday 19 September in Brentwood.

Much time has been spent at the Area Forum and at Council meetings discussing the proposals for the expansion of Stansted Airport, the Harlow Options Study and other planning proposals which impact on the area. County planning officers have worked very hard and much consultation has taken place with many stakeholders. Essex County Council has formed a coalition with Hertfordshire County Council and East Herts District Council to campaign against the building of new runways in the South

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## News from County Hall (cont)

East of England. A brochure which summarises the key arguments is available (tel: 01245 430022) or via the home page of the ECC website ([www.essexcc.gov.uk](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk)).

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill was published in December 2002 which proposes reforms to the planning system. The county council has expressed its opposition to this bill as it reduces democratic accountability and concentrates strategic planning powers in a non-elected regional body. The majority of expertise in strategic planning is in county councils but this bill removes their statutory role.

Highways maintenance has been discussed at the Area Forum and one issue was the gritting of roadways and pavements in icy weather. Gritting pavements has long been a concern of mine but my suggestions to the district council have been unsuccessful because of legal concerns.. With regard to the provision of grit bins the county officer said that parish councils can request grit bins and so long as the gritting is done on an adhoc basis there would be no liability. I will ask the parish council to discuss this.

Issues relating to travellers have been of concern in Epping Forest district. The Forum had a presentation from the Gypsy Service Manager who said that Essex accommodates over 200 families on county owned permanent sites. However there has been an increase in the number of travellers/gypsies purchasing their own land and settling on it before obtaining planning permission. New government legislation is expected.

I am a member of the Community Care Policy Development Group and I have been on panels reviewing the services for older people, services for people with learning difficulties, and services for people with sensory and physical disabilities. I am also on the panel that meets with the Board of the North Essex Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust. As a member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee I am about to be involved in a study of health services for disabled children and children who need the child and adolescent mental health services.

*If you have any experience of these services or anything else that you would like to bring to my attention please get in touch*

**telephone 812503 or email [theydon.libdem@btinternet.com](mailto:theydon.libdem@btinternet.com).**

**COUNTY CLLR JANET WHITEHOUSE**





**TE-ASHI-DO Karate clubs were started by Andy Major** who is currently a 4th Dan black belt. Andy has been teaching Karate for over 20 years and he has competed at National and International level both in England and abroad. He has taken self defence courses in many of the local schools and colleges and has classes throughout the Essex area. Andy is a fully qualified fitness instructor and personal trainer and sports massage therapist. He worked for many years at Epping sports centre and still takes circuit training there. His junior and senior Karate classes are very popular and he has produced many medallists at National level.

The junior classes are taken in a strict but fun orientated manner and the children are taught how to respect others as well as themselves with the emphasis on good manners. The children are shown basic Karate techniques and work through the belt reward system gradually, with training working towards their black belt. As they progress the training gets harder and harder. They must show that they have the correct attitude and dedication to gain their belts.



Classes are split into three categories. First there are the **DINKY DUDES** 5 years old and over, games and fun is the emphasis and if they enjoy it they will learn at a quicker rate. Secondly, there are the juniors. This is a little stricter but again enjoyment as well as discipline is the aim. The children start to learn more advanced Karate moves. Thirdly, there are the adult classes. This is when the emphasis is on self-defence as well as the syllabus work; older teenagers can train with the adults provided that they have the correct attitude and grade and maturity.



There are many benefits to be gained from training in Karate. Fitness, flexibility, confidence, discipline and the ability to defend yourself and family if necessary is not an instant thing but with time and effort you will learn many of the above and much much more.

**If you are interested in Karate  
please ring (01992) 577075.**

**Classes begin on Tuesday 9th September 2003  
in the Village Hall.**

**Dinky Dudes from 4.00 pm - 4.45 pm - Juniors 5 pm - 6 pm**

**Cost £4.00 per person**



## Theydon Bois Music Society

The Theydon Bois Music Society 2003/4 season Starts on

**11th September**

**at the Village Hall at 8.00 pm.**

Our first programme is a trio of  
oboe, piano & flute.



The Society has vacancies for new members and if you have an appreciation of good music in good company then why not join us?



**We meet on the second**

**Thursday of the month, September to June.**

For more information please contact our membership secretary

**Harry Memory,**

**telephone 01992 812696,**

who will be pleased to tell you more about us.

**Sat 13th Sept, 2003**

*'Friends of Guiding'*

are holding a

**Quiz Evening**

in the

Scout HQ

Loughton Lane.

Tickets are £7.50



& include a Ploughman's Supper  
Bring your own glasses & drinks

**Contact Lucia Davis on  
813209**



**Theydon Bois Drama**

**Society**

presents

**OVER THE MOON**

a comedy by Ken Ludwig

on 23rd - 25th October 2003

**THE SLEEPING BEAUTY**

by John Morley

on 7th-10th January 2004

Theydon's first pantomime for 10 years!  
So make an early note in your diary now!

**Box Office: Carol James 01992 812250**



## Forthcoming Village Events

31st Aug 2003	<b>Copped Hall Trust</b> - Open Day 11.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.
4th Sept 2003	<b>EFDC Free Electric Blanket Testing</b> - Village Hall 2 to 4
9th Sept 2003	<b>Te-Ashi-Do Karate</b> Starts - Village Hall - see page 25
11th Sept 2003	<b>Theydon Bois Music Society</b> - new season starts - Village Hall - see ad on opposite page
13th Sept 2003	<b>Friends of Guiding</b> - Quiz Evening, Scout HQ contact - see ad on opposite page
13th Sept 2003	<b>Horticultural Show</b> - Village Hall 2.25 pm
24th Sept 2003	<b>Flower Festival Meeting</b> - to arrange next years flower festival 7.30 pm Church Hall
25th Sept 2003	<b>Parish Council Public Meeting</b> - Village Hall
30th Sept 2003	<b>Theydon Bois Country Dancing Club</b> - every Tuesday at 7.30 pm - Village Hall 7.30 pm - see page 19
10th Oct 2003	<b>Theydon Bois &amp; District Rural Preservation Society</b> - Swan Upping talk - Village Hall - see page 17
17th Oct 2003	<b>Theydon Bois Tennis Club</b> - Quiz Evening
23-25th Oct 2003	<b>Theydon Bois Drama Society</b> - Over The Moon - see ad on opposite page
7th Nov 2003	<b>NSPCC</b> - Cockney Evening - Village Hall - see ad on page 18
27th Nov 2003	<b>Parish Council Public Meeting</b> - Village Hall
6th Dec 2003	<b>Theydon Bois Tennis Club</b> - Xmas Dance
7-10th Jan 2004	<b>Theydon Bois Drama Society</b> - The Sleeping Beauty - see ad on opposite page
31st Jan 2004	<b>St. Mary's Church</b> - Burns Night - Supper & Dancing
15th May 2004	<b>St. Mary's Church</b> - May Summer Ball (Dinner & Dance)

If you would like your event included in the forthcoming events section please notify the Parish Clerk on **01992 813442** or by e-mail at [theydonboisclerk@supanet.com](mailto:theydonboisclerk@supanet.com) by **8th October** for the next edition.



## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

DISTRICT COUNCIL SERVICES		ADVICE, HELP & INFO	
Epping Forest Dist Council	01992 564000	Citizen's Advice B-Loughton	0208 502 0031
Epping Sports Centre	01992 564564	Citizen's Advice B-Epping	01992 574989
Loughton Sports Centre	01992 564574	Epping Forest College	020 8508 8311
Waltham Abbey Sports C	01992 716194	Samaritans	020 8520 9191
Waste Management	01992 564320	Local Police (non-urgent)	01279 625442
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES		TRAVEL & TOURISM	
Registrar Births & Deaths	01992 572788	Arriva Herts & Essex	01279 426349
Registrar of Marriages	01992 572788	Gatwick Airport	08700 000303
Education Office	01245 436231	Heathrow Airport	08700 000123
Loughton Library	020 8502 0181	Luton Airport	01582 405100
Social Services	020 8508 9311	Stansted Airport	08700 000303
CINEMAS		London Regional Transport	020 7222 1234
ABC (South Woodford)	020 8989 3463	National Express (Victoria)	0990 808 080
Odeon (Gants Hill)	020 8554 2452	PUBLIC UTILITIES	
UCI (Lee Valley)	0870 603 4567	British Gas	0845 609 1122
Virgin (Harlow)	0870 505 0007	TXU Energy	0800 183 1144
HEALTH & HOSPITALS		VILLAGE	
Limes - Epping (Appt)	01992 573838	Village Hall Bookings	01992 815150
Limes - Epping (Emergency)	01992 566500	Village Hall Caretaker	01992 813771
Limes - Epping (Enquiries)	01992 566501	Parish Office	01992 813442
Limes - Epping (Cancellation)	01992 566502	Cemetery Burial Clerk	01992 813100
Limes - Theydon (Appt)	01992 812450		
Limes(Primecare)weekends	01245 444486		
St Margaret's Hospital	01992 561666	Theydon Pharmacy	01992 812130
Princess Alexandra Hosp	01279 444455	Holly House Hosp (Private)	020 8505 3311
Abridge Surgery	01992 812961	Epping High St Surgery	01992 572012