



Theydon Bois Village News

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of Theydon Bois

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Is Litter spoiling our Village?



John Eaton shows the 15? bags of litter removed from the Village Green on 4th Oct

Litter is an eyesore, it looks very unsightly, can be potentially dangerous and is above all unnecessary. Animals are regularly injured, even killed by litter. People throwing rubbish out of cars cause road accidents and carelessly discarded cigarette ends start grass fires especially during dry summers such as the one we've just had.

The Parish Council feel that raising villager awareness of the problems caused by litter and refuse is important especially in view of the above as well as the fact that the amount of litter dropped in our village is steadily increasing. Remember that dropping litter is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and offenders can be fined as

much as £2,500. It's everyone's responsibility to dispose of their waste properly.

What can you do to reduce litter? Remember to reduce, reuse and recycle. When you use the village green and surrounding areas, put your rubbish in the bin, or better still take it with you because the bins often get full and overflow. Don't put your rubbish out until the day of collection.

A lot of good work is done in Theydon Bois by villagers who contribute to our regular village green litter pick. The last one held on Saturday 4th October produced its usual variety of items ranging from chewing gum to burger boxes to cycle mudguards.

There is an opportunity for you to do something positive about the problem by volunteering to take part in the village community litter pick.

Anybody can join in, just be at the village hall at 9.30 am on the first Saturday in every month and all the necessary sacks, tabards, gloves, litter pickers will be provided.



A volunteer litter-picker



Report on Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 25th September 2003

PRESENT

Cllrs J Eaton (Chair), K Cushing, R Glozier, P Gooch, M Hannibal, M Oliver, J Padfield, S Powell, W Shales and R Smith.

The Chairman noted with regret the passing of Sid Glozier, who was a prominent figure in horticultural circles and assisted the Parish Council by presiding over the judging for the *Anglia in Bloom Best Front Gardens* competition when it was reintroduced several years ago.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr O'Connor.

The Minutes of the meeting on 31st July, 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and there were no matters arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on the following:-

- A letter from Essex Air Ambulance thanking the Parish Council for their donation of £50.
- A letter from Epping Citizens Advice Bureau thanking the Parish Council for their donation of £225.
- A letter from Essex Air Ambulance who are seeking voluntary representatives in each parish to assist in the monitoring of fundraising in the area.
- A letter from the owners of Blunts Farm requesting that all references to the golf course development should be referred to as Parsonage Golf and not Blunts Farm Golf Course as the site was sold some time ago to Parsonage Golf Ltd.
- A notice from Three Valleys Water detailing the closure of Theydon Road (from the High Road to Ivy Chimneys Road) for six weeks commencing 20th October, 2003.
- An e-mail from EFDC stating that an urgent order had been raised to repair the pavement outside the entrance to the Baptist Church.
- An e-mail from EFDC stating that the schedule for beginning the planting scheme at Frank Foster House was being investigated.
- A letter from Essex County Councillor Janet Whitehouse asking the Parish Council to consider providing grit bins and compiling a register of volunteers.
- A letter from EFDC giving details about the new government regulations regarding Parish Council Members Remuneration Schemes.



Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENTS

- The accounts up to 18th September, 2003, having previously been circulated, were approved.
- Copped Hall had recently held open days in which the public could view certain areas inside the building for the first time. Volunteers from the Village are actively involved in this project and it was considered a very worthwhile cause. A resolution that the Parish Council make a donation to the Copped Hall Trust for £100 was carried unanimously.
- Cllr Hannibal reported that the Council had decided to limit the Reserve Fund to approximately the amount of one year's precept. This would release funds for the Village Strategic Plan and other projects.

PLANNING

- Cllr Gooch reported that there had been seventeen applications since the last public meeting.
- The Parish Council continued to be concerned about the loss of bungalows in the village with permission regularly being sought for upper storey extensions. The concerns are loss of lower cost housing and change of appearance in the street scene, sometimes purely for speculative gain. It is the intention that members of the Planning Committee will meet with the appropriate authority within EFDC in order to discuss policy relating to this issue.

ENVIRONMENT

- Cllr Smith reported that the Environment Committee had met on 16th September. The draft Terms of Reference had been amended and copies sent to all members of the Council. It is intended that the final version will be adopted at the November Public Meeting.
- It had been noted that there was subsidence in the road in Heath Drive. The matter had been reported to Cllr Glozier and the Highways Engineer for action.
- The verges in Theydon Park Road and Blackacre Road have been re-laid by EFDC incorporating the use of a membrane underneath in order to limit the damage caused by vehicles parking on the verges. This is a pilot scheme and may be introduced into other roads in due course. It is unsatisfactory that neither the Parish Council nor the residents in the roads concerned had been notified in advance of the work being carried out. Cllr Glozier stated that the Highways Department had not been aware of when the project was going to start as it was allocated as a grounds maintenance issue and as such came under the Environment Department.



Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

- It is planned to approach the Conservators of Epping Forest to look at the possibility of planting two rows of oak trees, one either side of the existing row of trees in the Avenue of Oaks.
- Articles are to appear in the Village News requesting residents to cut back any overhanging foliage which encroaches over the pavements from their properties, and also asking that household refuse sacks and blue garden waste sacks are not put out on verges before the day of collection.
- It was felt that the marks in the Best Kept Village Competition had been disappointing and inconsistent and Cllr Smith is to take up the matter with the organisers.
- A letter has been sent to Head of Environmental Services at EFDC complaining about the poor level of service the Village receives in street cleaning.
- EFDC agree in principle that something needs to be done about the lack of parking in Greylands but it is not a high priority.
- EFDC had been contacted on various matters some months ago relating to the recycling areas, cutting back of tree foliage and street cleaning matters. No responses have been forthcoming and Cllr Glozier was asked to pursue these matters with District Council.
- A letter had appeared in the 18th September edition of the Gazette from a resident in Thrifts Mead on environmental issues. The newspaper had given the letter prominence and published a photograph of the weeds growing from a drain in Thrifts Mead. A reply from the Parish Council has been submitted to the paper requesting that they give it equal prominence on the letters page.

PARKING

- Cllr Glozier responded to an earlier question from Cllr Smith regarding the role of the Parking Engineer. There is no single Parking Engineer but Highway Engineers or agency workers who cover parking, maintenance, traffic calming and restrictions. Traffic Orders were currently being processed by Essex County Council, where there is a backlog. Letters would shortly be sent out to residents in roads where it is proposed to introduce the one hour parking restrictions and they will have four weeks in which to object, should they wish to do so. The yellow lines will probably appear shortly after Christmas.
- Cllr Gooch pointed out that the restrictions in and around Theydon Bois Primary School could be a problem for the teachers who drive to school as there is insufficient parking for them on site.

VILLAGE STRATEGIC PLAN

Cllr Cushing reported on the initiatives proposed by councillors to date, but still to be discussed and prioritised as follows:-



Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

Capital Projects

- Infra-red CCTV cameras to cover the village shopping area, Station Approach, the bus stop and Pond Area. Also CCTV coverage of the Playground and the Village Hall with mutual agreement over funding.
- Village Wardens to patrol public areas i.e. the Pond area, the Playground, bus shelter, etc. Develop with EFDC/Corporation of London/Police, traffic slowing initiatives for traffic moving through the Forest roads and village through roads and certain side roads.
- Develop improvement scheme for shopping area to create a more attractive area.
- Work with the Corporation of London to examine the feasibility of planting two new lines of oak trees along the Avenue of Trees, either side of the existing lines, in accordance with the European Union's directive.
- Maximising the benefit of maintenance spending on Highways by closer links with EFDC/Essex County Council.
- Provide our own community bus.
- Enhance the Cemetery further by constructing a soft path (bark mulch) from the back of the cemetery along part of the hedge on the right (west) hand side and provide seating either by purchasing or sponsorship.
- Street name signs – some need repair, others need replacing.

Environmental Issues

- Create a positive link to the Village Tree Strategy to help improve the village environment.
- Improve public transport by encouraging operators to introduce more user friendly timetables.
- Household waste recycling by separating different materials.

Compliance Issues

- Noise pollution. Implementing the law against perpetual offenders.
- Campaign against the habit of many households of putting blue bags (garden waste) and black bags (household waste) out early, in some cases many days before collection.
- Campaign against inconsiderate parking; on grass verges and over dropped kerbs which affects the blind and disabled.
- Planning consent to include builders' obligation to protecting and re-instating grass verges.

Joint Liaison Initiatives

- Forge closer links with the Village Association to achieve joint initiatives for community gain, particularly with regard to youth.



Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

- Aim to achieve greater community involvement in helping to improve the village well being.
- Invite villagers to input ideas for consideration for inclusion in Village Strategic Plan. This may involve periodic public meetings.
- Cllr Powell commented that consideration should be given to including the provisions relating to the Disability & Discrimination Act which will affect access into the shops.
- Cllr Gooch stated that it was important to get input from villagers. Other suggestions including upgrading the public conveniences, and expanding the pond area.
- Cllr Padfield stated that it was important to protect what we have now and therefore CCTV should be a top priority. The Parish Council are currently obtaining quotes for installation.

Cemetery

- Cllr Cushing reported that the committee had met on 13th August. The Handyman is still off sick and volunteers were sought for a couple of hours a week to help with weeding.
- A number of headstones have become loose and owners were reminded that it was their responsibility to maintain them. However, in many instances the instability may have been caused by the extremely dry conditions and the committee will review the situation again after a period of heavy rain.
- Cllr Cushing thanked Mr Perry Taylor for supplying and erecting a new sign for the cemetery. This was a good example of a member of the community using his professional skills for the benefit of the village.
- Cllr Cushing was pleased to report that the Cemetery had scored maximum marks plus a bonus mark in the Best Kept Village Competition.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Allotments

- Cllr Glozier reported that Matthew O'Reilly, who has been cutting the uncultivated areas at no cost, will be unable to continue and therefore next spring it will be necessary to employ an outside contractor.

Theydon Bois Village News

- Cllr Oliver reported that the Village News had been entered into the Rural Community Council of Essex magazine competition again this year. It was the poor marks received in this competition last year that has led to the revamping of the magazine and the subsequent award received in the Essex Association of



Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

Local Council magazine competition. Next year it is planned to issue the newsletter on a quarterly basis with some use of colour. James Sear Estate Agents and the Theydon Bois Balti House have agreed to become sponsors. The Village News is always looking for articles and villagers are asked to submit any items of interest to the Parish Office.

- Cllr Eaton expressed his thanks to the Newsletter Group for their efforts in improving the magazine.

Buxton Trust

- Cllr Smith reported that some plants in a private garden had been damaged by falling branches from a tree on Buxton Trust land. The owner had been fully reimbursed for the cost of replacing the plants. Cllr Eaton requested that Cllr Gooch rearrange the times of the football clubs matches on Remembrance Sunday, as had been the practice in previous years.

Village Green

- Cllr Padfield reported that the Council was satisfied with the standard of grass cutting carried out by EFDC this year on the Green. It is planned to liaise with the Corporation of London to grow more wild flowers in the conservation area which is left uncut in the earlier part of the year. The footprint of the conservation area will be the same size as this year.

Community Safety Group

- Cllr Glozier reported that the Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour Group and the Safer Communities Group have merged to become the Theydon Bois Community Safety Group. Funding had been secured for a Self-Defence Evening in the New Year which will be open to all residents, but numbers would be limited. It is also planned to hold a drug awareness evening in late spring or early summer aimed at helping parents recognise signs of abuse.

Tree Strategy

- Cllr Shales reported that discussions were still ongoing at EFDC with regard to the types of trees to be planted. Concerns over the planting of fruit trees had been noted. The planting was due to take place over a five year period.

Limeslink

- Cllr Powell reported that the official opening of the new surgery at The Limes which had been advertised in the Village News had been cancelled at short notice. No notification of the cancellation had been received by the Parish Council. Cllr Powell apologised to anyone who may have been inconvenienced by the cancellation.



Report on Parish Council Meeting (cont)

The Village Association

- Cllr Oliver reported that the Hall continued to be well used. The heating arrangements had been reviewed and additional radiators were due to be installed shortly. Youths had been using the car park for skateboarding and further incidents of youth nuisance had occurred in and around the Hall. Further security measures were being looked into.

Theydon Bois Primary School

- Cllr Gooch reported that the SATS results for 11 year olds in English, Maths and Science were very impressive and were well above the national average in all three subjects. In English 98% achieved level 4 or above (national average 75%). In Maths 84% achieved level 4 or above (national average 73%). In Science 98% achieved level 4 or above (national average 87%).

War Memorial

- Cllr Shales reported that the cleaning of the War Memorial is scheduled to begin shortly and is due to be completed by mid-October, after which time the borders will be replanted ready for Remembrance Sunday on 9th November. A villager who wishes to remain anonymous has very kindly donated the entire cost in order for the work to be carried out.

Christmas Tree

- Cllr Eaton announced that the lighting of the Christmas Tree will take place on Friday 5th December at 6.30 p.m. outside the Village Hall.

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:-

- Dog owners had not been clearing away their dog's mess from the Buxton Trust playing field.
- It had been noted that the tennis courts were little used during the day and therefore lighting them at night was unnecessary. CPRE had issued a publication 'Night Blight'.
- The question was asked as to what constituted a citizen's arrest.
- The cars parked along Poplar Row near the Playground were causing problems for children crossing the road to and from the Playground.
- Several traffic signs in the Village were missing.
- Re-instatement of old road signs.



Vicar's son John Travers Rows the Journey of a Lifetime - Black Forest to Black Sea Backwards!

From Ulm in the Black Forest of Germany to Sulina on the Black Sea coast of Romania, the river Danube flows across Europe – 1700 miles. I have just spent the last two months rowing down it and had the time of my life!



Why would someone make such a journey? The central reason is something felt by every young person: the drive to explore and get 'out there'. The personal challenge of rowing such a distance and my curiosity about the people and landscape of countries such as Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria were motives I just couldn't get out of my mind once I had the idea.

From a broader perspective Charlie (the university friend that I did this with) and I wanted to bring attention to certain conservation and social issues that relate to Danubian Europe. Points about cooperation and communication between states that are unavoidably linked by such an important river. We achieved this through many newspaper, TV and radio interviews along the way. Our last reason for taking on such a journey was to raise money for charity. We have raised over £7000 for WaterAid – an international development charity, and the WWF-Danube programme. And money is still coming in!

An all round success? Whether anyone listened to our message only time will tell but with the ongoing efforts of the WWF things will improve. The money raised so far is great but of course the more the better. My curiosity was certainly satisfied and I count myself lucky for having experienced such a beautiful and welcoming part of Europe in such a unique way. **If you want to know more or make a donation then please visit <http://www.rowingthedanube.org.uk>.**

JOHN TRAVERS



Royal British Legion

The annual Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance



will take place on
Sunday 9th November
starting at the War Memorial at 10.45 am
and then continuing in the Church.

In the event of wet or bad weather the entire service will be held in the Church. Medals may be worn and standards carried.

It has been decided that because of falling numbers in the membership of the Legion we will no longer march from the telephone exchange but will make our own ways to the War Memorial. Legion members and other adults please form a line on the pavement facing the War Memorial and the younger people congregate on the sides of the Memorial area in time for the start of the service.

The Royal British Legion is a charity whose work is to help disabled service and ex service personnel and their families. Please do give generously when you see the poppy sellers around or if they call on you at your home, and please do *'wear your poppy with pride'*.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have been involved with the poppy appeal over many years, the organisers and poppy sellers, you have done a grand job for the Royal British Legion.

Armistice Day - Tuesday November 11th at 11.00 am

Please pause for 2 minutes 'Just to Remember'

HARRY MEMORY



LIGHTING OF CHRISTMAS TREE
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER.

FESTIVE FUN IN FRONT OF THE VILLAGE HALL AT
6.30 PM WITH MUSIC, CAROL SINGING, MULLED
WINE AND ARRIVAL OF FATHER CHRISTMAS.



The Past Summer in Theydon Bois

Although (at the time of writing) the magnificent summer of 2003 was fading away, memories remained of glorious sunshine, great heat, alfresco meals, sunny outdoor events, wonderful floral displays in many a garden and, consequently, much use of hose and watering can. However, despite all this, the pace of life in Theydon Bois continued unabated, as we shall see.



In May the Central Line came back into full service after several months closure, the Playground At Theydon (PAT) was formally reopened by Eleanor Laing MP and her young son Matthew, and the Wansfell College held a May Fair to raise funds for a pedestrian lift and an improved access road at the College. Standards at the village primary school continued to improve such that some year groups were now oversubscribed, Richard Bulatis, 14, won a putting competition achieving 9 holes with 20 putts and the Drama Society performed "Time and Time Again" to capacity audiences in the village hall. John Eaton and Peter Gooch were re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and Joy Wainwright and John Plume were conjoint winners of the Villager of the Year Award.

June saw the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club putting out feelers for use of the Parsonage Golf Course, John Peck and Frazer Dodds were preparing to take part in an Atlantic Rowing race from Tenerife to Barbados and the Theydon Bois Freemasons Lodge held a quiz night which raised £450 for the PAT charity. The swan's nest and eggs on the village pond were destroyed by vandals and the birds injured, English Longhorn cattle from Epping Forest strayed into the village (a pleasant sight), the Village Community Tree Strategy was published and this years Open Gardens Day raised £4,500 to support the village hall.



In July Canon Rev. Colin Travers, and others, discussed with Eleanor Laing MP possible changes to international trade rules which kept third world countries poor, an open air Night At the Opera at Copped Hall was a great success (fine weather again), and the Theydon Bois Singers gave a concert of Midsummer Melodies in the village hall. Although the village was not directly affected (yet?), at least three separate proposals for extensive housing development in the district, which violated the green belt, caused much concern and the debate is ongoing.



The Past Summer in Theydon Bois *(continued)*

The accidental death was recorded of motor cyclist Stephen Bassick who was killed last year after colliding with a deer, which had strayed into a Forest road, the annual Scout Donkey Derby was a huge success raising £8,600 for Scout Funds and the Theydon Bois Conservative Association held a garden party at Thrifts Hall Farm. The publication "*Theydon Bois Village News*" won the small councils section of a competition run by the Essex Association of Local Councils and the Village Web site continued to expand with some 2000 "hits" recorded per month. The Parish Council expressed concern at the number of applications for the conversion of village bungalows into houses and the depositing of spoil on the Parsonage Golf course was stopped.



Normally a quiet month, August was busy with the opening of the Flower Yard Garden, a new business in Loughton Lane and the heatwave was declared official with an extreme temperature of 100.6 degrees F. in Gravesend, a new British record. One hour parking restrictions in the autumn were announced to combat commuter parking in certain roads north of Coppice Row and unsolicited phone calls were alarming elderly residents. The Loughton Astronomical Society provided viewing facilities for villagers wishing to see the planet Mars which was at its closest to earth for many years and John Travers and Charlie Blair were spending the summer rowing down the River Danube in support of the World Wildlife Fund.



And, finally, September saw Sarah Hannibal return home after spending some months in Uganda helping to establish local Branches of the Guide Association, and the Vics, the local Petanque team based at the Queen Victoria Pub, moved to the top of the second division of the British Petanque Association. Bob Jones, of the Epping Green Party, warned that the high summer temperatures were due to global warming and pressed for government action. Horse riding licences were introduced for riders in Epping Forest and the Karillon Trio gave a fine performance of chamber music at this month's meeting of the Theydon Bois Music Society. The Theydon Bois Horticultural Society held a successful autumn show although entries were down due to the dry weather and, sadly, Syd Glozier one of the Society's longest serving members and a respected member of the community, died after a long illness.



**TREVOR ROBERTS
LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER**



District Councillors Column

DEVELOPMENT THREATS

Residents will have seen in the local press, and perhaps heard on the news, the various studies and options concerning growth in our District.

There are various different proposals being published, including “Harlow 2020” but the most important, from our point of view, is the “Stansted/M11 Corridor Development Options Study”. The draft final report of this study has just been published.

This is vital because it will be the basis for next year’s Regional Planning Guide Notes from the Government. These in turn will shape the future of the District over the next few years.

The “big picture” is a lengthy document but the Government threat to the Village is, as usual, in the detail. Each and every growth option, large or small, includes building 500 more houses “in Loughton”. Although it is not specifically spelt out, the clear implication is to build over the only undeveloped area of land big enough for this, i.e. the Green Belt fields between Theydon and Debden.

They might enjoy the idea of becoming “Theydon Bois South” but do we want to be “North Debden”? We would become part of the continuous suburban sprawl all the way out from London and roads like Poplar Row or Theydon Park Road would turn into through routes. Picture the traffic!

We hope all the Residents will join us in resisting strongly the Government’s proposals, and fight to preserve our special village status.



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Business News & Village News Sponsorship

As part of the on-going development of Village News we intend to feature from time to time business developments within the village. In this edition we are featuring *Walker Blakeley Kitchens Ltd*, situated in Coppice Row and *The Flower Yard* in Loughton Lane, who have proved a welcome addition to the village shops since opening a few months ago.

WALKER BLAKELEY KITCHENS



- Roger from Walker Blakeley Kitchens writes to Village News “We are delighted to have been able to open our new studio in this lovely village and look forward to serving the community and surrounding areas in the coming years. Whilst we are a new name in Theydon Bois, we have over 20 years experience in designing and installing high quality kitchens.

Those villagers who have called into the studio so far, will know that it comprises of 3 showrooms each fitted with different styles from contemporary through to traditional. As well as the kitchens and home office on display, there are many other ranges to choose from, including solid wood and hand painted doors – the choice is endless! The service we offer covers everything from initial planning to final installation, this includes re-plastering, ceiling lighting, tiling, and blinds, indeed everything to give you the kitchen you have always dreamed of.

As part of our aim to offer the village that little something extra, the studio is also well stocked with a stunning and unusual range of accessories for the kitchen and home. Our accessories make ideal gifts so if you are looking for that special birthday or wedding present it is well worth while popping in to have a look around.

As Christmas approaches we will be offering an additional range of gifts and are planning one or two late opening evenings to ensure those of you who are unable to come in during our normal opening hours do not miss out. So, keep an eye on our window for further details and we hope you will be able to join us for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie or two!

You can rest assured that whatever you need, a warm welcome and the best advice awaits you and we look forward to meeting you in the coming months”.



Business News & Village News Sponsorship *(cont)*

THE FLOWER YARD - Vince at The Flower Yard describes his business as
"More than just a florist".



As well as bouquets and flower arrangements he aims to provide a selection of seasonal and Mediterranean plants, gifts, handmade Cretan and Turkish urns, hand-painted glassware and quality silk flowers.

At Christmas time there will be a selection of decorations and Xmas trees.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED IN VILLAGE NEWS PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK ON 01992 813442 OR E-MAIL: THEYDONBOISCLERK@SUPANET.COM.

JAMES SEAR ESTATE AGENTS TO SPONSOR VILLAGE NEWS



We are delighted to report that James Sear Estate Agents have become the main supporter for Village News for 2004.

For the past 30 years James and Heather Sear have worked together in the property industry. Their combined experience, together with that of other family members and locally based office staff gives them a vast knowledge of local property.

James and Heather were born, raised and still dwell in Theydon Bois. In fact the Sear family name can be traced back several generations in the village. Therefore they had no hesitation in agreeing to sponsor our new publication.

We are also pleased to report that Theydon Bois Balti House in Station Approach has also agreed to sponsor all four editions next year.

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 PARISH CLERK ON 01992 813442
 OR E-MAIL THEYDONBOISCLERK@SUPANET.COM.**



Theydon Bois Safer Community Group

Theydon Bois Safer Community Group (previously known as “*The Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour Group*”) met on 2nd September 2003. We were fortunate to have in attendance at this meeting David Stone (ECC Youth Service) Team Leader for statutory youth service in Epping Forest District.

We had all been given to understand that our Youth Club was ear marked for closure during the latter part of 2005 - however at this meeting we were informed by David that closure would take place within a year. This is a County Council decision and although we have a purpose built building Theydon Bois does not meet the deprivation criteria to make youth provision a priority. Those of us on this group feel our young people are being treated very badly indeed. We had a lengthy debate where our concerns were raised. Believe me - a full report would take all the available space in this newsletter. But nobody could doubt the depth of our feelings at the loss of this facility for our young people. David was very sympathetic with our concerns but was stuck with the decisions made at County level.

Theydon Bois together with other clubs in the area will close and a main centre is planned for Loughton, however, when this centre is likely to become a reality is anyone's guess. In the meantime Theydon Bois has a youth leader and two youth workers on site and will continue to open for two evenings per week. This will be advertised and publicised. A Youth Audit is planned and when the club closes there will be staff and mobile resources available.

After the success of the last Safety Defence Course, the group has managed to obtain funding for another and details appear below and the Village Web-Site. Numbers will be strictly limited so if you wish to attend this course please respond quickly.

CLLR. MARGARET O' CONNOR

on behalf of Theydon Bois Safer Community Group

THEYDON BOIS SAFER COMMUNITY GROUP

SELF DEFENCE COURSE - VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY JAN 23RD 2003

The course is open to all village residents, men & women over the age of 16. To book a place(s), please leave your name, address & telephone number in an envelope at the Parish Office in the Village hall. We will phone you back to confirm your place

BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN FROM 1ST OF NOVEMBER 2003

BOOK EARLY, PLACES ARE LIMITED



Theydon Bois & District Rural Preservation Society



PARKING BLUES

Our village has a parking problem that is made worse by all-day parking by commuters to London. The Parish and District Councils are currently addressing this matter, but there is another, more serious problem.



Just take a look at your own road - how many vans and cars are left on the roadway, on the pavement, on the greensward (in fact anywhere that you can get a vehicle) with the exceptions of the driveway and the garage?

Some people say that they deliberately park on the road to prevent others from using the space. Others have converted their garages into living space and yet others have loads of junk in their garages.

We must ask ourselves whether we want to conserve our village as an attractive and desirable place in which to live. Do we want emergency vehicles to be able to get to our homes in case of fire or illness and refuse vehicles not to be hampered on their necessary weekly visits?

- Do we want to make it easy for pedestrians, the handicapped, the elderly, and mothers with prams and pushchairs to use the pavements and cross the road at letdowns?
- Do we want the greensward to look attractive and be part of our environment and not to be ripped to pieces by careless parking?

If the answer to these is 'yes', then we must all make a conscious effort to move our vehicles off the road by using the garage and driveway. We might also save ourselves the cost of repairing damage caused by careless drivers negotiating over-parked areas.

Please look around - am I guilty of causing an obstruction or an eyesore with my transport? Let us all conserve and preserve our environment by removing our vehicles from roads and pavements onto our own property. This is our village, let us look after it.

BOB DAY
THEYDON BOIS & DISTRICT
RURAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY



Theydon Bois Village Association

The Association is pleased to be able to report that most of the outstanding 'snagging' items have now been addressed, nearly two years on from the opening of the New Village Hall. Financially, all the build and furnishing costs have been paid for and there is a reasonable balance in hand to cover the running and general maintenance costs and a realistic reserve fund.

Bookings are buoyant and our **Hall and Bookings Manager - John Field (815150)** - is at times struggling to accommodate all requests. This is all most encouraging; however, the Executive Committee is anxious that the Hall is available first and foremost to the residents of Theydon Bois and the 32 affiliated organizations.

With this in mind, and with particular problems associated with weddings, the decision has been taken not to let the Hall in future to people living outside the Parish boundary for such events. Existing bookings will be honoured.

In conjunction with the Parish Council, there is now a strong desire to ensure that younger people living in the village are encouraged to become more involved with established organisations and new ventures.

SHOULD ANYBODY FEEL ABLE TO HELP DEVELOP THIS APPROACH, WOULD THEY PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN - NORMAN STANLEY AT 813073.



The new Essex Air ambulance - an EC135 Eurocopter - saving lives across the County

Essex Air Ambulance

The Essex Air Ambulance is an essential life-saving service and is totally funded by donations from the people of Essex. We are currently looking for a voluntary representative in each parish to assist in the monitoring of fundraising in your area.

Our ideal person would be able to collect donation tins from various locations, liaise with local businesses who wish to support the Air Ambulance and keep in touch with our fundraising office with news of events in your area. The role would suit someone with a few hours spare per month, great interpersonal skills, and a good sense of humour. If you are interested please contact

**Simone Robinson, Community Fundraising Coordinator,
Essex Air Ambulance, Ambulance HQ, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Essex
CM1 7WS, tel 01245 444460 or fax 01245 442199**



Notices



THREE VALLEYS WATER

CLOSURE OF THEYDON ROAD

(from High Road to Ivy Chimneys Road)

from 20.10.03 to 01.12.03 - Duration 6 weeks

Under the instruction of EFDC Highways this road needs to be closed to through traffic to avoid severe traffic disruption on the High Road and High Street, whilst work takes place renewing the water main between Bury Lane and the entrance to Copped Hall. Residents will have access to their properties. TVW will take the opportunity to complete all other work that needs to be done in Theydon Road while the road is closed.

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

At a recent meeting of the above committee mention was made about tree and shrub overhangs from some householders properties. Any foliage which is allowed to grow without trimming becomes unsightly but more so is a danger to all. This is especially relevant to the elderly, the disabled and parents with infant prams.

It is the responsibility of the householder to ensure their shrubs and trees are trimmed properly. We therefore appeal to everyone to keep this in mind and to act positively towards improving the overall appearance of the village.



CLLR R G H SMITH

PLEASE KEEP THE VERGES CLEAR



The Parish Council liaises with EFDC in an effort to maintain the appearance of our verges and regular grass cutting takes place. We still have problems where residents put blue boxes and sacks on the verges, some times days in advance of collection.

Please remember bags and boxes should be placed within your property at the front boundary on collection days.

In the past there has been a problem where we have found vehicles and materials on some verges, action was taken and this situation has now improved.



LET US ALL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP OUR VILLAGE LOOKING CLEAN

Thank you.....Theydon Bois Parish Council



Reported Crime Figures for Theydon Bois, for the month of August,2003, are as follows:

- *Burglaries from Dwellings 10*
- *Burglaries from Sheds, Garages etc 4*
- *Thefts of Motor Vehicles 3*
- *Thefts from Motor Vehicles 2*
- *Criminal Damage to Property 3*

Since all of these figures appear to be rising significantly, I urge you all to be especially diligent with regard to your home security. I have a number of leaflets on Crime Prevention / Security, which you may find useful, or alternatively, our Crime Prevention Officer, Tony Ellis will visit upon request. He can be contacted at Epping Police Station, telephone number 01279--625525.

Index Plates

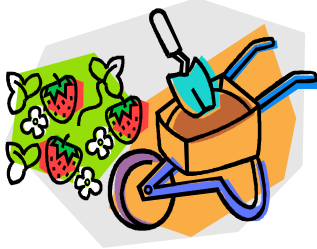
One or two people have requested information on the way that cycles are carried on vehicles. The two main concerns are:

1. The Index Plates at the rear of the vehicle should not be covered by the cycles ---- this is illegal.
2. If you carry cycles on your vehicle, then you should inform your Insurance Company ----- if you don't and one falls off and causes an accident, it may well invalidate your Insurance.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of Neighbourhood Watch, please do give me a ring on the telephone number below.

Caroline Law
01992 813905

Allotments



The Parish Council would like to express its thanks to Matthew O'Reilly and the Cricket Club for their assistance over the last two years.



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 812087	Mrs. J. Smith
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
Copped Hall Trust	01992 813002	Mr. T Roberts
Country Dancing	01992 814445	Mrs. P. Martin
Davenant Wanderers AFC	01992 573601	Mr. I. Smith
Debating Society	01992 813132	Mr. M. Boyle
Drama Society	020 8504 8158	Mrs. J. 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. B. Todd
Lace Club	01992 812058	Mrs. L. King
NADFAS	01277 362617	Mrs M. Griggs
NSPCC	01992 813724	Mrs. C. Risdon
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
Scouts	01992 815454	Mr. S. Hutton
Short Mat Bowls	01992 812104	Mr. T. Norris
St. Mary's P.C.C.	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 812090	Mr. P. Sheehan (Sec) Mr. J. Bridge (VA Rep)
Theydon Seniors	01992 814795	Mrs. W. Walker
Theydon Singers	01992 812068	Mrs. G. Neal
Trimby Dance Club	01992 812186	Mrs. J. Schena
University of the Third Age	0208 508 7665	Mrs. J. Lack
Village Association	01992 813491	Mrs. C. Davies
Wine Circle	0208 529 7934	Mr. R. Sharpe
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



For the last two months, the county council has been consulting on the future of its 12 remaining elderly people's care homes. I visited Sherrell House, the county owned care home in Epping Forest, and was impressed by the standard of care and the attractive building and gardens. Residents, relatives and staff told me that they want the home to remain in county ownership. I support this as I think local residents should have the choice of public or independent provision. The decision will be taken at the next full council meeting.

A strategic review of the 74 libraries in Essex is underway. One of the aims is to attract new customers so, if you haven't visited Epping or Loughton libraries recently, or the mobile library that visits Theydon Bois, please do.

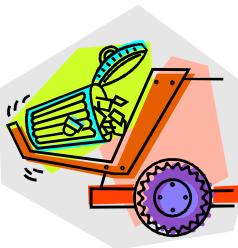
The library service offers a wide range of information. Do you have a question but you don't know where to go for the answer? Try "Answers Direct" based at Chelmsford library - **telephone 01245 438438** or **email answers.direct@essexcc.gov.uk**.

If you have any issue you would like to discuss, please phone.

**telephone 812503 or
email theydon.libdem@btinternet.com.**



**COUNTY CLLR
JANET WHITEHOUSE**



Important - Blue Bag Collection

The last collection day for garden waste is Monday 20th October. Please do not put any blue bags out after this date as they will not be collected.



League & Cup Triumph for Cricket Club

Theydon Bois Cricket Club have enjoyed one of their most successful seasons for many years with their 1st XI clinching the Division 2 League Title in the Herts & Essex Observer Cricket League as well as winning the League Cup Competition. In an amazing display of consistency the 1st XI won 17 out of 18 league matches in a



Back LtoR: Ross Penman, Simon Hughes, Rian Ackerman, William Turpin, Bret Sanders, Eddie

season which was blessed with good weather. With the League Title having been won by a clear margin, further success was achieved when the Club won the League Cup Competition overcoming Stansted in the final. Of the main contributors to the Club's success were Paul Sartoretti who scored 926 runs during the season ably supported by Ross Penman who scored 807 runs. On the bowling front, Brett Sanders claimed 44 wickets with William Turpin taking 37 wickets at an average of 12.62.

The 2nd XI also enjoyed a good season with the side finishing 4th in the 3rd Division of the Herts & Essex League. Captain Alex Goldie enjoyed success with the bat scoring 679 runs.

Club Captain Warren Hyde commenting on the season said that the Club had a good blend of youth and experience, but most important of all was that everyone was enjoying their cricket. Our decision to move to the Herts & Essex League a few sea-



League & Cup Triumph for Cricket Club *(cont)*

sons ago has proved to be a popular and successful one. The quality of the grounds, the standard of play and the manner in which the cricket is played have all exceeded our expectations. We have also been able to attract new players to the Club as well as re-launching a thriving Colts section where we welcome boys and girls from 8 years upwards. The Club is definitely on an upward trend.

Things are also looking up for the Club off the field of play with planning permission being approved for a new pitched roof on the Clubhouse. This will not only improve the appearance of the Clubhouse, but will also enable the Club to improve the changing facilities.

Further information on Theydon Bois Cricket Club can be found on their web site at www.tbcc.co.uk or contact Club Secretary Peter Gooch on 812908.

**Theydon Bois Cricket Club currently has vacancies for part-time bar staff to work in their Clubhouse which is open all year round.
Good rates of pay and flexible hours are available.
For more information contact the Club Secretary.**



**Copy for the Village News
and Village Website
to be sent to
Madeleine Murphy,
Parish Clerk, Parish Office
Theydon Bois Village Hall**

**Telephone & Fax
01992 813442**

**theydonboisclerk@supanet.com
Deadline for copy 7th November 2003**



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Theydon Bois Music Society

The Theydon Bois Music Society 2003/4 season

Started on 11th September - Village Hall at 8.00 pm.



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.



**CORPORATION
OF LONDON**

Nick Baker
from the
Corporation
of London

will be available in
the Village Hall Car Park
to talk to the public on
**6th & 20th November
& 4th December**
between
10.00 am & Noon

*(he will be there the same
time as the Mobile Police
Office)*



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

Tickets available NOW



Forthcoming Village Events

17th Oct 2003	Theydon Bois Tennis Club - Quiz Evening
18th Oct 2003	Charity Dance - Village Hall - in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care
23-25th Oct 2003	Theydon Bois Drama Society - Over The Moon - see ad on opposite page
6th November	Nick Baker of Corporation of London at Village Hall Car Park
7th Nov 2003	NSPCC - Cockney Evening - Village Hall
14th&15th Nov 2003	Theydon Art Group Exhibition - paintings for sale - Village Hall - Friday 6pm to 9pm, Sat 10am to 6pm - refreshments available
15th Nov 2003	Charity Dance - Village Hall - in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care
20th November	Nick Baker of Corporation of London at Village Hall Car Park
27th Nov 2003	Parish Council Public Meeting - Village Hall
29th Nov 2003	Tribute to ELVIS - Village Hall - In aid of Friedrich's Ataxia
4th Dec 2003	Nick Baker of Corporation of London at Village Hall Car Park
5th Dec 2003	Christmas Tree Lighting - Village Hall - 6.30 pm With carols mulled wine and Father Christmas
6th Dec 2003	Theydon Bois Tennis Club - Xmas Dance
15th Dec 2003	Charity Dance - Village Hall - in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care
7-10th Jan 2004	Theydon Bois Drama Society - The Sleeping Beauty - see ad on opposite page
17th Jan 2004	Charity Dance - Village Hall - in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care
31st Jan 2004	St. Mary's Church - Burns Night - Supper & Dancing
21st Feb 2004	Charity Dance - Village Hall - in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care
27th Mar 2004	Charity Dance - Village Hall - in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care
15th May 2004	St. Mary's Church - 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** by **7th November** 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
HEALTH & HOSPITALS		London Regional Transport	020 7222 1234
Abridge Surgery	01992 812961	National Express (Victoria)	0990 808 080
Epping High St Surgery	01992 572012	PUBLIC UTILITIES	
Epping Forest PCT	01992 902010	British Gas	0845 609 1122
Holly House Hosp (Private)	020 8505 3311	TXU Energy	0800 183 1144
Limes - Epping (Appointment)	01992 573838	VILLAGE	
Limes - Epping (Emergency)	01992 566500	Village Hall Bookings	01992 815150
Limes - Epping (Enquiries)	01992 566501	Village Hall Caretaker	01992 813771
Limes - Epping (Cancellation)	01992 566502	Parish Office	01992 813442
Limes - Theydon(Appointment)	01992 812450	Cemetery Burial Clerk	01992 813100
Limes (Primecare) weekends	01245 444486	CINEMAS	
Princess Alexandra Hosp	01279 444455	ABC (South Woodford)	0208 989 3493
St Margaret's Hospital	01992 561666	Odeon (Gants Hill)	0208 554 2452
The Rivers Hosp (Private)	01279 600282	UCI (Lea Valley)	0870 603 4567
Theydon Pharmacy	01992 812130	Virgin (Harlow)	0870 505 0007