



# Theydon Bois Village News

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## 2007 Villager of the Year - Jim Watts



Jim Watts was presented with the Chairman's Rose Bowl Villager of the Year award by Councillor Robert Glozier at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Jim moved to Theydon Bois 9 years ago and has taken a very active role in village life.

He has shown great commitment and dedication to the village in particular in relation to his work on the Village Website and also assists in the production of Village News. Jim is also an active member of the Rural Preservation Society and diligently reviews many planning applications which is of great assistance to the work of the Planning Committee. The award was therefore presented to Jim this year in recognition of the outstanding contribution which he has made to many aspects of village life.

## St Mary's May Fayre 28th May 2007

The weekend's inclement weather threw the plans for St Mary's May Fayre into disarray, but fortunately the Village Hall came to the rescue and the transfer of the whole operation indoors proved a great success. One or two of the children's more energetic activities had to be dispensed with, but Darts, Hoop-la, Face Painting, Kill the Rat and other sideshows were housed on the stage and the youngsters were happily occupied. With all the regular stalls in the Oak Room, the raffle, the mini-auction and other money raisers in the Foyer, the Plant Stall and the Barbecue on the veranda and the provision of lunches and teas in the Beech and Poplar rooms, all tastes were catered for. Just to add to the adventure there was a power cut in the middle of the day, but the ladies in the kitchen

were not to be thwarted and a gas primus stove from the Guides' store came to the rescue. Hundreds of people braved the elements and spent generously, thereby rewarding the tremendous teamwork of the numerous helpers.



## Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report 2007

As is often the case, one or two items can steal most of the limelight in the workings of an organisation but, with regard to your Parish Council, the bulk of the duties and responsibilities have been carrying on in the usual way. Over the last twelve months there have been:-

- 7 Public Meetings
- 11 Administrative Meetings
- 1 Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting
- 25 Planning Committee Meetings
- 2 Cemetery Committee Meetings
- 1 Allotment Holders' Meeting
- Numerous, frequent, Meetings of Member(s) of the Highways & Environment Committee with the County Highways Authority and District Cleaning Contractor.
- 5 Epping Cluster Community Transport Meetings.
- Ad Hoc Meetings for particular subjects, e.g. the bus service, Youth Club premises or Christmas tree lighting.

In addition, various Councillors, and/or Madeleine, have attended liaison and information meetings with various District or County organisations. Some Councillors will have attended up to 50 or 60 meetings during the year. This is quite a commitment to request from volunteers, and, as Chairman, I would like to thank them all.

**PLANNING** - During the year the Planning Sub-Committee reviewed 88 applications and raised 14 objections to them. The vast majority of applications were for fairly standard extensions or conservatories but the revised applications for the Parsonage Golf Development and the conversion of the former Wansfell College continue to cause considerable difficulties. Neither is yet resolved and the Parish Council will maintain its vigilance to ensure that the best interests of the Residents of Theydon are the prime concerns of the District Planning Authorities.

Cllr Sue Jones does a sterling job Chairing the Committee and I know she appreciates the help from the other Committee Members and the considerable assistance of Jim Watts from the Rural Preservation Society.

With regard to the former Youth Club building the legal procedures for having the surrounding land declared "Village Green" are advanced, and the valuation of the building under these circumstances is being undertaken. We would like to thank Cllr

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Peter Hammond and Mr Roy Newland for all the time, effort and expense they have put into protecting the village's interests.

**FINANCE** - The Parish Council continues to maintain a sound financial position. The precept has been increased this year by the rate of inflation but includes a new concept of contributing directly to the improvement of the pavements in the village. By thus "volunteering" to join in a partnership with the County Council we hope to gain considerably more work than otherwise would have been achieved.

**BUS SERVICE** - The new village service, the 541, commenced at the end of April. The service has pros and cons compared with the old 500 but it is thanks to the work of protesting villagers, the input of Mrs Eleanor Laing, MP, and the help of County Councillor John Spencer, that we have achieved a comparatively satisfactory result. However, I have to repeat what we have been told; the service is "use it or lose it".

**MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE** - The possible withdrawal of the service was another major worry during the year. The threat seems to have been averted but it seems that we will have to accept a reduction in the frequency of visits.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** - A very, very welcome return to our village facilities was the revival of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. We pass on our sincere thanks to Caroline Law for resuming the job of co-ordinator and wish her continuing success. I can also repeat her own request for more road co-ordinators to step forward; it is in all our interests to have every road covered.

**ENVIRONMENT** - I think everyone can't help but to have noticed the continuing significant improvements around the village. The re-surfacing of roads, the reinstatement of kerbs, the removal of redundant street furniture, and the vastly improved standard of verge maintenance, are all tribute to the remarkable "persuasive" powers of Cllr Anthony Purkiss when dealing with the powers that be.

With his band of helpers he is also a powerful "hands on" worker at village sites, e.g. the allotments and the station, I would like especially to thank Paul Argent, Robin Llewellyn-Jones and Matthew Riley for their much appreciated efforts.

The village's CCTV system continues to improve with new cameras and increased coverage. We would like to thank Tesco for their help and, in particular, thank Tim Penegar of Theydon Security for his considerable help, advice, and contribution, over and above the requirements of the new Maintenance Contract.

**Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report 2007** *(continued)*

Most people would consider that the "Avenue of Trees" across the Green is one of the most attractive features of the village but many of the trees are coming to the end of their lives. Over the next few years decisions will have to be made as to the best way to replace or in-fill the gaps, and, to that end, the City of London will be starting a consultation process to discover residents' views. Meanwhile, on the Green opposite the Village Hall, two new oaks have been planted by the children from Theydon Primary School.

These commemorate the Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the Golden Jubilee of the school in its present premises. They join the "Trafalgar Oak" to make a group of three to match the copse opposite.

On the edge of the village, by the cemetery and motorway, work continues on the planting of Theydon's new wood and so it is plain to see that today's residents are thinking as long term as our predecessors did. Our thanks go to Wilf Shales and the other members of the Tree Strategy Group.

**LITTER PICKS** - Sean, our dedicated village street cleaner, is doing a fantastic job in keeping the village tidy. However, especially with the summer shortly upon us, we all still need to make an effort.

On the first Saturday of every month a small band of volunteers meets at 9.00am at the Village Hall to collect the litter from the Green, the pond, and the other open areas. More volunteers, particularly in the summer months are very welcome but in the meantime, our grateful thanks to the hardy bunch of regulars.

**SCHOOL** - Our local Primary School remains at the heart of the community and we congratulate them on their new web site.

This year is a rather special one as it is the Golden Jubilee of the move on to the current site. I'm sure that the commemorative "James Bond Ball" will be a great success, (although, personally, I feel a little more "Blofeld" than "007" these days)

**VILLAGE NEWS AND WEB SITE** - I think that our village information media go from strength to strength.

Jim Watts is an indefatigable organiser on both and we are very grateful for his contribution, (not to mention his help to the Council on planning matters).

**Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report 2007** *(continued)*

We also would like to thank the editor of Village News, Tony Ames, and all the Team who help produce both.

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** - Once again this last year the Society has been maintaining the planters in the parade of shops. Watering, especially during the long dry period was a real labour of love and we need to pass on sincere thanks to Barry and Jane Turner and the other helpers.

Bearing in mind the contribution that the planters make to the attractiveness of our village, it is amazing that some mindless idiots think it fun to try and vandalise them. We hope there will be no repetition this year.

**CLOSING REMARKS** - I'm sure you share my relief at hearing those words. However it is really necessary to acknowledge, gratefully, that it is the volunteers in our community who make it such a special place to live.

I have already mentioned quite a few names but there are many others who quietly help, either individually or through the Churches, the Village Association, the Theydon Bois Rural Preservation Society, TBAAG, the Youth groups, or in any of the other village organisations, too numerous to mention: our sincere thanks to them all.

George Gardner, as Burial Supervisor, and Trevor Roberts, as Local History Recorder, continue to earn our thanks for doing great jobs, and especial thanks are also due to our industrious Parish Clerk, Madeleine. Without her, and her new assistant, Sally Crone, the job of Chairman would be infinitely more difficult.

Thanks also to my Vice-Chairman Sue Jones for all her help and advice. It is the efforts, and support of all the Councillors that makes a Chairman's job such a non-stop pleasure and I am suitably grateful.

We are starting the last year of this particular Parish Council and I hope we will avoid the danger of becoming "de-mob" happy. Some Councillors will seek to continue but new volunteers will be sought to fill the gaps and continue with the important task of working for the best interests of the village.



**ROBERT GLOZIER**  
Chairman

## Private Selby Douglas Reed KOSB

The great events of the twentieth century are fast becoming a memory as people pass on and today's events take prominence. However, the history of World War Two in Theydon Bois was unexpectedly reopened, recently, when the Village Parish Clerk received an enquiry from Stan Reed of Newcastle upon Tyne who was seeking information about the sad death in wartime of his brother Private Selby Douglas Reed of the King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB).



Selby was billeted in the Village at the Yates Retreat in Theydon Bois, which had been a popular social and refreshment venue for the many day-trippers to the Village in the days before the War. In 1939 it was requisitioned as accommodation for the Sixth Battalion of the KOSBs who were engaged on security and other duties in the area, possibly at the Wakes Arms Hotel, which became a military strong point, and at nearby RAF North Weald.

In the early hours of 18 Nov 1940 a German parachute mine dropped by the Luftwaffe struck the Retreat killing thirty men and injuring many others. Accounts of this incident have been well recorded in the publications "Epping Forest Then and Now" and "Theydon Bois As I Knew It"; the latter was written by local historian Jack Farmer, in which he recounts his personal experiences as a fire officer at the incident.

Sadly Selby was one of those killed. On 18 Nov 1998, a memorial plaque in memory of the thirty who died was installed and consecrated in St Mary's Church Theydon Bois, where it can be seen today. Selby's name is included and is therefore a permanent part of Theydon Bois history.

Selby was born in 1919 in Newcastle upon Tyne. His family had a background of shipbuilding but when Selby left school he entered the butchery trade. He was called up for army service on 3 Sep 1939, the day that war was declared. In 1940 he married his wife Ellen and six months later she was a widow. Selby apparently never saw his daughter Gladys who was born after his death.

Although only one of the many who served and died during the War, Selby's circumstances are representative of the thousands whose lives were lost at this time and especially of the thirty KOSB casualties at Yates Retreat. Stan Reed is proud of his brother's war service and of the family's association with Theydon Bois in this way. He has therefore donated to the Village a photograph of Selby, an attractive KOSB embroidered tablemat and, most poignantly, a copy of the letter of condolence written to Ellen by Selby's Commanding Officer Second Lieutenant W S Crosby.

It is hoped that these artefacts can be found a permanent home in the Village where they can bring some reality to the thirty KOSB names which are permanently inscribed on the plaque in St Mary's Church.

## Theydon Bois Horticultural Society



Knock knock ..... Who's there?

Show ..... Show who?

Not show who ..... show what...

What do you have to put in the village show this July? Did the collector come to your door with the new schedule and year book for the horticultural society? (Yellow cover this year!) Still only £1 to be a member, the price is the same as in 1989. Lots of information about the society, the talks, outings and of course the 'show'.

We are having the pumpkin competition again this year which is open to all members. We will pay £1 a kilo to the grower of the heaviest pumpkin grown in the village. Conditions apply.



The outing to Wisley sold out quickly so please contact **Keith Harris 812203** if you are interested in going on the next trip which is to Mickleham Priory in Sussex on July 14th. Mr. Carter from Long House Plants at Noak Hill will be bringing plants to sell at his talk on 22nd June.

The village show on 28th July (from 2.15 pm) is not just about flowers and vegetables, there are lots of other sections for photography, wine, cookery and handicraft.....not to mention the children's section! To find out more look in your yellow book.

If you are interested in joining the society please contact Jane Turner 812652 or Tricia Haslehurst 812177

### Theydon Bois Country, Folk and Barn Dance Club

We're finishing on June 12th for the summer but start again on September 25th so if you've missed out this term on Tuesday evenings filled with laughter and exercise with friendly people, don't worry. Make a date in your diary and come along in the Autumn to find out what you've been missing.

For information contact T. Haslehurst 01992 812177



## Neighbourhood Policing



There have been a few reports of theft from motor vehicles over the last month and one theft from a motor vehicle so please ensure that your vehicle is left secure when unattended and report any suspicious behaviour. Otherwise crime has been fairly low.



There seems to be an increase in graffiti in and around the area of the shops in Coppice Row and several 'tags' have appeared on numerous occasions. Graffiti is not acceptable in any form and anyone suspected of being responsible will be arrested and dealt with. If anyone has information regarding graffiti please contact me.

On Saturday 5th May 2007 a serious assault occurred on the footbridge over the railway line at Theydon underground station, involving two local youths one of whom was stabbed. Police quickly responded to the incident and secured the area. The injuries sustained are not life threatening, the suspect a 16 year old youth made off prior to police arrival. Police scenes of crime officers attended the scene and detectives from Epping police Station are leading the investigation - any information please to Detective Sergeant Mayo.

I would like to state that this is an isolated incident between two local youths who are known to each other. I was also concerned to hear of large groups of youths congregating on the green causing a nuisance - no reports have been made to Police of this nature. Should this start to become a problem please contact me or Epping police station so it can be stopped.

I am still looking for volunteers who will be interested in attending

### 'Neighbourhood Action Panels'

due to take place early in June at the Village Hall - have your say on Policing priorities within the village, if you are interested please let me know.

As per normal any non urgent information can be passed to me via

<b>Neighbourhood policing mobile no</b>	<b>07779 317211</b>
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## District Councillors Column



Although we have had no elections in Theydon Bois this year, you must all be aware that elections have taken place in the District and as a result of these the Conservative group now have overall control of the Council.

There have been some changes. The number of Portfolio Holders has been reduced from 9 to 8, mainly by combining Finance and ICT., and all of these posts are held by members of this group.

The planning sub committee which looks at plans in Theydon Bois has now been renamed Plans East.

Earlier in the year this new committee rejected the new application at the Wansfell College site, And we await with interest further news on this application. Both Roland Frankel and Kay Rush will continue to sit on this committee.

Roland will also be a member of the District Development Control Committee and of the Scrutiny Panel which looks at Environmental and Planning Matters.

Kay will sit on both Licensing Committee and on the Housing Scrutiny Panel. She will also continue to chair the Housing Appeals and Review Panel.

As this is being written, notices are being published of the proposed new parking orders for the village. Let us hope that they will solve most of our problems with commuter parking!

We are now into the summer programme of waste collection which will continue until Sept. 14th.----Wheeled Bins every week and recycling alternate weeks.



We hope to hold 'Surgeries' in the village once a month, venue and times still to be decided, so do watch the Village Notice Boards,



**District Councillor  
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**District Councillor  
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## News from County Hall

Early this month the Leader of Essex County Council, Lord Hanningfield, made a number of changes to the Cabinet. A new cabinet post was created and some of the duties and responsibilities were streamlined. There was one additional appointment to the Cabinet and Norman Hume assumed the responsibility for Highways and Transportation following the resignation of Rodney Bass. I have been appointed Deputy to Norman Hume. May has proved to be a very busy period while I have been familiarising myself with the task and attending a number of meetings in the County. I am now also a member of the Fire Authority. Both these positions are challenging and rewarding and add to the work I do in Development and Regulation, Libraries and Adult Education and other groups.

The District Council's new Parking restrictions were implemented earlier this month and residents in Epping are settling in to the new arrangements. The proposed waiting restrictions for Theydon Bois are also progressing and the notices for the changes, which were co-ordinated by Theydon Bois Parish Council, have been published.

Plans for the amalgamation of Epping Junior School and Epping Infants School into a Primary School are progressing. A new combined School is to be built on the present Infants School site and to facilitate this, pupils of the Infant School are moving to accommodation in Centre Point while the New School is being built.

A record £158 million will be spent on Highways and Transportation and associated initiatives this year as part of a three year programme of improvements, including safer journeys to school, new road construction, easing congestion and improved bus services. 560 kilometres of road will be treated over the next twelve months and continuing efficiencies will be found in improving the contractual arrangements we have in place.

The Essex Safety Camera Partnership will be replaced by a new Casualty Reduction Board comprising of senior members and officers of the County Council, the Police, the Ambulance Service and the Highways Authority. On top of this, money now collected from speed camera speeding fines will no longer go straight to the treasury but instead will be available to be used throughout the County in priority areas as laid down in the Local Transport Plan which will include safety measures worth in the region of £3.2 million.



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Citizens Advice Column  
Loughton & District Citizens Advice Bureau



**Q - I am retired and worried about how I am going to be able to afford the recent increase in Council Tax. I was just about managing but I know my pension won't be going up enough to meet the extra I'll have to pay. Is there anything I can do?**

A - You don't say how much your pension is, but if you are on a low income and don't have much in savings you could be entitled to Council Tax Benefit. This is a benefit to help towards council tax, paid by your local council. If you qualify, it means that your bill will be reduced. Thousands of people who should be getting Council Tax Benefit are missing out, just because they don't know about it or how to claim.

First check you are getting any discounts you may be entitled to – for example if you live alone you automatically qualify for a 25 per cent reduction in your bill. If you are eligible for Council Tax Benefit the amount you get will depend on how much money you have coming in. In some cases it will mean you do not have to pay any council tax at all.

You should make a claim direct to Epping Forest District Council's - Council Tax Benefit office, using the form they provide. Or if you prefer, you may be able to make your claim by phone or online. Ask for the claim to be dated from the day you asked for the form. If you are over 60 and you think you would have qualified for Council Tax Benefit before you made your claim, you may be able to get payment backdated for up to a year.

For more information and advice on dealing with problems visit Loughton & District Citizens Advice Bureau. We will be able to check to make sure you are getting all the help you are entitled to and help you make a claim.

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## Theydon Bois Cricket Club



The Colts/Juniors registration night took place on 20/04/2007, and was a huge success with over 30 youngsters attending.

Some 27 of these registered, of whom at least 10 were new members. Those undertaking training also attended, including our qualified coach and the welfare officer.

A free raffle was drawn for cricket gloves and a cricket ball, and the evening ended with an impromptu demonstration of how to select a bat, by one of our members, which went down really well with the younger colts, who continued to munch noisily on their crisps and probably pray that life would only get better!! The first full Colts training session took place on 04/05/2007 and 26 Colts attended. To date there have been two Colts under 13's matches both of which Theydon have won, this only bodes well for the future.

As regards the Senior sides, although the weather has intervened, the club to date has played half a dozen friendly matches, losing just one. In the league the 1<sup>st</sup> X1 are undefeated and the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 have won two and lost one.

The Club has welcomed some new players and continues to pursue all avenues to enhance their playing membership.

### NOTICEBOARD

#### **ON SUNDAY 8th July THERE WILL BE A COLTS/JUNIOR DAY**

Dependent on numbers, a full match could be played and other activities organized. Notices will be posted with the day commencing at 2.00pm.

#### **MAY TO JULY 2007 INC - COLTS/JUNIOR COACHING SESSIONS**

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## Copped Hall Corner

**RESTORATION** - Restoration of the Georgian Mansion by the Copped Hall Trust continues to progress steadily. The first priority is the stabilisation of the building by replacing the floor structures either vandalised or destroyed in the great fire. This is currently taking place in the south of the building where the Ground Floor structure has already been reinstated. The metal girders fitted during the 1895 alterations, and severely damaged by the fire, have been removed in preparation for the fitting of the first and second floors, which once accommodated Mr Conyers' bedroom and dressing room and other bedrooms on the second floor. This work will allow the building to dry out further and should be completed by the end of the year.

**ACTIVITIES** - Since March 2007, the extensive programme of Copped Hall activities has continued with Alan Cox giving his now annual account of the previous year's work at the Mansion and in the grounds. A visit to the Mansion by the Essex Rolls Royce Owners Club, together with their cars, proved very popular - see photo opposite by Jimmy Keith. A sell out musical event in May was a Double Divas recital in the Mansion when Catriona Logan (soprano) and Susan Devlin (mezzo soprano) performed a varied programme of music before an appreciative audience. Similar events are scheduled for the coming months and are listed below.

**FILMING** - Film companies continue to express an interest in using the Copped Hall site as a location for filming. The current film on the circuits featuring Copped Hall is "Flyboys", a story of young American airmen who flew for the French Air Force in World War One. The Copped Hall sequences are short but dramatic with the Mansion doubling as a French Château and being subjected to aerial attack while refugees flee towards its shelter. Filming of the Mansion and Grounds is always welcomed by the Trust, but only by prior arrangement.

**SUNDAY MORNING TOURS** - The 3rd Sunday of each month (except for revised Dec date - 9 Dec 07). Gates open from 10 am to 11 am. Refreshments available.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** - for further info & tickets, please contact 01992 610713

17 June	Henry V – Greek Theatre Players
30 June	Music for a Summer Evening – Baroque Quartet
14 July	Robin Hood Retold – evening entertainment in the Mansion grounds.
26 Aug	Copped Hall Open Day.
8 Sept	Trad Jazz Evening in the Mansion cellars.
20 Oct	Oktoberfest – Eppingen Twinning Association in the Mansion cellars.
10 Nov	Gilbert & Sullivan Evening in the TBVH
15 & 16 Dec	Christmas Music in the Mansion

Unless otherwise stated, all events are held at the Copped Hall Mansion. Car parking and refreshments (where quoted) are usually available. Vehicle access is only possible via the London entrance on the B1393 Upshire Road.



## Picture Post

The annual London Marathon was run in late April in hot conditions unusual for the time of year. A participant was TBPC Councillor **Martin Oliver** (pictured right) entering for the first time and in support of the Whizz Kids charity for which he hoped to raise some £3,300. He had expected to complete the run in 4 hours 30 minutes, which he exceeded by only 9 minutes, a most creditable effort at the age of sixty.

Another participant was **Phillippa Sharp**, 25, of Coppice Row who suffered a leg injury during the run but limped over the finishing line in just over 6 hours to raise £1,000 for the Children with Leukaemia charity. With Phillippa was her friend Shivaney Lovage of Coopersale Lane who completed her run in 5 hours to raise £500 for the charity Racing Welfare.



Rolls Royce Owners Club Visit to Copped Hall

Picture Post



Theydon Bois Parish Council - Meeting on 24th May 2007 - Full Minutes of these meetings can be found on the village website [www.theydon.org.uk](http://www.theydon.org.uk)



Spring comes to Theydon  
Plants were in demand at the Plant Sale and the May Fayre

Picture Post

Tennis club raises funds for Breast Cancer Research



*BACK ROW:* Consultant oncologist Julian Singer, breast cancer surgeon Ashraf Patel , club captain Nigel Hanley *MIDDLE ROW:* John Jones and Ben Johnson men's joint runners up, Simon Wallace winner of the men's event *FRONT ROW:* Gwynneth Mingay and Clare Smith joint winners of the ladies event - see article on page 32



**Theydon Bois Drama Society's production of Francis Durbridge's "Deadly Nightcap"** packed Theydon Bois Village Hall for performances on 15th to 17th of March

Picture Post



Derelict former Old Foresters Pavilion adjoining the Parsonage Golf Site



## Potential Dangers on Parsonage Golf Site

The Parish Council would like to draw to the attention of all Theydon parents the potential dangers that exist on the construction site at Blunts Farm – Parsonage Golf.

A number of pits were dug on the site which are very deep and are now filled with murky water. In addition, the adjoining former Old Foresters Pavilion is now in a poor state of repair - (*see photos left*). There have been a number of reported sightings of young people trespassing on these private properties, riding their bikes into the pits and even swimming in them. The Parish Council wrote to the developers last year to voice our concerns and have done so again recently. In response they have stated that they are continually monitoring the fencing to the site and are meeting with “Health and Safety”.

Along with the Parish Council, Mrs Eleanor Laing MP, The Theydon Bois and Abridge Action Group, the Leader of Epping Forest District Council, and the Chief Executive of EFDC have all taken up this issue. Nevertheless it seems that the problem is likely to persist over the summer months.

We are therefore strongly urging all parents to explain and warn their children of the danger and to endeavour to keep their children out of this site.

**KEN CUSHING**  
**THEYDON BOIS PARISH COUNCIL**

## To Bee or Not to Bee

No, not the Men from the Ministry checking out aliens from Mars, this is Wendy & Tony Mitchell (pictured left), two Theydon Bois residents tending to their Bees. Wendy says that they started Bee Keeping three years ago after Tony enquired about a course with the Epping Forest Beekeeping Association. “It was a bit of a whirlwind” Wendy told us. “We attended the course, one night a week for 5 weeks and at the end of it, thought that we would think it through and decide when we wanted to start keeping our own bees. Two weeks later and we got a phone call to say a man had a swarm of bees and could we collect them tomorrow!” Since then Wendy & Tony have had between one and nine hives each year. Last year they lost 6 hives over the winter but this year have successfully kept two hives going right through the winter and now they are gaining in strength as the summer advances. “We hope to get some good honey this year” said Tony.

If you get a swarm of bees in your garden, Wendy & Tony would be happy to collect them if they can. Call Tony on 07734 044987 and they will see if they can help.

## Theydon Bois Village Association

This year's Annual Meeting of the Village Association was held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. The President – Mrs Marjorie Chapman – agreed to continue in office. Marjorie commented on the successful management of the Village Hall in the past 5 ½ years (the new Hall was officially opened in 2001) and drew attention to the variety of bookings being taken, including the many Theydon Bois Clubs and Societies using the Hall regularly.

Michael Lowe was elected Vice-President again this year. Carol Davies, who took over as Honorary Secretary at a very difficult time when the Hall was about to be built, has decided to relinquish that role and was warmly thanked for all her hard work. Carol James has kindly agreed to take over as Hon Secretary as well as continuing as Minutes Secretary. The Honorary Treasurer – Bob Day – decided to retire last autumn and we were very fortunate that Allan Cox has agreed to take on this important position. Bob was thanked profusely for keeping the VA's finances in such good order for many years.

Executive Committee members who were unanimously elected by the Council of Management are :- Chairman : Norman Stanley; Vice-Chairman : Martin Oliver; Carol Davies, Bob Day, Peter Fitch, Graham James, John Padfield, Carole Risdon, Sheila Shelbourne and Joy Wainwright. Cllr Kay Rush attends on behalf of EFDC and Cllr Robert Glozier attends on behalf of the Parish Council.

In his report to the Meeting, the Chairman praised the work of all the staff involved in the day to day running of the Hall. They are : John Field (Bookings Manager); Frank Bell (Hall Administrator); Roger Badcock (Assistant Manager); John Sheldrake (Hall Cleaner) and Lorraine Gould (Cleaner).

Mention was also made of the success of the new Storage Building; the planting of a new Christmas Tree; and the Horticultural Society's generous gift of two wooden tables and benches for the Patio area.

### The Media and our Children

Are you concerned at some of the things you see on the television? Are you interested to hear what is being done to curb the excesses? Our children and grandchildren are seeing and hearing the most appalling images these days – which would have been unheard of only a few years ago. What can be done about it?

**St Mary's Mothers' Union has invited a leading representative from MediaMarch** (a subsidiary of MediaWatch-Uk – a national organization campaigning for higher standards in television programmes and the internet) to give a talk in **St Mary's Church Hall on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45 pm.** Tea and cake will be served. Everyone is most welcome. Carole Risdon (81 3724)

## Try Walking in Essex in 2007

Walking is the most natural and simple form of movement, and an excellent all round mode of exercise. Yet as a nation we are walking less and less. Walking can help you to:

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Where to start? Try looking at [www.walkingin Essex.co.uk](http://www.walkingin Essex.co.uk) – this website gives you all the information you need to know to start walking. It lists guided walks taking place, leaflets and books of walks and contact details for dozens of walk groups. Go on, check the site now – you know you will enjoy a good walk!

**JOHN HARRIS**

**St Mary's May Fayre** - A power cut means back to the camping stove





## Recollections of Country Dancing in Theydon 1958 -2007

Photographs taken  
at May Hyde's 80th  
birthday taken  
about 1980. Her  
father was a  
gardener at  
Wansfell before it  
became a college



In September 1958, my elder son Alec started at the old Village School in Coppice Row. On the way to school my good friend and neighbour, Dora Dewey, taking her daughter Margaret, asked me if I would like to join the Country Dancing Class at Theydon Bois Village Hall in Loughton Lane. The hall was an ex army hut which came from John Stracheys estate at Lambourne End. On October 14<sup>th</sup> 1958 I joined the Country Dancing class. I have very happy memories of my early years at the class. When it was time to depart the cry would go up "Forest Drive Rally Rally." At this signal Hilda Suffield, Olga Stride, Dora Dewey, Gladys Reed, Betty Atienza, Betty Wilson from the Fish Shop and I started the walk home across the green. I left the class very  
*(continued on next page)*





## Rural Preservation Society

The walks in April and May were successful and the one on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July will concentrate specially on trees and will be a good opportunity to spend time visiting the new Theydon Wood established under the aegis of the Woodland Trust. There are one or two stiles to negotiate on the route we shall take over the fields past the sheep farm, but you can reach the new wood without stiles by walking down the footpath beside the Abridge Road to the entrance that is just past the Parish Cemetery.

Five trees in Theydon Bois were nominated in the recent competition to find the Epping Forest Districts' 50 favourite trees and all of them were chosen! Well we would expect no less, wouldn't we? If you have access to the EFDC website, photographs of all of them are there, with comments on why they were suggested and chosen. During the next few months an exhibition of the winners will be doing the rounds in the district and there will be a display at the District Museum in Sun Street, Waltham Abbey.

Still on the subject of trees, Jon Stokes of the Tree Council will be giving a free illustrated talk at **8 pm in the Village Hall on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July**, entitled *Our Heritage of Trees and their role in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Refreshments and the AGM of the Society will follow the talk. Jon Stokes appeared recently in the television series on England's favourite trees and may well be seen again in a programme to be broadcast in the autumn.

**PETER NEWTON**

## Recollections of Country Dancing in Theydon 1958 -2007 (continued)

briefly on the advice of my doctor and returned after the birth of my second son, Nicholas in 1961.

Many years passed and we enjoyed the move to the Village Hall in Coppice Row. Unfortunately the numbers dropped and we could no longer continue as an Adult Education class. Our teacher left, but luckily one of our members, Pauline Martin, was determined we would continue and she agree to see to the hire of the hall and the bookings for it. Luckily also May Andrews agreed to take the class for nothing. May took us for many years but when she could no longer continue Tricia Haslehurst took over and she continues to run it for us on Tuesday nights at the Village Hall.

When Pauline Martin moved away, Don Edmunds who had been helping, agreed to be in charge of the finances and he or I would be happy to give you all the information if you care to join us. For many years I was the Secretary and Treasurer so I have been happy to sit and write this short account of the history of Country Dancing in Theydon Bois from 1958-2007.

**SHEILA GYMER**

## Village Improvements & Parish Allotments

**VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS** - With regard to the implementation of the newly proposed Parking Restrictions for the Village the Public Notices will be published in the local Guardian newspaper on the 24<sup>th</sup> May and the Consultation period will last until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Otherwise we are pleased that additional funding has been agreed for Safety Initiatives and the re-surfacing of the Abridge Road from the Motorway bridge to the Parish Boundary by John Spencer the County Councillor and Essex Highways and should be carried out by late summer. Coopersale Lane will also be re-planned from the Abridge Road to the M11 motorway bridge.

We are also in the process of agreeing the re-haunching of kerbs in Harewood Hill, Baldocks Road, Woodland Way, Green Glade and Graylands as well as the reinstatement of the obelisk/lighting column at the bottom of Piercing Hill.

In addition we are trying to solve the “mystery” of why it takes so long to order and re-instate missing or damaged Chevron signs on posts which have been placed on accident black-spots !

**VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS** - On the 23<sup>rd</sup> April the allotment holders held their annual Meeting at the Cricket Club off Loughton Lane, and we are pleased to report that nearly 40 people were in attendance. The Parish site now has 37 allotment holders with 42 plots worked which is 85% of its workable capacity and at the same time the sense of “Community” grows ever stronger.

The subject of “manure” was well debated and it was decided that deliveries would continue to be centrally organised and that the stockpile should be increased for general use, however individual groups could club together to purchase their own. It was agreed that only hand held hoses could be used and not sprinklers and that a greater use of water butts and baths would help to reduce the overall cost of water provision.

In addition Barry Turner, Chairman of the Horticultural Society kindly offered £100 towards the provision of a centrally placed notice board on the allotment site.

Interest was also shown for the planting of more fruit trees which would be purchased later in the year from the East of England Apples and Orchards Project which encourages the conservation of the local orchard fruit varieties of seven counties in eastern England and promotes a greater awareness and understanding of their importance. ([www.applesandorchards.org.uk](http://www.applesandorchards.org.uk)).

Participation in the Village “Open Gardens Day” on 24<sup>th</sup> June was welcomed as well as a prize system similar to those used on other allotment sites with various categories e.g. best overall, most improved, best newcomer. Thanks were also given to Robin Llewellyn-Jones for his assistance in ploughing individual plots, and for the general help given by Paul Argent.

**ANTHONY PURKISS & PETER HAMMOND**



## Theydon Bois & Abridge Action Group

PROTECTING OUR GREEN BELT • ENVIRONMENT • WILDLIFE

TBAAG was established in 2005. Residents formed the Group to campaign against inappropriate development of the Green Belt in the locality. Our Constitution clearly outlines our objectives. Currently, our main campaign is the development of Parsonage Golf at Blunts Farm. Since our inception, we have lobbied against several other inappropriate developments on Green Belt.

During campaigning we have twice leafleted every household in both villages and have generated a 720 signature e-petition which has been handed to EFDC and Eleanor Laing. We also arranged for a representative of the Environment Agency to speak at the Theydon Bois Parish Council public meeting and we have met both local MPs, Eleanor Laing and Eric Pickles who remain very supportive. At Eleanor Laing's behest, we met with Sir John Harman, Chairman of the Environment Agency, and he visited Blunts Farm to seek first hand evidence of the landfill site.

TBAAG has complained to the Local Government Ombudsman on three occasions – one such development in the Green Belt resulted in nine counts of maladministration. On the advice of the Ombudsman, we also complained to the Standards Board for England.

EFDC has received around 235 letters of objection concerning the latest Blunts Farm application. We object to this application because it would require MORE spoil, (approximately 32,000 return HGV movements). We also feel that plans for the extensive clubhouse, re-sited much closer to the village, represents both over development and inappropriate development in the Green Belt. The proposed restaurant seems substantial, with a car park for 304 vehicles. Our aim is to continue to highlight the unscrupulous misuse of environmental legislation that allows the importation of building waste onto Green Belt land in the name of 'recreational development'.

Contact TBAAG on *[theydon\\_bois\\_abridge\\_actiongroup@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:theydon_bois_abridge_actiongroup@yahoo.co.uk)* or come along to view the plans of the new Blunts Farm application, on *Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30 pm in the Private Room, Queen Victoria Public House.*

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
TBAAG AGM - 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2007**

## The Past Spring in Theydon Bois

At the beginning of March, the first total eclipse of the moon for three years was visible in the clear night sky over Theydon Bois. The absence of street lighting enabled villagers to view this astronomical phenomenon, which, between 22.24 and 23.58, turned the usual friendly face of the moon into a blood red disc. This was due to the moon being illuminated by light filtered through the earth's atmosphere. Such an eclipse was described in the Bible as the "moon turned to blood" which helped scientists establish the date of Christ's Crucifixion as being Friday, April 3, AD33.

A sign of early spring was the annual opening by the Theydon Bois Horticultural Society (TBHS) of their Trading Hut in the Village at Hunter's Lodge. This facility enabled members of the TBHS to purchase a wide selection of horticultural necessities, ranging from potting compost to gardening implements, at special prices.

The Naiades Ensemble came to the TBVH to play for the Theydon Bois Music Society at their March evening meeting. The Ensemble comprised Helen Burton-flute, Nadya Larsen-viola and Paula Popa-harp; their programme included works by Arnold Bax, Joseph Haydn and Claude Debussy. These three young ladies are recent graduates or current students at the Royal College of Music and, in addition to their chamber music roles, also pursue busy careers as soloists, teachers and orchestral freelancers.

The Theydon Bois Singers gave their annual Spring Concert to a large audience in the TBVH. This vintage company of mainly senior residents showed that long established Village organisations, as the Singers, could still flourish despite the modern trend away from community-generated entertainment in this "modern" age. Their singing was melodious, robust and most enjoyable against the setting of a glorious English spring evening.

The funeral of Pat Bull, a former teacher at the Theydon Bois Primary School, was attended by current and former members of the school together with parents and ex pupils. The School also held a special assembly to commemorate her time there. The School Hall was specially decorated and the children prepared "memory books" and special displays for the occasion. Afterwards, the pupils enjoyed "kid's cocktails", a special drink from a recipe of Pat's, which she used for School events.

Sydney and Margaret Scott, resident in Piercing Hill adjacent to the now disused Wansfell College, responded to the claim made by Jason Cooper of the Mountcharm organisation that, if the Mountcharm plans for the redevelopment of the College site were not approved, then vandalism of the site could follow. The Scotts pointed out that the current vandalism resulted from the removal of the double security gates and warning signs at the main entrance in Rothwell Road, and the extinguishing of the night time security illumination. However, fencing was erected across Rothwell

The Past Spring in Theydon Bois *(continued)*

Road, which entailed the Scotts taking expensive legal action in order to establish their personal rights of way to the adjacent Epping Forest, after 40 years of usage.

Subsequently, on 21 March, the revised application to convert the former college building into 14 flats with onsite parking was refused by the Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) on the grounds of over development in the Green Belt. The application for a replacement dwelling on the site of the Caretaker's cottage was withdrawn at the last moment. Councillor Sue Jones of the Theydon Bois Parish Council (TBPC) paid tribute to the considerable efforts of the Piercing Hill residents in presenting their case to the EFDC. However, the developer could appeal or submit revised plans for this development.

The Theydon Bois Drama Society of Francis Durbridge's "Deadly Nightcap" packed the Theydon Bois Village Hall (TBVH) for the last night of the current production. This was a good combination of drama and mystery reflecting back to his famous "Paul Temple" detective radio serials broadcast by the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) in the 1950s and 60s. An undoubted star of the production was Rosemary Harrison who had recently joined the Society after many successful years at the Kenneth Moore Theatre in Ilford, East London. Her role as Sarah Radford was both demanding and extensive with her being on stage most of the time.

At the March meeting of the Theydon Bois WI (TBWI), the President Kay Rush welcomed new members Winifred Batten, Carole Browning and Celia Cornwell to the Institute. George and Marion Mills had thanked W.I. members, generally, for the substantial amount of soap, toilet rolls and soap powder, which had been collected for the Revival Centre in Chernigov in Eastern Europe. Sheila Gymer gave a report on the Federation Annual meeting which she attended recently.

Later in the month the TBWI, together with husbands and friends, travelled by coach to Southend and then Westcliff to attend a matinee performance of George Gershwin's "Crazy for You" at the Cliffs Pavilion. The evergreen Southend Operatic and Dramatic Society, affectionally known as SODS, staged their usual high standard performance, which for an amateur company was on a par with many a London West End production. The undoubted stars of the show were the six Dancing girls of the "Zangler Follies" who provided spirited and professional entertainment throughout. However, 17-year-old Bradley Thompson who played the male lead of Bobby Child proved to be outstanding and received a resounding ovation.

Children of the Village Montessori Nursery (held in the TBVH), took part in the recent nation-wide Comic Relief appeal in support of children's charities. The nursery children dressed in red for the occasion and took part in "toddler's obstacle course" to raise in excess of the £200 previously collected for the 2006 Comic Relief.

The Past Spring in Theydon Bois *(continued)*

The Playground At Theydon (PAT) Charity held an Easter Gala in the Playground by the Village Green with stalls and other entertainment for the young children of the Village and their parents. The Playground was packed with excited children taking part in the many events and sideshows, in glorious sunshine, with the Easter Egg hunt proving to be the most popular. A considerable amount was raised for the Charity's funds, although this was not the prime reason for the event and the hardworking PAT Committee lead by Fiona Bradley were more than satisfied with the day's success.

A Village Design Statement (VDS) is being considered for Theydon Bois. Provisional work for a VDS is being carried out by the TBPC, who will provide administrative support with a limited number of local councillors, and also by the Theydon Bois Preservation Society.

Commuter parking in the Village was increasing and causing some disruption to traffic flows. The TBPC advised that one hour parking restrictions for Theydon Bois were in the pipeline and, if the relevant legal notices were published soon, then yellow lining would take place in June. Councillor Hammond reported that the TBPC had held discussions with the London Transport Users regarding the conversion of the spare land by Theydon Bois Station to car parks.

The last of the 2007 Series of Weekly Lent Soup-Lunches leading up to Easter was held in the St Mary's Church Hall. On this occasion, the Hall was packed to capacity with most of the seven soups available being quickly consumed within an hour, as were all rolls butter and dessert pies – a complete sell out! The Rev Canon Colin Travers announced that the proceeds of today's lunch would go to support the Church Missionary Society, and that the 2007 series of lunches had raised some £1,300 for a variety of charities.

Two local residents, John and Audrey Redfern, celebrated their golden wedding 50 years after meeting in the church choir of St Mary's, Chigwell, which they attended for 47 years before moving to Theydon Bois. John worked as a stockbroker and Audrey was a home adviser for the gas industry. John is an active member of the Epping Forest Conservative Association and also runs several charities. Consequently, several leading members of the community, including Eleanor Laing MP for Epping Forest were present at an anniversary party held at Chigwell School. During the celebrations, the Bell ringers of St Mary's rang a quarter peal in honour of John and Audrey.

Emma Hollis, 15, of Dukes Avenue suffers from osteogenesis, a brittle-bone condition which prevents her from taking part in any contact sport where she could

## The Past Spring in Theydon Bois *(continued)*

sustain injury. However she is able to take part in swimming competitions, especially for the disabled, a number of which she has won. Emma, a pupil at Chigwell School, trains at least five times a week and has promoted disability swimming which won her a £500 award through the EFDC's leisure bursary scheme. She intends to use the award to cover the cost of competition participation as well as acquiring training aids.

William Atkinson, 22, of Slade End and a Death Metal musician was one of ten musicians selected to star in *Musicool*, a reality television show. The long-term object was for the ten to perform within nine weeks in a musical to be staged at a London West End theatre before a live audience. William writes his own music, sings, and plays the guitar and drums, dances, all attributes that he may well be using in his new venture.

The Theydon Bois Friends of the Cancer Research UK charity received a Certificate of Achievement from the Charity for its efforts in raising more than £400,000 for this cause over the last 33 years (£21,900 for 2006). Its local chairman, Marjorie Chapman of Heath Drive, explained that this success was due to the efforts of many helpers who organised numerous fund raising events.

Early in May, elections were held for some wards of the EFDC where Councillors had served their statutory term. This resulted in a further two conservative Councillors being returned to office, making a new total of 32 in the Council chamber, and consolidating the Conservative party's overall majority. To some, including the Epping Forest MP Eleanor Laing, this was possibly due to the general disapproval and annoyance of residents resulting from the confusing revision of the refuse collections system by the previous administration. A key factor was the change from weekly to fortnightly collections of domestic rubbish but from mid April weekly collections would be resumed for the summer months.

Local resident and millionaire publisher David Sullivan made it known he wished to become involved with the West Ham United first division football club. Sullivan, who was recently named as the ninth richest man in British football, is the owner of the championship club Birmingham City that had won promotion to the premiership for the next football season. In the village, football support seemed to be divided between West Ham and Tottenham Hotspurs as both clubs are "local" and some villagers have roots in those areas.



**TREVOR ROBERTS**

Local History Recorder for Theydon Bois

## Varia

## THEYDON BOIS TENNIS CLUB RAISES FUNDS FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

The Club has raised over £640 for the St Margaret's Hospital Breast Cancer Research Unit. *See photo on page 19.* The Club Charity Day was attended by 70-plus people and the £640 raised topped the previous best by £100.

Organiser and club captain Nigel Hanley said "it was a tremendously successful day with another record attendance for the club, whose members are very community minded." Consultant oncologist Julian Singer said: "this annual event which is in its 4th year was a great success and it is events like this that make a real difference for the local population" The breast cancer unit treats more than 2000 women locally each year.

## NSPCC'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT IS A GREAT SUCCESS



Some excellent tennis was played at the annual NSPCC Theydon Bois Tennis Tournament on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Although rain stopped play for the first hour of the day, 24 couples soon took to the courts to

show off their racquet skills.

After a buffet lunch, a glass of wine and a sunbathe the knock out rounds continued into the afternoon where Laura Cohen and Sue Child took the winners prize to defeat Monica Sutherland and Carol Hearn in the final. Over £700 was raised for the charity on the day. Last year the Theydon Bois committee raised over £4500 at various events. ***Our next fundraiser is the Quiz Night to be held in the Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> September, call Helena for tickets on 01992 813772.***

## RNLI HAS SUCCESSFUL HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION IN THE VILLAGE



The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), Epping Branch (also covering Theydon Bois and North Weald) recently held a House to House Collection in Theydon Bois only which raised £902.49, for which many thanks to all the residents who kindly contributed and the volunteers who collected. All the branch members are volunteers and do not claim any expenses.

We will be holding Street Collections in September in our area, and would be very happy to hear from anyone willing to assist for just an hour or two.

***For further information please ring Janet or Brian on 01992 814323.***



## News in Brief

- ✘ There have been several incidents of fly tipping at the cemetery over the last few weeks. Children's toys, fencing and garden refuse have all been dumped. Residents visiting the cemetery are asked to be vigilant and take the registration numbers of any vehicles seen to be acting suspiciously. A new gardener has been employed and there will therefore be a more regular presence at the cemetery.
- ✘ The Parish Council would like to thank Mrs Chris Dow for paying for a hard stand to site a further bench to match the one she and her husband had provided earlier dedicated to all the young people in our cemetery. An opportunity now exists to sponsor a new bench to site on the stand.
- ✘ Over 500 people attended the opening of Tikadi the new unisex hairdressers in Coppice Row. The salon is run by Michael who trained and worked in the West End of London. Over £300 was collected in a raffle for St Clares Hospice won by Annie from Theydon.. The £200 of hairdressing vouchers was won by Karen from Loughton.

**Dear Reader**

25 years ago our task force set sail to liberate the Falklands Islands 8,000 miles away in the South Atlantic. On board the task force were 28,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen. They had no idea what to expect when they landed, but they were all ready to do their duty. It was a very short war (April to June) but many of our service people were killed and even more were injured and even today many suffer traumas from the effects of their injuries.



The Royal British Legion looks after and cares for these veterans. They have set up for the first time the Falklands 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal Fund. I am going to support it and I hope you will join me. Cheques in any amount payable to the Royal British Legion (Falklands Appeal) should be sent to the **Royal British Legion, Freepost Nat 4833, Halifax Road, Bower Hill, Melksham, Wiltshire. SN12 6YG**

Please write your name and address on the reverse side of your cheque, many thanks,

**Yours sincerely**  
**Harry Memory**



## Refuse Collection

The Parish Council is pleased to see that EFDC have responded to local pressure, including representations from us, and have introduced weekly collections of residual rubbish for the summer months. Common sense has prevailed.

However it is very important that recycling efforts are undiminished during this period and I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of exactly what can be re-cycled because including unsuitable items within the sacks and boxes may nullify recycling efforts.



- ✦ **BLUE BOXES** - Glass bottles and rinsed jars
- ✦ **GARDEN WASTE SACKS** - Garden waste including grass cuttings, hedge, trimmings, leaves, weeds and small branches
- ✦ **CLEAR SACKS** - Paper, cardboard packaging, plastic bottles without lids and tin cans. *NO OTHER PLASTICS*

*More details can be found on EFDC's website at [www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk)*

**KEN CUSHING**



Theydon Bois Singers will be holding  
their Summer Concert  
on Tuesday 10th July 2007 at 7.45 pm

Tickets £8

Available from Betty Walker

01992 522912

## Forthcoming Village Events in 2007

24 June	Open Gardens Day
30 June	Theydon Bois Primary School 50th Anniversary Ball
1 July	Rural Preservation Society Walk
3 July	TBAAG public viewing of new Blunts Farm Application see page 27
6 July	Rural Preservation Society - Talk in Village Hall - see page 25
7 July	Litter Pick, meet Village Hall 9am
8 July	Theydon Bois Cricket Club - Colts/Juniors Day - see page 15
10 July	Theydon Bois Singers Summer Concert - Village Hall 7.45 - see page 34
14 July	Horticultural Society - Outing to Michelham Priory Game & Country Fair
28 July	Horticultural Society - Annual Show in the Village Hall
21 Sept	Theydon Bois Tennis Club - Quiz Night - Village Hall
25 Sept	Theydon Bois Country, Folk & Barn Dance season starts
11 Dec	Theydon Bois Singers Christmas Concert - Village Hall - 7.45 pm
See page 10	Copped Hall events calendar

If you would like your event included in the forthcoming events section either in Village News or the Village Web-Site please notify the Parish Clerk by phone or e-mail as per the contact details opposite. Entries for Newsletter diary must be received by the relevant copy date and are NOT automatically rolled over to the next diary. Onus is therefore on the organiser to re-confirm for the next village news.



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THEYDON BOIS  
VILLAGE

# OPEN GARDENS

**SUNDAY 24th JUNE 2007**  
**11.00am - 5.00pm**

If you are interested in gardens, come and spend a pleasant day in the lovely village of Theydon Bois near Epping. Enjoy a Ploughman's lunch or afternoon tea at the Village Hall. Lunches served from 11.45am - 2.00pm, Teas from 2.30pm.

Call first at the Village Hall for a map and admission programme – £4.00 per person accompanied children free. No dogs please.

Free parking on the village green and a free minibus to outlying gardens.

The Churches of Theydon accompanied by the Salvation Army Band invite you to Songs of Praise held in the grounds of the Village Hall at 5.00pm.

Further information on 01992 812250.

**Village website:**  
**[www.theydon.org.uk](http://www.theydon.org.uk)**  
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