

Theydon Bois Issue 120 June 2023 Village News



The King in Forest Drive

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Theydon Bois Parish Council - Chairman's Report

At the Annual General Meeting of the Council in May, I was pleased to be re-elected as Chairman for a further year, which will be the last for this current Council with elections scheduled for May 2024.

As we look forward to the challenges of the coming year, I think it appropriate to look back over the last 12 months and acknowledge some of the events and achievements.

The Council year began with the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. A party was staged on the Village Green and the event attracted a large number of people, culminating with the lighting of a beacon by long-standing resident Phyllis Humphreys.

Another popular event was the annual Christmas Market and Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the Village Hall. Again, a large number of people supported the event with all monies raised going to the chosen charity for the year, St Clare's Hospice.

There were two new initiatives which also proved to be popular. Firstly, the Repair Café which was started and run by Cllr Pat Gill which, as the name suggests invited villagers to take 'broken' household goods to be repaired. This was followed in February by the staging of 'Theydon's Living Room', this was organised by the Council, in conjunction with Lisa and her Community Cuppa team. The event was held in the Village Hall and was attended by representatives from Essex Police, EFDC and VAEF, who provided information and advice to residents.

It was also a busy year for the Council's Planning Committee with 134 Planning Applications registered for Theydon Bois in the last 12 months. The Committee consistently fought to protect the Green Belt surrounding the village as well as objecting to applications which could either damage the character of buildings, detract from the street scene or unreasonably affect the amenity of neighbouring properties.

Likewise, the Highways, Cemetery and Environment Committee have been busy and had the challenging task of liaising with Essex Highways with the aim of achieving improvements in the village. We await news on new kerbing and pavements in Loughton Lane. The Council was able to deliver new pavements in Thrifts Mead, as well as repairing numerous potholes around the village. Progress continues to be made on the 'Hoppitt' project with new metal panels being installed on the boundary with St Mary's Church. The Cemetery as always, has been well maintained and significant improvements are planned for the coming year.

With regard to the ongoing issues with the Limes Medical Centre, the Council escalated our concerns to the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Although a formal inspection is not currently scheduled, an inspector has spoken with the Limes Managing Partner and they will be monitoring the situation. They have provided the following link to enable patients to comment on the quality of care they have received. [Give feedback on care - Care Quality Commission \(cqc.org.uk\)](https://www.cqc.org.uk)

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all the Councillors along with our clerks Jen, Julia, Jane and Fiona, for their support and endeavours over the last 12 months.



Councillor Peter Gooch
Chairman Theydon Bois Parish Council



Theydon Bois Parish Council - Highways & Environment Report

Essex Highways has now secured £17 million for Pothole repairs and emergency works across the County from Central Government. As a result we have seen remedial drainage works being done in the Abridge Road and Epping Lane ready for the re-planing of sections of both roads. We look to get the zebra crossing area in the Village upgraded as well as a number of smaller potholes within the Parish. The problem remains that now Highways has some money they have no manpower to complete the many jobs in hand so are desperately recruiting third party firms to complete works.

Following a Cemetery Committee meeting we look to go ahead with the scattering of ashes and the building of a “ha-ha” in the new piece of land acquired by the Parish to the rear of the existing Cemetery with a small section for Woodland burials. A “ha-ha”, also known as a sunk fence, blind fence, ditch and fence, deer wall, or foss, is a recessed landscape design element that creates a vertical barrier while preserving an uninterrupted view of the landscape beyond from the other side. The name comes from viewers' surprise when seeing the construction. This will allow names to be placed on the face of the wall in Remembrance. Much of this work we hope to achieve by gaining a grant from the UK Prosperity Fund and await central government to release monies. A new Cemetery sign is due to be altered and installed.



We continue to upgrade the CCTV system in the Village and were pleased the Police conducted an exercise with young Services recruits to knock on doors and offer an amnesty box for knives now that the regulations have changed as to what type of knife can be legally kept in the home.

Cllr Anthony Purkiss

Theydon Bois Parish Council - Repair Cafe



Just a quick update on the "Repair Cafe" that operates in conjunction with "Community Cuppa" on the last Wednesday of each month except December, (subject to availability of volunteers).

We have been repairing 15-20 household items every month; vacuum cleaners feature every session with quite a few radios and tape players, and we have repaired a couple of wooden stools with wobbly legs. Post a message on facebook "Theydon repair cafe" if you are unsure whether we can take a look at something.

Cllr Pat Gill



Theydon Bois Parish Council - Emergency Plan

Theydon Bois is a safe place to live. The risk of a significant emergency occurring in our village is assessed as being very low.



That said, we live in an increasingly uncertain world where factors such as climate change mean that we cannot exclude the possibility that a large-scale emergency might affect our community. This is why the Parish Council is currently reviewing and substantially updating its emergency plan so that we are as prepared as possible to deal with all reasonably foreseeable risks.

Should a major incident occur, the emergency services will, of course, take the lead and the statutory local authority involvement will be delivered by Epping Forest District Council and Essex County Council. However, the Parish Council knows that many residents would come forward to help others, so a key aim of our plan is to facilitate *local* involvement in a way that complements the work of the 999 services and is coordinated as part of the overall emergency response.



We need to understand what *local resources* are likely to be available. In this context, we hope to create a team of local people who would be ready and prepared to come together to help, if and when the emergency plan is activated.

All involvement will be entirely voluntary and on a ‘best endeavours’ basis. There will be no requirement to be available at any particular time or for a minimum number of hours.

The team’s role would be to help those affected by the emergency and also to support vulnerable members of our community i.e. persons not directly affected by the incident but who might be understandably anxious about what has happened.

Every emergency is different, so it isn’t possible to be definitive about the volunteer role in advance, but it is anticipated that members of the team could be asked to help by:

- staffing an emergency rest or support centre, if one is set up in our village.
- checking on the well-being of vulnerable or ‘at risk’ persons.
- using any skills or resources which they have at their disposal that might assist the community.

There is no requirement for any experience to become a volunteer – but you will need to care about your community and want to make a difference!

Volunteers will *not* be expected to become ‘surrogate’ members of the emergency services and will never be asked to undertake dangerous activities or to enter any area that might be hazardous. All those who volunteer will be provided with relevant training so that they understand how emergencies are managed, the way in which our local emergency plan will operate and the volunteer’s role within it.

If you would like to volunteer or you want to receive more information and/or discuss this matter further, please contact the Parish Council office on

parishclerk@theydonbois-pc.gov.uk

Theydon Bois Parish Council - Litter Pick

When the late John Eaton retired several years ago from organising the village litter pick, a small group of volunteers, led by several Parish Councillors, continued his efforts. We meet at the Village Hall on the first Saturday of each month.

During that time, a lot of bags of rubbish have been lifted from our hedgerows and verges. Thanks to the diligence and hard work of Gilles (our local street cleaner), the central area of our village is maintained to a high standard, but unfortunately the same cannot be said for other areas of Theydon Bois. As a result, the litter pick focuses on the forest areas of the village, alongside roads such as Piercing Hill and Coppice Row.

Much of the litter that is collected – such as plastic bottles and drinks cans – is the result of careless disposal by the occupants of vehicles. Sadly, we are also finding more large and small nitrous oxide canisters, which reflects the increasing use of this substance by a minority of young people. This not only blights our environment, but also has proven links to a range of health and social harms for the individuals involved.



To ensure Theydon Bois remains as the clean and tidy place that we all want to live in, more people are needed to give an hour or so once a month by assisting with the monthly litter pick.

Helping out is easy – you simply turn up on the first Saturday of each month in the Village Hall car park, where you will be given all the equipment that you'll need, provided with a safety briefing and allocated an area to clean up. We are especially keen to involve more young people in this activity, as we know that they care about the

environment and enjoy making a difference – however, to keep everyone safe, please note that all children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

In response to potential barriers to wider community participation in this activity, we have listened to the feedback that says that the traditional 9 am start is too early for some! As a result, the litter pick will, on a trial basis, start at the later time of 10.30 am for the months of July and August 2023. If this attracts more people to become involved, it is anticipated that this change will be made permanent.

If you are interested, and would like further information or you have any comments to make regarding the litter pick, please contact the Parish Office at

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News from our District Councillors

The first meeting of the new Council was held 25th May, 2023. This was largely a ceremonial and procedural meeting. The newly elected members were welcomed and those leaving were noted. Cllr Darshan Sunger was elected as Chairman of the Council for 2023-2024 and Cllr. Les Burrows as Vice Chairman. Cllr. Chris Whitbread was re-elected as Council Leader. Retiring Chairman, Mrs Mary Sartin, was thanked for her service as Chairman. Membership of committees and representatives on outside bodies was either unanimously agreed or by election.

The Leader reported his appointment of Portfolio Holders for the forthcoming year. In addition to the Council, I will be serving on the Planning Sub-Committee East, the District Development Management Committee (DDMC) and the Standards Committee.

This is the last year that the Council will be organised in the current wards and next year all the seats, which will then be 54, will be up for election in 18 new wards. Theydon Bois and Passingford will become one ward with three councillors.

Following the adoption of the Local Plan, we can expect more planning applications. One has already been submitted for the land at the end of Forest Drive but has not yet come before the District Council Planning Sub-Committee. This land is now a designated development site and there can be no objection in principle to its use, but the proposed development will be open to comment. Like many, I was appalled by the destruction of the trees on the Balti House restaurant site, but these were not subject to a Tree Preservation Order. It is rumoured that a planning application for the site is to be submitted.

I will be interested to hear the results of the “blue box” bin trial which if successful, would eventually replace the recycling sacks.

Speeding traffic is still a cause for concern, and I asked a fellow councillor who liaises with the Police if the speed camera on Coppice Row was still working. She raised this question for me and told me that it had been checked and was working, which I found surprising. I have asked how many speeding motorists have been caught by it.

If you have any matters of concern, please let me know.



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News from our District Councillors *(continued)*

In my last column I highlighted that the budget was about to come to Council. It was approved by the members and allowed me to keep Epping Forest as the lowest Council Tax authority in Essex. We have been able to do this without cutting any of our services.

It was disappointing that some councillors did not support the provision of funding for the new sports centre in Epping, including the swimming pool, and the steps we are taking to give the district more resilience in our waste services. Both of these key projects are going ahead with significant progress being made.

The new car park in Epping is on track to open in late summer, and this will allow the Bakers Lane site for the sports centre to be started. We hope that it will be completed in 2025.

On the 6th of March, the council formally adopted the Local Plan. This has enabled completion of the North Weald airfield master plan, and we have already taken decisions which will help to maximise the opportunities for new employment provision in the district. In addition, money that can be generated from some sales and potentially significant leasing opportunities will be able to reduce the pressure on the council finances in the coming years.

After significant amounts of work by my economic development team, EFDC have been awarded over a million pounds of government funds to be spent over the coming three years (2022-25) from the Shared Prosperity Fund and the Rural Prosperity Fund. The team is already in discussion with the Theydon Bois Parish Council to be able to support work in the cemetery from this allocation.

We are also looking at how we can assist to signpost visitors to the village businesses. A significant amount of the final year monies is earmarked for work education, and we are looking to see how we can maximise the benefit in apprentice schemes within the district.

The local government boundary commission has made its decision around the district's new warding pattern. The commission has put Theydon Bois together with Passingford to create a three-member ward. As a result, next May there will be an election in every seat in the district, with a total of 54 councillors to be returned. This is a reduction of 3 councillors from the numbers set in 2002 and taking into account the planned increased number of people in the district by 2028, means that each councillor will be representing a significantly higher number of residents than was the case before.

Following the elections in May, we have reduced the size of the cabinet to eight people; this is to do our bit to relieve some of the budget pressure from last year and next year. I am remaining in charge of the council's finances, economic development and being responsible for the financial side of Qualis. Qualis is the council's company that allows us to keep the benefits of development on council land for our residents. Qualis already makes a significant contribution to the finances, contributing more than 15% of the amount brought in by everyone's council tax.

I hope you all have a good summer and I am always happy to hear from you by email or to talk to you about council services.



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John Eaton - An Appreciation

John Eaton, who sadly died earlier this year in February, was involved in many aspects of village life in Theydon Bois for a number of years and his gentlemanly approach to all his many activities in the village was valued and appreciated by all who came in contact with him.

John was born during the war in The London Hospital, Whitechapel and was evacuated along with his older brother Brian to a small cottage in Henham, Essex for the remainder of the war. He attended South Park Primary School Ilford then Mayfield Secondary Boys School in Goodmayes where he stayed until the age of 16. After leaving school, John went to work at an office in Mann Crossman and Paulin, a brewery in Whitechapel, where both his uncle and father had worked.

John decided to improve his job prospects and applied to Barclays Bank and he was offered a place in the Clearing Department of Barclays where he made many friends, eventually becoming involved in the management of large numbers of staff, which proved to be his forte.

John married Ruth in 1967 and lived in Ilford. Son Jonathan was born in 1970 and the three of them lived there until 1973, when John's job took him to work away all week in Northampton, only returning at weekends. It was then that they decided to up-sticks and move to a small village called Guilsborough in the Midlands. Whilst living in Guilsborough he quickly became Parish Clerk to the local council and joined and became involved in the activities of the local Conservative Association.

Daughter Charlotte was born in 1975 and the family lived in Guilsborough until 1976 but the time for another move back down south was imminent and the search for another home began. John's brother Brian had lived in Theydon Bois for some years, introducing John to the infamous Queen Vic and he extolled its virtues as a wonderful place to live, resulting in the family moving to Theydon in 1976.

During his bank career John worked in several major operational areas in a senior management capacity. His last project for the bank was to head a Change Management team whose task was to transfer London operations to Northampton.

At the age of 52 John took early retirement from the bank but felt that he wanted to give something back to society as he had himself been so fortunate during his life. It was then that he was persuaded to stand for election to the Parish Council and after being elected quickly he progressed through the ranks to become Chairman.

During his time on the Council he took on many important roles with Planning, Finance the new Village Hall development, the Cemetery and many other tasks, not least the introduction of the monthly litter picking on Saturday mornings. He worked very hard on the Village Design Statement.

On becoming Chairman of the Board of Governors at the local primary school he resurrected the annual Pancake Race on The Green, but this time strictly for the school children. Whilst involved with the primary school he was coerced into becoming Father Christmas at the annual Christmas Fair, and this he loved.

John's life touched so many people and made such a difference to us all and our community. How fortunate we've all been to have known him. He will be dearly missed.

John Eaton - An Appreciation *(continued)*



Litter Picking Organiser



Villager of the Year 2012



School Pancake Race
Organiser



Santa at School Christmas Fair



Parish Council Chair John handing over
to new Chair Robert Glozier in 2006



Churchyard Maintenance

Coronation - Street Parties



Coronation - Street Parties (continued)



ELIZABETH DRIVE



HORNBEAM ROAD

Coronation - Street Parties (continued)



Essex police officer wowed a coronation street party with an impromptu drumming set.

PC Jake Mabey was on the beat on Sunday as officers dropped in on more than 30 street parties celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. At an event in Forest Drive Theydon Bois, he joined the live band to play along to Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" before launching into a solo. "The minute I started playing everyone turned around or jumped up," he said. "They were clapping and dancing - I don't think many people were expecting me to jump on the kit. It was a great reaction, everyone loved it."

PC Mabey was with colleagues from the Epping Forest and Brentwood Community Policing Team when, despite having not drummed for a decade, he displayed the skills he had honed in bands as a teenager. The short performance was greeted by applause from partygoers, with the officer joking he was available for wedding and christenings. "People assumed they were in trouble when we turned up & they'd turn the music down, but when we told them we were only there to say hello, it would come back to life," he said. "Community policing is all about being approachable, interacting with the public and building those long-term relationships. That's what I really enjoy."

PC Mabey and his Essex colleagues dropped in on more than 30 street parties celebrating the Coronation of King Charles PC Mabey was a special constable for four years before becoming a PC (as reported on BBC website).



Coronation - Street Parties (continued)

BLACKACRE ROAD



Coronation - Street Parties (continued)



MORGAN CRESCENT



Coronation - Street Parties (continued)



Theydon Bois Drama Society - Our Last Production

It is a bit of a mystery why, in a country where it is entirely possible to have four seasons in one day, anyone would ever attempt al fresco drama. Yet, with the triumph of hope over expectation, we keep doing it!

Theydon Bois Drama Society were delighted to be invited, by the Worshipful Company of Educators to present 3 scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at their 400th anniversary commemoration dinner, and then - as it seemed a shame to do all that work for one performance - we asked permission from the Village Association to use the bank at the back of the Hall for some further performances. The weather did not treat us entirely kindly, but thank goodness, it never actually rained, and the sun came out on a number of occasions - as did every biting creature that lives in the bushes at the back of the Hall. The smell of deet was ever with us, but the atmosphere was truly magical, helped by the very talented Bruin's Ruin, who played gentle folk music between scenes.

It was a tremendous experience for us, and I think - from the reactions of our audiences - for the them too. Ages ranged from 3 to 90; someone brought their (very well behaved) dog; and it was particularly lovely to see three girls under 12, all huddled up in warm blankets, gazing in fascination at Oberon and Titania and drinking in every word. One party even came complete with picnic table, hamper, and the full Glyndebourne accoutrements! Something about being outdoors also made the audience feel very much a part of what was going on, and joined in even more than we would normally expect. We very much hope to do this again sometime.



**Meanwhile, our next venture is very firmly indoors.
The Vicar of Dibley- from 19-21 October. Tickets on sale in September.**

St. Mary's - View from the Vicarage

This quarter's View comes from guest writer, Drew Maust, resident of Theydon Bois, Authorised Local Preacher at St Mary's Theydon Bois and Bible translation consultant with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

“Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made; By singing: — ‘Oh, how beautiful!’ and sitting in the shade,” quipped Rudyard Kipling in his poem “The Glory of the Garden.” In contrast to times past when gardens were reserved for royal parties and reflection, this month we open our village gardens for the enjoyment of all. Pleasure seekers near and far are invited to discover the botanical beauty and verdant virtues of our corner of England. Gardens, however, don’t just happen; they are cultivated. We find running through the Bible a rich theme of gardening and gardeners, Jesus himself once being (mis-)taken for a gardener after his resurrection. For our first parents—Adam and Eve—the garden wasn’t a refuge from daily life; it was home, gardening a way of life.

The Lord God placed the pair in the Garden of Eden “to cultivate and care for it” after supplying abundant water and all manner of fruit and flower. The couple was tasked not with sitting in the shade and not even with simply maintaining the already good garden. More than that, they were tasked with cultivating and caring in order to unleash the garden’s full potential, see to its flourishing, and perhaps even extend it elsewhere. So, this month we celebrate the green thumbs of our Theydon gardeners and sing “Oh, how beautiful” as we bask in the shade of their sacred task. May their labours encourage us all to cultivate everything that God has entrusted to our care. May Theydon Bois be a well-watered garden rich in love of neighbour and all that makes for flourishing and refreshment. Such gardens are not made by sitting in the shade, but by allowing our hearts to be tilled by the resurrected gardener, Jesus.

DREW MAUST

Village News - Reader Survey - March 2023

The results of our Village News survey request in the March edition resulted in a rather disappointing response. Only 40 questionnaires were returned which represented under 3% of the number of magazines issued with 80% of the returns from residents aged over 65. All the comments were positive and complimentary wanting the magazine to continue. Nobody came forward to volunteer as assistant editor to act as backup to help with writing articles and sourcing content. To summarise the returned questionnaires:-

*** Would you like an Electronic version of VN to read on phone or tablet ?**

Yes 10%, No 90%

*** How do you find out about local events?**

92% Village News, Noticeboard 79%, Social Media 43%, Website 16%, Other 39%

*** Are you a member of any Village Facebook sites?**

Yes 23%, No 62%

*** Do you read the Parish Council's website?**

Yes 23%, No 77%

*** Should the Parish Council's website be expanded with all village-wide events?**

Yes 79%

*** Would you be willing to submit articles for Village News?**

4 people responded that they would

*** Would you be willing to help with the distribution of Village News?**

9 people responded that they would

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Mr & Mrs H, Theydon Bois

"Not coming from Theydon Bois (I live in Gloucester), but having to sell a relations house there on her behalf I was fortunate enough to pick Neil King (and the team who work there). They could not have done better!!"

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Paul Brewster, Theydon Bois

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Historic June - Some Events From The Past

- 1 June 1946** - TV licences were issued in Britain for the first time; they cost £2.
- 4 June 1039** - Gruffydd ap Llewellyn, Welsh King of Gwynedd and Powys, defeated an English attack.
- 6 June 1944** - D-Day invasion of Normandy by 1 million Allied troops to liberate Western Europe from German occupation.
- 7 June 1329** - Scotland mourns the death of King Robert I. Better known as Robert the Bruce, he earned a place in Scottish history for his legendary victory over the English at Bannockburn in 1314.
- 9 June - 1870** - The nation's best loved author Charles Dickens died of a stroke at his home in Gad's Hill Place, Kent. His sudden death is being blamed upon his punishing work schedule, including tours of England and the USA.
- 10 June - 1829** - The Oxford team won the first-ever Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Race. Two eight-men crews raced each other along the River Thames in a contest of rowing power nicknamed simply "The Boat Race".
- 13 June - 1944** - The first V1 flying bomb, or "doodle bug" was dropped on London.
- 15 June - 1215** - King John and his barons met on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede and sign the Magna Carta, thus removing total authority from the monarchy forever.
- 17 June - 1579** - Francis Drake drops anchor off the south-west coast of America and proclaims England's sovereignty over New Albion (California).
- 19 June - 1917** - In the midst of World War 1 the British royal family renounced German names (Saxe-Coburg-Gotha) and titles, and adopted the name of Windsor.
- 21 June - 1675** - Construction work starts on Sir Christopher Wren's St. Paul's Cathedral in London.
- 22 June - 1814** - The Marylebone Cricket Club and Hertfordshire play the first ever cricket match at England's Lord's Cricket Ground.
- 25 June - 1797** - Admiral Horatio Nelson is wounded in the arm in a battle with the French and the limb is amputated. This follows the loss of his sight in his right eye some three years earlier.
- 28 June - 1838** - Since early morning, crowds had gathered along the route through London that Queen Victoria would take for her coronation in Westminster Abbey.
- 29 June - 1613** - London's Globe Theatre was destroyed by flames as a cannon is fired to announce the king's entrance in Shakespeare's Henry V.
- 30 June 1894** - Tower Bridge in London was officially opened by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales. After the ceremony the bascules were raised to allow a flotilla of ships and boats to sail down the Thames.

Village News - June Content From 10 years Ago



June 2013 - One of Theydon's lesser-known retailers is the weekly fishmonger visit. Colin Halliday has been coming to the village for nearly 20 years. Four years before then, he started a round in Woodford, which went so successfully he picked up the Theydon round. He also does another round in the Midlands on Thursdays.

Colin buys his fish from Grimsby market in Lincolnshire each Monday, freshly landed from the trawlers that morning, then has to prepare the fish and load his van ready for leaving at 3.30 am on Tuesday morning. Traffic permitting, Colin arrives in Theydon Bois at 7.30 am and spends the next two and a half hours visiting his regular customers.



June 2013 - The Pharmacy is probably the most important shop in the village for many Theydon residents. The Pharmacy is owned and run by husband and wife team and qualified pharmacists, Sailesh and Raksha Dawda. They purchased the existing pharmacy business from Mr. McFarlane in 1988 and now they are celebrating 25 years of Pharmacy Services to Theydon Bois and surrounding villages as our Village Pharmacists. Since then the shop has been refitted twice, resulting today in it being almost three times the size of the original shop. The Dawdas explained their philosophy to Village News. "We greet customers with a smile and always help out customers to the best of our abilities".



June 2013 - Village News had previously told the story of Vicente Romero who stayed in Theydon Bois Between May 1937 and February 1938 as one of the Basque Child refugees from the Spanish Civil War. Vicente at 89 then visited Theydon again with his wife Consuelo and daughter Covadonga. While in Theydon the family was shown around by our Website editor Jim Watts. Vicente invited Jim to San Sebastian and Jim wanted to take a present for Vicente and contacted Art Group member Barry Turner who kindly offered to paint a scene of Theydon for Jim to take with him. Barry produced a wonderful picture of 'The Bull' at very short notice.



June 2013 - Some 300 visitors flocked to the car park of the Theydon Bois Village Hall for the annual omnibus show organised by the North London Transport Society. Nostalgia reigned supreme for the older attendees while the younger visitors enjoyed sitting in the vehicles and, in some instances, being literally taken for a ride around the surrounding area along roads which had been popular, and important public transport routes in the past. Some of the vehicles had visited Theydon Bois before but a notable exception was a 1935 Leyland bus which had been painstakingly restored.

Coronation Charity Evening 27th April

Following the very successful village fundraiser that we ran last year in aid of the Ukraine appeal, we wanted to run another event to enable our community to give to other communities in need. Moved by the plight of tens of thousands of people affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria earlier this year we decided that this would be our main charity. In addition, we also wanted to benefit some other charities that are a little closer to home and after much discussion we settled on St Clare's Hospice and The Dream Factory, which is a local charity that "aims to brighten the lives and encourage hope for children and young adults aged between 3 and 25 years who have life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and/or severe disabilities by way of granting wishes and dreams".

So, spurred on by the needs of these worthy causes, we re-convened the organising committee of Brian Revell, Ivan Pollock, Phil Simmance and Fiona Bradley and got to work. As before, one of our key aims was to acknowledge that most of us are very lucky to live in this lovely community of Theydon Bois and so we want to give residents a chance to show solidarity and compassion with those who are perhaps not so lucky, both in spirit and through hard cash! As such we were keen to involve as many local organisations, businesses and individuals as possible, and once again everyone rallied round and did not disappoint!

We decided to replicate the core components of the previous event which meant that the John Pollock Marquee Company donated and erected a huge marquee in the Village Hall car park, with the kind permission of the Village Association. Next on the to-do list was food and drink. Once again, the breweries behind both our local pubs - The Bull and The Queen Vic - readily agreed to donate two kegs of beer each, over 200 pints in total. Going above-and-beyond, the Queen Vic also lent two bars and three of their bar staff also volunteered their time to lend some expertise to running the bars on the night. The Bar People also ran a Spirits bar for us. We decided to have British-themed food and décor, with a nod to the King's Coronation happening a couple of weeks later. With that in mind Sharrons Catering company laid on Cottage Pie and Eton Mess as our main meal for the evening.

In terms of entertainment we were very lucky to once again have JoCee (Joanna Gunnell) and her band performing and they were amazing! CJ Sax (Chris Turner) was also due to perform. However, less than a week before the event his mum, Jennie Turner, sadly and unexpectedly passed away. This cast something of a shadow over our event as Jennie was a well-loved friend of many of us in the village and had also bought a ticket to attend. Still, we knew that she would want the show to go on and so with a toast to "absent friends" and the knowledge of Jennie's blessing, we carried on and Chris very graciously set up all of his equipment for us to use even though he could not face performing himself. We also had another lovely performance from the Theydon Bois Primary School choir. One new initiative for this year was to have two local professional photographers in attendance. They took some really lovely photos which are available in return for a donation to the appeal. If you would like to take a look at the photos you can find them here (<https://tribemedia41.pixieset.com/theydonearthquakefundraiser/>).

Meanwhile, most local shops and businesses, as well as several generous individuals, donated raffle prizes, auction lots and other nice touches like red, white and blue balloons. We also had several volunteers on the night, as well as the day before and day after, to make sure the evening went as smoothly as possible. Special thanks goes to the ladies from Masters Academy of Martial Arts and to the volunteers from St John's Ambulance who were on hand to provide first aid, but luckily they were not needed! We aren't able to name everyone that donated and/or helped but you know who you are, and we thank you from the bottoms of our hearts!

Ticket sales were significantly lower than last year for various reasons (around 200 compared to around 300) but everyone who came seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event and over £18,000 was raised towards the three charities, including a generous donation from David Sullivan.

Coronation Charity Evening 27th April (continued)



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CORONATION CHARITY EVENING
THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

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Theydon Bois Action Group

Local Planning Matters. TBAG have submitted objections to the following applications on grounds of Green Belt Policies:

EPF/0292/21 Land north of Forest Drive – developers Anderson Design and Build Limited didn't waste any time resubmitting with 10 MORE dwellings making it 38 and not the previously applied for 28. The Local Plan describes this site as "The limited northern expansion provides a natural extension to the settlement and is the least harmful to the Green Belt." (Para 5.111). TBAG objected to the density, design, road safety, damage to trees etc, and addressed our Supporters' concerns. **EPF/2206/21** Land adjacent to Gun Cottage, Abridge Road application for a cement drive was again refused on appeal. **EPF/1671/22** Blunts Farm, Ivy House. Application for a swimming pool and extensions to house. Refused. **EPF/2728/22** Blunts Farm, Erection of new storage buildings etc. Under consideration. **EPF/0034/23** 28 Piercing Hill, demolition and replacement of existing dwelling. Under consideration. **EPF/0830/23** and **EPF/0831/23** Blunts Farm. Resubmissions of applications previously adjudicated to be unlawful for two flats. TBAG has asked why enforcement action was not taken and the applicants permitted to resubmit with no new persuasive evidence. We are concerned about the lack of enforcement action at Blunts Farm over several decades now.

Local Plan The Local Plan was formally adopted on 6 March 2023 and will impact the district until 2033. TBAG view this Plan as a Developers' Charter since EFDC was not prepared to lower the housing numbers in line with latest Government Data. Local Conservative Councillors pushed the plan through ignoring Central Government's recent concession of a two- year extension to local authorities to allow them to reassess their plans in the light of local constraints (in our case 92% Green Belt and SAC). District Councillor John Philip thought two years was insufficient time to reconsider the statistics, and suggested the district would be left wide open to speculative development if we did not adopt the plan immediately.

However, the Government's own National Planning Policy Framework makes it clear that there is 'no presumption in favour of sustainable development in the Green Belt'. Cllr Philip also suggested that the Planning Inspector "does not favour our District"! The Conservative Councillors en-bloc chose to robustly support adoption of the plan. When an Independent Councillor asked if Councillors had a free vote (i.e. not whipped by their political party) the Leader of the Council, Cllr Chris Whitbread, flushed and replied "No comment".

Epping Forest Clean Air Zone coming? Events surrounding the London Ultra Low Emission Zone ('ULEZ') will, TBAG believe, have a direct effect on whether we will see a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) in Epping Forest. In February it was reported in our local press that Epping Forest MP, Dame Eleanor Laing, has added her name to a letter to the Conservative Party Chairman raising concerns over the proposed introduction of the London ULEZ, going live on 29 August 2023, and which will stretch to the borders of Epping Forest. TBAG hopes that Dame Eleanor will show a similar level of concern and lend her support to objections should her own District Council seek to introduce a CAZ through Epping Forest, which would be an easy revenue raiser for the Council at £12.50 per day, like the ULEZ scheme.

Published quotes indicate that "While hurting our constituents, the ULEZ expansion will have a negligible effect on air quality, according to the Mayor's own independent impact assessment." It is likely that rat runs would establish as vehicles attempt to avoid the ULEZ by driving through Epping Forest District.

Gardening Tips from the Horticultural Society



storage box "greenhouse"

Keep an eye on the new growth and flowering buds of your roses. If you notice that they are getting covered in greenfly you can spray with a mixture of water and a few drops of washing up liquid, rather than a chemical spray. It will control the greenfly until the ladybirds and blue tits arrive to help.

"Hardening off" is the process of acclimatising your seedlings and tender (not frost hardy) plants to the outside world before planting them out in their permanent positions. It takes a week or so, depending on the weather, of putting them out in the daytime and bringing them back under cover at night. To make life easier, you can put your pots in one of the modern plastic storage boxes with a lid that can be put on at night. These boxes are also useful as mini greenhouses if you have run out of room on your windowsill, though, of course, they are not enough protection from a severe frost. In that case, lift them in at night. You can also use a storage box as a "mini greenhouse".

Finally, please consider planting some British natives in your garden as the bees and other insects love them and they can be very pretty. At the moment, I have Welsh poppies in orange and yellow, English bluebells, pink purslane and greater celandine all flowering merrily and attracting bees and butterflies.

LIZ



Welsh poppies



Greater celandine



Pink purslane

Theydon Bois Lawn Tennis Club

At TBLTC we have a thriving junior section, overseen by our professional coaching team who organise weekly training sessions, fun tournaments and school-holiday camps. See below for details of camps available for the upcoming summer holidays.



Early booking is advised as these sessions are popular amongst both members and non-members.

Our under 12 boys team are on a winning streak in their inter-club matches, with two wins and no losses notched up in the early part of the season.

New members are always welcome at the tennis club. Whatever your standard, there are sessions available for you. Being a TBLTC member gives you access to six all-weather synthetic grass courts, qualified coaching staff for adults and juniors and the opportunity to play competitive and social tennis at all levels. There are a variety of weekly sessions for social tennis, as well as team practise and cardio sessions focused on tennis fitness and flexibility. The club has an active social side, with events, fun tournaments, and fundraising gatherings throughout the year.

Have a look at our website <https://linktr.ee/TheydonBoisLTC> or contact the membership team to find out more about joining. Theydonmembership@gmail.com

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Tippy's Topics - Theydon Bois Facebook Groups



A huge hello and welcome to Tippys round up of village news from the All Things Theydon Bois and Theydon Bois Villagers Only Facebook pages. Please feel free to join and become involved in our beautiful online community. It is a place for information, debate and discussion relating to the village. Please answer a couple of security questions and then you will be accepted and warmly welcomed. I would like to add that we also have a Free Items page, filled with great stuff that people no longer need or requests for items that may be wanted!

I have been both privileged and honoured to be able to contribute to this magazine and will continue to do so for as long as you, the reader enjoy my articles. I do realise that on occasion they may feel repetitive especially with regards to advice from both Neighbourhood watch and the police to use Faraday bags for your car keys. We also have the regular highlighting of missing pets, who in the majority of cases are thankfully reunited with their owners. This edition however has some pretty big news which I hope you will enjoy reading about.

KING CHARLES' CORONATION - Many of our streets were festooned with bunting, flags were raised, roads were cordoned off to traffic and the festivities began in earnest. The weather was a bit unpredictable and caused some delays but residents came out in force to toast our new King and ensure that the show went on! I was on holiday at the time and unfortunately wasn't able to join in but thankfully was able to watch the spectacle on television.

Forest Drive made headlines, even on the BBC news due to Harvey Young on guitar and Thomas on drums, playing to the crowds (see page 14). Photos were shared and comments regarding the success of the occasion and the hard work carried out by Villagers.

PRE-SCHOOL - The pre-school has been in our village and hearts for 60 years plus - a place where many of our children and grandchildren have been given the first steps into their educational adventure. Covid and the successive cost of living crisis et al. has had and is having a massive impact on the sites ability to function to its full potential. The wonderfully Community spirited Butler and Stag staff organised a 24hr cyclethon! From 4pm till 4pm they put their "pedal to the metal" and did not stop! They managed to raise a princely sum of over £4,000. Thereafter the Queen Vic threw open its doors and hosted a fun early evening mini market, with stalls, fun games, a raffle, cakes and much more. They had collection bins on the bar and much celebration was had. Villagers yet again stood tall and dug deep to support such a worthy cause.

ANGELA DAVIS - We have been very lucky in the village especially with regards to the lovely Angela Davis who has worked at The Limes surgery for fourteen years and with us in Thrifts Mead for several of those years, taking over from the wonderful Maureen Ledwell who we were previously blessed with. Sadly Angela has announced that she has now left the surgery and is moving on to pastures new. So many of us gave our best wishes and thanks for everything this very special, kind lady has done and she will be missed by us all. Good luck Angela and thank you for everything.

I have been asked by many villagers why I am no longer in the Post Office. After 15 years and a management staff restructuring I was made redundant. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve you all and I have met so many wonderful villagers, each with a story to tell and a life lived. Thankyou all from the bottom of my heart for making me actually want to go to work everyday and becoming my friends. Hopefully I will see many of you out and about around the village.

Theydon Bois Horticultural Society

The visits organised by the Society have become very popular and this year's trips to Wisley, Elton Hall and Ham House and Marble Hill have all sold out. However, we always have last minute cancellations so it is worth putting your name on the waiting list. The visit to Wisley on 29th April was enjoyed by all not least because, luckily, the weather was warm and sunny. In addition to the gardens there was a Craft Fair with lots of handmade items to browse and purchase.



Our programme of talks continues with Growing for Flower Arranging on **June 13th** at 7.30pm by Maike Windhorst and Soil Sweat & Tears on **22nd November** at 7.30pm by Brian Carline. The latter is followed by our A.G.M. All talks held in the village hall, are free to members and just £3 for non-members and include refreshments.



The Annual Show will be held on July 22nd from 2pm to 4.30pm in the village hall. As usual there will be exhibits of fruit, vegetables and flowers grown by our lovely villagers. Also, craft items and artwork produced by the children as well as the adults and photography and cookery sections. The beekeepers are coming with their glass fronted hive and there will be willow weaving to try your hand at and the telescope of the Astronomy Society. And of course, the popular tortoise race not to mention the tea and cakes! If you would like to enter anything in the Show you will find the Schedule of exhibits on our website if you go to the section for the Annual Show. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help with your entries.

Tippy's Topics - Theydon Bois Facebook Groups *(continued)*

DONKEY DERBY - The Donkey Derby is being held this year on the 9th July. The committee are asking for donations for the up and coming event. Anything from bric-a-brac to raffle prizes. They can arrange collection from you if required.

GREENERY AT THE BALTI HOUSE - A subject of anger has been the complete removal of all of the greenery behind the Balti House Indian Restaurant. It was reported that trees were chopped down and all the bushes were removed despite apparently housing many birds. One can usually hear their birdsong while walking by. The area now appears to be in a sorry state and this had caused much upset and several letters of complaint have gone out asking why? and for what purpose?



FINALLY POT HOLE GATE! - Great news. The holes along Abridge Road have now been filled in. This has caused much delight to both drivers and cyclists alike. Please take care and see you soon - **Tippy**

Theydon Bois & District Rural Preservation Society

New TB&DRPS Website:

The Society has decided we needed to have a new and updated website as the former Village Website has now closed and the Parish Council's website is still in the process of being rebuilt. The Parish Council's, when completed, will incorporate some of the pages from the old Village Website and there will be a link to the Society's website. Our committee member John Everett is editing the site and the new web address is; <https://www.tbruralpres.org.uk>

There is information about our Society which has been protecting our Village and its surrounding Greenbelt since 1943. There is information on our new membership scheme, planning in Theydon, walks, talks and events etc. Updates and new pages are still being added. If you have comments on our new site or the Society's changes you can contact us at: Committee@tbruralpres.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Society Membership:

Pre-pandemic the Society used to call door to door to collect subscription fees and renew members. However, due to the impact of the pandemic, the lack of volunteer road collectors and that some households are no longer carrying cash we decided this is no longer possible. Due to the pandemic all previous memberships were extended by the Society to 5 April 2023, but now we need to institute a new membership system. Please help us by re-joining.

Subscriptions are £5 per household. Any further donation would be most gratefully welcomed and will help in the preservation of our village and education of our children via our Greenshoots activities etc. Membership will also entitle you to a vote at our AGM. Payments can be remitted by bank transfer or by cheque. See our new website above for full details including payment.

E vents:

- **Sunday 4th June at 11.30am:** Free Footpath Walk to Theydon Garnon Church. This is earlier than our usual 2pm starts so as to coincide with the Hog Roast and fete at Theydon Garnon.
- **Friday 7th July 8.00pm:** Free talk: "The Boys: Holocaust Survivors in the Epping Forest" by Catherine Hammond, Heritage Officer EFDC Museum. Village Hall to be followed by refreshments & Society AGM.
- **Sunday 9th July:** Donkey Derby. We hope to have our usual stand at this year's Donkey Derby. It is our intention to have a Greenshoots craft event for children and a Scavenger Hunt with a prize.
- **Sunday 23rd July 2.00pm:** Free Footpath Walk to Ambresbury Banks. We are still hoping to have visits to the Deer Sanctuary this year in association with The City of London. At present the City of London Epping Forest Committee is being reorganised so we are awaiting an update from them. See our website for details on this and our other walks, talks and events in 2023.

P lanning:

Theydon Applications Update: There have been 19 Planning Applications, 3 in our Green Belt, for Theydon Bois since our last report in March Village News. We have raised objections to 5 of these including the revised application for the Land at the end of Forest Drive that is still unacceptable as proposed.

<https://www.tbruralpres.org.uk>

Epping Forest Citizens Advice - Workload up by 12%

In the 12 months up to 30 May the number of people seeking help from Epping Forest Citizens Advice went up by 12%, to 2,202. Forty-eight were Theydon Bois residents.



This is in line with national trends. They are driven by the difficult economic circumstances of so many people. Our main advice areas are issues with state benefits and tax credits, debt, financial services, and housing. Often these issues are connected so we try to cover as wide a range of issues as possible. We offer services to anyone who lives, works or studies in the Epping Forest District.

We provide assistance as well as advice. On debt problems, for instance, we employ two skilled and experienced debt advisors. They can advise and help you on available debt solutions, and can correspond and negotiate with creditors on your behalf.

On benefits issues we can, if it's appropriate, help with form-filling and we can help you to challenge a decision by DWP, HMRC, or the Council. We can't guarantee success but our success rate is high.

If you come to us with an issue where we don't have the resources or expertise to help you we can refer you to an appropriate other organisation. We try to refer people only to services which are, like us, free to use. Some are nationwide, others are local.

Locally, we work with Voluntary Action Epping Forest, who provide a wide variety of services, notably for people who have learning disabilities, or who are housebound, including gardening and handyman services. You can contact them via their website – <https://vaef.org.uk/> - or phone 01992 910701.

If you're not sure which organisation might be able to meet your needs an excellent place to start is the website for Epping Forest Frontline - <https://eppingforest.essexfrontline.org.uk/>. It lists all the voluntary and other organisations in the District and describes what they do.

Just a reminder about how to contact us at Epping Forest Citizens Advice. You can phone, for free, on 0808 278 7855 between 9.30 and 2.30, Tuesday to Thursday. We are very busy at the moment so if you can't get through try again. Tuesday is our busiest day. There is also an Essex-wide phone service between 4 and 8 on weekdays and 9 and 1 on Saturdays. Call 0808 250 5724.

If you want to talk to someone face-to-face we have an adviser at the Hub at the Civic Offices in Epping every Thursday between 10 and 2. If you just want information try our national website: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>.

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Theydon Bois Cricket Club

Cricket Club Makes Strong Start To New Season

Theydon Bois Cricket Club has made a strong start to the new cricket season with both the 1st and 2nd Elevens, at the time of writing, currently unbeaten and riding high in their respective divisions in the T Rippon Mid Essex Cricket League. For the 1st XI, Kaush Balan has impressed with both bat and ball whilst skipper Warren Hyde has led the way in the 2nd XI with some impressive early season batting performances

Warren Hyde in action against Great Waltham



The popular Colts Section of the Club goes from strength to strength and provides professional coaching and organized matches for boys and girls from eight years old upwards. This year 95 juniors have enrolled with training taking place on Friday evenings and matches mainly arranged for Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in joining the Cricket Club or would like further information, then please visit the Club's website at www.tbcc.co.uk or better still come and visit the Club, visitors are always welcome.



Theydon Bois Golf Club - Greens & Greenkeepers

Teamwork makes the greens work! - Greenkeepers are unsung heroes at golf clubs, but our latest news gives us the opportunity to praise and introduce our hardworking team. In April, long standing Head Greenkeeper James Morgan and Connor Taylor left for fairways new, leaving us with both the challenge of recruiting replacements and the opportunity to build a new team. Unless you see the work of a greenkeeper first hand it's easy to underestimate the technical know-how and skills which are needed in what is also a physically challenging profession.



Although greenkeepers spend many hours mowing grass, multiple skills are a must. Irrigation, drainage, a fleet of specialist equipment to oversee and maintain, a cornucopia of chemical applications to manage and land drainage are just some of the areas which demand expertise. When you're without your Head Greenkeeper to guide you, recruiting people with the right skills isn't easy. We were helped in this endeavour by James Camfield of Golf Club Management Services (gcmsltd.com) who, for a year had been assisting the team on a consultancy basis. Having managed greenkeepers at a leading club for most of his career, he advised on shortlisting our candidates and how to approach the interview process.

Another critical part of the process is finding people who are team players (who are also prepared to spend a lot of time working alone) and we were particularly careful about employing people who would get on with each other, especially when they arrive at work before dawn! Paul Doran is our Course Manager (formerly



L to R James Camfield, Martyn Holland, Paul Doran, Chris Potter, Billy Maynard, Archie Obeney

at Grims Dyke GC and Merrist Wood GC). Billy Maynard is his Deputy (formerly at Langdon Hills GC). Chris Potter had built up a successful gardening business in West Sussex before considering a career in greenkeeping, is learning fast and feels very much at home out on the course. They join Martyn Holland, our longest serving greenkeeper and Archie Obeney who combines his work with college studies.

Patience and resilience are other attributes required by greenkeepers and sadly this were put to the test last month. The team arrived one morning only to find significant damage to our 16th green which we find very difficult to believe was not caused intentionally. The team got straight to work with repairs (it was back in play the next day) and with the care and attention that they give to our course every day, it will be back looking its best by the time this article goes to print! As for the rest of the course, it's in lovely condition and we look forward to welcoming lots of visitors this summer. Even if you're not a golfer, please do come and enjoy a drink and a bite to eat in the clubhouse or enjoy the view from our veranda. There are few better spots at this time of year.

Donkey Derby - Sunday 9th July 2023 - noon till 4.30pm

THE donkeys are ready and raring to go for this year's Donkey Derby. This year's event will be on Sunday 9th July from 12 noon until 4.30 pm on the Green.

For those new to the village it is a big part of the Theydon Bois events calendar with youngsters racing donkeys around a track on the village green. There are six races altogether with a champions race at the end of the event.

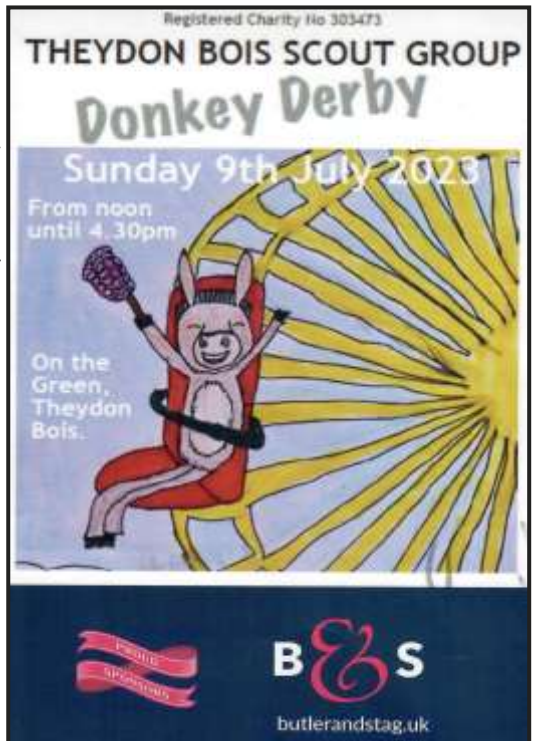
Alongside the racing fun there are old-style fairground rides like swingboats and a ferris wheel, a BBQ staffed by the scouting team, cakes provided by the guides and a large tea tent and a selection of bouncy castles plus a variety of commercial stalls from local outlets.

This year we will also be introducing a Local Craft Area where people from the village or nearby who make things will be able to sell their goods - including pottery, honey and furniture.

The event is a chance for scouting and guiding groups in the area to show what they can do as there are scout groups from North Weald, Theydon Garnon and Buckhurst Hill in attendance as well as Air Cadets and Police Cadets. It also raises vital funds for the scouting groups.

Other local groups including the school PTA, the preschool, the tennis club and the Church also join in the fun running stalls as well as a number of external stallholders such as the Balti House who donate their profits each year to the event.

Chair, Nik O'Flynn, said: "This will be the fourth year the event has been sponsored by local estate agents Butler and Stag. Look out for the new banners and posters going up which they have also funded to promote this popular event".



This year we are hoping to get jockeys signed up before the day so we know there will be a host of experienced riders ready to race the donkeys. Children need to be aged 10 to 15 and weigh less than 50kg. If you are interested please contact Andy Bowles via: andbowles@gmail.com. Please look out for the Donkey Derby programme which the cubs, scouts, guides, brownies, rainbows and beavers will be selling from door to door in the village in the month leading up to the event.



Foodbank link-up & musical evening made for busy TASWE month



THE ARTS
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A Coronation weekend link up with a highly innovative local foodbank group and an extremely successful Musical Evening have been two of the month's highlights for The Arts Society West Essex (TASWE) group based at Theydon Bois Village Hall.

After putting out a call to members for arts-based items a working party of members was able to assemble 50 child-focused arts bags for 5-9 age children of parents attending local food banks for collection by parents to help keep children occupied during the long Coronation weekend. The bags contained craft items for children: writing, drawing and reading materials and, of course, some sweets to help make this a highly popular gift for children.

3Food4U is acknowledged now to be the largest free food distribution organisation in Essex with outlets in Waltham Abbey, Loughton, Chigwell Row and Ongar. It has a fundraising page: www.stewardship.org.uk.



From charitable work to a celebratory evening, in the days after the Coronation, when almost 100 members and guests filled Theydon Bois Village hall for a Musical evening and supper. The main performer was talented young guitarist Tom Hodgkinson (pictured left), winner of last year's Essex Young Musician of the Year title at Ongar Music Festival of which TASWE is a sponsor.

His performance was followed by another treat provided by local community choir The Harmonics who sang a selection of popular songs from a range of shows to entertain the diners.

The Musical Evening, an innovation for TASWE, was generally acclaimed a great success by members and may well be voted for a more permanent place in the organisation's calendar.

The Arts Society West Essex meets monthly at Theydon Bois Village Hall and runs a waiting list for new members who can attend meetings.

Email Audrey Carson: carsonaudrey@btinternet.com.

Playground At Theydon (PAT)

The sun was kind enough to make an appearance when the Playground At Theydon held a belated Easter Egg hunt on April 15. Many families joined in the fun with the children following the egg-shaped clues to take them round the - extremely soggy - Green. Photos are below. The last clue led them back to the playground where they had to unscrambled the letters they had found on the clues to make a word to claim their Easter egg. There were also refreshments available laid on by the Playground At Theydon committee for those taking part in the hunt or for parents and children just enjoying the playground.

It has been five years since the playground was completely remodelled with all new equipment and flooring after the committee raised more than £150,000 to pay for the project. Many people may not realise that the playground is funded and run by a charity specifically set up in the 1980s to create the first site. Although it is now all relatively new, there are always ongoing maintenance costs as the equipment does suffer from wear and tear and there are other costs such as our annual RoSPA inspection and insurance, although the Parish Council has helped with the latter. Our grounds maintenance is kindly provided by Kevin Southgate gardening but the rest of the costs have to be born by the committee while we also try and save money for the future when the playground will need revamping again in about 20 years time.

We are a small committee and are always looking for new members. It is a fun committee to join and an ideal way for new parents to get involved in village life. If you would like to know more, or would like to join us please contact **Shelley Dix on 07919 215465** or contact us via the **Facebook page for Playground At Theydon**.

Photos are below - A - Sam, Ethan, Hudson & Logan at Clue 1 B - Lottie Adelyn & Ailesh find clue no 2 C- Logan, Ethan (sitting), Sam & Hudson getting their eggs after completing the hunt.





Art Exhibition 2023 - Browse and buy paintings by the Best of Local Artists at Theydon Art Group's annual exhibition in the Village Hall. **Friday 9th June (7pm - 9pm) and Saturday 10th June (10am - 5pm).**

The exhibition includes tempting home-made refreshments plus an opportunity to support the Essex Air Ambulance charity (and buy a small framed picture at the same time).

There's also a raffle with the chance to win the painting below - an East Anglian Hamlet by professional artist Bill Newton. Admission costs £1.

For more information about the exhibition as well as our regular programme of events, see

theydonartgroup.co.uk.



Theydon Bois Women's Institute

	21st June	“The Importance of Lasting Power of Attorney” Mr Christopher Chippendale
	19th July	“Canine Partners Assistance Dogs” Mrs Glynis Worboys
	August	No Meeting
	20th Sept	“My Life on the Amateur Stage” Mrs Ruth Newman



Just for Fun



"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 55 minute flute solo"



I bought a book titled 'A Guide to Surgical Procedures' on Amazon Prime. I opened it up and the appendix was missing.

FAIRLOP BRASS at THE VILLAGE HALL

Fairlop Brass will be staging two concerts at the Village Hall this winter, and look forward to your continued excellent support.



Sunday 5th November - @ 2pm – BIG BAND BRASS

The Band present their most popular themed concert as they play music from Glen Miller right through to Robbie Williams. Big Bands had a heyday during and post the Second World War, and this music has again become popular following exposure to the Dave Archer Band on *Strictly Come Dancing*. The Hall will be arranged with seating around tables, and you are encouraged to bring your own food and drink. The concert is starting at 2pm to give everyone time to enjoy the afternoon and get home for any Guy Fawkes celebrations.

Tuesday 19th December – @ 7.30pm - Christmas Crackers

This concert has become a firm favourite with both the Band's regular supporters and those from within the Village. Again, the hall will be arranged with seating around tables to enable you to enjoy your own food and drink, whilst listening to an evening of Festive Music, and joining in the Carols (song sheets provided).

Tickets: These can be purchased or reserved via the Band's website www.fairlopbrass.co.uk - or you can click on the QR code here. Alternatively you can leave a message on 07598-506112 and someone will call you back.



We expect these concerts to be very popular, so to avoid disappointment make sure you get your tickets early. Further details about the Band can be found on their website www.fairlopbrass.co.uk

Rotary  **Club of Roding (Theydon Bois)**



The May Fayre drew the crowds on a lovely sunny Sunday. There were plenty of stalls, children's entertainment and displays by young dancers and singers. The day ended with the traditional dog show. The club is to be congratulated for raising money for local charities.



Theydon Bois Singers presents A Summer Soiree

Friday 14th July 2023 at 7.30 pm

**Programme to include
'Goldfinger', 'You Raise Me Up', 'Love Changes Everything'
and other songs from the shows**



**Theydon Bois Village Hall
Tickets £10**

Refreshments available

**For tickets Tel: 01992 573855
Email: theydonsingers@gmail.com**



Community Speedwatch Update

Our local team of Community Speed Watch (CSW) volunteers continue to carry out regular one-hour sessions at five police-approved locations in the village.



Our Group Co-ordinator, Richard Sowerby says that there are three of these sites that are still receiving the most attention - on Piercing Hill and two on Coppice Row. Speeds in both instances are regularly being recorded in excess of 40mph - well over the 30mph limit. In fact, there are numerous times when 50mph+ speeds are being logged (top speed recorded so far has been an incredible 58mph!). A Data Capture Report after each session is sent to the Essex Police CSW team who then write a strong letter to the registered vehicle owners. They then take further action as they see fit should another speeding offence by the same vehicle arise in the future anywhere in the County.

We are also occasionally supported in person by the presence of our local Community Police Officer, Andy Cook and/or one of his colleagues, who (unlike ourselves) can and do take direct action in pulling vehicles over, warning the drivers and/or issuing speeding tickets to the worst offenders. It seems nonetheless that the activities of the village CSW team continue to act as a significant deterrent, thereby helping to ensure the safety of other road users and our villagers alike from drivers who are determined to ignore the speed limits.

Richard can be contacted by email at richard@sowerbygroup.co.uk should you ever wish to get in touch and/or enquire about the possibility of joining the CSW team as a fellow volunteer.

Epping Forest University of the Third Age (u3a) welcomes new members.

If you are retired, semi-retired or soon to retire, and you're looking for new things to do with all the extra time you might have on your hands, why not join Epping Forest u3a. It offers retirees living in Epping and North Weald, Buckhurst Hill, Chigwell, Loughton, Theydon Bois and surrounding areas the chance to join a wide range of activities to develop their personal interests, keep their bodies and brains stimulated and make new friends.



This local charity offers all kinds of activities: learning a foreign language; groups that discuss current affairs, fashion and clothing, football, literature and wine; playing board and card games; gardening and flower arranging; art and photography; model railway building, embroidery or making greeting cards; snooker and table tennis; keep fit and tai chi. There are also a number of walking groups.

Social events and outings to places of interests are organised throughout the year. Members also have opportunity and are encouraged to form their own new group activities with other members with whom they share an interest. All u3a activities are run by its members.

As well as gaining access to a range of different activities, Epping Forest u3a members receive a monthly Newsletter, can use its "book and jigsaw swap" service and attend interesting talks by outside speakers at monthly meetings held in **Theydon Bois Village Hall**.

There are meetings taking place at this location throughout the summer on the first Mondays of July, August and September 2023 and anyone interested in finding out more should come along where you can enrol as members on site. Alternatively, **visit the Epping Forest u3a website at www.u3asites.org.uk/epping** or simply type "efu3a" into any search engine to find us.



THEYDON BOIS OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 2023

from 12 noon - 5pm

TICKETS £5 (cash or card) for adults

Accompanied children free. Sorry, no dogs

There will be many gardens for you to visit this year.

Call at the Village Hall, Coppice Row, CM16 7ER on the day to buy your tickets and collect a map and list of the gardens.

Proceeds from ticket sales and donations
will go to St Clare Hospice.

You can walk or drive to the gardens as parking is available throughout the village. There will also be limited parking at the Village Hall but **NO PARKING ON THE GREEN.**

Refreshments will be available from
St Mary's Church Hall, next to the Village Hall.

For any further information, please call

Carol - 01992 812250 or

Margaret - 01992 814797

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Village Activities 2023

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8 June	Toy & Train Fair at Village Hall
9 June	Theydon Art Group - Art Exhibition 2023 - see page 39
13 June	Horticultural Society Talk at the Village Hall 7.30 pm - see page 31
18 June	Theydon Bois Open Gardens - see page 43
1 July	Litter Picking - Meet Village Hall - start at 10.30am
9 July	Donkey Derby on the Village Green - noon till 4.30pm
14 July	Theydon Bois Singers - "A Summer Soiree" - Village Hall 7.30 pm - see page 41
22 July	Horticultural Society - Annual Show - Village Hall 2-4pm
5 Aug	Litter Picking - Meet Village Hall - start at 10.30am
10 Aug	Toy & Train Fair at Village Hall
2 Sept	Litter Picking - Meet Village Hall - start at 10.30am (check time with Parish Office)
19-21 Oct	Drama Society - "Vicar of Dibley" - Village Hall
5 Nov	Fairlop Brass at the Village Hall - "Big Band Brass" - 2pm - see page 40
Various	Tennis Club Activies - see page 29
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Theydon Bois Village Website Closure - the Theydon Bois Village Website has closed. The most important parts of the website's content is to be combined into the Parish Council's Website. This process is still on going and may still take a little time to complete. As part of this change the Village Website is offline and it is no longer accessible. Please now use the Theydon Bois Parish Council Website:

<https://theydonbois-pc.gov.uk/> for information and News about Theydon Bois

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