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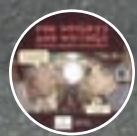
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Leader's Comments by Councillor Mrs Diana Collins

In this edition of The Forester we celebrate our young people and look to the future.

Back in August the Council played a major role behind the scenes in support of the World Scout Jamboree in Chelmsford. The Council-owned Airfield at North Weald became the logistical hub of an operation registering, transporting and feeding more than 200,000 young people and visitors to the 100th Anniversary celebrations at Hylands Park. Young people often get a bad press but I could not have been more impressed by those I met. The Scouting Movement has proved it is still very relevant in our modern world.

After the success of the Jamboree, North Weald looks like the perfect location to provide similar support to the London Olympics in 2012. Nothing would give me greater pride and pleasure than for Epping Forest district to play an important role in the greatest sporting celebration of all.

The Olympics is a celebration of youth and we are trying to do more for our own district's young people. Just before the schools broke up for their summer holidays, the Council organised the annual Crucial Crew event. Every 10 and 11 year old in the district had the opportunity to attend. With our partners including Essex Police, the Fire and Rescue Service and many others, the children spent a fantastic time at Gilwell Park. The messages were serious. Protect yourself when on the Internet, learn how to care for your friends if they are ill, understand the dangers of drink and drugs but the

message was delivered with imagination and fun.

Perhaps one of the hardest things for any Council to do is engage with its young residents. We are working really hard at improving our links. The summer holidays saw us step up a level in the provision of Holiday Play-schemes and Summer Fest activities for teenagers. At a more serious level we are working with local schools and Epping Forest College to develop a new Youth Council to represent the district's young people.

Youth Council elections are planned for Local Democracy Week in October. Consulting young people has always been difficult and we have to find ways of listening to and empowering them. I see the Youth Council as a clear voice speaking on behalf of our young people so that we can all exchange, develop and improve on new ideas.

Older generations have a responsibility to our young residents and the environmental legacy we leave behind is just as important as the services we provide directly today. We have made tremendous improvements in recycling rates over the past two years, cutting the use of landfill refuse disposal and the pollution it causes. Our new refuse contractor takes over the reins in November. Summer weekly emptying of wheelie bins will continue and we are working with Sita to introduce more improvements.

Recycling has become part of our daily lives. The changes we have made now will benefit generations to come.



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▶ New date for the East of England Plan

GO-East (the Government Office for the Eastern Region) has informed the Council that the East of England Plan, due originally to be published before the end of 2006, then spring 2007 and then in September following earlier delays, will now not be published before the autumn at the earliest. This is because GO-East is commissioning further work to assess the draft Plan against the requirements of the European Habitats Directive.

This decision follows representations made on the Government's original Habitats

Directive Assessment of the Secretary of State's proposed changes to the draft East of England Plan earlier in the year. The Government thought that points made by the Regional Assembly, Natural England and others including Epping Forest District Council needed to be considered before they could finalise the Plan.

By having this further work carried out and considering the need for changes to the Plan that may flow from it, the Government aims to ensure that the final Plan will be fully compliant with the Directive.

ACCESS **AM** MATTERS

Following consultation with Epping Forest Access Group, Essex County Police Authority has confirmed that improvement works will be carried out to Epping Police Station. The works will achieve access to a ground floor reception desk and a private interview facility for wheelchair users. The works are programmed to be completed this year.

You make us top watch!



Councillors in session at the June Council meeting with webcasting cameras

If you ever wondered what your elected Members' work entailed, now you can follow the action live on the Internet. After only ten months, you have made us the most watched Council in the country. In June 2007,

the Council had over 2,700 webcast viewers.

The Council now webcasts most of its meetings and has extended coverage to other events, including the Civic Awards and other video projects.

Leader of the Council Councillor Mrs Diana Collins said: "The response of the public has been excellent and the Council is very pleased that people want to see elected Members working hard for residents' interests throughout the year." She continued: "This system gives an excellent bird's eye view for the public, making this Council one of the most open and accessible in the country."

Recent highlights of our webcasts can be seen on our 'Webcasts Past and Present' page that can be found on the 'Local Democracy' section of our website

www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk

The Council is working on more innovative schemes that will use the system to show videos on our website so watch out in future editions of The Forester for details.



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'Buck' Buxton



It is with sadness that we have to report the death of Warwick Ellis Buxton, known to many as 'Buck'. Buck died in July after a short illness and leaves his wife Gwen and daughter Ann.

Buck worked within the Epping Forest district for 23 years and retired in August 1986. He was a lifelong specialist in Public Health and Housing and in 1963 joined Waltham Holy Cross Urban District Council (covering Waltham Abbey). Following that until 1974 he worked with the Epping Urban District and Epping & Ongar Rural District Councils when he became District Health and Housing Officer with the newly-formed Epping Forest District Council until his retirement.

He will be sadly missed by his many friends and colleagues.

▶ Cool dudes

It was a 'cool' Council that met on 28 June as Members, led by Chairman Councillor Caroline Pond, donned their sunglasses to support Guide Dogs' Shades Day.

The aim was to highlight the importance of protecting your eyes from the harmful effects of the sun. Also at the meeting was Guide Dog owner Elaine Hill with her dog PJ.

Thousands of schoolchildren and adults all over the UK made a donation of £1 to The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association to wear their sunnies on Shades Day. The

special day provided a unique opportunity to learn more about eye care - particularly the importance of wearing good quality sunglasses in the sunshine.

Councillor Pond said: "Shades Day is a fantastic way both to raise money for Guide Dogs and to highlight an important eye care message for us all. I was delighted to support this event and hope that everyone will wear their sunglasses to protect their eyes in the sunshine."



Councillors were joined by Elaine Hill and PJ to support Shades Day

▶ Crucial Crew

Crucial Crew, the annual safety event for all Year Six school children, returned to Epping Forest district at Gilwell Park between 11 and 22 June. Around 1,350 youngsters aged between ten and eleven attended the event organised by Epping Forest Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership.

The aim of the Crucial Crew workshops is to give young people the basic skills needed to keep themselves safe by tackling the everyday dangers they can encounter. The workshops are lively, interactive sessions with real front-line members of the emergency services and associated organisations. Topics covered this year included road safety, the Internet, drink and drugs and what to do in a fire. The timing of a workshop on the dangers of playing around drains was perfect as flash flooding hit the district only days later.

A key message was how to react in different situations. Children were shown how easy it can be to be lured into a false sense of security when on the Internet and how to protect themselves online. A seemingly innocuous talk on protecting your property by marking it with your postcode was interrupted to shocking effect as Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Co-ordinator Paul Gardener helped youngsters understand what to do when threatened with knife crime.

Trading Standards Officers set up a 'party room' where young people demonstrated how drink and drugs can turn a fun evening into tragedy. In other workshops, children learned about basic resuscitation techniques and what happens in a traffic accident. Essex Fire and Rescue Service showed how a small fire can turn in to a raging inferno within seconds and what to do if you are trapped by fire.

Councillor Ms Syd Stavrou Epping Forest District Council's Community Wellbeing Portfolio Holder praised the efforts of all the agencies



Pupils learned the dangers of chat rooms on the Internet

involved in Crucial Crew. She said: "Crucial Crew 2007 was the biggest and best so far. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. All the children seemed to have a really good time and we were able to get some extremely important messages across. Hopefully, most of the young people at Crucial Crew will rarely have to put these lessons into practice but at least they will

have a good idea of how to react when and if the time comes."

For the first time this year through sponsorship via the Local Network Fund and local businesses every child attending the event has been supplied with a copy of a 'Play Safe Resource' provided by the Children's Safety Education Foundation.

▶ Citizen of the Year

The search is on to find the Epping Forest District Council Citizen of the Year 2008.

This prestigious award goes to someone who has given their time and energy, on a voluntary basis, to benefit their local community.

The award is open to anyone in the Epping Forest district. They don't have to be well-known or involved in major events. It could be anyone, just as long as their efforts benefit local people.

The Council is asking people to nominate someone they feel fits the criteria and deserves recognition.

There is no lower or upper age limit but employees of the Council and current serving Councillors are not eligible.

The Citizen of the Year 2008 will receive an inscribed glass bowl and the runner-up will receive a certificate.

If you know someone who fits the bill, fill in a nomination form and return it to the Civic Offices by Friday 23 November. The forms can be obtained at Council Information Desks at Epping, Loughton and Waltham Abbey and Buckhurst Hill Parish Council Information Centre, or from Pat Seager on 01992 564427.

▶ Joint Chief Executive retires

After 29 years of service to local residents, John Scott Joint Chief Executive retired in July. Current and former Councillors and staff were joined by representatives from many other organisations to wish him a long and happy retirement.

Mr Scott's departure signals a re-organisation of the top management structure with Peter Haywood becoming sole Chief Executive and former Head of Leisure Services Derek Macnab becoming the new Deputy Chief Executive.

John Scott joined the Council as Chief Housing Officer in June 1978. He succeeded 'Buck' Buxton as District Health and Housing Officer in 1986 before assuming broader responsibilities as Corporate Director in 1996. He and Peter Haywood became Joint Chief Executives in October 2003.

John Scott retained a close friendship with Buck Buxton, who sadly passed away just a few days before John's retirement.

John has worked with many organisations ranging from Voluntary Action Epping Forest to Essex Police and the West Essex Primary Care Trust. He has



John Scott cutting his retirement cake

supported local charities, including St Clare Hospice where he is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Councillor Mrs Diana Collins the Leader of the Council said: "It is impossible to explain how much we all owe John as residents. For nearly thirty years he has worked tirelessly and his departure signals the end of an era."

John Scott thanked Councillors and colleagues. He said: "I have always felt proud and privileged to work for Epping Forest District Council. I have had a great time and enjoyed tremendous support from Councillors and staff and I am sure the district will continue to go from strength to strength."

Do you have a property that is empty?

Do you own a property that needs substantial improvements and has been empty for at least six months? Maybe you have inherited a property and you don't know what to do with it, or it requires large expenditure to bring it up to a lettable standard.

The Council is offering a new scheme called P.L.A.C.E. (Private Lease Agreements Converting Empties) which is targeted at sub-standard empty properties requiring renovation works.

The Council is committed to bringing empty properties back into use. Each dwelling that is left empty is a wasted resource. Within the district we have a growing demand for homes either to rent or purchase and would like to see empty

The P.L.A.C.E. Scheme

An owner will be eligible for a grant of up to £30,000 to bring their empty property up to the Decent Homes Standard. This is non repayable and not subject to means testing.

In return the owner will enter into a three-year lease agreement with our preferred Registered Social Landlord who will receive the rent and manage the property for the period of the lease to a Council nominated tenant.

At the end of the lease, the property will be handed back in the same condition as at the start of the lease (taking into account fair wear and tear). The owner then has a renovated property that has been brought up to the Decent Homes Standard with no further conditions as to its future use.

properties brought back into use.

There are also economic advantages in bringing a property back into use, eg revenue from rent, reduced insurance premiums, reduced maintenance/repair costs and reduced VAT costs in renovating.

If you would like further information on P.L.A.C.E. or to discuss other ways that we may be able to assist you in bringing your empty property back into use, please call Sally Devine on 01992 564149 or **E-Mail:** sdevine@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

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▶ Flying Ace!



English Aviator Polly Vacher, MBE was greeted by the Chairman of Council Councillor Caroline Pond in June when she flew in to North Weald Airfield. The flying visit was part of Polly Vacher’s latest venture to raise funds and awareness for Flying Scholarships for the Disabled, a charity inspired by the example of Battle of Britain Ace Douglas Bader who lost his legs in an accident in 1931.

Polly made headlines for her charity in 2001 when she made an eastbound circumnavigation of the world in her single engine Piper Cherokee aircraft, the smallest flown by a woman to make the flight. She added to this achievement in 2003 by flying around the world north and south over the polar ice caps. Polly’s latest venture involves visiting all 206 UK Airfields listed in Jeppesens, the pilots’ guide to flying. You can keep up with Polly’s progress and learn more about Flying Scholarships at www.worldwings.org

Homes of their own in Stewards Green



Stewards Green resident Jenny Coumbe is researching the post-war prefabs that stood on the site where she now lives.

Jenny first learned of the temporary homes from her neighbours and wanted to find out more about the community that used to exist in this corner of the district.

“I started to read up about post-war temporary houses and delved into documents at Essex Record Office to find out about the Epping ones,” said Jenny.

“Then, three years ago, I became a volunteer interviewer for Epping Forest District Museum’s Oral History project ‘Changing Perspectives’ where I asked people for their experiences of the changes in employment, housing, farming, etc. It was very interesting and showed the value of recording such memories.

“With that project as an example, I decided to interview as many of the prefab residents as possible. Their voices and opinions, together with information from the documents, should make an interesting and worthwhile contribution to local history.”

Many residents have moved away and Jenny is trying to track down and interview more of the prefab dwellers.

The temporary homes were built after Epping lost housing in enemy action at Bridge Hill, Fairfield Road, Fiddler’s Hamlet and many more sites. They helped address the main

problem of young couples having to start their married lives with parents or in-laws, or in very cramped conditions.

One expectant mum told her midwife that there was no space for a cot in their only room. The nurse replied: “Oh, empty one of the drawers and put it [the baby!] in there!”

Epping Urban District Council’s Surveyor at the time, Mr Harry Mead, was ‘underwhelmed’ by the prototype, temporary bungalows, describing them as ‘not exactly things of beauty, nor are they likely to remain a joy forever.’ It was suggested that 40 should be applied for on a site at the bottom of Bower Hill, towards Stewards Green, because ‘its acquisition and use would not be likely to raise protest.’

Despite Mr Mead’s reservations, the majority of people who moved there were thrilled. They had their own well-designed bungalow with a garden all round it. They had ‘mod cons’ in the kitchen such as a gas fridge and fitted cupboards and the prefabs were built round a green where children could play safely.

If you, or your relatives, lived in one of the prefabs and you would like to help Jenny with her research, she would love to hear from you. Photographs are also needed, which can be scanned and returned immediately. Jenny can be contacted via Epping Forest District Museum on 01992 716882.

Going smokefree

A seminar on implementing the smokefree legislation that came into effect in July was held jointly by Epping Forest and Harlow District Councils.

'Clear Air - Implementing Smokefree Legislation and Managing the Change' involved presentations from the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, The British Innkeepers Institute, GASP, West Essex Primary Care Trust (PCT) and both Councils and was open to businesses from both areas.

The new legislation applies to all enclosed or substantially enclosed public places and workplaces and public vehicles, including taxis, minicabs and work vehicles.

Information from manufacturers of shelters and bins was available, together with advice from West Essex PCT on quitting smoking.

Delegates were pleased to learn that they would not initially be fined for non-compliance and that

Enforcement Officers would work with them to help them comply with the legislation. Fines and formal action would only be considered where businesses or individuals were persistent offenders.

Information on the Smokefree legislation is available by E-Mailing Environmental Services at

smokefreeepping@eppingforestdc.gov.uk or visiting www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/Council_Services/environmental_health/Smoke_Free/Smoke_Free_Legislation.asp or www.smokefreeengland.co.uk

Anyone wanting to give up smoking should contact the NHS local stop smoking service on 01279 827866.



Fun had by all at Summer Playschemes

This summer's Playschemes were a great success, even though the sun didn't shine very much!

Children from 5 to 11 years participated in a range of activities including cheerleading, circus skills, tennis, sports tournaments and exciting arts and crafts sessions. Groups enjoyed visits from Essex Police and the Fire Service and the West Essex Primary Care Trust even ran healthy lunch box workshops.

Playschemes run during school holidays and provide a safe and fun environment where children can experience new activities and make new friends.

To find out more, call the Community Development Team on 01992 564556.



Children enjoying the Summer Playscheme

Boswell's Bulletin Board



Hello Everyone!

Lovely to be speaking to you again. I hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays as I certainly did.

During the half term week of 22-26 October Kevin Cope the Animal Welfare Officer will be attending 'Paws 4 Thought' roadshows. These will be held at various housing estates throughout the district so look out for more details and locations on our website and in the press in the near future. They will be an interactive educational initiative to teach young people about responsible pet ownership and how to look after them properly. There will also be craft activities for you to join in with so it should be a lot of fun. Make sure you all come along to find out more, even if you don't have a pet of your own.

These roadshows have been organised in partnership with Voluntary Action Epping Forest and the Animal Welfare Team, assisted by local animal welfare charities.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the dog show in June in Waltham Abbey. We had hundreds of entries into all the classes. Best in Show was a beautiful Golden Retriever called Bobby from Stanford Rivers. His owner Eve Saxon must have been very proud. The Reserve Best in Show was an Akita called Max belonging to Robert Stuhldreer and Vikki Springall's Pomeranian called Bailey won Best Puppy. The show raised £1,000 for charity which was fantastic.

The latest competition is for young

people to think of a way to brighten up the many dog bins throughout the district. Anyone under 18 years can put together a design suitable for display on a dog waste bin. You never know, you may even see your design produced and appear on bins throughout the district. To enter, come along to our roadshow or visit the website www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk at the end of October. Finally, I would like to make my usual plea to all of you before you start a bonfire for

your celebrations on 5 November to check underneath it for any hedgehogs that may have fallen asleep underneath. They do like to shelter under all the wood and don't realise it's very dangerous. Also remember to keep your pets indoors as they really don't like all the noise.



Best in Show winner Golden Retriever Bobby

Annual canvass of electors

The Council has sent out the initial canvass of electors 2007 form to every property in the district. The forms were in an envelope addressed to 'The Present Occupier' clearly marked 'Register of Electors form'.

Returning Officer Ian Willett is urging everyone to fill in and return the form as soon as possible. He said: "A General Election could be called this autumn or next spring and if your name is not on the register, you will not be able to vote. You need to register to vote every year so please fill it in and return it as soon as possible in the envelope provided. It is compulsory to register but whether you vote on

polling day is up to you."

The Register is published on 1 December and those eligible to vote should check that the entry for their property is correct. The Electoral Register may be viewed at the Civic Offices, Epping; Waltham Abbey Town Hall; or at the Council's Information desk inside Loughton Library.

Mr Willett concluded: "Please try to help keep costs down by returning your form promptly, because for every household that does not return a form, a reminder has to be sent out. If you have not received a form, or you think you have mislaid it, please contact 01992 564411."

▶ Home energy efficiency DVD



With autumn and winter just around the corner it's time to start thinking about how to save money on your energy bills while safeguarding the environment.

Epping Forest District Council has a lighthearted DVD on its website all about the Wrights and Wrongs of Home Energy Efficiency. It takes a fun look at the serious business of saving energy and cutting bills and shows how you could potentially save hundreds of pounds a year as well as doing your bit to halt climate change.

The DVD features friends and neighbours Graham Wright and Gary Wrong. While Graham and his wife save enough money for expensive holidays, the Wrongs can only afford another cheap and very wet campsite. So what makes the difference?

The DVD follows a typical day in

the Wright and Wrong households with energy meters running in the background. It shows that with a few simple changes and some straightforward improvements to the home, anyone can potentially reduce their energy bill.

Councillor Mrs Mary Sartin Epping Forest District Council's Portfolio Holder for Environmental Protection said: "We want to show people how easy it can be to reduce energy consumption and how much money they could save. There is also the much wider issue of protecting the environment. We are all living on borrowed time unless we make big changes in the way we live."

For more information on energy efficiency, grants and environmental issues, go to

www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk and type in 'environmental' in the search engine, or call Essex Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512 012 or Warm Front on 0800 316 6011. If you do not qualify for a grant through these organisations, you may be eligible for a Thermal Comfort Grant from the Council. Log on to the Council's website or call 01992 564177 to find out more. If you have problems heating your home to a comfortable temperature, you can also call Home Heat Line on 0800 336 699 for energy efficiency and financial advice.

Green fun for all the family

The popular Green Festival returns to Buckhurst Hill for the second year running on Saturday 15 September.

Set along Queens Road between 11.00am and 4.00pm, the Green Festival promises to be a fun-filled day offering something for everyone.

Organised by Buckhurst Hill Town Centre Partnership in conjunction with Epping Forest District Council, the Festival aims to promote a more sustainable lifestyle by raising awareness of environmental issues and showing people how they can have a more environmentally-friendly lifestyle without too much effort.

The shops on Queens Road will also have lots of special promotions on for the day, showcasing the best that Buckhurst Hill has to offer. There will also be a treasure hunt, a raffle with great prizes and lots of other activities throughout the day.

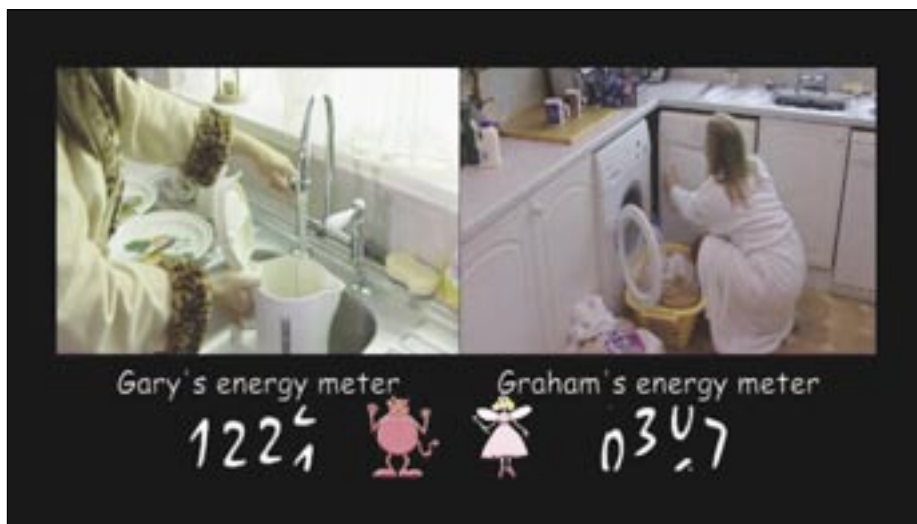


Last year's Green Festival

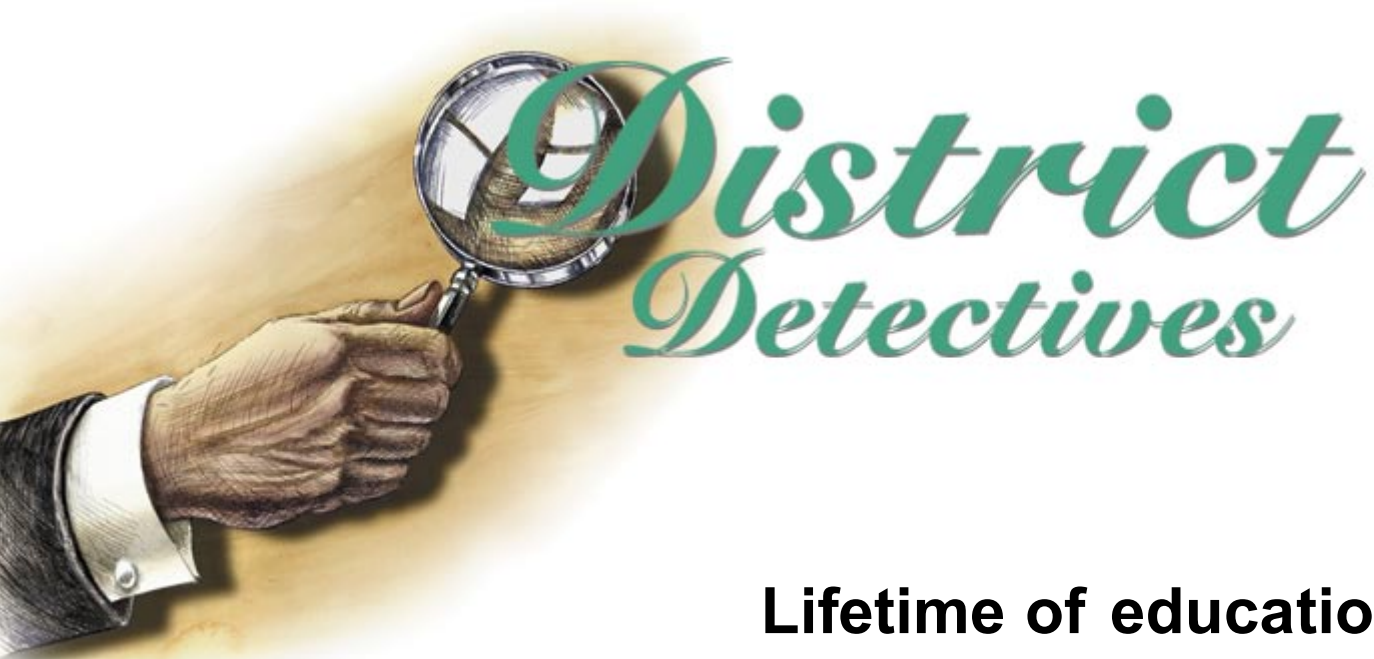
Essex Energy Efficiency Advice Centre will be there demonstrating renewable technologies for our houses.

Honda's hybrid car will be on display and one of the highlights will be a theatre play called 'Destination Earth' for children up to 12 years of age. Organic food and other items will be on sale and for the children there's a bouncy castle and face painters.

So come along and combine a fun day out with learning how to be a green family and save money on your energy and water bills.



Still from the DVD showing energy being used in different quantities



District Detectives

Lifetime of education in the Forest



Suntrap Forest Education Centre in High Beach is celebrating 40 years of teaching about the Forest.

It's holding an Open Day on Saturday afternoon 13 October showcasing the old building and some of the activities undertaken with schools.

Suntrap was designed by Thomas Cutler in 1894 and built on the site of the former Fairmead House - a 'lunatic asylum' run by Dr Matthew Allen.

Children's Sanatorium

Built for Harold Baring, the story goes that Harold's sister Muriel wanted to be a nurse so her banker brother built her a hospital!

Originally a convalescent home for children, Suntrap soon had many patients with TB. The only way to treat TB in those days was with fresh air, rest and a good diet. Many of the children spent their days in beds which had been wheeled outdoors or in summer houses.

Henry Chalk was a patient during the 1930s and tells of his family walking through the Forest to visit him. Although he recalls often being lonely at night, he remembers the children were treated very well. Another boy planned to run home to Buckhurst

Hill but decided against it as he was afraid of getting lost in the Forest.

Another patient was Miss Race who came to Suntrap aged five in 1925. She re-visited in 1996 and told of being wheeled out onto the balcony (now long gone). She also remembered that when she left in 1928 she weighed only 2 stone 10lbs and was given two weeks to live!

Born at Suntrap

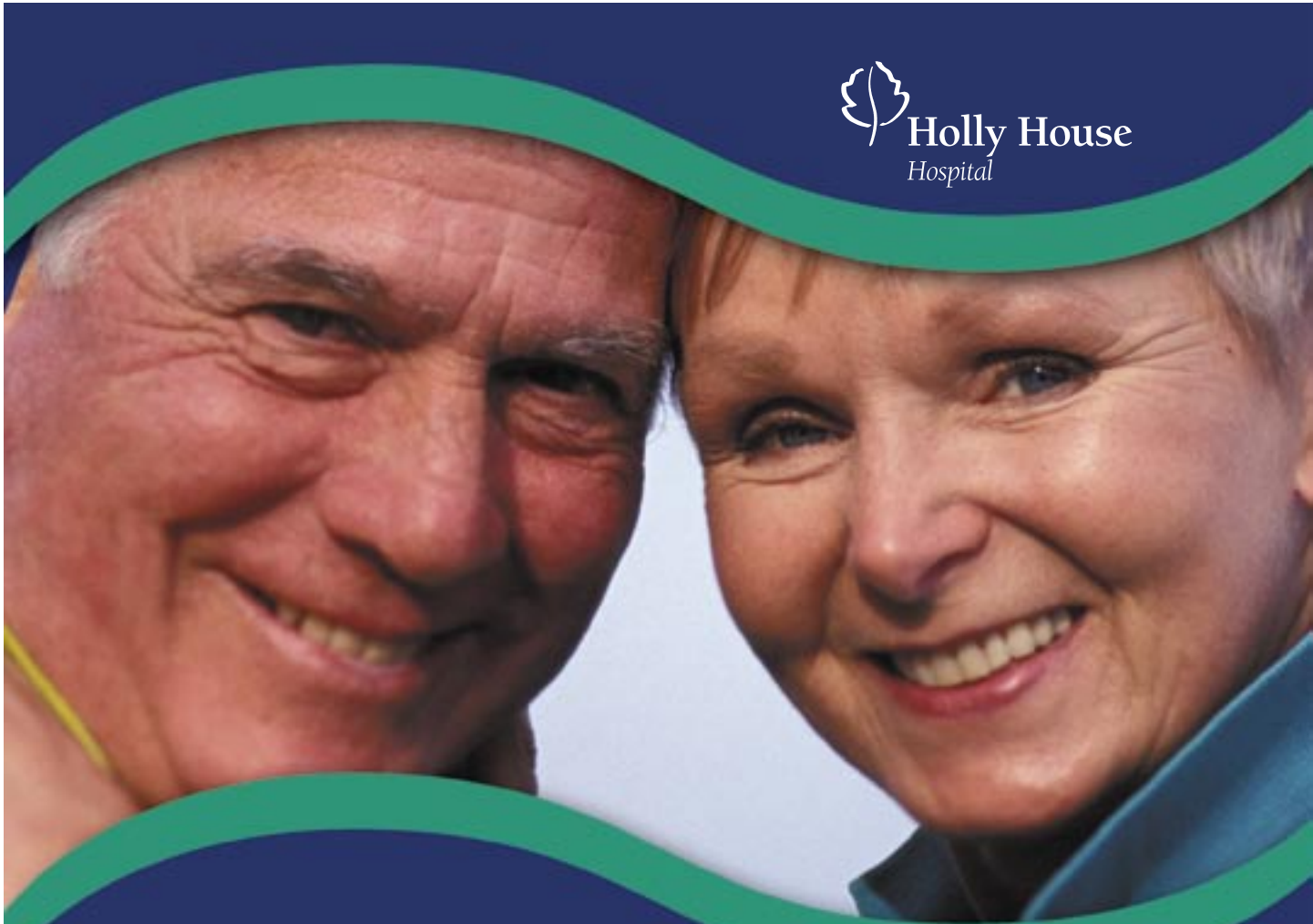
During the Second World War the hospital's patients changed to expectant mothers as Suntrap became an annex of Plaistow

Maternity Hospital.

Mrs Churchill recalled that mothers were sent from east London to have their babies 'in peace'. In July 1944 her own son Paul was born during one of the heaviest Doodlebug raids on London. While in labour she was put under the bed while nurses dashed about getting babies out of the nursery, part of which was on fire.



The rent book



New! HeartCheck screen for heart disease

Could you be at risk?

We are now offering a HeartCheck scan for £295 to help assess the risk of developing coronary heart disease before symptoms appear.

According to the British Heart Foundation, heart disease causes 110,000 deaths in the UK every year. Heart attacks can happen with no warning and can often be fatal. A heart attack is caused by a blockage in the coronary arteries, which are the 'fuel pipes' to the heart muscle. This is usually due to the narrowing of the arteries because of the build up of calcium deposits on the inner walls of these arteries.

If you are a man over 40 or a woman over 45 with any one of the following risk factors, you may want to consider having our HeartCheck scan - a quick and pain free screen:

- Diabetes
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Hypertension
- Family history of heart disease



Or if you are:

- Significantly overweight
- A smoker
- Physically inactive.



A Consultant Radiologist will report on the results of your scan and send your results and any recommendations to your GP who can refer you onto a specialist Consultant Cardiologist if necessary.

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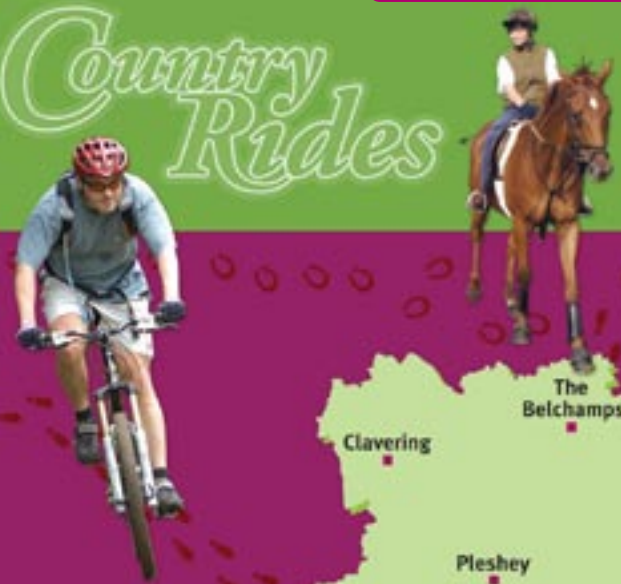
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The maternity ward

A home for families

In the 1950s the building's use changed again. Now owned by Muriel's daughters Ursula and Muriel Brenton, the building was converted into flats to house needy families. One was Tony Townsend and his wife and baby who came to live at Suntrap in 1957. Living in what is now a large classroom, the flat had a bedroom, sitting room with veranda, dining room and kitchen. The rent was 10/- (50p) a week.



Ken Hoy with children



Tony Townsend

Tony remembers there were lots of children who enjoyed a big bonfire on 5 November on the front lawn. At Christmas there was a huge tree in the front hall by a log fire. Tony and family left in 1963 but he returned in 1975 as caretaker of the Field Centre until his retirement in 1996.

The start of field studies

During the 1950s the London Borough of Walthamstow was a pioneer Local Authority in its approach to environmental education. Each day half a class of ten year olds would come to the Forest for field studies, based in an old converted cow shed at Jubilee Retreat.

Each class would make fortnightly visits and be taught by Fred Speakman. In the late 50s Fred acquired a property at High Beach and by 1961 another teacher worked from Jubilee Retreat, allowing a whole class to visit the Forest. The first was Ernie Douse who was replaced in 1962 by Ken Hoy.

Following the re-organisation of London Boroughs in 1965, demand for field trips was growing as schools in Chingford and Leytonstone wanted the same opportunity.

During 1966 it was proposed that Waltham Forest Education Committee, in conjunction with the Field Studies Council and with the support of the Superintendent, should use a purpose-built Field Centre on the Jubilee Retreat site provided by the City of London - plans were even drawn up.

Suntrap Field Studies Centre

Then in late 1966 the Borough of Walthamstow was offered the Suntrap Hospital. In June 1967 the London Borough of Walthamstow bought Suntrap for £500. Ken Hoy became the first Head of Centre and all field study visits from Waltham Forest were now based at the Suntrap site. The first children visited in late October 1967.

The number of staff gradually increased so that by the 1970s and through the 1980s all children in Waltham Forest made eight visits to the Centre during their final year in primary school.

Many adults who grew up in Waltham Forest share the Suntrap experience; touching a real live animal; paddling in the stream; enjoying the magical green space with only a map and compass to find your way back and a voice from behind a tree offering a word of encouragement; walking through mud without being told off!

Suntrap may have changed its name to Suntrap Forest Education Centre but the ethos remains the same: giving children the chance to experience the Forest through exploring it for themselves, instead of through a computer screen.

Veteran Tree Hunt across the Epping Forest district

“An oak tree is said to grow for 300 years, rest for 300 years, then take some 300 years gracefully retiring” Anon.

There are thousands of trees across the Epping Forest district and it's easy to take them for granted. Many are remnants of the great Forest of Essex - Epping and Hainault - with a vast collection of veteran trees of European importance.

Epping Forest alone has over 50,000 veteran trees and the widespread practice of pollarding (the successive cutting above the browsing height of deer and cattle) has left a legacy of many old trees across the district.

Epping Forest District and Harlow Councils are working together co-ordinating volunteers to help search for and record all old trees. At a national level they are working with the Woodland Trust in its 'Ancient Tree Hunt.'

“By recording our tree heritage across the district we will gain a better understanding of what we have and so demonstrate the true worth of these old trees,” said Paul Hewitt Countryside Manager at Epping Forest District Council.

“It is a huge task but hopefully it is one that local people may be inspired to join us in. We are running training days on how to record trees and get involved. All the trees are being recorded on our photographic database which, as it grows, becomes more inspiring.”

Organisations such as the Tree Council, Woodland Trust and the Ancient Tree Forum have done much to raise the profile of old trees which are irreplaceable in their links with the past and have been celebrated in art, folklore and legend. They may have stood beside an ancient track way, on a village green, or beside an ancient church for centuries, or served as a Parish boundary marker, or as a backdrop to a grand house in a landscaped park. While there may be justifiable outrage at the



A veteran tree in Lambourne

demolition of a medieval building, what about our trees which have reached the same vintage? Far too often old trees are seen as dangerous or inconvenient but surely these living 'green' monuments deserve better.

“The term ‘veteran tree’ is one that is not capable of precise definition but encompasses trees defined by three guiding principles - they are of interest biologically, aesthetically, or culturally because of their age; they are in the ancient stage of their life; and that they are old relative to others of the same species.” *Helen Read, Veteran Tree Initiative 1999.*

For more information on the Veteran Tree Hunt, please call the Countrycare Office on 01992 788203 or **E-Mail:** countrycare@eppingforestdc.gov.uk for details of the next training day in your area.

Blooming village

The Council's Grounds Maintenance Service has been working with Lambourne Parish Council on a landscape design for Abridge village green.

The Grounds Team worked with Lambourne Councillor John Filby and Essex County Council Highways to consider suitable locations, taking into account sight lines and underground services. Funds for the project were raised by the Lambridge Group and works overseen by Lambourne Parish Council.

Several designs were considered but the one chosen was a symmetrical-shaped bed around the village sign, with a planting scheme to give colour and interest throughout the year.



The area around the village sign much improved

New grants for homeowners

New grants are available for homeowners and private tenants in the Epping Forest district.

Targets to reduce the numbers of 'vulnerable' families in homes that fall below the required 'Decent Homes Standard' have been introduced by the Government and these new grants are closely linked with this.

The Council's Housing Assistance Policy 2007-2009 came into effect in April, introducing six types of discretionary grants in place of two under the old Policy.

Renovation Grants have been replaced by Decent Homes Assistance - introduced to bring the homes of vulnerable families up to the Decent Homes Standard. Those on a low income and over 60, or families with children under 16, or someone living on disability benefits may be eligible. The level of grant up to £15,000 is set by a means test.

Home Repairs Assistance, smaller grants for individual repairs and insulation, have been replaced by Small Works Assistance and Thermal Comfort Grants. Small Works Assistance Grants of up to £5,000 are available to certain owner/occupiers and tenants responsible for repairs to their homes.

Landlords, as well as owner/occupiers, are eligible for Thermal Comfort Grants on dwellings that fail the Decent Homes Standard because of inadequate heating or

insulation. For owners the grant up to a maximum of £3,000 is decided by the grants means test. The level of grant for landlords is 50% of the cost of the work up to £750 per letting or £4,500 for each scheme or building.

Two new grants are available to convert vacant premises into living accommodation; Conversion Grants and Empty Homes Grants. Conversion Grants are available to landlords to convert redundant spaces, such as disused storage space above shops, into rented accommodation. The grant is 50% of the conversion costs up to a maximum of £10,000 a unit, or £30,000 per scheme or building.

The introduction of Empty Homes Grants is one of a number of steps to try to bring empty dwellings back into use. They are only available on properties that have been empty for at least a year. If you are a landlord or someone who has inherited such a property, you may be entitled to a grant of up to £10,000 to bring it up to the Decent Homes Standard. The level of grant for owner/occupiers is set by the grants means test, for landlords it is 50% of the cost of the work.

Disabled Facilities Grants under which adaptations are carried out for disabled homeowners and private tenants, are not affected by the new Policy but Relocation Grants have been introduced to cover the



cost of relocating people to more suitable accommodation when it is not feasible, or is too costly, to adapt existing homes. The amount of grant up to a maximum of £10,000 is determined by a means test.

The full Policy and leaflets on each of the grants and the Decent Homes Standard are available from the Council or at

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If you would like to apply for a grant or have any questions, contact the Grants Team, Environmental Services, Epping Forest District Council, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping, Essex CM16 4BZ, or call 01992 564092 or **E-Mail:**

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ArtSpace at Ongar

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▶ Airfield support role for world scout event



North Weald Airfield played a major behind the scenes role in support of Hylands Park as the World Scout Jamboree came to Essex. The Epping Forest District Council-owned Airfield became the logistical hub for the Jamboree which returned to the UK for the first time since 1957. Guests included members of the Royal Family and Royalty from overseas.

While Hylands Park hosted the event, North Weald provided park and ride facilities for virtually all of the 40,000 scouts and 180,000 visitors between 27 July and 8 August. Between 300 and 400 coaches operated between the two sites while North Weald provided long-term parking for another 50 coaches from overseas. Up to 1,000 event staff cars, 1,500 day visitor cars and 100 minibuses also parked each day at North Weald. Local roads were extra busy but detailed traffic management arrangements helped keep congestion to a minimum.

Catering for so many people was one of the biggest tests for event organisers. North Weald provided transfer and distribution facilities throughout the event as hundreds of thousands of meals were served at Hylands Park each day.

A mini village of marquees, cabins and containers was built at North Weald to support the operation.

Councillor Mrs Diana Collins Leader of Epping Forest District Council said: "This is the biggest world event in the scouting calendar. We are very pleased and proud to support the Jamboree. Visitors from 159 different countries were

expected and we did our best to make sure they were impressed. North Weald is a fantastic facility."

Councillor Mrs Collins continued: "We had already tested the North Weald arrangements for the European Jamboree two years ago and the world event is another leap forward. As this event proved to be just as successful, North Weald may also have identified itself as a potentially important support facility for the London Olympics in 2012."

North Weald Airfield remained

operational for nearly all other regular activities throughout the Jamboree, including flying. The only exception was the Saturday Market on 4 August.

Councillor Mrs Collins added: "I would like to thank the operators of North Weald Market Hughmark International who have recognised the importance of this event and given us their full co-operation. Only one Saturday market was cancelled and business returned to normal for Saturday 11 August."



The Chairman of Council Councillor Caroline Pond met some of the scouts at the Jamboree



North Weald Airfield was the logistical hub for the World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park in Chelmsford. The Airfield provided the base for hundreds of coaches, thousands of cars and millions of meals for the 40,000 scouts and 180,000 visitors between 27 July and 8 August



CAB Questions and Answers

Q. I've heard that there is a new scheme for tenants to safeguard their deposits given to landlords. I've asked my landlord about it but I'm not sure he is part of the scheme. What should I do?

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The landlord has ten days to give you details of the scheme. If your landlord or agent has not given you details, you can contact the Tenancy Deposit Protection Helpline on 020 7944 4400 or **E-Mail: tenancy.deposits@communitiesgsi.gov.uk** to check the situation yourself.

There are sanctions against landlords who don't comply with the law.

You could take your landlord to court and if your landlord has not given you details of the scheme, or has not put the deposit in an

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Tackling graffiti

Epping Forest District Council is tackling graffiti with a hotline to report incidents and a policy to deal with it swiftly.

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The Graffiti Hotline - 01992 564272 links straight into the Safer Communities Unit. It is confidential

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The Council has pledged to remove all graffiti on its own land and

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Roller skating classes in the main sports hall on Saturday morning from 10.30am to 11.30am are run by the London and Essex Artistic Roller Skating Club. Skates are provided if you haven't got your own and all ages and abilities are welcome.

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For further information on any of the activities at Waltham Abbey Sports Centre, please contact Reception on 01992 716194 or **E-Mail: was@eppingforestdc.gov.uk**

Race for Life at North Weald Airfield

The fourth Epping Forest Race for Life was held at North Weald Airfield on Wednesday 11 July. Race for Life is a unique series of women-only, 5km walks or runs, raising money for research into the treatment, cure and prevention of cancer.

A total of 2,617 women and children ran, walked, or some were even pushed in wheelchairs, around one lap of the historic Battle of Britain Airfield. The Race was started by the Chairman of Council Councillor Caroline Pond and was won by





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Jessica Docking from North Weald. Over £285,000 was raised.

Every year, over 130,000 women are diagnosed with cancer and one in four will die from the disease. Each one is someone's daughter, mother, sister, girlfriend, wife or friend. Many took part in memory or celebration of someone in their life that has been touched by the disease. All the money raised will go towards Cancer Research UK's research into finding a cure for cancer.



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What's on at the Museum

An exhibition on how Essex people and places were involved in the slave trade and its abolition is being staged by Epping Forest District Museum.

'The Longest Journey: from slavery to abolition' brings together the clues in the collections of Essex museums, the Essex Record Office and the built heritage of the county. Find out more about Hester a slave buried in Little Parndon, or Admiral McHardy, who policed the Atlantic before he policed Essex.

This exhibition has been developed in partnership with Museums In Essex Committee with funding from Renaissance in the Regions. For

more information, contact the Epping Forest District Museum on 01992 716882 or visit the website www.eppingforestdistrictmuseum.org.uk



Little Parndon Church

Homelife

Over 200 people visited Chigwell Row Wood Local Nature Reserve on Saturday 7 July to see the culmination of Epping Forest Arts Homelife project.

On a glorious sunny day after weeks of rain, people wandered throughout the ancient woodland discovering a wealth of performances and installations directly inspired by the wood and the surrounding areas.

On the Dancefloor, a clearing surrounded by pollarded hornbeams, students from West Hatch High School gave a hip hop performance. This was followed by the screening of a parkour DVD with the soundtrack 'Estate Life' written and performed by boys from Limes Farm Estate working with Danny Fernandez, following an outreach programme organised by Epping Forest Art's Dance Development Worker Vicky Tebbs.

In the Lounge, audiences sat on sofas under the trees being fed lemonade and cake while they

watched the DVD made by Epping Forest Arts Artist Sonja Zelic with residents and carers from local residential homes.

Those who explored the undergrowth and found the Camp made by children from the Limes Farm E-Club with artist Roxane Permar were rewarded with a souvenir stamp created specially for the occasion, while others discovered the Music Room, an audio visual installation made by Michael Szpakowski working with West Hatch High School students. Further up the track was Anne Eggebert's TV space, showing interviews with local people about their memories and experiences of the wood and work made with Limes Farm Junior School pupils.

Homelife was part of the Border Dialogues programme funded by Arts Council England.

For more information, visit www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/leisure_and_culture/leisure_services/arts/

Members' Allowances



LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003 - PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS 2006/2007

Notice is hereby given of the amounts paid to Councillors of the Epping Forest District Council in respect of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances, Travel and Subsistence Expenses, together with the special allowances paid to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Authority during the year ended 31 March 2007.

I Willett, Head of Research and Democratic Services

Dated this 3rd day of September 2007

NOTES

- Basic Allowance is an amount paid to each Councillor to cover incidental expenses as a result of their role as elected representatives.
- Responsibility Allowance is a special payment to Cabinet Members, Group Leaders and certain Chairmen in connection with their additional responsibilities and workload in these positions.
- Member Connectivity Payments are made to members who agree to receive the majority of their agenda/reports/minutes in e-format and not hard copy.
- Chairman/Vice-Chairman's Allowances are special payments to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council to assist them in carrying out their civic duties on behalf of the Council.
- Travelling and subsistence payments are made in relation to attendance at meetings and other approved duties.

COUNCILLOR	BASIC ALLOWANCE £	RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE £	TRAVEL /SUBS £	MEMBER CONNECT £	CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE £	V/CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE £	TOTAL £
K Angold-Stephens	2,835.00	0.00	225.97	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,560.97
D Bateman	2,835.00	0.00	162.67	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,497.67
D S Borton	2,835.00	0.00	450.55	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,785.55
P C Brooks	2,835.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,335.00
K S Chana	845.93	0.00	0.00	149.19	0.00	0.00	995.12
R W Church	2,545.40	0.00	0.00	448.93	0.00	0.00	2,994.33
S I Clapp	2,545.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,545.40
M M Cohen	2,835.00	787.52	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	4,122.52
M H Colling	2,835.00	1,181.28	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	4,516.28
D Collins	2,835.00	7,123.16	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	10,458.16
A M Cooper	2,545.40	0.00	489.61	448.93	0.00	0.00	3,483.94
D Demetriou	2,835.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,335.00
R D'Souza	2,835.00	0.00	134.24	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,469.24
T Farr	2,835.00	0.00	30.31	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,365.31
R Frankel	2,545.40	0.00	0.00	448.92	0.00	0.00	2,994.32
U M Gadsby	2,835.00	0.00	120.86	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,455.86
P Gode	2,835.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,335.00
R Goold	2,835.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,335.00
A G Green	2,835.00	2,743.55	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	6,078.55
A G Grigg	2,835.00	2,946.78	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	6,281.78
A Haigh - V/Chairman	2,835.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	8,544.19	372.90	12,252.09
R Haines	2,835.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,335.00
H Harding	2,835.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,335.00
J M Hart	2,835.00	1,028.86	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	4,363.86
P J C House	2,545.40	848.46	386.37	448.92	0.00	0.00	4,229.15
D J Jacobs	2,835.00	406.45	408.22	500.00	0.00	0.00	4,149.67

Vice-Chairman 2005/06, Chairman 2006/07

COUNCILLOR	BASIC ALLOWANCE £	RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE £	TRAVEL /SUBS £	MEMBER CONNECT £	CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE £	V/CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE £	TOTAL £
D W Kelly	2,835.00	0.00	449.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,284.87
J Knapman	2,835.00	3,975.63	376.36	500.00	0.00	0.00	7,986.59
R Law	2,545.40	0.00	71.81	448.92	0.00	0.00	3,066.13
J Lea	2,835.00	0.00	149.07	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,484.07
A T Lee	2,835.00	0.00	109.64	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,444.64
J A Markham	2,835.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,835.00
M A McEwen	2,835.00	1,160.08	193.67	500.00	0.00	0.00	4,688.75
P McMillan	2,835.00	1,028.86	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	4,363.86
S J Metcalfe	2,835.00	3,150.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	6,485.00
G Mohindra	2,545.40	0.00	0.00	448.92	0.00	0.00	2,994.32
R H Morgan	2,835.00	4,115.32	704.07	500.00	0.00	0.00	8,154.39
S W Murray	2,835.00	1,371.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,206.77
S Perry	2,835.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,335.00
C P Pond - V/Chairman	2,835.00	406.45	189.68	500.00	0.00	2,517.10	6,448.23
P Richardson	2,835.00	1,082.20	285.83	500.00	0.00	0.00	4,703.03
T Richardson	2,835.00	0.00	85.96	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,420.96
P K Rush	2,835.00	685.90	166.48	500.00	0.00	0.00	4,187.38
B P Sandler - Chairman	2,835.00	1,371.77	94.74	500.00	1,265.81	0.00	6,067.32
M Sartin	2,835.00	2,743.55	163.75	500.00	0.00	0.00	6,242.30
P Smith	2,835.00	1,371.75	413.10	500.00	0.00	0.00	5,119.85
P J Spencer	2,545.40	0.00	170.84	448.92	0.00	0.00	3,165.16
D W Spinks	2,835.00	406.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,241.45
D J Stallan	1,260.00	2,113.55	416.61	500.00	0.00	0.00	4,290.16
S-A Stavrou	2,835.00	2,895.97	794.41	500.00	0.00	0.00	7,025.38
P Turpin	2,545.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,545.40
L A Wagland	2,545.40	0.00	0.00	448.92	0.00	0.00	2,994.32
C L Whitbread	2,835.00	3,492.96	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	6,827.96
J H Whitehouse	2,835.00	0.00	121.57	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,456.57
J M Whitehouse	2,835.00	1,783.32	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	5,118.32
M W Woollard	2,835.00	0.00	372.89	500.00	0.00	0.00	3,707.89
K L Wright	2,835.00	1,181.28	386.76	500.00	0.00	0.00	4,906.92
J A Wyatt	2,545.40	0.00	241.61	448.92	0.00	0.00	3,235.93

2006/07

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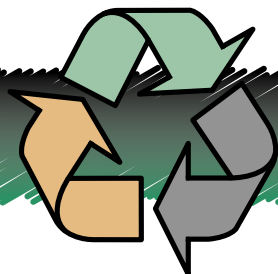
During the financial year 2006/07, the following payments were also made to a Councillor who retired or was not re-elected during that year.

S W Barnes	297.22	371.54	0.00	52.42	0.00	0.00	721.18
M Boatman	297.22	0.00	14.15	52.42	0.00	0.00	363.79
R W Chidley	297.22	82.56	0.00	52.42	0.00	0.00	432.20
J Davis	297.22	59.70	140.79	52.42	0.00	0.00	550.13
K N Faulkner	297.22	33.02	0.00	52.42	0.00	0.00	382.66
R Glozier	297.22	330.24	39.17	52.42	0.00	0.00	719.05
F Maclaine	297.22	123.84	139.87	52.42	0.00	0.00	613.35
L Martin	297.22	0.00	38.08	52.42	0.00	0.00	387.72
L McKnight	297.22	0.00	0.00	52.42	0.00	0.00	349.64
G P Stollar	1,668.99	0.00	0.00	294.44	0.00	0.00	1,963.43

The following payments were made to a Parish Council representative and an independent member of the Standards Committee

K Percy	262.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	262.50
G Weltch	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00

TOTAL	162,636.80	52,403.77	8,739.58	25,955.71	9,810.00	2,890.00	262,435.86
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Waste and Recycling News



▶ Record levels of recycling



Councillor Mrs Mary Sartin Portfolio Holder for Environmental Protection shows the items which now can be recycled from the kerbside

Councillors have offered a 'massive thank you' to residents as high levels of recycling push Epping Forest district almost to the top of the Essex league table. The news comes as the Council announces another extension to its kerbside recycling service to include many new types of plastic. Epping Forest district is now second only to Uttlesford after residents boosted kerbside recycling from 23.90% in 2005/6 to 37.09% in 2006/7. More plastics are now being added to the

recycling list as Epping Forest District Council bids to top the Essex league table.

In addition to plastic bottles (such as milk bottles, drinks bottles, detergent bottles, shampoo and conditioner bottles), residents can now recycle margarine tubs, ice cream tubs, yoghurt pots, plastic food/vegetable trays and plastic bags by using the clear plastic sacks provided by the Council free of charge. Bottle lids are

now also recyclable but it is best to squash bottles down to aid compaction. Residents should also use the clear sacks for cardboard, aluminium and steel cans, as well as paper. Further supplies can be obtained from all Council information desks, as well as various other outlets throughout the district. Residents can also recycle glass bottles and jars using their 'blue boxes' and garden refuse in special biodegradable recycling sacks, also available from the Council. Leader of the Council Councillor Mrs Diana Collins said: "I want to say a massive thank you to all of our residents for the fantastic recycling effort they have made. Yet again in recent weeks we have seen weather patterns that suggest global warming is becoming a reality. Recycling is one of the most important ways we can all make a positive difference to reduce pollution caused by greenhouse gases."

Councillor Mrs Collins continued: "I am delighted that we are now able to recycle even more items. Residents have been asking for some time now to be able to recycle all sorts of plastic. This will also mean that more space is freed up in residents' wheelie bins and less waste goes to landfill. That can only mean good news for the environment."

Councillor Mrs Mary Sartin Environmental Protection Portfolio Holder added: "For many people, recycling is becoming second nature. Knowing that your personal contribution is making a real difference adds to everyone's 'feel-good factor'. I would urge everyone to make full use of the excellent recycling facilities available and to do their bit for the environment."



Buckhurst Hill • Chipping Ongar • Epping • Loughton • Waltham Abbey
Coopersale • North Weald • Chigwell • Nazeing • The Lavers • High Ongar

▶ Council appoints new refuse contractor

Members of Epping Forest District Council appointed Sita UK as its new refuse contractor at the Full Council meeting on 24 July.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Waste Management Contract Appointments Panel and Cabinet, Sita UK was appointed with effect from 5 November for five years at a cost of £4,427,958 per annum.

Councillor Mrs Mary Sartin Portfolio Holder for Environmental Protection said: "I would like to thank Cory who stepped into the breach when our former contractor went into liquidation. They have provided an excellent service to our residents in the interim and the Council is very grateful to them for that."

Councillor Mrs Sartin continued: "The new contract is designed to deliver a range of service improvements including a 22-week, May to September inclusive, weekly collection and higher standards of street cleansing. We look forward to working with Sita as our new contractor to deliver improved waste services to our residents."

Councillor Mrs Sartin went on to say: "Following consultation with our residents, it has been decided that although residual waste will be collected weekly from May to September, it will be collected alternate weekly from October to April. I am sure this will overcome the problems that can sometimes be encountered during the hot

summer months with flies, smells and maggots. However, I do hope that our residents will continue to work with us and recycle all they can via the kerbside recycling scheme. Epping Forest district is currently second highest recycling Authority in Essex and I would be delighted if we could make it to the top of the league table with the help of our residents."

▶ New beverage carton recycling scheme

Epping Forest District Council, in conjunction with Tetra Pak Ltd and the carton industry body ACE UK (Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment), has launched a new beverage carton recycling scheme. Special wheeled bins are now sited at five recycling sites to give residents the opportunity to recycle even more of their household rubbish.

Even though cartons still cannot be recycled via the kerbside collection service in the district, the new project means that used cartons can now be recycled through special collection bins at:-

- The Old Station Car Park, Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill
- Cottis Lane Car Park, Epping
- Sainsbury's Car Park, Old Station Road, Loughton
- Short Stay Car Park, High Street, Chipping Ongar
- Tesco Car Park, Sewardstone Road, Waltham Abbey

Once collected they will be taken away to be baled and transported to a recycling mill. They can be recycled into a number of different products, ranging from plasterboard liner to high-strength paper bags and envelopes.

Where does all the rubbish go?

Households in Epping Forest district were the second highest in Essex for recycling last year.

In total they recycled 37.09% of all their domestic rubbish. But have you ever wondered what happens to the rubbish you carefully separate and put out for the refuse collectors?

Dry recycling - that's paper, card, cans and plastic bottles - is collected fortnightly in clear sacks. It's taken to a recycling sorting facility in Rainham, Essex where the mixed materials are sorted by hand and machines into separate piles. The individual materials are then

sold back to re-processors to begin the cycle again.

Glass bottles and jars go to a glass bulking station in Dagenham, Essex and are then transported to Ardagh Glass (formerly Rockware Glass) in Knottingley, Yorkshire - the largest glass bottle and jar manufacturer in England - to be reprocessed into new glass bottles and jars. Even with the cost of transportation taken into account, there is still a saving of 314kg of carbon emissions per tonne of glass recycled, not to mention the savings on natural resources.

Degradable green waste, collected fortnightly from households within the district, goes to a composting facility in Stondon Massey, Brentwood where it is turned into a valuable soil improver. This is sold back to the trade in bulk and to residents in 50 litre bags through the three Recycling Centres for Household Waste within the Epping Forest district. These are at Luxborough Lane, Chigwell; Mill Lane, High Ongar; and Brooker Road, Waltham Abbey.

Dial 01992 564000 for the main switchboard. Where extensions are shown, they can be dialled direct by calling 01992 56 followed by the extension number.

Main Contact Details

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Council Services

Abandoned Vehicles ext 4608

Adaptations for Disabled People

Council Houses ext 4052

Private ext 4092

Animal Welfare ext 4153

Blocked Drains ext 4608

Building Regulations ext 4141

Car Parks ext 4462

Care and Repair (C.A.R.E.) ext 4467

Careline 020 8532 1065

Compliments and Complaints

ext 4051

Countrycare 01992 788203

Council Tax ext 4188/9

Councillors and Committees

ext 4244

Dangerous Waste 01473 727712

Day Clubs for Older People 020 8508 8715

Dog Warden ext 4077

Elections ext 4023

Environmental Co-ordinator ext 4357

Environmental Health ext 4608

Flooding ext 4608

Flooding (out of hours) 01992 564000

Food Safety ext 4608

Fraud Hotline ext 4444

Graffiti Hotline ext 4272

Grants - Voluntary and Community

Organisations ext 4247

- Listed Buildings ext 4119

- Home Improvement ext 4092

Homelessness ext 4165

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit

ext 4155

Housing Maintenance and Repairs ext 4199

Housing (Social) Applications 01992 564000

Local Land Charges ext 4079

MoT Tests 020 8532 0357

National Mobility Scheme (Housing) ext 4025

Neighbourhood Nuisance ext 4608

Noise Pollution ext 4608

Parking Office 020 8418 0926

Pest Control ext 4608

Planning Appeals ext 4326

Planning Applications ext 4514

Planning Enforcement ext 4527

Public Conveniences ext 4127

Public Relations ext 4140

Public Rights of Way 01279 642500

Recycling and Refuse Collection ext 4608

Right to Buy ext 4420

Road Safety 01279 642500

Sewers ext 4608

Skips (advice only) 01279 642500

Street Cleansing ext 4608

Street Lighting 01279 642500

Taxi Licensing ext 4461

Tenant Participation/Residents' Associations

ext 4524

Trees - Landscape and Tree Preservation

ext 4117

- Street Trees ext 4562

Warden Assisted Housing 020 8508 8596

Website Enquiries ext 4240

Wheelie Bin Enquiries ext 4608

Information Centres

Buckhurst Hill 020 8498 9933

Epping ext 4288

Loughton ext 4808

Waltham Abbey 01992 718192

Leisure Services

Leisure Services Reception and Enquiries

ext 4561

Epping Sports Centre ext 4564

Loughton Leisure Centre ext 4574

Ongar Leisure Centre 01277 363969

Waltham Abbey Pool 01992 716733

Waltham Abbey Sports Centre 01992 716194

Community Development ext 4556

Epping Forest Arts ext 4551/9

Epping Forest District Museum 01992 716882

Grounds Maintenance ext 4562

North Weald Airfield ext 4200

Sports Development ext 4567