

Stansted Network

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

FLOOD ACTION GROUP

It is easy to become complacent about the risk of flooding when it hasn't happened for a while, but residents and businesses that were affected by the flooding back in 2015 certainly haven't forgotten about it and expect "the council" to do everything possible to minimise the risk of a similar occurrence this winter.

The Parish Council have taken some measures since the last floods and now have a team of Flood Wardens who have been equipped and trained so that in the event of a flood risk, key roads can be closed to vehicles to prevent the bow wave effect that pushed flood water into properties during the last floods. The Wardens have also been taking action to clear the brooks and conduits that carry water to try and ensure they don't "clog up" and overflow.



Before and after photographs of Ugley Brook

Our photograph below shows a team of volunteers preparing for a morning of clearing debris from Ugley Brook.



We continue to work with The Environment Agency to try to get effective flood prevention measures put in place and their report should be with us by Spring 2018.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Lower Street - revised plans, siting the crossing slightly further from the junction, have been sitting on a desk at Essex Highways for several months. These plans are now being consulted on, and hopefully installation of the crossing will follow soon after. In the meantime we still take our lives in our hands crossing to and from Castle Maltings.

Cambridge Road - this crossing was not installed in the allotted five days in July, and, we are told, will not now be in place until March 2018. The Parish Council are protesting about this tardiness and hoping that both crossings will be installed soon.

FREE HEALTH AND WELL BEING EVENT

In October, Uttlesford District Council in partnership with West Essex CCG will be holding three free events for older adults (i.e. anybody who is retired!) across Uttlesford to promote positive messages around staying healthy and warm this winter.

The Stansted event takes place in The Crafton Centre on Wednesday 11 October from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. The organisers promise a "stimulating" morning with interactive activities and informative talks. Everybody who attends gets a free goodie bag and is invited to stay on for a free lunch and, amazingly, they have laid on entertainment from Joanna Eden.

Joanna is a talented jazz singer who has performed at Ronnie Scott's in London and was a voice coach to Sam Smith in his formative years.

You need to book a space by phoning Lucy Fish on 01799 510585 or email: lfish@uttlesford.gov.uk

GARDEN WASTE SERVICES

The garden waste service on alternate Sundays continues until the end of November so if you are having a tidy in the garden you can still get rid of all those Autumn leaves without a trip to a recycling centre. As an alternative you can purchase garden waste sacks from the Parish Council Office at a price of £1.20. These can be left with your food waste bin for collection by UDC.

SURVEY ON PROPOSED BASKETBALL/TABLE TENNIS PROVISION IN PLAY AREAS.

Very few people responded to the request in the last Link to "tell us what you think" in relation to the possibility of installing basketball rings and table tennis tables at Bentfield Green and on The Rec. We have now set up an online survey so please go on line through the following link and tell us what you think.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZRWPLPK>

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

Cllr Alan Dean Writes

I mentioned in February a proposal that the district council would join with parish councils in funding more Police Community Support Officers. That will have moved a step further at a parish forum that Uttlesford holds with parish councils. At the end of September the council's scrutiny committee will be asking Essex Police whether they can take action when drivers park their cars to block pavements. Hertfordshire Police have recently been active in Bishop's Stortford pushing prams - that's right - around the town in their Operation Pram to demonstrate the hazards and inconvenience that some drivers cause by thoughtless parking.

Sadly, I can't report any progress in achieving access from Cambridge Road to the Crafton Green car park, but I live in hope. On a more positive note, there have been improvements at the Lower Street car park. New signage has made it clearer where to park. Road markings have been renewed. It is hoped that the telephone poles on the road edge can be moved; these were a construction error. Discussions are taking place with Mountfitchet Castle about the confusing second parking regime that they have introduced. In all there are 29 items on an action plan that are being followed through. After months of delay, Essex Highways began a public consultation for the long-awaited pedestrian crossing in Lower Street. This will involve the loss of four on-street parking spaces, the downside of making Lower Street safer for pedestrians.

Last month's report included news that the council had agreed to donate £500,000 towards the Army's plans at Carver Barracks to create a running track. The donation was not unanimously agreed. I didn't vote for it because no evidence about public demand for its use had been provided. Discussions are continuing about public access arrangements and evidence is being sought at my request that there is adequate public demand to justify the grant.

An article in the August edition of Link suggested that flood prevention measures at Walpole Farm would be inadequate. I am looking into this matter, but I am satisfied that the council has required the developer to do what is necessary to mitigate the impact of the development taking place there. In fact, the developer is doing more than is required under the regulations to reduce water flow down Ugley Brook to Lower Street

DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

October

- 9 Civil Protection
- 11 Full Council
- 18 Open Spaces
- 25 Highways 7.00 pm F & GP 8.00 pm

November

- 1 Windmill & Full Council
- 8 Open Spaces
- 15 Finances and General Purposes
- 22 Full Council

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Surgery Dates

- Friday 13th October** Takeley Parish Council, Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley (4 pm – 6 pm)
- Friday 27th October** Thaxted Guildhall, Town Street, Thaxted (11 am – 1 pm)
- Friday 27th October** Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street, Saffron Walden (3 pm – 6 pm)
- Friday 3rd November** Town Council, Foakes House, 47 Stortford Road, Great Dunmow, Essex (3 pm – 5 pm)
- Friday 17th November** Old Armoury, 3 Museum Street, Saffron Walden (3 pm – 6 pm)
- Friday 8th December** Parish Council Office, Crafton Green, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted (3 pm – 6 pm)
- For an appointment at any of the above surgeries, please send an email with your name and address to: kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk. Alternatively, phone the Old Armoury on 01799 506349.
- Street Surgeries** (no appointment necessary)
- Saturday 30th September** Saffron Walden Market Square (9.30 am – Noon)
- Friday 3rd November** Town Square, Dunmow (11 am – 1 pm)
- Saturday 4th November** Saffron Walden Market Square (9.30 am – Noon)

POLICE Non-emergency 101
James.graham@essex.pnn.police.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

www.stanstednhw.org.uk

PARISH PUBLIC TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVES

Valerie Trundle - 813433 Joy Thomas - 813871

STANSTED LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Stansted Library operates from a temporary home in the car park at Crafton Green. The mobile vehicle is now here on the same days and at the same time each week, hopefully making it easier for us all to remember!

Monday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Mobile Library
Wednesday 1.00 pm - 6.00 pm Day Centre - Click & Collect Service
Saturday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Mobile Library

For more information email
Jenny.Salisbury@essex.gov.uk

**Please note Village Diary is kept at the mobile library.
If you are organising an event, please use it to avoid
clashing with other events in the village**

VILLAGE FIREWORK DISPLAY

The construction work at Elms Farm has meant that we have had to find a temporary alternative venue for the village Firework display. We are very grateful to Forest Hall School for agreeing to allow us to use their field. Sadly we can't have a bonfire this year but we should be returning to Elms Farm next year and the bonfire will be reinstated. There is some parking at the school but if you are able to walk please do so and leave the parking spaces for people who live on the other side of the village.

VILLAGE FIREWORK DISPLAY

Forest Hall School Playing Fields

SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Gates Open 6.30 pm

Fireworks 7.00 pm

FAMILY TICKET ONLY £10

(2 adults and 2 children)

Additional tickets £4 adults, £2 children

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

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SKATEPARK JAM

The Stansted Skatepark Jam held on Sunday 3 September attracted over 80 wheel sports enthusiasts from across the region. The Jam gives scooter riders, skateboarders, inline skaters and BMX riders the chance to show off the “tricks” they have mastered and, although there is a competitive element to the event, it is more about challenging yourself, and all the riders support each other and celebrate collectively if someone lands a trick they attempt. There was a good turnout of spectators who witnessed some adrenaline-fuelled riding, as you can see from the spectacular photographs taken by Scot Stuart George.



Our photographs show Antonie Law on his scooter, Dan Ives roller bladeing, Ajit Gillong with skateboard and Sean Thompson, BMXer. The group photo shows Scott Hamlin, professional BMX rider and our man on the mic, together with David Gilchrist, Swazini Mhlanga and Alan Beeson and last, but not least, Sean Thompson. Sean did a brilliant job in organising the event and attracting sponsors. He has now departed on a Statepark tour of Australia but promises to be back for next year's event.