



# CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

## CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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**WELCOME to June's edition** of the Clavering Parish Council newsletter. I am pleased to welcome three new councillors; Stephanie Gill, Sarah Penman and Mark Wilkinson and wish them every success, together with Richard Carter who was voted in as Vice Chair.

Congratulations to 'Eggie' who has been selected to become an Alderman on Uttlesford District Council.

I would like to thank all those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting especially those who spoke on behalf of the village societies, making it a very informative evening.

*Jenny*

### Parish Council News

Clavering Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011

New co-opted councillors; Stephanie Gill, Sarah Penman and Mark Wilkinson.

Election of Vice Chairman; Cllr Richard Carter was proposed and voted in.

Stephanie Gill joins the Village Hall committee and a new Speed Limit committee has been formed with 3 councillors: Ron Crouchman, Rebecca Stanford and Sarah Penman together with 1 non council member; John Smith.

- A number of Parishioners expressed their views on a proposal for the cutting and continuing management of Hill Green, this sensitive subject was discussed at length as an agenda item and it was decided a cut and clear up would occur in the next 2 weeks with the aid of volunteers.

**Financials:** Annual Audit report, completed by the RFO and reviewed by cllr Allan, was discussed and signed by the Chair Rebecca Stanford, for onward transmission to the external Auditor.

It was also noted a small portion of Parish land had been sold to the owners of the Cricketers public house for £8,000 less costs, these monies to be placed in a designated account for use on Environmental projects within the Parish.

#### Planning received:

- UTT/0826/11/TCA - Danceys Middle st: Fell 1 Cherry Tree (TPO) - No objections
- UTT/0822/11/FUL - Russets, Honey Lane: Single storey side extension - No objections

- UTT/0892/11/FUL - Bower House High st: Demolition of conservatory & erection of single storey front extension - No objections
- UTT/0833/11/FUL - Thurrocks Manor, Valance rd: Change of use of land - No objections
- UTT/0846/11/FUL - Thurrocks Farm, Valance rd : Erection of solar panels - No objections
- UTT/0836/11/FUL - Blackbird Cottage Wicken rd: Change of use of land- No Comment

#### Planning determined:

- UTT/0355/REN - Allington House Arkesden Rd, renewal of planning approval for erection of rear extension - Conditional Approval
- UTT/0418/11/FUL - M & M supermarket Stortford Rd, removal of condition C90 of approved planning app. ' The 1<sup>st</sup> floor flat residential accommodation shall be occupied only by persons employed in connection with the operation of the shop' - Unconditional Approval
- UTT/0410/11/LB - Bridge Cottage, the Druce, removal of existing glass roof to conservatory and replacement with natural slate - Conditional Approval

#### Investigations:

**New Cases:** None

#### Investigations closed:

- ENF/282/10/B - Saphal, Wicken Rd, alleged breach of planning control fencing over 2m between boundaries. Fencing has been in place beyond the timescale when enforcement action may be taken.



After the tremendous success of last years' Open Farm Sunday at Clavering Place Farm we were thrilled with the response from the village. We are keen to repeat the event but we are intending to miss this year and Clavering Place Farm will be open again on 10th June 2012.

If you would like to visit another farm this year you can search for farms on <http://www.leafuk.org/ofsv/visit/findfarm.eb>

*The Balaam Family and friends*



### SAFFRON WALDEN MUSEUM

'Sir John St. Aubyn - The Secret Life of a Collector' provides a rare opportunity to find out more about Sir John St. Aubyn, 5th Baronet (1758-1839), who lived in Shortgrove Hall just outside Saffron Walden from about 1827 until 1834. He was a 'colourful character' and a keen collector of minerals and plant specimens. Ends Sunday 4th Sept.

Opening times:

Monday - Saturday: 10.00 - 5.00  
Sunday & Bank holidays: 2.00 - 5.00

Join us for forthcoming Activities, suitable for all ages, but children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. These are drop-in sessions with no need to book.

#### Museum Minis:

- **Activities for Pre-school Children and their Parents or Carers**  
Thursday 7th July 1.30 - 3pm
- **Minerals and Magic: Archaeology for All**  
Saturday 23rd July  
11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm
- **Chinese Crafts and Braiding**  
Tuesday 26th July  
11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

The usual entrance charges apply:  
Adults - £1.50; discounts 75 pence and children free. Annual season Tickets £5 and £2.50

*Maureen Evans*  
Visitor Services, Saffron Walden Museum

**Date of next full Parish Council meeting:**  
Monday 25th July 2011 at 7.30pm at the village Hall.



### Giant Trip to the Alps

In the 2nd week of July, Emma Preston (our Clerk) with two local friends Jane Crossley and James Alexander will be cycling from Caen, France to the French Alps to raise money for Walking with the Wounded. We will be covering about 580 miles over 8 (or maybe 9) days and are looking forward already to our last day heading up the mountains in low gear. We are really excited about the trip and hope to make a meaningful contribution to the Walking with the Wounded target. We are carrying our own kit and are not known for our sporting prowess! It will be a fearsome challenge but hopefully an enjoyable and rewarding one.

We would appreciate any support you can give us in sponsorship as we pedal our way southwards towards the mountains.

<http://www.justgiving.com/Giant-trip-to-the-alps>

### Clavering evening walks

As part of Uttlesford District Councils health walking programme evening walks have started from Clavering Village Hall car park on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm.

The walks are 4 to 6 miles in length and designed for the more able wishing to improve their level of fitness during the summer

*Paul Goddard*  
Uttlesford Outreach Officer

## Free Newsletter for Carers

If you care for someone who needs help because they are ill, disabled or frail due to old age, you can join over 14,000 carers who already receive a free magazine, three times a year specifically for people 'who care'. 'Connecting Carers' is produced by Essex County Council and contains articles, advice and features which are of particular interest to unpaid Carers. It is available in hard copy, or by e-mail, and is completely free to carers living in Essex. To be added on the mailing list please contact the Carers Hotline on: **01245434 375** or e-mail [carers@essex.gov.uk](mailto:carers@essex.gov.uk)

Back issues and other useful information for carers is available on the website: [www.essex.gov.uk/carers](http://www.essex.gov.uk/carers)

## Essex NextGen Roadshow

**21 June - Three Rivers Golf and Country Club**

This is a great opportunity to hear Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) - a DCMS initiative delivering on Westminster's broadband commitments - explain the UK Government's position and also hear Essex's plans for superfast broadband. The Essex Roadshow provides a valuable opportunity to examine a wide range of local and international case studies including Avanti Satellite, Buzcom, County Broadband and Suffolk ACRE. You will hear from Bill Mackenzie - Fujitsu how they plan to connect 5 million homes and businesses in rural areas. Edgar Aker from Draka sets out how fibre is achievable and Bill Murphy from BT will speak about its developments for Essex and the East of England.

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.nextgenevents.co.uk/events/6/Essex-Roadshow/agenda>. When registering, select "invited guest" and put in "Philip Wilson" when asked who invited you.

## Highways

Any potholes or Highways problems contact Highways directly on: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Travel-Highways/Report-a-highway-problem/Pages/Report-a-problem.aspx>



## Clavering Rainfall - May

May was another exceptionally dry month with only 14.4mm (0.57ins) and the only significant rain was on 26th when there were thundery showers which produced 6.6mm (0.26ins). Overall the rainfall in March, April and May amounted to 24.9mm (0.98ins) which is only approximately 20% of our normal rain. A very dry 3 months.

*Brian Barrow*

## Nothing around Arkesden Clavering Countryside Group

Nigel Russell from Natural England gave us a very entertaining talk on moths. Live samples were produced with the very able help of his children and beautiful coloured slides. A number of us did not realise that many moths are day flying as opposed to night flying, and that a day in the summer will reveal an astonishing 100 different species in your average- sized garden. Moths pollinate many flowers and are an important food source for robins and wrens. Dock plants provide a good habitat for many species and we can all produce a moth-friendly garden by leaving an untidy area of uncut grass between April and July. We look forward to Nigel's moth- hunting evening sometime in July

*Louise Oliver*

## Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Clavering on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August & 23<sup>rd</sup> August:

- Clavering Village Hall - 10:15 to 10:30
- Clavering Mills - 10:35 to 10:50
- United Reform Church - 11:10 to 11:25

### Clavering Bell ringers

Peter Upson has recently taken over the role of Tower Captain of Clavering ringers from Richard Bowran of Langley Upper Green. Unfortunately several band members are no longer able to ring on a regular basis, which has meant that the church bells have not been rung for many months. Peter would like to remedy this situation by reforming a band of ringers from the village.

Change ringing began in the sixteenth century, when bells were hung with a full wheel. With a set of bells (usually six), it allows them to be rung in a continuously changing pattern. Music is created by moving bells up and down the ringing order to a defined sequence of changes known as a method. Most people enjoy the sound of bells, and bell ringing provides a useful contribution to local community life in the form of ringing for church services, weddings and national/local celebrations.

Bell ringing is a skill most people can learn and develop over time, and learning this traditional skill is an important way of ensuring the continuity of this tradition for future generations. The initial training takes several weeks, in which simple bell control is taught. Then a learner can begin to ring with the rest of the band. Ringers come from all walks of life and range in age from 12 to those in their eighties. You do not have to be musical, although a sense of rhythm and a bit of coordination is useful. It can also be a social team activity, and in the past each practice night has concluded with a trip to the Fox and Hounds.

Clavering has a beautiful church and six excellent sounding bells. In recent months this glorious sound has all too often been missing from community life. We would love to remedy this sad situation. Anyone wishing to learn this interesting skill should contact Peter on tel: 01799-550842 or email at: [peter.upson@virgin.net](mailto:peter.upson@virgin.net) to arrange initial training

### Clavering Bowls Club

In company with the many people involved with the Clavering Fete on Bank Holiday Monday, the Bowls Club was delighted when the unpleasant weather forecast for the day turned out to be wrong, and enjoyed the bright sunshine when setting up the targets for the Fun Bowling and for most of the afternoon.

When the Fete opened, the Bowls Club was inundated with adults and children who wanted to have a go - 3 targets were set up, one rather closer for the children. There were some excellent deliveries and with a little more practice, a good number could become really talented bowlers. Bowling carried on non-stop with the last bowler - the 200th, arriving just before the rain started.

Richard from Bishops Stortford went away with the adult prize with a good score of 7. But it was the abilities of some of the children that amazed us. Alice (aged 9) and Matthew (aged 11) both *equalled* the adult score of 7! As they did so well, we decided to give 2 prizes instead of just one. In the age range 13-16, Abi (aged 13) won the prize with a very good score of 6. Congratulations to all of you. And there were other boys and girls with scores very close - what a huge amount of talent. The Lucky Ticket Draw was won by John and Janet from Newport. Many thanks to those who lent gazebos and helped to construct and dismantle them.

Many of the children enjoyed the afternoon so much that the Bowls Club is investigating bowling for children (8 or 9 years upwards) during the summer. Any parents who are interested, please contact Sue Hollingworth (550220).

Anyone who wants to try bowling can come along to one of the regular newcomers and practice evenings from 6.00 pm on Mondays **Spectators are very welcome** to come and watch home games. Details from Mike Patmore, Captain (550450), Margaret Nathan (550619) or Tony Lye (550427)

## Clavering Cricket Club

Camden CC enjoy visiting our village pitch as much as we enjoy the return matches they offer at a Cambridge college ground. However, the extended dry spell had sorely affected our wicket; they managed to score only 105 runs, with four of their men scoring round zeros! Notable bowling was young Toby Fynn 9 overs, 5 maidens, conceding 26 runs and taking 2 wickets, though 'veteran Dieff' put these figures into the shade with his 12 overs, 4 maidens, for 22 runs and 4 wickets!

With Clavering's skipper 'experimenting' with the batting order, there was some consternation when Clavering's first four batsmen repeated the round zero scores! Thankfully, Toby showed that he can handle a bat as well as a ball & steadied the ship, before being out thus leaving Paul Miller 29n.o and Ben Gill to bring home the honours with an over in hand..

Sheering, like us, are a pure Sunday village team but they field mainly players who turn out at league level on Saturdays. Despite that, we hoped for an evenly matched game. They managed a decent score of 175: our veteran Dieff on form again with 12 overs, 3 maidens, 26 runs and taking 5 wickets. Clavering then reached the allotted target with 5 overs to spare, Ben 51n.o and Paul 37n.o. (The latter's 'not outs' are becoming serious now...)

The first Sunday in June was designated "Vice President's (VP) Tea" where we invite our VPs to watch a match and take tea with us; Arkesden were this year's opponents to be favoured with a Mrs Marshall's Special Tea.

Paul, captain for the day, was under huge pressure to win the toss to put Arkesden in to bat first as the younger Clavering lads were keen to continue grazing on the food provided during their own innings. This he obliged, and Arkesden amassed 148 runs - Jamie Williams scoring 51. The Fynn/Dieff bowling competition continued: Toby taking the honours with 9.4overs, 3 maidens for 20 runs & 5 wickets. With tea officially finished, Scott Bates had in sight his first 50 for Clavering this season, but unluckily fell to Luke Bailey, who bowled 11 overs for 44 runs and took three wickets. With both Mick & Nick Miller out for one apiece and back in the pavilion by the cakes, Toby was expected to repeat his previous heroics. He arrived at the wicket only to return immediately and resume his own assault on the tea tables as James Carter (Clavering born-and-bred but defected to Arkesden) took his first of two wickets for the day!

Arkesden vainly attempted a rain dance - though some said that was just Jim Ludden trying to field with a dodgy knee - in the hope of the game being abandoned and so escape defeat. Though this had been the case last year, floods were not on the horizon and Clavering reached 150 for 6 with 10 overs to spare... Paul was 49n.o

Persistent rain did make an appearance the following Sunday, bringing about the cancellation of the game versus Swards End.

### Upcoming matches:

June 26th	Takeley	Home	2.30pm
July 3rd	Flycatchers	Home	2.30pm
July 10th	Thaxted	Away	2.00pm
July 17th	Stocking Pelham	Away	2.00pm

**New players and spectators always welcome - contact Ben Gill 01799 550212**

## HISTORY EXHIBITION

### ***CLAVERING REMEMBERED***

**The 20th century village**

**Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September 2011**

**Clavering Christian Centre, 10 am - 5 pm**

The Clavering History Group is organising another exhibition, following the very popular one in 2008. This time the theme will concentrate on 20th century Clavering, and we would be delighted if any local organisations wish to mount a display about the history of their club - please get in touch to discuss it. We also welcome loans of photos, documents, mementoes and artefacts that relate to the period 1900-2000. This time we will be using the upper room of the Christian Centre too, so that will offer a quiet space where people can do family history research and a chance to look at some of the pre-1900 material from the previous exhibition. If you have any memorabilia, photographs or documents relating to village events such as jubilee celebrations, etc, please get in touch. All material will be carefully scanned or photographed and returned very quickly. All ownerships of material will be acknowledged in the Exhibition and permanently in the Local History Collection database. We would also like to borrow any artefacts and interesting objects relating to village and rural life, let us know if you have anything that could contribute to a display. Finally, we would welcome offers of help now, as well as on the day, eg with typing up written materials so that they are more accessible for people to read at the exhibition.

**Please ring 01700 550462 or email [jacqueline.cooper@virgin.net](mailto:jacqueline.cooper@virgin.net) or call at 24 Pelham Road - Clavering History Group**

### **Essex Police**

#### **Mobile Police station**

**Date:** 14 July 10:30 - 11:30

**Where:** Clavering village store

**Extra info:** This is an open opportunity for members of the local community or wider public to attend and meet officers

**Contact:** Mobile 07989 335719

Any items for inclusion in the next issue to be received by 27th July 2011

### **YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Chair:** Rebecca Stanford; 550668, **Vice chair:** Richard Carter; 550364, **Clerk:** Emma Preston; 551929,

**Councillors:** Des Abrahams; 550731, 'Eggie' Abrahams; 550267, Jenny Allan; 551120,

Brian Barrow; 550527, Ron Crouchman; 550006, Stephanie Gill; 550212,

Sarah Penman; 550586, Mike Patmore; 550450, Mark Wilkinson; 550828

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