



# CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

## CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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**WELCOME** to January's edition of the Clavering Parish Council newsletter. Happy New Year to everyone, here's to 2012. Many thanks to Mien and John Ramuz for all their hard work and letting us all taste their secret recipe for Mulled Wine at the Christmas Carols and to those that supplied mince pies. Also to Melody Carter for co-ordinating the event which raised £115.00 for Clavering Care.

Jenny

### Parish Council News

#### Clavering Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012

The meeting was attended by Parishioners and Cllr. Oliver

- Comments were noted regarding the Speed Watch progress and the urgency to keep the pressure on Uttlesford District Council. A Speed watch committee meeting was arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> January at the Christian Centre 7.30 pm ~ All welcome.
- A Parishioner expressed thanks to those who helped and attended the Christmas carols at the Cricket Pavilion.
- Concerns were expressed regarding any works at the Dick Ball Meadow. It was agreed the Council should confirm the position in writing from Essex Highways and all Councillors should visit the site in order to make an informed decision regarding coppicing at the entrance, before any work is to be carried out.

#### Finance

- The precept for next year was agreed and a date for the Councillors to meet with the Internal Auditor was arranged to discuss issues before the official Audit.

#### Other

**Green Waste** ~ Arkesden & Langley Parish Councils have agreed to join Clavering to meet the costs of the Green Waste van for 2012.

**Easement Monies** ~ Councillors are awaiting notification from UDC standards before entering into discussions on how these can be best used.

**Oxleys Close Development** ~ An objection letter by Clavering PC was sent to UDC and Cllr. Gill will be attending a public meeting to reinforce the message.

### Planning received

- **UTT/2371/11/FUL** - Amendment to UTT/1977/10/FUL to include a single storey rear extension (UDC Agreed extension to 10<sup>th</sup> Jan). M&M Supermarket, Stortford Road, Clavering - No objections
- **UTT/2156/11/FUL** - Retrospective application for shed, decking and gates (UDC Agreed extension to 10<sup>th</sup> Jan). The Orchard, Hill Green, Clavering - Opposed
- **UTT/2421/11/FUL** - Retrospective application for change of use of approved outbuilding approved on previous application for temporary accommodation (UTT/0086/10/FUL) Robin Hill Deers Green, Clavering - No objections.
- **UTT/2451 & 2517 /11/FUL** - Infill extension to rear and internal alterations. Peacocks, Arkesden Road. - No objections.
- **UTT/2515/11/FUL** - Retrospective consent for replacement poolside building. Robin Hill Deers Green, Clavering - No objections.

### Planning determined

- **UTT/1471/11/FUL** - Proposed swimming pool and garden/pool building. Barnsford Further Ford End. - Conditional Approval.

### Investigations

Under Investigation & New Cases: *None*  
Investigations closed: *None*

**Full Council Minutes** (once approved) and details of village societies together with forthcoming events can e found on our village website:

[www.claveringonline.org.uk](http://www.claveringonline.org.uk)

**Date of next full Parish Council meeting:**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm at the village Hall. All welcome.



### Clavering Rainfall - December

After 3 months of having less rain than normal, December was a wet month with 66.3mm (2.61ins). We had a total of 2.5cm (1 inch) of snow on 15th and 16th of the month but it melted quickly. The wettest day was the 12th with 8.7mm (0.34ins) and other days with almost as much rain were 8th, 11th, 19th, 23rd and 30th.

### Clavering Rainfall - 2011

The total rainfall for the year was 453.1mm (17.84ins). It was an exceptionally dry year with less than 75% of what I would normally expect and was the driest year since 1996. 2011 began with a wet January followed by very dry February, March, April and May with less than 40% of normal rain. June, July and August were wet months followed by another dry 3 months when we had approximately 35% of normal rain. The year ended with a wet December. The only snowfall in the year was on 15th/16th December and the most rain in a 24hour period was 19.1mm (0.75ins) on 3rd November. The longest time without rain was 24 days between 12th April and 6th May.

*Brian Barrow*



### Diamond Jubilee June 2012 Celebrations for Clavering

If you can help or have plans for the Celebrations and want to advertise them here please let me know.

Our next meeting will be in the Fox on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm.

**Meet your Police Officers at:**  
Next NAP Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012  
In the Christian Centre at 7.30pm

*Or*

**Essex Police Mobile Police station**  
**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 10:30 - 11:30  
**Where:** Clavering village store  
**Contact:** Mobile 07989 335719

### Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Clavering on:  
**10<sup>th</sup> Jan & 24<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
Clavering Village Hall - 10:15 to 10:30;  
Clavering Mills - 10:35 to 10:50;  
United Reform Church - 11:10 to 11:25

### SAFFRON WALDEN MUSEUM



### Embroideries from the East

This exhibition continues until Sunday 15th April, and will provide the theme for Family Holiday Activities on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th February.

The usual entrance charges apply:  
Adults £1.50; discounts £0.75 & children free.  
Annual season tickets £5 and £2.50

### Sparks Will Fly at Walden Castle

Make a date in your diaries for Sat 19th May when Sparks Will Fly at Walden castle and the Museum will host a major event in the grounds - watch our website:  
[www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org](http://www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org) and the 2012 programme for details.

## Congratulations to Henry Evans from Roast Green

Who is to take part in an Antarctic expedition in honour of Captain Robert Falcon Scott.

As part of the International Scott Centenary Expedition (ISCE), he will trek to Scott's last resting place.

For further information see the BBC website:

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-15841272](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-15841272)

## Housing Survey

Parishioners who have not returned their survey are asked to do so before  
16th January 2012.

## CLAVERING HISTORY GROUP



## CLAVERING REMEMBERED

In December the History Group launched Volume 4 in the Oral History Project series, *Clavering Remembered* by Fred Whyman, which is available for £4 from Fred at the Nursery on Hill Green, or from Joy Barrow at Larkrise, Wicken Road (tel 550527). It is a very interesting book and we are grateful to Jane Laing for the interview and editing, and of course to Fred.

Then, **Sunday 19th February** is the date of our annual conservation work party on the Clavering Castle site (weather permitting). We welcome extra help, even if you only have the time/energy for half an hour. We will meet 10 am on the hard standing at the bottom of the churchyard - tools supplied. Every year we clear a section of the vegetation which would otherwise overwhelm this important 12th century Scheduled Monument.

Finally, some exciting news - Clavering is having an event called **DIG & SOW** on **Saturday 12th May**, funded by the Cultural Olympiad - we have been chosen as the one village in Essex to take part, with one village also coming from each of Herts, Beds and Cambs to contribute to a regional project. This consists of a whole day spent digging a one-metre square test pit in 34 village gardens to discover what lies beneath. Time Team archaeologist Dr Carenza Lewis and her team from Cambridge will be visiting all the test pits, and will later send us an analysis of the findings. There has been great enthusiasm for this, but there is still room for a few more 'Test Pit Hosts' so if you would like to investigate the archaeology of your garden, please let me know ASAP. We will also need extra diggers, and the loan of sieves and mattocks nearer the time. Tel 50462 or email [jacqueline.cooper@virgin.net](mailto:jacqueline.cooper@virgin.net) ~ More news later.

## DO YOU WANT FASTER BROADBAND?



The Rural Community Broadband Fund has confirmed funding of £20m and is now open for expressions of interest. Clavering Parish council will be lodging an initial interest.

For more details see: <http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/funding-sources/rural-community-broadband-fund>

### Developing Uttlesford

#### Local Development Framework (LDF)

Consultations cover ~ Locations for new homes in the district; Development management policies - how planning applications should be decided.

Visit the road show run by Uttlesford District Council

**Newport Church House Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 10am to 8pm**

**Your chance to have your say on the future of the district**

Discuss the plans at Community Forums:

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm - North Community forum UDC offices Saffron Walden

Further consultation will follow in June and October

### Help keep your village tidy

Organise a Litter pick up

Your society, group or school is welcome to borrow the Councils equipment.

Please contact Rebecca on 550668

Any items for inclusion in the next issue to be received by 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012

#### 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,

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