

A pdf version will be on the village website at www.hempstead-essex.org.uk and a hard copy is available on the Parish Council Noticeboard.

Parish Council

Highways

In attending the Parish Liaison Forum this month, we asked Matthew Bradley of Essex Highways what was being done to communicate with adjoining counties such as Suffolk and South Cambridgeshire with regard to vehicle sat nav and route mapping to prevent inappropriate vehicles travelling along small unsuitable roads in our part of Essex. He was not aware of any action but has promised to look into it.

SpeedWatch

A recent SpeedWatch by our own villagers reported the following findings:

Out of 25 vehicles recorded in an hour (almost one every other minute), a top speed of 55mph was recorded, 1 of 50mph, 8 of 40mph or over. The other 15 were all above 36mph. That means 40% of those recorded were over 40mph in a 30mph limit.

The results have been uploaded to the police monitoring team and we are discussing further involvement with them on this matter.

Noticeboard

The Parish Council noticeboard by the phone box will be repaired shortly.

Website

The Council approved and signed off the image of the new WordPress website which will be populated with our previous data over the coming months. We'll publish the launch date when we have one.

Nick Turkentine, Chairman

Next meeting: Thurs 13th July, 8pm, Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to speak before the formal proceedings. The agenda is published on the Parish Council noticeboard one week previous.



Booking Secretary required for the Village Hall

We have a vacancy for a new Booking Secretary for the Village Hall from September this year. Please contact Russ Wide, chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee in the first instance on russwide@aol.com or via 07823 332911 if you are interested in the following Job Description:



- Receive enquiries via telephone and email regarding amenities, cost and availability of village hall
- Show potential hirers around village hall
- Manage village hall online diary
- Produce, send out and manage invoicing of VH
- Manage individual bookings of village hall (ensure payment and deposits received, let people in, inspect hall post event)
- Manage deposits of hirers, ensure received prior to event, and refund post event
- Manage clubs/societies bookings, ensuring information received re term times/holiday periods etc
- Manage cleaning of village hall (cleaner hired)
- Manage keys of clubs and societies
- Manage consumables for cleaning, paper towels for toilets etc
- Ensure health and safety requirements are conveyed to hirers prior to event
- Update health and safety requirements on VH hire form is updated annually
- Ensure website is up to date with correct hire information (facilities and pricing) – inform party responsible for website
- Credit control – liaise with Treasurer to receive info on payments into VH bank account, chasing outstanding balances
- Attend VHMC meetings as required

From ROBINN Group – URGENT responses required please

A reminder to please see the below letter to read and questionnaire to fill out and return to us as quickly as possible but **by no later than 10th July.**

Pledge Letter:

Dear Hempstead Villagers

Sources of Finance

We are currently researching what grants may be available, both locally and nationally, but it is clear that these will only form a small part of the fundraising that is required. We have a tight timescale, and we are likely to need to raise around £550-650k in order to cover the bid, significant renovation costs and professional fees.

As part of the bid and grant application process, we need to establish how much the community is willing to invest and whether there is a genuine willingness in the village to contribute sufficient funds to make the project work.

You were kind enough to indicate in the recent questionnaire we distributed that you would consider investing in, and/or making a donation, so we are contacting you now to ask more specifically what you would be prepared to contribute. However, rest assured that we are not just contacting you, we will be offering the same opportunity to all members of the community.

Legal Structure

We will be forming a company in which villagers can invest by buying shares. The primary objective of the company is to run the pub for the benefit of the community, and in the longer term, if there is any surplus, to use this for the benefit of the wider community of Hempstead. The company itself will be a Community Benefit Society and will be registered with, and regulated by, the Financial Conduct Authority.

Anyone who invests the minimum of £100 will have a vote and therefore a say in the affairs of the business at General Meetings, and it is the intention that there will be a committee of members to oversee the day-to-day running of the business. Of course, we welcome bigger share holdings but the business will operate strictly on a one member, one vote basis, regardless of how many shares you hold.

To give the business a chance to establish itself, we will need to agree an initial period of three years during which time the buying back of shares will be restricted. Thereafter the expectation is that there may be profits to fund withdrawals within parameters agreed by the members.

Business Plan

At a future date a business plan will be shared and a prospectus published detailing the share scheme and its benefits.

How You Can Help

The more people who are able to pledge a donation, however small, or buy shares, and the wider the section of the community that is involved in our project, the greater the likelihood of success. We appreciate that some people will not be interested or able to purchase shares and may prefer to make a donation instead, for which we would be extremely grateful.

To help us judge the level of support we have, we would be grateful if you would fill in the enclosed form with how much money you are prepared to pledge. No money changes hands at this stage, and this is not a final commitment on your part. More financial information and details of the proposals will be provided in due course before you decide whether you would like to buy shares or make a donation.

Please respond by email to Admin@Robinn.org by the 10th July.

We appreciate that many of you will want your pledges to be kept confidential and so only the steering group will be viewing the numbers pledged. If you have any questions about this next stage, please feel free to email the ROBINN Group on: Admin@Robinn.org

Darren (Chair of ROBINN Group)

Pledge Question:

Please state your name, address, telephone number, email Address, pledge amount and any questions or comments you may have.



Ukraine Collection

Our next collection for Ukraine is being made by Saffron Walden Rotary Club on **Friday 14th July** from 5-7pm in the Village Hall. Your donations will be mostly gratefully received and taken to UK Aid Felsted for onward transit by lorry.



If you can package your donations in boxes marked with the contents, it would be appreciated. The goods specifically required are:

Tinned and dried foods, toiletries, sturdy footwear and new underwear.

Other donations of clothing etc will of course also be taken in or can be left with Dave Boreham at Bracken House (top of the High Street on the right on the road to Steeple Bumpstead).

Thank you.

Teaching Assistant Vacancies Radwinter Primary School

Due to the growing numbers at our popular school, we are currently recruiting for two motivated, flexible, enthusiastic and skilled Teaching Assistants to join our happy, successful team. Applications from those with an educational background or with transferable skills welcome. Full training will be given.



Role 1: KSI Teaching Assistant 31.25 hours per week (Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm).

Role 2: EYFS Teaching Assistant 12.5 hours per week (Thursday and Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm)

Salary: 2023 scale 3 point 5 (FTE £21.575)

Start Date: September 2023

Job Purpose: To work in partnership with class teachers to support learning in line with the national curriculum, codes of practice and school policies and procedures and to provide support to pupils with additional needs.

Application Information: Closing date is 3pm **Friday 7th July** 2023 with interviews expected to take place on Monday 10th July 2023. Please contact admin@radwinter.essex.sch.uk for an application form.

Each post is offered on an initial fixed term contract until July 24th 2024. There is an opportunity for a permanent future position depending on our class structure and staffing levels for September 2024. Prospective candidates are warmly welcomed to visit the school for a tour. To organise a visit please contact Lindsay Smith via admin@radwinteressex.sch.uk or on 01799 599248.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring check before being appointed.

The Travelling Traders



New for Hempstead!
The Travelling Traders have booked our village hall for **Saturday 30th September**.

If you would like to find out who they are and what they offer, please read this promotion for their event in Little Yeldham on June 24th and find them on Facebook.

Snippets

Radwinter Primary School summer fete is on **Saturday 1st July** 1-4pm in the school grounds. Everyone welcome.

It includes DB2 playing live music, a bar, BBQ, crafts and games.

Gt. Sampford Summer Fete

The Summer Fete run by Gt. Sampford Primary School PTA is on **Saturday 8th July** with lots of stalls, tombola and more.

The Mobile library next visits on **Friday 21st July** from 11.20 – 11.50am.

How to protect yourself from scam emails and texts

Received an email or text that seems suspicious? Report it. Your reports enable us to remove the emails and websites criminals use to commit fraud and cyber crime.

1: Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk . Send emails to this address that feel suspicious, even if you're not certain they're a scam - we can check.

2: Forward suspicious text messages to 7726 (it's free of charge). Your provider can find out where the text came from and block or ban the sender.

3 - If you've lost money or provided personal information as a result of a phishing scam, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040. In Scotland, call Police Scotland on 101.

Please note: Sometimes a forwarded email may not reach us because it is already recognised by spam detection services. You can also take a screenshot of the email and send it to report@phishing.gov.uk

Mobile phone providers also offer a service that allows customers to report suspicious text messages, by forwarding them to the number **7726**. The service is free of charge and enables providers to takedown malicious websites and block malicious texts from being sent across their network.

T&C: Newsletter entries must be received by diana_frost@lineone.net by the **24th** of each month. Only village events will be promoted. No advertisements or personal profit promotions will be featured. To unsubscribe, email Diana Frost.