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Parish Council

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

August 14th and October 9th. Meetings start at 7.30. Please note that the Council will NOT be meeting in September.

School Holidays

With School Holidays now in full swing and the certainty that the Glebe will be fully used by the youth of the village, the Council would ask parents to ask of those likely to use the area to respect the Village Hall building, as last year the building received damage to its roof when footballs were kicked onto it and then retrieved, causing extensive damage.

Unfortunately we have already experienced wilful damage to the phone box by way of an incident at the end of July, with eggs and flour thrown inside and out, together with damage caused to the apparatus. It is such a disappointment that this type of behaviour is taking place within the village. We have worked with BT to maintain this box as a working service should the needed arise for its use, such as a major loss of electricity within the area, and a phone service is required. Incidents such as this puts the service in jeopardy.

Travelling by Road

Highways often take advantage of the summer holidays to make repairs and may close roads at short notice. Before you travel, you may wish to check the Causeway one.network website: [Causeway one.network](http://Causeway.one.network) where you can put in a time scale you wish to view and check if there are any works on your planned route.

Local Police

To find out what is happening in our area: [Your area | Essex Police](#)

To report a non-emergency crime online: [Report | Essex Police](#)

100th Anniversary

The Parish Council marked the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the War Memorial with a gathering and story-telling hosted by the Chairman, Nick Turkentine and including the Lord-Lieutenant for Essex, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst, and Major Cadogan from the 35 Engineer Regiment (EOD&S), Royal Engineers (Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Search unit of the British Army). Ross Midgley told the backstory of two of the names on the Memorial, with Ian Coote playing the extended version of Reveille on his bugle and flowers were laid. About 60 villagers including our Cub pack also attended.



Afterwards tea and refreshments were served in the hall decorated with bunting, and where a unique exhibition from a private collection of war memorabilia was kindly loaned and spoken about by Tricia Ridgway gathering many compliments from all who viewed it. It was a memorable day for Hempstead.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings to raise issues with the council but can't speak during the formal proceedings. Nick Turkentine, Chairman, Parish Council

Church information

Firstly, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Japan, church bells are being rung throughout the land on **Friday 15th August**. Hempstead church bells are being rung at 4.30pm.



Secondly, if you wish to find out information about all the churches in our Benefice, the information can be found on this website: [The Churches of Thaxted, The Sampfords, Radwinter and Hempstead](#).

Saturday's Ukraine collection

We are collecting goods to transport to Ukraine **this Saturday, 2nd August** with the village hall open from 10 – 11am to receive any donations.

The principal request is for food (tinned and dried plus some gluten free) and toiletries, especially for women and the aged. All the other usual things are needed as well of course - and anything else a displaced family would need. Whatever you can spare is always appreciated and cash donations help buy generators, torches, batteries etc as well. Nothing is wasted. If you need me to collect from you or access the hall on another day/time before the 2nd, please contact me.

Thank you. Diana

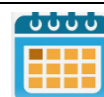


Pizza Night

Nadia and Bogdan's next pizza night is **Friday 15th August** from 4-8pm. Menu selections are available at: [Fresh Italian Neapolitan Wood Fired Pizza | Pizzeria Gusto | Haverhill, Suffolk](#)

What's On for Autumn

I know you've barely started your summer breaks but here is a glimpse of a couple of events lining up for autumn this year:



September, date tbc – HDS Open Mic night. (drama, music, singing, poetry, narration)

September 26th – Bric-à-brac sale, Thaxted Guildhall raising funds for our Village Hall

October - date tbc - Parish Boundary walk (about 15 miles). You don't have to do it all!

October 11th – Speakeasy Jazz night in the village hall with Roger Flaxman. Ticket information will be published in September.

November 22nd + 23rd – Radwinter Tree Festival in Radwinter church with fun for all

December 4th, 5th and 6th – HDS Play 'A Christmas Carole'

If you're planning on holding an event, please let me know.

Wellbeing Services

Community Agents are employed by Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) and are part of Essex Wellbeing Service. We offer a free confidential home visiting service to residents across the whole of Essex (excluding Southend and Thurrock) who may be struggling to access services or find the support they need. An agent will visit the person in their home, taking time to chat about their daily living and anything they may find difficult, some of the things we support with include, blue badge and bus pass applications, assessing for equipment/adaptations to help with poor mobility, carers support, community connections to local clubs and activities to help ease social isolation, travel and transport options, hot meal delivery options and lots more. To refer yourself, family member, friend or neighbour to Community Agents, **call EWS direct on 0300 303 9988**. You must have the persons permission and lines are open Mon-Fri, 8am-7pm and Saturday 9am-12pm.



JOIN OUR GOVERNING BODY – MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL!



We are currently seeking two Foundation Governors to join our dedicated Governing Body at Radwinter Church of England Primary School.

As a Foundation Governor, you will play a vital role in supporting the Christian ethos of our school and helping to shape the strategic direction of our community-focused, nurturing environment.

We're Looking for Individuals Who:

- Are committed to the **Christian values** and vision of our school: "Growing and learning together to embrace life in all its fullness."
- Have **no current association with the school**, including as parents or staff members.
- Demonstrate strong **integrity, sound judgement, and a collaborative mindset**.
- Can bring skills or experience in areas such as education, finance, safeguarding, HR, law, or community engagement.
- Are willing to **ask questions, challenge constructively, and support positively**.
- Are enthusiastic about making a difference in children's lives and the wider school community.

What You'll Gain:

- A chance to support children's learning and wellbeing.
- Opportunities for training and personal development.
- The satisfaction of helping our school thrive.

If you are a member of a local church or have a connection to the Christian community and would like to know more, we'd love to hear from you.

For further information, please contact: Paul Allington and Helen O'Brien
Via: office@radwinter.essex.sch.uk

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