

Talk About Epping



Town Magazine

Winter 11/12

Introducing the New Town Clerk

Ash Tadjrishi has been appointed Town Clerk Designate and will replace Bob Whittome as Clerk before May 2012.

Mr Tadjrishi has served as Deputy Clerk with Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council where he started as events manager. He has also worked on events' management with the University of Hertfordshire. Mr Tadjrishi has family connections in this part of Essex and has now moved into the area with his wife and young daughter. He says "It is a real privilege to be asked to take on the responsibility of Town Clerk. Epping has a long and interesting history and I want residents to continue to have confidence in the services we provide in the future as being of the highest calibre".

Epping Town Show

**Sunday
17th June 2012
12noon to 5pm**

**Preparations are
underway for a
Summer Show at
Stonards Hill
Recreation Ground.**

**For further info, please
call Julia Warner on
01992 579444**

***What's
Inside ?***

Page 2

**Audrey Rose
Cup Winner**

**Mayors
Christmas Card
Winner &
Runners Up**

Pages 3-6

**News from local
organisations**

Page 7

Annual Report

Page 8

**Dates for
the Diary**

LET THE TOWN SPEAK—THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

This meeting must occur each spring in every parish throughout the country. Its purpose is to give townspeople a chance to discuss (between themselves in a formal setting) any matter of local importance.

The Annual Town Meeting is not a council Meeting, although it is a legal duty for the Town Council to make arrangements to hold the meeting and carry any cost. The Mayor must (if available) chair the meeting and it may pass resolutions, however such resolutions are not, in most circumstances, binding on the town council (or any other body). Of course, depending on the numbers involved in the meeting, the formal views of this public meeting may be viewed as an expression of the public will.

Only Epping town residents have a right to participate in the town meeting. A register is made of those in attendance and the Chairman will request the identity of anyone wishing to speak. Councillors present at the meeting do not need to respond to every question but may wish to respond to matters directly relating to their councils.

**ANNUAL
TOWN
MEETING**

**Friday 16th
March 2012**

8pm

**Epping Hall
St John's Road
Epping**

**All members of
the public are
welcome**



Audrey Rose Cup

Every year Council awards the above cup for the most attractive shop window display over the Christmas period. The award was judged by the Mayor of Epping, Councillor Ken Avey.

The intention of the Town Council in awarding this cup is to try and provide publicity for local traders, to foster attractive festive windows and add atmosphere to the town over the Christmas period. Very well done to Lathams Home (who are currently celebrating 40 years in business) for their extremely attractive Christmas Windows. Right— Mayor Ken Avey presenting cup to Sarah, Chris, and Liz Hellmers.



Runners up – from left James Sear Estate Agents, Sue Ryder and Argus Lighting.



Epping Christmas Market 2011

The event was centred around 50 market stalls made up of local traders, organisations and charities. Entertainment was provided by the school choirs of Ivy Chimneys Primary School, Epping Primary School and Coopersale & Theydon C of E Primary School. The Roger Arny Circus Company were on hand with their stilt walkers, jugglers and strolling magicians. A Santas Grotto was provided by Epping Fire Brigade. Some of the local shops and businesses remained open throughout the evening, whilst St. John's Church played host to the Christmas Tree Festival. Right—Mayor Councillor Mr Ken Avey with Town Crier Peter Baker.



Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2011

Epping's Town Mayor, Councillor Ken Avey ran the annual Mayor's Christmas Card Competition. Schools taking part included Epping Primary School, Ivy Chimney's Primary School and Coopersale and Theydon Garnon C of E Primary. The Mayor judged the entries and awarded certificates and prizes for the overall winners and runners up. The winning card was sent to partner organisations and dignitaries including the Ober-burgermeister of Epping's twin town in Germany. The standard was very high and the winning card very hard to choose. The overall winner was Mad-die Poulton (above) from Ivy Chimneys Primary School. Runners up prizes were also awarded. Well done to everyone who took part!



Above : Runner up Danny Watson (far left) f from Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C of E Primary School & Keira Macrae and Jago Kubaisi from Epping Primary School.



Above : Runner up from Ivy Chimneys Primary School Jessica Grosssmith (left) and Holly Smith (right).

Below : Runner up from Ivy Chimneys Primary School Jessica Grosssmith (left) and Holly Smith (right).



St John's Church Tree Festival. 2-5th December 2011

St John's Church hosted the most successful tree festival ever. Demand outstripped spaces for trees, the standard of decoration was outstanding and all our contributors are to be congratulated for their efforts. Inevitably the visiting public made their choices and placed some efforts above others. The results of the votes were :

Best Community Organisation Epping WI
Best Youth Organisation Epping & Theydon Garnon Brownies
Best Business Tree Gane Jackson Scott

In the Best overall vote the result were
1st place Epping WI
2nd place Gane Jackson Scott
3rd place Epping & Theydon Garnon Brownies

St John's look forward to seeing many of you at Christmas 2012 though with anticipated demand being higher than ever we will have to disappoint some. St John's Church thank everyone for making a significant contribution to their selected charities. Malcolm Austin

District Councillors Surgeries

Epping Lindsey and Thornwood Common

Your district councillors for the Epping Lindsey and Thornwood Common Ward, Will Breare-Hall, Sarah Packford and Chris Whitbread, hold monthly surgeries at which you can raise any issues or concerns you would like them to address. Surgeries will be held on the following dates (no appointment is necessary).

Epping—Thursday 1st March. 19.30-21.00, Epping Hall, St John's Road, Epping.
Thornwood Common— Saturday 4th February and Saturday 7 April. 9.30am-11.00am, Thornwood Village Hall.

If you are unable to attend a surgery, full contact details for your District Councillors can be found on the Epping Forest District Council website.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Public transport information relevant to Epping is available on the Town Council website (www.eppingtowncouncil.gov.uk) under 'Epping Town Information' / Public Transport'. The website is updated as notification of changes are received. In addition, the changes are reported to the four-weekly meetings of the Council and displayed on posters on various sites throughout the town: the posters are also placed on the website. If you would like to be informed of changes by email, please contact the Parish Passenger Transport Representative, Councillor J. Alan Smith, on: j_alan_smith@dsl.pipex.com.

Epping News Publications- Epping Town Council is working in partnership with Everything Epping Forest - www.everythingeppingforest.co.uk - the local news and information website run by local journalist David Jackman. If you have any information - news articles, event information - which you would like to be considered for publication in the Everything News please email David Jackman at everythingeppingforest@googlegmail.com or ring David on 07710 447868. A limited number of copies of the Everything News will be printed by the town council and will be available through various outlets in Epping however to keep production costs to a minimum the Everything News will be distributed as a pdf document by email to 'subscribers'. To register, please email everythingeppingforest@googlegmail.com with 'Everything News (Epping) subscribe' in the subject line. Please note that no email addresses will be forwarded to a third party. It is possible to advertise in the Everything News and for information about the advertising rates, please contact David Jackman direct.

Epping Library—Half Term Event for children aged 4-10 years

Penguins and Polar Bears
Stories, Craft and Activities
Thursday February 16th 2.30 –3.30pm
Please call Epping Library on 01992 573504 for details.

Coming soon—*Get Connected*—a Neighbourhood partnership course to be held in Epping Library for information contact Epping Library on 01992 573504

Essex Savers are in Epping Library every Monday morning 10-12 noon

10-out-of 10” for Kathrine

Former St John’s School student Kathrine Foy (20yr) picked up the 2011 England Athletic “ Young Volunteer of the Year “ award from the London Mayors building. The London Council gathering at London’s City Hall on the banks of the Thames overlooked by Tower Bridge, it seemed a fitting venue for the Olympic cities award evening. The ceremony started with an address from the London chair Tony Shiret who was very quick to point out the deserving praise of all sport volunteers. Special raise was given to Kathrine for also winning the National Award in Birmingham 3 weeks earlier. Kathrine had sourced and engaged all officials, team managers, volunteer roles, sponsorship & project managed her new athletic initiative appropriately named “10 out of 10”. This 3 match youth driven competition saw 56 new volunteers mentioned by senior officials; 16 of which went on to achieve their level 1 official’s qualification. Kathrine is described as innova-



News from Local Organisations * News from Local Organisations * News from Local Organisations



St John’s site update; This is situated in St John’s Road where the infant school was temporarily housed and previously known as Centre Point. We are pleased to report that we attended a meeting chaired by our Mayor Ken Avey. The District and Town Councils were represented as well as St Johns Church. The District Council have finally confirmed that a Public Consultation will be held in late February over a four week period. They also confirmed, as we had hoped, that four options are still ‘on the table’ (1) a retail-led option with residential accommodation (2) a leisure-led option with residential accommodation (3) a combined retail and leisure-led option, with residential accommodation (4) a wholly residential accommodation option. The proposed consultation will be communicated in such a way as to allow Epping residents (young and old) to participate. It will encompass all mediums such as exhibitions, public meetings, displays (manned on certain times), online questionnaires, etc. in order to facilitate all community involvement and input. So look out for posters, read the local Guardian, visit the library, look at the EFDC website (and ours) as they are planning to publicise the programme of events in all possible ways for maximum participation. Thanks must go the following for updating us on the proposals for the St John’s Site: Councillor Mohindra Finance & Economic Development Portfolio Holder, Councillor Wagland Leader of the District Council and Ms O’Boyle Director of Corporate Support Service for the District Council. We also thank the many other councillors and staff who attended.

PLEASE ENSURE NEIGHBOURS AND FRIENDS KNOW ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT CONSULTATION.

Christmas Lunch - We held our annual Christmas lunch at Pelly Court on 4th December, 68 members attended and sat down to a tasty five course lunch. We were entertained on the piano by Norman Lansdown Davies and his choir who were brilliant with a memorable finale with Betty Farrington singing and laughing to the song The Laughing Policeman. A great start to the Christmas celebrations.



Christmas Tree Festival - Another success for St Johns Church; it really was spectacular and very well supported. Our theme was “Our High Street Heritage”, using holograms of a selection of the photographs from our display earlier this year also in St Johns Church. We realise a lot of hard work goes into organising and running this big event each year and to everyone concerned we offer our congratulations and thanks for all your hard work and effort.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Outing to Gibberd Garden; Thursday February 16th 2012, 10am- 3pm Meet at Gibberd Garden or pick up point £10 including coffee & lunch and entrance to garden and rooms.

A.G.M. Wednesday 7th March 2012, 7.30 for 8pm Pelly Court, Hemnall St., Epping Speaker: John de Wilton Preston, Epping Forest District Council’s Director of Planning and Economic Development. Admission free, donation requested for refreshments.

Social Meeting; Wednesday 18th April 2012, 7.30 for 8pm Pelly Court, Hemnall St. Speaker Rick Law “The Oregon Trail – The Pioneers Trek Across America”. A fascinating talk on how the west was won. Open to non-members. Admission free, donation requested for refreshments.



Epping Weather Autumn 2011

Autumn comprises the months of September, October and November. The most notable feature of this Autumn has been the lack of rain. A total of 68.1mm rain was recorded which is only one-third of normal, making this the driest Autumn on record*. With a mean temperature of 12.9°C this was the second warmest Autumn on record, after Autumn 2006. All three months were drier and warmer than normal with the most notable weather occurring at the end of September into early October. Over a period of 7 days each day saw record temperatures being recorded along with prolonged sunshine. The 30th September saw a maximum temperature of 27.7°C with 27.6°C on 2nd October being the warmest October day on record. Just to show that even in such a long dry spell our weather can still bring surprises the 3rd November saw a late afternoon thunderstorm that heralded several hours of heavy rain giving a total of 20.6mm, the wettest day since 2nd October 2010. Finally, just a note on climate trends in Epping. The last 13 Autumns, starting with 1999, have all been warmer than the long term average (1981-2010) although any trends for total rainfall are less obvious. *Weather recording in Epping began in December 1978. Any queries to webmaster@eppingweather.co.uk



In trouble with your mortgage? An exchange with delayed completion (EDC) arrangement may seem to offer a way out if you're in mortgage arrears. An EDC arrangement is where you agree a sale price for your home with a prospective buyer. Contracts are exchanged and the prospective buyer typically pays you an agreed deposit at that time. Completion of the sale is then delayed, often for a few years. The buyer may offer to take

over payment of your mortgage, but the mortgage stays in your name until the sale completes. The buyer may also offer to take over insurance costs and to pay for any repairs to the property. If you move out of your home and the buyer or their tenant moves in, the arrangement is not regulated by the FSA. There may be a number of risks involved that you should be aware of. Your home could be at risk and you won't have access to complaints and compensation procedures if things go wrong. As the mortgage is still in your name, you're still responsible for your home and the mortgage even if the prospective buyer takes over payments to the lender. If the buyer gets into financial difficulties, you'll be responsible for any debts or missed payments and you could lose your home. You could be breaking the terms of your mortgage agreement if you need your lender's permission first before going ahead with this type of arrangement. You could also be charged unreasonable fees that are not made clear at the outset. Before going down this road, get independent advice and explore other options for dealing with your mortgage problems that could be better for you and your family. For more information on how to sort out your mortgage problems, and for contact details of your nearest CAB, see the Citizens Advice website www.adviceguide.org.uk.

Epping Cricket Club

The Epping Cricket Club colts' section is once again thriving after a difficult few years. The club has traditionally been very strong at youth level in West Essex and beyond, but by 2004 was no longer fielding sides. However, the colts' section has been re-born, expanding from a dozen youngsters in 2008 to well over 60 boys and girls in 2011, running teams at Under-9 and Under-11 level and training colts at older levels. The 2012 season is one full of promise. An Under-13 side will play competitive cricket matches for the first time since 2000 alongside the other younger age groups (U11, U10, U9). Epping CC will have seven qualified youth coaches operating under head coach Jacob Ellis (himself a product of the Epping youth system) and colts' manager Kevin Preston. The teams had a

very encouraging 2011, with the colts playing Sunday matches throughout the season. The Under-11s played both terrier and normal cricket, winning the Under 11 West Essex (South) Division. There have also been outstanding individual successes and many examples of Epping youngsters playing representative cricket at higher levels. Laura Ellis was recently awarded



a Jack Petchey award by the West Essex District Cricket Board for Outstanding Achievement. This was due to her being selected to play for the Essex Under-17 Girls team for their county championship games this summer, as well as playing in the England Schools Cricket Association U17 Girls Festival at King's College, Taunton, in August where the team were runners-up to Wales. Miread Ladbroke also played for the Essex Under-13 Girls teams last season. In addition, six boys (James Webber, Max Fletcher, Leo Dolan, Jesse Chorley, Stanley Eaton and Freddie Knight) played for West Essex at Under-11 and Under-9 level. Ahead of the 2012 season, training for colts of all ages (from 5-15) will be held once a week from March 1st 2012, on Thursday evenings indoors at St. John's School, Epping. From late April training will take place outdoors on Friday evenings at Epping Cricket Club on Lower Bury Lane. Epping also boasts a summer cricket camp run by coach Jacob Ellis and is Clubmark accredited, the only national cross sports quality accreditation scheme for clubs with junior sections. The club has active parents who help out on match days and a great social atmosphere. Epping Cricket Club colts' section goes from strength to strength and it is hoped that many of the youngsters will go on to represent the club at adult level. At present the majority of 1st XI adult players started their Epping careers in the colts section. For more information or to join Epping CC in 2012 please contact colts manager Kevin Preston on 07753 119241. For information on adult cricket please contact Matthew Barrett on matthewbarrett86@gmail.com

Copped Hall—Quiz Night. Saturday 18th February



Photograph Courtesy of David Jackman of www.everythingeppingforest.co.uk

Don't forget that the annual Copped Hall Quiz is on Saturday 18th February at Theydon Bois Village Hall. As always we'll be providing a ploughman's supper but bring your own drinks. Tickets are £10 each from Frances Dennett (phone number 01992 610713) or by post to 7 Highfield Green Epping CM16 5HB. Remember no tickets are sold on the door although pre-paid tickets can be collected on the evening. To keep up to date with our events and activities remember to check the 'green book' and the Copped Hall web page for details. You can now follow us on Facebook too! <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Copped-Hall-Trust/148317475192197>. The Committee of the Friends of Copped Hall. <http://www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk/>

Epping Art Society

First Friday in the month and the following Wednesday. Our Society is a bit of a hybrid. The Friday meetings take place at 7.30pm. in the Methodist hall and are always practical. The following Wednesday meeting takes place at 7.30pm. for 8p.m. at Pelly Court and you can leave your watercolours or oil paints at home. This meeting may have a speaker from one of the London Galleries, or an experienced artist talking us through painting a picture. A full programme is planned for 2012 beginning on Friday 6th January. Practicals will include 'Sunlight on Snow', Tall Buildings', Moonlight, Flowers and Monoprinting. This session will be led by Sally Macpherson. Every month there is newsletter just before the meeting with details of the next Friday, a review of the last speaker and what to expect from the next. There are at least two exhibitions a year either in Epping St John's, or Copped Hall, where members show any of their work that is for sale. A web site is being set up but at present for more information you can e-mail Roger, eppingartsociety@yahoo.co.uk or phone Sally 01992 560807.

ProActive Self Help—Prostate

Over 200 men in the West Essex Area are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year—part of the 30,000 new cases in the UK (the approximately equivalent of the whole population of Loughton or Bishops Stortford, three times the whole population of Epping, or the whole male population of Harlow), but there is a little public awareness of prostate cancer. ProActive is a self help group which was set up in 2007 to help new patients and their partners at a difficult time by giving non-medical support, and showing them that life is still possible and that they are not alone, by holding regular meetings, sometimes with speakers, providing a telephone and e-mail support service, raising awareness of prostate cancer locally, helping to improve the care and support of those affected by this form of cancer. We have come along way in our first four years, with a current membership of over 80. We have become involved in a number of national studies funded by the Department of Health into the needs of patients and the value of self help groups, and act as patient representatives on a number of official bodies. We are also planning to set up a "Buddying" scheme, putting new patients in touch with those who have had the same problems or treatment. However, none of this would have been possible without the specialist urology nurses and other professional NHS Staff at St Margaret's Hospital, and we grateful to them for their continuing help and active support. ProActive meets monthly at St Margaret's Hospital and can be contacted through a telephone helpline (07747 374692) a website www.proactive.me.uk or by email to proactive-group@ntlworld.com

Epping WI

In July Mr Robert C Smith gave us a talk (with slides) "In Search Secret Essex". The slides were good and the talk very interesting – about places to visit and about them. He had written a book about it. We had a Members meeting in August – We went to Mulberry House for a cream tea. Manager Simon Elliott gave us a very interesting talk on the history of Mulberry House. Afterwards we walked around the grounds, which were extensive. There are black swans and a Mulberry tree. The Drama Group entertained us in September with a musical revue. Poems were read as well. Some of the songs were about musical instruments. The costumes were really lovely, most of them made by the drama group and they had so many changes. Joan Bill produces the show and her husband provided the piano music. In October Mr Ian Kirby told us about The London Olympics – Origins, History and Culture (1908, 1948, 2012). The Pictures were good and Mr Kirby told us how it all started in Athens in 1896. We had the Olympics in 1908, some of us remembered the 1948 Olympics and had been to them. This was a very topical talk and we are looking forward to the Olympics here in 2012. Many of the pictures were events in the years between 1896 and 1908. We have a few new members this year, but would like more people to join us. We had our Annual Meeting in November. After many years our Officers resigned – we have a new Treasurer and Secretary. We also have a new President and Vice

President, some of the Committee changed jobs. New committee starts January 2012. December was our Christmas Meeting. We had a buffet lunch and Mr Ray Spiller entertained us. We thoroughly enjoyed the music he played and we joined in some of the items, ending with Auld Lang Seine – a fitting end to our Christmas Meeting. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday in the month 2pm, Epping Hall, St John's Road. Do come and join us, secretary Kathleen Eaton 01992 578608 will give you more information and we do have an information board in the town.

Epping Music Society 2011-2012. The 2011-2012 season opened in October with outstanding performance of works by Beethoven, Haydn and Ravel by the Lakeside Trio. This was followed in November by a most enjoyable song, piano, and classical guitar recital. It was the turn of members and friends in December to celebrate the coming of Christmas with songs, readings and choral pieces sing by a superb choir. In January we look forward to a recital for horn and piano and in February to a concert by the Erato Piano trio, in March the Syred Consort, conducted by Ben Palmer will make their first visit to Epping. The season will conclude with a visit from the Aquinas Trio, an exciting and ambitious Chamber Music group. On Thursday May 3rd there will be a coach trip to a concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Non-members are welcome to take part in this outing. Meetings normally take place on the third Monday of each month, from October to June. They start at 8pm and are held at The Friends' Meeting House, Hemnall Street, Epping. For information please contact Margaret Gracey on 01992 572167.

Probus Club of Epping

48 were present at the November Luncheon Meeting of the Epping Probus Club held at the Lindsey Street Community Association (LSCA) premises. Club President David Goodwin introduced the speaker, Ian Almond the Recycling Officer for the Epping Forest District Council, who explained the need for recycling generally. Ian commenced by advising that local recycling was the result of government pressure on local authorities to control the disposal of domestic waste. Only 2 out of 12 landfill sites available to the EFDC for waste disposal were not full. The EFDC had commenced a programme of recycling 12 years ago with black bag collections for domestic waste and this had now evolved into a sophisticated system of recycling. The EFDC now recycles 60% of domestic waste and is placed 2nd in Essex and 80th in the UK for this activity. Following answers to many questions, club member A Loy proposed a vote of thanks to Ian for his interesting and informative talk. He commented that extensive recycling would be unnecessary if the production of commodity packaging and printed material was reduced at source. Enquiries regarding the Club should be made to the Club Secretary, Peter Francis on 01992 573188.

Parkinson's UK Harlow & District Branch

Our Christmas Dinner was held at Cannons Brook Golf Club, Harlow. This was very enjoyable meal was attended by 40 members. It was a good opportunity to meet new members and old friends. The second Christmas gathering was held at Harlow Town Football Club and many more members came. It was so nice to see some who had not been well managing to attend. This was an afternoon of entertainment and a delicious meal, well enjoyed by all. Our Chairman and Speaker for January gave a very interesting talk of his many holidays travelling abroad which gave us all plenty to think about and where we might go this summer. We now only meet at David Livingstone House, Potter Street, Harlow CM17 9AE, every Wednesday 11-3. Our speaker comes on the first week of the month from 1pm. At present, we are looking for a mini bus driver. If you could spare the time, please contact Patrick Marchant on 0208 281 1093.

**St John Ambulance.
Community First Responders in Epping
and Loughton**



We receive excellent training in CPR, use of oxygen and a defibrillator. We are called out by the Ambulance Service to such emergencies as heart attacks, strokes etc in our local area. We are volunteers (over 18 years old, with the use of a car) and fit our availability around our normal life style. We have sections in Epping and Loughton and in 5 years have helped our community by answering hundreds of calls. We meet fortnightly on Thursdays at St Margaret's Hospital Epping for continuation training and interaction. Anyone interested should call Sandra Newman on 01992 572545.



Skydivers to raise money for St Clare Hospice. An adventurous fundraiser is seeking sponsorship for a 13,000ft skydive. Fiona Lynch will be taking part in a skydive in Beccles, Suffolk, on Friday, June 15 – the birthday of her aunt who was cared for at the Hastingwood hospice. Fiona's aunt, Stephanie Baldwin, lived in Harlow and battled cervical cancer and ovarian cancer before it spread to her liver. She sadly died at PAH on 1.2.09. Fiona is aiming to raise over £500 for the hospice. If you feel inspired and challenged by Fiona's story you can register for a group 10,000ft jump in Peterborough on Saturday, April 14. The hospice is looking for 15 brave adrenaline junkies to jump. You can download an information pack – from the hospice website stclarehospice.org.uk. If you raise £395 in sponsorship, you can jump for free! If the thought of taking to the skies isn't for you, you can sponsor Fiona Lynch by visiting her Just Giving webpage -www.justgiving.com/The-Angel-Charity-SkyDive. For more about the group skydive, call Tracy on 01279 773750 or email-fund@stclarehospice.org.uk.

**THEYDON BOIS & DISTRICT FRIENDS OF
CANCER RESEARCH UK**

are having a QUIZ NIGHT on FRIDAY 9TH MARCH
at THEYDON BOIS VILLAGE HALL 7.30 for prompt 8pm
start

Tickets £12 to include FISH/CHICKEN CHIPS SUPPER

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets from Leslie 01992 614008 or 07908 227476

**THEYDON BOIS & DISTRICT FRIENDS OF CANCER
RESEARCH UK**

are having a BRIDGE NIGHT on FRIDAY 23RD MARCH
at THEYDON BOIS VILLAGE HALL starts at 7.30

Tickets £10 to include light supper and a glass of wine

Tickets from Sheila 01992 573319

St Clare Hospice presented with £40,000 golf day proceeds

A cheque for £40,000 has been presented to St Clare Hospice, Hastingwood – the proceeds of the 17th annual St Clare Hospice Golf Day organised and supported by home counties developer Weston Homes. A total of 61 teams from across the country took part in the event which was held on June 3 last year. The cheque was presented by Weston Homes chairman and chief executive Bob Weston to hospice chief executive Tanya Curry during the company's annual general meeting and conference at the Takeley Business Centre on December 23. World Snooker and Leyton Orient Football Club chairman Barry Hearn was among those

who took part in the fundraising event. Weston Homes has been the event's main sponsor for more than a decade. Bob Weston said: "St Clare Hospice is a cause that is very close to our hearts. I would like to thank everyone who attended the golf day or contributed in some way to such a worthy cause. I know the money raised will greatly help St Clare Hospice to continue the excellent work that they do." Hospice chief executive Tanya Curry said: "Our huge thanks to Bob and his team once again. They are amazing people!"

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - TRADE WINDS !!



The year 2012 has certainly blown in and many parts of the country have been battered by strong winds and heavy rain. **Rogues traders – Bogus callers.** Please be aware of persons knocking on doors offering their services to earn a bob or two. Remember that legitimate tradesman will be working flat out at the moment. They will not have the time to be knocking at doors. They may call and state that you could need roof repairs, fence repairs or garden services. Be aware that often these persons offer professional looking business cards, but the

information on them is fake, with contact numbers being non existent. Please make a point of not taking up the offer of so called tradespersons offering their services at your door. You may like to look for services which have fully checked by Trading Standards www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk. If some does call, just say that it is already being dealt with and close the door. If you perhaps have more vulnerable neighbours nearby, please take time to keep an eye out for them. REMEMBER - If you are at all concerned call Essex Police on 999 if you . Colin I. Freeman, Essex Watch Administrator - Western Division, Direct Line: 01279 21862 Internal Ext: 318383. E-mail: colin.freeman@essex.pnn.police.uk www.essex.police.uk/my_neighbourhood.aspx.

**Coopersale Horticultural
Society's Spring Show
Saturday 31st March
Village Hall, Institute Road**

Buttercups, Bees & Butterflies

Wednesday 25 April 10—12noon
for 6 weeks at Jack Silley Pavilion,
Tidy's Lane, Epping. Contact 020
8508 4919 or email
mrspdale@googlemail.com or visit
www.wea.org.uk

Concerts at St John's Church Epping

Saturday 25th February at 7.30pm. Organ and Brass. The concert features Redbridge Brass, London Champion Brass Band and Simon Winters, Organ. Music by Bach, Widor, Gabrielli and Saint Saens to be featured. Tickets £8 prior and £10 on the door. Please call 01268 781268 or 07882 647241. (children free) www.redbridgebrass.com

Saturday 31st March at 7.30pm. Felicitas Chamber Choir, directed by Simon Winters continues its 20th Anniversary Season with a concert entitled *The Glory of England*. Music by Byrd, Tallis famous *Spem in alium*, Requiem by Howells and John Rutter's Birthday Madrigals. Tickets £10 (students free) available from 0208 925 4000 or by visiting www.felicitas.org.uk

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 11/12 (APPROX) AND NET BUDGET FOR 12/13

	ActualNet Exp10/11 £000's	Est Net Exp11/12 £000's	Net Exp Budget 12/13 £000's	Est 11/12 Receipts £000's	Est 11/12 Payments £000's
Allotments	3	4	4	1	5
Public Toilet	5	5	5	0	5
Cemetery	-7	7	3	30	37
Epping Hall	52	63	65	25	88
Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Silley Pavilion	2	10	11	15	25
Market	-20	-17	-9	100	84
Miscellaneous	13	19	11	8	27
Recreation Ground	82	88	88	0	88
Administration	85	91	81	0	91
Stonards Hill	18	16	16	6	23
Capital	22	11	0	0	11
PWB Repayment	96	96	96	0	96
Grants	-4	2	5	3	5
Planning	14	15	15	0	15
to/from reserve	25	42	37		
Total	386	452	429	183	599
Precept (-)	410	429	434		
Net Expenditure	-24	23	-6		
			Earmarked reserves (end 11/12 (000's))		
General Fund Bal	000's		Stonards Project		20
10/11 b/f balance	153		Capital Spending Fund		25
+ Est Inc11/12	618		Cemetery		0.4
- Est Exp 11/12	599		War Memorial		2
bal c/f to 12/13	130		Theydon Trust Loan		4
			Xmas Lights Cap. Fund		0.5
			Asset Replacement		69
			Election fund		3
<i>Figures are rounded to nearest thousand</i>			Vandal contingency fund		15

**Epping Town Council
Annual Report 2011/2012**

Mayor's Report

The past year has been my second term as Mayor of Epping Town Council. Following the elections last May, I have enjoyed working with the eight new councillors and the four who were re-elected. Council has a very useful spread of experience and skills to bring to its decision making processes.

I have also participated in the selection and recruitment of a new Town Clerk (Ash Tadjrishi) who will take over from Bob Whittome during March. I am confident that the new Clerk will be an asset to the town.

Major changes are underway in local government. The new Localism Act is targeted on moving key decisions closer to the local community. We await consequential regulatory changes with considerable interest and will take advantage of those measures which will improve the community in Epping.

Epping Town Council, as a local statutory body, is at the heart of about eighty small local organisations and charities working in Epping, which have for many years made up our 'big society.' These unsung local alliances of small service providers and special interest clubs are present in every town and village in Britain and it is pleasing that they are finally getting the recognition they deserve. However, it is sobering to think that so many important and valuable local services are often run by elderly people. There is a real need for younger volunteers who will gain much from participating in their own community.

The present uncertain economic outlook creates major challenges for the town council as well as many Epping residents. Strong and united communities have often successfully weathered storms and protected individuals with many small acts of mutual support. For Epping to be a strong community we all need to be involved.

**Town Clerk &
Responsible Finance
Officer—
A Tadjrishi.**
(from March 2012)

Functions -Recreation Grounds, Statutory Planning Consultee, Allotments, Market, Cemetery, Community Halls, Bus Shelters, Seats, Public Toilet



Planning and General Purposes Committee

During the past year the Planning and General Purposes Committee has, on behalf of the people of Epping town: Responded to 19 consultation requests; the topics have ranged from

Sustainable Communities—Big Society Regulations, through Planning for Traveller Sites to a Cutting Red Tape Survey. On each occasion, committee has tried to reflect the local interest in these matters.

There have been 141 applications for planning permission and committee has examined each one from a local perspective. Objections have been made where it appeared to committee that an aspect of the proposal may be harmful to the wider community or its amenities. These objections have obliged the planning authority to examine the application in more detail, or sometimes, the developer has modified the proposal to make it more acceptable.

Out of the 102 applications on which planning decisions have been made, the planning authority has agreed with committee's decisions on 88 occasions. New government policies will radically alter the nature of planning controls over the near future and the planning committee hope these changes will benefit Epping.

2011/2012	Council		Planning & General Purpose		Corporate Governance Advisory	
	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible
K Avey (Mayor)	10	11	14	16	1	1
Avey N	10	11	14	16	(0)	(1)
Breare-Hall W	8	11	(7)	(16)	(0)	(1)
Burrows L	9	11	14	16	(0)	(1)
Church A	9	11	13	16	(0)	(1)
Hedges, Mrs J	10	11	15	16	(0)	(1)
Hughes, Mrs L	9	11	14	16	1	(1)
Pegrum, H	8	11	(0)	(16)	(0)	(1)
Scruton, Mrs B	10	11	14	16	(0)	(1)
Smith, JA	11	11	16	16	(0)	(1)
Whitehouse, J	9	11	8	16	(1)	(1)
Wright, M	10	11	13	16	(0)	(1)

Numbers in brackets indicate not a member of that committee.
Meetings from 17.5.11 to 10.1.12



Epping Town Council

Bob Whittome, Town Clerk

Council Offices, Epping Hall, St John's Road, Epping Essex CM16 5JU

Tel: 01992 579444

Email: info@eppingtowncouncil.gov.uk

Fax: 01992 579446

Web: www.eppingtowncouncil.gov.uk



YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

Town Mayor

Cllr K Avey 01992 572841

Deputy Town Mayor

Cllr J Whitehouse 01992 561875

Members - Hemnall Ward

Cllr K Avey

Cllr Mrs J Hedges

Cllr W Breare-Hall

Cllr Mrs L Hughes

Cllr Mrs B Scruton

Cllr J Whitehouse

01992 572841

01992 613153

01992 575843

01992 576262

01992 572333

01992 561875

Members - St John's Ward

Cllr N Avey nigel.avey@btinternet.com

Cllr L Burrows 01992 572003

Cllr A Church 01992 579916

Cllr H Pegrum 01992 578019

Cllr JA Smith 01992 577168

Cllr M Wright 07768 521084

Epping Town Council Meetings 2012

February	7	Planning & General Purposes Council	7.30pm 8.15pm
	21	Planning & General Purposes Corporate Governance Advisory Committee	7.30pm 8.15pm
March	6	Planning & General Purposes Council	7.30pm 8.15pm
	20	Planning & General Purposes Council	7.30pm 8.15pm
April	3	Planning & General Purposes Council	7.30pm 8.15pm
	17	Planning & General Purposes Council	7.30pm 8.15pm
May	1	Planning & General Purposes Council (Annual)	7.30pm 8.15pm

Meetings take place in the Conference Room, Epping Hall, St John's Road and are open to the public.

Talk About Epping Deadline Dates

Articles for the next edition of Talk About Epping must be submitted between now and the closing date of 23rd March 2012

Entries should be sent to:

Epping Town Council, Epping Hall, St John's Road, Epping, Essex, CM16 5JU

or sent via email to : info@eppingtowncouncil.gov.uk

Clearly marked "Talk About Epping"

DATES FOR THE DIARY

* Mondays 10-12 noon: Market day coffee at St John's Church

*Monday—Term time. Jo Jingles, 9.15-11.45am Jack Silley Pavilion

* Mondays 7.45-9 pm : Epping Bell Ringers, St John's Church. Contact Jane Walters 01992 767873

* Mondays 5.30-8 pm: Starmaker Theatre Group-Jack Silley Pavilion, Stonards Hill

* 1st Monday of month 1 to 3 pm: Breathe Easy: Harlow & Epping Forest District, Jack Silley Pavilion. Contact Christine Carr 01992 573387

*3rd Monday of alternate months starting on 19th March 8pm, Coopersale Horticultural Society's Speakers night , Coopersale Village Hall, Institute Road.

*West Essex Flower Club, 2nd Monday of the month, meet in Thornwood Village Hall at 1.45. For details call 01992 577036

*Epping Forest District Badger Group— meet 3rd Monday every month, Hemnall Street Social Club at 8pm

*Monday —10-12noon Essex Savers Credit Union at Epping Library

* Every Tuesday 6 pm: Dog Training Classes - Jack Silley Pavilion

* 2nd Tuesday of month 2-4 pm: Epping Stroke Club, United Reformed Church Hall, Lindsey St, Epping

Tuesday. 1.30– 4.30pm Voluntary action craft group. Jack Silley Pavilion

* Every Tuesday, 1 pm: Rotary Club of Epping, Prezzo, High Street. New members welcome. Call 01992 574839 before 10 am to book a meal

* 2nd Tuesday of month 7.30-9 pm: Autism & Asperger's Syndrome Awareness Support Group at HCVS, 3 Wych Elm, Hamstel Rd, Harlow (opp Princess Alexandra Hosp) Call 01279 315830 or 07815 792113

*-Every Tuesday afternoons, 1pm, Thornwood Village Hall, Spiritual Healing, Epping Spiritualist Church, call Rev. R. Toms 01992 576677

* Every Tuesday. From 7pm at Epping Hall. Apton Dance Studio

* Every Wednesday, 4-6 pm & 7.30-9 pm: Karate classes, Epping Hall

* 2nd Wednesday of month, 2 pm: Epping Women's Institute, Epping Hall

* 2nd Wednesday of month, 8 p.m. - Art Appreciation Talks, Epping Art Society, Pelly Court, Hemnall Street, Epping

* 4th Wednesday of month: Royal British Legion Women's Section, Pelly Court, Hemnall Street, details 01992 572677.

*Every Wednesday 11am-3pm, Parkinson Disease Society Harlow & District.

David Livingstone House, Potter Street. New members welcome call Corinne Hall on 07982 094194

* Thursday (during term time), 1.30-3 pm: Parent & Toddler Group, Epping Methodist Church

*Thursdays—Magic Music Box 10-12 am at Jack Silley Pavilion. Call Lynn on 01992 713207

* Thursday 6-8 pm: Boxercise classes, Epping Hall

* Alternate Thursdays, 1.30 pm: New Horizons Tea Dance, Epping Hall

* 3rd Thursday of month, 7.45 pm: Fiddlers Hamlet WI, Ivy Chimneys Primary School

* Thursday 8-9pm Tae Kwon Do, Epping Hall

*The Ikebana Study Group (hands on flower arranging) meet Thursdays 10am to 1pm, in Epping, contact Martine Gracey 01992 571839 for details.

*Dog Training. From 7pm at Jack Silley Pavilion

* Friday 9.30-10.30 am: Weight Watchers, Epping Hall

* First Friday monthly - Practical Artist's evening - 7.30 - 10 p.m. - Methodist Church Hall

*Friday 4.00m-6.30pm Childrens Dance Classes, Jack Silley Pavilion.

* Friday 10:45 to 11:45 - Nordic Walking (poles provided). Walks take place in the forest, Epping area. Call Tanya on 07941 233880 for more details or visit www.tanyahurleyfitness.com

* Saturday (term time), 9 am to 1.30 pm: Childrens Dance Classes, Jack Silley Pavilion, Stonards Hill

* Saturday, 10-12 noon: Coffee mornings, Epping Methodist Church Hall

* Every 3rd Sunday, 10-11 am: Copped Hall Guided Tours.

* Monthly: Probud Club of Epping, at Lindsey St Community Assoc. Frampton Rd, Epping Call Club Secretary Peter Francis 01992 573188

*Monthly every 2nd Sunday, Conservation Day, Friends of Swaines Green. 10.30am the Recreation ground, Lower Swaines

*ProActive— holds regular meetings at St Margarets Hospital, please phone 07747 374692 or see www.proactive.me.uk for details

*Epping Railway Circle club layout operates once each month at Theydon Bois Village Hall, for details please ring 020 8508 1764 or see www.eppingrailwaycircle.com

OTHER LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

EFDC Cllr Chris Whitbread (01992 573557) chris.whitbread@btinternet.com

EFDC Cllr. Ken Avey (01992 572841)

EFDC Cllr Jon Whitehouse (01992 561875) jon@jonwhitehouse.org.uk

ECC Cllr. Janet Whitehouse(01992 812503)jepping.libdem@btinternet.com

EFDC Cllr Sarah Packford (01992 813366) spackford@hotmail.com

EFDC Cllr Will Breare-Hall (01992 575843) wsbh@hotmail.co.uk

EFDC Cllr Janet Whitehouse (01992 812503) epping.libdem@btinternet.com

Mrs. Eleanor Laing MP (020 8508 6608) lainge@parliament.uk