Theydon Bois WI held their Annual Pancake Day meeting at the Village Hall on February 20th. 27 children from Theydon Bois Primary School took part in a pancake tossing competition as did members of both Theydon Bois and Buckhurst Hill WI.s.

After a spring bonnet competition the Talking Hands Group entertained with a signed performance of the song Easter Parade. Photo shows the 6 winners in the front row with some of the other Primary school pupils who took part behind. Contest Results: 1st Jacob 37 tosses, 2nd Emma 27 tosses and 3rd David 26 tosses
Tree Planting on the Green on 21st February
Space constraints in this issue of Village News preclude a full Copped Hall Column apart from the events diary.

For news updates visit the trust’s website at [www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk/](http://www.coppedhalltrust.org.uk/)

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**TREVOR ROBERTS**

### Tree Planting on the Green on 21st February

On 21st February eight school children and Headteacher Mrs Bonds, assisted with the planting of two new trees on Theydon Bois Village Green (see picture top left).

- The first, to the left of the Trafalgar Day tree, is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the new school building in Orchard Drive (pictured bottom left).

- The other, to the right, is to celebrate the Queen’s 80th Birthday.

It is interesting to note that the other 3 copses on the main Green were planted after the end of the Second World War by children of the original school situated in Coppice Row.

Also in attendance were the Superintendent of the City of London, Mat Roberts, Parish Council Chairman, Robert Glozier. Cllrs John Padfield, John Eaton and Sue Jones, Parish Clerk Madeleine Murphy and members of the Rural Preservation Society, Peter Newton and Jim Watts. George Haley and his team from EFDC provided the trees and supervised the planting. The trees were paid for by Theydon Bois Parish Council.
For at least the last thirty years, albeit with a few gaps, the Society has organised walks from the village to explore the surrounding countryside and forest. The Society was formed during the last war, in 1943, to try and preserve the rural aspect of the village, and the walks are one way of checking just how successful we have been.

If you have moved to Theydon Bois recently, we hope you will want to get to know its surroundings and learn to walk the public footpaths through the countryside with confidence and roam the forest freely and without fear. Why not join us on one or all of our walks this year, between April and September? Old hands will point out things of interest along the way. The walks are not too strenuous, start from the village hall at 2 pm. on Sunday afternoons, last for two hours and cover about four miles. You will need stout footwear, as the ground can be wet and/or muddy in places, and suitable clothing for the time of year. The April and July walks have stiles to be negotiated.

Make a note now of the following dates – all the first Sunday in the month.

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* Essex and Kent were the two counties thought likely to be invaded by the French and so the army made the maps to work out where to put the guns (ordnance) in order to repel the invaders! The surveyors needed three high points to set out their initial triangle and we will visit one of them. The maps were drawn and initially kept at the Tower of London.

PETER NEWTON

Our Village Association has a varied and interesting mix of groups and societies making use of the Village Hall on a regular basis. Member Societies include a thriving Women’s Institute meeting on the 3rd Wednesday afternoon of each month; there is a weekly Monday evening practice of the Theydon Singers (who would welcome one or two more male voices); the Music Society with monthly concerts; and a Drama Society who perform up to four plays each year. Groups meeting weekly include: two Badminton Clubs playing on Monday afternoons and evenings; Yoga (continued on opposite page)
Group on a Tuesday morning, and Country Dancing on Tuesday evening (newcomers particularly welcome); Short Mat Bowls playing on Wednesday evenings and all day Thursdays; Weight Watchers meet on Thursday evenings and there is a Keep Fit Club on Friday mornings. Societies meeting less frequently include: Theydon Bois & District Rural Preservation Society and the Horticultural Society (who stage an Annual Show). There are flourishing NADFAS and University of the Third Age groups. Other interest areas are covered by the Theydon Art Group (who stage an annual Exhibition); a Wine Circle and a Lace Group. Children’s Groups with classes during term time are Karate, Drama, Trimby Dance Club and Rhythm Time.

For information on any of these organizations please contact our Bookings Manager – Mr John Field on 81 5150 who will be able to put you in touch with the relevant group or society. - Anyone in the Village who has ideas for starting or promoting a new / different club is asked to ring John Field on 81 5150.

**Finally, a reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the Village Association will be held at the Hall on Monday, 16th April at 7.30 pm. All residents are invited to attend.**

CAROLE RISDON

Robert Daniels Day Club

Having been involved with the Day Club for four years now. I feel the time has come for me to ask for some help on the organising side. This will not be an onerous task. It will mainly be for someone to assist with the small amount of shopping, checking the weekly drivers with their passengers and liaising with Maureen (The Warden at Robert Daniels). There are of course things that crop up particularly when they are not expected. It would also be very useful to have the backup of another car especially when I am off on one of my holidays.

I would like to pay tribute to my band of helpers, Brian, Ron, Jean, Dotty and Pauline who come along every week and deal with the general running of the Club. We are a very happy Group and we also include some of the members of Robert Daniels.

**If you think you would enjoy joining us please contact Marian on 01992 813793. I will be pleased to answer any other questions.**

*The Day Club meets every Wednesday between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm*
As I am sitting writing this article, news has reached me of two burglaries in the Village, one in Woodland Way, and the other in Coppice Row. Both houses were broken into and entered from the rear. These occurrences cause great distress and inconvenience. May I remind you that on leaving your house, all means of entry are closed and secured, including side gates and rear entrances, not forgetting fanlights and garage doors. Keys should not be left on hall tables where they can be "fished for" through the letterbox.

A few years ago, upon reading the Insurance Policy for our house, it stated that the Insurance company would allow us a discount off the policy on the understanding that our home was protected by locks to the Insurance company's required standard. On enquiring what the required standard was, we were told that the final exit door should either have a mortice deadlock, having at least 5 levers, or a rim-cylinder deadlock, lockable with a key, from the inside. Similarly the back door should be lockable from the inside, with security bolts as required. Windows should also be secured by a key operated lock. It might be worth a phone call to your Insurance Company to ascertain that you have the required locks, not only on exit doors, but also on windows etc.

From time to time, the Police notify me of incidents that happen in and around Theydon Bois, and I feel that if I were in possession of more people's E-mail addresses, I should be able to pass on this information more quickly, and thereby help to prevent future crimes. This will enable those of us who have computers to inform those who have not. **If you find this idea acceptable, please E-mail me on gra.car @btopenworld.com.** I guarantee that the information that you give me will be treated with the strictest confidence. Be safe.

**CAROLINE LAW**

Wheelie bins finally arrived in Theydon Bois in November with little advanced warning except for a road show at the village hall which was poorly attended possibly because of lack of prior notice. Stephen Metcalf Portfolio holder for Environment wrote an open letter in the Guardian and elsewhere inviting comments about rubbish collection procedures & your Parish Council wrote as follows:

- Disappointment that the District Council seeks no direct dialogue with Parish and Town Councils over matters which have significant impact on residents and did not advise us of the date of introduction of the new system or give sufficient advice regarding the road show at the village hall (the cost benefit of which we also questioned)

(continued on opposite page)
Reminders for members: **Our Trading Hut opens for the new season on 3rd March.** Our Year Book will soon be at the printers so we hope our membership collectors will be coming round in the near future.

**OUTINGS**

have been arranged to **Wisley on 2nd June** when there is the British Iris Society summer show, **Michelham Priory on 14th July** when they have a Game and Country Fair and to **Borde Hill on 1st September**.

**PUMPKIN COMPETITION**

We are again challenging **our members** to grow the heaviest pumpkin. Theydon Bois Horticultural Society will pay £1 a kilo for the heaviest pumpkin grown by a member in their garden or allotment. (conditions apply). Weighing will take place in October. *(Last year’s pumpkin winner is pictured on the right)*

**HORTICULTURAL SHOW - 28th JULY IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Titles for the **photographic classes** in the Show are as follows:

- Natural curves
- The young one/ones
- My favourite Essex place
- Detail
- Bridge/s
- Reflections
- Sea shore

**Set of 2 photos** - Inside looking out  Outside looking in

Please watch notice boards and shop windows for further information on our activities.

*Anyone new to the village who would like to be a member*  
please contact our Secretary J. Turner 812652

*(Wheelie Bins continued)*

- Our general acceptance of wheeled bins which have received a mixed but generally favourable reception in Theydon Bois.
- Our belief that the restriction in capacity for residual collections will enforce a higher level of recycling
- Our opposition to fortnightly collections in summer months and concern over the extended period of collections over the Christmas period when clear sacks for recyclables were not available in the village.
- Our belief that the District Council should have robust and clear procedures for missed collections

KEN CUSHING
It appears that, so far, this has been one of the mildest winters on record, although, having said that, I am writing this Report looking over a beautifully snow covered Green and Pond. Not much fun for commuters, I know, but the kids on half term break are making the best of it. Since my last Report the introduction of the “wheelie bin“ system has been implemented, apparently without too much fuss after the usual initial teething problems. The PC has responded to EFDC’s request for responses with a letter that stressed, amongst other things, that there was a too big a gap in collections over Christmas and there is a necessity to have weekly collections of residuals during the summer months.

The bus service in the village will change at the end of April to the “541” service. This will still be hourly but will run from St Margaret’s Hospital to Buckhurst Hill, via Epping, Theydon Bois, Debden, and Loughton. There are pluses and minuses in the new arrangements; - we lose a direct service to Princess Alexandra Hospital and to Romford, but gain one to the Limes Medical Centre Surgery, St Margaret’s Hospital, Loughton, and Buckhurst Hill. We are still awaiting full details of time-tabling, evening and Sunday services, and through-ticketing arrangements but one point has to be stressed strongly: this is now a County Council subsidised service, and we have to “use it or lose it”.

Another of our County services, the mobile library, has also been threatened, but at the moment, it looks like we may have won the day. Following on from strong representations from the PC, it is probable that we will retain our service, although with a reduced frequency of visits. With regard to both the bus and library services the PC would like to thank our County Councillor, John Spencer, who has fought the “internal” struggle on our behalf and produced some pretty good results.

With regard to the constant struggle to protect our village from excessive developments, (and to improve what we already have), there are Planning reports further inside this edition of Village News. However, concerning this struggle, whilst a touch of hyperbole and exaggeration appears to have become a normal part of the arguments, level heads and reasoned arguments are our best defences. The Parish Council must conduct itself appropriately and within the boundaries of the “Code of Conduct”. It will stick to the facts whilst actively doing all it can within its limited powers to stop or lessen any undesirable impact that the proposals will have on residents. If the number of individual resident responses received by EFDC to the plans is substantial then this is likely to add a considerable weight to the arguments and we would encourage all of you who have a view on the impact of the plans to write to EFDC expressing your views.

As we are going to press we have read the welcome news that the man accused of the dreadful murder of Mrs Catherine Grosstephen has been convicted and will serve a minimum of 29 years in jail. Scott Thomson pleaded “guilty” and so family and friends were spared having to listen to all the terrible details. It seems that the DNA evidence was the conclusive proof but that the additional information from the village CCTV systems was vital in presenting the full picture. I know all residents will join me in wishing Mrs Grosstephan’s family well in their hopes to now “move forward”.

ROBERT GLOZIER
In January we received further applications for Wansfell College and the former Caretaker’s Cottage in Piercing Hill. Planning Sub-Committee B at Epping Forest District Council refused the previous application for twenty residential units and a new dwelling replacing the Caretaker’s Cottage.

The Planning Inspectorate upheld this decision after a public inquiry in September. Parish Councillors were pleased to see that the number of units in the new application had been reduced to fourteen which we felt a more appropriate number for the development. However, at the planning meeting on the 25th January, the Planning Committee did object to the application on several grounds. Our main objection was the proposed car park, which would cover the site of the old caretaker’s cottage.

We felt this was too intrusive and would be detrimental to the openness of the Green Belt and we also strongly objected to the construction of the replacement dwelling within the Green Belt. We have since received a revised application, which is under consideration as this article goes to print.

As many of you are aware Blunts Farm Estates Limited submitted a new application to complete the eighteen hole golf course, practice ground and academy including the erection of a golf clubhouse, groundsmen’s equipment store and fertiliser/chemical store with associated car parking, at Parsonage Golf, Coopersale Lane.

The application is still under discussion and we are awaiting further documentation before we can discuss this fully and make a decision on our comments to Epping Forest District Council. The Parish Council have had informal discussions with Stephan Solon from Epping Forest District Council, The Rural Preservation Society, Lambourne Parish Council and the developers in connection with this application. The Planning Committee will discuss the application once all the documentation is in place.

These meetings are open to the public and the agendas are published at least three days in advance on the Village Hall notice boards. We are fully aware of the great deal of concern this application has caused amongst the residents of Theydon Bois.
Any application such as this could have a significant impact on our village and I would urge all residents to look carefully at the plans.

Any comments you have should be marked for the attention of Stephan Solon and addressed to the Head of Planning Services, Epping Forest District Council, Civic Offices, 323 High Street, Epping Essex, CM16 4BZ quoting the reference EPF/2195/06. I would also ask that you copy any comments to us at the Parish Office, Theydon Bois Village Hall, Coppice Row, Theydon Bois, Essex CM16 7ER.

The Planning Committee continues to consider very carefully all planning applications submitted for sites within our village boundaries. We are committed to protecting Theydon Bois from any inappropriate development that would have a detrimental affect on our village or the surrounding countryside.

CLLR SUE JONES
Chair Planning Committee
Theydon Bois Parish Council
2007 has hardly begun and we have had snow, gales and bright sunshine! Those residents who closely follow planning matters will know that it was agreed at the December Council Meeting that the Area Plans Sub Committees B and C will now be merged to form a new committee Area Plans B/C with its first meeting on the 21st of February.

This planning committee will now look at applications in Ongar and the rural wards on this side of the District as well as those from Epping, North Weald, Theydon Bois and Abridge. It will have 19 members instead of 11.

The recommendations by Ruth Kelly MP Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in relation to the East of England Plan represent both good and bad news for the District.

She agreed that North Weald was not a good place for a large scale development and although she also agreed that most of the development in Harlow should be to the north of the town, she had not supported the District's strong objection to development to the south, east and west of Harlow - a great deal of this is part of Epping Forest District. The District's Housing Allocation has increased to 3,500. The Council will be making representations before the end of the consultation period.

We hope that most of you have now settled into the pattern of alternate weekly collections of recyclables and residual waste. There have been a few hiccups - If you cannot get it sorted with Environmental Services please contact us.

Do remember that waste put out in black bags will only be collected if you have a special arrangement with the Council. Recycling rates are already up and that is not only good for the environment but it does mean the district receives cash credits. These in turn help to keep your council tax low. So carry on recycling!

Remember that we are here to work for you, so please contact us
James Sear Estate Agents are celebrating their Tenth Birthday this year. James and his wife Heather worked in the industry long before they opened at 311 High Street, Epping, and have been selling local property for over thirty years.

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Parish Finances

In accordance with normal procedures your Parish Council has now performed its annual budget process and has set the precept for 2007-8.

The process begins in November when the Chairman, Financial Controller and Clerk meet to review expenditure for the first six months of the current year and project the likely total for the full year. I am pleased to report that we are expecting to be within budget albeit with a few plusses and minuses.

For the year 2006-7 the total precept was £60,053 which includes £34,981 repayments for the village hall. For the year 2007-8 we are proposing a precept of £61,576 an overall increase of 2.5%. After deduction of the loan payment the total cost of your parish council is less than £10 per household. Apart from the precept the parish earns income from the cemetery and the allotments. Sponsorship virtually pays for Village News.

The largest item of cost is salaries for the parish clerk, assistant and burial supervisor. The Parish Council is also responsible, inter alia, for cctv maintenance, grass cutting at the green, dog loos and makes significant donations to causes and activities relevant to our village.

Parish Council business is overseen by eleven councillors who work on a purely voluntary basis and spend much of their time trying to influence district and county councils regarding planning and highway matters.

KEN CUSHING

THEYDON BOIS DRAMA SOCIETY

Presents

DEADLY NIGHTCAP

by Francis Durbridge

Theydon Bois Village Hall

Performances start at 8pm - 15 - 17 March 2007

Murder and mystery abound in this ingenious play, which has more than its fair share of blind alleys. Initially the plot seems to follow a familiar pattern - a greedy husband, enlisting the help of his girlfriend, plotting to kill his wife, but his plans are horrifically thwarted. Is the inspector ineffective, or has he finally worked it out, and if so, what will he do about it?

Tickets from Carol James on 01992 812250.
The Community Initiative Fund is being extended beyond 2007-2008 and has been a great success since its inception in 2005. Grants amounting to nearly £148,747 were made to the Epping Forest area and encompassed such diverse projects as a £30,000 contribution towards a new Community Hall in Nazeing to £4,000 towards the Commemorative Window at North Weald Airfield. The announcement of some of the second round grant awards follows on from the end of a very successful year in which a total of £1,661,688 of capital funding was granted to parish councils, community and voluntary organisations across Essex. The total value of the projects funded was £13,457,617.

The Essex County Council Cabinet member for Localism, County Councillor John Jowers, said recently “Without the help and support of this initiative it is possible that some of these projects would not have been able to take place. I am delighted therefore that we have been able to make such a positive contribution to helping our communities in Essex”.

The judging panels for the allocation of the fund is made up from members of the local communities – representatives of parish councils, community and voluntary organisations, youth groups etc. This means that funding decisions can be based on real knowledge and interest. Applications for the third round of grant funding can now be made. The date for application in Epping Forest is 13th April 2007. Applications in Theydon Bois will be co-ordinated via the parish council. Not all applications will be successful and not all the funding applied for will necessarily be granted.

Two meetings took place at County Hall during January with representation from Theydon Bois Parish Council. The first of these concerned the actions proposed by ECC following the rerouting of the Arriva 500 bus service. The Arriva service is a commercial operation and is not provided by ECC. A new service 541 is being implemented by ECC, This is an extension of the 10 service in Loughton which is being renumbered. The new route will now go via Abridge through Theydon Bois, Ivy Chimneys and Epping to St. Margaret’s Hospital. It will be necessary to change buses in Epping to go to Harlow and Princess Alexandra Hospital. There will no longer be a direct route to Romford although it is possible to connect with the revised route for the 500 in Epping. The second meeting also involved Highways and Transportation when three representatives met with the Cabinet Member Councillor Rodney Bass to discuss funding issues for roads and pavements etc. in Theydon Bois. As your local County Councillor I was able to facilitate the first meeting & was present on both occasions.
Q - I’m about to buy a second-hand car. It looks like a real bargain, but I don’t know that much about cars so I’m having to put my trust in the dealer that he’s not going to rip me off or sell me a complete dud. Is there anything I can do to stop this happening?

A - These days, if you have access to the internet, you can do a lot of detailed research before buying on what you should expect to pay for particular makes and models, depending on their age, mileage, and the state they are in.

Before you go ahead with the purchase, it’s worth carrying out a check to discover whether the car is stolen, has been the subject of an insurance write off, or whether there is outstanding finance from a previous sale. Mileage checks may also be available to make sure it hasn’t been ‘clocked’. Most of this can now be done quickly online.

For peace of mind, you may also want to get the vehicle inspected for mechanical faults by an expert. There is a charge for these services, but it could be money well spent if it prevents you making a costly mistake because of problems with the car you are buying.

For more information about what to look out for when you buy a second-hand car, go to www.consumerdirect.org.uk and follow the link to Advice on goods and services. Remember that if things do go wrong, the law gives you more protection if you have bought from a dealer than if you got your car through a private sale.

Anyone who is having problems with a second-hand car they have already bought will find lots of useful information and advice as well as a downloadable fact sheet on second-hand cars at http://www.adviceguide.org.uk/c_secondhand_cars.pdf

For more information and advice on dealing with problems visit Loughton & District Citizens Advice Bureau.

Our free Advice Service helps people solve their legal, consumer, debt and other problems by providing advice and influencing policymakers. Have a look at our website below for our contact details and opening hours at St Mary’s Parish Centre, High Road, Loughton.
A new unisex hairdressing salon called Tikadi will be opening in the village on Friday 23rd March. On Thursday 22nd March there will be a grand opening party when drinks and nibbles will be available from 2pm through to the early evening. All villagers are welcome.

Michael who will run the salon will be there to welcome guests and introduce them to the team and view the facilities. All who attend will have the chance to enter a free prize draw and one lucky winner will receive £200 worth of Tikadi vouchers.

During April any customer presenting a copy of this article will receive a free finish with any service over £20. This offer applies Tuesday-Friday 9-5.30, until the 27th. During this period there will also be an opportunity to enter the prize draw which will be drawn on Saturday 28th April. The offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or promotion.

Michael and his wife Tracey are blessed with 7 year old triplets- Tiegan, Adem and Kian who influenced the name of the salon.

Some twenty years ago Michael based himself in Loughton after training and working in the West End where he instantly built a strong and loyal client base, with many customers from Theydon Bois. During this time Michael had experience in seminars, shows, photo shoots, competitions and a celebrity wedding. He trained and influenced many colleagues and a number of these will form the Tikadi team. Michael believes that constant training and involvement within the industry is vital to keep up with seasonal trends and to offer the very best service to the customer. With client comfort in mind a full range of refreshments will be offered and the salon will be fully air conditioned and heated. It is hoped that there will be two late night openings to 8.00pm.

The salon will offer a full range of hairdressing services, using top quality products and tools which will also be available for purchase. The latest technology in treatment and equipment will be employed.

To be one of the first customers in the new shop telephone Michael on 01992- 815700 or 07969-483634
Snow in the Village on 8th/9th February
Parish Cllr Martin Oliver training for his attempt to complete the London Marathon in April. He is raising funds for the charity Whizz-Kidz & invites sponsors. If you feel you can support his fundraising, sponsorship can either be by cash or cheque (payable to Whizz-Kidz) directly to Martin at 36 Woodland Way (Tel. 812042) or via website www.justgiving.com/martinoliver

Pictures from the Drama Society’s production of “Seasons Greetings” at the Village Hall in January
Brownies Helen Woods, Louisa Revell & Josie Hicks planting daffodil bulbs last December at Theydon Bois Cemetery. Ably assisted by Parish Councillors Brownie Guides and Preservation Society members. A visit now to this site is recommended to view the wonderful display.

Twin girls
Maddy & Ella
born to
Steve &
Sarah
Barnes of
Buxton Road
on 22nd
January
2007
The Early Days
Theydon Bois School first came into being in the early 1820s but it was not until 1840 when land was made available by the Church of England that a proper school was built. That building was situated in Coppice Row at the front of St Mary's Church. The records of this early period are a little sketchy although we do know that around the turn of the century the school was in the hands of a Miss Glover who apart from being a very good school mistress was also apparently extremely adept when it came to using the cane and therefore keeping her charges in order. She retired in 1922 and was replaced in 1924 by Mr EJ Fairchild. In 1932 under the 'Hadon' scheme Theydon Bois was granted Junior School status, and the first 'Eleven Plus' exams were taken. At this time the population of the Village was growing at a dramatic rate with construction of the new Baldocks Farm estate and the pressure to supply places was huge. The outbreak of World War II however, not only prevented any significant changes being made at the school but also prevented completion of the residential developments. It wasn't until as late as 1948 that anything was done about the overcrowding at the Coppice Row site. In June of that year part of the Telephone Exchange was commandeered to be used as classroom space as well as a dining hall and amazingly during this time around 110 meals a day were being prepared and served there. There still wasn't enough space to satisfy the demand for places though, so between 1953 and 1955 one class was relocated to the Working Men's Club near the Queen Victoria Public House, while another was sent to the Sorrell Room, the old library in Coppice Row, and another was sent to the old Village Hall in Loughton Lane. The main school building was now in a fairly poor state and in 1952 the PTA was formed to try and address issues such as the antiquated outside toilets and very poor washing conditions. Relocation was obviously now essential and in the early 50s an agreement to move to one new building was reached. A suitable site was found at the heart of the new Baldocks Estate and construction of the new school began but Mr Fairchild who had been the Headteacher for 31 years was due to retire in 1955. The search for a replacement to lead the school into an exciting new era began.

A Significant Appointment
The 17th of April 1956 was an extremely significant date in the history of Theydon Bois Primary School as it saw Miss EP Burke (pictured overleaf right circa 1974) appointed as Headmistress. Miss Burke had previously been Headteacher at Chigwell...
Row Primary. Her new surroundings were somewhat different from what she had been used to as her new office was located in the Telephone Exchange. In the early day of Miss Burke's stewardship she used to visit the various sites by bicycle leaving a trail of messages behind her to say where she would be going next. There was also a bizarre routine at assembly time, usually held at the Church Hall, where hand signals would be made by Miss Burke from a central point on the village green to the various other sites around the village to determine whether or not assembly would be held. This was only the case when there was uncertainty regarding the weather. There was however better things on the horizon and the organised chaos was about to end.

A New School
On the 8th May 1957 two classes moved into the new school in Orchard Drive and by July of that year it was fully occupied. Two months later on the 17th September Theydon Bois Primary School was officially opened. (The new school is pictured below left circa 1960, note the absence of the furthest right class of the infant section). The new building consisted of 7 classrooms, a hall, a kitchen and administration offices but soon after moving into the school it was realised that it was still not going to be big enough and on the 29th July 1960 the construction of 2 new classrooms and cloakrooms began. These two classes are currently occupied by 3/4W and 3/4C. Once completed the extension satisfied demand for a while but in 1966, with a roll now in excess of 400, the builders were back again. This time an additional class was added to the infant block and while it was being constructed one class was temporarily sent to the Village Hall just like in the old days.

Along with the opening of the new site came the new school uniforms around which the current uniform is based although in those days all children had to wear a blazer and a school tie. The leaf design that is the school’s emblem was chosen from a selection of designs by staff and parents. The original colours of the badge were Green and Orange and the design signified the 5 main types of trees that could be found in Epping Forest.
The Swimming Pool
Swimming lessons had been held at High Beech lido since 1949 but Miss Burke wanted the school to have its own pool. In March 1960 a proposal was made to the English Schools Swimming Association and soon after the plan was approved. There was no funding from the local authority so the entire cost had to be raised by way of Bazaars, Jumble Sales, Fetes and regular class cake sales. The paving around the outside was funded by asking parents to sponsor a stone at 6/- each and then sign their name on a chart to show which stone they had donated. The school raised a total of £1300 to fund the new pool. Construction of the pool started in January 1961 and took less than 6 months to complete. Parents and children even helped with the digging using picks and shovels. In the early days the pool had no fence around it and it wasn't till some considerable time later that one was paid for and erected by the local authority.

The pool was officially opened on the 16 June 1961 by the internationally renowned swimmer Natalie Stewart who after cutting the ribbon plunged into the pool and gave a demonstration. This was preceded by a parade of decorated floats and one of the girl pupils took centre stage as 'Pool Queen' on a procession from the Green to the School. (The photograph above right was not an early one as the fence had been erected but note the low level of the water. The water was lowered for 2 weeks each year to allow the smallest infants to be able to swim. The elder pupils must have always complained of having sore knees.)

Life in School
Sport played a very important part in the school and aside from Sports Day, Theydon Bois was always a prominent participant in the regular District Sports events with the football team regularly coming back with the Lavender Shield as well as many successes at the athletics events. The school even produced its own Olympian, Maureen Barton, who represented Great Britain at the High Jump.

Country Dancing was another activity high up on the agenda and the school regularly entered and won district events dancing around the school's own Maypole. The children were also encouraged to play musical instruments or sing at regular concerts that were organised throughout the year. Christmas was always a very special time and each year the school was beautifully decorated with a huge array of decorations designed by the ingenuity of the staff and crafted by the children.. There was a
central mail box in the Hall to post cards to teachers and friends and there were parties and carol concerts every year with the candlelit 'Boars Head' carol becoming the centre piece of the festive occasion. (Pictured right are a musical group being conducted by Miss Burke circa 1972).

**Time for a change**
The summer term of 1974 was Miss Burke's last in charge at the school. She had 18 years in charge at Theydon Bois from the chaotic days of cycling around 5 different ill equipped sites to leaving the Village with the huge legacy of a modern, well run, facility. Miss Burke was given a huge send off at a retirement party held in the School Hall. She went to enjoy a long and happy retirement until she sadly passed away in 2006.

The new head at the start of the autumn term 1974 was Miss J Lynes and she continued where Miss Burke left off ably assisted by the long serving staff members that she inherited. (The staff of 1974 pictured left are, from left to right, Mr Hambleton, Mr England, Mrs Hubbard, Mrs Rush, Mrs Green, Mrs Hooley, Miss Escott, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Mandy, Mrs Brisbane and Mrs Camus.)

**Here and Now**
This year, 2007, sees the 50th anniversary of the School at the Orchard Drive site and it continues to prosper in the very capable hands of the current headteacher Mrs E Bonds and her staff. At present there are approximately 300 children in full and part time education at the school spread out over the 11 classrooms. In recent years the school has seen many more significant changes including the addition of another new classroom including a play area for Reception age children, an ICT suite, new changing rooms for the pool, a new library as well as ongoing improvements to the classrooms.

The 50th anniversary of the school on its present site will be celebrated in some style with a Summer Ball with a 'James Bond' theme (see back page of Village News).

*The ‘History of Theydon Bois School’ is an extract from the new School Website which can be accessed from - www.theydon.org - from the 23rd February 2007.*
We are pleased that the complete re-planing of Poplar Row has taken place. Thanks go to Trevor Baker, Senior Engineer and his colleague Paul Duval at Essex County Highways Area West for arranging this despite limited funds being at their disposal. In addition Highways has authorised a full width of the Abridge Road by their specified contractor.

We understand that the re-planing of Debden Lane through into Englands Lane, along with associated kerbing works, will begin in mid-February and will involve the closure of the road for a number of days. Coupled with the recent pavement works this should improve the Highway considerably. The remaining parts of the carriageway not re-planed in Theydon Road, Piercing Hill and Loughton Lane, (as well as the pavements), will be “dressed” with micro-asphalt in late March.

It has also been agreed by the Parish Council, and announced at our last public Parish Meeting, that a sum of money will be set aside from our own budget to go towards the upgrading of pavements in the Village. The County Council has agreed to “match fund” our commitment so that the Parish, in conjunction with Highways, will be able to achieve the upgrading of our very poor pavements at a greater rate than has been achieved to date. The state of the pavements in the Village is, to say the least, “grim”, due to old age as well as the continual digging up and shabby re-instatement by the Utility Companies. Up until recently they have not been monitored rigorously enough by any Highways Agency to ensure they bring the footway back to the required standard. This injection of Parish monies will not detract from any future works planned by Highways & is a means to secure safer and better pavements in the Village more rapidly (even though the amount of money is comparatively small in the context of overall Highways expenditure).

We would be pleased if residents would advise Mr Jones Essex Highways, West Area Office: 01279 642500 if they see any large vehicles damaging kerbs or pavements along the roads. If a registration number or a photo is obtained we can claim compensation from those blighting our area. Also Dave Lane tel:01279 642500 - dave.lane@essexcc.gov.uk.

Regarding speeding in Piercing Hill, Coppice Row and Loughton Lane Traffic Counter / Speed wires have been placed across the roads in the past week and are being analysed to see if the data meets the required criteria for a “Vehicle Activated Sign / VAS” to be placed in the respective roads by the County Council.

Following on from meetings that the Parish Council has had with both Tesco and McMullen's Brewery it is hoped that they will be agreeing a permanent arrangement with regard to the parking in the Queen Victoria car park. It is early days yet, and more details will be forthcoming. With regard to the impending Parking Restrictions already discussed for the Village, we understand these are now with Essex CC Legal Department who should be publishing Notices in the local Press by mid-March. After the Highways Dept has reviewed the responses to the proposals, and made any necessary changes, it is hoped that measures could be in place by early June.

ANTHONY PURKISS & PETER HAMMOND
The new cricket season is fast approaching, when the young attempt to learn new strokes and bowling methods, whilst the old are just grateful if they can remember anything, let alone get on the pitch. As is usual Theydon Bois is no different to any other Cricket Club, they are looking for new blood to supplement their already successful playing membership. All players are welcome regardless of ability.

For the uninitiated, Theydon run two sides on a Saturday in the Herts and Essex League, and one side on a Sunday playing Friendlies. After just six years in this league the first eleven have won three divisional championships, being champions of the first division in 2005, they have also won the League Cup on one occasion, with the second eleven having won one divisional championship.

The new season will see our President Jerry Smith complete a continuous 50 year association with the club, having played his first game in 1958, and much against his better judgement also playing a few games during the 2006 season. It is now obvious new blood is required in the club before he is stretchered off the pitch permanently. In view of an influx during the past couple of years of quite a contingent of younger players, from the ages of 8 upwards, it has been decided to dedicate special events for the Colts/Juniors during 2007

**FRIDAY 20th April 2007** - At 6 pm There will be a registration night for colts/junior players, existing and new. So please come along. This will be a chance to learn about the club, inspect the facilities, and meet those undertaking the training etc. Any prospective senior playing members (Over 18's) will also be welcome at this evening.

**SUNDAY 8th July 2007** - The club is holding a colts/juniors day - Details will be posted later

**From May to July Inclusive** - The club runs colts/juniors coaching sessions at the ground on Friday nights from 6.15 pm. All ages from 8-16 welcome both existing and new members.

Any other information regarding the club can be found on our website under [www.tbcc.co.uk](http://www.tbcc.co.uk)
THEYDON BOIS UNDER THREAT

*Help save Theydon Bois, don’t let them ruin our village.* Blunts Farm Estates Limited have applied to EFDC for a new application EPF/2195/06 to ‘Complete 18 hole golf course, practice ground and academy ….access to Abridge Road. Erection of a golf club house, groundsmen's equipment store and fertiliser/chemical store with associated car parking,’ at Parsonage Golf, Coopersale Lane.

You may think it is a good idea to complete the course, but what the application requests is 32,000 more HGV movements and the relocation of the clubhouse much closer to the village. This could mean another 6 months of heavy lorry movements to the site.

The clubhouse would provide ‘a range of facilities including locker rooms, changing rooms, shop, office accommodation, members’ social accommodation and catering facilities.’ The plans indicate amongst other things, a self contained flat, and a large restaurant. Blakes Golf, the developer’s other course in the area offers weddings, conferences and corporate events with the capacity to seat 260. The car park is intended to accommodate 304 cars. Will the car park and extensive roadways be lit?

Is this really intended as a golf club house or will it eventually end up turning into a substantial leisure complex? It is intended that the club house would be located close to the Old Foresters site, that has planning permission for 'Change of use of sports pavilion to mixed use of nursery school and office/facilities for a golf driving range.' These two sites could easily be joined and then there is the potential for a substantial ‘pleasure dome’ on our doorsteps. Do residents in Forest Drive want the possibility of 260 people celebrating at the end of their gardens every weekend? The history of this developer here and elsewhere already confirms he will not give any consideration to the best interests of our village. Write to:

**Head of Planning and Economic Development,**

EFDC, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping, CM16 4BZ.

**Quoting Ref: EPF/2195/06, Attention Stephan Solon.**

submitted by

THEYDON BOIS & ABRIDGE ACTION GROUP
The last few months have been a busy period for the local Police, dealing with the Christmas & New year festivities and more recently the poor weather with the heavy winds & snow bringing their own problems.

On 16th February 2007 Scott Thompson appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court in relation to the serious assault & murder of Catherine Grosstephan which occurred back in May of last year. He pleaded guilty to these offences and three further offences of violent crime. He was sentenced to 29 years imprisonment for murder, life imprisonment for rape and grievous bodily harm. He will be required to be on the Sex Offenders register for life. As previously stated this terrible crime is extremely rare and I would like to thank everyone from Theydon who assisted with the investigation which helped in bringing Thompson to any early arrest & custody for a very long time.

Other incidents that have happened recently in the area, which I would appeal for witnesses to are:

- Two burglaries that occurred on 6th February 2007 in Forest Drive & Coppice Row, entry gained the premises by forcing rear windows. These burglaries happened during the day. Both offences are being investigated by Epping CID.

- In the early hours of 9th February there was a serious assault at Sydney Road jct with Coppice Row. Between 2am & 3am a male received serious head injuries, a grey coloured car was seen in the area.

- On 29th December 2006 a car failed to stop after colliding with the barriers in Coppice Row near to the Zebra Crossing, the vehicle is described as a white or grey van with sign writing on the side.

Anyone with information regarding any of the offences please contact me on the telephone no 07779317211.

I am looking to arrange regular 'Neighbourhood Action Panels' in the Theydon area. These meetings will give the community the opportunity to identify and prioritise those issues that are important to them. The Panel will seek to problem solve within the community and involve other agencies where necessary. If you would like to become involved or want further information please contact me.

Theydon still remains a low crime area, there are five officers with responsibility for the Theydon area, Pc's Ray Hull, Alan Lamb, PCSO's Lorraine Oxley & Jacqueline Middleton and myself. Please feel free to contact us on the above mobile number or Epping Police Station 01992 561212. Urgent matters should be passed via '999'

TONY WALKER PS 2525
The Past Winter in Theydon Bois, as described below, covers only a short ten weeks from early December 2006 to mid February 2007. But much has happened during that time, not least the Christmas Season and now early spring is smiling (?) on the Village as I write.

Tributes were paid to Frederick Burton, who died aged 98 in the Robert Daniels Court in Theydon Bois. Frederick was born at Great Parndon and moved with his family to Toot Hill before joining the Royal Norfolk Regiment and serving in China and India where he became a sportsman of considerable ability winning many trophies and awards. He was well known locally not only for his entries in horticultural shows, but with local farmers through his function as a rodent officer.

V. Wildman of Green Glade, a strong supporter of recycling, complained that his wheelie bin was too small for its purpose. Dr John Warren of Woodland Way complained about “smelly, pathogenic and germ forming residual domestic wastes which were only collected fortnightly. A C Wheeler of Purlieu Way complained likewise and urged the authorities to take into account global warming and negotiate once a week collections with the waste disposal contractor. He also contended that it was vital for the Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) to accept that it had a primary “Duty of Care” responsibility to ensure the safety of the public health of its residents.

The controversy over the Blunts/Parsonage Farm golf course development rumbled on with Mike Emmett of Abridge Road claiming that the granting of the original planning permission by the EFDC was quite inexplicable. The developer had now submitted a further planning application for completion of the course, for which there was no justification in the first place. This application would entail some 16,000 truck movements (32,000 return trips) for which the developer would receive some £720,000 for topsoil imported in this way. He contended that the EFDC Planning Department should not encourage this development and ensure that the residents of Theydon Bois and Abridge are no longer “dumped on”. In January, Jacqui Dodman, an outspoken and leading member of the Theydon Bois and Abridge Action Group (TBAAG) claimed that Theydon Bois, which prided itself as being a bastion of middle England with core middle class values, was sleep walking into allowing further dumping at the Blunts Farm/Parsonage site.

The Local Government Ombudsman, Tony Redmond, issued a report following a complaint made by TBAAG regarding a planning application granted by the EFDC for
a new house on an isolated site in the Metropolitan Green Belt near Theydon Bois. The new house was intended to replace an existing property but this was not done and there were now two houses on the site due to the omission in the planning consent of a condition requiring demolition of the original property. He recommended that the EFDC pay £250 to TBAAG to reflect the time and trouble it had taken in pursuing its complaint and the sense of outrage that was felt. He highlighted the failures of the EFDC to carry out basic planning procedures, which allowed a development completely contrary to council and government policy, and damage to the integrity of the Green Belt. In response, an EFDC spokesman apologised for the oversight and explained that the Planning Service was under tremendous pressure from the Government to speed up decision times.

With dog thefts on the increase and many pet owners losing their family pets, it was heartening to learn of one animal, which had been reunited with its owners. Benjie, a 12-year-old black Labrador, owned by Peter and Yvonne Morgan of Coppice Row, was frightened by fireworks and disappeared into the local forest. An appeal for his return published in a local newspaper resulted in news that a dog matching Benjie’s description had been seen on Chingford Golf Course. On contacting the police, it was established that Benjie had in fact been found at High Beach in Epping Forest and taken to the Battersea Dog’s Home in London. Here the dog was reunited with the delighted Morgans who had been resigned to not seeing him again.

Concern was expressed for the future of the oak trees along the avenue across the Village Green. The trees were planted in the 1830s to, reputedly, celebrate the accession of Queen Victoria to the throne. A survey commissioned by the City of London, the responsible authority for the Green, had found that four of the trees should be felled and others be monitored. The TBPC accepted that this was necessary but was concerned about the eventual loss of this important visual aspect of the Village. It was therefore in favour of the planting a second line of trees to maintain this aspect so that the magnificent panorama of trees on the green could be preserved for future generations. The TBPC Chairman, Robert Glozier, said, “The Avenue of Trees is an intricate part of the Village. It has to be preserved not just for the short term but also the long term and the best way to do this is to have a parallel Avenue of Trees to take over”.

The Theydon Bois Country Dancing Group, which meets regularly on Tuesday evenings in the TBVH, spent one afternoon at the Frank Foster Home in the Village to give a demonstration of country dancing. One of the residents present was May Andrews, a former leader of the Group, and she with other residents joined in several
The Past Winter in Theydon Bois (continued)

of the dances. The visit was much appreciated by the residents, being so near to Christmas.

A group of twelve singers from the New Edition vocal group (formerly the Harlow Opera Company) provided the music at the Christmas meeting of the Theydon Bois Music Society. Included in the performance were well known Christmas based carols/songs, appropriate to the time of year, which were sung with gusto by the singers and audience alike. Liz Scott was the hard working pianist who held it all together and the Christmas spirit was celebrated with an excellent buffet brought to the meeting by members.

A sad occasion, so near to Christmas, was a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving (funeral) held in St Mary’s Church for Eileen Foster Johnson who died suddenly in early December. Eileen was a forthright and outspoken Yorkshire Lady who had been a Village “stalwart” for many years and had served Theydon Bois well. The service was conducted by Canon Revd Colin Travers and attended by a large congregation including a number of TBPC Councillors, serving and retired.

The TBVH was once again packed for the three nights of the latest production by the Theydon Bois Drama Society, which was Alan Aykbourn’s “Season’s Greetings”.

In mid January, exceptionally bad weather struck the UK with wind gusts of 99 miles per hour and driving rain. The entire stretch of the M11 Motorway, including the section passing near Theydon Bois, was closed due to overturned motor vehicles and aircraft suffered similarly at North Weald Airfield. In the Village itself some structural damage was caused to buildings, fences and trees especially in adjacent Epping Forest where fallen trees closed some roads for a time. Pedestrians were almost blown off their feet in the Village centre and the trains leaving Theydon Bois Station had to move at crawling pace along the open areas of track to the north and south of the Village. The London Transport system was seriously disrupted throughout and some residents already in London had difficulty in travelling home. Once again global warming was cited as the reason for this great storm, which was one of a series with increasing strength and destruction, an omen not boding well for the future.

The Theydon Bois Toy and Train Collector’s Fair was once again held in the TBVH with a much reduced attendance because of the stormy weather.

Following the substantial local rainfall during the last few months it came as no surprise to Villagers that the Three Valleys Water Company, which supplies water to the Village, lifted the hosepipe ban introduced during the last summer. Paradoxically, local streams and rivers were flooding across the countryside so that much open ground and many gardens were reduced to quagmires, especially
after the recent storms. But the Company warned that supplies still remained low in the aquifers of the water sources so that possible drought conditions in the 2007 summer could again result in a ban.

Towards the end of January, winter finally arrived with a biting northerly wind and an overnight snowfall of some 3 cm. In the early dawn light, the Village took on the appearance of an Arctic wonderland but the temperature began to rise quite quickly and most of the snow had gone by midday, to the annoyance of the children at their desks in the Village Primary School. And the weather had the last say for January when it was announced that the month had been the second warmest since records began and the fifth warmest in the Central England for 350 years. The January average temperature in the UK was 5.9 degrees C. (42.6 degrees F.)

A return of winter in early February produced heavy overnight falls of snow of 6 to 8 cm to cover the village with the inevitable dislocation of public services and road traffic. Commuters struggled to reach the station and on into London via a disrupted Central Line service, if they tried, but many stayed away from work. The M11 and 25 motorways became almost impassable as did roads out of the Village. Most local schools were closed including the village school and delighted children and some adults took toboggans onto the hill at the bottom of Forest Drive and also to the Village Green where several snowmen appeared.

The Theydon Bois Pre School which is based in the Loughton Lane Scout Hut and caters for two to five year old children, received a “good rating” in the relevant categories of its recent Ofsted Report inspection. High scores were achieved for the effectiveness of provision, the protection of children, keeping children healthy and helping children to achieve generally. Thea Buisson, the Pre School Chairman said, “We are absolutely delighted, it’s all down to the hard work of the teachers and staff. One of the most pleasant aspects of the Report was the Inspector’s comment regarding how happy and relaxed were the children”.

More than 200 people attended a Celebration of Faith Service in the TBVH, the second to be held. The event was hosted by EFDC Chairman Anne Haigh and introduced by the Canon Rev Colin Travers from St Mary’s, Theydon Bois. The Service represented the diversity of religious faiths in the Epping Forest District and a series of short presentations on the theme “Who is my Neighbour” was given by some of these.

In mid February, the most terrible incident in recent Theydon Bois history reached a conclusion when Scott Thompson was tried for the rape and murder of 89-year-old Catherine Grossstephan at her home in Sidney Road in the Village on 18 May 2006. At Chelmsford Crown court, it was revealed that Thompson had previously been arrested
on the suspicion of rape elsewhere but then released. Thompson pleaded guilty to the charges and was sentenced, on his 24th birthday, by Judge Christopher Ball QC to life imprisonment with the proviso that he served a minimum of twenty-nine years.

Apart from the early blooming of bulbs - and shrubs start of the annual series of weekly Lent Soup Lunches in the TBVH organised by the Ladies of St Mary’s Church. Other indications was the annual pancake day meeting of the Village WI to which some children from the Village Primary School where they competed with each other in a pancake tossing competition So once again Easter approaches and one’s thoughts turn to holidays - and spring-cleaning?

TREVOR ROBERTS
Local History Recorder for Theydon Bois
I am just sending a note round to try and put another point of view regarding the Blunts Farm Planning application. My main concern, as a parent, is to get the pits filled before the better weather returns and children continue the exploits of swimming, jumping, stunt riding in them.

The only way to get these pits filled is to have earth transported to the site. The only way to do this is for the lorries to return for a period of time. The lorries are not allowed to drive through the village due to weight restrictions and therefore their return only affects a few people who live along Abridge Road. I have spoken to some of the people who are affected and they feel the sooner that the pits are filled the better.

'TB AAG' stands for Theydon Bois & Abridge Action Group. But they only seem to be concerned with stopping this application going ahead. What are the TB AAG doing to assist in the continuing struggle for some youth facilities in this village?

Where are they at the beginning of the month when the rubbish pick on the green is being done? Why are they not supporting the Parish Council in the many causes that they are battling for? Are there any Abridge residents in the group?

How many of you have actually read the application or visited Blakes Golf Course? It is not a pleasure dome with wild raves carried out all night long and hundreds of cars in and out till all hours! If these plans get rejected then the original plans will be taken to appeal. In all likelihood they will be granted.

I am a resident in Forest Drive, I would much prefer the current proposed plans to go ahead. The work can then start immediately and the pits get filled in before the summer. It is only a matter of time before a serious accident happens.

Planning Permission will be granted at some stage for something. This is inevitable. So why not read the plans and make a judgement as to whether these plans are so terrible.

Thank you for reading.

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Theydon Bois School
50th Anniversary

James Bond Ball

Saturday 30th June 2007

Champagne Reception with Canapes 6pm

School History Display ♦ Aston Martin Owners Club ♦ Photographer
Marquee ♦ 5 Course Dinner ♥ Silver Service ♦ Charity Casino
Champagne Tree ♦ Auction ♦ 11 Piece Live Band ‘Souled Out’
Cash Bar ♥ Dress Code: Black Tie ♦ Strictly over 18s only

Tickets £60 in advance

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