



HAWKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Shop Local for Christmas



Remember many of our local shops can offer great Christmas presents and vouchers. Save on petrol and spend more on loved ones. Go on-line at www.shopatmylocal.com.

Parcels for elderly

As usual we plan to provide a small Christmas hamper for our elderly residents (of pensionable age or over) living alone in the parish.

If you know of any Hawkwell resident who meets the above criteria and has not received a parcel before please give the details to the Parish Clerk (tel. 207710) by **Monday 7th December**.



Christmas Celebrations

**SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2009
AT 5.00 PM**

Hawkwell's Christmas celebrations will take place on Hawkwell Common as in previous years at the above time. We will be joined by the Westerings School Choir and Les Titford to sing Christmas songs so this promises to be another popular and entertaining event.

Father Christmas will be making an appearance to distribute sweets to the children and turn on the new and improved lights. The Royal British Legion will be providing refreshments as well the power for the Christmas lights.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Christmas Services

Emmanuel Church

Sunday 20th December, 4pm	Family Christmas Celebration
Thursday 24th December, 11.15pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion
Friday 25th December, 10am	Christmas Day Family Communion

St. Mary's Church

Sunday, 20th December, 9.15am	Morning Worship
Thursday, 24th December, 6pm	Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols
Sunday, 27th December, 10am	Holy Communion

Ashingdon Elim Church

Sunday, 20th December, 6.30pm	Carols & Candlelight
Thursday, 24th December, 11.30pm	Christmas Midnight Communion
Friday, 25th December, 10.30am	Christmas Day Family Service

Baptist Church

Sunday, 20th December, 10.30am	Christmas Production
Sunday, 20th December, 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Thursday, 24th December, 4pm	Family Christingle Service
Thursday, 24th December, 11.30pm	Midnight Service
Friday, 25th December, 11.00am	A 45 minute service celebrating the birth of Jesus

Woodland Management - Spencers Park

The Parish Council recently started thinning the trees in Spencers Park. A number of people expressed their concern over felling apparently healthy trees (the first work was to cut down 30 trees on the Spencers flank of the park). This is a short note to give background to the work.



The trees in Spencers Park were originally planted under a scheme operated by the Forestry Commission as a Nursery Scheme, this means that the density and mix of trees were originally planted closer than would ultimately be acceptable in order to give a satisfactory result with a reasonable canopy developed within a short space of time. Therefore thinning was part of the formal management plan from the outset. The trees to be removed are, in the main - but not exclusively, soft wood trees such as Common Poplar. It may be necessary to remove one or two other species where they have grown to the point where our professional advisers tell us there is a possibility of adverse effect sometime in the future.

The trees removed in the first instance were identified by our professional advisers Essex Arb, they will continue to work with us to help identify the trees to be removed as the project progresses.

E-mail received from Hawkwell Community Police Officers - LOCAL CONCERNS

We have concerns over the large groups of young people gathering in Hockley and Hawkwell on Friday nights at Clements Hall, Spa Road, the railway station and other locations around the district.

Some of the teenagers are loitering, drinking alcohol and causing a general nuisance to others when they leave certain locations to go to another. Some are 'begging' adults to buy cigarettes and alcohol for them at the supermarket and off licences – which some adults agree to do. It is illegal to buy for a minor, so please don't do it!

We are also left 'gob smacked' when parents actually drop their children off with alcohol and tell them to have a good night!

Do not believe it when your child tells you they are going to stay at a friend's house for the evening. You can bet that the friend they are 'staying with' has given a similar story to his or her parents and are then roaming the streets until the early hours.

Please know where your children are when they say they are going out for the evening. Please make sure they are home at a reasonable hour and are aware of the dangers of alcohol and drugs. Why not take a trip out and find your child and see what happens? I'd be interested to know what you discover.

Please take time to secure your property at night. Why not have a look in your street last thing at night and report anything suspicious to police on Tel. 0300 333 4444 Ext. 494104.

ROCHFORD DISTRICT & THE EMERGING STRATEGIC PLANS

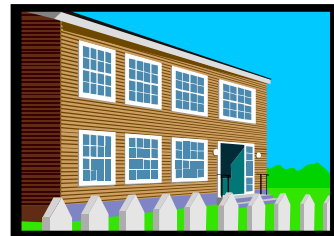
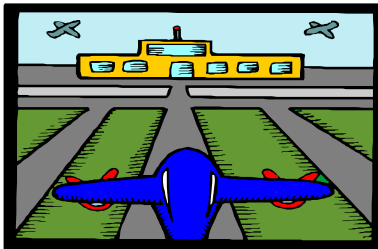
We have, over the past 12 months or so, been presented with a number of key planning issues by our Planning Authority, Rochford District Council. Readers will no doubt remember that central government required our district to plan for many new homes in the period up to about 2021. In undertaking that work Rochford have come up with a number of proposals that will have huge impact on our parish for the foreseeable future.

We have seen the Rochford Core Strategy which proposed many new homes in Hawkwell, the Hockley Town Centre review which was so extensive the impact on us as a neighbouring parish cannot be disregarded, the Rochford Town Centre Review which proposes significant changes, again to a neighbouring town and lastly, but by no means least, the Joint Area Action Plan on Southend Airport.

We, as a Parish Council, have responded as required by Rochford to these critically important documents. In the main, whilst we recognise the need to provide new and a variety of housing we do not feel the extensive proposals are well thought through, and in respect of the allocation of housing to Hawkwell are not fairly distributed. Many of the proposals are certainly not aesthetically acceptable. The proposals in respect of the airport appear to result in significant detriment for the people of our parish. The responses we have made are available on our website, the ones yet to be submitted will also be placed there.

We would request that all residents take time to look at these Strategic Planning Documents which are available on the Rochford District Council website. We know these documents are large and somewhat inaccessible but we urge residents to persevere and make their feelings known to their ward Councillor (details available on the last page of this publication) and to the Planning Authority.

In addition, and in connection with the **new homes being planned for Hawkwell, there is a planning meeting in the Civic Suite at Rayleigh on 3rd December at 19:30**, you are encouraged to turn up to hear, first hand, your District Councillors dealing with this critical issue.



Essex Telecare Home Safety Service - Essex Works/ECC

The service provides a home safety and personal security system that enables people to live independently within their own homes. This is achieved through the a combination of a 24 hour telephone link to the monitoring centre and state of the art technology. This range of unobtrusive intelligent telecare sensors offers a comprehensive way to manage the risks to a person's health and home environment, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They give protection from bogus callers, fire, gas leaks and floods and personal and fall detector alarms are also available.

This service is available on a 12 month **FREE** trial to all Essex residents aged 85 and over.

For further information contact Essex County Council (Telecare) or the Chelmsford Monitoring Centre on 01245 613132 (and quote 855). Go on-line at www.essex.gov.uk/telecare.

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Parking on Pavements

The Parish Council was recently approached by a representative of the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) regarding the use of the pavement for parking cars. RNIB asked that the Parish write to the Chief Constable about this anti-social practice which we did. We are, however, aware of the prevalence of this practice in Hawkwell and of the consequences for our residents who suffer visual impairment and, of course, to the problems this presents for people using buggies for their children and disabled people in wheelchairs etc.

We therefore encourage our residents to write to the Chief Constable along the same lines. A draft letter is available on our website or alternatively contact the office for a copy.

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Mrs Angela Heath Tel: 207710	Mrs Elizabeth Chippette Tel: 544770	Mrs Jean Barney Tel: 547450	
Mr Keith Holmes Tel: 207710	Mrs Margaret Dorrell Tel: 547028	Mr Royston Patient Tel: 531462	
Mr David Weir Tel: 207764	Mrs Heather Glynn Tel: 547060	Mr David Eede Tel: 541515	
Mrs Myra Weir Tel: 207764	Mrs Jill Fern Tel: 307389	Mr John Dickson Tel: 206625	
Mr Alan James Tel: 207297	Mr Vic Leach (Chairman) Tel: 541413	Mrs Cynthia Cunningham Tel: 207710	
Mr Robert Mitchell Tel: 200477	Mrs Tracey Bateman Tel: 204345		
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