

2017



Hawkwell Voice

From Your Hawkwell Residents Association
Established 1994 Serving Hawkwell Residents for Twenty Three Years

Vic Leach

We are sorry to hear that the chair of Hawkwell Parish Council, Vic Leach, passed away in March. Vic did a lot for the Hawkwell community serving on the council for over thirty years. We are sure he will be sadly missed by our residents.

Pharmacy Delivery Services

You may have had some information through your door advising you of a pharmacy service that arranges, dispenses and delivers your NHS repeat prescriptions. A nice idea you may think but this could lead to a reduction in our existing excellent pharmacy services that in many cases already provide all these services. Please ask your local pharmacy if they provide the services you require before considering to use other companies as it could lead to shop closures.

Deliverers

We would once again like to thank our volunteer folders, distributors and deliverers that make our newsletter possible and affordable. If you are not already a deliverer or folder and can spare an hour every year we would be very grateful.

The State Of Our Roads

When will they get a grip on the state of our roads? Some pot holes have been repaired but as soon as one is done another appears. In the past they seemed to always be resurfacing the roads, now this seems to very seldom happen. In March Essex County Council came round and painted orange spray paint

on all the bad areas of paving in many areas and a few days later someone else painted out some of these markings with black spray paint. We rang Essex County Council who said they never use black spray paint and they would investigate. We never heard any more about this and most of the

paint marks faded without any repair taking place. The street lighting is in need of attention, lights not working and lampposts knocked over and missing, and most lampposts still being switched off after 1am, making a very dangerous situation for all road users.

Church Road Through Route

In February the Hockley Residents Association were asked by residents for help with a traffic issue in Church Road, Hockley. They are getting heavy vehicles speeding through the area and getting stuck under the bridge in Church Road and in the very narrow one way Fountain Lane. It is believed that satnavs may be responsible for a recent increases in these incidents plus the building works taking place off Folly Lane. The local residents have now got together and produced a petition that has been signed by more than 100 people living in that area. The local councils (parish, district and county) have been made aware of the situation, which is mainly the responsibility of Essex County Council.

Hawkwell Post Office Refurbishment

After a refit at the end of March, the Hawkwell Post Office in Hawkwell Parade held an official reopening in April attended by our area MP Mark Francois. Please remember that most of your banking can now be done at any Post Office. You can pay cash and cheques, withdraw cash using a debit card, pay bills including utilities and telephone. At most Post Offices you can use the ATMs to draw pensions and benefits, Mail, Drop & Go, Parcel Force Express Services, Foreign Currency, Travel Insurance, National Express Tickets, Savings Accounts, Lotto Tickets and Lotto Prize Payments. In larger Post Offices they also have Passport Check and Send and you can pay your Vehicle Road Tax.

Local Public Toilets Update

At the time of writing no decision has been made regarding closure of any of the public toilets in Rochford District. It has been emphasised that the administration consider it to be a last resort. The Hockley public toilets next to and serving the Hockley Library seemed to be frequently used and are in reasonable condition but could do with a fresh coat of paint. We do not believe this is the last we will hear about these closures but we will try to do all we can to retain these facilities in Hockley and keep you our residents informed.

Please visit our website: hawkwell.org

Rayleigh Recycling Centre

Rayleigh Recycling Centre in Castle Road is controlled by Essex County Council and they have now made some vehicle and site restrictions changes. We believe that some of these restrictions are the reason we are getting a massive increase in fly tipping. You can draw your own conclusions by reading the following information taken from their website:-

"Vans, pick-ups and other commercial-type vehicles – including those privately owned - are not allowed to use this site. Customers attempting to park prohibited vehicles outside the site and carry waste in will be turned away. Rayleigh recycling centre only accepts the following amounts of DIY waste:

* In any 28-day period you may not exceed three wheelbarrow loads

(one car boot) of soil, hardcore or gypsum-based products including plasterboard and dry wall lining.

* In any six-month period you may not exceed three large ceramic items (e.g. toilet or wash basin), one uPVC or wooden window frame, one uPVC or wooden door, three wooden internal doors or any elements of a built-in kitchen.

Your nearest recycling centre that accepts vans and limited DIY waste is Pitsea.

What you cannot bring to recycling centres: Asbestos, Chemicals and other toxic substances, Clinical waste, Dead animals, Fireworks, ammunition and explosives, Fuel, Hazardous waste, Japanese knotweed, Landlord's waste, Pesticides, Poisons and Trade or commercial waste".

Eldon Way

We are pleased to see that Eldon Way Business Estate has done well this year. RDC want to replace it with housing but we believe we need it for local jobs and as a useful facility for our residents. Some additions include Howdens joinery, Standout men's online clothing shop, Toymonster shop and online, Digiflex online shop building a large extension, 4edge printers moving to a larger unit, Monkey Bizzness back in use and CJ Bowling reopening.

New Business Park

The new £150m airport business park is now being built off Cherry Orchard Way in Rochford, meaning further loss of green belt and good farm land. Will this development really be fully built? as the original Rochford Business Park on the west side of Cherry Orchard Way, that was built over 20 years ago, has still only developed a third of the site. What really concerns us is that the only change to the infrastructure for this development is a new roundabout being built on Cherry Orchard Way that will just slow up the existing traffic. We now have 600 homes being built in Hall Road, 36 off Main Road in Highwell Gardens, 70 off Folly Lane, 60 at Bullwood Hall and 176 that have recently been finished at Clements Gate and nothing has been done about the daily traffic jams that occur at the Hockley Spa roundabout. The problem is that Rochford District Council decide on the buildings and Essex County Council decide on the roads. Neither the 600 homes in Hall Road nor the new business park are on an existing bus route and we have not heard of any new bus route being proposed. At the moment you would need to walk at least a mile to get a bus from these locations, which means even more cars on our roads.

2017 Coach Trips

- Saturday 1st July – Kenilworth Castle, Warwickshire.
- Thursday 14th September – Euston Hall & Bury St. Edmunds.
- Thursday 26th October – Broughton Castle & Sulgrave Manor.
- Sunday 3rd to 4th December – Salisbury & Winchester Christmas Markets.

We pick up at various places between Rochford and Rayleigh. If you are interested in any of these outings please contact Brian on 01702 204334.

AGM

Your Hawkwell Residents Association AGM will be held at 6pm in the Hawkwell Village Hall Annex on Thursday 10 August 2017.

Please Join Us - Help Us to Help You

If you would like to join us and you have not already paid your subscriptions for this year, please send it to: Hawkwell Residents Association, 2 Englefield Close, Hawkwell, SS5 4LE or 25B Belchamps Way, Hawkwell, SS5 4NT.

No cash by post please, however 1st and 2nd class stamps only or cheques payable to Hawkwell Residents Association are fine.

I enclose £..... being my / our subscription for this year (£1 per person per calendar year) together with any additional voluntary donation. In order to reduce costs a receipt will not be issued unless a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

If you are not already a deliverer, would you deliver the Hawkwell Residents Association Newsletter in your road or another road? (please circle) **YES / NO**. I am Interested in joining the committee (please circle) **YES / NO**. Is there an issue in Hawkwell that you would like us to address or help you with?

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