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Welcome to the December edition of Kelvedon Parish Council Magazine.

Although we've enjoyed a long spell of good weather, it looks as though winter is setting in now.

Sadly, Cllr Louise Buttery tendered her resignation in the autumn. However, we have now co-opted Emma Ormond to the vacant position on the council – welcome, Emma!

In this edition, you'll find articles on a variety of topics– in particular, an important update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and information regarding Christmas events that are being held around the village.

We also have our regular report from the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Craig Martin, and Clerk's Corner by the parish clerk, Pippa Potter.

Finally, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

As always, we'd love to hear if you'd like to contribute any articles to future editions of the magazine or if you have any upcoming events that you'd like to make local residents aware of. You can contact us at **magazine@kelvedon.org.uk**

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The Chairman

Letter from the Chairman

As you read this, Christmas will almost be upon us once again. Long nights, short days. What's the chance of a white Christmas? Not great, I suspect.

Council update

Regrettably, Louise Buttery tendered her resignation from the council for personal reasons. I would like to thank her for her contributions and support over her time on the council.

At its November meeting, the council agreed to co-opt Emma Ormond to fill that vacancy, so I would like to welcome her to the council.

By the time you read this, the council should have completed its office move to space in the former Barclays Bank building in the High Street. Essentially, the premises at the Old Fire Station were no longer fit for purpose on a number of grounds and the costs of remedial work would be prohibitive and very disruptive. The new site should give the council a more visible presence in the village, as well as offering much more suitable accommodation.

Planning matters

As you will probably be aware, Braintree District Council approved the outline planning application for the site at Monks Farm. We are awaiting a detailed planning application to be put forward and residents will then have an opportunity to put forward their views and comments.

We are awaiting consideration of the outline application for the London Road site. Even if that application is refused by BDC, it is entirely reasonable to suppose that the developer will lodge an appeal. So that one will run for some while yet.

Meanwhile, we still await further information on the proposals regarding the dualling of the A120 and the improvements to the A12. Both of these developments are critical infrastructure projects which are essential if any of the proposed housing developments are to go ahead.

Also still on the go are proposed changes to the potential waste management facility at Rivenhall. The council remains of the view that there have been so many changes since the original application that this should be regarded as a brand new application. Whether that will happen remains to be seen.

Blackwater Aggregates are also proposing to extend their operations at Bradwell.

That is not to forget potential developments at Feering and West Tey, never mind any further possible developments at Rivenhall, Coggeshall, Silver End….the list goes on.

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Finances

As we approach the New Year, the council is considering the precept which will be needed for the new financial year commencing in April.

As the council has pointed out a number of times, its finances are becoming increasingly stretched as it has to take on more work but receives less money for doing so. Hence, although I don't wish to speculate unduly, you will not be surprised to know that the council will need to consider increasing the precept next year. It would be great if we could avoid an increase but somehow I think that is unlikely.

One idea that the council may consider for next year is to seek the views of residents as to what its spending priorities could/should be. More on that one possibly next year.

Traffic

Traffic continues to be a significant issue. No great surprises there. The problem will only get worse with any additional houses, particularly along the High Street and at the Station Road junction. It remains to be seen how any proposed developments may address these issues (if at all). Meanwhile the council will seek ways to try to reduce the impact, given the limitations that exist.

On a related subject, the council is aware that a number of residents have expressed concern about the increased charges and charging hours at the High Street car park. I can understand that concern, but the fact is that, as an asset, the council has to get value from it and with decreasing grant income it has to look to any available sources to try to make good the shortfall. It has to be remembered that the Institute small hall (which is well used and a credit to the village) could not have been built had car parking not been provided and car parks don't come cheap (not to mention the cost of acquiring the land to access the site).

Out with the old and in with the new

It only remains for me, on behalf of the council, to wish you all a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CALLING ALL CONTRIBUTORS AND GROUPS!...

If you are involved in a group be it social, charity, sports or local interest, and want to tell people about what you do as well as encourage new members, we are constantly looking for pieces on interesting events and activities going on in the village, be that adverts for events planned, events that have happened, trips, talks or anything else you are doing. In addition, any contributions from members of the community are also very welcome for consideration. So if there is anything you would like to share with the village don't hesitate to get in touch with us – magazine@kelvedon.org.uk

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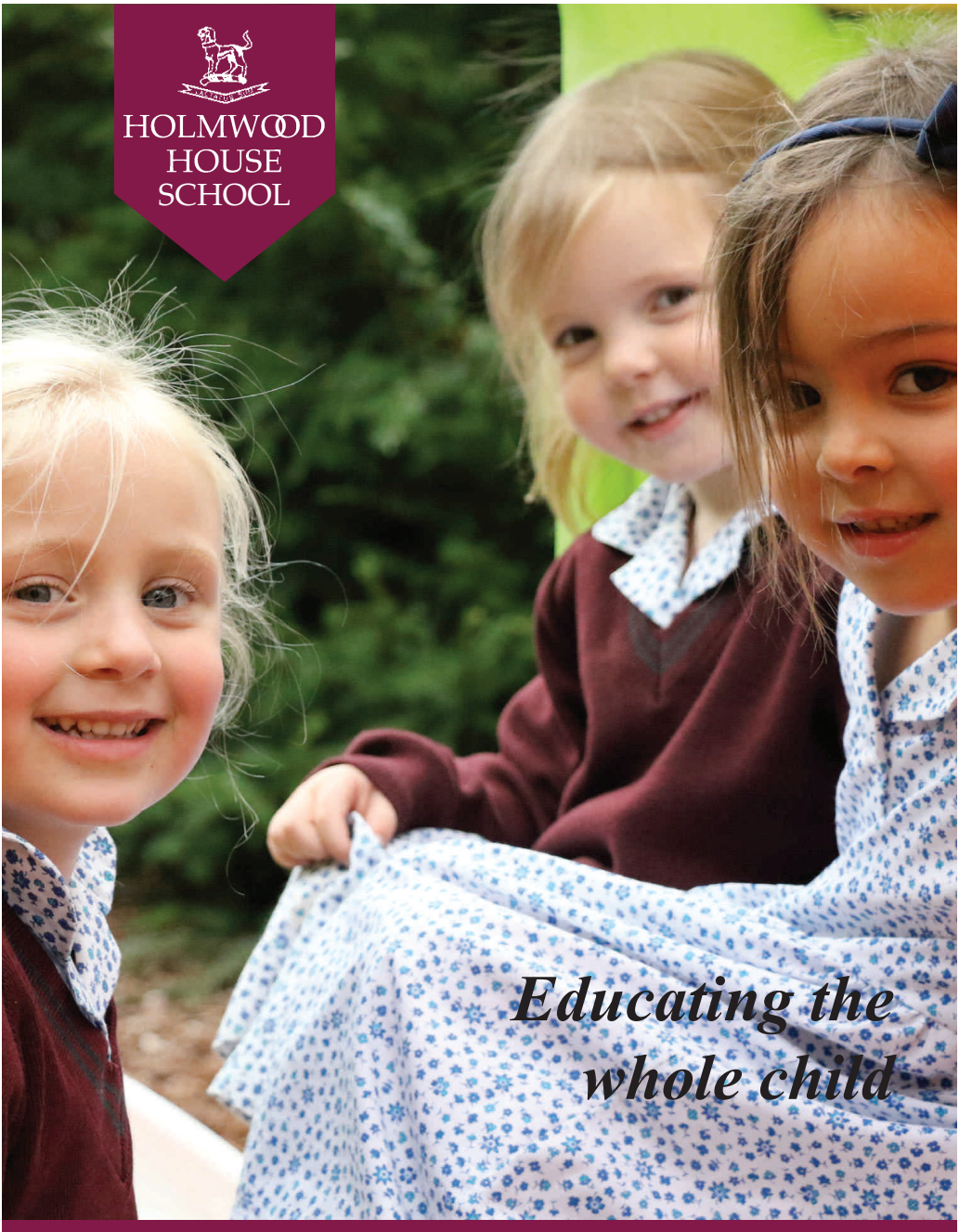

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Clerk's Corner By Pippa Potter, Kelvedon Parish Council Clerk

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The Parish Council is again featuring in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December. Our tree will be decorated with chocolates this year and to join us in celebration of our new premises, please help yourself to one! The Festival always has fabulous and inventive displays and is well worth a visit. Please see the church website for details of times and events throughout the weekend.

Once the leaves have stopped falling, we take the winter months as a chance to do some repair and maintenance work, mainly to street furniture and the playgrounds. We have plenty to do this year, with many of our bins - which are now quite old - needing some attention, along with some of the benches. Please let us know if you notice anything which has become worse for wear or has broken and we will assess it. If it is an issue which falls under the Parish Council's responsibility, we will add it to our list of jobs and if not, we will report it to the relevant authority.

Our allotments are going from strength to strength, thanks to the hard work being put in by the fledgling Allotment Association, with the site now being very much improved. If you are interested in growing your own in 2018, there are still a few plots available. Please contact us for information.

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The River Blackwater –

By David Larner

From Saffron to Sea Salt via Willows on the Way

I have often thought it strange that the rather modest stream which divides Kelvedon from the neighbouring parishes of Feering, Coggeshall and Great Braxted should give its name to one of the largest estuaries along the east coast of the British Isles, yet the River Blackwater does just that.

While most rivers traverse a number of counties, the Blackwater is contained entirely within the boundaries of Essex. But like roads that sometimes change names along their length, so too does our own waterway. It starts life as the River Pant, rising just east of Saffron Walden, the onetime centre for the world's most expensive spice. However, on reaching Bocking, it becomes the Blackwater and it is that name which it finally bequeaths to the estuary - an area of special scientific interest, and home to a nuclear power station, two habitable islands and an anchorage for laid up tankers during periods of recession. It is also famous for the oyster fisheries which it shares with the adjoining estuary of the Colne.

Nearer home, the Blackwater flows through Coggeshall (which boasts a vineyard and a brewery) and on arriving at Kelvedon, it sustains a renewable crop of willows which are felled to make cricket bats - at the same time swelling the coffers of the Parish Council. It also supports two water mills, long since converted into desirable homes, and provides a means of irrigation for the arable land which gave birth to the world renowned pea known as 'Kelvedon Wonder'.

At Langford, the Blackwater merges with the River Chelmer, from which our county town, now a city, gets its name, before finally reaching the estuary at Maldon. This was the scene of a famous battle in which in 991, the Vikings defeated the Anglo-Saxons causing Ethelred the Unready to part with 10,000 pounds as 'danegeld' in order to stop the fighting. Hence the King's epithet which, I suggest, may have been the origin of 'the readies' as an informal term for hard cash! Hostilities, however, are not Maldon's only claim to fame - sea salt being the town's best known industry whose wares are to be found on supermarket shelves both at home and abroad.

Wild life along the Blackwater abounds, particularly ducks, to the extent that they qualify in some places for a road sign alerting motorists to their perambulations. While fish such as chub, roach, dace and perch can on occasion mean 'tight lines' for members of the Kelvedon & District Angling Association.

It would seem, therefore, that from start to finish the River Blackwater enjoys a close affinity with the table, coursing as it does between centres of epicurean excellence both past and present. And long may it do so, providing always that it stays within its banks, since it greatly benefits the many villages through which it flows, not least our own.

Supporting Local Businesses

By Geraldine Rowan, Kelvedon Neighbourhood Plan

Many residents who are technically capable, use online shopping conveniently delivered to their door. However, a significant number including those online shoppers who miss odd items off their list (!) rely on local retailers.

If each household only spent £10 a week in local shops, the amount of revenue would exceed £60,000 a month to village businesses. If this spending suddenly stopped or reduced because of shopping elsewhere, the viability of our local businesses declines.

The first half of 2016 saw the closure of 15 shops across the UK, every day. In our community survey in 2016, many residents were asking for a bakery and a coffee shop. Our July 2017 consultation indicates that residents are keen to see our existing shops continue as shops, calling a halt to the trend for change of use. Our sandwich shop has expanded to provide the coffee shop people wanted. We have three local shops, one of which includes a post office. Only if we support these and our other local businesses, can we continue to enjoy the real convenience of village life.

We are fortunate to have local services, shops, places to eat and drink and facilities for leisure activities. We may want better facilities and more shops, but we need to use what we have so we don't lose it.

So let's hear three cheers for our local businesses, long may they continue to thrive!

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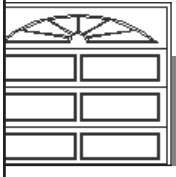

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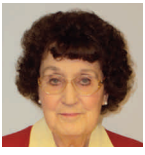

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Housing boost a boom for Essex, says Council Leader

Essex's ambition to build more homes across the county could receive a huge boost after the chancellor pledged £44 billion to build new homes in the Autumn Budget.

Chancellor Philip Hammond announced a raft of housing funding and abolished Stamp Duty for first time buyers on homes up to £300,000 and on the first £300,000 of properties worth up to half a million.

Cllr David Finch said: "Essex welcomes the government's commitment to housing growth and the scrapping of Stamp Duty, which will help many of the county's younger people get a foot on the property ladder.

"Essex Housing, the council's in-house developer, is already ahead of the curve nationally in working with public sector authorities to identify surplus land for redevelopment to deliver the homes we so desperately need.

"This year alone we have started building 64 properties on three vacant sites and are working on another 379 homes, 194 of which already have planning permission. Some 180 of these are homes to help older people live independently for longer and we are investigating another 26 sites for redevelopment."

Cllr Finch also praised the government's commitment to skills and education, including a £40m teacher training fund and a drive to recruit 8,000 new computer science teachers.

However, the county council is disappointed by the absence of adult social care and 100% business rates retention in today's budget, but optimistic these packages will come later.

Cllr David Finch, Leader of the Council, said: "In Essex alone, £625 million of rates are currently collected but just £304 million is retained and spent locally – the rest goes back to the Treasury.

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

By Geraldine Rowan,
Kelvedon Neighbourhood Plan Group

Since our consultation in July at The Kelvedon Festival, our team has been working on adding detail to the headline planning policies. Our final drafts will be completed and compared across all our working groups for consistency. Then the draft will go to a planning consultant, who will check that our policies are robust and backed up by our evidence base. This phase of work will take until the end of January 2018.

At the time of writing, 400 Neighbourhood plans have successfully been adopted across the country and the government has set aside funds to support Neighbourhood Planning until 2022. We expect our plan to go to referendum in early 2019. This time frame allows for the statutory consultation periods and independent validation process that must take place before the plan goes to referendum.

What's happening with development proposals in Kelvedon?

The Monks Farm Site received approval for outline planning from BDC and has been immediately put up for sale. It is not unusual for sites to be sold on to property developers for the final stage of development. However, the new owners will have to comply with the conditions of the outline planning approval and submit detailed plans for consultation by the public and consideration by BDC.

Full details of the approval conditions and the section 106 monies that the developer will be required to contribute towards community amenities can be viewed on the BDC website under reference 17/00418/OUT. You can also access detail via the blog on our website www.kelvedon-np.co.uk/blog

Land at Crabbs Barn - In late September, BDC received an application for a screening opinion on a proposal for 125 homes to be built on land at Crabbs Barn. The wedding venue is closing in 2018. Consultees requested a full environmental impact assessment (EIA). However, BDC have decided this isn't necessary in this case. To view the application and responses, please visit the BDC planning portal reference 17/01720/SCR.

The London Road outline planning application remains pending and no date has yet been set for it to go to the BDC planning committee. This application is for 250 homes with a school building, health centre, business and play space at London Road 17/00418/OUT. Highways England have recommended conditions related to traffic management. It is also not yet clear what the proposals for the A12 will be.

Based on approved applications, we can expect so see the 250 homes proposed for Monks Farm to be built - though there are some issues surrounding the traffic proposals and bus stop positions that are yet to be resolved. However, there remains the possibility that Kelvedon could see up to 625 homes built if all of the

current applications were to be successful. The Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Committee will be sharing evidence and data with all agencies involved in these decisions, to ensure that the factors such as congestion and infrastructure are highlighted in any decision.

Consultation on the Garden Village Proposals

The proposals for Garden Villages go to consultation from 13 November 2017 to 22 January 2018. The series of exhibitions to enable the public to view the proposals, ask questions and give feedback includes one at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 5 December 16.00-20.00. However, anyone who cannot attend can still have their say by visiting the website www.ne-gc.co.uk until 22 January 2018.

Engaging the community

As the year draws to a close, we are working on two opportunities to engage with the community in different ways. The first is St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival on the 2nd & 3rd December. Last year our tree displayed survey results; this year we are taking an interactive approach with involvement of our younger community members.

We are also working on a youth engagement initiative with Feering Neighbourhood Plan and Honywood School. We want to know what young people think of the communities they live in. We will also be asking what they would like to see for the future. Today's young people at senior school will experience the effects of the 15 year time span of the Local Plan, so they deserve to have some input.

Support your Neighbourhood Plan

The referendum in early 2019 may seem like a long way off, but between now and then we need to gain the views and maintain the support of Kelvedon residents. Without your support, the Neighbourhood Plan cannot be adopted. The alternative involves others, who don't live here, deciding what is built and what we need. This decision is in your hands and you can shape our future by supporting your Neighbourhood Plan. Keep up with what's happening by following our progress on our website www.kelvedon-np.co.uk or social media @kelvedon-np.

If you would like to be more involved and share your skills, please contact us on info@kelvedon-np.co.uk.

The Kelvedon Neighbourhood Plan Team would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

Litter Poster Competition

By Gillian Westall

To help spread the anti litter message to our younger residents, the Kelvedon Litter Volunteers ran a summer holiday poster competition, inviting under 12s to enter a poster on one of 4 themes; In the Bin, Take your Litter Home, Keep Kelvedon Clean and Keep Kelvedon Tidy.

The competition was to produce a poster that could be used in our various anti litter campaigns around the village and, although we received fewer entries than we had hoped, the quality and imagination was much higher than expected – especially from the very young ones!

Our overall winner was Lydia Ruffey with her poster "Keep Kelvedon Clean' and our judge – Lannette Bridgman, one of our litter volunteers, felt that this poster had a clear message that could be seen easily. Other runners up were Elyssa Brown, Matilda Hesketh, Grace Lee and Rhiannan Williams. Each winner received a book token and a framed copy of their poster and these prizes were funded by donations from Foster Contracting, Leaders, Robert Deal and Peter Best Insurance. Each winner also received chocolates courtesy of Mrs Button and either a book mark or a key ring made by Louise Humpington (ex parish councillor before she and her husband moved away from the village).

All the posters then went on display in the Kelvedon sandwich bar - thanks to Gary and Sarah - and I understand that there was a steady stream of visitors keen to see them, take photographs and sample the cakes!!

Thank you to everyone who took part and to our sponsors.

Have you been following the latest on Local Plans?

The three district/borough councils working on the *North Essex Garden Communities* project (Braintree / Colchester / Tendring) have now concluded the final stages of their Local Plan consultation, with the plans due to be examined by the Planning Inspectorate in the New Year.

These aligned plans are split into two with 'Section One' setting out the ambition for three new communities built to Garden Community Principles as a way of managing long-term growth, whilst 'Section Two' have been individually written for each council and setting out other planned development.

It is the view of the councils that the three garden communities, led through their newly formed company NEGC Ltd rather than through a traditional developer, are a better way of managing housing needs, allowing them to deliver infrastructure ahead of or alongside development, and helping restrict predatory developers.

The Local Plans are about setting out the nature of future development and where it will be. At this stage each Garden Community is simply identified by a red circle, and these sites will become more defined as we progress.

It is important to stress the red lines are not the edge of development, but simply the broad areas in which the Garden Communities will sit.

The next step of this process is to create a more detailed plan for each site, and work will start on this in the coming weeks with *a first stage

of public consultation **commencing on the 13 November 2017*, looking at some of the issues and options around each site. For more information on this, visit www.ne-gc.co.uk or individual council websites to have your say.

Have your say...

Kelvedon Parish Council welcomes letters and comments received for publication on matters to do with the Parish Council, its activities and those of the Parish of Kelvedon.

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If there is insufficient space to publish all correspondence received, we may instead post it on the website.

Garden Communities

As you may already be aware there are proposals for three new garden communities across North Essex, one of which is known locally as West Tey and straddles the Colchester and Braintree district borders.

The 'Issues and Options Consultation' starts on Monday 13th November 2017 and runs until Monday 8th January 2018. If you would like to find out more about the proposals for the Colchester Braintree Borders Garden Community some exhibition events have been organised as follows:

- **Saturday 18th November** 10.00-14.00 at Marks Tey Village Hall, Old London Road, Marks Tey CO6 1EJ
- **Tuesday 21st November** 16.00-20.00 at Great Tey Village Hall, Chappel Road, Great Tey CO6 1JQ
- **Friday 24th November** 10.00-14.00 at Colchester Market, High Street, Colchester CO1 1PJ
- **Thursday 30th November** 15.00-19.00 at Coggeshall Village Hall, Stoneham Street, Coggeshall CO6 1UH
- **Tuesday 5th December** 16.00-20.00 at Feering Community Centre, Coggeshall Rd, Feering CO5 9QB
- **Wednesday 6th December** 16.00-20.00 at Braintree Town Hall, Market Square, CM7 3YG
- **Thursday 7th December** 16.00-20.00 at Easthorpe Church Hall, Easthorpe Road, Colchester CO5 9HD

Comments on the proposals can be made using forms available at the events, or online.

The link to the online consultation document will be published on **www.ne-gc.co.uk** when the consultation opens.

If you choose to complete a form rather than use the online portal, send by email or post to either of the following addresses:

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Colchester Borough Council planning.policy@colchester.gov.uk <mailto:planning.policy@colchester.gov.uk> Rowan House, 33 Sheepen Rd, Colchester CO3 3WG

The full list of consultation events is as follows:

Saturday 18th November 10.00-14.00

Parish: Marks Tey
Venue: Marks Tey Parish Hall
Address: Old London Road, Marks Tey CO6 1EJ

Relative Garden Community:
Colchester / Braintree Border

Monday 20th November 15.00-19.00
Parish: Wivenhoe
Venue: William Loveless Hall
Address: 85-87 High Street, Wivenhoe CO7 9AB

Relative Garden Community:
Tendring / Colchester Border (TCB)

Tuesday 21st November 16.00-20.00
Parish: Great Tey
Venue: Great Tey Village Hall
Address: Chappel Road, Great Tey CO6 1JQ

Relative Garden Community:
Colchester / Braintree Border

Thursday 23rd November
Parish: C360 Community Marketplace AGM for North East Essex
Venue: Firstsite
Address: Colchester Town Centre

Relative Garden Community: All

Friday 24th November 10.00-14.00

Parish: Colchester Town
Venue: Colchester Market
Address: High Street, Colchester CO1 1PJ

Relative Garden Community:
Colchester / Braintree Border & TCB

Saturday 25th November 10.00-14.00

Parish: Great Saling
Venue: The Saling Millennium Village Hall
Address: Piccotts Lane, Great Saling CM7 5DW

Relative Garden Community:
West of Braintree

Monday 27th November 16.00-20.00

Parish: Stebbing
Venue: Old Friend's Meeting House
Address: TBC

Relative Garden Community:
West of Braintree

Thursday 30th November 15.00-19.00

Parish: Coggeshall
Venue: Coggeshall Village Hall
Address: The Keys Room, Stoneham Street, Coggeshall CO6 1UH

Relative Garden Community:
Colchester / Braintree Border

Saturday 2nd December 10.00-14.00

Parish: Greenstead
Venue: Greenstead Community Centre
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Relative Garden Community:
Tendring / Colchester Border

Tuesday 5th December 16.00-20.00

Parish: Feering
Venue: Feering Community Centre
Address: Coggeshall Rd, Feering CO5 9QB

Relative Garden Community:
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Wednesday 6th December 16.00-20.00

Parish: Braintree
Venue: Braintree Town Hall
Address: Market Square, Braintree CM7 3YG

Relative Garden Community:
West of Braintree & Colchester / Braintree Border

Thursday 7th December 16.00-20.00

Parish: Easthorpe
Venue: Easthorpe Church Hall
Address: Easthorpe Road, Colchester CO5 9HD

Relative Garden Community:
Colchester / Braintree Border

Tuesday 12th December 10.00-14.00

Parish: Rayne
Venue: Rayne Village Hall
Address: 3 Gore Road, Rayne CM77 6TX

Relative Garden Community:
West of Braintree

Thursday 14th December 16.00-20.00

Parish: Elmstead
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Members of Essex Sands group are appealing to the local community to help them recruit a Treasurer, as well as new Befrienders.

The Treasurer keeps a record of the financial matters for the Group, and ensures all spending has receipts or invoices and are in accordance with the Sands' aims and guidelines. If you have financial acumen and an empathy with our work we would be really interested in talking to you about helping us.

Befrienders are also needed to provide support to anyone affected by the death of a baby over the phone and in person at group meetings. The new Befrienders must successfully complete Sands' befriender training, and a minimum of a year must have passed since their baby died.

Currently, the group offer Support Meetings in South Woodham Ferrers and are keen to recruit new Befrienders to increase their numbers, but they also want to expand to cover Colchester, Witham and Braintree. If you live in these areas or Chelmsford, Rayleigh or Southend areas we would be keen to talk to you.

Sands support groups are run on a voluntary basis by people many of whom have themselves experienced the death of a baby. However, not all Committee members have to be bereaved parents. As long as you have an empathy and interest in our work, we would urge you to get involved.

Dr Clea Harmer, Chief Executive of Sands, said: "I hope that the Essex Sands group will find additional help as soon as possible, so the group can continue to provide support to bereaved parents and their families at a devastating time for them. I would urge anyone in the local area who could help to get in touch."

For further information on the roles or to find out more about the group contact Rose Abrehart, East Network Coordinator at Sands on 07707 480020 or email: rose.abrehart@sands.org.uk

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DATE	EVENT
2, 3 December	Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church, Kelvedon
3rd December	5pm Christmas Tree Festival Closing Service, St Mary's Church, Kelvedon
9 December	2-4.30pm Kelvedon Dance Studio Christmas Open Day at Kelvedon URC
10 December	3pm Christingle Service at Feering Church
16 December	4-6.30pm 'Joy to the World' at Kelvedon URC. Entry by donation, proceeds to Kelvedon and Feering Youth Club.
17 December	6pm Carol Service at St Mary's Kelvedon
24 December	4pm Crib Service at St Mary's Kelvedon
24 December	11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Mary's Kelvedon
25 December	10am Christmas Day Family Service at St Mary's Kelvedon
January 12 February 9 March 9 April 13, May 11 June 8, July 13	Kelvedon Youth Forum Price: £2.50 Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm in the back room of the Labour Club
2nd Friday each month (please check as dates may vary)	Kelvedon Youth Disco Labour Club Hall, High St, Kelvedon 7.00pm-9.00pm Terry Dixon 01376 572393
Every 2nd Wed in each month	Kelvedon Women's Institute meet at The Institute, High St, Kelvedon. Visitors welcome for a donation of £2 Doors open 7.45pm for 8.00pm start President 01376 561627

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KIDS LIFE

In this feature we will be looking at the masses of amazing activities available for babies, toddlers, children and young people in and around Kelvedon village.

We are really interested to hear about your experiences and to receive recommendations of additional activities and classes. Let us know your favourites and we'll be sure to feature them in the next edition. Information should be sent to: **magazine@kelvedon.org.uk**

MONDAY

Canonium Scouts: 10.5-14 years old	7.00-8.30pm	Kelvedon Scout Hut		Sarah Tassell at sarah.tassell@hotmail.com
Iceni Gymnastics Club: recreational classes for boys and girls 5 years +	6.00-7.30pm	Unit 1B, Moss Road, Stanway, Colchester CO3 0LE	Contact Annette	Annette Bateson on 07773 891563

TUESDAY

Eagle Cubs: 8-10.5 years old	7.00-8.30pm	Kelvedon Scout Hut		Sarah Tassell at sarah.tassell@hotmail.com
Iceni Gymnastics Club: recreational classes for boys and girls 5 years +	5.00-6.00pm/ 6.00-7.00pm/ 7.00-8.00pm	Unit 1B, Moss Road, Stanway	Contact Annette	Annette Bateson on 07773 891563

WEDNESDAY

Teddy Bears Club: A service of prayer & praise followed by refreshments, play and chat. All ages. Term time.	9-10.30am	St Mary's Anglican Church	Donation	Revd. Simon Garwood kelvedonvicar@gmail.com 01376 573701
Feering Baby and Toddler Group: A playgroup suitable for ages 0-5. Term time only.	9.45-11.45am	Feering Community Centre	£2.50 per family	www.facebook.com/feeringtoddlergroup, Laura (07760196157) or Becca (07971939644)

THURSDAY

Little Lambs: 0-5 years, meet in main church, followed by free play	10.30am in term time	Kelvedon United Reformed Church	FREE	
Iceni Gymnastics Club – My Gym: Boys and girls, 10-16 years old	6.00-7.00pm	Unit 1B, Moss Road, Stanway	£5 per session	Annette Bateson on 07773 891563
Kelvedon and Feering Youth Club: school years 6-9	4.30-6pm in term time	Kelvedon United Reformed Church	£1 per session	

FRIDAY

Panther Cubs: 8-10.5 years old	7.00-8.30pm	Kelvedon Scout Hut		Sarah Tassell at sarah.tassell@hotmail.com
Kelvedon Junior Players: 8-16 years +	4.45-6.30 in term time	Kelvedon Institute	Approx. £20/year	Rosemary Townsend on 01376 512985

SATURDAY

Little Stars: Singing, acting and dance classes. Free trial available. Ages 3-6/6-16.	9.45am	Kelvedon Institute	See website	www.littlestarsworkshops.co.uk
Kelvedon Library Children's Craft Morning: Every first Saturday of the month.	10.00 – 12.00	Kelvedon Library	FREE	kelvedon.library@essex.gov.uk
Feering Falcons Youth Football: Under 7s	9.00-10.00 (in season)	Kelvedon Playing Field		Craig Smith on 07961 807979
Feering Falcons Youth Football: Under 8s	9.15-10.15	Kelvedon Playing Field		Gemma Phoenix on 07814 555949
Feering Falcons Youth Football: Under 9s	8.45-10.15	Kelvedon Playing Field		Adam McInnes on 07796 637181
Feering Falcons Youth Football: Under 10s	9.00-10.00 (in season)	Astro pitch at Thurstable, Tiptree		John Valerkou on 01376 573110 or 07949 142517

SUNDAY

Colts (Cricket) training: 5 years +	9.45-11.30am	Kelvedon and Feering Cricket Club		Hugo Bibby at hugo.bibby@linkmicrotek.com

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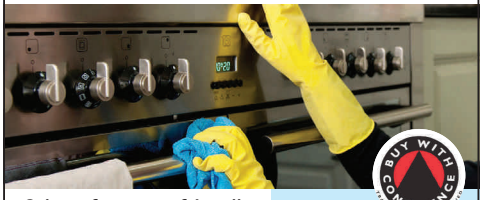

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Kelvedon W.I. news By Heather Marks

After the summer break, Kelvedon W.I. met in September and heard a very interesting and timely talk on climate change from guest speaker Dr. John Midwinter. He spoke of the global significance of these changes and provided statistics and scientific evidence to highlight the implications of the changes in weather patterns in many parts of the world.

Our speaker in October was glass artist Helen Rose. Helen is a former Art teacher who now is able to devote all her working time to her passion for glass. She demonstrated the different methods used in making stained glass and explained the creation of work in fused glass and kiln-formed glass techniques. She showed us how to cut glass with a diamond cutter – for the beginner there are obvious risks to fingers here.

Helen brought some examples of her work for us to see and told us about the workshops she holds at her studio in East Hanningfield. Her enthusiasm for her work was clear to see. She is a very successful artist who has appeared on television and had her work widely exhibited, which has led to several commissioned pieces of glasswork. She makes pieces of all sizes - from a glass stocking Christmas tree decoration, to a two and a half metre tall giraffe, created to mark the 50th anniversary of Colchester Zoo.

In November, Kelvedon W.I. will have a table at the Institute Christmas Fayre and we hope everyone will have another enjoyable and successful evening at this event.

Forty members of Kelvedon W.I. attended the November meeting, when Claire Matthews gave a fascinating illustrated talk on the "Forgotten Gardens" of Easton Lodge near Dunmow.

The gardens are over 400 years old and there was an Elizabethan house, with gardens and deer park, which burned down in the mid-nineteenth century, leaving only the Jacobean west wing . The house was later rebuilt in Victorian Gothic style. Daisy, Countess of Warwick, who inherited the house from her grandfather, commissioned Harold Peto to landscape the grounds and create formal gardens. She kept many animals as pets in the grounds including monkeys and an elephant and Easton Lodge was a favourite weekend venue for the country house set- who included the then Prince of Wales with whom Daisy had a "close relationship".

Later in life, Daisy Warwick became a socialist, establishing a school for her tenants' children and starting a horticultural training school for women. She now entertained guests such as Ramsey McDonald, H.G. Wells, G.B. Shaw and William Morris and even stood unsuccessfully as a Labour candidate for Parliament.

The decline of the house and gardens began during the Second World War when the estate was taken over by the army and then by the American Air Force. The house was demolished after the war and the gardens became derelict.

Today, however, the gardens have been restored almost completely to their former glory thanks to a preservation trust and years of dedicated work by a band of hard-working volunteers. Easton Lodge can be visited on open Sundays in spring and summer and groups can book visits with a guided tour. There is a tea pavilion and an archive room with exhibitions about the history of the house.

Members found Claire's talk full of interest and we are planning a visit to see the gardens next year.

As usual, we will be decorating a tree for the Christmas tree festival in St. Mary's Church at the beginning of December.

We look forward to our December meeting and to our annual New Year dinner in January at the Blue Anchor.

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Institute and guests and new members are always welcome.

Joy to the world

4 pm Sat 16 Dec

~ a fresh look at Christmas

Steven Turner
Dancer

Sally
Stephenson
Poet and
Collage Artist

Includes traditional
carol singing

Kelvedon URC Church

High Street Entry by donation proceeds to Kelvedon and Feering youth Club. All age event, break for refreshments, ends at 6.30

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