



Policing forum sets out stall

THE first forum under the new management of the Essex Police took place on 23 June, when a many policing issues were discussed.

Some 30 representatives attended the forum, including those from community groups and neighbourhood watches, as

well as parish, town, district and county councils covering Buckhurst Hill, Chigwell and Loughton. They gathered to meet Inspector Ivor Harvey and his Community Policing Team.

The meeting discussed a wide range of topics, including:

■ **Speeding** – Essex Police

policy and introduction of mobile speed cameras at specified locations, such as at the junction of Church Hill and Goldings Hill in Loughton.

■ **Abandoned vehicles** without current vehicle excise licences – joint working with the DVLC in connection with clamping and Epping Forest District Council in relation to their removal.

■ **Motorcycle nuisance** at Roding Valley Meadows – active police response in liaison with EFDC officers.

■ **Efficiency of traffic wardens** – complaints from some members of public that they are being issued with too many parking tickets – received little sympathy from the meeting!

■ **Rowdiness** by youths in The Broadway and Pyrles Lane – initial firm police action

appears to be paying dividends in reducing the problem.

■ **Introduction of CCTV** and radio link with shops in the Broadway – joint enterprise with EFDC being actively explored.

A lively and interesting meeting concluded with a round of applause for the police – surely an endorsement of an excellent first three months. Long may it continue!

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 29 September at Loughton Methodist Church, when ideas for the Policing Plan for 2001 will be sought.

Further details from Insp Harvey at Loughton Police Station 020 8502 3881.

Cllr Roger Pearce

(see Join Me And The Team, page 15)

The class of 1927



Can you spot anyone you recognise? See page 7

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King George	020 8983 8000
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Roding Hospital (Private)	020 8551 1100
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David Lloyd Centre	020 8559 8466
Essex School of Swimming	020 8505 9436
Loughton Rugby Club	020 8504 0065
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Roding Valley Tennis Centre	020 8505 4008
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Department of Social Security (Wentworth House)	020 8532 4200
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SSAFA, Forces Help	020 8508 8960
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National Railways Enquiry Line	0345 484 950
National Express (Victoria Coach Station)	0990 808 080
Essex Traveline	08457 000 333
Thamesway	01245 353104
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Editor's notes

FOLLOWING the election of the new Chairman and committees at the Annual Meeting in May, the Council is settling into the cycle of meetings and deciding on projects for the future.

One of the topics under discussion has been youth councils, and the Community Committee is investigating whether a youth council would be viable in Loughton.

Our local young people's needs have been neglected in some areas, and a youth council might be able to campaign for improvements

by putting a strong case to the relevant authorities.

The Town Council continues to negotiate with Epping Forest District Council to take over responsibility for the seats located beside roadways in the town. The seats needed to be brought up to a good standard and, following

representations from the Town Council, you will have recently seen improvements to some of the seats.

As I write, there is still some way to go but, by the time you read this, they may all be returned to tip-top condition!

Louise Fuller

Primary health trust sets agenda

EPPING Forest Primary Care Trust came into being on 1 April, bringing a unique opportunity to improve the front-line health services in its local communities.

Epping Forest PCT was created along with 16 other such trusts throughout the country as part of the modernisation of the NHS, and its aim is to improve services.

With this in mind, it is looking at elderly care services and establishing collaborative care nursing teams and crisis intervention teams, as well as elderly inpatient nursing at St Margaret's and Ongar War Memorial Community hospitals, and day hospitals.

The trust is working with GPs and practice nurses to ensure a uniform level of service across the Epping Forest district and to take some treatments out of hospitals and into the community.

The Government has set targets, via the Health Improvement Plan, on reducing the risk of coronary heart disease and cancer.

Along with this, the trust has included prevention of falls in the elderly, and also aims to reduce the number of teenage pregnancies in the area.

Partnership

To achieve better health for all residents in Epping Forest, the trust works in partnership

with many agencies including the district council and Essex County Council Social Services.

The administrative headquarters is based on the top floor of Birchwood House at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping.

The trust holds its board meetings in public. Anyone wishing to attend the meetings, in the Birchwood House Lecture Theatre at St Margaret's Hospital, should note the trust meets on each of the following Tuesdays:

- 19 September
- 21 November
- 19 December
- 16 January
- 20 March

The trust consists of an Executive Committee, which is made up of:

- Chief Executive: Aidan Thomas;
- Director of Finance: Jane Gately;
- a Social Services representative;
- five GPs, one – Dr Rory McCrea – is Chair and Dr Hugh Taylor leads on clinic governance;
- a public health representative;
- community pharmacists;
- two nurse representatives: Jo Coughlan and Joan Carbine;
- co-opted members include EFDC and Community Health Council representatives.

The overall strategic body is the Board, made up of:

- a Lay Chair: Sue Leggate;
- five non-executive directors: Di Collins, Kay Ellis (vice-chair), Colin Huckle, Sheila Jackman and Anthony Jackson;
- Chief Executive;
- Financial Director;
- Executive Committee Chairman;
- Head of Clinical Governance;
- nurse rep Jo Coughlan.

Councillors of your parish

Loughton Town line-up: the newly-elected members of the Town Council, pictured here at the first Council meeting of the new term. See page 4 for the full list of councillors, ward by ward.

Deadline dates

Edition	Copy deadline
November	29 Sept
March	26 Jan

Further copies of *Think Loughton* may be obtained from the Town Council Office, Traps Hill, or from Debden or Loughton libraries.



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EHL= Environment, Heritage & Leisure
F&GP= Finance & General Policy

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Masses rekindle the Biblical times

OVER 2,200 visitors went back to Biblical times by visiting the Bible Come to Life Exhibition, organised by Churches Together in Loughton in the middle of June as part of their Millennium celebrations.

Exhibition co-ordinator Barbara Griffiths said: "Eleven congregations in Loughton supported the event by sending 450 volunteers to help staff the exhibition, and 11 schools sent 1,200 pupils for the special schools sessions each morning. "It was very much tied into the National Curriculum."

Celebrate

Each afternoon and evening, sessions were opened to the

general public. Visitors travelled from as far away as Chelmsford and Stratford.

The exhibition was probably the biggest event Churches Together in Loughton has put on – it was felt that, in such an important year, they should celebrate with something significant that would not only educate but also unite the town.

The local community was very generous and several local trusts helped with finance, including the Grange Farm and Charles French trusts, Loughton Town Council and Epping Forest District Council.

Churches Together in Loughton treasurer John Lawrence said: "The funding allowed us to heavily subsidise the entrance price. We were

delighted with the response from the general public."

Roots

The exhibition was brought to Loughton by the Church's Ministry to the Jewish People, and its content was designed to help Christians return to their Jewish roots. For others, it helped teach visitors more about the way of life in the Middle East 2,000 years ago.

Thirteen stands depicted life then and there were ten separate presentations given on the subject over the four-day period.

The costumes were all of authentic design and many artefacts were used giving the whole event a very dramatic flavour.

Go loco for the logo

HOME-Start Epping Forest has a new logo to give it a child-friendly image.

Its staff hope the days are gone when people ask if it is a breakdown service. Instead, Home-Start is a home visiting scheme offering local families befriending, support and help.

To launch the new logo, it is holding a quiz night on 21 October (see Diary, page 8).



Thanks for Home-Start by Quentin Baker

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Graduates from the class of '27

PICTURED here are the children of class IV at Staples Road School in 1927, with their headteacher, Miss Hayes.

One of the children, at the time aged five, is now a Loughton Town Councillor. Can you pick him out in the photograph? Just to help you, he also appears in the photograph of Town Council members – can you spot him there?

If you know who he is, write in and tell us. Or perhaps you appear in the photograph yourself or just have memories of the school at that time.

If so, we would love to hear from you. Look out for our winter edition, due out in November, when we'll solve the mystery and print some of your reminiscences.



How to find the right funding formula

LAST month, I ran a grants advice day at Loughton Library.

It was very well attended, with many local voluntary sector organisations present, with as diverse a range as the Loughton Residents Association and experts wishing to set up an organisation to look after and

raise awareness about unwanted tropical fish.

The sessions were very well received and, as a matter of course, are all followed up with a letter and the offer of further support and information as these projects progress.

These are some of the ways I can help you:

- Research potential sources of funding for your project;
- Advice on fundraising and business plans;
- Advice on filling out application forms;
- How to write a constitution.

As a result of this success, I am running another day in at Loughton Library on Monday, 11 September, from 2 to 7pm. Unfortunately, you may receive

this newsletter too late for this date.

However, this need not be a problem because I am also running sessions in Epping on a monthly basis, the next one being on 28 September.

Anyone requiring further information can contact me on 01992 564484 or by e-mail at: fundinginfo@eppingforestdc.gov.uk.

I look forward to hearing from more enthusiastic Loughtonians.

Also don't forget that the new Awards For All pack is now available by calling on 01223 449009.

Darren Barker
External Funding Officer,
Epping Forest District Council

Ron maps out the path ahead

ACCESS across Roding Valley Recreation Ground to the nature reserve is set to be improved soon.

As part of his charitable work during his year of office, Epping Forest DC Chairman Cllr Ron Heath is leading this project.

His aim is for a volunteer force ready for some hard graft to reinstate the path, which runs across the recreation ground, past the tennis courts and

playground, to join the surfaced path by the river.

The Town Council, as manager of the land, agreed to his request. There is easy parking at the end of Roding Road and there will now be a suitable surface for disabled people from here all the way to the nature reserve.

The work will take place on Thursday, 19 October. Anyone interested in joining the band of volunteers should contact Cllr Heath on 020 8508 3458.

Dates for the diary

■ **7 Oct, 10am-3pm:** Royal National Lifeboat Institution table top sale, Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, High Road, Loughton. Refreshments available. Admission: 30p.

■ **14 Oct, 7.30pm:** Epping Phoenix Choir, Messiah for Hospices, St John's Church, Loughton. Conductor Philip Norman. Proceeds go to St Clare's Hospice, Hastingwood. Details: 020 8508 7702.

■ **20 & 21 Oct, 7.30pm:** Hopes and Dreams, Roding Valley School, Loughton. Tickets £6 / £3.50 concs available from Loughton Methodist Church, St Mary's Church Office (am only) or The Bookshop, Loughton. Enquiries: 020 8532 1329.

■ **21 Oct, 7.30pm:** Home-Start Epping Forest quiz night at St John's Church, Church Lane, to celebrate the launch of its new logo. Details: 020 8502 5242.

■ **2, 3 & 4 Nov, 8pm:** Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society production of The Handyman, by Ronald Harwood. Lopping Hall, High Road, Loughton. Tickets £5. Call: 020 8502 5843.

■ **9 Dec, 7.30pm:** Epping Phoenix Choir Christmas concert with music for choir, audience, organ and brass. Admission £6.50/£5 concs/£2 children, or by advance booking on 020 8508 7702.

■ **9 Dec, 7.30pm:** Classical and popular music with a seasonal theme at the Roding Players Christmas Concert, Loughton Methodist Church, High Road. Tickets on the door priced £4.50, £3.50 concs. Children under 11 free. Details: 020 8505 4329.

■ **18 Dec, 10am-1pm:** Royal National

Lifeboat Institution Winter Fayre, Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, High Road, Loughton. Lots of stalls.

■ **First Sunday of month at 3.30pm:** Church Service, St Michael's Church, Roding Road, Loughton. Friendly, informal service, welcomes those who have learning difficulties and their friends. Lasts about 30mins.

■ **Every Monday, 7.15-9.15pm:** Roding Players Orchestra rehearses at Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill, Loughton. New players welcome. Call Miles Howard on 020 8505 4329 for details.

■ **Every Monday, 8-10pm:** Epping Phoenix Choir meets at Epping Methodist Church Hall. New members welcome, especially tenors and basses. Details: 020 8508 7702.

■ **First Tuesday in the month, 8pm:** Royal British Legion Branch and Club meetings, 118 Church Hill, Loughton.

■ **Second Tuesday of month from 7.30pm:** The Forest Philatelic Society meets in the Centenary Hall, Loughton Methodist Church, High Road. Call Margaret Browning on 020 8508 1244 for details.

■ **Every Thursday, 12.45pm:** The Rotary Club of Loughton meets at The Roebuck Hotel, North End, Buckhurst Hill. Membership enquiries on 020 8504 6367.

■ **Every Thursday, 7.30-10pm:** Modern Sequence Dancing at St John's Church Centre, High Road, Buckhurst Hill. Newcomers welcome. Tel: 020 8508 7201.

■ **Alternate Fridays: 1.45-3pm:** Toddler Time, St John's Parish Hall, Church Lane, Loughton. Mums, dads, carers with children up to

school age – all welcome. Contact Carol on 020 8502 4739 for more details.

■ **Second Saturday in month, 10am-12 noon:** Acorns Junior Group of the Essex Handicrafts Association, Trinity Church, Mannock Drive, Loughton.

LABOUR COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES:

First Saturday in each month:

■ **9.15-10.15am:** Oakwood Stores, Longcroft Rise

■ **from 10.30am:** Broadway shopping parade (under the walk-through)

Second Saturday in each month:

■ **9.30-10am:** outside Londis, Valley Hill

■ **10.30-11am:** outside the Mother Hubbard pub, Valley Hill

Copy Date for the next issue is 29 September. Dates in next issue will cover Nov to mid-March

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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September	6	Wednesday	Environment, Heritage & Leisure
	11	Monday	Planning
	20	Wednesday	Finance & General Policy
	25	Monday	Planning
October	4	Wednesday	Full Council*
	9	Monday	Planning
	18	Wednesday	Community
	23	Monday	Planning
November	1	Wednesday	Environment, Heritage & Leisure
	6	Monday	Planning
	15	Wednesday	Finance & General Policy
	20	Monday	Planning
	23	Thursday	Community Forum‡
	29	Wednesday	Finance & General Policy (budgets)
December	4	Monday	Planning
	13	Wednesday	Full Council
	18	Monday	Planning

All meetings at Kingsley Hall, Kingsley Road, at 7.30pm unless shown otherwise.

‡ Methodist Church Hall, at 8pm

* Meeting Room, Loughton Library

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings.

Copies of the agenda and minutes of meetings are held in the library, and can also be seen at the Town Council offices which are housed in the Information Centre in Traps Hill.



Just the card for a happy Christmas

**Christmas 2000 Card Competition
ENTRY FORM AND RULES**



Name:

Address:

Class: (please tick as appropriate)

- Key Stage: 1 (infants) []
 2 (juniors) []
 3 (years 7/8/9) []
 4 (years 10/11) []
 Adult []

Tel. no. (to inform winners)

Please write your name clearly on the REVERSE of your entry.

COMPETITION RULES

- 1 Entries not in accordance with the rules will not be judged. acknowledged and no responsibility for entries is accepted.
- 2 Size of paper used must be A5 (148 mm x 210 mm). 6 The overall winning entry and its copyright remain the property of the Town Council.
- 3 Designs may be landscape or portrait orientation. 7 Entries will not be returned unless they are accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.
- 4 A 1cm-wide plain white border must be left all around the design edge. 8 The judges' decision is final.
- 5 Receipt of entries will not be

ENTRIES TO BE RETURNED TO:

Loughton Town Council,
Traps Hill, Loughton, Essex IG10 1DP

Closing date for entries: Friday, 3 November

FOLLOWING the success of last year's competitions, the Town Council is running two Christmas competitions again this year.

So now the summer holidays are over and the nights are drawing in, it is time to start thinking about your entries.

Best Decorated Window:

Shops and businesses throughout Loughton are invited to dress their windows with a Christmas theme.

There are two categories of entry: local/independent shops and businesses, and multiples/chain stores (three or more branches).

As the closing date for entries is not until 24 November, the entry form will be published in the Winter *Think Loughton* which will be distributed in the week starting 13 November.

Forms will also be available from the Town Council office and other outlets.

Christmas Cards: The Christmas card competition is open to everyone and the winning design will be used as the Council's official card.

Please see the entry form and a list of the competition rules to the left of this article.

Designs can be colour or black and white, or a portrait (upright) or landscape orientation, but remember the winning entry must be suitable for reproduction.

There are five age-related classes and the winner in each class will be presented with a £20 gift token at the meeting of the Community Forum on 23 November.

A display of the best entries will be on show in the Loughton and Debden libraries.

Closing date is 3 November so make sure you get your entry in before then! Additional forms can be obtained from the Town Council office or you can photocopy the one in the magazine.

Use them, or lose them

ALTHOUGH there were a few takers for the mini soccer pitches last season, the Town Council will be making them available again this year.

These pitches are marked out at less than full size to comply

with the Football Association's requirements for under-11's teams. Permanent goals will be provided.

For prices and bookings, please call the Loughton Town Council office on 020 8508 4200.

Shed light on a life...

THE Town Council's illuminated tree on Kings Green will this year be participating in the Light Up a Life scheme run by St Clare's Hospice.

Local people are invited to sponsor a symbolic light on the tree in memory of a friend or relative. There will be a short ceremony round the tree when the lights are switched on.

To sponsor a light, please call 01279 413590.



Kings Green last Christmas

Musical inspiration born out of tragedy

ON the day of Diana Princess of Wales' funeral, the nation's grief found one voice and joined together in saying the Lord's Prayer.

Moved and inspired by this, Paul Field and co-author Rob Frost began to create a musical for the new Millennium – called *Hopes and Dreams*.

Based on The Lord's Prayer, it combines a lively presentation of song, dance, drama and comedy.

Performers representing most of the churches in Loughton, with members of the local community, have joined together to celebrate the Millennium with local people – there's something for everyone.

The musical explores a

number of thought-provoking ideas in a beautifully creative setting, laced with lots of

humour. Musical co-ordinator Andrea Moles says: "*Hopes and Dreams* is a very special event



for me, seeing so much talent and enthusiasm working together, experiencing the warmth and laughter between Christians of many different denominations, and hearing the music soar from the choir.

Hope

"It's hard work, but it's fun and it has a message of hope to a struggling world."

Hopes and Dreams is being performed on 20 and 21 October at Roding Valley School, Loughton, at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £6, and £3.50 for concessions.

Tickets are available from Loughton Methodist Church, St Mary's Church Office (mornings only) or The Bookshop Loughton.

For further information, please contact 020 8532 1329.

Polly Deal and Rob Meadwell performing one of the sketches from the original production of the musical, which toured the UK

Planning meetings go public

THE Town Council has changed its standing orders to allow members of the public to address its Planning Committee meetings.

The change was agreed at the July Town Council meeting. The new scheme's progress will be monitored, and the change may be extended to other committee and full Council meetings in the future.

With immediate effect, one applicant and one objector will be able to address the Planning

Committee on each planning application on the agenda for the meeting. Each speaker will be permitted a maximum of three minutes.

Anyone intending to speak must give the Town Council written notice by 4pm on the working day preceding the meeting – as the Planning Committee normally meets on a Monday, this means notice must be received on the previous Friday.

For further details, contact the Town Council office.

Join me and the team...

MY NAME is Malcolm Price. I am 28, married with two children and, like most people, I have concerns about the society in which my children will grow up.

However, unlike many people, I have had the opportunity to act upon these concerns and do my part to help

make the community a place in which they can feel safe. I am a Special Constable with Loughton Police. When I initially decided to join the Specials, the Divisional Inspector, Insp Ivor Harvey, met me and, after a tour of the station, we spoke at length about the role of a Special Constable.

I was made to feel very welcome from the very first meeting. The training took place over several weekends and I feel that I learned as much about myself as I did about policing skills.

My only major concern was the many stories that I had heard about the relationship between Specials and regular officers. However, after meeting the team at Loughton, I realised that my concerns were quite unnecessary. I have been made to feel very much part of the team and have been actively encouraged to get involved in many community-driven initiatives.

Character

As well as my own tutor, George Hartwell, the other members of the Community Policing Team and Insp Harvey have gone to great lengths to

advise and support me in this very challenging role.

The experience I have gained since I joined has helped me see the world in a very different way and has forced me to strengthen my character and heightened my self-esteem. I would strongly recommend the Specials to anyone.

So anyone aged between 18 and 50, who is reasonably fit and a British Commonwealth or Irish Republic citizen, and wishes to participate in a rewarding organisation, ring Essex Police on 01245 452824 for further information.

Alternatively, call in at Loughton Police Station and ask to speak to somebody in the Community Policing Team, where you will receive the same encouragement that I have come to expect.

**Malcolm Price, SC5054,
Loughton Police Station**

Help on the fast track

NEW Essex Rural Transport Partnership funding is available to community and voluntary transport providers.

The cash will be used to help improve existing services and provide additional facilities for rural communities across Essex.

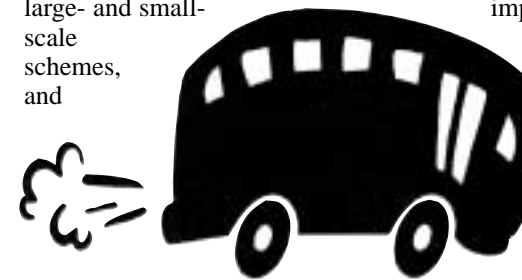
Organisations with large- and small-scale schemes, and

especially those with project ideas, should contact Essex Rural Transport Partnership (ERTP) co-ordinator Chris Blake to find out more about the fast-track fund.

Grants of up to £1,500 are available and applications will be considered for a variety of uses, including vehicle

improvements, research, training, marketing and service information.

For details, call Chris Blake at the Rural Community Council of Essex on 01245 352046.



Drive on to great Effect

THE Epping Forest Fast Efficient Community Transport scheme, known as Effect, is asking people to drive for it.

Next year, it will be looking for drivers to join its paid staff, but this year it is in need of volunteers to begin helping the people of Epping Forest district, while fundraising proceeds.

Volunteers are asked to give as little or as much of their time as they can manage. Expenses will be paid. Effect is offering volunteers three options:

- To join existing voluntary care schemes as volunteer drivers;

- In those parts of the district not covered by voluntary care schemes to help Effect, by driving their own cars, to carry

isolated people on a variety of journeys;

- To take on Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MIDAS) training to be able to run some services to clubs using minibuses already in the Epping Forest district. This training is free for volunteers.

Effect needs funding to put the other recommendations of its recently published report into practice. These include adding 12 people carriers and four new minibuses to the fleet.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Epping Forest CVS Community Transport Officer Julian Turner on 01992 564178, or write to EFCVS, Homefield House, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping, Essex CM176 4BZ.