



## Ikea Planning Application



As you probably know, the West Berkshire Council Eastern Area Planning Committee approved the IKEA planning application back in April. Since then, Councillor Alan Macro requested that the application be "called-in" for determination by the Secretary of State, rather than allowing the local authority to decide. Unfortunately, according to Alan's blog, this request was rejected. At the time of writing, West Berkshire Council informs us that the planning application cannot proceed until the Section 106 agreement has been completed for the application, which will legally bind the developers to funding a number of changes specified in the application to mitigate the impact of the development on the surrounding areas - the improvement of the highways being an example. This agreement is due to be made by 5th August 2012.

## Drains and Sewers

The problems that beset Meadow Way a few years ago seem to have abated. Reports suggest that since Thames Water took over direct control from their sub-contractors, regular pumping has prevented any major overflow problems (even with the recent heavy rain) although local blockages still have to be dealt with by residents.

It is understood that a programme of development is planned for two years hence.

## Jubilee Celebrations



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on 3<sup>rd</sup> June - the Big Lunch - were a great success. In spite of the miserable, rainy, wet weather the picnic lunch and the associated activities all went off as scheduled.

The picnic, stalls, face painting and fancy dress competition were held in the village hall whilst the children's Theale Country Games were played from the shelter of the marquee that had been so generously provided and set up by the Englefield Estate. The rifle shooting range provided by the army cadets had its own shelter and the tug-of-war was held in the open (but by then the rain had paused). The bouncy-castle had to be cancelled because of the rain but nobody minded and some picnickers set up their own gazebo and others set up table and chairs in the marquee.

Sir William and Lady Elizabeth Benyon and local MPs Richard Benyon and Alok Sharma were guests of honour and helped with the judging and awarding prizes. In the evening a Jubilee Beacon was lit on the top of the Holy Trinity bell tower.

This event was enjoyed by all and we must thank the people from many organisations that helped in planning, organising, arranging, and setting it up. There are too many to mention by name but special thanks must go to the Reverend Ann Templeman who came up with the idea, chaired the organising committee and made it all happen.

## Olympic Torch



There were around 4,000 spectators lining the High Street and Church Street waving flags with enthusiasm when the Olympic Torch came through Theale on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The sun shone, the church bells rang and the children cheered. Four torch bearers ran through the village - Gillian Hurley (Newbury), Joe Robinson (Thame), Kieran Wassell (Wokingham) and Wendy Shaw (Reading). It was a fun morning, something for the children to remember and a good prelude to the excitement of the Olympic Games coming to London.

## Photographic Competition

Would you like to see your best photograph of Theale in this newsletter? We would like to show it! The photograph must be recent and about Theale parish. Send us a copy of your favourite new photograph and it may be selected to be printed in the newsletter. We will try to make this a regular event.

Open to all amateur photographers, this first competition is for two age groups: under 18 and 18 and above. The theme is "Summer 2012 in Theale". The prize (for the over 18 group) is a two course meal for two with a bottle of house wine at the Volunteer donated by the new proprietors Iain and Gary. For the under 18's it will be a £30 Amazon voucher donated by hosts Warren and Michaela at the Crown. Entries should be sent to [thealesfuturephotos@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thealesfuturephotos@hotmail.co.uk) and must be received by the closing date of September 30<sup>th</sup> 2012.

The winning photographs will be published in the next newsletter and displayed on our noticeboard. Photographs must be digital, less than 10MB in jpg format and sent by e-mail one at a time.

Full Rules are published on our notice board and will be sent by e-mail on request. The Committee's decision will be final.

## Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Church is celebrating its 180th birthday this year. On the evening of 8th September at 9pm a beacon will be lit on the top of the bell tower and the church is inviting everyone to join the special service on Sunday 9th September at 11 am, when a number of different community groups will take part and the Bishop of Oxford will be the guest speaker. For further information refer to [www.holytrinitytheale.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitytheale.org.uk).



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## Funding newsletter / leaflet printing - can you help?

As a volunteer group we rely entirely on external funding to finance our printing costs for the quarterly newsletter and any ad hoc leafleting campaigns. In April we applied to Find Me A Grant (FMAG) for assistance in meeting these costs. FMAG is designed to enable community groups to source local grants and attract public donations for projects and services. In May we were awarded £500 of the £1000 we sought. This was awarded under the Vibrant Villages scheme. One of the conditions of this scheme is that before the awarded funds can be released they must be matched by funds from another source i.e. "matched funding".

We are now seeking public donations to help raise the remaining £500 and donations can be made via secure on line payment facilities on the FMAG website which can be found at [www.findmeagrant.org](http://www.findmeagrant.org) (select the West Berkshire area and "Applications" or "Donate".) Our application can be found under reference **WB10198**. Please consider making a donation so that our current service of regular quarterly newsletter distribution to every household can continue.

## AGM

Theale's Future's Annual General Meeting was held in the function room of the Red Lion on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Committee members reported progress and achievements during the last year - the most significant being the plan for lifts at Theale railway station - and outlined hopes for the future such as an easier way to cross the A4 to and from Arlington Business Park. Peter Elliot of the Neighbourhood Wardens talked about the contribution the Wardens make to Theale and its community, and Steve Hodder of Theale Business Network described its first year and how it is bringing Theale businesses together.

The committee elections were then held to elect Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Ordinary Members.

## Vacancies



We are always happy to see new people at Theale's Future, and at the moment we have vacancies for a number of positions: Secretary, Publicity Officer, Funding Leader and Auditor. More

details of these positions are on the village notice board (the side facing the High Street). So please, get in touch if you are interested. The more the merrier! You would be welcome at any of our meetings (third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Red Lion). If you have any ideas you would like to see in Theale then please come along to a meeting or e-mail or write to us (contact details below).

## Theale Scouting Numbers Surge with 135% Growth!



With numbers growing each term, Scouting in Theale is going from strength to strength! Each section is at capacity, with waiting lists in use; however, there is talk of more sections opening in Theale, so do make sure you get your child's name down! And it's hardly surprising when you hear of the amazing things they've been getting up to - astronomy, trips out, canoeing, map-reading, lantern making, games, night hikes, badges, first aid, sausage sizzles, scuba diving...the list goes on! 150 people have just returned from their first family camp where they had a go with rifles and crossbows, rock climbing, treasure hunts, outdoor cooking, campfires and more! With plenty of camps and more fun planned for next year, what child hasn't got something to gain by way of skills, confidence, adventure and friendship? Join Beavers (6-8 yrs), Cubs (8-10yrs) or Scouts (10-14yrs). Adults? Looking for a fun, friendly, challenging opportunity to help out locally? Get in touch NOW because your help is needed! [scouts@thealeandcalcotscouts.org.uk](mailto:scouts@thealeandcalcotscouts.org.uk)



## Theale Directory

Five years ago we published a list of the clubs and societies in Theale; later on this was put on the village website. We now want to update this to ensure it gives the correct details of your organisation.

If you are the main contact for a club, society or charitable organisation in Theale please let us have information about it and your contact details. We will then update it on the website and on the paper copies distributed to all households in Theale.

## How to Contact Us

Recently the [thealevillage.com](http://thealevillage.com) website has been unavailable due to technical issues but we are pleased to announce that the problems have been overcome and the site is back up and available.

If you would like to contact Theale's Future regarding any of the articles in this newsletter, or be involved with the group, we would love to hear from you:

Email: [tf@thealevillage.com](mailto:tf@thealevillage.com)

Post: **Theale's Future**, c/o TPC, The Pavilion, Englefield Road, Theale. RG7 5AS

Follow [@Theale](https://twitter.com/Theale) to keep abreast of village affairs, or contact us there also.

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