



OCTOBER 2021

## Parish Councillors:

John Smith (Chairman), Lyndsey Barwick (Vice-Chairman), Jason Brown, Barry Dorman, Maggie Henderson, Gerry Munson, Richard Scott

# D'ARCY DIARY

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## Full Council Meeting Dates 2021/22:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Meetings are held in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



Visit our website to keep to date with what is happening in your Parish:

[www.tolleshuntarcy.org](http://www.tolleshuntarcy.org)

## Message from the Chairman

Although the pandemic is far from over, we are starting to get back to normal; the Council can now meet in person in the village hall, and parishioners are always welcome to come along and have their say or observe what goes on. As one of the few councils to achieve accreditation at the Foundation level for The Local Council Awards, we are keen to reach the next level and our editor Cllr. Lyndsey Barwick is leading on this.

As there won't be another edition until the New Year, I would like, on behalf of the Parish Council, to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We very much hope it will be so much better than last year and we will all be able to spend the holidays with our friends and families.

John Smith – Chairman

## Remembrance Day

Once again, Cllr Richard Scott will be installing Tommy on the Maypole for November as a mark of respect. The school have been invited to make suitable decorations.

## Bus Shelter in Tollesbury Road

Unfortunately, this recently got in a bit of a mess, and Cllr Richard Scott kindly cleaned it up. It needs repainting, and we are seeking quotations for this to be done. Many of you may be as surprised as we are to learn that the Bishop of Chelmsford owns it. The Parish Council is committed to its upkeep, but we need to clarify the ongoing ownership situation for insurance purposes.



## Burial Ground

As mentioned in the last edition, Cllr Jason Brown completed some maintenance works on the gates, but we have decided they need to be replaced. We are seeking quotations for both wooden and metal replacements before deciding on the new gates. If anyone has any views on this, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

## Tudwick (Hamlet of)

The saga of the notice board looks like it is nearing a conclusion, and it will soon be re-installed at its new location.

## Parking Problems

The Council have been involved in trying to resolve several parking issues in the village. One has been impossible to improve on, and now there has been an accident, although thankfully, nobody was seriously injured. A hazard is caused mostly but not exclusively by two vehicles habitually parking on South Street or the pavement near the notice board. Vehicles parked in this location block the view of traffic coming from the Colchester direction, and this makes it very dangerous for pedestrians who have to cross the road as the footpath ends on that side of the road. This particularly affects schoolchildren, and some of them have contacted us about this. Having failed to improve the situation, the Council is now reluctantly considering applying for yellow lines to prevent the hazard. The installation of yellow lines will not be popular with everybody. We believe this limited use will not adversely affect the shop or public house, and the seriousness of the situation requires us to act.

## Speeding in the Village

Despite many people's perception to the contrary, there is not an "official" speeding problem in D'Arcy as determined by ECC Highways, who have carried out a number of surveys. We have, however, convinced the Local Highways Panel to extend the 30 mph limit in Tollesbury Road, which will hopefully give drivers longer to adjust their speed before entering the village. We are now thinking that there are some parts of the village where 30 mph is too fast for safety, so we are investigating having a 20 mph limit. Hopefully, there will be more news in the next edition of the Newsletter.

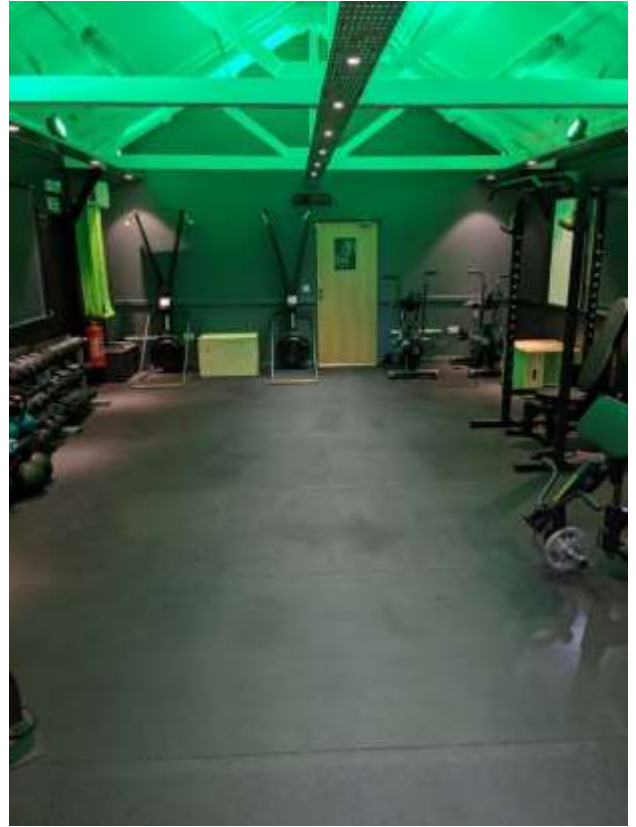
## Breaking News

We have just learnt of Anglian Water's plan to completely close Factory Hill, Tiptree, for six weeks starting on January 2022. This will have serious implications for parishioners, and we are contacting Anglian Water urgently to try and mitigate what could be very serious consequences. For further information, please visit the Anglian Water website at: :  
[www.anglianwater.co.uk/Tiptree](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/Tiptree)

## Recreation Ground

It is with great pleasure, we can confirm that the gymnasium run by CM9 Bee-Fit in the Pavilion has now opened.

Special offer in November – 2-4-1 (2 months for the price of 1)



For further information, please get in touch with Tazz Leigh at [tazz@bee-fit.club](mailto:tazz@bee-fit.club)

Tazz is kindly renovating the changing rooms which the footballers use. Whilst the Saturday football team has now moved on, their reserves will occasionally play on a Saturday. The Sunday team will continue, and we are pleased to confirm that they will be changing their name to Tolleshunt D'Arcy FC for the next season. Their manager John Rose is very keen to hear from anyone interested in playing for them and can be contacted on 07585 707711.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the Outside Gym needed attention, and this has now been completed and looks much better. Unfortunately, the base to the Youth Shelter has deteriorated significantly, and at the time of writing, we are seeking quotations for its replacement.

Cllr Barry Dorman continues to keep an eye on the Recreation Ground, and if you have any comments or suggestions, please get in touch with him via the Clerk.

