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You are invited to come to our Open Meeting on Wed. 24th April at 7.30 pm

The meeting is free and will be held at the Tewin Pavillion, Upper Green, Tewin, AL6 0LX.

The aim is to find out what Affinity Water's future plans are and how they affect the Mimram and to learn about the river's past.

So our speakers will be:

Affinity Water: Rob Sage, Resources Asset Specialist

Rob is extremely knowledgeable about our water resources and the Mimram. Ideally Affinity Water would like to reduce the abstraction from our chalk streams most under threat. So he will talk us through the planning and approval stages Affinity have to go through to achieve that aim.

Dr Tony Rook: Founder of the Welwyn Archeological Society.

Relive the Mimram's heydays. Tony is a great speaker and has a wealth of knowledge and stories about the Welwyn area and the role that the River Mimram played in its development.

David Cheek: Friends of the Mimram

A quick summary of what recent developments there

Are you interested in understanding what's happening in our river?

The Friends are launching another initiative to understand and monitor how the rate of flow in the river affects its wellbeing and to help us build a case for a designated protection status.

So we are looking to recruit a group to measure the river on a regular basis. Essentially using 'sophisticated Pooh Sticks'.

There is a 2 hour introductory and training session near the Tewinbury SSSI at 2pm Saturday May 4th. If you would like to come or find out more [contact Robin](#) here.

Now you can see the Mimram from the Codicote Road.

have been on the Mimram and where do we go from here to try to ensure we continue to have good water levels.

There will be time for discussion after and the meeting will finish by 9.30pm.

[Google maps reference to get to Tewin Pavillion](#)

5 sewage overflows into the Mimram at Bessemer Road, WGC.

There have been five 'sewage overflows' at this pumping station in January & February. And these follow the incident in 2012, when apparently Thames Water said the problem was 'solved'. The landowner let us know and we reported each one to the Environment Agency. They attended the site on three occasions to monitor the effect and have also been in touch with Thames Water, who again have said the problem is now solved. The EA has the power to issue big fines to deter future incidents.

We have asked numerous questions of the EA, got few answers, so eventually got a meeting with those responsible for the monitoring. Their lack of action, follow-up and interpretation of their own data is appalling for such a serious issue. So our latest 'Angry of Mimram' letter to the EA Area Manager has now been logged by them as an official complaint. So watch this space.

We should have an answer by the Open Meeting!



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The project to let more sunlight into the river and open up the river at Singlers Marsh has just been completed. Herts Middx Wildlife Trust got the funding and oversaw the project, with the agreement of Welhat Council who own the land. Two large willows were pollarded and the roadside shrub cut back to reveal the river and the Marsh.

In addition coir rolls were added to the hurdles at near Singlers Bridge. The coir roll has sedge already planted in it so this should increase the vegetation growth in the river to provide different wildlife habitats as well as looking a lot nicer.