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# A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



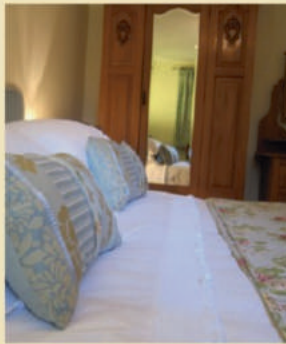
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## Editorial Comment

### This Christmas give the Earth a gift

To do this is cheap, easy and oddly satisfying: do nothing! It is clear that humans doing stuff is a large part of the planet's problem. Next time you set out to do anything ask yourself 3 questions: do I need to do it? If I do, can I do it in a less damaging way? Could I do something else? It can be easy: do I need a holiday in the Bahamas? Or more complex needing some research. Doing less is often more. Only some of this applies to voting.

In this newsletter you will find lots of things which don't 'cost the Earth' and many village activities are posted on the new noticeboards.

Road safety issues are prominent, making it safer to walk, cycle and push a buggy, leaving the car at home: traffic calming in the village with speed and road signs; verges needing sympathetic management for road safety and wildlife - you might like to volunteer as a verges warden; road safety education is being provided for future drivers through the County Council's 'Braking point' scheme and gritting lorries will operate so much better with names like 'Benjamin Gritten' Staying healthy and out of hospital could save the NHS millions.

Many free or exceptional-value activities are on offer: free swimming for youngsters at Mid- Suffolk Leisure Centre over the Christmas holidays; you can curl up with a good book from the (free) mobile library visiting monthly on a Friday and there are free trees for newborns (or rather their parents) to plant as well as the village's own tree planting scheme. If you are on a low income, a warm home might no longer be a pipe dream thanks to the 'Warm Homes' scheme.

The Social Club events are always excellent value – what a brilliant fireworks display we had! The Church has much to offer with the Tree Festival, Christmas Bazaar, the Church Carol Service and don't miss Charles Dickens' ***A Christmas Carol***. If that is not enough entertainment – look at what the



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and friends- make  
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decorations like this  
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local organisations offer – the W.I., Horticultural Society and Suffolk Wildlife Trust - all run by volunteers. "From the Rectory" reminds us that we can have an enjoyable holiday in this country – in spite of any rain.

Support your local businesses particularly those that pay to go in this publication.

When Christmas is over – if you are confused about recycling - Suffolk's Recycling Centres offer free 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle - not a Waste of time!' sessions. We must of course remember all those who work to keep us safe over Christmas.

**So start now - do as little as possible  
this Christmas and don't feel guilty about it!**

Thanks to co-Editor Kathryn Martin and contributors and advertisers.

**A Merry Christmas to all.**

**Joan Hardingham co-Editor**



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## **CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Traffic Calming - through the village**

We are still awaiting the road markings 'Slow' and 'Pedestrians in Road' signage for All Saints Road. The County Councillor has assured us that the work will be carried out as soon as possible. The Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS) is to be installed at Jacks Green on 13th November - powered by a solar panel unit to replace the battery system which needed frequent recharging - done free of charge. . Once the second post near to the village hall, has been has been re-installed and the VAS will th be moved between the two locations.

### **Red Telephone Kiosk – Jacks Green Road**

The Defibrillator should be soon be installed by The Community Heartbeat Trust working closely with BT. It cannot be used until registered with the Emergency Services then can be used by anyone.

### **Verges in the Village**

Due to cutbacks the within the County Council, Suffolk Higways will only cut verges once or twice during the summer months. Other options need to be considered by the Parish Council who will inform residents of its plans.

### **Noticeboards**

The 'Men's Shed' in Stowmarket are making another noticeboard for All Saints Road, near to the Church. It will be available for villagers to use and view up-coming events. The Noticeboard at Jacks Green has had an issue with the varnish. The Parish Council are sending it back to the supplier.

### **County Councillor's Report**

**Thousands of illegal cigarettes seized in Lowestoft raids** - 21,880 illegal cigarettes and 10.9kg of rolling tobacco in October Officers have been seized from four different premises by Trading Standards and Suffolk Police. Investigations into the seizures will continue. With these cheap products on the market, it is easier for young people to become hooked on smoking and makes it harder for people to quit. Illegal cigarettes pose a fire risk - when genuine cigarettes are left lit for a period of time, they are designed to self-extinguish. There have been four successful prosecutions In the last twelve months with fines running into tens of thousands of pounds, alongside suspended prison sentences. You can anonymously report someone for selling illicit tobacco by calling the national Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

**Suffolk's gritting fleet gets personal** - On 14 October, SprEd Sheeran, Benjamin Gritten and Grit Rhys Jones joined the ranks of Suffolk's gritting service as Suffolk Highways announced its newly named gritting fleet. Suffolk Highways asked attendees at the Suffolk Show to suggest names for its 41 gritting lorries. The 500 suggestions, the names were then judged by a panel including Councillor Mary Evans and BBC Radio Suffolk's Mark Murphy. The people who suggested the winning names were invited to Suffolk Highways' depot at Phoenix House in Ipswich for a certificate presentation and photo



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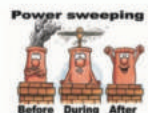
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with some of the gritting fleet. Suffolk's gritters now have their names proudly displayed on the front and side of their cabs and are ready to grit the roads. Follow the gritting activity on Twitter at @Suff\_Highways and if they spot one of the newly named gritters in action they can send a picture to us on Twitter at @Suff\_Highways #WinterReady

**Braking Point returns to help young adults stay safe on Suffolk's roads** - The

Suffolk Roadsafes board is working with 16 and 17-year-old students. The board is a partnership between Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Suffolk Constabulary, Highways England and the East of England Ambulance Service. The Road Safety Team's Braking Point project relaunched in the week of 7 October visiting 20 schools to deliver the Braking Point play, by Performance in Education, designed to encourage the safe behaviours of drivers and passengers. The theatre tour ends just before the autumn half-term, the Road Safety team will then provide classroom-based follow-up sessions in schools into 2020. The aim is to change behaviour by normalising sensible decision-making shifting students' attitudes to road safety and ultimately make them responsible drivers. See

[www.suffolkroadsafe.com/education/braking-point---passenger-and-driver-education](http://www.suffolkroadsafe.com/education/braking-point---passenger-and-driver-education)

**Central heating systems for Suffolk residents** - A further 200 Suffolk homes will soon have their first ever central heating system installed. On 7 October Suffolk's local authorities have secured an additional £760,000 from the Warm Homes Fund allowing the installation of 204 first-time central heating systems in fuel-poor households over the next three years. Around four million UK households are unable to affordably heat their home to the temperature needed to stay warm and healthy. As well as being on low incomes many of these households have heating systems that are inefficient and expensive to run. Contact Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People on 03456 037686 quoting the Warm Homes Fund or visit [www.greensuffolk.org/whf](http://www.greensuffolk.org/whf) to find out more.

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**District Councillor's Report**

**Needham Lake Visitor Centre and cafe** - The final version of the building design, incorporating feedback from the public engagement event on Thursday 10th October, was submitted as a planning application on Monday 4th November. Once approved, a contractor for the construction phase will be appointed and then an operator to run the facility. It is hoped that it will open late in the summer season next year.

**More free swimming for youngsters** - Mid Suffolk District Council has extended its free summer swims offer to the Christmas holidays from 20 December 2019 to 5 January 2020 inclusive, at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stradbroke Swimming Pool, promoting healthier and active lifestyles.

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### **Fly-tipper billed more than £1,500 for dumping waste in Stowupland**

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**Free recycling talks for residents** - Suffolk's Recycling Centres offer free 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle - not a Waste of time!' sessions to learn more about recycling (which is also available on the 'Suffolk Recycling' website). Neighbours, parish or community groups can set up a session - to book with the Information and Education Manager email Sharon.Lockhart@fccenvironment.co.uk

**Closing date for Mid Suffolk District Council Locality Awards** - Awards are available to local groups with their own bank account and a treasurer, ideally should be for specific projects and costs of training for officers and volunteers is included. They are not available to individuals and cannot be made retrospectively. The minimum award is £250.00 per application. The current scheme will close for applications on 31st December 2019. Contact your local District Councillors, Mike Norris or Steve Phillips for an application form (contact details below).

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**Tel. 01449 720871 and Steve Phillips** [stephen.phillips@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.phillips@midsuffolk.gov.uk)  
**Tel. 01449 721710.** For Needham Market, Badley, Baylham, Creting St Mary, Creting St Peter, Darmsden.

### **Planning Applications Considered**

Ref: DC/19/04441 - Outline Planning Application (some matter reserved - access to be considered) - Erection of 1 No detached dwelling and garage (re-submission of refused application DC/19/00077) - Highfield, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NG – OBJECTED – Required 90 metre visibility splay not achieved.

Ref: DC/19/04359 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of two storey rear extension and balcony - Thatched Cottage, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PW – No Objections

Ref: DC/19/04528 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of second floor loft conversion extension - Highfield, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NG – No Objections

Ref: DC/19/04799 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of carport - Halcyon House, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NQ – No Objections

Ref: DC/19/04740 - Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission DC/17/04743 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of detached dwelling and garage - Land Adjacent To 1 Red Houses, All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, Suffolk – No Objections

Ref: DC/19/04831 - Full Planning Application - Erection of 4 no dwellings, including access, landscaping and associated garaging/parking - Land North of Lyndale Lodge, All Saints Road, Creting St. Mary, Suffolk IP6 8PU -



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Ref: DC/19/05166 - Full Planning Application - Change of Use of land and erection of Visitor Centre and Cafe, with outside decked seating area and bicycle racks - Needham Lake, Coddendam Road, Needham Market, Suffolk IP6 8NU – No Objections

Ref: DC/19/04836 - Full Planning Application - Change of use of stable building to residential use (C3) - Land North West Of, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PS – No Objections

### **Recent Planning Application Decisions**

Ref: DC/19/04359 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of two storey rear extension and balcony - Thatched Cottage, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PW – WITHDRAWN

Ref: DC/19/04441 - Outline Planning Application (some matter reserved - access to be considered) - Erection of 1No detached dwelling and garage (re-submission of refused application DC/19/00077). Highfield, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NG – GRANTED

Ref: DC/19/04528 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of second floor loft conversion extension - Highfield, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NG - GRANTED

***Jennie Blackburn (Parish Clerk) – 01449 721369 / clerk.csmmpc@yahoo.co.uk***

Details of forthcoming meetings and copies of Parish Council Meeting minutes can be found on the village web-site. If you have any concerns or queries to address to the Parish Council or come along to the next meeting.

### **Getting to know your Parish Councillors:**

#### **Hugo Craggs**

Currently Vice-Chair of the Parish Council, I have responsibility for Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) and Sustainability. I am 45 and have lived in the village since 2008 with my wife, Rachel, and two daughters. I have been a Financial Adviser throughout that time and split my time between working from home, travelling around the country seeing my clients and London. I can be seen in the Earl Stonham Pantomime along with a number of others from Creeting St Mary every Christmas and I am a keen gardener. Having spent seven years in the Army I have recently rediscovered the “joys” of running and can often be seen early in the morning puffing my way round the footpaths of the village.

#### **Jan Palmer**

I have lived in the village for just over 8 years and have been a member of the Parish Council for approximately 5. I live a few doors up from the Village Hall and one of my responsibilities on the Council is anything to do with Blacksmiths Field, so you may see me there sometimes inspecting the play equipment - well that's my excuse for trying out the swings! I'm also on the Fund-Raising Committee which is looking to raise money for the next phase of equipment the village would like.

When I have time, I enjoy walking and I joined the Ramblers Association some years ago. When we moved to Suffolk, I took on the role of Area Secretary. If you're interested in walking with a group, I would be happy to point you in the right direction to find out more.



## DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

The run-up to Christmas is undoubtedly one of the busiest times of the year – at home, but also out and about attending the many Christmas community events and fayres. One of the best things about Suffolk is our fantastic community spirit and with many events and lunches put on specially to ensure that no-one in the community is left out or lonely, I would like to personally thank each and every one of our volunteers who work selflessly at Christmas and throughout the year.

I also very much enjoy taking the time to browse and to buy locally where I can. We have such a fantastic range of small and independent retailer, not to mention farm shops and local producers, so it's very important that we do our best to support our local economy.

As many of us start to get into the party spirit, we must also remember those in our NHS and emergency services who work around the clock to keep people safe and cared for. I will certainly be spending some of my Christmas break working as a doctor in the NHS. The Christmas period is one of the busiest times of year with staff working around the clock.

Of course it's not just those working in hospitals who work on Christmas Day, many work right across the festive season to ensure that services continue day and night – carers visiting the elderly and vulnerable in our communities, highways teams, ambulance staff and paramedics, firefighters and police officers, to name but a few. Then there is the army of hard working public sector staff, working to keep everything running smoothly.

Collectively they ensure that our communities are safe and functioning over the festive period, while we all enjoy ourselves with friends and family. This Christmas, please spare a thought for all those working tirelessly on our behalf, often in challenging circumstances, yet remaining committed to delivering services compassionately and professionally, despite knowing their families and loved ones are waiting at home to enjoy Christmas with them after a lengthy shift.

I would therefore like to pay special tribute to all of our dedicated and hardworking workforce here in Suffolk, thank you for all you do at Christmas, and all year round.

May I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

*Parliament been dissolved until the General Election on December 12th. Therefore there are currently no Members of Parliament. Incoming emails to this account may be received and read, but only urgent constituency case work is being dealt with.*

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# From the Rectory

**Rev. Phillip Payne**

This edition of 'From the Rectory' comes from the Peak District village of Tideswell. A favourite holiday destination of ours; surrounded by hills, and with easy access to footpaths and trails, we come for the walking.

Having travelled to Tideswell in pouring rain, a sunny woodland stroll to get the legs and lungs working got us off to a good start. As we headed down a familiar tree-lined path bathed in sunlight, rich autumn colours brightened the afternoon. Beneath this canopy of greens and gold a stream, swollen by recent rains, babbled and boomed its' cheerful way beside our path. We were treated to a glorious opening scene.

It wasn't to last. The next time we walked that path the sun had gone. As our day's walk drew to a close long threatened rain began to fall. Rain; heavy, steady rain; rain that dripped from trees, shone on leaves and splashed into the stream. Still we had enjoyed our day's journey, exploring new vistas and new places. Even familiar paths look quite different when approached from a new direction.

The weather may have dampened the air, but not our spirits. With the light fading, and the rain dripping from the peak of my cap, the bright lights of the cafe at the end of the road were all the more inviting. Every cloud, as they say, has a silver lining (or in this case a cream-cake coloured lining).

As originally drafted this piece ended on a high note. The cloudy moments had helped us fully appreciate the moments of rich beauty. However, as the scale of the flooding and devastation in the surrounding area unfolded, we realised just how fortunate we had been. Nevertheless, even the darkest night passes and leads to a new dawn. As this article reaches you, preparations for Christmas will be in full swing. Soon we will celebrate again the birth of the Son of God, a message of hope. As we approach the day of celebration Mary and I wish you all a very blessed Christmas. We ask, too, that as you enjoy the beauty of the moment please pray for those who see no moment to celebrate; only the darkness of loss. May they see again the light of the love of God.

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## SUFFOLK LIBRARIES MOBILE LIBRARY

A chance encounter in the village lead me to the re-discovery of our mobile library service which calls in the village on a Friday morning every four weeks, stopping at Whissels Farm at 11.20 to 11.30 and at the Village Hall at 11.35 to 11.45am. There is a reasonable selection of books on board, and books can always be ordered from the main library. The bus will be calling next on December 27th 2019 and on January 24th 2020

This somewhat under-used service can be a lifeline and I feel needs supporting. I came away with 3 very different books and a renewed membership. Well worthwhile.

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## **CREETING ST MARY SOCIAL CLUB (CSMSC)**

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### **Social Club AGM**

On Friday 15th November we held our AGM.

Approximately 30 social club members heard our Chairperson, Kathryn, report on a very successful year of varied events aimed at providing something for everyone. During the year we organised 3 pop up cafe/soup lunches, a visit from Eastern Angles theatre group, 3 family BBQ events, a quiz night, Harvest Horkey and the annual fireworks.

With more to come to round off the year, in the form of a folk night which has pretty much sold out and a wonderful opportunity to come and hear recitals (with musical accompaniment) from Dickens' Christmas Carol by candlelight in St Mary's church on Friday December 13th.

The Treasurer's summary highlighted the successful application for a locality grant from our District Councillor to purchase a coffee machine, and the investment in a cabinet chiller. A steady income stream from a diverse range of events has meant that the social club finances are in good shape going into the new year.

The existing committee were all re-elected and following some ideas from members about possible events for 2020 (which the committee are already actively working on.....watch out for more information very soon)

The AGM was brought to a close, and all present were able to tuck into the wonderful array of cheeses and biscuits / accompaniments on offer, washed down with a drink or two from the bar! A very lovely evening!

***Jacqui Mann, Secretary***

### **Opportunity for a Communications Volunteer**

Creting St Mary Social Club are looking for someone who would be prepared to help the committee with publicity for club and village events. Expertise and familiarity with social media is the main requirement for this task so that we can spread information about our activities and encourage more people to join us. It should not take a great deal of time. Good communication skills are what we are looking for.

Please contact Kathryn Martin or Jacqui Mann or email the club.



# Pop-up Cafe 2020

**The cafe is returning by popular  
demand with 2 events  
at the Village Hall**

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch**

**Tuesday 25 February 2020**

**12-2pm £6**

**Choice of pancakes, savoury or sweet**

## **Soup Lunch**

**soup, tea, coffee and cake**

**Thursday 19 March 2020**

**12-2pm £5**

**Run by volunteers - do join in to help**



## **Creeping St. Mary's long-standing Harvest Horkey October 12th at the Village Hall**

This year it was run by the Social club with lots of help from friends. The traditional meal of pies and mash potatoes with vegetables was very much enjoyed and to finish many delicious puddings and cheese and biscuits.

Our entertainment for the evening was 'Mr Smooth' who sang songs from the 60's and 70's.

Thank you to everyone who came and to everyone who helped.

***Glynis Clint.***

## **The Diamond Jubilee Village Hall**

(not as seen below!)

If you need a venue for your Event. The Diamond Jubilee Hall is available to hire. It consists of the main hall, lounge with bar, a small meeting room and a kitchen. All these can be hired separately. There is WIFI and a large car park behind the Hall. Details and bookings can be found or made on the village website or contact Richard Hyde, Booking Clerk , 01449 720024



**The old village hall before its Jubilee face-lift!**

## ***Creeping St. Mary Fireworks on Blacksmiths Field. Friday 1st November***

Creeping St Mary Social Club, in conjunction with the Parish Council, arranged another successful firework evening on Blacksmith's Field. We were lucky with the weather and had a calm dry evening with an absence of the forecast wind. Attendance was down this year, but the display, orchestrated by Hugo and Rachel Craggs was wonderful, and plentiful food and drink were consumed before and after the display. Children too numerous to count came in their scary Halloween costumes and were rewarded for their efforts with mini-Choc bars, and added to the party atmosphere.

Thank you to all the stewards who helped on the night, to the bar and food producers and also to the Parish Council for the insurance and for footing the bill for the fireworks.

***Kathryn Martin***





The splendid results of Caroline Barnes' annual Christmas decoration workshop in the village hall on 25th November held for the W.I and friends. Proceeds are for Suffolk Wildlife Trust and St. Elizabeth Hospice. ***Photo courtesy Glynis Clint***

## VILLAGE LITTER PICK

On Sunday 20th October 12 valiant litter pickers assembled at the village hall with gloves, bags and pickers. Between us we covered most of the village and collected all the rubbish we found that day.

The general opinion expressed was that there was less litter than usual which was a very welcome conclusion. MSDC waste team collected the debris very speedily the next week. Thank you to all who helped.

***Kathryn Martin.***





## CHURCH SERVICES

St. Mary's Church,  
Creting St Mary

St. Peter's Church  
Creting St. Peter



### December

1st - 4.00 pm - Christmas Tree Festival Service - Creting St Mary

8th - 9.30 am - Toy and Gift Service - Creting St Mary

15th - 6.30 pm - Carol Service - Creting St Mary

22nd - 9.30 am - Holy Communion - Creting St Mary

25th - 11.15 am - Holy Communion - Creting St Mary

For other local services see Parish contacts p. 35.

### St Mary's Church, Creting St Mary Christmas

The big events for our Church in December are the CAROL SERVICE at 6.30 pm on the 15th, when the Choir lead will us again, and a big congregation of course on CHRISTMAS DAY when our service is at 11.00 am (**not as in the October Newsletter**). This is one of the two most important services of the year and we look forward to the Church being beautifully decorated for the great occasion.

We hope all Christians will try to get to at least one service somewhere over the Christmas season to show the world that there is something more to the festival than tinsel, feasting and excess, and that the giving of presents reminds us of God's gift of Jesus to bring love into the world.

A very happy and peaceful Christmas to you all.

***Nigel Smart.***



## **St. Mary's Church - Events organised by volunteers (more gladly welcomed)**

### **Churchyard tidy.**

Once again we had a large working party, this time concentrating on part of the old church yard plus tidying along the grass verges. Thank you so much to everyone who gave their time and help take the garden rubbish away. The steps leading up from the back lane have been cleared for parents and children wishing to use the parking at the back of the Church.

**Christmas Bazaar [*please note, change of date*]** -in the school.  
Saturday 7th December 1- 4pm. Run by the School and Church.

### **Tree Festival**

Saturday 30th November and continues on the Sunday, December 1st. Refreshments available all weekend, finishing on the Sunday at 4pm with a short service. Songs by the children's choir of Creeping School will take place during the weekend. For details please contact ***Pam Primmer 01449 721514.***

### **Food Bank.**

Thank you to everyone who supports the collection of food in our Church for the Salvation Army/food bank. It is always very much appreciated.

### **Dickens Evening, Friday 13th December, 7.30pm. CSM church**

A candle lit evening of music and readings from a ***Christmas Carol***, courtesy of Colchester Arts centre. Donations to our roof fund. Seasonal refreshments.

### **Toy and Gift Service,**

### **Sunday 8th December at 9.30 am. CSM Church**

We will again be collecting Christmas treats, toys and gifts for families in Ipswich who need extra support.

***Further details: Glynis Clint - glynisclint@gmail.com***

## Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to the many wonderful people who gave of their time and helped in every way to make our Harvest Festival a great success and to those who came and gave their support.

The Church was beautifully decorated, there were gifts from the school children and congregation for the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need. The competition entries were delightful, and our special guest Judge Mrs Tasker awarded first, second and third places to each category.

Violet and Emmie Johnson share first for 'Stickmen' and a first for Jessica Oakley for her 'Plate Garden'. 'Funniest Vegetable' 1. Bill Mackintosh, 2. David Allen, 3. Ron Clint. 'Blooms in a Vase' 1. Hazel Mackintosh, 2. Kate Hinchcliffe, 3. Joan Hardingham. 'Single Stem' 1. Bill Mackintosh, 2. Susan Stephenson, 3. Hazel Mackintosh.

Last, but not least, thank you to the people who prepared amazing sweet and savoury delights for refreshments, cleared up afterwards and raised the sum of £165 for Church funds, for which we are very grateful.

## Ride and Stride 2019

(Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride)

The Sponsored Cycle Ride this year was on Saturday 14th September.

Cycling or walking between churches, or just sitting in the church and being sponsored. In 2018 our parish raised the largest sum in the Deanery – I hope we can again as half the money goes direct to our church. Our local organiser Hazel Mackintosh on 720753.

An item to sincerely thank all those who (again or for the first time) sponsored me; the proceeds are split between St Mary's Church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (which gives grants to Suffolk churches, including St Mary's for our new roof). I ventured east this year, through Stonham Aspal, Debenham, Rishangles, Worlingworth, Earl Soham, Framlingham, ending up in Easton. Altogether 23 fine Suffolk churches, of huge variety, and a lovely day out with perfect weather. This year generous donors took the total to £1,000. Thank you so much to you all!

**David Haynes**

On behalf of St Mary's Church, I would like to thank those who visited on September 14 as part of their cycle rides. We had the same number of visitors as in 2018. To May Aldred, Avril Smith, Joye Sharp and Diane Gray grateful thanks for welcoming visitors in the vestry with refreshments. A special "thank you" to our church Treasurer, David Haynes who has raised £1000 in sponsorship from his cycle ride. Half of which is returned to St Mary's and will be put to valuable use to support the final stages of roof repairs. A magnificent effort.

**Hazel Mackintosh**

## St Mary's Church Roof Repairs

It is good to be able to report that Phase 2 of the roof repairs is well on its way. The north slope of the nave has been completed, to the same high standard as the north aisle two years ago, and only the porch now remains. We have spent many tens of thousands of pounds on the re-roofing, and the PCC is very grateful to all those in the village (and elsewhere) who have in any way contributed to this. I will publish full final details of the costs when they are known, as well as some acknowledgements to the major donors.

Meanwhile the Church still has to function week to week, and we need to raise some £16,000 this year just to cover our normal running expenses. This is not an easy matter and in recent years we have been struggling. Even if you are not a regular churchgoer, you may well feel that you do not wish to lose an active church from the village community. Gift aid forms are available from me ([davidshaynes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidshaynes@yahoo.co.uk))! Any contribution, any amount, is very welcome, please!

**David Haynes**



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Badley**

## Candlelit Carol Service

**Sunday 8th.  
December 2019  
at 3.30 pm.**

Service by  
**Rev. Diane Williams**

Organist : Christopher Moore

No heating, no fixed lighting so a torch  
would be useful as well as warm clothing

Tea/Coffee will be provided after the Service.

## **The SCRAP fly-tipping campaign**

The Suffolk Waste Partnership, which consists of all the Suffolk Council's including the County and partners are launching an online campaign aimed at reducing fly-tipping in Suffolk.

The SCRAP fly-tipping campaign is aimed at residents and businesses whose waste is sometimes fly-tipped by unlicensed operators, who often offer to remove waste at a 'bargain' price – only to then dump it.

The campaign centres around remembering to follow the SCRAP code when arranging for anyone else to take away your waste:

**Suspect** – beware of rogue waste carriers who dump waste illegally – often at a bargain price. If in doubt, do not let them take your waste.

**Check** -Ask for their waste carriers registration details. You can check on the Environment Agency website or by calling 08708 506506. Note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take your waste away.

**Refuse** unsolicited offers – always carry out your own research and choose who you want to take your waste away.

**Ask** questions – ask what is going to happen to your waste and seek evidence that it was be disposed of appropriately. A legitimate professional operator won't object to being asked reasonable questions.

**Paperwork** – make sure you get a proper invoice and receipt for your waste. Many of these operators advertise on social media, and so this is where the campaign will be primarily delivered. If you are a user of Facebook or Twitter, you will be able to follow the campaign on the 'Suffolk Recycling' pages – it would be great if you could help spread the word by re-posting and sharing the posts. Otherwise, full details of how to deal with fly-tipping can be found at <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/fly-tipping>

Joanna Hart, Senior Environmental Protection Officer

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

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**A fly-tipping hotspot in Creting St. Mary is the road below the Church leading down to the A14. The litter pickers often find dumped items there including general rubbish, glass and builders waste. If you see any suspicious activity please take a note of the number plates of any vehicle and report the incident.**

### **Planting trees from the Woodland Trust**

We have 610 trees and shrubs being delivered to the College Farm on Friday 29th November. They have been allocated to various members of the parish who have the space and are willing to plant some trees.

At this time of elections it is worth noting that there have been commitments to plant between £30million and £100million trees in the UK, given there are approximately 12800 parishes across the UK this would mean every parish planting approximately 2500-8000 trees.

We very much hope that the woodland trust will continue with their free tree scheme next year. So if you want some trees or hedges then please feel free to contact me [Hugocraggs@gmail.com](mailto:Hugocraggs@gmail.com) at any time.

And landowners – assuming the deal is the same next year, the parish gets free 90m of hedging but more is available with a huge 75% discount. There are a large number of hedgless fields and it would be great to see some of these planted up

**Hugo Craggs**



### **Best Garden Competition Silver cup**

I've been asked to put the follow message in this newsletter. It is on behalf of Ann Johnson who once lived in Creting St Mary at Red House Farm. If anyone knows or has any information on this, let me know and I'll forward it to Ann. Thank you.

*"A friend of mine has found a silver cup when clearing out his cupboard which was presented to a H. Wilson for Best Garden Competition in Creting St Mary for the Coronation in 1953. My friend says it could be linked somehow to a rector in Stonham Aspal."*

**Paul Scully Nov/Dec 2019**

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## A Bit of History

### We Will Remember Them

I feel that it is appropriate to write the following in this month's newsletter: The words below will, I'm sure, be familiar to you:

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning*

*We will remember them.*

How many are aware that these lines form the fourth verse of the 7-verse poem "For the Fallen" written by British poet Laurence Binyon (10 August 1869 – 10 March 1943)? Laurence said in 1939 that the four lines of the fourth stanza came to him first.

He composed the poem while sitting on the cliff-top looking out to sea from the dramatic scenery of the north Cornish coastline. A plaque marks the location at Pentire Point, north of Polzeath.

These words have become especially familiar and famous, having been adopted by the Royal British Legion as an Exhortation for ceremonies of Remembrance to commemorate fallen Servicemen and women.

**Paul Scully Nov/Dec 2019**

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The memorial cross in CSM Churchyard with 16 names from WWI erected on Feb 9th, 1920, and unveiled by Lieut.-Col. R. D. Wylde (Royal Artillery) on Feb 15th, 1920.

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SERGEANT GEORGE GROOM

"T" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery.

DRIVER FREDERICK A. WOOLNOUGH

19th Battery, 9th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

## Footpaths and Bridleways

I have no further news on the two footpaths and the bridleway that run from Flordon Road to Creting Hills across the A14 – I shall keep you posted. Good news on the item I mentioned in the last newsletter re Beacon Hill, on the A140, where a pavement was very dangerous because thick undergrowth covering it in parts had made it very narrow. I'm pleased to say SCC Highways immediately addressed the problem and had it cleared within 3 weeks. It's a shame they don't respond that quickly every time we raise a problem. At time of writing, I'm not aware of any footpath problems in the Parish – unless you know otherwise, in which case let me know as soon as possible please. There are times when some of the parish's footpaths and pavements need a bit of a tidy up, especially if the verges are getting a bit out of control or autumn leaves become a nuisance on the odd path. If you're willing to lend a hand to do a bit of clearing, please let me know. Remember that a map of all the paths can be seen on the board outside the Diamond Jubilee Village Hall and also on the one just off the footpath at Hawks Mill beside the river (near the entrance to Alder Carr Farm). There should be another one soon inside the kiosk on Jack's Green Road.

**Paul Scully** November December 2019

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### Extra care needed on footpath!

In a few weeks, work will start on the development of the new homes to the right of us at Lyndale Lodge (opposite Red House Farm) on All Saints Road. The developers will initially be using our driveway as their access. Of course, the footpath (number 7) also follows that driveway. This means that walkers and dog walkers using the footpath may well be surprised to encounter vehicles on the stretch adjacent to the site. These vehicles will probably be driven by people who have not realised that they are driving on a footpath, and therefore are not expecting to see walkers, children, dogs, etc. Please take extra care, particularly with young children and dogs, when using this part of the footpath.

**Penny Cottee.**



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## Poppy Appeal Results

Readers of the Creeting St Mary Newsletter may be interested in the results of the recent Poppy Appeal to which they most generously contributed.

The collection in Creeting St Mary was £634 House to House and £736 from Businesses (mainly at Beacon Hill), giving a total of £ 1370, an increase of £160 on last year.

Our thanks to everyone who donated to the cause of caring for deceased and injured members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

Best wishes,

**Peter Down**

**NM & District RBL**



## Sudoku -fiendish

Like an easier one? Let us know.

Complete the grid using the numbers 1-9 using each number only once in each row, column or 3x3 box.

Solution on Page 31.

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## Unravel these words with a Christmas theme

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# Creting St. Mary Women's Institute

Have you considered joining the WI?

Do you want to socialise and make new friends?



We would love to see you at our meetings held at the Village Hall at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise stated. We are a friendly WI who welcome members from a wide area. Refreshments are enjoyed after our meetings. We also have walking, lunch and patchwork groups. Our next meeting is in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Dec 11th. If you would like to drop in to any sessions, give me a ring. Hazel Mackintosh 01449 720753

## Creting St Mary WI recent events

**Our AGM** took place as part of our October meeting, and we were happy to vote back in our former committee and President for the forthcoming year: **Shirley Brook**. This was followed by refreshments and a lively discussion.

**Our monthly walking group** continues and very well supported this month.

### **Our November meeting was a talk by Mr Halliday on "Roadside Graves"**

An unusual subject, but something about which most of us knew very little. Did you know of the "Gypsy Grave" just this side of Newmarket? This appears to be the grave of a shepherd boy (rather than a gypsy) who thought he had lost a sheep from the flock. Rather than take the blame for theft, which could mean transportation to Australia, or even hanging, he unfortunately took his own life. This grave is still tended by a local Newmarket trainer, and flowers are left on it too. We were told of other similar graves in Dobbs Lane, Ipswich, Yoxford and Boxford near Colchester. I am sure there are many others, across the country usually on crossroads and probably denied a churchyard burial through suicide.

**A change to our programme for December** - we will be having a talk on Medically trained dogs and how they can help us. Village Hall 7.30pm on Dec 11th. A welcome to all.

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## **Stowmarket Group Suffolk Wildlife Trust**

We are a group of volunteers who care deeply about wildlife, for its beauty and diversity and importance to everyone's existence. We support the Trust's aims and vision for a Living Landscape - with nature reserves, Sites of Special Scientific Interest and County Wildlife Sites forming networks of linked-up habitat.

### **We look after local wildlife reserves:**

Work parties maintain Combs and Bonny Woods

**SWT Magazine** is delivered to local members, saving postage costs.

**We organise local events:** talks at Stowupland village hall and guided walks. The complete programme can be downloaded from [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/wildlifegroups](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/wildlifegroups)

**Contact John Thompson 01449 676471 [swtstowmarket@gmail.com](mailto:swtstowmarket@gmail.com)**

### **Our most local reserves:**

Combs Wood, Bonny wood, Bradfield Woods, Bull's Wood, and the Blackbourne Valley.

**The Stowmarket group meetings in 2019** covered a very diverse range of subjects centred on the plants and animals of Suffolk. The speakers were informative and often amusing, revealing much about what goes on around us, which is so often unnoticed. The attendance for the talks was good, and one attracted the biggest audience since the group was established. The wildlife walks were also popular, and most enjoyable.

**The programme of events for 2020** starts in February.

Talks are at Stowupland Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Admission is £2.50, including refreshments. Hearing loop available on request.

### **February**

#### **BROCKS AND FOULMARTS, with Darren Tansley.**

Wednesday 26 February 2020

Darren, Essex Wildlife Trust River Catchment Coordinator will talk to us about the changing fortunes of these animals from the 1500's to the present day, their folklore and ecology and prey. From tiny weasel to elegant pine marten he will uncover fascinating facts and new discoveries.

### **April**

#### **HEDGEROWS, HERBS AND MEDICINES, with Martin Sanford.**

Wednesday 29 April 2020

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## Needham Market and District Horticultural Society

Consider joining us - a friendly group that meets at Needham Market Community Centre on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm from February to November (incl.) with an August break.

**Outings** May, June and July (for members only - prebooking required)

**Harvest Supper** in October.

**Membership** is £5 p.a. and you can join at any meeting.

<http://www.nmdhs.onesuffolk.net/>

The Society closed its 2019 programme with an interesting talk on Cambridge College Gardens. All the gardens featured were within a 1-mile radius of the Market Square, many are extensive but “hidden” behind college facades and walls. Our thanks to Rod Tibbs, an excellent speaker.

We are taking a break until Thursday 6 February 2020 when Chris Field will talk about “The Art of Composting”, and we hold our AGM. New and returning members are welcome; subscriptions are £5 for 2020. This includes 9 speakers (first Thursday of the month, Needham Market Community Centre at 7:30 p.m.) and the opportunity to join other members on four outings and an annual supper.

**Joint event organizers Hazel Mackintosh, 01449 720753**

**Pamela Cook, 01449 768640**

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## Stowmarket Chorale

The Christmas concert at the end of November at the United Reformed Church - excerpts from J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* - is a great start to the Christmas season. In December, the choir will sing carols at the Icanho Centre in Stowmarket and there will be a sponsored carol sing to boost choir funds. Looking forward: a Singing Day in Woolpit village hall on 8th February singing Verdi's *Requiem* in preparation for the appearance at The Apex in 2021!



The choir continues to grow with new members, and ticket sales are better than ever. Website [www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk](http://www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk), and a Facebook page. Choirs are gaining in popularity, due to the knowledge that singing is said to be hugely beneficial for many reasons, including the feel-good factor of taking part and creating something beautiful with a group of like-minded people. This fortunate choir will enjoy learning the music of Faure's *Requiem* in the Spring Term, which they will perform in Stowmarket on 21st March 2020. Future concerts include Will Todd's *Mass in Blue* and Handel's *Messiah*. For further information contact [secretary@stowmarketchorale.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stowmarketchorale.org.uk)

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# Treating Your Infection

Your Infection	Without antibiotics most are better by	How to look after yourself and your family
Middle-ear infection	8 Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have plenty of rest,</li> <li>• Drink enough fluids to avoid feeling thirsty.</li> <li>• Ask your local pharmacist to recommend medicines to help your symptoms or pain (or both).</li> <li>• Fever is a sign the body is fighting the infection and usually gets better by itself in most cases. You can use paracetamol if you or your child are uncomfortable as a result of fever.</li> <li>• Use a tissue and wash your hands well to help prevent spread of your infection to family, friends and others you meet,</li> <li>• Things you can do to treat your common condition can be found via the Practice website  econsult service or the NHS website.</li> </ul>
Sore throat	7-8 Days	
Sinusitis	14-21 Days	
Common cold	14 Days	
Cough or bronchitis	21 Days	

**Never share antibiotics and always return any unused antibiotics to a pharmacy**

For more information on minor conditions visit:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Pharmacy/Pages/Commonconditions.aspx>

<http://www.ipswichandeastsuffolkccg.nhs.uk/YourHealth/Stayinghealthy.aspx>





**My gas and electricity deal has come to an end and the energy company has offered me a new contract. However, they're insisting I get a smart meter fitted. I've heard these don't really work and I can't see the benefit. Am I better off looking for a different supplier, or will the new company also force me to have a smart meter?**

It's always worth shopping around. Citizens Advice has a tool on its website which can help. The **energy star rating** looks at how well suppliers perform on a range of measures, including customer service, rather than just price.

As regards the smart meter, you certainly don't have to accept one. A supplier can't tell you that you must have one installed. However, it might mean you're not eligible for all the deals on offer. In future the cheaper tariffs offered by suppliers

might only be available to customers with smart meters.

If you do decide to go ahead, your supplier should explain the process beforehand, show you how it works and give you a number to call if anything goes wrong.

There are benefits to smart meters, they send daily meter readings to your supplier, meaning they can bill you accurately for the energy you've used. They won't automatically save you money, but you can use the digital 'in-home' display to keep track of how much energy you're using and then try to reduce it.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, housing, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or go to the Advice Centre on 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket. For more information and our opening hours go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk).

#### RAINFALL IN IP6 8 area 2019.

Month..	Rain in mm.
<u>October</u>	<u>98.5</u>
Last Year	39.5
<u>Total for 2019</u>	<u>493.5</u>
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