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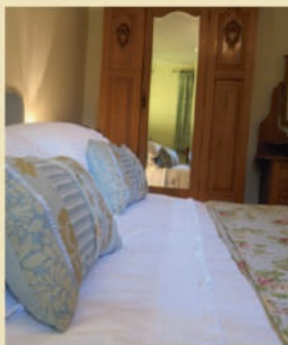


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The Creeping St. Mary Newsletter

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Editorial Comment

LOOKING FORWARD

At New Year we look back, analysing the past year but now, as winter draws to a close we very much look forward to Spring: planning activities outdoors as the weather warms; planting up in the garden and even looking further ahead to a summer holiday or other activities taking us out of our houses. This edition of the newsletter looks forward to us having a more active time.

We look forward to a safer Creeping with the planned speed radar discouraging speeding through the village; a white line along the road from the school to the village hall to guide pedestrians and grit bins for icy weather. Stickers are available to deter cold callers at the door warning them what they are doing is illegal and we have 1,700 fewer potholes to swerve around!

We can look forward to being more active: taking part in the Great East Swim at Alton Water and beating a path along the many village footpaths that Paul Scully pays close attention to - but please remember, there is no such thing as the poo-bag fairy (nor one big enough to remove the horse poo).

We can flex our citizen's muscle and have an influence on the shape of farming (which we live in the midst of in the village); Dan Poulter M.P. has been listening to farmers concerns as the Agriculture Bill goes through Parliament and, with a slightly different agenda, the RSPB is asking people to campaign for the environment to be taken into account in the process.

In the interests of historical record it would be remiss of this publication not to mention the current Brexit turmoil dividing the nation from the political to the personal level. Should this important step be taken along party political lines rather than what is best for all - people, society and the environment? Glenn Buckingham, a farmer attending the London meeting with Suffolk M.P.s expressed concern (EADT 21/3/19) about the chaos and uncertainty and asked were we even addressing the right issues? Is a local economy more robust than one relying on the vagaries of international trade and all for the sake of a trade balance? Can we maintain the current system without doing the environment untold harm? Young people are speaking out as they have become aware their future is at stake, not to mention the million or so on the recent London march. Rev. Phillip Payne compares the situation with the uncertainty faced by the followers of Jesus which is contemplated at Easter.

Whatever happens over the next few weeks, Creeping St. Mary village will continue to buzz with activities arranged by the Social Club, the Church and the many local interest groups; we can look back on our history with Paul Scully and Clive Paine and look forward to finding help or developing new interests and new friendships through the many events on offer.

Many thanks to everyone who helps to make all these things happen and to co-editor Kathryn Martin who ensures that the information gets into this newsletter.

Joan Hardingham co-editor



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CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Speeding through the village

The Parish Council has obtained one moveable speed radar sign. The locations of All Saints Road and Flordon Road have been agreed by the Highways Department for the posts which have been installed opposite the village hall and on the green triangle (Jacks Green). The radar sign will be moved between the two locations. The County Councillor has provided some of his locality budget to help with the costs.

White line to designate the side of the road for pedestrians

This will be along the edge of All Saints Road from the school to the village hall to help parents and children walk safely to and from school.

Noticeboard – Jacks Green

This is in a poor state and needs replacing. Suffolk County Council has given a licence for a new noticeboard next to the bench at Jacks Green - a more appropriate place. It is hoped the 'Men's Shed' in Stowmarket, will make it.

Grit Bins

Suffolk Highways will not provide these on All Saints Road and Flordon Road as they are on gritting routes. A new grit bin has been supplied for Creeping Hills. Suggestions for anywhere else, contact the Clerk.

Red Telephone Kiosk – Jacks Green Road

The application for a defibrillator in the kiosk was refused. Other funding could be found or other ways of using the kiosk explored. The Parish Council have agreed that it can be an 'Information Point' for walkers, where a footpath map, with points of interests and information leaflets could be housed. The Parish Council would like to thank John Hare and Janet Webb for giving it a fresh coat of paint.

County Councillor's Report

Specialist education places in Suffolk

Suffolk County Council will create over 800 additional places. Increasing demand is due to population growth, advances in medicine, and the complexity of specialist needs. Recommendations include three new special schools and 36 specialist units in mainstream schools.

Thermal road repairs

Highways has invested £300,000 in 3 Nu-phalt Thermal Patching machines for longer-lasting repairs. Last month, about 1,700 potholes have been repaired.

Doorstep cold callers

Suffolk Trading Standards has given out 10,000 'No Cold Calling' stickers over the last 4 years. The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008, state that traders making an approach after having seen the sticker on the door would be committing an offence.

Great East Swim Programme 2019 March - 22nd June, Alton Water

Designed to encourage people to become more active - 96 places are available open to individuals aged 18 years and over.

Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division

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Representations to Mid Suffolk District Council

We have considered the following planning applications:

Ref: DC/19/00301 - Full Planning Application - Erection of a 'Mixed use Development' comprising; the erection of 3 detached residential dwellings and garages, the erection of 6 small industrial units (B1), and 1 main industrial unit (B2), all with associated parking, landscaping and boundary treatments - Land North East Of, Flordon Road, Creeting St Mary, Suffolk – Strongly Objected

Ref: DC/18/05621 - Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Residential Development for up to 43 dwellings (14 affordable) - Land Off, Jacks Green Road, Creeting St Mary, Suffolk – Strongly Objected

Ref: DC/19/00160 - Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of 4 dwellings and new access - Red House Farm, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PW - Objected

Ref: DC/19/00077 - Outline Application (Access to be considered) - Erection of 1no. dwelling and garage - Land East Of Highfield, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Suffolk IP6 8NG - Objected

Ref: DC/19/00731 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of a single storey extension following the demolition of the existing single storey extension, subdivision of ground floor living room, and associated works - 28 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8NF - Supported

Ref: DC/19/00732 - Listed Building Consent - Erection of a single storey extension following the demolition of the existing single storey extension, subdivision of ground floor living room, and associated works - 28 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8NF - Supported

Recent Planning Application Decisions

Ref: DC/18/05620 - Application for Prior Notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed building. Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 2015 Schedule 2, Part 6.- Erection of storage barn. Location: Riverside Barn, Kettle Lane, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8LL – WITHDRAWN

Ref: DC/18/05349 - Outline Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of 1No detached dwelling - Land North West Of, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PS - REFUSED

Ref: DC/18/05591 - Full Planning Application - Erection of garage serving plot 4 of dwellings under construction Land Adjacent To 54, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Suffolk – GRANTED

Ref: DC/19/00043 - Full Planning Application - Erection of an agricultural storage building. Little College Farm, Creeting Hills, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PX - GRANTED

Ref: DC/19/00183 – Removal of Condition 16 of planning permission 1998/15 to enable the approved 8 no. Holiday lets to become 8 no. Dwellings with unrestricted occupation – Riverside Farm, Kettle Lane, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich, IP6 8LL -

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

See the village web-site for details of meetings and minutes. Any concerns or queries for the Parish Council, please contact Jennie Blackburn, come along in person to the next meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 7pm Mon 29th April Village Hall. All Welcome

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DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

At the end of February, I welcomed a delegation of farmers from Suffolk, all of whom were attending as part of a group of National Farmers' Union (NFU) members, led by Suffolk County Chairman, Glenn Buckingham.

A special meeting was held in Westminster, where the farmers were able to directly put across their concerns collectively to Suffolk's MPs. Most expressed concern about how agricultural policy will be affected if Britain leaves the European Union. Other shared concerns included tariffs, animal welfare standards, food traceability, environmental practice, food production costs, availability of seasonal and migrant labour and the future of water abstraction licenses.

I also heard first-hand concerns about the recent increase in illegal hare-coursing, resulting in significant trespass and damage to land and property. Often perceived as a low-key activity, hare-coursing is a highly organised, lucrative affair, with high stakes and organised gambling. Suffolk Constabulary are tackling this issue head on. I remain keen to support the farming community in their pursuits to stop this cruel, illegal and barbaric practice and other forms of rural crime.

I was also urged to support NFU-proposed amendments to the Agriculture Bill: to put food production front and centre of future Government policies and ban imports of food produced in ways that would be illegal here, or to lower standards than those required of British farmers. Britain is a world-leader in high standards of animal welfare, environmental protection and food safety. In addition Central Suffolk and North Ipswich have many jobs dependent on the agricultural sector

For more information please visit my website
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New Life: spring lambs at Alder Carr Farm



From the Rectory

Be of Good Cheer

Rev. Phillip Payne

As February drew to a close I enjoyed a peaceful evening stroll along the beach at Aldeburgh. It had been a glorious sunny day, more like early summer than mid-winter. Within days winter was back. After the mildest February on record, March arrived like the proverbial lion. Such are the delights of our climate that what the weather will be like by the time you read this is anybody's guess. This year in particular, uncertainty is not just confined to the weather. Whatever does, or does not happen on 29th March, we are in unpredictable territory; change, uncertainty and the anxiety they bring are all around us.

Whilst Spring came unseasonably early, Easter is late; our annual recounting of the gospel drama has yet to unfold. Here too is a drama of uncertainty, fear, dashed hopes and unexpected opportunities. When Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday his disciples thought their hour had come. Instead, he was arrested and executed; and their dreams lay in ruins. Amidst all the troubling uncertainty of 1st century Palestine, in their lives a new certainty had dawned as Jesus' promise was lived out. That promise still holds for us today. Whatever your uncertainties, may he bring you his cheer this Easter time.



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Footpaths and Bridleways

No news yet on what's going to happen to those routes crossing the A14 but I'll keep you posted when I hear. There's a broken finger post at the far end of FP31 which runs down from Creeting Hills lane at its junction with FP22 (route towards College Farm) which I've reported. Also, the surfaced part of FP58 running by the River Gipping (between Alder Carr Farm entrance and Crown Street bridge) has been cleared, widened and swept but it could now do with another sweep.

Now a subject I've raised before but make no apologies for raising it again - dog poo. Please clear up after your dog and please don't leave the poo bag hanging in a hedge! The country-side is for all of us to enjoy – some Creeting people are telling me they're getting a bit fed-up with the poo. If you want to pick it up later whilst on a circular walk, do so by all means but don't forget it nor leave it until the next time. I'm appealing to your good sense as a dog owner and yes, I've had a dog, walked him at least twice a day for 15 years and have always cleared up after him.

Another poo issue is horse poo. Again, I have received complaints and have written about this before asking riders to please ensure that this is not left in the middle of the path. Recently I walked up the All Saints Road path where there were 3 loads, or was it 4? As it happened, I had my walking boots on so kicked it all out of the way to prevent the unsuspecting child, or mother pushing her push-chair, walking through it - but I shouldn't have to do that should I? I'm no horse rider but have been told that a rider knows when a horse has left their load, So, isn't it fair to go back, say on your bike, if you've been riding your horse on the pavement to clear it up?

Please let me know if you have issues about any footpath in the parish and remember that a map of all the paths can be seen on the board outside the Diamond Jubilee Village Hall and on the one just off the footpath at Hawks Mill beside the river (near the entrance to Alder Carr Farm).

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CREETING ST. MARY VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

As part of National Science Week all children took part in Science activities on 11th March. Children planned their own scientific investigations and tested their hypotheses.



A most enjoyable time was had by all and it was particularly pleasing to see some pupils thoroughly engrossed in their experiments. Year 5 and 6 children are currently taking part in the Virgin Money Young Enterprise Project. Each child has been loaned £5 and the aim is that they invest this money in a business idea and make a profit. They have come up with lots of different ideas from after school cake sales, raffles, milk shakes and snacks, a plant sale and car washing. Thank you to the Parish Council for supporting the request from our car washing crew to be allowed to use the Village Hall Car Park for their weekly car washing sessions. The children will be returning their £5 loans at the end of the project and are looking to donate their profits to charity.

Mrs Christine Friar.

TERM DATES 2019

Spring Term 3 Jan — 5 Apr
Summer Term 24 Apr— 24 July
Summer Half Term 27 May—31 May
Autumn Term 24 Sep - 19 Dec
Autumn Half Term 21 Oct - 28 Oct
PD days 23 Apr, 5 & 6 Sept, 19 Oct.

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The Wider View

The Future of our Countryside

The UK Agriculture Bill currently passing through parliament is a once in a generation opportunity to ensure farming in the future is done in harmony with nature. No recent government has ever passed on an environment better than the one they inherited.

Around 75% of the UK is farmed or otherwise managed and birds and wildlife have been hard-hit by policies which control how this is done. As well as food, farming benefits society in ways we can't pay for at the till - clean air, water, wildlife and beauty. The new Agriculture Bill could provide all these and reverse the unintended consequences of farming policies that have destroyed wildlife habitats, overused chemicals and pesticides, eroded the soils and increased pollution.

With eyes currently on Brexit, this bill, whose final amendments are being voted on soon might pass unscrutinised. If we want a countryside where farmers and landowners see a benefit - legal or otherwise - to improve the environment this bill needs much stronger wording and legal clout.

www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/campaigning/environment-act will guide you into contacting your m.p. on this matter.



some of the lovely CSM countryside; photo by Jaqui Mann



CREETING ST MARY SOCIAL CLUB

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The Village Social Club

This has a new Social Club Committee, which has with lots of new ideas for activities such as the Pop-up Cafe lunches (when the bar will also be open). This will be the first of many community events to be held during the year. All are very welcome and the £2 'membership' fee will be returned to you by means of your first drink voucher.

Social Club Future Events at the village hall

Friday 5 April Eastern Angles – The Tide Jetty Bar open from 19:00

Saturday 11 May Pudding Evening (Charity event)

Friday 17 May BBQ & games 16:00 – 22:30

Friday 21 June Special Event for mid-Summer (tbc) 16:00 – 22:30

Friday 1 November Fireworks Night

Blacksmith's Field

The Parish Council wants to add to and improve the play area. If any one has any ideas for equipment for a variety of age groups or is willing to get together to help get it organised do get in touch.

Similarly if you would like an outdoor activity helping to maintain Blacksmith's Field such as tree planting, litter picking or ragwort pulling - this is so the grass can be used for hay. For this reason and for the sake of other users, please do not let your dog foul the grass areas.

Please get in touch with Jennie Blackburn, Parish Clerk (see contacts page).

Creting St Mary Diamond Jubilee Village Hall

Our Hall has now been completely redecorated by committee members and very welcome help from volunteers too. It all looks very fresh and inviting and also the floor has been professionally resurfaced. We are told that this is now a very excellent surface for dancing. Our rates remain very competitive, and we offer full WIFI facilities, and a large car park. Also on offer are the the smaller lounge area and the meeting room. Regular Yoga, Dance classes, WI, and Keep Fit take place. Details via the Village Website or call Chris Bingley on 01449 720324 *Village Hall Committee*



The Tide Jetty

by Tony Ramsay,

Fri 5th April 7.30pm

Creeting St Mary Jubilee Hall

£12 (£10 concessions)

Once again Eastern Angles are out on the road with their 2019 Spring Tour with **The Tide Jetty** by Tony Ramsay, a Norfolk based playwright. Set in the 1860s, two brothers, Tucky and Nathan and tomboy, Eliza. As they grow older, inevitably as Eliza turns into a woman they both fall for her.

Tickets from; David Allan 01449 720061 and Glynis Clint 01449 720740
Creeting St. Mary Social Club

Charity Pudding Evening

Saturday 11 May at the Diamond Jubilee Village Hall

Doors open at 7pm

A good selection of excellent home-made desserts served from 7.30pm
Harbour Lights, renowned local trio provide after-dinner entertainment.
All profits going to charity - half to the RLNI and half to St Elizabeth Hospice.
Tickets are priced at £10 each available from Chris Bingley (01449 720324) or William Barnes (01449 720907).

There are a limited remaining number of tickets on sale.

Pop-up Community Café

As the Village Magazine goes to press, the third and final Soup Café will be running. The three events have been very successful, bringing villages and friends together for a sociable couple of hours in what can be a dreary time of year. A massive "thank you" to Councillor Hicks for sponsoring the new coffee machine with his locality grant and Tina of the Rural Coffee Caravan. Tina has a wealth of useful knowledge and she shared this and her supplies of cake very generously. Thanks also to Chris and Jacqui Mann, Ron Clint, Kathryn Martin and Alison Mott for being "guest chefs" and to the East of England Co-op for sponsoring the tea!

We will be back in 2020, however if anyone wishes to run a community lunch event in the summer months please get in touch:

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Hazel Mackintosh

Dates to Remember

CHURCH SERVICES



St. Mary's Church,
Creeting St Mary



St. Peter's Church
Creeting St. Peter

Services for April 2019:

Sunday 7th, Creeting St Peter, Prayer and Praise, at 9.30 am

Sunday 14th, Creeting St Peter, Holy Communion, at 11 am

Lent: Compline in the Vestry ;4 pm Monday's 1st, 8th, 15th, 16th, 17th;
Holy Communion: 7 pm Maundy Thursday Creeting St Peter for the 10 parishes.

Easter is the most important day in the Christian Church. There will be an 'At the Cross' service on Good Friday (19th April) at Creeting St Mary at 9.30 am and a walk carrying the Cross to Earl Stonham for a service at 12 noon.

Easter Sunday 21st at 11 am at Creeting St Mary.

The Church will remain open until teatime so that people can view the flowers and commemorative lilies and sit in peace if they wish and on Monday from 10.30 am.

Holy Communion; 28th April at Creeting St Mary at 11 am.

Services for May 2019:

Sunday 5th, 9.30 am at Creeting St Peter, Prayer and Praise

Sunday 12th, 11 am at Creeting St Peter, Holy Communion

Sunday 19th, 9.30 am at Creeting St Mary, Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th, 11 am at Creeting St Mary, Holy Communion

Ascension Day 30th May at 7 pm at Stonham Aspal.

Nigel Smart 01449 720100

For further details on services in Coddendam, Creeting St Peter, Crowfield, Earl Stonham, Stonham Parva, Gosbeck, Hemingstone, Stonham Aspal and Mickfield contact *Priest-in-Charge Revd. Philip Payne* 01449711684

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Dates to Remember cont....

Ballroom and Sequence Dances at Diamond Jubilee Hall:

27th April : David Last; 25th May : Michael and Gayle (M&GM Music).

'Blooms and Veggies' Harvest Festival Weekend

21st and 22nd September 2019 St Mary's Church. Details to follow.

Parish Council Meetings - contact Jennie Blackburn (see contact details)

Newsletter Deadline: 20th March for April / May edition

Annual Parish Meeting – 7pm Mon 29th April Village Hall. All Welcome

Eastern Angles Tide Jetty April 5th 7.30pm Village Hall

Village Litter Pick: Sunday 28th April 10.30

Clive Paine - Historian - talk and tour of St. Mary's Friday 14th June 7.00 p.m.

A BIT OF HISTORY

I'm covering a bit of recent history this month, that is, only about 45-50 years ago!

Once upon a time, the main road that ran from the centre of Birmingham to Felixstowe was the A45. It was a vitally important route from the Midlands to the East Anglian coast and a gateway to the Benelux countries via ferry.

On its way, it ran through countless towns and villages, including Needham Market. The route proved to be grossly inadequate to handle the huge increase in commercial traffic so the highways authorities decided to act and build new bypasses.

Work on a new section of the bypass around Needham Market, from Stowmarket to Barham, was well underway by mid-1973. Still known as the A45, it ran from Hill House viaduct at Stowmarket to the Beacon Hill roundabout at Coddham. The seven-mile first section was opened at 11.0am on 7th August 1975, ending years of congestion and danger in the narrow streets of Needham Market.

Two hundred and twenty five tons of steel were needed for three bridges to carry traffic from minor roads over the by-pass, one of which was All Saint's Road bridge in Creeting St Mary. Unfortunately, a shortage of steel due to the three-day week at the time affected construction of these bridges including the one over All Saints Road. Because the steel was delayed and was not due until January 1975, some of it had to be imported to complete the bridges. This meant that the original opening of the bypass was put off from the end of 1974 until 1975.

Did Needham Market benefit from its new bypass? You decide - but next time you look down on the A14 via All Saint's Road bridge, just think what it could have been like without it!!

This relates to Paul's latest picture puzzle - see page 20

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A BIT OF HISTORY continued

The picture puzzle is fairly easy this time. It shows a lovely, idyllic, landscape of Creeping St Mary, not too long ago but just a bit before the bypass diggers arrived. Do you whereabouts the picture was taken from?

Paul Scully

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Creeting 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. If you would like to drop in to one of sessions, give me a ring.

Hazel Mackintosh 01449 720753

Creeting St Mary WI Activities

Our February Speaker was from West Suffolk Sight, a charity that aims to helping people affected by sight problems remain independent. As the RNIB do nothing on a local basis, their valuable work is carried out at a county level.

We learned of the different sight problems which occur, and were given different spectacles to try, so that we could see the kind of problems these conditions give. Being 'blind' can in fact mean a variety of different things, which need help and understanding. This charity, mostly funded by legacies, do enormously valuable work supporting people with worrying diagnoses.

On a lighter note, our March speaker was Lisa Jones on "The History of Knickers". She told us of the first launch of 'pantaloons' in the 1800's - they did not exist before then! Knickers started in two parts, each being drawn up the leg - hence 'drawers'. We then progressed through knickerbockers, war time utility knickers, passion killers, silk knickers made from wartime parachute silk, and the 'outrage' of frillies on view at Wimbledon in 1949, by a daring lady player. We were shown examples from these different eras from Lisa's extensive historical underwear collection, many of these obtained from ebay! Many memories of what our Mother's wore were evoked, as well as ourselves as children, with many a giggle.

Our April meeting will be our Birthday meal at the Cedars in Stowmarket.

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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

or contact John Thompson 01449 676471 swtstowmarket@gmail.com

EVENTS and Talks

Wednesday 24 April - 7.30pm URBAN BUZZ IPSWICH - David Dowding

Ipswich has been improving its open spaces and parks to benefit the public and wildlife. David from Buglife will tell us about Urban Buzz a project that brings an exciting new twist to this with the creation of lots more pollinator habitat, colour and life in key areas across the town. Admission is £2.50 including refreshments.

Saturday 18 May - 10am BONNY WOOD WALK - Peter Holborn

Led by Peter, discover the wonders of Bonny Wood at Barking Tye. You may see wood anemone, woodruff and herb-paris. Orchids, including early-purple, lesser twayblade and common spotted. Birds are plentiful at this time of year with melodies from summer migrants such as blackcap and willow warbler mingling with the song of resident species. Places are limited and booking is essential. Free – donations welcomed

SWT County news: CARLTON MARSHES

The £4 million Heritage Lottery project for a bigger, wetter and wilder Carlton Marshes has kicked off with demolition of the derelict cottage and grain silos near the current centre. Along with mitigation work for reptiles and hibernating bats, an archaeological survey is underway and we are hoping for any interesting finds. The Environment Agency has repaired the sea wall and dug out pools for new reedbeds at Peto's Marsh. Contractors will soon be creating the complex of wet grassland and fen meadow at Share Marsh. There will be species monitoring and mitigation works for water voles and the mollusc *Anisus vorticulus* in its UK stronghold. Really exciting times for Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the lower Waveney Valley.



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We are a friendly group that meet at Needham Market Community Centre on the **first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm.**

Meetings run from February to December with an August break. Outings are in May, June and July when gardens are at their summer best. Our modest membership fee is £5 p.a. and you can join at any meeting.

Next meetings:

Thursday 4th April: The Spring Garden

Thursday 2nd May: Dry Gardens & Drought Resistant Plants.

Visitors can attend for £2; but why not join for £5 per year? - and you can join at any meeting. All welcome.

Our visits will include RHS Hyde Hall and Woburn Abbey Gardens. These and a harvest supper are open to members and guests for a fee.

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

Joint Events Organisers; Pamela Cook, 01449 768640 and Hazel Mackintosh, 01449 720753

Sudoku - tricky

Like a harder 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 29.

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Talk by Suffolk Historian Clive Paine

at Creeting St Mary church Friday 14th June 7.00 pm

How much do you know about St Mary's Church? Here's a date for your diary
Clive Paine from the Historic Churches Trust is an expert on the history of Suffolk churches. He is known for his excellent talks on individual churches, There will be an introductory talk including some history, a conducted tour with comments on many of its historic, beautiful and sometimes glorious features, and a final concluding session with some later history. Clive will demonstrate the detective skills needed to spot long-lost windows and doors; how to read the clues in historic buildings that reveal their past; the way in which the church was built and also to look at the furnishings

Tickets are £10 per person including refreshments (children free), and the proceeds will be split: half to the Church Roof Fund and half to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. This event continues the Village's current "history" theme, and we hope many of you, both from Creeting St Mary and from surrounding villages, will be able to come along to appreciate our historic building, which is listed Grade 2*.

More information and tickets from David Haynes 01449 7222570 or Glynis Clint 01449 720740.

Creeting St Mary Neighbourhood Watch

Police appeal for information on Stowupland burglary

The home in Church Road was broken into between 4pm Sunday 10th and 1.20pm Friday 15 March. The rear UPVC door was forced and the handle was snapped off. Nothing appears to have been stolen. If you noticed unusual activity nearby or have any information, please contact Suffolk Police on 101 quoting crime reference 37/14817/19 or use the online crime reporting link - <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>. 1st Principle Security advice can be viewed via the Suffolk Police website https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/homesecurity_0.pdf

Police advice on a variety of subjects can be accessed via
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice>

To report something, or to otherwise contact Police, use the link
<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us>

To report something anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Alternatively call 101 for non-urgent matters.

Always call 999 in emergencies, or for an immediate police response.



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I recently joined a dating website. I was contacted by a lovely man and we started to exchange messages. We now email every day, although we haven't met in person yet. We had arranged to go for a meal, but then he cancelled because he needs to concentrate on fundraising for his daughter - the medicines she needs aren't available on the NHS. He's asked me to contribute, his daughter needs treatment urgently. He's given me details of a bank account to pay into. I want to help, but I'm unsure because I've only known him a short time.

You're right to be cautious. Unfortunately dating sites are increasingly being targeted by unscrupulous people. It can be difficult to accept that someone you've developed feelings for is trying to swindle you. But scammers can be highly skilled at using emotional triggers to persuade people to part with money, or with personal information that might

make victims vulnerable to identity theft.

Your friend may be completely genuine, but try to find out if he's really who he says he is. A reluctance to call you or Skype, or profile information such as educational achievements not matching the content of his messages, could be a red flag.

Other things to look out for include expressing strong emotions in a short period of time, moving the conversation onto a private channel such as email or instant messaging and asking lots of personal questions - but giving away very little in return. Trust your instincts and if in any doubt, don't part with your money.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including employment, 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 midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

RAINFALL AT C.S.M. 2019.

Month..	Rain in mm.
<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>19.00</u>
Last Year	35.00
Total for 2019	19.0
Driest Jan since 2006 (10.5mm)	
Five year Jan average	31.0
Rolling Total to end Jan. 2019	448.0
Annual 5 year Average	498.0mm

Vet's Advice

What to do if your pet gets gastroenteritis (otherwise known as V&D or vomiting and diarrhoea). Whilst perhaps not the most pleasant of topics, it is important to know what to do if your pet is suffering.

Gastroenteritis can be caused by a variety of things, including infections, poisoning, foreign bodies, food allergies or sudden changes in the diet, including feeding table scraps. Some diseases, such as a womb infection, kidney or liver disease and pancreatitis, can also cause these symptoms. Treatment will depend on the cause and severity of symptoms.

When to see a vet:

- if your pet is bringing up blood or passing blood in the stools
- if this has persisted for more than 24 hours
- if your pet looks unwell, or is young, weak or elderly
- if your pet has diarrhoea and has not been vaccinated - this is urgent
- if you think your pet has eaten a foreign body or been exposed to something toxic, such as chocolate, always see a vet urgently.

Otherwise, if your pet is a healthy adult, seems bright and well and you do not have any concerns, the standard advice is to feed a bland diet like chicken and rice, little and often, and ensure free access to water. Specially formulated bland diets are also available in tins from your vet. Continue to feed little and often for three to five days, then gradually wean back onto the normal diet. Make sure everyone in the home knows that no treats or snacks are to be given to the pet – only the recommended diet. Crucially ensure pets cannot scavenge food from the rubbish or outdoors

If this does not work, or your pet is becoming dehydrated, make an appointment with your vet.

For help or advice relating to any aspect of your pet's care, call Stowe Veterinary Group on:
01449 613130.

Sudoku solution (pg. 25)								
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May (Jun-Jul i.e. all those mid- summer events)

July (Aug-Sep - the summer holiday events)

Agendas and dates are placed on the village noticeboards during the week prior to the meetings, and also on the website.



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