

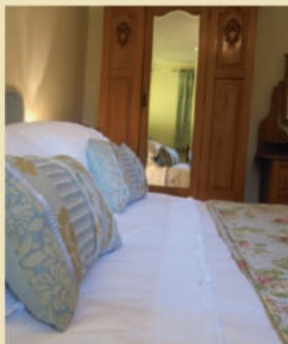


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## **Editorial Comment**

### **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**

A lot of work goes on in a small village like Creeping St. Mary to engage its inhabitants - encouraging them to come out of their houses, meet up and get to know one another. As always there is a small number of key people who make things happen, I will spare their blushes by not mentioning them but their names appear over and over again in this newsletter.

Fundamental to this is communication and this is done through several other channels including the village website and new blog that the Social Club Committee has set up. There is also the newest of 3 notice boards made in Stowmarket and erected at Jack's Green - and a kind person is funding a defibrillator in the Red Telephone Box there.

A host of events is organised on a voluntary basis including keep fit and family socials with bbq and games on Blacksmith's field. We are looking forward to a quiz night and fireworks later in the year. The bar for these events is run by volunteers in the Social Club (community spirit again).

The County Council is being community- minded by facilitating the greatest joint effort of our time - dealing with the Climate Emergency.

Declaring an emergency is all very well but there needs to be a plan of action or we will be like a 'Dad's Army' of headless chickens running around getting nowhere. Again, this will need community effort now rather than relying on the powers-that-be to come up with a vague plan. So suggestions please; we are already embarking on a tree-planting project and looking for sites and maintaining a large meadow in Blacksmith's Field - but how about a 'hedghog street'; a small pond in every garden or a talk on reducing our carbon footprint - how many car-shares happen in CSM I wonder?

We should be glad to learn that Suffolk County Council Highways is 'empowering' the people of the village to do all the outdoor housework from sign-cleaning to hedge-trimming and path clearing - tasks I am sure we will take on cheerfully!

Our MP praises our joint achievements - fetes and local events and celebrates local talent though CSM has not produced an Ed Sheeran yet but we do have a well-known musician performing in the village in November. So come and join in with tree planting, Ride and Stride, harvest celebrations, walks and talks; - even if all you do, as the Rev Payne suggests - is listen. And remember this is all only possible with a great big dollop of community spirit.

Many thanks to contributors, advertisers (rates on pg 35) and organisers 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**

Our County Councillor, Matthew Hicks, has paid for the road markings 'Slow' and 'Pedestrians in Road' signage for All Saints Road to help alleviate health and safety issues when parents are walking their children to and from school and these works should be undertaken over the next 8 weeks. You may have noticed that the Vehicle Activated Sign is now in place on All Saints Road opposite the Village Hall. This sign provides data on how many vehicles are speeding and what their speed was. Information that can be given to the Police should it be needed.

The sign will be moved between All Saints Road and Jacks Green Road at varying intervals.

### **Noticeboards**

The new Noticeboard has now been installed next to the new bench on Jacks Green and I am sure you will agree that the 'Men's Shed' in Stowmarket did an excellent job with making it! The Noticeboard can be used for any information on village events but we do ask, please, that once your notice has expired, take it off to make way for others. A location has been agreed for another noticeboard, which is adjacent to the dog bin, near the Church, on All Saints Road. The Parish Council have asked the 'Mens' Shed' if they can build another noticeboard to install in this new location, to which they have agreed.



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

Following the refusal of a grant from the Big Lottery for a defibrillator the Parish Council are really pleased to say that a local resident has offered to fund a defibrillator after a friend of his had his life saved by such a device. The Parish Council have accepted his very kind offer and are looking into which device to purchase. The recent plans of using the telephone box for an Information Point remain in place as well as housing the defibrillator.



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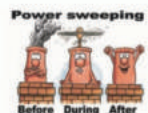
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## **County Councillor's Report**

At the Suffolk County Council (SCC) Annual Annual General Meeting the leader Councillor Matthew Hicks confirmed the housing and the environment among priorities and commitment to protect vulnerable adults and children, improve Suffolk's roads, and raise educational standards. He also outlined five new policy priorities for the next twelve months. "The chronic shortage of housing in Suffolk and throughout the country is well-known. What is less well-known is that Suffolk County Council is the third largest landowner in Suffolk. Much of that land is put to good use, as county farms, operational depots and office accommodation. There is scope to convert some of our land into much needed housing that would present an opportunity to generate income for the county council to reinvest in vital public services". On the environment, Councillor Hicks said: "Earlier this year, we voted in this chamber to declare a climate emergency. A surprising decision, given our authority's positive track record on reducing energy consumption, carbon emissions and waste. Shortly we will launch a new cross-party policy development panel and I look forward to the panel's recommendations. My administration is refreshing Suffolk's Greenest County programme. No matter how difficult the decision, how strenuous the challenge, my administration will not shy away from it nor will it fail to involve people. We will be bold. We don't have all the answers but can find them by working productively with others. We must be ambitious for Suffolk." For the full speech: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/housing-and-the-environment-among-priorities-outlined-by-suffolk-county-council-leader](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/housing-and-the-environment-among-priorities-outlined-by-suffolk-county-council-leader)

## **Ofsted confirms that Suffolk County Council's Children's Services are 'Outstanding'**

On 21 May, Ofsted inspectors awarded the top grade given to only eight other Local Authorities out of 152, an improvement on being rated 'Good' in 2015.

## **New Highways self-help scheme empowers Suffolk people to act in their community.**

It has been found that some towns and parishes across Suffolk might be willing to carry out certain maintenance works. SCC Highways has committed £100k to the scheme in its first year. The investment will help fund training, personal protective gear such as gloves, hi-viz clothing and safety glasses and tools. The types of works councils might undertake include: sign and fingerpost cleaning/painting/repair, tree pruning/branch removal, hedge cutting/pruning, siding out of footways, (widen to original/full width), grass verge cutting, weed killing/weed removal. .

Please visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/communityselfhelp](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/communityselfhelp) for more details.

Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division

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## **District Councillor's Report**

BABERGH & MID SUFFOLK JOINT LOCAL PLAN - Elected Council Members were invited to a Briefing at Endeavour House on 21st June on the updated Joint Local Plan replacing the two Councils' individual Local Plans including housing needs and allocations, infrastructure and business/retail opportunities up to 2036. Councillors will consider the Plan and if approved then residents, local businesses and stakeholders will be asked for their views between July and September, with the aim of the updated Joint Local Plan being adopted in February next year.

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**MSDC PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR BOSCH WORKERS** - Mid Suffolk District Council has pledged to support all its residents facing redundancy at Bosch's Lawn & Garden factory in Stowmarket. More details are available on the MSDC website.

**NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT AT NEEDHAM LAKE** - one of a network of 11 new rapid chargers, installed in the region.

**Mid Suffolk District Councillors:**

**Mike Norris:** [mike.norris@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:mike.norris@midsuffolk.gov.uk) Tel. 01449 720871

**and Steve Phillips:** [stephen.phillips@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.phillips@midsuffolk.gov.uk) Tel. 01449 721710.

**Parish council:**

**Representations to Mid Suffolk District Council**

We have considered the following planning applications:

Ref: DC/19/02671 - Planning Application - Erection of a new dwelling and garage - Grange Farm, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NG - Object

Ref: DC/19/02577 - Planning Application - Change of use from part residential and B&B to all (C3) residential use only - Creeting House, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8PR – No Objections

Ref: DC/19/02834 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of single storey rear extension following reduction of existing outbuilding and replace flat roof with pitched lean-to roof - 2 St Marys Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 – No Objections

**Recent Planning Application Decisions**

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 – GRANTED

Ref: DC/19/01566 - Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) - Erection of 1no. detached dwelling with garage and new vehicular access - Land Adjacent To Whiston, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk – REFUSED

Ref: DC/19/02293 - Householder planning application - Erection of single storey triple bay cartlodge/garden store - Riverside Barn, Kettle Lane, Creeting St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8LL Section – GRANTED

Ref: DC/19/02292 - Householder planning application - Erection of single storey rear extension and insertion of doors to front elevation - The Barn, Hungercut Hall, Coddensham Road, Creeting St Mary Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8NX - GRANTED

Ref: DC/19/00075 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/00075 - Condition 6 (Refuse bins and collection areas) Location: Land South East Of, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, Suffolk

Ref: DC/19/01829 - Outline Planning Application (access to be agreed) - Erection of 1no. detached dwelling and vehicular access (re-submission of refused application DC/19/00077) - Land East of Highfields, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary, IP6 8NG – GRANTED

**Jennie Blackburn (Parish Clerk) – 01449 721369 / [clerk.csmppc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clerk.csmppc@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, please contact the Parish Clerk or come to the next meeting.

**We are still in need of two more Parish Councillors.**

We meet about 6 times a year. If you are interested in how the Village develops, do,contact Jennie Blackburn, Parish Clerk, or come to a meeting with a view to joining us.

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## DR DAN POULTER MP

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Undoubtedly, the best part of my week is coming home to Suffolk on a Thursday evening and leaving behind all the stresses and pressures of a week in Parliament, not to mention the congestion. Returning home to Suffolk makes me really appreciate all that is special about this county – its rural character, great sense of community spirit and vibrant market towns. Indeed only a few weeks ago, we celebrated the 3rd ever Suffolk Day – showcasing all that is great about this wonderful county.

I have met many visitors and residents enjoying our fantastic fetes and community events. It takes a great community effort by volunteers to pull these events together and on the whole, we have been blessed with perfect summer weather to enjoy them. For me, it's an opportunity to meet and talk to many people whilst also stocking up on local Suffolk produce.

In Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, we are incredibly lucky to have a number of bustling market towns surrounded by rolling countryside and Suffolk's famous wide-open skies. Indeed, Suffolk's natural landscape has inspired writers, artists and musicians for centuries – Constable, Munnings and Britten to name a few, and, recently, Framlingham's very own Ed Sheeran.

With such a vibrant, growing economy, and connections to London, the Midlands and beyond, it's no wonder that so many major businesses and small rural start-ups are choosing to make Suffolk their home. One of the reasons that so many of us choose to live in Suffolk is because of its rural heritage and our beautiful countryside, and whilst we would all agree that we need small scale development and affordable homes to help support young families to live and work in Suffolk, none of us wants to see inappropriate over-development.

Planning is, of course, a local matter decided by our local councils. When deciding planning policy and where there should be new businesses and homes, it's important that our local councils take an evidence based approach, and always prioritise brownfield sites over building on the countryside. That is why it is so important for our local councils to make sure they have a local development framework and land supply plan in place, to discourage inappropriate development. I will continue to work closely with our local councillors to ensure that we protect the rural nature and integrity of Suffolk's towns and villages and will always stand up for the best interests of local residents in fighting inappropriate planning applications.





## PLANT A FREE TREE

The Woodland Trust are urging parishes and landowners to join the fight to protect the landscape from the increasing effects of Ash Dieback and other tree pests and diseases within an area known as the Eastern Claylands which covers large parts of Essex and Suffolk including

CSM. The Woodland Trust is working at landscape scale across the Eastern Claylands to protect, plant and restore trees, which face a variety of pressures including climate change and tree disease.

In our area more than half the trees are found outside of woodlands, in hedgerows along roadsides and on farmland, and Ash is the second most common species. Ash Dieback has now been recorded in over 1,000 locations, and has been confirmed in every county across England. The Woodland Trust is expecting that up to 95% of Ash trees in the Eastern Claylands are under threat. Combined with the effects of Acute Oak Decline this might equate to a worrying total of 2 million trees disappearing from the landscape of Essex and Suffolk over the next 10 to 15 years.

The Woodland Trust has chosen species selected to best replace trees which will be lost to disease and preserve and strengthen the landscape against future threats. A third of these will be Oak, a third Field Maple and the remainder will be made up off a number of species including Crab Apple, Hornbeam, Birch and Sweet Cherry. This all in the light of a recent study showing that if 20 billion hectares of trees were planted globally this would greatly reduce the impacts of the Climate emergency.

The parish has requested the maximum we can have of 150 trees and 100m of mixed hedging. While this sounds a lot, to plant 1 acre (a football pitch) would be about 350-400 trees. There are also additional landowner packs for free too.

While the most important thing is to plant the trees in the parish and it may well be possible to find one or two farmers in the parish to take them all. It would be great if we could have as many people as possible taking a tree or two. So if you have a large garden, paddock, or meadow that can take a native tree or hedge then let us know. Lastly, if any landowners want more trees or hedging at a 75% discount please get in contact.



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***Autumn Woodland photo by Joan Hardingham***



# From the Rectory

## THE SOUND OF SILENCE

**Rev. Phillip Payne**

Back to work: the in-box is bulging, the holiday is over. It's a familiar story, as is the desire to put work off just a little longer. First I sit and savour a morning coffee. But for the ticking of clocks, the Rectory is in silence. There is nothing to disturb my reverie - at first. Then as I sit in silence distant sounds break in: the chatter of birds in the hedgerow; traffic passing on the road outside; the intermittent hum of nearby machinery.

While these familiar sounds call for my attention I am transported back a to our recent holiday in the Lake District. On a sunny hillside some 600 feet above Grasmere, far from the coach parties, all was quiet – almost. Close by a sheep bleated, revealing its presence just out of sight; an insect buzzed past; a lark ascended in song; all sounds of the hilltop. Then as I listened further I heard more distant sounds; the hum of traffic in the valley below; the sound of a mechanical hammer, probably in the stone quarry a mile or so behind; reminding me just how far sound travels.

Each sound tells a story. There are sounds of life on the hillside, sounds of human industry in the valley. Sounds inform, warn, encourage. Sounds will tell us so much if we but listen. Yet in our noisy and pre-occupied lives we miss so much. Sounds drowned out or distorted; sounds we willfully shut out because we would rather not hear.

Centuries before Christ, the prophet Elijah found that God spoke not in the noisy fury of earthquake, wind and fire, but as a still small voice penetrating utter silence. That still small voice brought Elijah new hope.

We all need to take time to be truly quiet, to listen: to other people, to the physical world around us, to the Spirit of God within us. So, wherever you are, whatever your day has in store, take a few minutes of quiet – then listen for what you may hear.

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# The Wider View

# MEADOWS

Any grassland, large or small, provides a haven for a wide range of special wildlife. As agriculture has become more efficient and development nibbles at the edges, these areas are becoming rare and an estimated 90% of our herb-rich meadows have vanished in the last half century. Careful management by cutting and grazing, prevents coarser vegetation and scrub dominating at the expense of fragile species and while scrub is an important part of any grassland habitat, it needs to be kept in check to allow grass and wildflowers to survive.

More than 20 butterfly species regularly breed in Suffolk on suitable grassland and field edge habitat and many rare and interesting flora can be encouraged. By careful - mostly hands-off, management, it is possible to create a habitat that benefits a variety of vertebrates and invertebrates while also helping those that feed on them especially birds of prey and birds with chicks.

We can all leave a bit of our garden unkempt as a haven for wildlife. Grass can be left and cut only in October or if you can bear it leave it a whole year and see what seeds have been lurking waiting to grow. Some can lie dormant for decades.

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

**csm\_socialclub@outlook.com**

### **The Village Social Club**

The Social Club Committee, organises community events based at the Village Hall and Blacksmith's Field. Membership of the club is open to all and the £2 'membership' fee will be returned to you as a first drink voucher.

### **Social Club Update**

As well as the bi-monthly newsletter, you can now keep up to date with what's on by viewing our Social Club page on the village newsletter. You will find this at [www.creeting-st-mary-suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.creeting-st-mary-suffolk.gov.uk). Click on the tab heading 'community' then click on 'social club' for information on up-coming events.

**Planned events include a Quiz Night on September 14th, a Harvest Horkey on October 12th, the ever popular annual Fireworks event on 1st November and Martyn Joseph on 29th November!**

You can also download the membership form to become a member of the social club too. Membership is on the increase, and your membership comes with a voucher to spend behind the bar at a future social club event! We now also have a blog page which can be accessed as above, then clicking on the side tab marked 'social club blog', which we hope to use to share all the wonderful things that are going on in our village community! Please also feel free to contact us using the social club email address [csm\\_socialclub@outlook.com](mailto:csm_socialclub@outlook.com), or approach any of the committee members with any comments or thoughts you have about possible future events, for example, or what you would like to see happening in your community! Thank you to Alistair Rogers for setting up the web pages for us!

We hope to see you soon!

**Jacqui Mann**

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### **Blacksmith's Field**

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*Overpower Family Boot Camp, Blacksmith's Field, 19th July*

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## Village Social Club Activities

There have been 2 events organised by the Social Club recently. On June 21st 2 parties of children from our primary school gathered in the hall to learn about birds of prey from a team from Stonham Barns. They were able to meet a barn owl and a falcon at close quarters and to hear about these birds. This was followed by games on the field, then a barbecue and indoor activities with the bar open for liquid refreshment, some 120 attending through the evening, which raised £150 for the Blacksmith's Field play equipment fund, under the chairmanship of Rob Brittain, which is raising money for more play equipment on the field. Any ideas or offers of help with this project can be made to Rob or to any of the Social Club committee.

On July 19th about 50 people of all ages joined a bootcamp run by Overpower Needham Market, who already run regular keep fit sessions in the hall, twice a week. This involved a series of outdoor circuit type exercises which proved so popular it was suggested that it might become a regular fixture. After the exertions a barbecue and the bar were open and raised £185 for the charity 4Louis which supports families coping with miscarriage, stillbirth and child loss. It was also suggested that table tennis evenings might become a regular event, perhaps with an additional table supported by funds from Community Action Suffolk.

It was gratifying to see so many people supporting these two evenings and thoroughly enjoying themselves. I should like to thank the Social Club Committee who all so willingly shared their time to help run these activities.

***Kathryn Martin Social Club Chairman***

## Blacksmith's Field Fundraising Committee

In 2014 we completed a survey and held an open day at the Village Hall to obtain feedback on recreational equipment that the community would like to see installed. In 2016 through various fundraising events, generous donations from local businesses and the National Lottery we completed phases 1 and 2 of the 5 year plan which saw the new playground equipment being installed. We are now planning phase 3 of this project which is looking to install exercise equipment, a fitness trail or a multi sport hardcourt.

Various organizations like Community Action, Sport England and Active Villages could support such projects but we need as much feedback from the local community as possible. We have set up a Fit Villages consultation form on the Suffolk website which has been circulated to current Social Club members, so please spread the word across Creting St Mary:

**Live form online: [www.activesuffolk.org/forms/view/](http://www.activesuffolk.org/forms/view/)**

Look out for the posters and social media updates on future events. We are also considering another kids or family boot camp to complement the very popular exercise classes that run at the Village Hall, so it would be great to assess interest through this survey.

***Rob Brittain Fundraising Committee*** [rob\\_brittain@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_brittain@hotmail.com)

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## CHURCH SERVICES

St. Mary's Church,  
Creting St Mary

St. Peter's Church  
Creting St. Peter



### August:

4th - Creting St Peter 9.30 am - Prayer and Praise

11th - Creting St Peter 11 am - Prayer Book Communion

18th - Stonham Aspal 10 am - 8 Parish Benefice Service

Only one service is planned at St Mary's because the Bishop is coming to Stonham Aspal to hold a Communion Service, Confirmation and to Commission 4 Lay Readers. This will be a Benefice Service, and the congregation from all 8 Parishes are invited.

25th - Creting St Mary 11 am Holy Communion

### September:

1st - Creting St Peter 9.30 am - Prayer and Praise

8th - Creting St Peter 11 am - Prayer Book Communion

15th - Creting St Mary 9.30 am - Morning Prayer

22nd - Creting St Mary 11 am - Harvest Festival

29th Coddendam 10 am 8 Parish Holy Communion

**For further details on services** in Coddendam, Creting St Peter, Crowfield, Earl Stonham, Stonham Parva, Gosbeck, Hemingstone, Stonham Aspal and Mickfield contact *Priest-in-Charge Revd. Philip Payne* 01449711684  
Email: revphilippayne@btinternet.com

## Ride and Stride:

(Suffolk Historic Churches Trust)

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

Please will you give this your support. You can cycle or walk between churches, or sit in the church and be sponsored. Last year 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 is now Hazel Mackintosh on 720753.



**ST MARY'S CHURCH  
CREETING ST MARY  
HARVEST CELEBRATION**

**Sat 21st and Sun 22nd SEPTEMBER 2019**

We invite you to join in the festivities and help us to decorate our Church with a contribution to one of the classes below:

Class One:

Your Funniest Vegetable

A Stick Man

A Plate Garden

Class Two:

Blooms In A Vase

A Single Stem

Your Favourite House Plant

Please call 01449 722148 or 01449 720740 for a registration form.

The Church will be open to receive your contribution on

Friday 20 th September between 3.30 pm to 6 pm and

Saturday 21 st September between 9.30 am and 11.30 am.

The Church will be open from 1 pm to 5 pm on the Saturday

Our Harvest Festival Service is at 11 am on the Sunday the Church will remain open until 4 pm

Refreshments will be served in the Old School Room

There is a small charge to visitors of £1 per person children are free

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF 2019  
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

Saint Mary's Church

Saturday November 30th and

Sunday December 1st.

As with previous years entries are welcome from groups, village organisations, local businesses and individuals.

The theme this year is

**A FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAROL**

For further details please contact Pam

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pamelaprimmer 68@gmail.com



## A Bit of History

I'm writing this article 2 days after a very interesting talk about the history of St Mary's Church given by Mr Roy Tricker delivered inside and outside the church. Mr Tricker was awarded the British Empire Medal in April 2018 in recognition of his services to heritage in Suffolk. He has written books and guides about churches all over the county, has been a lay reader for the Church of England and for 11 years he worked as a field officer with the Churches Conservation Trust (East Anglian Daily Times April 2018).

The audience were enthralled by many fascinating facts and information about the church's history given very enthusiastically by Mr Tricker. One was about one of the stained glass windows in the church in the North West corner, opposite the main south entrance. It is of a different style to the other windows which were installed by Charles Eamer Kempe (see the CSM Newsletter, A Bit of History Jan/Feb 2019). The information concerning this particular window was also sent to David Haynes by Mr Tricker and forwarded to me. I've reproduced Mr Tricker's text below:

*Dear David,*

*"I think that (thanks to my 1960s British Society of Master Glass-Painters), I may have cracked your window mystery. If it is the one in the north aisle, showing Our Lord's Nativity, with the Shepherds, it was designed by the excellent Brian D. L. Thomas of The Studio, 3 Hill Road, London NW8. He was a Past-Master of the Art Workers' Guild and has 15 windows in St Paul's Cathedral, another in Westminster Abbey and several large ones in St Nicholas Great Yarmouth. He designed the window in 1958 and he worked in collaboration with the Whitefriars Studios in Wealdstone, where the glass was made. You certainly do have a gem there. Other windows by him are in St George's Cathedral Jerusalem and St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne."*

On a personal note, it was good to meet Mr Tricker again as our first meeting was at the annual Parent's Evenings back in the 1980s at Copleston Secondary Modern School in Ipswich. He was the Religious Education Teacher whose pupils included my son and my daughter, both of whom he remembered. He was very popular with all the pupils and his personality has certainly not changed over the years!

Paul Scully Jul/Aug 2019 : 01449 721461  
e-mail: paul@impressions41.plus.com



**Window dedicated in memory of Eleanor Dumbreck who died on 15th December 1956.**

## Footpaths and Bridleways

I'm pleased to report that the broken FP sign at the junctions of FPs 20, 21, 22 and 34 (the path from All Saint's Road towards Creting College Farm) has been repaired, not by SCC but by the landowner.

It is planned to divert FP19 (from All Saint's Road at the double bend by the detached house known as Highfields) which runs diagonally down the field to the gate at the bottom. The proposed route was discussed on site at length recently between the landowner, Parish Council representatives and SCC representatives. The proposed route of the diversion will take it from All Saint's Road on the opposite side of Highfields down the field by the existing ditch to the existing gate at the bottom.

For those of you who walk up the pavement towards the church on All Saints Road, you will have noticed, on the top half of the hill, a significant clearance of the grass, weeds, undergrowth etc which has restored the path to its original width of 6 feet from a sadly overgrown and neglected 3 or 4 feet. This was not done, nor would it have been done, by SCC staff/contractors but by myself and two village volunteers – so, a very big “thank you” to both of them for the many hours spent on the work. If you have time to lend a hand with cutting and trimming of grass, weeds, brambles etc, please let me know.

It's now clear that SCC have very little intention of doing this type of work in Creting St Mary, nor in other parishes apparently.

Other than my perpetual moan to SCC about the recent grossly inadequate “clearance” of the riverside footpath, I'm not aware of any other significant footpath or bridleway problems. They did repair the footbridge over the border in Creting St Peter quite quickly though.

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).

Paul Scully July August 2019

Tel: 01449 721461 e-mail: [paul@impressions41.plus.com](mailto:paul@impressions41.plus.com)



*Parish of Needham Market with Badley*

*St. Marys Church,*

# **Badley Harvest Festival**

**Sunday 8th.  
September 2019  
at 3 pm.**

*Service by  
The Rev. Diane Williams*

*Tea/Coffee will be provided after the Service.*

*All proceeds in aid of Church's Conservation Trust .*



**St Mary's Church  
Badley**

## **FLU VACCINATIONS 2019**

Patients registered at Needham Market Country Practice.

If you are over 65, or have:- heart condition, asthma, COPD, kidney disease, diabetes, are pregnant, lowered immunity, had a stroke or are a carer for someone else – you are entitled to a free flu vaccination.

If you live in one of the areas below and have one of the above conditions, please book an appointment - telephone 01449 720666 after 10am.

The clinic for Needham Market, Ringshall, Combs, Stowmarket, Stowupland, Creeting St. Mary, Creeting St. Peter, Badley, Darmsden & Wattisham will be on Saturdays: September 28th and October 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th - 8.30 am until 12.30 pm and November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th - 9.00am until 12 noon at NEEDHAM MARKET COUNTRY PRACTICE.

If you are unable to attend these flu clinics, please telephone Needham Market Country Practice on 01449 720 666 for further clinics and dates.



## 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. If you would like to drop in to one of sessions, give me a ring. *Hazel Mackintosh 01449 720753*

### Creting St Mary WI recent and coming events.

Please contact Hazel Mackintosh for details of August and September meetings

### VILLAGE MYSTERY OUTING

Following our successful theatre outing to Brick Lane Music Hall we organised something different - a mystery tour. After a frantic start to our day due to road closures a brand new coach arrived to take us to our first stop of Oulton Broad, where we boarded our boat for a trip on the broads. The weather was perfect as could be if just a little breezy. The hour and a half trip brought us back to our coach for a very short journey to Henstead, our second stop Henstead Exotic Gardens. This garden was all developed over the last 12 years by Andrew Brogan who gave us the insight to 100 plus large palms, bananas, 200 plus bamboos ( up to 30 feet tall) a Thai style Pavilion with 20 ft walkways. This was all washed down with tea, coffee, and great cake while we browsed the plants for sale.

We now moved on, some of us wondering "where next?" This was to Aldeburgh, to the White Lion for Afternoon Tea . A great choice of sandwiches, cakes, scones and cream along with a gin trifle in a shot glass. Again washed down with plenty of tea and coffee.

Just enough time to buy fish from the fish sheds, then we had come to the end of our Mystery, so it was homeward bound.

I do hope those that joined us had a good day and have not suffered too many withdrawal symptoms from lack of cake.

#### **Where to next year?**

Ideas for another village outing will be gratefully received.

Unfortunately this event was not widely publicised as it was arranged rather late in the day. If you would like to join in next time please get in touch.

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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)

**or 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

## EVENTS

**We have no meetings in August.**

Our next meeting is:

### **BUZZARDS, an illustrated talk with Zoe Smith.**

Wednesday 25 September 2019 at 7.30pm in Stowupland village hall. The common buzzard is now the most common bird of prey in Britain. Join us to take a deeper look into the lives of these beautiful birds and find out how they have become so successful. We will look at identification, diet, nest sites and the overall ecology of Buzzards.

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### Next meetings:

September 4th - Weeds

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

Joint Events Organisers: Pamela Cook, 01449 768640

Hazel Mackintosh, 01449 720753

June and July were busy months with visits to RHS Hyde Hall (l. below) and Moverons (Brightlingsea), Larks Hill, Ipswich and as a grand finale, Woburn Abbey (R. below) We enjoyed fine, but not hot weather seeing gardens of different sizes at their floral best. Colin Ward, our July speaker, gave a 'hands on' demonstration of fern propagation and impressing members with his depth of knowledge. On September 5th we welcome Karen Kenny to talk on Weeds! Karen is a regular and popular visitor to Needham Market. We will also take booking for our Harvest Supper in October. Planning is underway for the 2020 programme!



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### **Stowmarket Choral**

Summer Concert "*Shakespeare meets Jazz*" at the United Reformed Church, Stowmarket in June. A refreshing blend of songs and sonnets by Shakespeare, set for 4-part voices and performed in a jazz style with Samuel Hollis playing double bass and Thomas Hawkes on piano. Various passages from works by Shakespeare were read and recited by Henry Stanford and Jamie Glasse from Earl Stonham Theatre Guild.

The Choral is having a break during the summer and will return for rehearsals to Combs Ford Primary School, Glemsford Road, Stowmarket, IP14 2PN on Wednesday 18 th September, meeting at 7.30pm.

Contact:

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## Alder Carr Farm Summer Fayre

The annual summer fayre on Saturday 6th July at Alder Carr Farm. was set around the picnic and play areas - people enjoyed live music, a café run by the on-site Barn Café, and a hog roast and vegetarian BBQ from Huffers Hogs, also based on site.

The tractor and trailer rides around the farm were a great hit, along with the Punch & Judy, which always draws a crowd. There was also an enormous inflatable bouncy castle and slide, donkey rides and the 'Un Nature Trail' - a treasure hunt of man-made objects hidden around the nature trail in the wood.

With a Viking camp, gin and food tasting, craft stalls and demonstrations, including a live bee hive, there was something for all the family – in fact many stayed the whole day, until rain drew things to a close around 3pm.

Next years' summer fayre will be held on Saturday 4th July.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact [stephany@alder-tree.co.uk](mailto:stephany@alder-tree.co.uk)



***Scenes from  
the Summer Fayre***



**A family has moved in to the house next door and is being a nuisance, yelling late at night over a loud television and leaving bin bags strewn over the front of the house. I don't want to antagonise them in case they become threatening.  
What can I do?**

It's best to try to resolve problems by speaking with your neighbour, if it's safe to do so. Explain the effect their behaviour is having and ask them to stop. If the problem continues, keep a record of incidents, which will come in handy if you decide to take the matter further.

A mediator may help you and your neighbour find a solution. If you're a council or housing association tenant, they may have their own mediator you can use. If not, you'll need to find one yourself and pay a fee.

Ask your neighbour's landlord to speak to them on your behalf. If your

neighbour lives in social housing, their landlord should have a policy for dealing with antisocial behaviour.

If the landlord can't help, or you don't know who it is, your council might be able to. Visit its website for information on the types of complaint it deals with.

If you've tried everything but the problem persists, ask for a Community Trigger. The council might work with the police and others to create an action plan. As a last resort, you can go to an ombudsman if you're unhappy with how your council or social landlord has handled it. If your neighbour becomes threatening or violent, you should tell the police.

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 and our opening hours go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk).

### **RAINFALL AT C.S.M. 2019.**

<b>Month..</b>	<b>Rain in mm.</b>
<b><u>JUNE.</u></b>	<b><u>95.0</u></b>
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>21.00</b>
<b>Total for 2019</b>	<b>244.5</b>
<b>Jan – Jun 2018</b>	<b>226.5</b>
<b>5 year average January to June</b>	<b>198.0</b>



**Where do you find Vikings fighting on a Sunday morning?**



## VET'S ADVICE

### Season of deadly fly strike.

As we start to enjoy the long, hot summer days, we must turn our attention to our pets, who are at particularly high risk of fly strike - a devastating and potentially deadly condition that occurs when flies lay eggs on open wounds or faeces stuck to an animal's bottom.

Within hours, eggs hatch into maggots which burrow into the skin and tissues, leading to toxic shock. This can be fatal in a very short period of time, so it is essential to protect and monitor your pet in warmer weather. Contact your vet immediately if you find any maggots or suspect fly strike – rapid diagnosis and treatment are key to an animal's chances of survival. Fly strike is but can affect any animal especially those who live outdoors, those with a wet or dirty bottom/groin, pets suffering from diarrhoea and those that cannot clean themselves properly because they are overweight, elderly and less mobile. However, all pet owners should be vigilant at this time of year.

### How to protect your pet

Be vigilant for signs of fly strike, and seek the earliest possible treatment. There are steps you can take to prevent this terrible condition.

- check and clean your pet twice a day – especially their bottom.
- if you find any maggots, see a vet immediately
- make sure you keep your pet's bedding clean
- if your pet has any faeces stuck to the fur, or urine soiling, wash and thoroughly dry . Even small amounts of soiling will attract the flies
- If your pet is regularly soiling his coat, visit a vet to determine if there is a medical cause
- fly screens around hutches and runs reduce access from flies
- topical fly repellents prevent fly eggs from hatching .

If you have any concerns about your pet's health or welfare, please contact Stowe Veterinary Centre on 01449 613130.

Sudoku (p. 14) solution

2	3	5	9	4	7	1	8	6
8	7	9	5	6	1	3	2	4
1	4	6	3	8	2	9	7	5
9	2	7	6	3	8	4	5	1
4	6	1	2	7	5	8	3	9
5	8	3	4	1	9	7	6	2
6	1	8	7	2	4	5	9	3
3	9	4	8	5	6	2	1	7
7	5	2	1	9	3	6	4	8

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November (Dec-Jan edition)

January (Feb-Mar edition)

March (Apr-May i.e. Easter)

May (Jun-Jul i.e. all those mid- summer events)

July (Aug-Sep - the summer holiday events)

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Meeting 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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