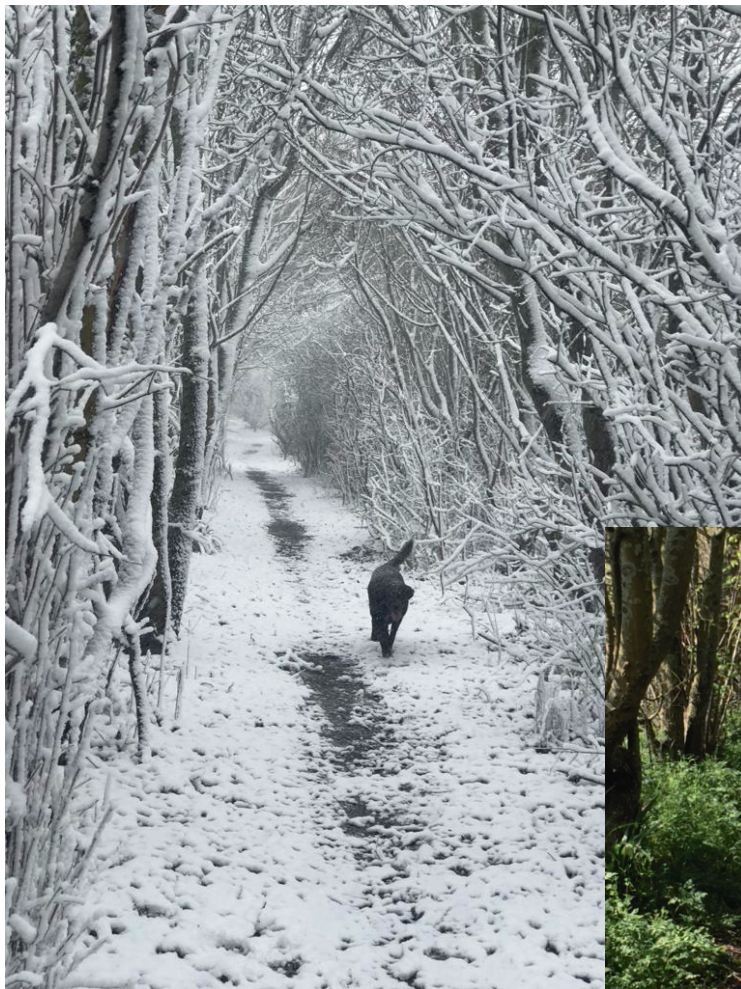
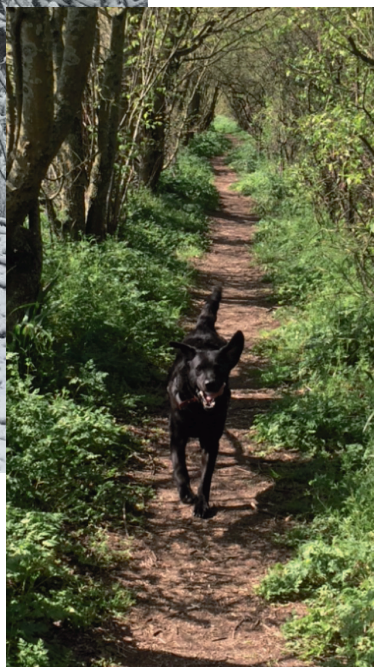


The Creeping St. Mary Newsletter



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Editorial Comment

We still have a walking theme for this edition. We have been sent so many lovely pictures of people's walks - especially in the snow, it just had to be!

The current outlook for the next year is somewhat brighter and we hope all this walking is a prelude to being able to lounge around in our own or preferably someone else's garden in the summer so there is to be no let up to the walking!

The Social Club have organised a walking quiz for you to do over Easter with a route and questions to answer along the way. Why not cheer up the village by putting up a scarecrow for walkers to admire, May Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday 1st to 3rd. As ever Paul Scully warns us that the footpaths may be a bit soggy for a while, to check your route in case signs are missing and watch out for low hanging branches. However you will be able to take a break from walking at the new bench on the village 'green' and picnic tables on Blacksmiths Field. There is also a gentle reminder to appreciate this fantastic community asset by not leaving litter or the infamous dog products there, spoiling other peoples' enjoyment.

Great news from the The Needham Market Access for All campaign that an access ramp from the east side of the station (London-bound) is nearer being done.

So, as we creep tenuously out of confinement, we have a timely reminder from our MP that normality will only return if enough people get vaccinated, It has been said many times that the risk from the vaccine outweighs the risks presented by this virus.

Don't forget about the local elections on May 6th. These are for the Police and Crime Commissioner who basically oversees and ensures that policing is proportionate to the needs of the community and sets the required budget. The Suffolk County Council election takes place at the same time, the Village Hall, as usual is the polling station. See p 32/33 for how the local councils - County and District - provide services.

It has become very clear in the pandemic that local action has been vital to get us through from rolling out the vaccine through our GP surgeries to grants for struggling businesses and cash-strapped households. The County Council ensures transport, education and social care works. District Councils provides support payments for people on low incomes self-isolating and to businesses closed during lockdown. Food has been provided to families in need over half-term and a kit to build a bird box over the Easter hols. District Councils have had to spend extra in spite of loss of income from council tax and business rates. It has not evicted tenants for non-payment and works Citizens' Advice to ensure this advice is given. MSDC help line is 08000683131 for anyone in debt, unemployment needing benefit or housing. Local democracy is what delivers all this - make sure you get involved. Use it or lose it!

The Community spirit that has supported food banks and caring for the vulnerable has been incredible. We hope by the next newsletter we will see the end in sight. Many thanks to all who make getting this newsletter to you possible, especially Kathryn Martin who rigorously checks my spelling and that it all makes sense.

Joan Hardingham co-Editor



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CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Due to the ongoing circumstances, the Parish Council continue to hold their meetings online via Zoom. These meetings will be published on the village website and noticeboards as usual. If any member of the public wishes to attend please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@csmmpc.co.uk

Please keep an eye on our website/Facebook page for possible changes to dates and times and for further information when meetings will revert to being held in person.

Community Speedwatch

Our Community Speedwatch Team has now been set up and the volunteers are awaiting training. We have been informed that Speedwatch Teams can resume monitoring traffic speeds at the end of the month. With our Team being newly formed our volunteers will soon be trained and we will be given all the necessary equipment so we can start our work. The current locations where we will be monitoring the speed of traffic are just along from the school on All Saints Road and St Mary's Road. We plan to add more locations in the near future. The team currently has a total of nine volunteers but we could always do with more! Should you be interested please contact the Parish Clerk, Jennie Blackburn, on 01449 721369 or email at clerk@csmmpc.co.uk

Speed Signs

You may have noticed that we now have two speed signs in place. One on Jacks Green Road and now one on All Saints Road opposite the village hall. Now these are in position we will be able to start collecting the data they produce in relation to the amount of speeding vehicles and this information will be provided to the Parish Council throughout the year.

Benches

The well-worn bench on the small green opposite the village hall is to be replaced in the near future and also additional picnic benches are to be installed on Blacksmiths Field adjacent to the play equipment and also one at the pond for the use of all.

Planning Applications Considered

Ref: DC/21/00446 - Application for Outline Planning Permission (All Matters Reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Severance of garden and erection of 1No. single storey dwelling and creation of new access - Land Adjacent Deerbolt Cottage, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/21/00563 - Householder Application - Erection of a two storey rear extension (partly over an existing single storey extension), rebuilding the existing garage, and relocating the existing front porch - Lodge Cottage, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – No Objections



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Ref: DC/21/00660 - Householder Application - Erection of two storey rear extension (following demolition of single storey rear extension). Erection of detached annex building - The Owl House, Coddensham Green, Creething St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/21/00728 - Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension; Construction of rear dormer and front catslide roof in conjunction with loft Conversion - The Hawthorns, 14 All Saints Road, Creething St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/21/00484 - Application for Listed Building Consent - Replace glass roof with insulated solid roof to rear conservatory - 30 All Saints Road, Creething St Mary – No Objections

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - **DC/21/00592** - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of planning permission DC/17/02339 dated 21/08/17 -

Conversion and extension of redundant agricultural barn into single dwelling unit - Creething House, All Saints Road, Creething St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/21/00933 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to front elevation - Westward, 11 St Marys Road, Creething St Mary – No Objections

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Ref: DC/21/01030 – Planning Application – Change of use and conversion of barn to residential dwelling (following prior approval DC/20/04567) with erection of new detached triple cartlodge/workshop – Barn at Mailtings Farmhouse, Norwich Road, Creething St Mary – No Objections

Recent Planning Application Decisions

Ref: DC/20/05622 - Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension and open verandah. Kestrel Barn, Creething Hills, Creething St Mary
Granted

Ref: DC/20/05904 - Householder Application - Erection of single storey front, side and rear extension - 33 St Marys Gardens, Creething St Mary – Granted

DC/21/00299 - Householder Application - Erection of part single storey and part two storey extension (following demolition of rear part of building and garage). Creation of new vehicular access, drive and parking area - Blackwater Hall, St Marys Road, Creething St Mary - Granted

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 Jennie Blackburn, Parish Clerk by e-mail @ clerk@csmmpc.co.uk or phone 01449 721369 or when the situation allows come along to the next meeting.

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MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS MIKE NORRIS & STEVE PHILLIPS REPORT - MARCH 2021

Covid-19 Community Testing: 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 do not have symptoms and may be unwittingly spreading the virus to other people without knowing. To tackle this, Suffolk has introduced community testing (also known as lateral flow testing or rapid testing) for those who are unable to work from home. A number of community testing centres have recently opened across Mid Suffolk, including sites in Stowmarket, Elmswell and Needham Market. To find out more, or to make an appointment go to the Suffolk County Council website.

Covid support grants for businesses: There are several business support grants available which cover different local and national lockdown periods. For businesses mandated to close (including those in retail, leisure and hospitality) that have applied and received a lockdown grant since November 2020, MSDC's plan is to automatically pay additional grants following pre-payment checks. However, for businesses that may be eligible but have not heard from MSDC, or are yet to apply for any grants, they are encouraged to find out more and to submit an application form as soon as possible. Further information about all the covid business support grants can be found on MSDC's grant funding schemes webpage

Councils pledge to provide further financial support for struggling households: Thousands of households across Mid Suffolk will be eligible for a reduction in their council tax bill after councillors approved further support for residents facing financial difficulties due to Covid-19. More details are available on the Mid Suffolk District Council website.

Councils confirm support for Freeport East: Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils have confirmed their support for Freeport East. The bid, which includes Gateway 14 in Stowmarket, has been formally submitted to Government by Hutchinson Ports.

An extra £3m for warmer, greener Suffolk homes: More Suffolk residents, including those in Mid Suffolk, are set to benefit from Government Green Homes Grants thanks to a further successful bid for £3m funding by a Suffolk consortium of local authorities.

Plug in Suffolk: Plug in Suffolk is now providing grants for the installation of Electric Vehicle charging points at non-profit locations such as community centres, parish council car parks and village halls. Visit Green Suffolk's website or contact Suffolk County Council's environment strategy officer Peter Frost to find out more about the funding.

Mid Suffolk and Baburgh District Councillors:

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Route out of Lockdown

(subject to government rule changes)

From Friday 16th April the cafe will open every Fri/Sat/Sun
Serving tables outside only. If the weather is kind we will open
additional days during the week (please see website for details)

From 12th April our craft units will be re-opening

From 17th May the cafe will open indoors (hooray!)

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March 2021 Report for the Thredling Division from Cllr Matthew Hicks

SCC increases budget to support most vulnerable residents and county's recovery from Covid-19

On February 11, Suffolk County Council agreed its budget for 2021/22. Following approval of its annual budget, SCC is increasing its planned spending once again in 2021/22 to £597.9million, some £41million (7.4%) more than 2020/21. As part of this, the council will be spending £15.3million to address its ongoing Covid-19 costs, arising from the continuing local response to the pandemic. There are no proposed reductions in council services or personnel in 2021/22. This year's budget is based on a 12-month financial settlement from government, rather than the 3 or 4 year agreement which is usually offered. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic over the last 11 months or so, the Government has continued to support local authorities as they adapt to serve communities, redeploy staff into alternative specialist roles and see income streams such as business rates and council tax reduce significantly. SCC has received around £82.2 million in financial support during 2020 to meet Covid-19 related costs and whilst the challenges of continuing to respond, and in time recover, from Covid-19 remain, significant financial pressures will continue. The council's income from council tax is going to be £7.9 million less than expected in 2021/22 and this shortfall will be met by using council reserves.

Highways doubles drainage budget following £27.2m announcement

On February 17th it was announced that Suffolk Highways allocated an extra £2m to support the fight against flooding. Drainage and flooding, Rights of Way bridges and resurfacing of roads in Suffolk have been allocated extra funds for the 2021/22 financial year following Department for Transport's funding announcement. Keen to progress more drainage schemes across Suffolk to support the fight against flooding, Suffolk Highways has allocated an extra £2m – double its current budget allocation – in order to help tackle the worsening flood problems being experienced across the county. Suffolk Highways also looks set to bolster its resource to support in the repairing or replacement of seven Rights of Way bridges across the county with an additional £800k, whilst committing a further £3.4m to the county's surface dressing programme. Although the budget is less than the 2020/21 allocation, Suffolk Highways prudently prepared for a decrease and allocated a tentative £21m for the 2021/22 financial year. Allocating funding for Suffolk's highway budget is a complex process and one we carefully consider ahead of receiving our allocation from the Department for Transport.

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Thank you - the village is so much tidier with all your efforts!

Parish Council support to the Community in Covid Times

Support at a community level continues to be to be vitally important and the Parish Council want to connect those who need help to those who can give it.

If you can help a neighbour with: shopping, postage, urgent supplies or just a chat contact one of the below so we can collate the details.

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Details on Creeping St Mary Parish Council Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Creeping-St-Mary>

***Ed: if you are unsure of an approach you have had offering help,
please consult the people on the list above.***

16 new COVID-19 rapid testing centres to open in Suffolk

It was announced that a further 16 rapid testing centres for COVID-19 were to open in Suffolk, bringing the total number of centres to 28. The sites are planned to open over the next two weeks in Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth, Southwold, Aldeburgh, Saxmundham, Debenham, Framlingham, Woodbridge, Eye, Holbrook, Needham Market, Elmswell, Hadleigh, Nayland and Brandon - serving more rural communities across the county. The 28 centres use 'lateral flow' testing to identify people who may have coronavirus but who do not have symptoms.

Whilst Suffolk's vaccine rollout programme rapidly picks up pace, we need people who cannot work from home and who do not have symptoms to get tested twice a week. It is how we will break the chain of infections and protect vulnerable people. It takes just 15 minutes to get a test and you get the results within the hour. 12,780 tests have already been completed. Suffolk needs everyone to play their part.

New hedgerow planted as part of Suffolk 2020 tree planting programme to increase biodiversity

On February 22, a new mixed-species hedgerow was planted in Great Barton as part of Suffolk County Council's Suffolk 2020 project. This project seeks to plant 100,000 trees and 15 kilometres of hedgerow over the next 12 months. This will create new habitats and wildlife corridors in multiple areas of Suffolk to support local biodiversity. It is the first of six farms on the Council's County Farm estate to benefit from the planting of new hedgerows this winter. Suffolk County Council is working closely with the Woodland Trust, the Suffolk Tree Warden Network, local landowners and contractors, and its County Farm tenants, to deliver this ambitious project. Giles Landscapes are undertaking the hedge planting during February and March, which will total around 10 Kilometres (just over six miles) of new hedgerow, consisting of around 50,000 plants of mixed native species such as hawthorn, field maple, hazel and dogwood. Hedgerows are important features of Suffolk's agricultural landscape, providing a habitat for many species and 'corridors' for wildlife to move through them. All the planting stock being used is UK sourced and grown to reduce plant health risks and improve biosecurity, with much of the stock being supplied by The Woodland Trust.

Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division

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CHURCH WORSHIP AND PRAYER

For the Benefice of north Bosmere - Churches of Coddendam, Creeting St Mary, Creeting St Peter, Crowfield, Earl Stonham with Stonham Parva, Gosbeck, Hemingstone, Stonham Aspal with Mickfield.

Fri 2 April	Online Zoom	09.30 am	Devotional Service
Good Friday	Online Zoom	6.30 pm	Devotional Service
Sun 4 April	Earl Stonham	06.00 am	Sunrise Service
Easter Day	Online Zoom	09.30 am	Easter Worship
	Stonham Aspal	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wed 7 April	Online Zoom	09.00 am	Morning Prayer
Fri 9 April	Online Zoom	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer Agape
Sun 11 April	Online Zoom	09.30 am	Morning Worship
Easter 2	Creeting St Peter	11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP
	Hemingstone	11.00 am	Morning Worship
Wed 14 April	Online Zoom	09.00 am	Morning Prayer
Fri 16 April	Online Zoom	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 18 April	Online Zoom	09.30 am	Morning Worship
Easter 3	Creeting St Mary	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	Gosbeck	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wed 21 April	Online Zoom	09.00 am	Morning Prayer
Fri 23 April	Online Zoom	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer Agape
St George			
Sun 25 April	Online Zoom	09.30 am	Morning Worship
Easter 4	Coddendam	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	Earl Stonham	11.00 am	Morning Worship
Wed 28 April	Online Zoom	09.00 am	Morning Prayer
Fri 30 April	Online Zoom	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 2 May	Online Zoom	09.30 am	Morning Worship
Easter 5	Hemingstone	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	Stonham Aspal	11.00 am	Morning Worship
Wed 5 May	Online Zoom	09.00 am	Morning Prayer
Fri 7 May	Online Zoom	6.30pm	Evening Prayer Agape
Sun 9 May	Online Zoom	09.30 am	Morning Worship
Rogation Sunday	Gosbeck	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wed 12 May	Online Zoom	09.00 am	Morning Prayer
Thur 13 May	Online Zoom	6.30 pm	Worship for Ascension Day
Fri 14 May	Online Zoom/Coddendam	6.30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come
Sat 15 May	Online Zoom/Creeting St Peter	6.30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come
Sun 16 May	Online Zoom	09.30 am	Morning Worship
Easter 7	Crowfield	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	Creeting St Mary	11.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP
Mon 17 May	Earl Stonham	6.30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come
Tue 18 May	Creeting St Mary	6.30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come
Wed 19 May	Online Zoom	09.00 am	Morning Prayer
	Crowfield	6.30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come
Thur 20 May	Hemingstone	6.30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come
Fri 21 May	Gosbeck	6.30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come
Sat 22 May	Stonham Aspal	6.30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come
Sun 23 May	Online Zoom	09.30 am	Worship for Pentecost
Pentecost	Earl Stonham	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	Hemingstone	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wed 26 May	Online Zoom	09.00 am	Morning Prayer
Fri 28 May	Online Zoom	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer Agape
Sun 30 May	Online Zoom	09.30 am	Morning Worship
Trinity Sunday	Coddendam	11.00 am	Holy Communion

To join on-line services please contact Ruth Dennigan, reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com

To book a place at any physical service contact Rev Philip 01449 711684

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From the Rectory

Rev. Philip Payne

Easter Good News

There was surprisingly little traffic so the couple ahead were easy to see. For a while now he had been watching them as he walked.

Much of the time they walked in silence, but from time to time they slowed and turned to deep conversation. So wrapped up were they in their own thoughts, they never heard him approach. When he said hello, they both jumped, clearly startled to find someone just behind them. "What are you discussing?" he asked. Are you the only one who doesn't know what has happened?" one asked sadly.

It's Easter, and across the globe Christians will greet the dawn with shouts of triumph. Given the pain and grief of this last year; Are we the only ones who don't know what has happened, or do we have some good news that others long to hear?

When Mary Madalene came to Jesus' grave to mourn, faced with an empty tomb, she was convinced that Jesus' body had been stolen. St Luke tells us (Luke 24:13-31) that later that same day, two confused and defeated disciples were returning home to Emmaus, some 7 miles outside Jerusalem. En route they were joined by a stranger who went into great detail about the Messiah. Only later, after they had invited him to stay and share supper, did they realise that the stranger was none other than Jesus, very much alive.

Coming to Easter, eager to put this last year behind us and celebrate the resurrection, it is easy to forget that as the first Easter dawned there would have been no 'Alleluias', only grief, fear and confusion. Easy to forget, also, that many will awake this Easter burdened with the same grief, fear and confusion.

Jesus' disciples stood on the threshold of a new age. Yet it is clear that for them, the day dawns without hope; Jesus is dead and their hopes died with him. He doesn't leave them there. In the days that lie ahead we will see Jesus working gently with his followers to help them understand the task he is calling them to, and the new life he is giving them. It will take time for them to hear the good news that he was alive, and longer still for the reality to sink in. But sink in it does. Slowly, but with growing trust, they enter the new life he promised.

However you greet this Easter, as the year goes on, may you find peace and hope in the risen Jesus.

Happy Easter.

Rev. Philip`

Church Services Explained

The titles Easter 1 etc are the lectionary titles for the weeks in question - ie Easter 1 is the first Sunday after Easter and so on. These change at various times of the year, and help keep folk aware of where they are in the liturgical calendar. There is no Easter 6 is because on that Sunday we tend to celebrate the fact that it is Rogation Sunday - a day when we traditionally thank God for the forthcoming crops and, in some places, beat the bounds. Indeed in our Benefice there are walks from Earl Stonham and Stonham Aspal to Stonham Parva for a short service followed by tea - not so this year.

Thy Kingdom come - a short reflective service held at 6.30 pm at different churches

Creting St. Mary Church News.

I don't know if you have had a chance to walk through the church yard recently but it is looking beautiful. Swathes of snow drops on the banks leading down to the lane have been delightful and now many primroses popping up making a colourful carpet. A great sign spring is on its way.

Church yard tidy.

Each year we have a couple of sessions when we ask for volunteers help on a Saturday morning and keep the grass etc under control. The proposed dates for this year are, Saturday 17th April and Saturday 10th July at 10.30 am, refreshments during the morning to keep us going ! Working as a team is good fun and lots achieved. If you would like to help keep our Church yard looking beautiful but can't make those dates , please don't hesitate to get in touch, we have tools available or just turn up with your own, anytime.

We thank the Parish Council for their financial help each year to do more major jobs. We are very grateful to James Mc Kintosh for cutting the hedges and David Primmer for the ongoing flood lighting of the Church.

Easter.

Some churches in the benefice are open for Easter services and the regular zoom service will take place at 9.30 am. Please see details in this newsletter.

Easter Lilies.

Sunday and Monday of Easter weekend from 11am until 4 pm to spend time in our beautiful Church, if you wish. The Easter lilies will be displayed on a



February Snow courtesy Chris Bingley



***The snowdrops, by Church Close are always the first, usually in mid December.
Courtesy Chris Bingley***

pedestal by the altar in memory of loved ones. Unfortunately last year due to the first lockdown , the lilies couldn't be displayed.

Tea afternoon

It is hoped we might have our Christian Aid tea afternoon, once restrictions are more relaxed.

Creting St Mary VAP School.

We are very pleased that all the children are now back and from their happy voices as they walk to and from school, they are too.

Best wishes for a more positive, happier summer.

Glynis Clint



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www.creeting-st-mary.suffolk.gov.uk/social-club/social-club-news/

The club committee has continued to meet virtually all through the lockdowns and are so pleased to see some signs of a cautious return to social activities. We are in a healthy position financially and plan a few events for the early summer.

Kim Fulcher has suggested a sunflower street initiative which she is organising, and there is to be a walking quiz which can be undertaken in your family groups and should get you exploring and thinking about our village whilst taking your exercise over and around Easter. Also see the Village Scarecrows project; details of both are below

Once the situation has eased still more, after June 21st we plan to open the bar, provisionally on Friday June 25th and Sunday July 18th. Details will be on our website and on posters around the village as well as email updates to club members. We are not charging a membership fee this year so do join if you haven't done so. Further into the future we are exploring the possibility of inviting Eastern Angles back for another of their travelling theatre productions, maybe in the autumn, something to look forward to after our vaccinations.

Kathryn Martin Social Club Chair

Scarecrow Weekend Walk May 1st to 3rd

The Social Club suggest that households create a "heroes" (real or imaginary)-themed scarecrow to be displayed outside your house in the village. Entries should be placed so they are visible from the road, and any restrictions still in place should be respected. These could provide a focal point for casual over the fence chats as a way to ease us out of lockdown without incurring any risk, and can be enjoyed whilst out exercising over what we hope should be a fine weekend. You might like to vote online for your favourite at the club social media site.



VILLAGE WEBSITE

Our village website has recently been taken over by a new Host, Suffolk.Cloud. The Parish Council mainly run it and we are looking for any local information, historical information / photographs, helpful hints or information that could be added to make it more informative and interesting!

If you have anything to share, please email the Parish Clerk, Jennie, at clerk@csmpec.co.uk

Creeting St. Mary's Sunflower street

If you would like to, why not grow a sunflower or two and help line our village with sunflowers this year?

Let's see who can grow the tallest by 1st September!



The Diamond Jubilee Village Hall

We hope that the Hall will be open again before too long.

It is certainly booked for the Local Elections on May 6th.

We have recently received good news that our application to the Parish Council for CIL money funds has been approved. This is a charge made by the Local Authority on new developments and can be used to improve local infrastructure for the community. It will be spent on the resurfacing the terrace area behind the Hall, replacing the fence, improved outside lighting plus a set of matching picnic tables. This will make this area more attractive and ideal for BBQ's, children's parties, Social Club events etc..

Many changes and improvements are now set in place by our Committee. New heating is installed and the soundproofed door between the main hall and the lounge to reduce sound disturbance. We have purchased 12 large round tables seating 8 people and new cutlery.

Chris Bingley (Chair, Village Hall Mangement Committee)

Tel 01449 720324. christine.bingley@gmail.com

Bookings: Mrs Jennie King Tel 07946 445516 creetingjubileehall@gmail.com

As a reminder the Village Hall offers excellent facilities at very reasonable prices. It has a hall holding about 100 (pre-covid!) there is a bar and a smaller lounge and meeting room which can be had separately; a well equipped kitchen, ample toilet facilities, all well-heated with WIFI; an outside patio, large car park and access to Blacksmiths Field. Also on offer are the the smaller lounge area and the meeting room.

Blacksmiths Field

We hope all of you have been able to appreciate the great asset we have in Blacksmiths Field over this period of lockdown. It was a great idea to purchase this agricultural land in the early 1990s and a great deal of community effort has gone into the planting of the trees, wildflowers and providing the play equipment that we now see today .

We want this great community asset to be safe and accessible to all so this is a plea for you to take your letter home and remove any dog mess from the field to prevent any injury or potential sickness for others using the field.

If you have any queries or want to report a nuisance contact:
Parish Councillor Jan Palmer 01449 723997

Village Walking Quiz

see centre pages

The Social Club is very limited as to what we're able to organise at the moment, but we hope you might enjoy taking part in our walking quiz - it's just for fun, but a chance to get out and get some exercise, and possibly learn a bit more about the village as well as counteracting the Easter 'Eggcess'!

You'll find the questions, with map within the newsletter. We're suggesting that you undertake the quiz on either Sunday 4th or Monday 5th April.

The answers will be posted on the three village notice boards located at the Village Hall, St Mary's Gardens and Jacks Green from 11th April and on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CreepingSt.MarySocialClub> and on the Social Club page of the village website at <https://www.creeping-st-mary.suffolk.gov.uk/social-club/social-club-news/>.

With very grateful thanks to Paul Scully for the questions and the map.
For those of you interested in exploring further, the full village map showing all footpaths and bridle ways is on the notice board at the village hall.

If you take part, please let us know how you get on and share any photos of your walk with us using the facebook and website links above. Let us know too, if you would be interested in another walking quiz in the future, or perhaps instead of walking using bikes so that we could venture a little further?

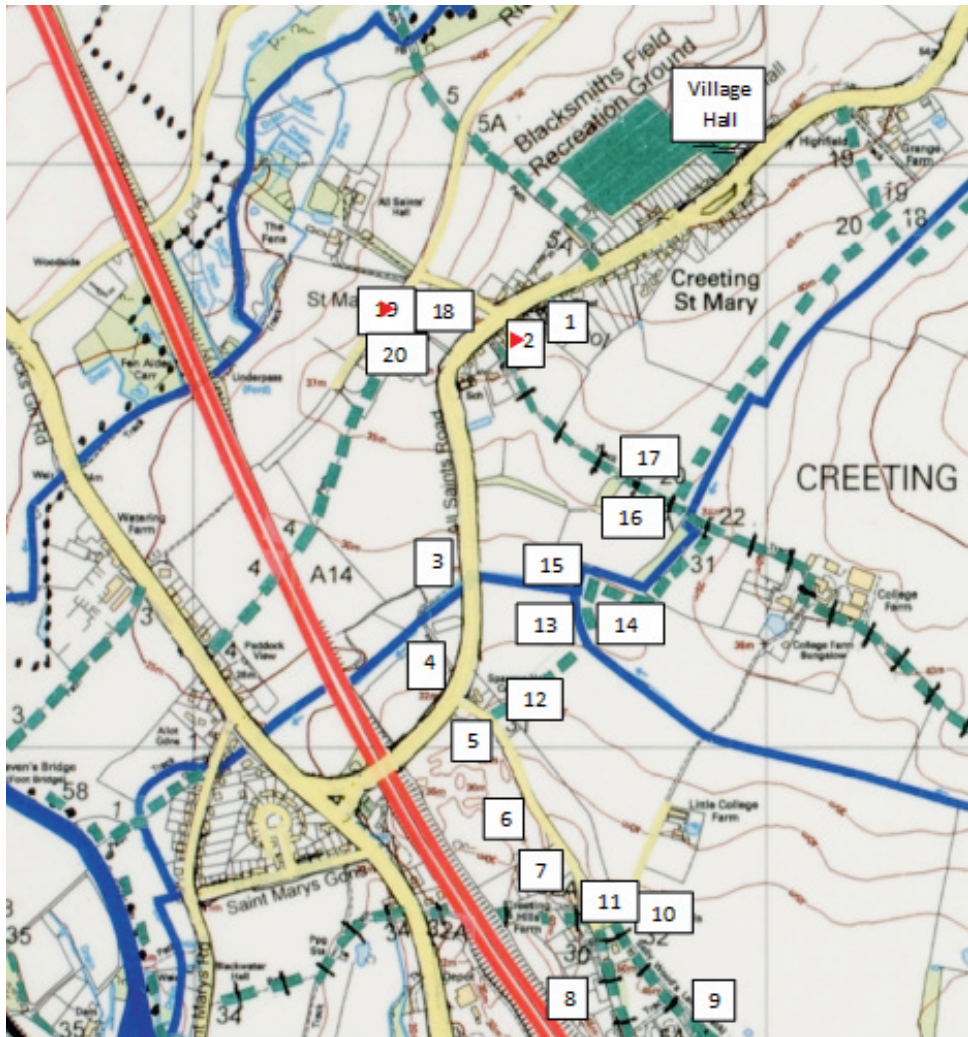
Happy Easter, and Good Luck!

For any queries contact Jacqui Mann on 07885 468751

Village Walking Quiz

Creeping Saint Mary Social Club

Take care & keep your eyes open – some clues are easier to spot than others!
Distance about 2 ¾ miles



Key to Map				
	Road	Dual carriageway		Bridleway
	"	Trunk / Main		Footpath
	"	Secondary		Footpath permissive
	"	Minor		Railway / station
				River / watercourse
				Parish boundary

Leave Village Hall and head down All Saints Road towards the church

1. What type of pots can be found at number 8?
2. At the end of the flint wall a little animal is peeping out. - Which animal is it?

Now take a steady walk down the hill until you reach the little bridge.

3. How many acres are there?

Continue up the footpath until you reach the sign-post pointing to Creeting Hills.

4. What number is on the bicycle wheel?

Cross the road towards Creeting Hills

5. This hall is not for chickens!

Continue uphill and go past the entrance to the sandpit

6. Is this a presidential place? I don't think so!

7. Where would you find this bird of prey

Continue in same direction, straight on past Creeting Hills Farm

8. What piece of machinery once stood here?

Continue up hill to a footpath on the left marked with a waypoint post just before the new house. Turn left and go through the wooden gate. Continue along footpath - TAKING CARE around the fenced-in pit. Continue on this footpath to the farm track at the end.

9. Whose lane are you now on?

Turn left and continue until you reach the surfaced road.

10. A place to get a touch of the wind?

Continue on the road around the right-hand bend.

11. You could have a swinging time outside this house

Carry on down the road until you reach the FP sign on your right (about 50m before clue 8 above), go down the path on your right and through the metal gate. (UNLESS – if time, endurance or patience has run out, continue to the bottom of the road and turn right back to the Village Hall.)

12. Whose gate is this?

Go straight on across the field, cross over the wooden bridge where you will see a row of poplar trees on your left next to the watercourse.

13. Three of these trees have some large clumps of relatively dense green foliage in their upper branches. What is this plant (not part of the tree)? How is it thought to get there?

14. This watercourse runs down to the white gates, goes under All Saints Road and then under the A14. Between which two towns does the water in this channel flow into the sea?

15. Immediately beyond the line of poplars on the left and on the other side of the watercourse is a very large tree just before the footpath turns round to the right. What sort of tree is this? (there'll be orange string on it)

Continue around the right hand bend and then a left bend up to the cart track at the end. Turn left. About 50m or so on your left is a 3-way FP sign.

16. What number can you call?

Continue straight up the track and you will shortly reach a 5 bar gate

17. Stop and Look behind you – “row upon row like sentinels they stand” – what are they?

Continue up the path to All Saints Road. Nearly there!

Cross the road and go up the Church Drive for the final three clues.

18. When was the vestry built?

19. Who taught in this church for 45 years?

20. When did the answer to no. 19 die?

Leave the churchyard and turn left into All Saints Road back to the Village Hall –

You've finished. Well done!

CREETING ST. MARY VOLUNTARY-AIDED CHURCH SCHOOL

On Monday the 8th of March we were delighted to be able to welcome all of our children and their families back to school. It is wonderful to have excited children's voices in the building, the school feels as if it has come back to life. Whilst every generation has been affected by the lockdown and restrictions on our everyday life it is hard to imagine what this has been like for our children. They have really missed out on all of the social opportunities of meeting their friends in their sports teams, music groups, drama and brownies/cubs. Our priorities in school have been to offer them as much social time as possible, to reconnect with their friends and to share their feelings with members of staff, as well as looking to restart formal learning.



We are very pleased to see how quickly the children have settled back into school and it has been lovely to see them smiling and playing with their friends again. Initial assessments show how incredibly hard the children and their parents worked at home and evidence suggests that many children remain on track. A real credit to the quality of remote



Panorama of Creeting St. Mary in the snow from over Blacksmiths Field

Creeting St. Mary School continued:

learning set and supported by our teachers and teaching assistants and the level of engagement from our families. We know how difficult it was to juggle work, parenting and home schooling and send a huge thank you to parents to recognise the truly magnificent effort in working together with us for the benefit of our children.

Looking forward, we are seeking opportunities to slowly move towards reintroducing some further sense of normality for the children. We are holding our first whole school assembly of the year, in person, in St Mary's Church on Friday 26th March where we will be able to socially distance our 4 bubbles whilst all being together in the same building. In October we will be celebrating our 150th Birthday and hope to be able to organise something that members of the village can join in with. If you have anything we could include in our celebrations please do get in touch with the school office.

In the meantime please keep looking at our website to see what the children are up to in school. www.creetingstmary.suffolk.sch.uk

Mrs Christine Friar, Head



courtesy Damian Kelly February 9th 2021

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Route 13 at Creting St. Mary

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All fines, return dates and reservation-hold dates apply till then.

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You can renew titles by logging in at <https://suffolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/LOGINB>

Suffolk Libraries' mobile library stops on Friday every four weeks

at Whissel's Farm at 11.20-11.30 and outside 30 All Saints Road at 11.35- with no visit in December. January details to be confirmed - check online.

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/mobiles-home/ipswich-mobile-library-route-13/>

NEEDHAM MARKET AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Sadly it looks as though the AGM and first meeting planned for early March will be delayed. Although the vaccine roll-out is continuing apace, the advice is that lockdown is unlikely to be lifted to allow large gatherings

We are however, hopeful that we will be able to have some speakers and visits later in the year. Like me, I'm sure members are looking forward to Spring weather and the resumption of gardening activity.

Existing members have been invited to send their email addresses to the Secretary, Pam Rushbrook so that we can update you at short notice.

Prospective new members can contact me for details of this year's programme and joining the Society (£5 per year).

Hazel Mackintosh 01449 720753 Joint Events Co-ordinator

CREETING SAINT MARY WELFARE CHARITIES

The Creting Saint Mary Welfare Charities Trust can provide assistance for those in need, by reason of, age, illness, unemployment or for education.

Examples of possible grants are: Annual grants to those with a state pension in financial need; Grants toward the relief of general hardship; Grants for students in higher or further education; Help with aids to cope with disability not available from state funding; Grants towards maternity costs and funeral expenses; Help towards the cost of Pendant Alarms for the elderly.

The Trust is intended to benefit the residents of Creting Saint Mary, however, in exceptional circumstances the Trustees may consider applications from persons who are resident outside the Parish.

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Mrs. M. Aldred, Mrs. P. Day, Mrs. K. Martin,

Please make any enquires to :

Mr. D. Primmer, 30 All Saints Road, IP6 8NF Telephone 01449 721514



DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

As we look ahead to Easter and to the longer days and warmer weather, I'd like to start by paying credit to our health leaders and all those involved in the rollout of the vaccination programme here in Suffolk, including the fantastic army of volunteers giving up their time to help with the effort. It's thanks to their combined efforts that Suffolk is at the top of the league tables nationally for people receiving their first Covid vaccination.

We have come such a long way in the fight against coronavirus and there is very definitely light at the end of the tunnel, but for now we must continue to follow the rules as we tentatively start to emerge from lockdown. We are all keen to get back to some semblance of normality – to visit our families and our friends, but if we relax the restrictions too soon, we could very quickly find ourselves back at square one with infection rates rising again, alongside increased hospital admissions and deaths. It only takes three or four weeks, particularly with some of the more virulent strains that have emerged, for things to get out of hand. Understandably there are concerns about the spread of the new variants, but current evidence seems to suggest that both the Pfizer and Oxford Astra Zeneca vaccines remain effective. The best way for all of us out of this pandemic is through vaccination and I would urge everyone to get vaccinated as soon as is practicably possible.

The first steps out of lockdown saw our children and young people returning to their schools and education settings. Whilst our hardworking teachers and teaching assistants have really stepped up to the challenges of remote learning, nothing can match the importance of face to face learning in the classroom.

Assuming infection rates and hospital admissions continue to fall, and the vaccination programme continues at pace, non-essential retail and hospitality venues can also soon begin to reopen and whilst I know the delay is frustrating, it doesn't benefit businesses to open for two or three weeks and then have to close again as restrictions were lifted too early. As the weather continues to improve, we know that transmission outdoors is reduced, and I know that we are all looking forward to being able to gradually mix outdoors as a first step in getting back to some sort of normality. I am hopeful that if we continue to stick with it and follow the guidance, we can all look forward to much happier times ahead.

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FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Now we're getting a few more days of drier weather, it makes walking around our parish a bit more comfortable – I'm sure you'll agree. Mind you, as I finish off this article, it's now raining. Paths which have suffered from being water-logged, and in places impassable, were, as you might expect, close to and along the River Gipping. Although slowly receding, there is still quite a bit of "sogginess" in the long grass. I have endeavoured to make one of our paths a bit easier underfoot by spreading some wood chippings to help absorb the water to make a firmer path, FP5A.

Otherwise all of CSM footpaths are walkable with the exception of FP 3 which runs from Jack's Green Road, through the trees by Material Change (the mulch place) to Raven's Bridge across the River Gipping - the last section is very soggy.

At this time of year the hedges and trees start to wake up and birds fly hither and thither searching for a suitable place to nest, or perhaps aiming to utilise the previous year's efforts in their nest-making. Be aware too of small branches and twigs growing out of hedges – I think it's worthwhile carrying a pair of secateurs in your pocket or rucksack so you can deal with these.

Be aware too of your intended route as I know from experience that from time to time a waymark post goes missing. Check your planned route on the Footpath and Bridleway maps that are on the front of the Village Hall, inside the information kiosk in Jack's Green Road and on the notice board at Hawks Mill bridge. Also, please let me know if you find any obstruction on the CSM footpaths and I'll aim to sort it.

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Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Suffolk www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk is the website for you! With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

Walking in Suffolk (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) – one for each county in England

Walks are from half a mile to twelve miles-plus long, with a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk

A BIT OF HISTORY

Bessie Poulson nee Nobbs

Did you read in the East Anglian Daily Times (EADT) recently about an ex Creeping St Mary resident who celebrated her 105th birthday on January 26th? She was Bessie Poulson, nee Nobbs, born at Little College Farm in Creeping St Mary in 1916. She still has fond memories of her early days here when she would ride from the fields to the stack yards on the back of the horses carrying the corn. When she visited the farm a few years ago, she recalled how she regularly fell in the horse pond in the yard! Until the late '50s she lived at the old King's Head public house.

Bessie started school at Creeping St Mary when the 2 teachers were Miss Frost and Miss Kirk. Lessons included how to sew scalloped edges around napkins, cook in a hay box and how to hang washing on the linen line. A highlight was when the children were all lined up on the road to see the very first car pass through the village. As she grew up Bessie spent a short time living in Creeping St Peter but moved back to Creeping St Mary to a cottage, now long gone, owned by her uncle, Robert Clarke which stood where Clarke's Close is in All Saints Road.

Four years before WWII she married Charlie Poulson in St Mary's Church with the reception in the village hall. She remembers Charlie being sent a ticket to report for the army: the return part of the ticket had been crossed out. During the war women were expected to take on the job of a man so Bessie became an insurance



agent. This involved cycling around Suffolk collecting insurance money and selling life policies. On one occasion she was working in Needham Market when a German aircraft bombed a factory towards the bottom of the street. She jumped off her bike, ran into a house and sheltered with the owner under the table. Bessie was horrified when she remembered that she had left all of the insurance money in her bicycle basket. and ran out to get it as the German bomber was turning round, coming back down the street firing its guns.

After the war Bessie and Charlie decided to take on the tenancy of the King's Head 'pub in Creeping St Mary. There were no properties between the pub and the school then. The pub came with some fields which they farmed as a

small holding, Bessie buying two pigs which used to follow her around the fields like dogs. The modest harvest at the pub was a wonderful village event with all the children following the binder chasing rabbits. When the brewery decided to close the pub in 1959, Bessie moved to Needham Market and later on to Stowmarket. She is now living in Garrett House care home in Aldeburgh near to her daughter Joan, unfortunately, her only son Ken, predeceased her. She has four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her closest friends can't visit because of COVID so the EADT has asked readers to send her birthday cards to ensure she enjoys her day.

(In the next Newsletter, I'll reproduce an article written by Bessie's husband Charlie with more information about the King's Head.)

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ANNUAL RAINFALL 2020 from CHRIS KEEBLE

If anyone is recording rainfall - or would like to - and send the newsletter their records please contact the editors. Chris is happy to share the records he has made for the 25 years since 1997 . Ed

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RAINFALL IN IP6 8 area 2021

Month	Rain in mm.
<u>JANUARY</u>	109.5
Last Year	58.0
Total this Calendar Year	109.5
12month cumulative	756.0
10 year Average for Jauary	36.5
Wettest This Year	
Driest 2006	10.5

RAINFALL IN IP6 8 area 2021

Month	Rain in mm.
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	44.0
Last Year	77.0
Total this Calendar Year	153.5
12month cumulative	723.0
10 year Average for February	38.6
Wettest 2001	78.0
Driest 1998	5.0

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Sudoku -Tricky

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 p. 34.

Creeting St. Mary Women's Institute



As the present Lockdown rules start to minimise, we all look forward to restarting our monthly meetings and other events. Our first meeting may be our outdoor 'garden' meeting on July 14th, but this will be confirmed nearer the time. Who knows, something before then may be possible.

We have already had enquiries from ladies newly moved into the village, and I would like to say please do get in touch if you think you might like to join us. Our meetings are pretty informal, and we meet monthly on Wednesday evenings in the village hall at 7.30pm. A welcome awaits, and we are known for being a friendly lot!

We are also open for members from surrounding villages too.

In addition to these meetings, we also have a Patchwork and a Walking Group.

If you would like to know more, please get in touch.

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Saving Suffolk's Swifts

Alder Carr Farm is delighted to have been chosen to be involved with this project to host six nest boxes and a call system to attract swifts. The birds return from Africa in May (6th-8th) and non-breeding adults investigate new sites to nest. The sound of

the 'screaming parties' will hopefully attract them over from Needham where they already have colonies. So keep a look out on the Dovecote outside the farm shop.

Suitable sites must have eaves at least 4m high as the young swifts need a drop before they can take flight. A call system of a screaming party – broadcast at least at dawn and dusk attracts non-breeding 2-3 year-old swifts searching out suitable places to nest on their return the next summer.

Save Our Suffolk Swifts, a joint campaign between Suffolk Bird Group and Suffolk Wildlife Trust, with the aim of reversing the downward trend in swift numbers. Organising talks, walks and events throughout the county, SOS Swifts encourages the establishment of local swift groups. They also provide free of charge 'community nest systems' including swift boxes and call systems for installation on suitable buildings in public view.

info@SuffolkWildlifeTrust.org @SoSSwifts

The Needham Market Access for All campaign

After a year's delay since funding has been secured, Greater Anglia is once again moving forward with plans to make our railway station fully accessible.

A feasibility study will be undertaken in the coming weeks, to look at a design for a ramp to the Ipswich-bound platform, together with opening up the 2nd station entrance at both ends and providing ramp and/or lift options to secure step-free access between the town, station and Needham Lake. Once the best way forward to achieve this has been identified, the campaign is optimistic that work will be well underway during 2021.

Jen Overett, campaign coordinator, said "It is great to see Greater Anglia moving forward with plans to achieve access at the station at last, and we welcome their active engagement with the campaign as part of this process. We will keep local residents informed as things progress."

Jen Overett NM Access for All campaign coordinator
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Visualisation of potential improved access to Needham Station "up" platform



Illustration of a potential ramp – approximately to scale



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answers**

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2. Weep Tessa...Sweetpeas
3. Wide Check..Chickweed
4. Malt Ices ...Clematis
5. Sample ..Maples

6. Liver Chirbs.... Silver Birch
7. Fold Faid ..daffodil
8. Wally Liter ..water lilly
9. Prods Now...snowdrop
10. Boll Here ...Hellebore
11. Ranth How ...Hawthorn

Local Elections May 6th

Polling Station:Village Hall

There are 2 elections, one for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the other for County Councillor for the Thredling Division of Suffolk County Council. These were postponed from 7 May 2020 due to Coronavirus.

You should receive a polling card in the post – if not contact:

tel 0300 123 4000 or elections@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk you can register to vote until 19th April or apply for a postal vote which has to be in by 20th April

Local Elections May 6th continued...

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk (PCC) -currently Tim Passmore, ensures policing is appropriate for the community it serves; holds the police to account on behalf of the community, appoints the Chief Constable (currently Steve Jupp) ; sets the budget and the precept (the amount of money allocated from the Local authority)

County Council Elections

Local government in England operates under either a one tier system – unitary authorities, or a two tier system – county and district councils.

There are five types of local authority in England: county councils, district councils, unitary authorities, metropolitan districts and London boroughs.

County councils cover the whole of the county and provide the majority of public services in their particular area. County councils are responsible for: education, local roads (and potholes), transport planning, passenger transport, fire, public safety, social care, libraries, waste disposal and strategic planning.

District councils- Each county is divided into several districts. District councils, which may also be called borough councils or city councils cover a much smaller area and provide more local services. District Councils are responsible for housing, leisure and recreation, environmental health, waste collection, planning applications and local taxation collections.

Here in Suffolk we have a two-tier council system: the county council is divided into 63 divisions. The County Councillor of our division - Thredling - is currently Matthew Hicks. The lower tier are the district councils. They provide different services and facilities.

A County Councillor is expected to: respond to queries of their constituents and investigate their concerns; communicate relevant County Council decisions; know the area and be aware of any problems of local organisations, interest groups and businesses and represent their views at council meetings and lead local campaigns on their behalf.

District Councils -- ours is mid-Suffolk and Babergh, they are responsible for Council Tax collections, housing and planning applications, waste collection, trading standards, environmental health, Our elected representatives are Mike Norris and Steve Phillips.

Parish and town councils operate at a level below and within district councils They are also elected and can deal with allotments, public clocks, bus shelters, community centres, play areas and play equipment, give grants to help local organisations, consult on neighbourhood planning. They also have the power to issue fixed penalty fines for things like: litter, graffiti, fly posting and dog offences

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Needham Market Country Practice

What you need to know to access our services safely

From May 2020 all appointments with a doctor need to be made via our eConsult service. This is a secure, clinical, on-line service which can be found on our website: www.needhamsurgery.co.uk or via the NHS app. You do not need a log in or password to use this service. If you do not have internet access a member of the reception team will be able to help by processing an eConsult on your behalf. Please call 01449 720666 and select option 2.

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1. A pre-booked appointment with us
2. Need to collect from our dispensary

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If you have a mobile phone you may be asked to wait in your car. If you have a nurse or GP appointment and they will call you in directly when they are ready for you.

The Practice is strongly encouraging all patients to purchase their own personal items for use such as a Home Blood Pressure monitor, Pulse Oximeter, and Digital Thermometer. These items are inexpensive and widely available from any pharmacy or online. They will not only be a useful addition to the home first aid kit but play a vital role in self managing healthcare issues and will enable you to report accurate readings to healthcare professionals either via our online services or during telephone consultations.

If you have any questions or concerns having read this, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01449 720666.

STOWE VETS

Responsible dog walking

As the weather starts to warm up, daily walks with our dogs are becoming far more enjoyable and lots of us are relishing the opportunity to spend some time outdoors. But, as uplifting as a walk with our pets can be, there are rules and considerations that we should all be aware of to ensure that everyone, animal or human, can enjoy the great outdoors.

The Countryside Code

The Countryside Code is a set of guidelines published by the government that let us know how to act responsibly when visiting rural areas. It explains the importance of respecting other people and protecting the environment by:

- picking up litter
- leaving gates and property as we find them
- considering the local community and other walkers
- following signs and keeping to paths
- keeping our dogs under effective control.

When walking in the countryside, keep your dog on a lead or in sight at all times and ensure that he does not stray off the path or disturb wildlife and other animals. It is also your responsibility as a dog owner to dispose of your dog's mess properly as it can be frustrating for other walkers and can cause infections.

Farm animals

It is a legal requirement to keep your dog on a lead no more than two metres long on 'open access land' – such as moors, downs, and land registered with the local council – where farm animals and horses roam, for your own safety and for the welfare of the animals. If your dog is attacking or chasing farm animals you may be sued for compensation and, in some circumstances, farmers are legally entitled to shoot dogs that threaten their animals.

Public spaces

Some public areas such as parks, children's play areas or sports pitches are covered by Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs). You may not be allowed to walk your dog in some of these areas and in others you may be required to keep him on a lead or limit the number of dogs you have with you.

When you are in a public space it is generally a good idea to keep your dog on a lead and close to you. This will help to keep him safe and prevent him from bounding up to a strange dog that may not react well to the attention, or an assistance dog that has an important job to do.

Ed Hear hear! - and - responsible dog walkers -please call out those who leave poo bags behind (see litter picking p. 22). Remind them that there is no 'poo bag fairy' to collect it, only an ordinary person and it is not decorative when hung in the bushes.



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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.

Creting St Mary Website

www.creating-st-mary.suffolk.gov.uk

Contact the Parish Clerk Jennie Blackburn at clerk@csmmpc.co.uk

The 3 village notice boards are located at:

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