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Editorial Comment

We should be grateful to all those who are helping us in the village to gradually emerge blinking into the bright light of normal social activities. The local clubs are operating as usual with meetings and other events organised with a cautious approach and the emphasis on recognising that not everyone is as happy with close contact as others. The general consensus seems to be that we have to live with Covid, -we still don't know enough about its infectivity and the long-term effects of having had the disease.

We are assailed by 'disaster alerts' and unless it hits you it is difficult to take any one seriously. The environmental situation unfolding is even more of a long term issue than Covid and again we would do well to listen to the science – particularly to atmospheric scientists who have enough data now to be sure that climate changes are happening and will have unpredictable, possibly nasty consequences we should not put our heads in the sand and assume someone else will 'sort it'.

This important thing to note is that the people making decisions – the politicians – national and local – are after votes and will enact legislation and other decisions they think their voters will approve of. Of note is that Suffolk County Council, in a decision that sets things for the next 10 years, has not supported funding taxis to change to electric vehicles (EVs). No new diesel and petrol cars will be sold after 2030; most taxi journeys are well within the range limitations of EVs, so would be perfect to support. The 'no mow' debate in the village has come out in favour of the 'neat-and-tidiers' ; shows that the whole debate about supporting our wildlife has not gone home. Fortunately the District Council is encouraging a 'green oasis' in Needham and the County Council is offering solar heating grants and does a 'head up' for COP26 Climate talks in Glasgow – a long way away but highly relevant to us.

It is great to see the Village Hall open, the school and the mobile library and other events and organisations up and running. Let us hope it lasts till Christmas! Again many thanks to everyone getting this newsletter to you; keeping us informed; providing photos and doing deliveries. Especial thanks to co-Editor Kathryn Martin.

UP-COMING VILLAGE EVENTS

see inside for details

Mobile Library - Fridays 1 October, 29 October, 26 November none in December

WI second Wednesday of each month - 7.30pm - Village Hall

Needham Mkt Horticultural Soc -Thurs 7th & 4th Nov; 21st Oct. (Annual supper)

Creeting St Mary Church - Sun 10 October: - 11.00 am - Harvest

Sun 14 November - 09.30 am - Remembrance

Sun 28 November - 11.00 am - Holy Communion

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 13 October - Village Hall 10:30 – 11:30

Village Litter Pick - Sunday 17th October - 10.30 - - meet at Village Hall

Suffolk Wildlife Trust Stowupland talks 27th October & 24th November -

FIREWORKS Friday 5th November - Blacksmith's Field 6.30



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CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Community Speedwatch

Our newly appointed Community Speedwatch Team are now up and running with Speedwatch sessions starting to take place. Additional signage has been installed at the entrances to the village to warn drivers that Creeting St Mary is a Speed Watch area. Speeds will be monitored with any excessive speed (more than 34 mph) being sent to the Speed Management Team within Suffolk Police.

Cut the Grass / Leave it for the Bees Survey

Thank you to everyone who submitted their comments in relation to whether the Village Green and Jacks Green should be cut short permanently or left to grow wild each year to encourage the wildlife. Many comments were received for both sides, with some mixed comments too. At its meeting on 7th September 2021, the Parish Council considered all the comments made and taking those comments into account voted in favour of these two areas being regularly cut. Members felt that Blacksmiths Field, a large wildlife area, plus many verges, hedgerows and gardens gave the wildlife plenty of room to live within the village.

Planning Applications Considered

Ref: DC/21/04499 - Householder Application - Erection of two storey rear and first floor side extensions (following demolition of outbuildings) - Primrose Cottage, Flordon Road, Creeting St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/21/04657 - Householder Application - Erection of rear single storey flat roof extension with glass screen balcony above (replacing existing Juliette balcony) - 66 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/21/04696 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of a two storey rear extension and single storey front porch (re-submission of DC/21/02923) - 37 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/21/04555 - Full Planning Application - Change Use of land and erection of 1 No detached dwelling and double garage, including new vehicular access - Land South of Creeting Hills Farm, Creeting Hills – No Objections

Ref: DC/21/04768 - Application for removal or variation of a condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/20/00354 dated 26/03/2020. Town and Country Planning Act 1990. (Condition 2 Approved Plans and Documents) - Amended Block Layout Plan as per drawing PLNG 3-20-D removal of electric vehicle charging points - Shell Needham Market, Norwich Road, Coddensham – No Comment

Ref: DC/21/04780 - Full Planning Application - Erection of 3 No dwellings, with access from All Saints Road, parking, landscaping and amenity space - Land to The North of, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/21/04821 – Householder Application – Erection of a two bay cartlodge – Highfields, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – OBJECT – loss of visibility splay entering and exiting the site.

Recent Planning Application Decisions

Ref: DC/21/03506 - Planning Application - Erection of extension to existing cattle building - Whissels Ground, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – Granted

Ref: DC/21/02298 - Full Planning Application - Erection of six dwellings (in lieu of the approval of three dwellings forming part of planning permission DC/19/00301) - Land North East of, Flordon Road, Creeting St Mary – Refused

Ref: DC/21/03014 - Planning Application - Erection of 1 No. two storey dwelling and



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detached garage (following grant of outline permission ref: DC/19/04441) - Land Adjacent to Highfields, All Saints Road, Creting 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 (answer phone) or come along in person to the next meeting.



Volunteer(s) Needed!

If anyone has time to help with odd jobs around the village, such as strimming, trimming overgrowth around village signs and keeping them clean, clipping pathway edges as and when required, could they please notify Jennie (Parish Clerk) email at clerk@csmmpc.co.uk

Thank you!

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT TO CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Redevelopment of former MSDC Needham Market headquarters site: Five houses on the new Chambers Green development are now open for viewing by appointment. The development is being delivered by Mid Suffolk Growth – a joint venture between Mid Suffolk District Council and Norse Group set up to deliver housing and promote sustainable growth across the district. The first phase is a combination of two and three bedroom detached and semi-detached houses, as well as one and two bedroom apartments and a retail unit. Ten of these properties will be affordable homes, helping to support those on lower incomes.

A further update on Covid-19 in Suffolk: August was the end of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown, however Mid Suffolk's work to support the district's recovery continues. Also, regular bulletins continue to be produced to give a snapshot of the current Covid-19 situation in Suffolk - along with updates on the work being carried out as part of Suffolk's Local Outbreak Control Plan. There are no signs that the Government will renew the legislation to enable virtual or hybrid meetings. MSDC Committee Meetings are being held in the Council Chamber and it is anticipated that the full Council meeting on 23rd September will be held in the Chamber.

Mid Suffolk and Babergh join calls for devolution talks with the Government:

Together with other public sector leaders in Suffolk, MSDC has written to the Secretary of State responsible for local government, to say that the council welcomes early discussions with Ministers about a possible devolution deal for Suffolk. It is important that any deal should avoid an extra tier of government. Gateway 14: The Outline Planning Application, with extensive conditions, was approved on 18th August by a majority vote, for Gateway 14 – Stowmarket's 2.45 million square foot, innovation, business and logistics park.

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Green oasis set to strengthen Mid Suffolk's biodiversity: Almost three acres of land near Stowmarket has been bought by Mid Suffolk District Council to provide a green oasis for the town – as part of the council's biodiversity plans.

Afghan refugees: Following the Government announcement of its new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees, councils in Suffolk including MSDC, have expressed their commitment to assist. MSDC has already helped a small number of Afghan interpreters and their families to resettle in Suffolk. There will be ongoing work to support unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and other refugees entering the UK.

Taxi Licensing: No encouragement given to switch to electric vehicles - the current administration at MSDC missed the opportunity to improve Mid Suffolk's environmental credentials when they put forward a new taxi licensing policy at the Council's recent Licensing Committee meeting. Despite the fact that no new diesel or petrol cars can be purchased after 2030, the ten year policy included no provisions to encourage cab drivers to move to electric vehicles and contained none of the incentives other councils use. The policy, without mention of any efforts to reduce emissions, was approved by the Chair's casting vote.

Compost giveaway: The date for collection of free compost from Mill Meadow, Needham Lake, has been changed and will now be Sunday 19th September from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon.

MSDC Locality Awards: The 2021/22 scheme is open for applications. Amounts of £250 or more are available to properly constituted local community groups and organisations that have a bank account and a treasurer. Please contact us for an application form or for further information and assistance in applying.

Mid Suffolk District Councillors Mike Norris mike.norris@midsuffolk.gov.uk Tel. 01449 720871 and Steve Phillips stephen.phillips@midsuffolk.gov.uk Tel. 01449 721710. Representing Needham Market, Badley, Baylham, Creeting St Mary, Creeting St Peter, and Darmsden.

Report for the Thredling Division from Cllr Matthew Hicks

Statement on behalf of all Suffolk councils regarding Afghan refugees

On 18 August, the Government announced its new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees. Whilst the full details are yet to be confirmed, it is crystal clear that the Government needs local authorities everywhere to step up and support this national effort. All councils in Suffolk are committed to this cause. We have already helped a small number of Afghan interpreters and their families to resettle in Suffolk, in addition to ongoing work to support unaccompanied asylum seeking children and other refugees entering the UK. In the coming days and weeks, the district, borough and county councils will continue working with the Government to do what we can to provide assistance to vulnerable refugees. Times like this call for acts of humanity. Suffolk will play its part.

Make one simple change today in a bid to tackle climate change

COP26 will bring into focus the need for us all to reduce our carbon emissions in order to slow climate change. In early November, the eyes of the world will be on Glasgow. This is when the COP26 conference takes place. It will be a momentous event and I expect some significant decisions and agreements to be made, as the



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world continues to combat climate change and reduce its carbon emissions. But how will an international event affect each of us in Suffolk? Although COP26 will be an event attended by Presidents and Prime Ministers, it will impact us all. COP26 will bring into focus the need for us all to reduce our carbon emissions in order to slow climate change. This has been the message for a long time of course, but we must all be changing our behaviours and choosing to use less energy. Global industry, national corporations and governments must lead the way to enable us all to make greener choices. But slowing climate change is everyone's responsibility, we each have a duty to tackle this situation and play our part. SCC has been addressing climate change challenge for many years, but we know that the organisation must be doing more and doing it more quickly. This is agreed across all Suffolk's authorities which is why, together, we have recently approved the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan - a document to keep us accountable in our ambition to make Suffolk a carbon neutral county by 2030.

Suffolk targets devolution talks with Government

It was announced on August 17 that public sector leaders in Suffolk say they welcome early discussions with Ministers about a possible devolution deal for Suffolk. The Suffolk Public Sector Leaders (SPSL) group has a track record of effective partnership working. These robust relationships enable more innovative ways of working, including exploring opportunities for devolution as part of a County Deal. Suffolk is an ideal place to help Government demonstrate how levelling up can work in diverse geographies. Suffolk has a strong offer to make to Government and we would welcome early discussions with MHCLG Ministers to explore proposals for a County Deal ahead of the White Paper being published. The Government wrote to councils in July 2021, setting out its ambition to make available to county areas the kind of devolved decision-making powers and public funding currently enjoyed by larger cities and urban areas. It's part of the Government's Levelling Up agenda and will see a White Paper published in the coming months.

Suffolk homeowners can cut carbon emissions with solar panel buying scheme

Solar Together Suffolk, in conjunction with Suffolk County Council, helps homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from pre-approved installers. This innovative scheme builds on three years of the highly successful Solar Together programme run in Suffolk. Since 2018, the scheme has installed solar panel systems in 1,028 households across the county. On average, homeowners have saved 33% on installation costs, £263 on energy bills in year one, and stopped harmful carbon emissions entering the atmosphere. Suffolk residents have until 27 September 2021 to register their interest, for free and with no obligation, to join the group-buying scheme to have solar panels installed at their home. Not only does Solar Together Suffolk offer solar panels, but also optional battery storage and retrofit battery storage for residents who have already invested in solar panels. I am delighted that we're able to run Solar Together Suffolk for another year, as we have seen a real appetite amongst residents to play their part and invest in ways to reduce their carbon emissions. This is one of the many schemes we are offering, as Suffolk County Council aims to make the county net zero by 2030

Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division

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Vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors (to be co-opted)

Creting St Mary Parish Council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people who live in the parish. It is the level of local government closest to the community, with Mid-Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council above it in the hierarchy.

On their own, Parish Councils have limited powers to make decisions, but they can negotiate with, and have the power to influence other organisations that do make the final decisions. Probably the most common topics that Parish Councils get involved with are planning matters (we are statutory consultees), crime prevention, roads and highways.

Creting St Mary Parish Council currently has 7 Councillors with 2 vacancies and are now seeking expressions of interest from people who are over 18 years of age who live or work in Creting St Mary.

To find out more about the role of a Parish Councillor, speak to myself or any of the 7 current Parish Councillors – contact details can be found in this newsletter, on the Parish Council pages on the Creting St Mary website or on the noticeboards around the village.

If you would like to be considered for co-option, please send your expression of interest setting out why you wish to become a Parish Councillor and what you would bring to the role by email, to me at clerk@csmmpc.co.uk

CREETING ST MARY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 18TH MAY 2021

Once a year organisations in the village present a report of their activities to the Parish Council. This year it was for real - in the Village Hall! As there are quite a few reports they will be featured in the newsletter over the next year: they are from:

The Chairman of the Parish Council – Cllr Sue Haynes (see June/July issue)

The County Councillor – Cllr Matthew Hicks (see Aug/September issue)

The District Councillor – Cllr Mike Norris / Cllr Steve Phillips

The Welfare Charities – Dave Primmer (see Aug/September issue)

The Village Hall Management Committee – Chris Bingley (this issue)

The Newsletter – Kathryn Martin / Joan Hardingham (co-Eds) (see June/July issue)

The Social Club – Kathryn Martin

Blacksmith's Field – Jan Palmer (this issue)

The Primary School – Jenny Hitt

The WI – Shirley Brook

The Parochial Church Council – Glynis Clint

In this issue

Blacksmith's Field Report to the Annual Parish Meeting - Parish Councillor Jan Palmer

The entrance to the field from All Saints Road has proved difficult with so much rain over winter. The Parish Council have agreed to investigate the installation of a pathway to make it easier for disabled access and prams. If the costings are acceptable it is hoped the work is carried out this summer.

Sovereign have now replaced the swings. The new equipment also includes a cradle swing. A trim trail has also been installed. Once the government lifted the lockdown restrictions all the equipment has proved very popular. Recently the Parish Council added two picnic benches to the field. One has been placed by the play equipment and the other by the pond. The goal posts are being constantly used since the

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installation of the nets. However, there is movement in the posts and therefore they may need replacing in the not too distant future.

The Parish Council would like to thank William Barnes for his continued work on the wild meadow to try to eradicate the ragwort. A pathway has been cut through so people can enjoy the meadow even more. The pond appears to have algae and it is hoped to gain expert advice to see if any works need to be carried out.

Unfortunately the number of dogs fouling the field has increased this year and a sign has been moved to the entrance in the hope that it reminds people to pick up and use the bin provided.

There are various bird boxes around the field. The owl box does need attention as the inspection hatch has dropped open and it is doubtful an owl would use this in its current state. The den building equipment has completely disappeared and will need replacing. Due to the pandemic the firework night couldn't take place, but it is hoped this can be reinstated this year.

DIAMOND JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL REPORT MAY 2021 - Chris Bingley (Chair)

As we all know this has been a year like no other, and certainly one we hope will never be repeated. Nevertheless I can report that our Committee have been very active and much has been achieved to improve and secure the future for our Hall over the past year. Over the winter in particular, the new heating has been completed, and is proving to be a success - it can even be programmed by computer from home. It is a silent system, no more noisy fans, working from an Air Source pump. We were fortunate to have an approach from our Parish Council asking if we had a potential project to which they could allocate CIL money available from recent developments in the village. The answer was a big "Yes". We were thus able to plan the redevelopment of the Patio area. The ground cover is now a sustainable resin which incorporates recycled plastic. We have four smart new picnic tables, a new fence with an additional safety exit and soon there will be new lighting too. This will be low level for evening use, and high level to flood the car park area. We also have, so far, purchased one collapsible gazebo. We believe this will all add to the possibilities we can offer future hirers, and we are extremely grateful to the Parish Council for their help with this sizeable project. Soon, you will also see two new signs by the road, marking access to the Hall. (The second of these is at present subject to planning consent)

We are fortunate to now have the services of a new cleaner for the Hall, who lives very locally. Also, on the retirement of Richard Hyde after four years service as our Bookings Clerk, we are able to welcome Jennie King, who has just been able to take up her duties after Lockdown.

We have received several Government Grants, to which we were entitled, over the past year. These have been accepted and will be used for the ongoing expenses of the Hall when no revenue has been received. Any excess will be held to use for future work which we are aware may have to be commenced soon, in particular the toilets areas are giving concern.

Some of our regular Hall hirers have returned, but we have no idea yet when we may return to previously enjoyed levels of use. Time will tell in this rather changed world. We look forward to welcoming back the new Social Club, and hope the heart can soon be returned to the village. It would be good to have some special event next year which marks 100 years since the opening of our Hall. All ideas for this are welcome.

CHURCH WORSHIP AND PRAYER

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(These services are correct at the time of going to press and may be subject to change)

Sun 3 October: Creeping St Peter - 11.00 am - Harvest and Thanksgiving

Sat 9 October: Coddenham Community Centre - 3.30pm - Presentation on the Environment by Rev Richard Stainer

Sun 10 October: Creeping St Mary - 11.00 am - Harvest

Sun 24 October: Creeping St Mary - 11.00 am - Holy Communion

Sun 31 October: Earl Stonham - 3.30 pm - Service of Light (remembering those who have died)

Sun 7 November: Creeping St Peter - 09.30 am - Morning Worship

Sun 14 November: Creeping St Mary - 09.30 am - Remembrance
Creeping St Peter - 10.50 am - Remembrance

Sun 21 November: Creeping St Peter - 11.00 am - Holy Communion BCP

Sun 28 November: Creeping St Mary - 11.00 am - Holy Communion

Every Wednesday: Online Zoom - 9.00 am - Morning Prayer

Every Sunday: Online Zoom - 9.30 am - Morning Worship

2nd Wednesday: Earl Stonham - 10.30 am - Holy Communion

4th Wednesday: Coddenham - 10.30 am - Holy Communion



Ripe for harvest - Mary Payne



From the Rectory

Rev. Philip Payne

NEW LIFE FROM OLD

I like Yuccas and over the years I have had several. Cheap to buy, easy to care for, they make good houseplants. When we moved into the rectory, we brought one with us. It was obviously happy here as it quickly outgrew its

allotted space. Determined to keep it, we planted it up into a larger pot; placed outside, under the fruit trees. For a while all went well. Neither rain nor frost seemed to cause a problem. Then it snowed.



Encased in a white blanket, our poor yucca slowly rotted; the leaves withered and dropped, the trunk split. As the snowy blanket finally cleared; what remained was a sorry sight. Plans were made for something new. Time passed and winter gave place to spring; the days grew longer, a resurgent sun warmed both air and soil. Then, when we came to clear the pot and start afresh, we noticed the first green shoot. Unseen and unknown to us, beneath the bare soil,

new life was stirring. Above ground all had looked dead, but deep in their soil the roots were very much alive. Slowly at first, then with increasing vigour, fresh growth erupted until we had a veritable forest rooted in the old stumps.

Like the winter snow on my yucca, events have hung heavily on many of us over the last 2 years. Activities that once looked fresh and healthy have withered and dropped. Personal hopes have been dashed. Even now it is easy to feel gloomy. Yet we can also see new life emerging. Beneath the soil, life stirs; bringing fresh green shoots rooted in long established stumps. Where roots run deep, our communities are far from dead. New ways of sharing, new ways of helping each other, new ways of being the community we are called to be; all these are signs that life is being renewed.

'Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains but a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit (Jn 12:24)

Rev Philip

Creeping St. Mary Church News.

Change of services.

From September services are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month at 11am unless otherwise stated.

Our Remembrance service will start at 9.30 am on Sunday 14th November.

The Christmas Toy and Gift service will take place on the 12th December at 11 am.

Gifts from this service are taken to the family refuge in Ipswich.

The Church will now be open from 12 noon --3 pm on Sundays.

For more information of services across the benefice, please see information earlier in this newsletter.

Harvest Festival Sun 10 October 11.00 am

This year the fruit and vegetables and other foods will be donated to the Food Bank in Stowmarket. Gifts of tins, packets, fruit and vegetables can be left in the Church porch or brought to the service. Hope you will be able to join us on this occasion.

The Church will be beautifully decorated.

Church yard tidy.

Our September churchyard tidy event was brilliant. Lots of people were able to join us and we had a good morning, helped along with a chocolate sponge cake made by Hazel Mackintosh. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along.

Sale of Christmas Crafts and tea afternoon. Maree Connold has kindly offered to sell her Christmas crafts on Wednesday 24th November in the Vestry from 2-4 pm.

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea and cake and start your Christmas shopping early. All proceeds will be donated to the Vestry fund.

Ride and Stride.

Thank you to David H for spending the day visiting churches in the Wickham Market area and raising funds for our church and Hazel Mc and May who manned the Vestry so walkers and cyclists could be welcomed and offered refreshments.

Sunflowers

You may have noticed lots of sunflowers popping up all over the village this summer. Thank you to Kim Barker for such a brilliant idea and giving out sunflower seeds and promoting the idea. Many people have taken part and our village has looked really colourful.

TWAM - Tools with a Mission - Wednesday October 13th

A speaker will be coming along to our WI to talk about their work and take any items donated. If you have tools, sewing machines, buttons, zips, large material pieces/ rolls, lawn mowers etc to donate them please get in touch or come along to our open meeting 7.30 pm in our Village Hall.

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Ralph Stuart Nesling. 1948 -2021

A memorial service to remember Ralph took place on 13th August.

Ralph was born in Great Yarmouth in 1948, a brother for Tony. He enjoyed making sand castles on the beach and when he was old enough he collected old news papers in a soap box before having a paper round at 14. Ralph met Julia at ballroom dancing in Ipswich, marrying a few years later. Ralph and Julia had a son and daughter. In 2008 Sasha came to live with them, a beautiful chocolate brown

Labrador. Ralph was very fond of this new member of the family. He qualified in Chemistry and worked for Suffolk county council for 35 years and then part time when he retired. Ralph's loves were badminton and Jaguar cars. Ralph was a quiet, gentle family man and will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him. We send Julia and her whole family our deepest sympathy.

Mrs Pam Baker. (1933 - 2021)

Friends and family met a few weeks ago in St Mary's Church to remember Pam . Pam was born in Diss in 1933, the eldest daughter, being sister to Janet and Juliana. Pam trained to be a legal secretary and when she met Tom, married and came to live at Poplar Farm in Creting and became a classic farmer's wife, caring for hens and selling their eggs. Pam loved her garden and found great pleasure in keeping it looking beautiful. Pam and Tom raised two sons Christopher and John, tragically Christopher died when he was still very young. Pam loved baking cakes and always had 'something' to welcome unexpected guests. For many years Pam decorated a window in the Church and every Christmas our Church received a magnificent Christmas tree from the Baker's. Pam loved her family dearly and felt very proud of her two grand daughters, Hannah and Emma. We send John and the whole family our deepest sympathy.

Glynis Clint 01447 720740



some of the **SUNFLOWER STREET**

sunflowers gracing the village

photos: David Allen



CREETING ST MARY SOCIAL CLUB

Diamond Jubilee Hall

csm_socialclub@outlook.com

www.creeting-st-mary.suffolk.gov.uk/social-club/social-club-news/
open to residents of the village and surrounding area

We have been making a cautious start to reopening the Social Club since the restrictions eased and have been pleased to welcome so many to the small events held so far. We have moved our AGM back to its usual September date which complies with the club rules. Two bar evenings were well attended, and then a barbecue on Friday 27th August was a great success, selling out of food and depleting bar stocks considerably. Thank you to all the committee who worked so hard before and during the evening, especially Rob Brittain and Phil Piper. Lucy Roper from Princess Parties kindly entertained some of the many children who attended. I counted over thirty at one stage. It was good to have the new patio as an outside space for those who are still rightly cautious about mingling too closely.

After these well attended sessions we decided to open the bar regularly on the last Friday of each month. In early September we supplied a bar for a private party. A request for volunteers to help with occasional bar evenings has yielded 5 offers of help so far, gratefully accepted. We have also held two of the four planned coffee mornings on alternate Wednesdays from 10.30am. This will continue into October, and perhaps we could try some of the soup lunches which were successful in pre-pandemic days.

Our next big event is Firework Night, to be held on Friday 5th November 2021 thanks partly to the Parish Council who have agreed to back us and have ordered the fireworks. There will be food, mulled wine and open bar after the display. Tickets will be sold at the field entrance at £10 per family and there will be a sparklers area.

Plans are emerging for something over Christmas and for next year we hope to join with the whole village for a royal celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, perhaps along the lines of those other royal occasions many of us recall, and similar to the Mid Summer fairs of past years. Keep an eye out for Facebook notifications, emails, website notes and posters around the village to learn what is happening.

Kathryn Martin. Social Club Chair

The Social Club Committee is very grateful to Kathryn Martin for agreeing to continue as Chair. She has brought the Club through challenging times needing a lot of decision-making. Our thanks go to Rob Brittain who has taken over from Hazel Mackintosh who retires as our very efficient Treasurer and Jacqui Mann who retires as Secretary after an excellent administrative stint (though both remain on the committee) Jacqui hands over to William Barnes who continues to handle Membership.. There are of course several other Committee members whose support is of course essential.

Social Club - Rules of Membership

To any new village residents, or others who may be confused , I will try to clarify.
Alcohol licence rules dictate we can only serve alcohol legally to members of the club or anyone signed in as a guest of a member. Membership is open to any resident of the Village and surrounding area. Normally subscriptions are £2 per adult or £5 per family but since the pandemic began the fees have been waived.

In addition to running the bar the Social Club runs other events, such as coffee mornings, soup lunches, barbecues, visits from outside agencies and general social activities. **Anyone can attend such events but must adhere to the rules of membership if they wish to drink alcohol.**

Suggestions for suitable events will always be welcomed by the committee. We can also provide a bar for private parties but an additional (Temporary Events Licence TENS) licence is needed but this may change in the future.

Events are advertised in the Village Newsletter, on Facebook, on signs outside the hall and village notice boards and by word of mouth. Also check the village website at www.creeting-st-mary.suffolk.gov.uk where the club has its own page, The membership form can be downloaded from this site or email csm_socialclub@outlook.com. which is checked by our secretary. Alternatively you can phone me.

Kathryn Martin Social Club Committee Chair 01449 720491

**CREETING ST MARY
FIREWORKS
BLACKSMITH'S FIELD
FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
evening
Details on Village media
and posters
food, mulled wine
& Hall bar open
Tickets on sale at the
field entrance
There will be a sparklers
area.**

Simply Coffee



**All villagers
welcome**

Village Hall 10:30 – 11:30

Wednesday 13 October
please check village media for
further dates on Wednesdays
the 'A' board is put out at the Hall
on the day

for tea/coffee, biscuits, and chat.
Do bring a guest.

**Cost: contribution for hall hire
organised by
Creeting St Mary
Social Club**

The Diamond Jubilee Village Hall

I am delighted to say that, at the time of writing, our Hall will be fully open again as from July 19th.

Our booking diary has many gaps which we would like to fill, and you can look at these via our website link on the village website. At present, all Friday evenings remain available. Our prices remain very reasonable too. We have a lot to offer with our enhanced facilities, especially with our newly finished Patio area, featuring new seating and available gazebo and brightly coloured umbrellas. Ideal for a party, BBQ or large family gathering - always with the backup of either the Hall itself or the lounge area if english weather dictates!

We look forward to our Hall being part of our village again, and if any new residents would like to have a look around, then please do get in touch.

Chris Bingley (Chair, Village Hall Management Committee)

Tel 01449 720324. christine.bingley@gmail.com

The large hall holds about 100 (pre-covid!) there is a bar and a smaller lounge and meeting room (well-heated and with WIFI) which can all be hired separately; new heating and a soundproofed door between the main hall and the lounge. There is new cutlery and 12 large round tables seating 8 people plus a well equipped kitchen, ample toilet facilities, an outside patio, large car park and access to Blacksmith's Field

Bookings: Mrs Jennie King

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Who runs the Village Hall?

This is run by the village Hall Management Committee.

The hall is an important focus for the village which lost its pub many years ago. Funds are available for its running and upkeep but decisions have to be made and bookings arranged for its use by clubs and other groups such as the Social Club - which runs the bar (and has its own committee).

This is all done on a voluntary basis and input and assistance is always welcome.

CREETING ST. MARY VOLUNTARY-AIDED CHURCH SCHOOL

The children are all back after a lovely summer break, and all settling into their new Year groups and classrooms for some of them too!



We have already had 25 children go away on a residential to Thorpe Woodlands, just outside Thetford for 2 nights. They took part in lots of activities including archery, zip wires, caving and orienteering, and came back a little bit wet from the rain, tired but definitely having had a good time!

We're now gearing up for our 150th Birthday Celebrations on Monday October 4th. We will be dressing up in Victorian clothes, and hopefully able to have the same lunch that they had on that first day in school too. The children have done some wonderful drawings of our school building and the old school house up by the church too.

It'll be Christmas decorations, nativity plays and carols round the tree before we know it!

Felicity Knights

Autumn term

Wednesday 1 Sept. to Friday 17 Dec.

Half term Monday 25 October

Christmas hols Sat 18 Dec to Mon 3 Jan

Head Mrs. Christine Friar
school telephone 01449 720312
office@creetingstmary.suffolk.sch.uk
www.creetingstmary.suffolk.sch.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

Route 13 at Creeting St. Mary

**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- 45**

2021: 14 May, 11 June, 9 July,
6 August, 3 September, 1 October,
29 October, 26 November,

No Visit in December



...and still going strong!

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

Footpaths and Bridleways

As well as the above in Creeting St Mary, I like to keep an eye on other footpaths, or rather pavements, which we walk on, of which there are a few. To be precise, it's not actually the pavements themselves that need attention (only rarely), it's their overgrown edges. They used to be maintained by Suffolk County Council on occasions and sometimes by residents of CSM if necessary. Recently, SCC have declared that they're not particularly interested in cutting verges and pavements edging thus the situation ends up with them, in my opinion, being scruffy, unkempt and unsightly with overgrowing weeds, hedging and brambles causing a nuisance to the many pedestrians using them.

However, to my surprise, a couple or so weeks ago a small gang of contractors were trimming the edges of the pavement up All Saints Road hill. I asked them when they were given the job as I wasn't aware it was in hand – "this morning when we got into work" was the reply! Mind you, it does beg the question as to whether the Council intend to tidy up any more pavements, for example, those in Jacks Green Road, St Mary's Road, the lower end of All Saints Road and so on. I'd also be very interested to know if you, the readers of this newsletter, would prefer to see neat edges to the pavements or for them to be left, as most of them currently are, scruffy and overgrown.

Unfortunately, vandals have been in action again on FP 31, the path running just off the lane up to Creeting Hills, through Kay's Gate and across the field down to the wooden bridge. It's the bridge itself that has been targeted, for the second time. A couple of treads of the bridge have been prised off and thrown in the ditch leaving an awkward gap for walkers to cross. Admittedly, the timber is not in its prime but if someone had an issue with its condition, why not report it, not vandalise it?

Many thanks to the landowner who has made a temporary repair.

Closure of Foot Path 58 (Stowmarket side of Hawk's Mill Bridge Path):

Reason for closure: In the interests of public safety, the footpath is being closed to allow for bank revetment works to be undertaken. Alternative route to Raven's Bridge is via St Mary's Road to FP7 – See FP map on adjacent notice board on site. Finish date for closure is expected to be 29/11/2021.

Paul Scully September/October 2021

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

Walking in Suffolk www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk has details of walks to download free, also books and contacts for walking groups and other counties are on the Walking in England website,

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

By the Way

A man in a hot air balloon realised he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted: "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend to meet him an hour ago but don't know where I am."

The woman below replied: "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees North and between 59 and 60 degrees West."

"You must be an R&D engineer." said the balloonist."

"I am." replied the woman. "How did you know?"

"Well" answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct but I've no idea what to make of your information and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip."

The woman below responded, "You must be in management."

"I am" replied the balloonist "but how did you know?"

"Well," said the woman "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise which you've no idea how to keep and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met but now, somehow, it's my fault."

(By the way, where do you reckon the man in the balloon and the woman on the ground, are?)

Paul Scully

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.

Hugo Craggs: 07815 137228 hugocraggs@gmail.com

Lesley Plummer: 07889 272856 andaxi@btinternet.com

Sue Haynes: 01449 722570 susannehaynes@talk21.com

Jan Palmer: 01449 723997 creetingtog@gmail.com

Chris Emmins: 07894 231165 chrisemmins@offshorenrg.com

Roger Coton: 01449 721526 rogercoton@btinternet.com

Paul Scully: 01449 721461 paul@impressions41.plus.com

Jennie Blackburn: 01449 721369 clerk.csmc@yahoo.co.uk

Details on Creeting St Mary Parish Council Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Creeting-St-Mary>

Ed: if you are unsure of an offer of help, please consult with people on the list above.

A BIT OF HISTORY

Recently there has been quite a bit of activity in St Mary's Churchyard. No, not ghosts, ghouls and things that go bump in the night but some tidying up of the fairly bad overgrown vegetation. Whilst giving a hand to help with this task, inevitably, whilst cutting overgrown nettles, grass and what-not, my eye was drawn to the inscriptions on the graves. Many are new and are easy to read but many are suffering the ravages of time and weather. However, all is not lost for the family member wanting to locate their recent or long deceased ancestor or perhaps the historian wanting to trace a particular individual or family. Help is at hand because on May 16th 1981, members of Creeting St. Mary W.I. met at the churchyard to begin a survey of all the gravestones in the graveyard – and what a fantastic job they have done! Spades, as well as shears and scrubbing brushes, were needed to help clear the grass and soil from the grave stones as some of them had either sunk or the earth had built up around them over the years. The tragedies revealed were numerous, for example, deaths of children in the same family were common until the beginning of the 20th century. The team of dedicated ladies recorded a fascinating amount of information from the words on the inscriptions, from the names and dates and also they recorded the locations of the headstones on a map.

The earliest inscribed memorial (number 25 on the map) is on the brick altar tomb, with stone slab on top by the south wall of St. Mary's Church commemorating John Rozer 1688. Confirmation of this inscription and many other head-stones was obtained from the Suffolk Records Office, another particular example being a record from the churchyard (shown as number 2 on the map) appearing on the tomb as IZ KILBURN 18. Starting from 1800, they eventually found a record of ELIZABETH KILBURN who had died at the age of 94 in 1846! Apparently a cheer almost shattered the silence of the Record Office! Another interesting discovery they made was the stone coffin top, covered in grass and moss near the North wall of the Church, belonging to Samuel Blogg (number 165 on the map). As the road between All Saints Hall and Woolney Hall was commonly called Bloggs Lane it was satisfying for them to find the only monument of that name.

At some time, probably in the 1960s, the churchyard to the West of the Church was rearranged to help facilitate the cutting of the grass with a wide cutter. The grave stones were re-placed in neat rows but of course the bodies were left in situ.

END OF PART ONE – PART TWO IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Details of the graveyard, i.e. plot numbers and names can be found via the following web-site address:

www.creeting-st-mary.suffolk.gov.uk/parish-church/history-of-the-church/
Then search by clicking on the additional links in bold type:

- A summary of the work undertaken can be seen here. WI Grave survey
- A full plan of the churchyard was produced, which was revised in 1990. Creeting St Mary Churchyard Plan.

• The inscriptions on every grave were recorded and this can be seen here. Full Graveyard Survey

Paul Scully September/October 2021

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CREETING SAINT MARY WELFARE CHARITIES

Charity number: 207445

The Creeting 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 Creeting Saint Mary, however, in exceptional circumstances the Trustees may consider applications from persons resident outside the Parish.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. P Stephenson (Chair) 01449 722868 Mr. D. Primmer (Hon. Clerk); Mrs. M. Aldred 01449 20568; Mrs. P. Day 01449 720057; Mrs. K. Martin 01449 720491.

STUDENT & RETIREMENT GRANTS 2021 FROM CSM WELFARE CHARITIES

If you are 18 years of age or older and have started or are about to start a further or higher education course and wish to apply for a student grant from the Creeting Saint Mary Welfare Charities please contact Mr. D. Primmer as soon as possible.

Also, if you are a person who is in receipt of the State Retirement Pension and need additional financial support then please contact Mr D. Primmer (or one of the Trustees whose names appear in each edition of the Newsletter) Please note this applies to previous recipients of retirement grants as well as new applicants.

Please make any general enquires to :

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

Creeting St Mary Village Church Funding Appeal

If you are a resident of the parish of Creeting St Mary, you should have received a circular from the Parochial Church Council seeking financial help in support of St Mary's Church. A very sincere "thank you" to all those who have responded positively to the appeal. The PCC is truly grateful. What has been donated so far should allow us fully to meet our commitments for the current year. We are trying to assure St Mary's future by way of commitment to regular giving over the coming years. If you have received our letter favourably but have hesitated over setting up regular donations, please do consider taking action now to help your Church look forward to a sustainable future. We need your help. Thank you

David Haynes PCC Treasurer

NEEDHAM MARKET AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thursday 7th October

Susie from Katie's Garden speaking on Autumn Colour

Thursday 21st October Annual supper at Stonham Barns Bistro

Thursday 4th November Andrew Sankey - Six Favourite Gardens

Meetings will resume on Thursday 3rd February 2022

Meetings other than the annual supper, take place in the Burton Room,
Meetings are held in the Community Centre, Needham Market from 7:30pm.

Current members do not need to renew their membership until 2022, but
potential new members are very welcome to join us.

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 events and speakers
for the remainder of the year, and joining the Society. (£5 per year).

Hazel Mackintosh 01449 720753 Joint Events Co-ordinator

Stowmarket Chorale Performances of Fauré's Requiem and Handel's Messiah

We very much look forward to singing to an audience again at the two
November concerts at the United Reform Church, Ipswich Road, Stowmarket
We will be observing all current Covid guidelines.

The works which we will be performing are the Fauré Requiem and John
Ireland's Greater Love Hath No Man, on Saturday 6th November and
Handel's Messiah on Saturday 27th November, both at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will
be £15. (Students and children under 16 are free with a £5 reduction for
both concerts.

We have kept busy during Covid times with Zoom singing sessions and
recently with two

singing days in
Elmswell where we
practised the concert
pieces. We are
returning to weekly
evening live rehearsals
at Stowmarket United
Reform Church from
Wednesday 8th
September.





DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

Summer is my favourite season because it means that I can spend more time at home here in Suffolk. This summer has been particularly humbling for me, presenting a number of Suffolk Heroes awards across Central Suffolk and North Ipswich. Where possible, I've been delighted to have the opportunity to present these certificates in person and to thank the many volunteers for all they have done to help others during the Covid-19 pandemic. They have touched many lives and made a big difference during what has been a very difficult time for so many.

One of the things I have missed the most is being out and about and meeting so many members of the local community at the annual village fetes and community events, although admittedly some of these have started to slowly return. It has also been most encouraging to see so many visitors and local residents making the very best of what Suffolk has to offer, from our miles of unrivalled coastline to our bustling market towns and villages – with many more people choosing to holiday here at home in the UK, early signs seem to indicate that Suffolk has benefitted from a bumper holiday season. With so many more people discovering all that this great county has to offer, I'm confident that the summer season will have provided a welcome boost to our local economy and I'm equally confident that those who've enjoyed Suffolk this year will return year on year for future visits.

Understandably many consumers are still being cautious as they venture back out, but our businesses have gone to great lengths to ensure they are welcoming and COVID-19 secure, giving consumers confidence that they can shop safely. I've been especially impressed to see so many examples of businesses adapting and innovating to offer new services and changing their business model to support fluctuating demand. For example, many of our rural pubs are continuing to offer take away dining alongside their traditional in-house dining and I'm delighted to see local residents continuing to support them, valuing the important contribution that our pubs make to the local community.

As we move towards the autumn months, it is important to remember that Coronavirus sadly has not gone away, and we all have a part to play in stopping the spread of the virus whilst also supporting our local economy. Good hand hygiene is particularly important; when out and about, if you can't easily wash your hands, remember to take along an anti-bacterial hand sanitiser and please try to wear a face covering when indoors. Keeping at least 2 metres apart from people who are not from your own household helps to protect you and others and reduce the spread of the virus.

Dan Poulter M.P.

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Creeping St. Mary Women's Institute

It's good to be able to report that we have now been able to hold two meetings. The first, on a lovely sunny afternoon in August, was held on the new patio area at the rear of the hall, and we sat at the picnic tables under the colourful umbrellas, shading us from a very hot day of sunshine. Our speaker was the very talented Pip Wright who came attired and spoke about the "Rickinghall Poacher". What a colourful character, a many times visitor to jail where he was subjected to hard labour. However he came good in the end and was employed on a large estate as a gamekeeper - having a vast knowledge of the job from the other side of the law! Pip's Suffolk dialect really brought his character to life.



Our September meeting was our first back inside the hall, in the traditional fashion and included refreshments. This time our speaker was very different - being Jane O'Riordan from CRUSE. She told us of the important role they have filled over the last 60 years helping the bereaved. Volunteers are badly needed since the Pandemic has increased their workload enormously. Their main function is to give support and listen, either by telephone or on a 1/1 basis for as long as help is needed. Jane really spoke from her heart and impressed us with her devotion to this very relevant need.

Our next meeting on Wed Oct 13th at 7.30 will be an open meeting - so if you wish to attend and perhaps bring a friend too, you will be made very welcome. The subject is Tools With A Mission (TWAM) who renovate and export unwanted tools of all kinds to Africa. They invite us to bring along items for them to recycle - details on their website of things they are able to accept. (If you are not a WI member, please leave me a message, so we can judge numbers 01449 720324) There will be a small charge for attendance and refreshments.

Normal meeting time is 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. We are open for members from surrounding villages too.

Monthly walks

The only other WI news to report is that our monthly walks are about to recommence too. The walks are for members only and they contact the walk leader.

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

Chris Bingley Tel: 01449 720324 email: christine.bingley@gmail.com

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

AUTUMN LITTER PICK

SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER

10.30 am at THE VILLAGE HALL

A suitably-distanced litter pick will be held to tidy up around the village before the winter. Bags and pickers will be provided, but please could you bring your own gloves and if possible hi-vis or bright jackets - we have only a few of these.



It would help with planning areas to cover if you could inform myself or Jennie Blackburn that you hope to attend.

Bags are left at the Village Hall for collection, or if you have room in your own bin please deposit the litter in that. It is important that we all stay safe which is why these rather impersonal arrangements are suggested.

Do call me on 720491 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Kathryn Martin

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CREETING NATURE NOTES

Ways we can help nature and help ourselves

COP 26 (the UN Conference of the Parties)

While we can do a lot as individuals to reduce our impact on the world around us, we need to look beyond our small community and be aware of what is happening on the world stage. COP 26 is an important gathering of world leaders in Glasgow in November (which even the Queen is attending) to discuss how we can work together to avert climate disaster- and that is what we are clearly being told is happening. Politicians at all levels will only act if it is in their political interests - we need to let them know our concerns. <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/cop26>



It seems too warm to be revelling in misty days but this photo in Creeting captures autumn mists perfectly. In colour is a haze of pinky greys
photo Jacqui Mann

Stowmarket Wildlife Group - Suffolk Wildlife Trust

THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE:

16 Years of the Stowmarket Local Group

60 Years of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 27 October -

Bugs on the move - Ian Bedford

Wednesday 24 November -

British owls - Zoe Smith

All meetings are at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ

Admission £2.50.

Meetings are subject to regulations and precautions to reduce the risks of Covid-19 transmission for the safety of Trust staff, volunteers, members and the community. Arrangements may change.

Please check the Suffolk Wildlife Trust website at

www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events for up-to-date information updates about this event or contact:

John Thompson - 01449 676471 swtstowmarket@gmail.com

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

We look after local wildlife reserves: Work parties maintain Combs Wood at Stowmarket and Bonny Woods at Barking.

Other local SWT reserves are Mickfield Meadow, Bradfield Wood and Bulls Wood.

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

Combs Wood

Park at Combs Cemetery, follow the private road and take the footpath across fields to the left of Holyoak Farm.

The wood's ancient origins and centuries of coppicing have produced carpets of spectacular spring flowers: early-purple orchid, ransoms and ragged robin, wood anemone, moschatel and rare oxlips, - limited to East Anglia. Where nectar rich plants thrive in the sun-dappled rides, so do many woodland butterflies: orange tip, speckled wood, brown argus, small copper, and common blue and moths: Mother Shipton, straw dot, common carpet and swallow tail.

Dragon- and damselflies are common: banded demoiselle, broad-bodied chaser, brown hawker and southern hawker can all be seen zipping after midges.



It would be a mistake to think this wood should only be visited in the spring and summer. There are impressive coppices of ash and hornbeam; all viewed through an atmospheric green lens through the leaf canopy. Visitors can walk the paths for as long as the mood takes, listening to birds and the creaking sigh of trees in the wind.

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Sudoku -Fiendish - like an easier one or a different puzzle? Let us know. Complete the grid with the numbers 1-9 using each number only once in each row, column or 3x3 box.
Solution p. 35.

Month	Rain in mm.
<u>JULY</u>	80.5
Last Year	49.5
<u>Total this Calendar Year</u>	360.0
12month cumulative	793.0
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ANNUAL RAINFALL 2021 from CHRIS KEEBLE

Ed.: If anyone else would like to contribute weather records, please contact the editors. Chris is happy to share the records he has made for the 25 years since 1997 . Chris has not been well so records may not appear regularly

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If you're on a low income or employed, you might be able to get help with some of the costs of sending your child to school, including school meals, transport and uniform. It's always worth talking to your local education authority to see what support is available as some of their resources and offerings can differ.

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Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. As can older children if you get certain benefits. In your case as you're on Universal Credit and you applied after 1 April 2018 you would be eligible if you earn less than £7,400 a year without benefits. To apply for free school meals you need to contact your local authority, you can check the details at gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals by typing your postcode in.

Transport

For children between five to 16, your local education authority might offer free or lower cost transport if you don't live near school or your child's unable to walk there. You need to apply to your local education authority for help.

Uniforms and other costs

Your local education authority might also be able to help with some other costs, like uniforms, music lessons or trips and activities. There may also be local charitable schemes to help with these costs, it's worth checking with the school to see if it knows of any. Schools can also sometimes also advise on finding secondhand uniforms.

What's next

If your child is staying in education after year 11, you must tell HMRC's Child Benefit Office if you want to continue receiving child benefit and any extra support for children within means-tested benefits. When your child turns 16, HMRC will send you a letter asking whether your child will stay in education or training. You must reply to this letter to keep getting Child Benefit.

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Travelling with pets after Brexit

Now that the UK is no longer a part of the EU, the procedures for taking your cat, dog or ferret abroad have changed. You will no longer be able to use your pets 'pet passport' to travel to countries in the EU.

What has changed?

New rules were introduced on 1 January 2021, which affect the way people can travel with pets. Now, people wishing to take their cat, dog or ferret on holiday will need an Animal Health Certificate, also known as an AHC, rather than a pet passport.

Travelling to an EU country

With the new rules on pet travel, an AHC is needed to travel to an EU country. This certificate must be obtained no earlier than 10 days before travel. This will need to be issued by a vet known as an 'Official Veterinarian', who is legally able to sign the AHC. Unlike the previous pet passports, you will need a new AHC for each trip to the EU or Northern Ireland. You will also need to ensure that your pet is microchipped and has had a rabies vaccination. Your pet will need to be at least 12 weeks old to receive a rabies vaccination, and will need to wait 21 days after the primary vaccination before travel. No other vaccinations can be given on the same day as rabies.

How to get an AHC

Some veterinary practices may not have an Official Veterinarian, so it is important to check with your vet in advance that they are authorised to issue AHCs. You will need to take proof of your pet's microchipping date, and your pet's vaccination history. On average an AHC will cost between £100 to £150, not including any additional costs for microchipping and vaccinations.

Travelling to a non-EU country

The rules for travelling to a non-EU country are slightly different. Owners will need to apply for an Export Health Certificate (EHC) rather than an AHC. An EHC checks that your pet meets the health requirements of the country you intend to travel to. More information on this can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/get-an-export-health-certificate. An export application form will also need to be completed by the owner.

Travelling back to Great Britain

There are no changes to the current health preparations for pets entering Great Britain from the EU.

For more information on what you need to do before travelling with your pet, contact Stowe Veterinary Group on 01449 613130 or visit stovevets.co.uk



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Creeting St Mary Website

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

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

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