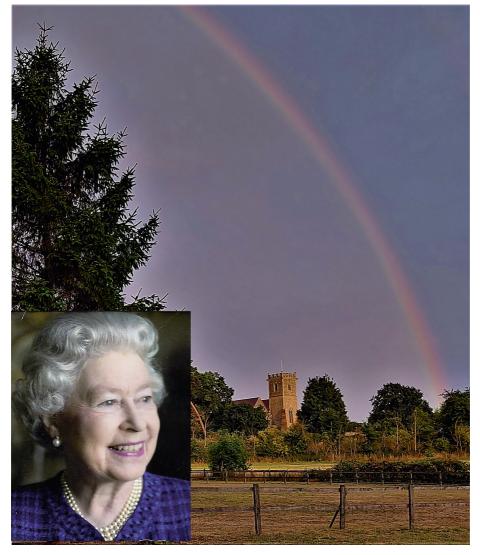
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A rainbow over St. Mary's Church *courtesy Trilly Roper* and we remember Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022 Volume 41/5 October and November 2022





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Editorial Comment

We have just lived through a piece of history with the passing of a recordbeating monarch. History is always in the making and the Suffolk Local History Council are looking for volunteers to record this - see p. 25. Will the Homo Sapiens species have a long history? It is not covering itself in glory at the moment. It must be hoped that King Charles might reign over an era when things change for the better for the environment and for us. While Charles can say rather less now about how the environment is treated, it should be remembered he was an early and much derided supporter of organic farming and in 1970 - European Conservation Year - addressing a conference in Wales, spoke about "the growing menace of pollution" at sea, in rivers and in the air as a result of our industrial life styles. Did anybody take any notice? We must all make an effort to change how we live. The County and District Council are doing their best to help: with grants to make homes warmer through insulation and draught-proofing, thus saving energy (and money) and offering a community solar panel scheme. Free trees are on offer to new parents and they are instigating a county-wide tree planting survey to help restore biodiversity. They are looking after the health of the hard-up with grants and vouchers for healthy food for youngsters. We are urged to consider what we put in our waste bins as they promote safe battery disposal to prevent fires. There is also a reminder to check that you are on the voting register.

Village life is now flourishing with many activities inside and outside - thanks to all the volunteers who make this possible.

Thank you to all who contribute to and deliver the magazine to the village. *Joan Hardingham (co-Editor with Kathryn Martin)*

UP-COMING VILLAGE EVENTS

n.b. always check with individual organisationS for changes **Mobile Library** - 28th October , 25th November, 23rd December.

Creeting St Mary Church services and other events - see pp 16 & 18 Harvest Festival Sunday 9th October at 4 pm

Village Litter Pick Sunday October 16th 10.30 - meet at Village Hall Social Club, Village Hall

Soup lunches 12pm Wednesdays: 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December Wine tasting Saturday 20 October tickets from jacqui_mann@icloud.com) Friday bar - Friday 28 October

Friday 25 November - possibly World Cup coverage of England v USA on the TV in the bar Hall for those not keen on football! Fireworks Friday 4 November – Blacksmith's Field - BBQ and refreshments Christmas Childrens' Party Saturday 17 December from 2 p.m.

1970s/80s fancy dress evening - Friday 23 December – with live music **Village School -** Christmas Fayre - Saturday December 3rd

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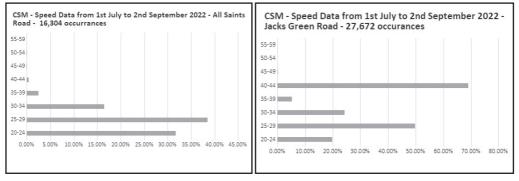


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Speed Data

The data from our two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) is collected approximately every two months and the data fed into a chart. The below charts show the speeds between 1st July and 2nd September 2022.



Planning Applications Considered

Ref: DC/22/03441 - Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed: Change of use of a building and any land within its curtilage from a use as an agricultural building to a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) together with building operations reasonably necessary for conversion. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Conversion of agricultural building to 1No. dwelling - Land Adjacent to Lyndale Lodge, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/22/03020 - Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access Points to be considered, Appearance, Landscape, Layout and Scale to be Reserved) Town and Country Planning 1990 - Erection of up to 7No single storey dwellings including new vehicular access from All Saints Road (re-submission of DC/21/02507) - Land On the South Side of, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – Object – Overdevelopment of site.

Ref: DC/22/03428 - Application for approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/19/01566 (Allowed under Appeal Ref: APP/W3520/W/19/3232511) dated: 13/11/2019 - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 1no. detached dwelling with garage and new vehicular access - Land Adjacent to Whiston, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – Object – Overdevelopment of site.

Ref: DC/22/03644 - Householder Application - Erection of a double cart lodge, with office/storage/playroom space above - 68 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – Object - Overdevelopment

Ref: DC/22/03480 - Householder Application - Removal of 2no above ground Calor Gas tanks and insertion of 1no below ground Calor Gas tank. - Creeting House, All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/21/04898 - Full Planning Permission (Re-submission) - Erection of 1No dwelling with garage and associated works to include alterations to



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landscaping (following demolition of existing buildings) - Land North of Lyndale Lodge, All Saints Road, Creeting St. Mary – Object – As access would cross a public right of way

DC/22/02832 - Full Planning Application - Erection of barn for storage of machinery and land maintenance equipment - All Saints Barn, Low Lane, Creeting St Mary – No Objections

Recent Planning Application Decisions

Ref: DC/22/02362 - Householder Application - Erection of front porch extension 19 All Saints Road, Creeting St Mary – Granted Ref: DC/21/05353 - Planning Application. Erection of detached dwelling and garage. New vehicular access to highway. Installation of sewage package treatment plant. Associated landscaping - Land Adjacent Red House Farm, All

Saints Road, Creeting St Mary - Granted

Jennie Blackburn. Parish Clerk

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@csmpc.co.uk or phone 01449 721369 (answer phone) or come along in person to the next meeting.

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT TO CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL 8TH SEPTEMBER 2022

How your council can help you with the cost of living. Support packages to combat the cost of living, energy bills and council tax are all available through Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, with residents urged to check they are receiving the support they are entitled to.

Councils set to lead the way in transforming tree planting for generations. Tree coverage across Babergh and Mid Suffolk is set to increase to help tackle biodiversity loss and climate change, after a pioneering council-commissioned tree canopy survey identified key planting locations and significant benefits. **New parents again invited to apply for a free tree.** Babergh and Mid Suffolk's popular Tree for Life scheme, which offers a free tree for new

parents, is open once again for 2022 applications.

Don't lose your vote – residents across the districts urged to check their voter registration details. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have started the Annual Canvass of Electors and are asking residents to check the electoral registration details for everyone eligible to vote at their address.

Find out 'What's Next for Stowmarket' at public exhibition. A new pop-up exhibition coming to Stowmarket from Thursday 22 September to Saturday 24 September at the town's John Peel Centre will showcase a range of projects and proposals that will shape the future of the town...including Stowmarket wellbeing and leisure hub. Residents, community groups and sports clubs are being invited to have their say on the development of plans for new leisure, health and wellbeing facilities in Stowmarket.

Switch onto the Digital Skills Programme for businesses. Business owners in Babergh and Mid Suffolk can take advantage of free workshops to help boost their confidence online by accessing the Councils' Digital Skills Programme.

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Simple scheme to buy solar panels returns for Suffolk residents. Solar

Together Suffolk, a group-buying scheme which has helped over 1,500 homes in Suffolk to install solar panels and batteries, is now open for new registrations.

Suffolk Waste Partnership backs national campaign to raise awareness of safe battery disposal. Suffolk Waste Partnership is backing a nationwide campaign urging people to safely dispose of old batteries in a bid to avoid starting fires in refuse vehicles and waste processing facilities.

Putting Suffolk on the big screen. Babergh and Mid Suffolk leaders have joined colleagues from across the county to agree steps to continue to attract filmmakers to the region – putting Suffolk on the big screen and bringing in millions to the local economy.

Councils awarded £60k for gum busting clean up. West Suffolk Council and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are among the first of 40 council areas to receive cash from chewing gum manufacturers to help remove gum from the street.

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 County Councillor Matthew Hicks Suffolk supports you with the cost of living - In Suffolk we have a number of support services ready to help if you are struggling. The Local Welfare Assistance Scheme helps those experiencing financial hardship, access to items like household furniture and white goods, fuel vouchers for electricity and gas top-ups, supermarket vouchers, and contributions towards increasing costs during the winter months. Local organisations across Suffolk can submit an application for support, on behalf of an individual or family. These organisations include Citizens Advice Bureau, district and borough councils, health services and voluntary organisations. A list of these organisations, who will assess your circumstances and submit an application for you, is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/FinancialHardship

Suffolk's Warm Homes Healthy People Project

After the recent spell of warm weather, it may feel a long way off, but in Autumn and Winter energy and fuel costs rise. Suffolk's Warm Homes Healthy People is designed to help vulnerable people and families make their homes more energy efficient and cheaper to heat; access grants to help pay for insulation, basic draught proofing, or first-time central heating. It can offer emergency support in the form of temporary heaters or emergency boiler repairs. If high energy bills are preventing you from putting the heating on, or you know anyone who needs extra help, please contact Warm Homes Healthy People on 03456 037 686 or email whhp@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Healthy Start vouchers

For families with young children, Healthy Start vouchers help parents of children under four years old, to access healthy food and milk. Speak to your Midwife or Health Visitor or visit HealthyStart.nhs.uk



Finally, if you are struggling or know someone who is, visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/FinancialHardship for a list of support services. Campaign to raise awareness of safe battery disposal - Suffolk Waste Partnership is backing a nationwide campaign for safe dispose of old batteries to avoid starting fires. The Partnership has signed up to the Stop Battery Fires Campaign launched by national safe electricals recycling group Material Focus. Batteries, or electricals containing batteries, put into waste or recycling bins get crushed in the waste or recycling process and if punctured, self-combust, setting fire to material around them. In June a fire at the Materials Recycling Facility in Great Blakenham, is suspected to have been started by a battery dumped with household recycling. The fire was located deep within nearly 400 tonnes of waste and took firefighters and staff nearly two hours to extinguish. Electricals containing batteries discarded the most are smaller, cheaper electricals like toothbrushes, shavers, chargers and toys. Lithium-ion batteries are responsible for around 48% (more than 200) of all waste fires in the UK each year according to the Environmental Services Association, the trade body representing the UK's resource and waste management industry. Simple scheme to buy solar panels returns for Suffolk residents - Solar Together Suffolk, a scheme which has helped over 1,500 homes to install solar panels and batteries, opens for new registrations on 22 August 2022. The scheme helps homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from pre-approved installers, whilst increasing their independence from the grid and reducing their carbon emissions. Free registration, with no obligation is open from 22 August to 26 September 2022, submit your details at www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk.

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CREETING ST MARY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 25TH MAY 2022 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 - June/July issue The District Councillor – Cllr Mike Norris / Cllr Steve Phillips - June/July issue The County Councillor – Cllr Matthew Hicks - this issue The Village Hall Management Committee – Chris Bingley

The Newsletter – Kathryn Martin / Joan Hardingham (Editor) - this edition

The Social Club – Kathryn Martin - this edition

The Primary School – Jenny Hitt

The Welfare Charities – Dave Primmer

The WI – Glynis Clint

The Blacksmiths Field – Jan Palmer

The Parochial Church Council – Glynis Clint

Alder Tree Ice Cream Wins Prestigeous National Food Award

Based at Alder Carr Farm in Creeting St Mary, their Blackcurrant ice cream was judged to be the best food & drink product in East Anglia by the Guild of Fine Foods at an awards ceremony in Southwark Cathedral, London.

Out of 14,000 entries, only 241 achieved the top rating of 3 stars, which were put forward for regional and national awards, making it one of the top tasting products in the whole of the UK.

it is made by hand in a range of quintessentially British fruit flavours, based on an old family recipe, using simple, natural &

local ingredients.

There is a Youtube video of the awards: Search for **Great Taste Golden Fork Alder Tree**







Social Club Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 2022

Since my last report the club has continued to hold regular committee meetings but actual events have been difficult to arrange because of the uncertainty about health risks. We managed to organise a very successful Fireworks evening, backed by financial support from the Parish Council. A planned Christmas party for children had to be delayed, but in April this year that went ahead with an Easter theme complete with dancing rabbits, real rabbits and newborn lambs, not to mention copious food and a live entertainer with a disco. Gluttons for punishment on the same day we held a quiz evening with fish supper provided by the Moving Plaice mobile fryer. 83 people enjoyed a wonderful night together with a last minute surprise raffle as well. We supported some of the more vulnerable families with Christmas goodies and a voucher, as we had done last year, conscious that finances have really suffered recently. Our first real event was a pancake lunch in February, with a soup lunch in March. The bar returned to a regular slot on the last Friday evening each month.

There have been a number of private parties for which we have provided bar services, ably helped by some volunteer bar staff. Eastern Angles production of Booming Voices in May promises to be popular and then in June we are hoping to run a scarecrow competition, and a celebration on Thursday 2nd June with bar, barbecue and beacon as well as a live band. For the second year we did not collect subscriptions, but the club remains in a healthy financial state and we are happy to continue merely to cover our costs sufficiently to enable us to help provide an inclusive and active social environment for the village.

Kathryn Martin, Chair.

Newsletter Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 2022

Production of the bi-monthly Creeting St Mary free newsletter continues to roll off the press at Gipping Press, which has not delayed any issues despite the persistent difficulties with staffing throughout the pandemic. The two-editor arrangement seems to be a happy one and delivery of the finished product is also seamlessly achieved, with volunteers stepping up whenever there is a need for a replacement whether it is a one-off or permanent. Thanks are due to all these people. 375 copies are printed for each issue and it will not be long before even more are needed. Thanks also to the photographers who always supply a local picture just in time. Sadly the black and white reproductions rarely do justice to the originals, but we are always pleased to find a photo suitable for the luxury of colour for the cover. Can we thank our regular contributors, the vast majority of whom send their copy in good time though a few do require chasing. We would like to encourage more people to share their experiences of village life, now thriving again after months of being shut down. Advertising content seems to maintain a steady income, but the editors are grateful that they are not involved with balancing the books, a task that falls to Jennie Blackburn (Kathryn Martin (Co-editor) Page 13 October & November 2022



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Summer is without a doubt my favourite season, not least of all because it means that I can spend more time at my home in Suffolk and enjoying all that we love about this great county. From the swathes of farmland, open skies and vibrant market towns to the local produce markets, village fetes and independent retailers, I particularly relish the opportunity to get out and about meeting so many of you and supporting our local businesses, community events and local food producers. So much work goes into the many school and community fetes that take place through the summer months, with community volunteers working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring everything to fruition. Thank you for all that you do to make our villages and communities so special.

But as we now look towards the start of the new school term, for those starting school for the very first time, these are exciting and nerve-wracking times; not only for children but also for their proud parents and grandparents, many of whom I'm sure will be eagerly taking first day photographs of the smart new school uniforms and waving children off at the school gates, determined to put on a brave face. For those moving up to secondary school, although daunting, this marks an exciting new chapter with greater independence and a whole raft of new activities and subjects to study, alongside existing friends and perhaps some new faces too. Regardless of age, it's helpful to remember that everyone suffers from the same first day nerves – pupils, parents and teachers alike, but this is only natural and it's ok to ask for help or guidance if needed. Remember – we've all been there. I am delighted to see that once again, so many achieved excellent grades as Suffolk's outgoing GCSE, A level and vocational students celebrated their recent results. These fantastic results are testament to the sheer hard work and dedication shown not only by pupils but backed up by the help and encouragement of teachers and parents. I would like to offer my congratulations to all those involved and wish you all the very best with the next steps in your education or workplace journeys.

For MPs, the end of the school summer holiday period also marks the return to Parliament following summer recess. So whilst I have very much enjoyed spending more time at home here in Suffolk over the summer, I'm also pleased to be back to business representing the people of Central Suffolk and North Ipswich in Westminster.

That said, the people who live and work in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich always remain my principal focus, so do please get in touch with me if you need my help or contact my office if you would like to book an appointment at one of my regular advice bureaus.

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CHURCH SERVICES

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The Benefice of North Bosmere

The Benefice of North Bosmere comprises Churches of Coddenham, Creeting St Mary, Creeting St Peter, Crowfield, Earl Stonham with Stonham Parva, Gosbeck, Hemingstone, Stonham Aspal with Mickfield.

All services are Benefice Services.

The details below are correct at the time of going to press and may be subject to change. Please keep an eye on notice sheets and magazines.

Online worship (via Zoom) takes place each Sunday at 09.30 am.

To join a Zoom service: email northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com at least 2 days before the service. Click on the link you receive.

Services - in person -June and July 2022

Sunday 2 October, 09.30 am, Morning Worship with Baptism, Creeting St Peter Sunday 9 October, 4.00 pm, Harvest, Creeting St Mary Sunday 16 October, 11.00 am, Harvest, Creeting St Peter Sunday 23 October, 11.00 am, Holy Communion, Creeting St Mary Sunday 30 October, 10.00 am, 8 Parish Benefice Holy Communion, Crowfield Sunday 30 October, 4.00 pm, Service of Light, Earl Stonham

Sunday 13 November, 09.30 am, Remembrance, Creeting St Mary Sunday 13 November, 10.50 am, Remembrance, Creeting St Peter Sunday 20 November, 11.00 am, Holy Communion BCP, Creeting St Peter Sunday 27 November, 11.00 am, Holy Communion, Creeting St Mary

Priest-in-Charge North Bosmere Benefice

Rev'd Philip Payne, The Rectory, The Street, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AQ, 01449 711684 revphilippayne@btinternet.com``



Joy Smart tolling the bell for the Queen

Until the last few years Joy was the church bell ringer, she rang the bell at every service. When the Queen passed away all Churches were invited to toll the bell if they had one, on the following day, Friday 9th September for one hour 12–1 pm. On this special occasion, Joy, assisted by Bill Mackintosh, David Primmer, Nigel Smart and her daughters Sandra and Jood arranged for Joy to ring the bell once again.

From the Rectory



Rev. Philip Payne

THE PERSONAL TOUCH

September began with a trip to Portsmouth for a cousin's wedding. Any wedding is a special occasion, two people publicly declaring their love and commitment to each other is something to celebrate. Yet there is so much more to the day than just the bride and groom. Apart from the happy couple, I hadn't seen this side of my family for many years. After such a long break I wondered if we would even recognise each other, but once you find one person in a crowd, others quickly follow. It didn't take long to pick up where we had left off. Sharing their day with family and friends; my cousin and her husband drew us all together. We came away, encouraged, renewed; family bonds refreshed.



A few days later, celebration turned to mo irning following the death of Queen Eliz abeth. As the tributes flowed, we heard again the value of personal contact. From the highly charged, public event, to the surprise encounter with an estate worker or passer-by; the handshake, the face-to-face conversation. hov ever brief, had spoken volumes brir ging people together, showing pec ple they were valued. Even in her death, our Late Queen has brought pec ple together to talk; from official engagements, to perfect strangers passing the time as they queued to pay the r respects.

Personal contact matters. For nearly

three years now, personal contact has been challenging. Even when lockdowns were lifted, old habits and routines had gone; many simply haven't returned to the office, the reunions, the family gatherings of old. People whose friendship we once valued have

slipped out of sight. Are they also out of mind? Zoom and Facebook are all very well but the truth is, there is nothing like chatting face-to-face. (A mug of tea or glass of wine helps). This sort of chat is much more real, more personal, than any chat-room; it is real presence. When contacts may have slipped, connections weakened, taking time to meet in person once again can pay dividends. It doesn't have to take a wedding party – that's just a bonus.

Rev Philip

Creeting St. Mary Church News.

Remembering HRH Queen Elizabeth.

A group of bell ringers including Joy Smart, our chief bell ringer, tolled the bell in memory of Queen Elizabeth. It was a very special occasion for those taking part. The Church has been open for visitors to pay their respects and sign the condolence book.

Services at St Mary's.

We continue to have services on the 2nd and 4 th Sundays each month at 11 am. Zoom services and other benefice services will be found at the beginning of this newsletter.

Harvest Festival.

Our Harvest Festival this year will be on Sunday 9 th October at 4 pm. Hope you will be able to join us on this occasion. we will be collecting tins, vegetables, fruit, packets, baby items, pet food and toiletries for the Stowmarket food bank.

Items can be left in the Church or in the Church's porch, thank you.

Ride and Stride.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the Ride and Stride this year and to the people who took part, we appreciate your help very much.

Soup lunches.

There are to be three soup lunches leading up to Christmas.

The social club invite you to join them on Wednesdays 5 th October, 2 nd November and 7 th December in the Village hall from 12-1 pm .

Church yard tidy.

Saturday 15 th October, 10.30–12 noon.

Hope you might be able to join us for a friendly morning, tidying up the church yard for Winter. Refreshments and good company are offered.

Maree's Christmas Craft Sale and tea.

Maree has kindly offered to hold a sale of her Christmas craft items on

Wednesday November 2nd in

the Church Vestry from 2–4 pm. All proceeds to the Vestry fund. Call in after you've enjoyed your soup lunch up at the Village Hall.

Carl Orris.

We send our deepest sympathy to the family of Carl Orris who sadly died recently.

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Glynis Clint.

CREETING ST. MARY WELFARE CHARITIES.

Charity number: 207445

The Creeting Saint Mary Welfare Charities Trust can provide assistance for those in financial need, by reason of, age, illness, unemployment or for education. Examples of possible grants are: annual grants to those with a state pension; for the relief of general hardship; for students in higher or further education, towards maternity costs and funeral expenses and pendant alarms for the elderly. The Trust is intended to benefit the residents of Creeting Saint Mary, however, exceptionally, applications from outside the Parish will be considered. 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. More details:

STUDENT GRANTS FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS OF CREETING SAINT MARY If you have reached the age of 18 and plan to continue in Further or Higher education you are able to apply for a monetary grant to assist you with the costs. These are grants, not loans and so no repayment is entailed, nor are they means tested. You are able to have a grant each year of your course. When applying please provide information on the type of course and the College or University.

END OF YEAR GRANTS FOR RESIDENTS IN RECEIPT OF STATE PENSION Residets of Creeting Saint Mary, in receipt of the state pension in financial need are able to apply for a monetary grant once a year, payable at the end of the year. Previous recipients will need to apply again.

All applications for grants are treated in the strictest confidence.

Please make enquires to the Clerk of the Trustees

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

Carl Orriss

I would like to send this message to all those wonderful people who stopped what they were doing, to try to help my brother Carl who collapsed on Saturday 11th Sept. Thank you to the two gentlemen who came to the house to tell us about Carl, and to all of you who tried desperately to save his life. Thank you to those for looked after my other brother Adrian as he stood helplessly by as he watched you trying to save Carl. Although he could not be saved, you tried, and that is all anyone could ask. Thank you also to the many well wishers who have reached out in support.

Carl was known locally as "The Walker" or "Mr Walker" by people who saw him walking around the area at many times of the day.

He was 61 when he died.

Julie Orriss

Ed.: our family referred to him as "The Walking Man" and we always exchanged a wave; there can't be much he did not observe of the changing seasons and activities in and around the village.



CREETING ST MARY SOCIAL CLUB Diamond Jubilee Hall www.creeting-st-mary.suffolk.gov.uk/social-club/social-club-news/ open to residents of the village and surrounding area MEMBERSHIP IS FREE! Forms are available from William

Barnes CSM_SocialClub@outlook.com or tel.: 07771 814651

Social Club Report

Since all the excitement of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations the club has been relatively quiet, though the committee has as usual been working hard to prepare for future events. Several people have said to me how pleased they are that we had that big weekend in June since the events of this last week somehow make it all the more poignant.

The Friday bars on the last weekend of each month have had a steady trickle of customers and we held a trial session of bingo one night, with help from Sophie. That was well received and could be repeated though we were rather ill prepared on that occasion and gave out too many liquid prizes.

On September 9th a most enjoyable pudding party was held, arranged by Chris Bingley and William in aid of the RNLI and St Elizabeth's Hospice. Harbour Lights once again provided music and over £586 was raised for the two charities.

The Social Club AGM will have been held by the time this is printed and I hope we will by then have a new chair as I think 3 years is long enough in this position for me.

Looking ahead we have a wine tasting scheduled for October, fireworks in November and parties for children and adults around Christmas. We have made a donation to the Stowmarket food bank and will continue to offer membership without charge. People do need to sign up as members to enable us to serve alcohol to them as our present licence only permits us to serve club members. This may change in the future but it is a long administrative exercise.

We hope you will continue to support us. *Kathryn Martin, Chair.*

Social Club Events

Many thanks to each of you supported the Pudding Evening on 9 September. We raised a fraction under £586 shared between the RNLI and St Elizabeth Hospice as well as enjoying a galaxy of splendid desserts. *William Barnes, Secretary*

SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS Creeting St. Mary Village hall contact CSM_SocialClub@outlook.com, 07771 814651

Friday 30 September – Friday bar open at 7.30pm Social Club AGM at 7pm Wednesday 5 October – Soup lunch from midday
Saturday 20 October – Wine tasting (there are still a limited number of tickets available from Jacqui Mann jacqui_mann@icloud.com)
Friday 28 October – Friday bar
Wednesday 2 November – Soup lunch from midday
Friday 4 November – Fireworks - Blacksmith's Field - BBQ and refreshments
Friday 25 November – Friday bar - [there is likely to be World Cup coverage of England v USA on the TV in the bar with the Hall available for those who are not keen on football!!]
Wednesday 7 December – Soup lunch from midday
Saturday 17 December – Christmas Childrens' Party from 2 p.m.
Friday 23 December – 1970s/80s fancy dress evening with live music

Stowmarket Foodbank Hillside Community Centre

14th September 2022

To All at Creeting St Mary's Social Club, We are writing to thank you for your Stowmarket Foodbank Supporting Individuals And Families In Crisis In Stowmarket, Needham Market And surrounding areas

generous gift to the Stowmarket Foodbank. Your kind donation of £500 will enable us to continue to support local families & individuals.

We have seen an increase in demand each year since our launch in 2012 but no one could predict the huge increase in demand that we would see as a result of the Corona virus & the rises in living costs. Not only are we continuing to support people on low income & those with financial problems but we are now supporting those in our community who are vulnerable, those who have been affected through loss of earnings, bereavement & illness & now those affected by increases in household bills. We are extremely grateful to supporters like yourselves, who have ensured that we are able to keep up with demand. Monetary gifts are always useful as they mean we can buy extras such as baby milk, nappies, free from products, pet food & replace any stock we run out of.

We have seen so many lives touched by the love of others & we want to say a big thank you for your support & generosity, not just from us but also the families & individuals you are bringing hope to.

Yours truly, Mike Smith

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Stowmarket foodbank

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The Diamond Jubilee Village Hall

The Hall is to hire:

Features: a large hall, (capacity 100), bar and a smaller lounge and meeting room (with WIFI) which can all be hired separately; plus a well equipped kitchen, ample tables and chairs, toilet facilities, an outside patio, large car park and access to Blacksmith's Field.

Bookings: Mrs Jennie King tel 07849 817488 creetingjubileehall@gmail.com Trustees and Helpers needed

We often need help with 'odd jobs' in the Hall, and would be glad if anybody could put their name forward for any future work to enhance our facility. In particular there will be some painting work - a few volunteers would soon get the job done! Do let me know if you are happy to be approached.

Chris Bingley (Chair, Village Hall Mangement Committee) Tel 01449 720324. christine.bingley@gmail.com

CREETING ST. MARY VOLUNTARY-AIDED CHURCH SCHOOL



We are all back at school now after a wonderful warm Summer break! We have welcomed 15 new pupils into our Reception class and they are all getting on so well. So many changes across the school with moving up year groups and sometimes into a new class setting with a new teacher. We are always so proud of how well our pupils manage these new steps.

We have a fun and busy half term coming up with lots of settling in, new topics covering everything from World War 2 to Rescuers, Harvest to Fire Engines as well as all of the usual Maths, spellings, literacy and P.E and R.E. As a school we are proud to host a number of clubs after school. This term we are starting a brand new Lego club for our Year 1s and 2s as well as chess, various sports, recorders and book club, we like to keep them busy! Thank you to those who donated the Sports for Schools vouchers from the local newspapers, your support is so appreciated.

A date for your diary, the Christmas Fayre is back! Saturday December 3rd we will be hosting our Christmas Fayre at school for the first time in 3 years and we cannot wait, Watch this space.

F Knights

Head Mrs. Christine Friar school telephone 01449 720312 office@creetingstmary.suffolk.sch.uk www.creetingstmary.suffolk.sch.uk Autumn Term 5 Sept - 16 Dec Half-term - 24 - 31 October Spring Term 5 Jan—7 Apr Half Term 21 Feb—25 Feb

Footpaths and Bridleways

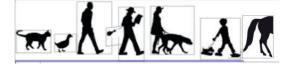
The large amount of work recently being done in the Parish by cabling engineers to replace large lengths of overhead electric cable running between electricity pylons and crossing over land near Hungercut Hall and Holt's Lane looks as though it's complete, at least for the time being. Engineers had placed "Footpath Closed" signs in strategic places to warn walkers to take care. I know of no walkers being inconvenienced by the work.

Suffolk CC have provided me with a supply of circular "Public Footpath" signs, like the one above. I requested them to replace ones which are broken or missing from our footpath posts. Please let me know if you come across,

or know of, any location missing a sign where I can take my hammer & nails and pin them up. NB: it must be on a registered Footpath in the Creeting St Mary Parish. f you're not sure, let me know or look on one of the three footpath maps around the village, i.e. on the notice board on the front of the Village Hall, in the old telephone kiosk in Jack's Green Road or on the notice board on the footpath side of Hawks Mill bridge by Alder Carr Farm entrance.

Thankyou. Paul Scully e-mail: paul@impressions41.plus.com Tel: 01449 721





Village Litter Pick

Sunday October 16th

Meet at the Village Hall at 10.30am

Come and help us spruce up the Village Bring family and friends – all ages welcome

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LITTER PICKERS, GLOVES AND HI-VIS JACKETS

BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED -some litter pickers are available Rubbish is collected from the Village Hall. Tell us about unmanageable items so we can collect them. If you are willing to help another time, please let us know where so we don't go over areas twice. In this case you need to take any rubbish home or to the Village Hall on that morning.

Enquiries contact clerk.csmpc@yahoo.co.uk or telephone Kathryn Martin on 720491



HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Would you like to be the Local Recorder for **CREETING ST MARY?**

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders

Scheme throughout Suffolk; with volunteers we ensure that the 'present' is recorded at local level for the 'future'.

A Recorder notes significant events in their parish and collects the parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings, every year they submit a short report which is deposited at the Suffolk Record Office with the collected items to be available to future researchers

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk You do not need to be a historian or any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. You will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To help with this important work contact recorders@slhc.org.uk

Ed.:On hearing of the death of the Queen we asked if people had any memories or pictures which we could publish. Alder Carr Farmers' Market was invited to move to Stowmarket for a visit from the Queen

Golden Jubilee of Elizabeth II July 2002



sandwiched between **Prince Phillip** & the Queen

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Suffolk Libraries' MOBILE LIBRARY Route 13 at Creeting St. Mary

On Friday every four weeks at Whissel's

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NEEDHAM MARKET AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

All meetings take place in the Burton Room, Needham Market Community Centre IP6 8BB at 7:30pm.

You don't have to be an expert to

join, just an interest in plants and gardens.

Membership is annual at £5.

Meetings are generally once a month with occasional outings to see gardens and an annual supper in October

Hazel Mackintosh. 01449 72075

PROGRAMME 2022

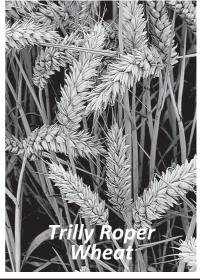
Members and those interested in joining the Society are welcome to our final meetings of the year.

Thurs 6 October "Flower Power – How Flowers Benefit our Well-being" with Ruth Goudy

Thurs 4 November "What to do with that space" Darren Lerigo

Our annual supper is on October 27th at Stowmarket Golf Club.

We will have our winter break and meet on **Thursday 2 February 2023**.



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Needham Market Library

The old Middle School music room in School Street, Needham Market IP6 8BB has been converted into a splendid new modern space for library activities and has bookable meeting rooms.

Opening times (amazingly open on Sundays!) Monday Closed; Tuesday, Thurs, Sat: 1000 – 1300, 1400 - 1700 Wednesday, Friday 1400 – 1900; Sunday 1100 - 1600 Out-of-hours book return available

Manager: Donna Grand, 01449 720780 help@suffolklibraries.co.uk



They have many regular events from IT training to play groups for young and old! www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/needham-market-library

Creeting St. Mary Women's Institute

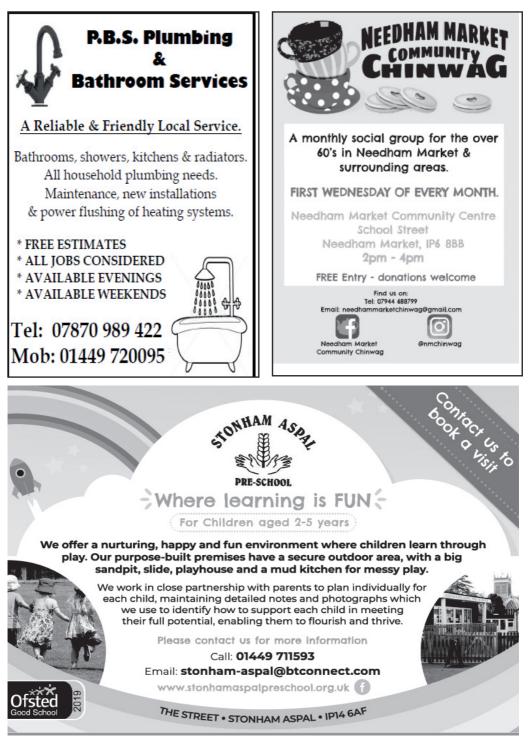
For our August meeting, we went by coach to Beth Chatto's lovely garden at Elmstead Market. We were able to fill the coach with friends from the village. It was an extremely hot afternoon, but we managed to stay cool in the shady areas and admire the lovely plantings around the lakes. Even though this garden, like our own, had been hit by the drought, there was still plenty to see, and there was refuge in the cafe for refreshments.

In September, Pauline Birchnall visited us to talk on her "Flight From Iran" She told a fascinating story of how as an 18 year old in 1970 she took a job as a secretary in Zambia, even though she had to check in the atlas to find out where it was. After that she worked in Saudi Arabia before taking a job in Iran. This was in a small town bordering Russia and Turkey. When the Shah left, they had letters of threat telling them they must leave within a month. This resulted in a night time escape by road in a very dilapidated bus, in the snow and each carrying one suitcase. Then after two nervous weeks they managed, with difficulty, to get a Swissair flight to Zurich and then onto her home - at that time in Needham Market.

Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30 on October 12th when Hattie Bennett will talk on "My Life in Music"

Normal meeting time 7.30pm Members welcome from nearby villages too.

Chris Bingley 01449 720324 christine.bingley@gmail.com



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CREETING NATURE NOTES helping nature to help us LILLEY'S WOOD

COME AND JOIN US AND HELP RESTORE A LOCAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, GET SOME FRESH AIR AND GENTLE EXERCISE INTO THE BARGAIN!

As many of you know, Lilley's Wood is the small area of mixed wood, thicket and grassland home to rare chalk grassland flowers and migrating songsters such as the Nightingale and Blackcap and potentially Turtle Doves This lovely little wildlife area is now managed by the Parish Council of Creeting St Mary in which Parish it lies. It is located beside the River Gipping and to the north of the sewage works.

We will shortly be commencing autumn working parties to maintain this area and all those who have volunteered will be contacted. If you would like to volunteer and have not already done so please contact William Barnes on 07771 814651. wbarnes@barnesgroup.co.uk

BLACKSMITH'S FIELD.

Wildflower Area

The plan for this area of the field is to roll and cut it in the early spring, removing the cuttings to the perimeter, leaving it in heaps for wildlife. Although leaving it over winter means it doesn't look so nice, the idea is to create habitat for insects and mammals. Cutting it in spring should encourage wildflowers. The next problem is to reduce the ragwort which is the reason it cannot be baled and used for hay. Hopefully, one day this might be a possibility. An area will be cut shortly to give space for firework night. *Sue Haynes*

SWT CHURCHYARD SURVEY MAY 2022

Cathy Smith, Community Wildlife Advisor and Graham Hart, Conservation Advisor did a thorough survey and, as with Lilley's Wood, came up with a comprehensive management plan to preserve and enhance the flora and wildlife. Churchyards are often just relict meadows which have not been intensively managed like the surrounding areas so harbour plants and their associated wildlife which cannot survive elsewhere.

the documents are available on the Village website in the Nature Section. We hope to report back on progress in this area

Thanks to Glynis Clint who is leading this project

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Stowmarket Wildlife Group Suffolk Wildlife Trust

The meetings will be held at the Village Hall, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ Admission £3.00.

Wednesday 30 November, 7.30pm – WILDLIFE SPECIAL Our special evening with a variety of items planned. Including a wildlife quiz, presentations, annual raffle and more. Arrangements may change. Please check the Suffolk Wildlife Trust website at www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events for updated information.

Contact :John Thompson - 01449 676471 - swtstowmarket@gmail.com Stowmarket SWT Local Group

We are volunteers who care about wildlife, its beauty, diversity and importance to everyone. 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.`

Local SWT reserves Mickfield Meadow, Bradfield Wood and Bulls Wood.

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

Berries

Bushes in hedges and gardens seem to be laden with berries this year. Does this indicate a cold winter to come? In fact it is the result of lack of hard frosts this spring, which damage the fruit buds and the good growing conditions the previous year when the buds formed, together with an ability to survive the hot dry weather of this summer. Whatever the reasons, if Europe has a severely cold winter we may again be delighted by the arrival of winter visitors such as Waxwing among many others taking advantage of the feast and you can encourage them to your garden by planting out suitable shrubs and trees.

see British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) : An identification guide to berries





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It is fungi-hunting time of year again - there are some cracking specimens out there - don't miss them!



The cost of energy and food is so high now. With the kids home from school for the summer, I'm having to pay more for lunches and snacks. I'm worried about how I'll put food on the table. I'm on a prepayment meter and I'm really scared we're going to be left without any gas or electric if I can't top up. What can I do?

First of all, I'm really sorry to hear how tough things have been for you. You're doing the right thing in reaching out for support and there are things you can get help with.

As a prepayment meter customer, your energy supplier will be able to give you temporary credit if you can't afford to top up your meter. They might add this to your meter automatically, but if they don't, you can call them and ask them to do this. If you run out of temporary credit, speak to your supplier to explain your situation. They may give you extra temporary credit if you're struggling with living costs. There are other reasons why they might give you extra credit too, including if you're disabled, have a long-term health condition, or you have children under the age of 5. You'll have to pay back anything extra you get, but you can agree how to do this in a way you can afford with your supplier.

As you say, the cost of living is really high but there is help available. If you pay council tax and you're in bands A-D, you should get a payment of £150 automatically. It could take until the end of September, but if you have not had it already you might need to make a claim.

You might also be able to get help from the Household Support Fund, which helps those experiencing financial hardship. They can offer support with energy bills, with food or other essentials. For more information on the £150 payment or the Household Support Fund, email Babergh & amp; Mid Suffolk District Council on housingsolutions@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or call 0300 123 4000.

There's more government support coming from October in the form of a £400 payment to help you with your energy bills. If you have a prepayment meter, you'll be given vouchers in the first week of each month from October, via text, email or post. Make sure your energy company has your up-to-date details.

To help manage other costs, it's also worth checking you're getting all the benefits you're entitled to. There are benefits calculators you can use online or Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can complete a benefit check for you. If you can't afford to buy food, Citizens Advice also can help you get a referral for a food bank. We know this is an extremely worrying time and everyone's situation is different.

Don't struggle alone. Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket, Suffolk. IP14 1EZ Tel: 01449 742477

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STOWE VETS

Everything you need to know about neutering

What is neutering?

If you have a new cat, dog or rabbit, the chances are that you've thought about getting them neutered. For male pets, this means castration, where their testicles are removed. Female pets are spayed, which usually means that their uterus is removed. Although this might sound daunting, it's a routine procedure, and is commonly performed.

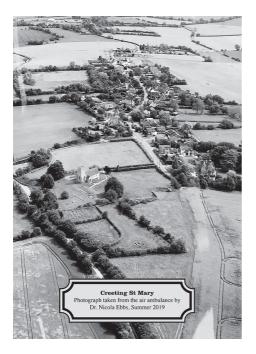
Benefits

There are several benefits to neutering, these include preventing pregnancy, false pregnancy and unwanted male attention. Another benefit is that it prevents the risk of testicular cancer and uterus infections and cancer. Neutering your pet makes them less desirable to thieves, as they cannot be used to breed for money. It also helps to avoid large veterinary bills, as fees for pregnancy and birth complications, and to vaccinate, worm and flea treat offspring will be expensive. In males, it can reduce roaming, aggressive behaviour and urine marking.

What is involved in the procedure/recovery?

Firstly, your vet will take you through the things you will need to do to prepare. This usually involves not feeding your pet anything before the operation, and to keep them inside ready to leave on the day. Your vet will check that your pet is fit for surgery, and will be sedated, placed under anaesthetic and their surgery site will be clipped and cleaned. Your pet will be neutered under general anaesthetic, so they will not feel pain or be frightened during the procedure. Once your pet returns home, they might be disoriented and tired until the drugs wear off, but even when they've perked up, it's important to make sure they rest for a week or two afterwards. In order to protect the wound, your pet will probably have to wear a protective cone or buster collar to prevent biting and licking. Your pet may also need a checkup, to ensure that they are feeling well and recovering properly. Your vet will advise you on when this should take place.

For more information contact: Stowe Veterinary Group on 01449 613130.



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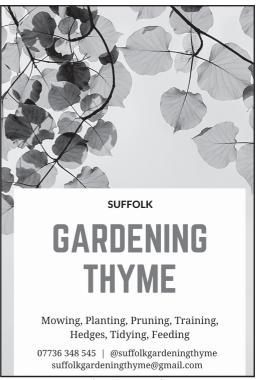
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To order copies please contact: Steve Fernie at Creeting House (opposite the church) steve@creetinghouse.com or phone 01449 720988



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GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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

July (Aug-Sep - the summer holiday events)

Creeting St Mary Parish Councillors

Sue Haynes (Chair) - 01449 722570 (Village Hall Management Committee) Hugo Craggs (Vice-Chair) - 07815137228 (Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) /Sustainability) Jan Palmer - 01449 723997 (Blacksmiths Field / Play Equipment) Paul Scully - 01449 721461 (Footpaths and Bridleways) Roger Coton - 01449 721526 (Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC)) Nigel Smart - 01449 720100 Lesley Plummer - 01449 720359 Caroline Gordon - new appointment Dan Cage - new appointment To contact any of the Parish Councillors, please contact the Parish Clerk first Parish Council Clerk : Jennie Blackburn - 01449 721369 or email: clerk@csmpc.co.uk Meeting agendas and dates are placed on the village noticeboards during the week prior to the meetings, and also on the website.

Creeting St Mary Website

www.creeting-st-mary.suffolk.gov.uk Contact the Parish Clerk Jennie Blackburn at clerk@csmpc.co.uk

The 3 village notice boards are located at:

the Village Hall, St Mary's Gardens and Jack's Green. The old phone box at Jack's Green contains maps, information and a defibrillator and the notice board at the entrance to Alder Carr Farm has a foot path map.

Diamond Jubilee Village Hall

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To hire all or part of the hall : contact Mrs Jennie King Tel 07849 817488 Page 38 October & November 2022



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