

The Creeping St. Mary Newsletter



Lavender, All Saints Road
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REGULAR VILLAGE EVENTS

n.b. always check with individual organisation for changes

Church services and other church events - see pp 16 & 18

Social Club, Friday Bar - Village Hall last Friday each month, 7-10.30pm,

Horticultural Soc. Needham Market Community Centre - first Thurs each month

CSM Women's institute - Village Hall - second Wednesday each month

Mobile Library - see p. 34

CSM Primary School Term dates - see page 27

Stowmarket Eco-group Repair Cafe and recycling - see p 32

Village contact details pages 42 & 43

UPCOMING VILLAGE AND OTHER EVENTS

Next Parish Council meetings at 7.30 Village Hall: Thursday, 14th September
and Thursday, 19th October

Lilley's Wood Work Parties - start next Autumn - times to be arranged.

Saturday 9th Sept. Ride and Stride Church fundraiser 9.30 till mid afternoon

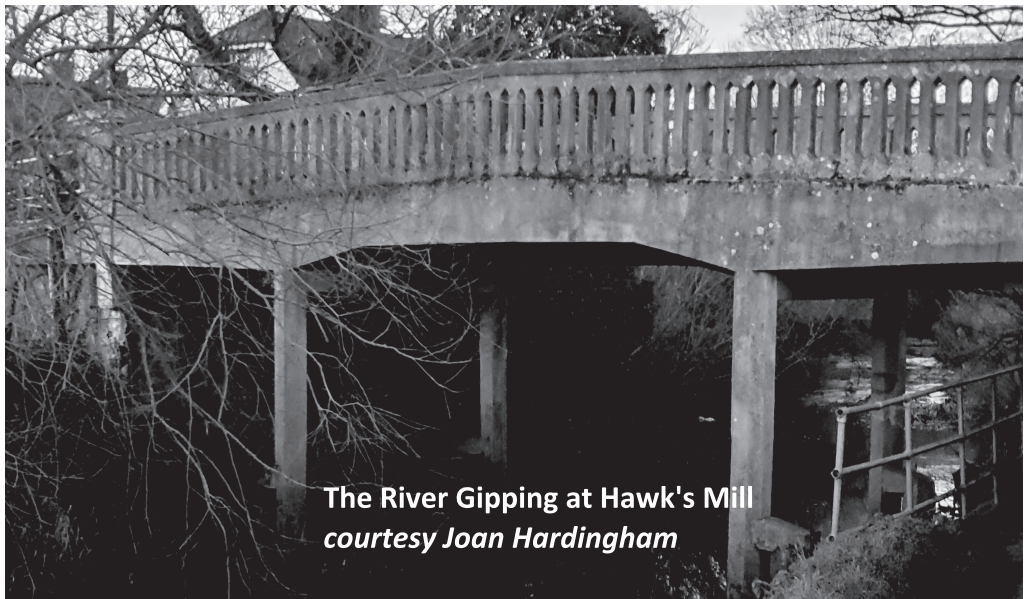
Wednesday 16th September Women's Institute Day 10.30-12.30 open to all

Friday 29th September Social Club AGM at 7pm followed by bar opening.

Saturday 7th October and Sunday 15th October. Daffodil planting - see p. 21

Saturday 14th October Pudding Evening

Friday 3rd November Fireworks display



EDITORIAL

While the weather at the moment is great for keeping the garden growing, it is not too good for sitting around or playing in it. However, going abroad to warmer climes might not be appealing anymore with soaring temperatures, fire or flood occurring in some popular holiday destinations. The vegetarians among us might think twice about flying when learning that Governments suggesting that plane fuel should include animal fats - a by-product of our industrial diets - to reduce carbon emissions! 'Pigs might fly' takes on a new meaning. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-65727664>. Definitely not safe to leave home these days - and better for the environment! Who knows where our high tech lifestyles will take us next. See p. 34 for an overview of why we need to all get serious about reducing our impact on the wonderful world we live in. If we didn't use so much energy - we might not need so many pesky pylons that many are complaining about. Putting the mess in the sea is 'out of sight, out of mind' with its own issues. So, concentrate on getting your house insulated - see p. 32. A big thank you to the Social Club (and the County Council) and others for arranging events and activities we can do close to home, often for free. The ideas for a wheeled-sports area for children on Blacksmith's Field (p. 20) would be great from that point of view. Time spent in nature being good for us - body and mind - is brought up by our MP and looking at the village photos we have plenty of opportunity here in Creeting to enjoy it; and a thought for our roots in the soil is expressed by Rev. Philip.

As ever thanks go to Kathryn Martin (co-Editor) and all the contributors – especially of the lovely photos - the advertisers and deliverers and the Gipping Press printers who do a great job too.

Joan Hardingham Editor

Next newsletter deadline: the 15th of September

Note from your long-suffering Eds.

A page in this newsletter will take a maximum of 480 densely packed words - see p.7. if you want it nicely spaced with sub-headings and paragraphs etc. then go down to 450 - less if you want a photo included. see p 17 where the photo takes up 30 word-spaces;

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CREETING ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Community Speedwatch

The Community Speedwatch Team held a session on Friday, 30th June on the driveway of Andaxi, All Saints Road. In the hour monitoring the traffic, six drivers were caught speeding (between 34 and 40 MPH) and the information of the vehicles and speeds have been sent to the Speed Watch Team at the Police.

Projects that the Parish Council are currently considering/investigating are:

Re-surfacing of the Village Hall front car park

Additional play area equipment / multi-court / skate park

Additional parking for the school

A Forest School

Amenity Land at the Jacks Green Road Housing Development

Planning Applications Considered

Ref: DC/23/02158 - Full Planning Application - Change of Use of agricultural land to form additional parking area and siting refrigeration equipment including container associated with farm shop (retention of) - Alder Carr Farm, St Mary's Road, Creeping St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/23/02399 - Full Planning Application - Erection of 1 No dwelling (amended scheme to that approved under DC/22/04777) - Creeping Hills Farm, Creeping Hills, Creeping St Mary – No Objections

Ref: DC/23/02754 - Full Planning Application - Change of use from agricultural land to mixed use including Arborcultural / Landscapers yard providing storage of vehicles, work equipment and sale of timber. Location: Crossways, Kettle Lane, Creeping St Mary – No Objections

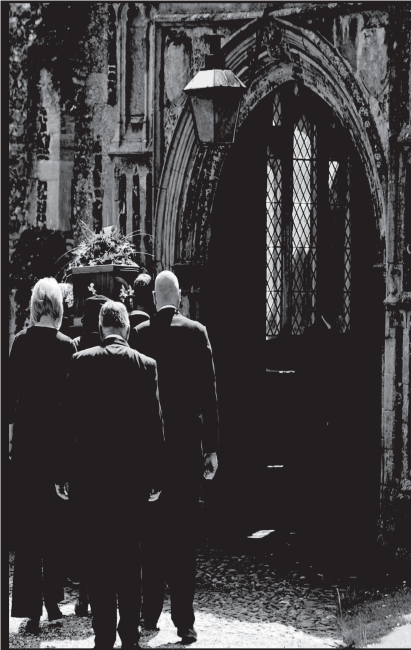
Recent Planning Application Decisions

DC/23/00460 - Householder Application - Erection of Detached Garage with Office Above Merton, Jacks Green Road, Creeping 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.

REPORT TO THE PC OF THE MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Summer holiday activities and free family fun days This and the food (HAF) programme are funded by the Department for Education to ensure children in need, for example those eligible for free school meals, continue to receive support but places can be booked by others for a small fee. Search on line for Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme 2023 in Suffolk. In July there are free family fun days including climbing walls, archery, face-painting and sports. 10am to 2pm on Tuesday 25 July at Stowmarket Recreation Ground



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Councils are to install 28 New electric vehicle charge points in their car parks to help tackle climate change. Mid Suffolk car parks due to benefit from the new chargers are all in Stowmarket car parks

Tour of Britain, Thursday 7 September. The UK's biggest professional cycle race, starting and finishing in Felixstowe, passes through Needham Market and Stowmarket See the Tour of Britain website.

National Grid pylons public consultation was held in July on plans for a new high-voltage power line across East Anglia, including Mid Suffolk and Babergh. The Norwich to Tilbury project has previously been opposed by both councils amid significant concerns, particularly over the impact on the environment. The next consultation webinars ,August 12, 17 (both 10-11am). For more details visit the National Grid website.

Gateway14: plans have been submitted for a 164,500 sq ft manufacturing and warehouse unit on – this new state-of-the-art business, innovation and logistics park in Stowmarket. This is speculative planning permission covering EV charging, solar power, rain water collection and nesting boxes see the MSDC Planning Portal.

Solar Farm application at Bramford. Mid Suffolk District Council and CARE (Community Alliance for a Rural Environment Suffolk) issued a joint statement about this application and appeal. MSDC refused this planning application in February and the applicant appealed to the Planning Inspector. The Council reviewed its position and sought legal advice on 21 June at the newly-formed planning committee's first meeting. While "The committee will always consider and value public opinion alongside the recommendations of professional planning officers in reaching a decision in the best interests of the district. However, this must be in accordance with its statutory duty, in accordance with the local development plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. Taking this into account, the Council will not be defending the reasons for refusal. Community representatives will continue to make their case directly to the inspector. We will continue to lobby Government to provide urgent clarity on energy developments as well as a national plan for agriculture, to help all local authorities find the right balance between food production, protecting our countryside, and delivering energy security.

Locality award was agreed as part funding Needham Boxing Club Toilets.

Planning considerations have included the lack of blister pack recycling, a tree shading a sitting room window, bulldozing access through a hedge, the refurbishment of grade 2 listed building without permission. Mowing grass verges and trimming back footpath hedges. Thanks to previous councillors Mike Norris and Stephen Phillips and Councillor Kay Oaks for funding the speed reduction cameras with locality awards in Needham High Street, which seem to be having an impact.

Anti-social behaviour at Needham Lake. Ross Piper has kept me updated on actions in respect of this an issue particularly the bbq area at weekends and issues at Horsepond Place with Landscaping and repairs to property.

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HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is reminding parents and carers of teens staying in full-time education or training that they need to let HMRC know to continue receiving Child Benefit payments by 31 August, or their payments will automatically stop.

Opposition to power lines: At MSDC meeting held in Elmswell 19th July a motion with full cross party support re-stated their objection to the proposed Norwich to Tilbury pylon line, and a strong preference for an integrated offshore approach. The Chair of the Council will communicate these objections to the government minister.

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REPORT FOR THE THREDLING DIVISION FROM CLLR MATTHEW HICKS

Suffolk Fire Service to bring control room back to the County by the end of 2024 creating a new fire control centre in the county which, since October 2011 been shared with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire and Rescue Service in Huntingdon. The joint project has worked well, saving both fire services money. However, problems and advancements in technology, have led to this decision. The proposed new control centre will be brought to Suffolk County Council's Cabinet for approval in September 2023.

Help for Suffolk Pre-payment Meter customers. Warm Homes Suffolk is a Suffolk-wide Council partnership service, delivering energy efficiency support to low-income households. It is supported by Suffolk's Collaborative Communities Board and funding from Public Health Suffolk's Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COM F) The Service can check eligibility and support applications for grants to increase household energy efficiency, with measures such as loft and wall insulation to air source heat pumps, and draught-proofing . Over 24,000 people in Suffolk are on pre-payment meters. The service will do home visits or advise by phone or email. The COMF funding of £180,000 will enable this project to run for 12 months to provide the following: Income maximisation (through grants and benefits); Budgeting advice; Help understanding bills and heating systems; Support to reduce energy expenditure (By promoting social tariffs and support to switch suppliers); Improving household energy efficiency (By installing insulation, draught proofing, heating systems and solar panels); Facilitating switch away from prepaid meters if appropriate. If you are struggling to pay your energy bills or know someone who is, please get in touch. Pre- payment meter customers can contact prepay@eastsuffolk.gov.uk or call: Prepay West at 07769 365796, or Prepay East at 07769 366229. Referrals can be made directly from households, the voluntary sector and professionals to find prepay households who can benefit from an independent look at their bills. visit: <https://www.warmhomessuffolk.org/>



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£100m broadband investment in Suffolk under the Government's Project Gigabit around 80,000 properties in rural Suffolk. The county is one of three to benefit and was chosen for the launch of the announcement by Minister for Data and Digital Infrastructure, Sir John Whittingdale. Improved connectivity unlocks new opportunities and fuels innovation, This project is managed by BDUK and CityFibre will be installing the cabling. Decisions on where broadband infrastructure is installed will be made by BDUK and not by SCC. First installations will be in the New Year and the first live connections expected by Summer 2024. The broadband network can supporting speeds of up to 10Gbp. Many of Suffolk's small businesses are operated from households across the county, it is essential for the future of the local economy.

Council to consider new chapter for library services The current contract with Suffolk's Libraries Industrial and Provident Society (IPS), ends on 31st July 2024. In May 2023, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet agreed to protect library services by providing IPS an additional £720k per year for increased costs. The Council now needs to consider a new contract. The report to Cabinet recommends that this is procured with public consultation and by competitive tender and that the current contract with Suffolk's Libraries IPS is extended , to 31 May 2025. The new contract will be for 6 years, with the option to extend for a further 6 years. Libraries play a vital role in our local communities – offering more than books; they providing community spaces which bring people of all ages together, to learn, socialise, read and take part in activities. The proposed value of the new contract will be £6.842m per year, with an extra £0.2m for the Libraries Outreach Service.

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CREETING ST MARY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday, 11th May 2023 at 7pm at the Village Hall . All welcome!

Once a year organisations in the village present a report of their activities to the Parish Council. As there are quite a few reports they will be featured in the newsletter over the next year from:

The Chairman of the Parish Council - (June/July edition)

The District Councillor

The County Councillor (this edition)

The Village Hall Management Committee

The Newsletter

The Social Club

The Primary School

The Church

The Welfare Charities

The WI

The Blacksmiths Field - (June/July edition)

The Parochial Church Council

Cllr Matthew Hicks Annual Report to the Parish Council APM for the Thredling Division

Council to protect adult care and children's services with £47m more funding which accounts for 75% of the whole budget and is needed to meet the huge increase in demand and higher costs due to inflation. This was a result of an online survey of over 2,600 local people asking where they would spend more or less money, and their views on Council Tax.

£500,000 for Highways: to use environmentally friendly weed treatments, and stop using glyphosate which can damage wildlife. £110,000 for tree management: to support the 'right tree right place' policy, having an appropriate inspection regime and supporting the resulting tree management requirements.

£45,000 for Citizens Advice: to support work during cost of living challenges

A budget gap for next year - proposals for the Council's budget would increase by 9.6% (from £625.3m to £685.3). Additional funds would come from a total 3.99% increase in Council Tax, and an increase in funds from the Government for adult and children's social care. Regarding Council Tax, the proposed 3.99% increase would be made up of a 1.99% increase in general Council Tax and a 2.00% increase for adult care.

A landmark devolution deal, guaranteed for the next thirty years, puts money and power over building, regeneration and skills, adult education, new affordable homes on brownfield site and to improve energy efficiency in houses. The deal is Suffolk will also get a directly elected leader of the Council providing a single person who is accountable to the people of Suffolk and a local champion who can attract investment and be a stronger voice in discussions with central government. The deal also sets out the government's plans to devolve more power to Suffolk County Council through:

Investment: It will bring funding worth £480 million for local priorities.

Housing: The deal will provide £5.8 million to regenerate brownfield land into beautiful, affordable homes and drive economic growth across the area; Suffolk will also receive greater compulsory purchase powers.

Education: the Adult Education Budget to suit the needs of residents and the Suffolk economy.

Transport: An integrated transport settlement starting in 2024/25, to improve key transport infrastructure priorities.

The Environment: so Suffolk can deliver on its ambitions to be the country's greenest county with £3 million to improve energy efficiency in homes.

The deal is now subject to local consultation, a council resolution to change their governance model so that electors directly elect the council leader, and elements, such as the transfer of new powers, require parliamentary approval to secondary legislation. The deal envisages the election of a directly elected leader after May 2024. Subject to the passing of the relevant measures in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.

£2.5 million saved on energy costs as LED streetlight project - replacing 43,400 streetlights with environmentally-friendly and cost-saving LED bulbs nears completion. It has saved more than £2.5 million pounds so far. This supports

Suffolk County Council's aim to reduce carbon, light pollution, and bring down ongoing maintenance costs with a reduction of 77.64% made to date. All heritage-style lanterns are also being upgraded. The system will allow individual or groups of lights to be dimmed or switched on or off and automatically flag any lights that are not working. It supports SCC's ambition to become a carbon-neutral organisation by 2030.

The Council's Cabinet agreed funding for for children and young people with SEND. The £3million agreement marks the start of Phase 3 of the Capital Programme to create three additional specialist units providing 42 additional places for students with special educational needs and disabilities. So far, £45million has been allocated by Suffolk County Council to deliver the new places for Phase 1 and Phase 2 - £15million of which has been provided by the Department for Education. In addition, Cabinet also agreed to support the Department for Education's High Needs Provision Capital Funding (HNPCF) for 2023/24 of £7million for units in main-stream schools creating up to 168 new spaces. Cabinet has also supported the application for funding for two free schools from the Department for Education. One in east Suffolk for children with severe learning difficulties and the second in Sudbury for those with autistic spectrum disorder and complex social, emotional and mental health problems. In total, Suffolk will deliver up to 1,317 new places for children and young people with SEND by 2025/26

£7.8 million redevelopment of Foxhall Recycling Centre to begin

RG Carter Ltd has been appointed as contractor to increase capacity for cars and to meet future growth. The site will have better access to the containers and containers can be emptied without the need to close the site. £794,414 comes from East Suffolk Council through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The site will remain open to the public during construction. The Re-use shop will change location and will need to be closed for a period. Of the 11 recycling centres around the County Foxhall accounts for 19% of recycling and waste, collecting more than 12,500 tonnes a years.

County Councils unanimously agree "no" to damaging pylons proposal

Authorities in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk have united to condemn the current proposals for a 180km network of 50m tall electricity pylons. The East Anglia GREEN proposal put forward by National Grid between Norwich, Bramford and Tilbury. The councils agree that the plan for pylons is destructive and outdated, and will cause irreversible damage to the countryside, wildlife habitats and local communities. A new electricity network is needed to transmit the ambitious 50 GW of offshore wind that the Government aims to be delivered by 2030, and to connect new projects like Sizewell C. So much of this ambition falls on East Anglia, to provide energy for much of the country. The councils support the need to generate renewable and low carbon electricity, to meet Net Zero ambitions. However, they believe that more suitable, sustainable and modern alternatives have not been properly investigated, such as undersea cable routes. Formalising their long-standing positions on the East Anglia GREEN proposal, the councils join a group of 13 MPs who signed a letter criticising the consultation, along with a growing public petition

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I write as July opens and I am able to look forward to Parliament's Summer Recess. Once Summer gets underway, I enjoy spending much more time in Suffolk and discover afresh all that's great about Central Suffolk and North Ipswich. From the swathes of farmland and open skies to the local produce markets and the vibrant businesses in North Ipswich. The Summer Recess gives me the opportunity to spend all my time at home here in the constituency, something which I particularly value and relish.

The school holidays are also approaching bringing to mind the planning of holidays and activities. I am sure that with the arrival of the school summer holiday period comes a frantic last-minute attempt to draw up plans for childcare and days out, no mean feat when many households may have both parents working and therefore have to share the responsibility of covering childcare. Thank goodness for the goodwill of grandparents or other family members and friends.

We are fortunate in Suffolk as we benefit from a wide array of free and low-cost activities. Suffolk has a splendid blend of coastline, encompassing the natural beauty of Thorpeness and Dunwich as well as busy piers at Southwold and Felixstowe. Suffolk also boasts some beautiful river walks, something I was recently reminded of when I opened a brand-new footbridge for the River Gipping Trust. There are lots of village fetes, special practical activities at our libraries, nature reserves and museums and park activities for all.

The People and Nature survey carried out by Natural England demonstrated the positive role of nature in supporting children's well-being, with eight in ten of children interviewed agreeing that being in nature made them very happy. Children who reported spending more time outside (and more time noticing nature and wildlife) were more likely to report that, 'being in nature makes me very happy' compared to those who had spent less time. We are incredibly spoilt here in Suffolk with a beautiful natural environment, right here on our doorstep and just waiting to be discovered.

Local parks and private gardens are important ways of accessing green and natural spaces and with many ways to find something to appeal to all. There are things which bring to mind the simple pleasures of growing up and letting your imagination run wild, building dens, getting the paddling pool out, having picnics outdoors or creating homes for nature, all of which can be done from the back garden.

CHURCH SERVICES

for The Benefice of North Bosmere

The Benefice of North Bosmere comprises Churches of Coddtenham, Creeting St Mary, Creeting St Peter, Crowfield, Earl Stonham with Stonham Parva, Gosbeck, Hemingstone, Stonham Aspal with Mickfield. All services are Benefice Services.

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Church Services

Sun 6 August, 09.30am Morning Worship at Creeting St Peter

Sun 13 August, 11.00am Morning Prayer BCP at Creeting St Mary

Sun 20 August, 11.00am Morning Worship at Creeting St Peter

Sun 20 August, 6.30pm, Evensong with Benefice Choir at Stonham Parva

Sun 27 August, 11.00am Holy Communion at Creeting St Mary

Sun 3 September, 09.30am Morning Worship at Creeting St Peter

Sun 10 September, 11.00am Morning Worship at Creeting St Mary

Sun 17 September, 11.00am Holy Communion BCP at Creeting St Peter

Sun 24 September, 11.00am Holy Communion at Creeting St Mary

Sun 1 October, 09.30am, Harvest Worship at Creeting St Peter

Sun 8 October, 11.00am, Harvest Worship at Creeting St Mary

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Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride

Saturday, 9 September 2023

2023 is Suffolk Historic Churches Trust's 50 th anniversary year. St Mary's, Creeting St Mary will be open to welcome cyclists, walkers and any other visitors from 09:00 to mid afternoon. Sponsorship in previous years has made a significant contribution to keeping the fabric of St Mary's in good order. David Haynes and Ben Caisey are cycling for St Mary's this year; hoping that residents will continue to support their efforts. If you would like to join in please contact me for details and a sponsorship form.

(See also page 18)

Hazel Mackintosh and Nigel Smart 01449 720753 (Hazel)



From the Rectory

Rev. Philip Payne

The soil in which we grow

As this goes to print it will be harvest time. Over recent weeks I have seen the surrounding fields turning from green to golden brown. Behind the Rectory, harvesters will soon be at work. Then, only bare earth will remain until the cycle begins once more. The land is fertile, yet here in our garden, all attempts to grow vegetables have failed. Unless in pots or grow bags, our seeds succumb to birds, drought and weeds. The same land - radically different results.

Overlooking the adjoining fields, as time passes we are treated to a sort of stop-gap view of the farming year. Soon we will see the harvester at work, headlights blazing long into the night. Then, as the seasons pass, we will witness a range of activities; the ground prepared, seeds sown, fertiliser and water applied when required; a never-ending round.

The well-known harvest hymn may say *we plough the fields and scatter the good seed ... but it is fed and watered by God*, but there is more to it than that. God's contribution is vital, but so is the human; and it is never-ending. The land around us yields as it does because generations of farmers have worked it, cared for it and continue to do so. It's an ongoing commitment.

The contrast with the Rectory garden is immediate. It could bear fruit, but it would need more time and effort than we are prepared to give. The garden is a place of recreation for us and vital food and shelter to wildlife. I rely on others for my daily bread.

Watching the harvest ripening in the field I reflect that here is an image of society as a whole; the soil in which we all grow. Our health, our well-being, ultimately our very existence; all depend not only on this year's crop, but also on the well-being of the society in which we live. As the health of the farm land depends on generations of diligent labour, so too does the health of our society, it doesn't just happen, we all have a part to play. As the harvest is gathered in and the bare earth appears once more, I ponder: what will be my part in the year ahead; and what is yours?



photo courtesy Chris Bingley

Creeting St. Mary Church News.

<https://www.creeting-st-mary.suffolk.gov.uk/parish-church/>

Church Services. are the second and fourth Sunday in the month starting at 11am. Please join us for Matins or Communion.

Church opening times.

Winter months on a Sunday, Church open 12-3 pm. When the clocks change at the end of March it is open 11-4 pm. For Church festivals, see notices for opening times or ring Glynis Clint on 01449 720740,

Services. We continue to have Matins on the second Sunday and a Communion service on the 4th Sunday each month both at 11am.

Harvest festival is Sunday 8th October at 11am. Food gifts at this service will go to the food bank in Stowmarket.

Remembrance Sunday 12 th November at 9.30am.

Churchyard tidy. Saturday 12 th August from 10.30 -12 noon. As always - with refreshments and a friendly get together. The wild flowers have looked beautiful and the pyramid orchids have flourished. Parts of the church yard are managed by Ian Westgate but other areas are now need tidying. We do hope you can help that morning or when convenient for you. Thankyou.

Soup lunches in the Village Hall run by the Social Club will resume in October.

Maree's craft and afternoon tea afternoon. Saturday November 11 th at 2 pm in Vestry. Maree will sell her beautiful craft items again to raise money for the Church's vestry, do come along and start your Christmas shopping early.

Glynis Clint 01449 720740

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride 9th September, 2023

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust celebrates fifty years of raising funds to help preserve Suffolk's magnificent churches. Over £10m has been raised by the Trust and the annual sponsored bike ride (which also now incorporates walking, travelling by vintage vehicle, etc) has played a principal part, which has been copied nationally.

I have been participating in this effort for about 20 years. In recent times, since I took over Nigel Smart's long list, up to £1,000 has been contributed each year by donors in and around the Village, half going to SHCT, the other to St Mary's Church. Now, with regret, it's time for me to think about handing over this list to someone younger and fitter, and thankfully we have a willing volunteer in the Village: Ben Caisey, who has himself been contributing to Creeting St Mary's total over a number of years. I shall still be participating this year, but it may be the last time. Meanwhile, to all those who have sponsored me over the years, if it is Ben who knocks on your door this year I do hope you will be just as generous as you always have been. Thank you all.

David Haynes



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

event details are sent to members by email and Facebook

The Social Club runs regular bars on every last Friday evening of the month as well as occasional events. Normally just the bar is open for members to buy and drink and catch up with friends; but over the summer months the Friday bar will be the main focus of the Social Club activities

Calendar of events August and September

25th August Friday Bar 7pm to 10.30pm

29th September Friday Bar 7pm to 10.30pm

14th October Pudding Evening 7pm to 10.30pm

27th October Friday Bar 7pm to 10.30pm

Advanced notice : Fireworks Night November 3rd

Pudding Evening

On Saturday 14 October there will be another of our very successful Pudding Evenings at the Village Hall. The evening is arranged as a charity event, raising money for St Elizabeth Hospice and for the RNLI – half each. We will be keen for as many attendees as possible to bring along at least one pudding. All puddings are placed on a central table and we all are able to try a range of dishes, both old favourites and new experiments. The bar will be open and there will be musical entertainment provided by Lucy Roper. Tickets are £10 each and are available from Chris Bingley christine.bingley@gmail.com (01449 720324) and William Barnes wbarnes@barnesgroup.co.uk (07771 814651). The evening starts at 7pm.

Blacksmith's Field play area

At a recent inspection, it was determined that the depth of bark that provides a soft landing around the play equipment on the field had diminished through decay over time and was no longer providing the intended level of protection to children playing here. Jan Palmer, who looks after the Field for the Parish Council, leapt into action and ordered a delivery of 10 cubic metres of new bark to freshen things up. On Saturday, 15 July a group of intrepid volunteers met at the Field and, armed with wheelbarrows and shovels, quickly spread the material to create a deeper, fresher and softer playing area. Many thanks to John, Garry, Graham, Mark, Sue and David for volunteering their time so generously.

William Barnes Social Club Committee Secretary

Your Blacksmiths Field needs you!!

Proposal for a 'wheeled-sports area'

I attended the Creeping St Mary Parish Council meeting to put forward an idea of a 'wheeled-sports area' on Blacksmith's Field with ramps and a smooth-surfaced area for children to use scooters, skateboards, and roller skates!

The field already has a fantastic area for the younger children of the village; the swings, slide, climbing frame and the football goals are very popular with children of Creeping St Mary and the surrounding villages. We have a lot of children in the village that are now that bit older and ready for something more suitable and with the number of houses being built there will no doubt be more children in the village.

It was while I was at Mendlesham village with my children playing on the fantastic new 'Wheeled-Sports Area' that got me thinking, why can't we have one of these in Creeping for our older children and early teens. At Mendlesham they have a great area built for skate boarding, scootering, and roller skating. I have spoken to people in Mendlesham, and they have said *"Our Mendlesham Wheeled-Sports Area is an extremely popular, well used facility. It has brought pleasure to all who use it as well as other members of the community enjoying watching the children having fun"*

But what if we could have one here on our village playing field? Kids could use it straight after school, during the school holidays, evenings and weekends and parents can sit and enjoy a chat or even have a go themselves! It's so important for children to be outside having fun with friends new and old for their wellbeing and not sat indoors on screens!

So what I need is parents/grandparents/carers of young teens to let me know their thoughts on this so I can go back to the Parish Council. If you can email me with your - and more importantly - your children's thoughts; whether you are keen on the idea or not, we can only go ahead with plans if people reply!

Phil Piper
philippiper@outlook.com
07784 150 705



Wheeled-sports facility at Mendlesham

The Diamond Jubilee Village Hall

Changes in the Village Hall Management Committee

Janet Mayell is now the Chair, with William Barnes taking over from her as Treasurer; Sue Haynes remains Secretary.

What goes on in the Hall you may ask? Well, quite a lot!

Do take a look at our new website which you can access from the village website, and there you will find details of the classes available. We have upgraded our website entry on the Village website. Thanks to Marvin Crisp who has taken this on

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: tel. 07849 817488 csmbookhall@gmail.com

To contact the committee: creetingjubileehall@gmail.com

Trustees and Helpers are needed

Daffodil planting

After the glory of the 2000 daffodils planted last year, the Parish Council has ordered a further 5000 daffodil bulbs and 1000 native bluebells for Blacksmith's field .

There are two planting days planned on Saturday 7th October and Sunday 15th October.

It would be great if you could spare some time to help. If you're interested please let me know, with more details nearer the time.

Thanks

Hugo Craggs

07815137228

Hugocraggs@gmail.com

Seat at Jack's Green



Muntjac in the woods, Low Lane
courtesy Juliet Davis



Whistles farm from Dunches Lane
courtesy Juliet Davis



see the pages 20 and 23 below

Beauty or the Beast?
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CREETING ST. MARY WELFARE CHARITIES

**Change of nominative trustee, a very big thank you for long service
and grant application reminders**

Mrs May Aldred has decided it is now time to stand down after 31 years of voluntary service as one of the two Nominative Trustees representing the Parish Council on the Creeting Saint Mary Welfare Charities board of Trustees. On behalf of May's fellow Trustees and the whole village community a very big thank you, May, for so many years of dedicated service, it is very much appreciated.

The Trustees are pleased to welcome Rachel Craggs to fill the vacant Trustee position; Rachel has been registered with the Charity Commission as a Trustee.

A reminder to students aged 18 and over who are currently in higher or further education or are about to start a higher or further education course, monetary grants are available to you to help with the cost of your course, please see contact details carried in the Creeting St. Mary Welfare Charities item featured in every issue of this Newsletter.

A reminder also to those in receipt of the state retirement pension, should you wish to be considered for an end of year retirement grant to supplement your state pension then please contact the Trustees by the end of September. Please note that previous recipients need to reapply.

David Primmer

FUND RAISING FOR ST. ELIZABETH HOSPICE

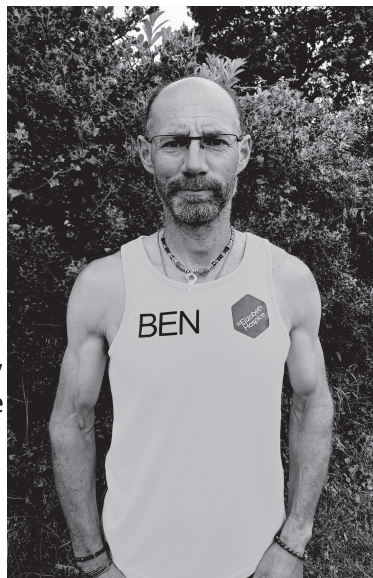
Sunday 17th September

Hello everyone, I'm Ben. I hope you're all keeping fit and healthy and enjoying this lovely summer in our beautiful little corner of Suffolk.

I'm currently in training to run the Ipswich Half Marathon in aid of our wonderful St Elizabeth Hospice - a challenging 13.1 mile run and I would be grateful for donations towards this essential place of care and support. If you would like to sponsor my running quest to help raise funds please visit my Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bencausey> Or I can add you to my sponsor form if you'd like to call or text me on 07762095674.

Heartfelt thanks and please give me a wave if you spot me running.

Enjoy Summer and embrace nature, Ben



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 or unemployment or for education. 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: (New volunteers are welcome to get in touch!)

Mr. P Stephenson (Chair) 01449 722868 Mr. D. Primmer (Hon. Clerk); Rachel Craggs, 07590825564; Mrs. P. Day 01449 720057; Mrs. K. Martin 01449 720491.

STUDENT GRANTS FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS OF CREETING SAINT MARY

If you are 18 and plan to continue in Further or Higher education you can apply for a grant. These are not loans and so no repayment is entailed, nor are they means tested. You may have a grant each year of your course. When applying please provide information on the type of course and the College or University.

GRANTS FOR RESIDENTS IN RECEIPT OF STATE PENSION

Residents of Creeting Saint Mary, with the state pension, in financial need can 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

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CREETING ST. MARY VOLUNTARY-AIDED CHURCH SCHOOL

We are in the final half term of the school year and it has been a fantastic one!

Our Year 5 and 6 class performed their production for parents and family, with many outstanding performances. A real positive end to the school year for them!



Ash & Oak Class, Reception, year 1 and 2, spent the day at the beach towards the end of term, building sandcastles, buying and eating ice creams and napping on the bus on the way home! The weather held out thankfully and lots of memories were made.

Our Year 3 and 4 class have had a wonderful musical performance, opening the Summer Fayre for us. Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre, we moved it to a Friday afternoon this year and it was such a lovely community vibe! The weather was perfect, the BBQ was ideal and the Talent Show was full of excellent acts once again. We are counting up final costs but have made around £900 for the school PSA which is fantastic.

This term we say goodbye to our Year 6 class, with most of them going up to Debenham High School in September. We wish them all well, and look forward to hearing how they are getting on.

In class we have spent a morning looking at some of our school values of Perseverance and Wisdom with lots of activities going on throughout the school. We also have a wellbeing day coming up in the last week of term where pupils are able to create, listen, make, play and discover. We will be adding photos on to the website soon. The children have been looking at making fruit salads and writing up recipes, writing super-hero stories, and attending Crucial Crew at the Mix in Stowmarket.

We are back on Wednesday September 6th when we welcome in our new starters who have all been to visit the school and spend some time in Ash Class getting to know their teachers and teaching staff as well as the classroom.

This term is always a busy one for everyone involved, and the summer break will be well-timed for all of us!

F. Knights, Chair, PSA (Parents Staff Association) Committee

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

Autumn Term 2023
4 Sep - 20 Dec PD days 4th and 5th
Autumn Half Term
23 Oct - 27 Oct PD day 30th Oct

Footpaths and Bridleways

At this time of year we should expect an increase in the growth of grass, hedges, bushes and the like on our footpaths but what we don't expect is that these growths can be severe enough to hinder our ability to walk a well established footpath. One such case is All Saints Road from Jack's Green Road running uphill to the church. Suffolk County Council were requested several times to do some major trimming of the hazards on this footpath but their reply has given me little hope that it would be done soon – *"We believe that at this time it does not warrant remedial action"*. Unfortunately it seems they have other priorities. In my view this is just not good enough especially when SCC say they have inspected the path so they can see what we, the public, are complaining about but still don't commit to action nor give us a date for the work to be done. This is not the only footpath I've reported either -this path is well-used by many of you. However, I can now report (as at 22nd July 2023) that the status of this footpath is now just as it was when reported at the beginning of the month - no action has yet been taken on site by SCC.

Enough of my moans, All Saints Road may well be cleared very soon I hear, perhaps even before you get this Newsletter!

Paul Scully (01449 721461) paul@impressions41.plus.com

Some Jokes to cheer you up:

Mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid.
When I quizzed him about it he reckoned that he could stop any time!

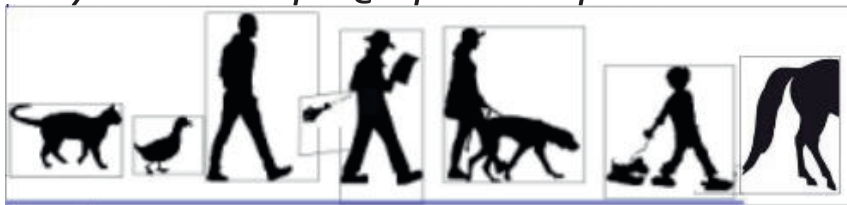
I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed four grave diggers walking about with a coffin. Three hours later and they were still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!

A new Middle-East crisis erupted last night as Dubai Television was refused permission to broadcast "The Flintstones". A spokesman for the channel said "A claim was made that people in Abu Dubai do not understand the humour, but we know for a fact that people in Abu Dhabi Don't"!

I start a new" job in Seoul next week. It seems a good Korea move.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning. Can you believe that 2:30am? Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.

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A BIT OF HISTORY

Creeting Witches – Who Was the Second Alleged Witch in 1645?

(Continued from May/June '23)

In the last newsletter I told the tale of the alleged witch Ann Hamer, hung for her confession of sleeping with the Devil. She was one of two alleged witches being tried in 1645 for witchcraft according to John Stearne, an associate of the self-styled Matthew Hopkins, the “Witchfinder General”. The details of Ann Hammer’s demise was from the same record as the second miscreant’s which I found at Ipswich Records Office. So, who was this other unfortunate person? He was Nicholas Hempstead.

The text that follows is taken from, as far as I’m aware, a direct transcription of what John Stearne wrote in his prosecution notes. You may find it difficult to follow. One can only assume this a typical prosecution at the time.

Nicholas Hempstead of Creeting in Suffolk, being found upon exhortations, and laying the heinousness of the sin, and God’s Judgements, and Gods mercy and the like, notwithstanding he at first railed on me in very opprobrious terms, yet presently sent for me, and would have asked for forgiveness, he presently confessed that he had made a league and Covenant with the Devil, and how he had confirmed it with his blood; And the shape of his Imps and of the Devil when they covenanted, and how he killed a horse of one of the constables, because he pressed him for a soldier, and five of the best in Colonel Rochesters Troop; And divers other things he had done making a large confession, with a great deal of penitence and sorrow, which he so continued with (as I once heard) to his very execution without alteration.)

Nicholas Hempstead was hanged in 1645 at Bury St Edmunds on 27 th August. The day after Ann Hamer.

Footnote:

Eventually, there was a question of the validity of the witch-finder’s claims, which were coming under increasing scrutiny. In light of newly emerging (and more tolerant) ways of thinking, both the veracity and the beliefs surrounding the prosecution of witches were coming under question. In the face of increasing opposition, both Hopkins and Stearne defended their methods. They claimed that methods such as sleep deprivation, enforced marching and intense psychological pressure were required to break the will of a witch. These explanations were widely dismissed in the face of growing judicial opposition, and in Norfolk both men were charged with utilization of undue torture and pandering to the court. These charges prompted hasty retirements for both men, and Hopkins returned to Manningtree in August 1646. Less than a year later, Hopkins was dead from an apparent bout of tuberculosis. By the time of his death, Hopkins had been at the heart of the bloodiest chapter in the history of witchcraft in England.

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Would you like to be Local Recorder for CRETING ST MARY?

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme. we ensure that the 'present' is recorded at local level for the 'future'. They would note significant events and collect the parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings and submit these to the Suffolk Records Office. There is a Newsletter and an annual conference. www.slhc.org.uk contact recorders@slhc.org.uk



NEEDHAM MARKET AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Needham Market Community Centre, IP6 8BB

Details of the full programme can be found at nmdhs.onesuffolk.net
Membership is annual at £7.50. Meetings are once a month usually on the first Thursday at 7.30pm with occasional outings to see gardens and an annual supper in October. If you are interested in joining email: sec.hortsoc@gmail.com or come to a meeting.

PROGRAMME 2023

AUGUST - No meeting

SEPTEMBER 7 th - Wild Flowers and orchids, Roger Hance

OCTOBER 5th - Wasps, Hawk Honey

NOVEMBER 2nd - TBC, Ruth Goudy

Needham Market Library

The old Middle School music room in School Street, Needham Market IP6 8BB

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Creting St. Mary Women's Institute

Diamond Jubilee Hall, 49 All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, IP6 8NF

Meetings are at 7.30pm 2nd Wednesday of the month.

On July 12th Sophie of Khloris Florists Needham Market held a very hands-on meeting as members were guided through ways to display flowers. Sophie made the evening fun with useful tips on how to look after flowers after cutting. All members commented on an enjoyable evening so thank you Sophie. Find Khloris on Facebook and nstagram @KhlorisSuffolk

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Women's Institute Day 16th September 2023 10:30 until 12:30

We would like to invite you, your friends and family to the Jubilee Hall. There will be a wide range of activities including a visit from a princess {11:30-12}, table top craft sale, tombola, raffle, archive memorabilia from 1947 , and tea and cake. Free entry.

Sept. 13th Commonwealth War Graves: *Gardening the world-* Megan Maltby. **October 11th** Social evening

November 8th *All tied up in knots* with Helen Garth

December 13th Christmas lunch

Trilly Roper on 07535788289 or email trillyann47@gmail.com

Stowmarket Eco-futures Group (SEFG)

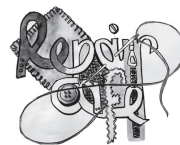


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stowmarketecofuture@gmail.com

stowrepaircafe@gmail.com

Contact Stella Davis 07599 398866

Financial help for Home Insulation

If your household income is between £31,000 and £45,000, SEFG have £200 to give 35 people, for home insulation. SEFG has been selected by Suffolk Climate Change Partnership (SCCP) in a pilot scheme to subsidise products which reduce energy consumption. The list of products is below:

- Roof insulation for new work or to add to current insulation.
- Chimney cushions to reduce draughts.
- Thermal film to insulate windows.
- Radiator reflector panels.
- Letterbox draught excluders.
- Loft hatch insulation
- Low energy light bulbs. (only with larger orders)

SEFG will bulk-buy from Travis Perkins providing approval for the subsidy. The maximum subsidy is limited to £200 but can be used as a contribution to a total order of more than £400. Installation is the responsibility of the householder. Contact us soon so we can judge demand. The total available is fixed so it will be first come first served. Contact stowmarketecofuture@gmail.com

Those with household incomes lower than £31,000 can apply for installed insulation etc from <https://www.warmhomessuffolk.org/>
Free loft and wall insulation with installation can be claimed for homes in Council Tax Bands A, B, C or D. See - Connected for Warmth
<https://www.connectedforwarmth.org.uk/> freephone 0800 107 8576.

Stella Davis 07599 398866

CREETING NATURE NOTES

helping nature to help us

LILLEY'S WOOD

It is summer and the wood is flourishing. The purple pyramid orchids and bee orchids have put on a fine display with many other wild flowers better able to grow, set seed and die down again due to the cutting back of scrub and bramble over the winter months to give sun and space for the rare chalkland flowers.

Members of the working parties met for cake and refreshments and a good walk round in June, admiring the improvements that have been made. The working parties will get going again in October when the leaves are off the trees and hedges. Contact William if you would like to come along to one over the winter months.



The floral abundance we are aiming for

William Barnes 07771 814651.

Ed. :Do go and have a look!

As the area is special for lots of different wildlife and plants unusual in the area, please limit disturbance and keep dogs under close control.

Suffolk Tree Warden Network (STWN)

Tree wardens champion trees and hedgerows - to tackle climate change, loss of biodiversity and providing 'corridors' for wildlife. Suffolk has only 8% tree cover (London - 20%). STWN help with Community Tree Nurseries and offers free locally-sourced tree and hedgerow plants. 30,000 trees have been planted in the last 4 years, STWN works with the Woodland Trust, The Tree Council, County, District & Parish Councils

www.suffolktreewardens.org.uk. secretary@suffolktreewardens.org.uk

ED: water newly-planted trees fortnightly or more often if there has been no significant rain or check the soil is moist 2-3inches down. Drying out is the cause of many failures in the first 2 years. Mulching reduces the need for watering and improves survival rates

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Tell us about your interesting encounters with wildlife - not just birds perhaps. Ed.

The big issue of our times?

The subject of this article is a matter not even thought of when I was young, much disputed for many years, controversial even now and rarely discussed. You might think it would be BREXIT, Instead, the subject is climate change.

Some deny it is happening, including a few prominent politicians, others think it may be happening but it is not important. Some see it but feel powerless to make a difference, and a minority, are taking personal action.

Is there evidence? There is a lot. Emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are the cause. Climate scientists have tracked gases in the atmosphere over millennia by analysis of gas particles in Antarctic ice. Emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are rising.

Can we sense the reality? We could take the view that our climate varies from year to year and always has done. However, it is easy to find evidence to show the long term trend in temperatures is strongly and dangerously upward. See NASA (<https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/global-temperature/>) for the global picture over 100 years.

Nearer to home, Nicholas Watts a Lincolnshire farmer, has been keeping detailed weather records and recently shared concerning data. His farm's 50 year average temperature for June is 15.05 degrees centigrade. This June, the average was 16.2 degrees. The hottest Junes have all occurred in the last 20 years. The average temperature for his farm has risen near to 10% – a very major change.

Why is this happening? First: people, particularly in advanced economies are the cause. In 1950 there were 2,500,000,000 people on the earth it is now 8,000,000,000, and rising— meaning more use of oil, coal etc. Second, more cars, heating and cooling houses and travelling further for holidays – perhaps Majorca rather than Blackpool. Third, huge areas of natural forest and peatland which once stored carbon have been replaced with commercial forestry and agriculture, releasing carbon instead. The hotter and drier climate is making massive wild fires common releasing huge amounts of carbon. The heat is melting ice at the poles and glaciers on mountains at an alarming rate.

Action is being taken to generate power through wind turbines and solar panels rather than burning of coal, oil or gas. Politicians have met regularly to agree action plans to cut emissions, notable in Kyoto and Paris. These have not been met and greenhouse gases are still rising. What will be the consequences be for us, our children and grand-children and for the natural world of a hotter climate? Scientists advise that there are already serious problems which will get much worse quickly if action is not taken at country and at individual level. Events today in the USA, southern Europe and Korea seem just a sample of what is to come. We can all do more but, to make a big change, governments must do much more. One thing you can do is to ensure politicians know our concerns.

William Barnes

Stowmarket Wildlife Group Suffolk Wildlife Trust



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 all 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 Bonny Wood, Combs Wood, Bradfield Woods Bulls Wood. Mickfield Meadow, Black Bourn Valley,

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FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

28th June: SUFFOLK THROUGH THE SEASONS

Kevin Sawford professional wildlife photographer showed the diverse flora and fauna of the County. Illustrated with his published and award winning images. Kevin runs photography workshops for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and is one of the RSPB images agency photographers for the RSPB magazine, literature and merchandise.



Next event

SEPTEMBER 27th September – HOGGING IN HEDGEROWS -

With Paula Baker from the Suffolk Prickles Hedgehog Rescue

**Help is needed with organising events
if you can please phone: 07722 871205**



To check event updates see www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events

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Each issue we print a contribution from this charity but my recent experience showed me that this free advice service does work. I became worried after 3 phone calls informing me that money had been taken from my bank account fraudulently. I could not find a person to speak to at my bank so called CA. I left a message as requested and within 3 hours my call was returned. As I was not at home to take it another call was promised after the weekend, and sure enough I did then speak to an adviser who took my concerns seriously, but reassured me it was a scam and gave me advice on how to deal with such things in future.

It sounds so simple but I found it most helpful to speak to a human rather than fight through online communication.

CA now attend a drop in session at Needham Market Community Centre every Friday morning from 9.30 till 12.30 with no appointment needed.

Or phone 01449 676060

Kathryn Martin



Mid Suffolk

My oldest child is starting school in September and with uniforms and PE kits, the costs are already mounting. We're already pretty stretched, so I'm not sure how to cover these new costs. Is there any extra help I can get?

The start of a school year can be tough for many people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available.

On the National Citizens Advice website:

citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/help-with-school-costs there is information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs.

If you're claiming benefits you may get extra help for things like school lunches, transport and uniforms. If you are not online, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can advise on the telephone or in person.

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 automatically get free school meals. For older children, you can apply for free school meals if you claim certain types of benefits. The full list is available on the Citizens Advice website, and includes Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support.

Schools can advise on finding cheap or free second hand uniforms.

Often the school will have a second hand uniform shop, where the cost is much cheaper. A lot of schools accept cheaper non-logo items rather than official school uniform, so do check with your school if this is the case.

If your child is disabled or has a health condition, you can also claim Disability Living Allowance (this isn't means-tested).

A lot of people's budgets are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but help is available with starting school costs.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can advise on many issues: such as debt, employment, benefits and family law.

Contact Tel: 01449 742477 or 676060 or the form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/
Consumer helpline is 0808 223 1133 or ask an online adviser

Stowmarket address: 5 Milton Rd. South, IP14 1EZ - opening hours are
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STOWE VETS

How does the new cat microchipping law affect you?

It's heartbreaking when a beloved family pet goes missing, and searching for them can be stressful and daunting. While some cats are found, sadly not all lost cats are returned home. However, a new law aims to reunite more lost cats with their families.

What is the law?

The new law makes microchipping mandatory for owned cats above 20 weeks old. Cats must be microchipped by 10 June 2024, and owners who have not microchipped their cat will have 21 days to get their cat microchipped, or face a fine of up to £500.

What is microchipping?

Microchipping is a simple procedure in which a chip, smaller than a grain of rice, is implanted between your cat's shoulders. The chip has a code which, when scanned, provides veterinary practices or animal shelters with the owner's contact details from the microchip database. The procedure is quick, painless, and should feel no different to having a booster jab. The chip won't cause them discomfort or pain and they are unlikely to know it's there. Microchips are not linked to GPS, and do not track your cat's location.

Why is microchipping important?

Microchipping your cat is the most efficient way of ensuring that, should your cat become lost or stolen, pet authorities can return them home. Earlier this year Battersea released data showing that 59 per cent of cats that were brought into their shelter were not microchipped, which meant that cats were three times less likely to be returned home than dogs.

It's important that both outdoor and indoor cats are chipped as, if they escape, indoor cats can be particularly confused when outside. Collars and ID tags are no substitute for microchipping, as they can fall off or be removed.

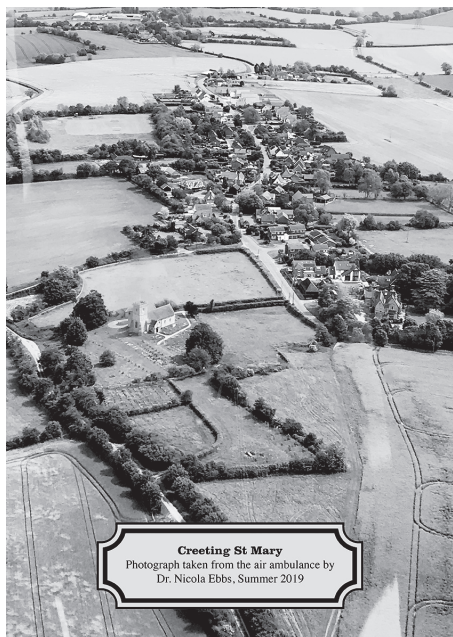
How can you get your cat microchipped?

All veterinary practices offer microchipping and, rather than waiting for the deadline, it is best to microchip your cat and register your contact details as soon as possible.

For more information contact:

Stowe Veterinary Group on 01449 613130 or visit stovevets.co.uk

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Copies of this wonderful photo taken by Dr Nicola Ebbs from the East Anglian Air Ambulance are available for sale with the proceeds going to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

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Creeting St Mary Website

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

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

The 3 village notice boards are located at:

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

Janet Mayell (Village Hall Management Committee Chair) .

To hire all or part of the hall: contact 07849 817488 csmbookhall@gmail.com

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