



Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council

NEWS LETTER



AUTUMN 2012

'SEEK THE COMMON GOOD'

There's a dirty great hole in the ground

It cannot escape many residents attention that at long last work commenced in late July on pumping out Limes Pond and then removing many years of silt build up. It was interesting to find that the pond was actually much deeper in the north-west corner.

Thanks to the wet weather this year the work had to be rescheduled several times as there was little point in trying to pump water out whilst it was continually running off the road! However, the weather is still working against us, as since the de-silting was completed there has been very little rainfall to help refill the area. A few good downpours please!

The fish from the pond were removed by Framlingham Fisheries Ltd, but will not be replaced with the same varieties – it is clear that someone has been off-loading excess goldfish into the pond. Whilst the principle was admirable, goldfish are not a native species and we would request that this does not continue. Framlingham Fisheries will be re-stocking with more appropriate species once there is sufficient water in the pond.

Whilst there has been relatively easy access, Greenways have carried out some coppicing work on the dense shrubbery at the rear of the pond. This allows more light to penetrate the water area and helps prevent re-silting from decaying leaves.

The pond fencing is due some repair work and there will be a maintenance access gate inserted at the western end. In addition the small garden area within the fenced area is due to be



Getting stuck in – almost literally – while clearing the sediment from Limes pond

re-planted. Once this is complete the village sign will be reinstated following a re-paint and new support post.

A word of thanks must go to Joanne Mudhar of the Oak Tree Low-Carbon Farm who allowed the silt removed from the pond to be spread on her land. This saved several thousand pounds in landfill charges. Holmes Plant Ltd provided the equipment and manpower for the pumping and silt removal – our thanks to them for a job professionally carried out. Finally thanks are due to Parish Councillor Ron Nunn who was on-site for the main work, co-ordinating the efforts of all involved – we think he just wanted to play on the Tonka toys !

Editors Note: The words about NOT offloading goldfish into the Limes Pond are also applicable to Chestnut Pond.

Would you like to see advertising in this space?

We are thinking of offsetting some of the costs of producing this newsletter by selling advertising space. If you have any views on this or are interested in advertising your product or service please contact us for more details. This newsletter is published two times a year at present and reaches approximately 2,650 homes.

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LOOKING BACK

Rushmere St Andrew of 1981

In 1981 (yes, 31 years ago) a booklet entitled 'Picture of a Parish' was published by the Parish Council. The following is an extract under the title 'Traffic'

'A new Ipswich By-Pass is being constructed, with a bridge over the River Orwell. When completed this new road will considerably reduce the amount of traffic on the Woodbridge Road (A12) which passes along the northern boundary of the Common.

The Street through the village has been improved recently with the addition of a footpath but complaints are still received of cars travelling too fast along this narrow road.

To the south of the Parish problems are encountered on the Foxhall Road on occasions when Stock Cars Racing or Speedway meetings are being held at the Foxhall Stadium.'

In some respects little has changed after 31 years, we still moan about speeding in The Street and Foxhall Road, but I suspect traffic levels are now much higher 31 years later and we can only guess at the traffic snarl-ups there would be if the Orwell Bridge had not been constructed!

Hello and goodbye at Broke Hall Community Primary School

The end of term saw the retirement of Mr Richard Griffiths, after a four year period as Head Teacher at the primary school and over 34 years in teaching as a whole. During the past four years, Mr Griffiths contributed to raising the School's Ofsted grading from 'satisfactory' to 'good'.

He has continued to work hard with pupils, staff and governors to address the few areas considered in need of improvement at the last (2008) inspection. He is hopeful that the next inspection, which is expected in the near future, will see the school classed as 'outstanding'.

He has also been a strong supporter of activities outside the classroom such as the Year 6 PGL activities week. Members of the school community and many local parents will remember him with respect and affection and we wish him and his wife a long and happy retirement.

At his leaving event, Mr Griffiths was presented with a bicycle and accessories and we hope that he will enjoy having the time to explore our beautiful countryside.

Mrs Jenny Barr was appointed to take up the post of Head Teacher on Mr Griffiths' retirement and started her work at the Primary School at the beginning of the Autumn Term. She comes to the School following a six year period as Head Teacher at Rushmere Hall Primary School and is therefore very experienced and is also familiar with the local education framework. She is keen to ensure that the children are at the heart of the school.

Her overall priority is to offer the best possible opportunities for the whole of the school community. She describes herself as a 'people person' and is working hard to get to know everyone. We wish Mrs Barr all the best in her new post and hope that she will be successful in all her endeavours.

Mirabel Brown, Parish Councillor and School Governor

Waste – the bits we don't like to mention

These days we take for granted our water supply and sewage services provided by the utility companies – in our case Anglian Water, but events can happen which make you realise that modern living standards place extra strain on some old and well established parts of the sewage and pumping network.

About 18 months ago there was a single incident of foul water rising from the ground in the Mill Stream Local Nature Reserve. It turned out that there were problems with the pump alarm system in the Foxhall pumping station (near the Stadium) and the underground chamber was overflowing.

At that stage it was simply that, but incidents started to occur more frequently and it was eventually realised that the pumping control systems were being thwarted by what is termed as 'ragging' – the accumulation of items that do not disintegrate easily, cleansing wipes, disposable nappies, sanitary products, cotton buds, fats, oils, etc etc.

Anglian Water have now installed new equipment which is more 'rag' tolerant and increased the cleansing frequency (de-ragging) of the main pumping chambers, but the danger of chamber overflow is still present unless we all do our bit to limit the amount of non-human waste products put down the loo.

With this newsletter are two circulars from Anglian Water which give some ideas on how you can help with the waste problem.

More from the Fit Village Initiative

One of the most requested activities from this survey is Pilates. For those of you who are interested there are now two classes which have recently started at Village Hall in Humber Doucy Lane.

The first runs on a Tuesday evening 7.00-7.45 pm contact Jackie Flewitt on 07810 001662, the second runs on a Sunday evening 5.30-6.15 pm contact Fiona Goodwin on 01473 809472.

For those of you interested in Yoga, Caroline Glason runs a class at Tower Hall on Tuesday mornings 9.30-11.00 am. She can be contacted on 07773 133108.

The latest list of Health Walks is now listed on our web site under Health and Leisure.

District Youth Forum

Did you know that there is an active Youth Forum in our District? This covers Rushmere St Andrew, Kesgrave and Martlesham, and meets quarterly to advance projects providing activities for or supporting our local young people. This forum membership includes representation from the UK Youth Parliament, local young people as well as councillors/officers from Rushmere St Andrew, Kesgrave and Martlesham Parish Councils.

A couple of current projects on the go include the provision of a BMX/dirt jumping track at Martlesham Heath, a community radio project (known as KCR), and a graffiti clean-up/improvement project.

The Youth Forum has also taken on the challenge of continuing Youth Club provision for the area, after Suffolk County Council withdrew the majority of their funding from this area in late 2011. Thanks to lots of hard work, sessions continue on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Youth Club based on the Kesgrave High School campus.

It's hoped that future activities will include making the Suffolk Mobile Skatepark available in our area.

At the time of writing, the BMX track is almost complete – so by the time you read this it is hoped it will be in service. You will find the track near the Black Tiles pub, off Black Tiles Lane/ Carol Avenue).

Cllr Mark Sones

Still more newsletter distributors needed

Thank you all so much for the wonderful response to our previous requests. There are just a few more areas to cover in order to break down some of the larger rounds into smaller groups and make it more manageable for the current distributors.

Woodbridge Road odds 3 to 49 and evens 14 to 106

Elm Road

Linksfild and Linksfild Gardens

The Street 7 to 95 and The Willows

All offers to Jean Potter, Assistant Clerk 01473 723409 or email assistantclerk@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk



The BMX/dirt jumping track at Martlesham Heath

Ten facts about the Parish

- 1 There are 15 elected Parish Councillors – all Parish Councillors give of their time voluntarily and claim no expenses.
- 2 There are three District Councillors who represent the parish ward at Suffolk Coastal District Council. In the current electoral round those same three District Councillors have a dual role in that they are also elected Parish Councillors.
- 3 There are two County Councillors who represent the parish ward of Kesgrave and Rushmere St Andrew at Suffolk County Council.
- 4 There are 5,023 electors registered in the parish (as at December 2011) making Rushmere St Andrew one of the larger parishes in the Suffolk Coastal Area.
- 5 There are approximately 2,650 dwellings in the parish.
- 6 In 1801 the population of Rushmere St Andrew was 287, a far cry from the present 6,062 (2001 census). The 2011 census results are not yet available but an estimate made in 2010 put the population of the parish at 6,510.
- 7 The Parish Council owns and maintains two children's playgrounds in Salehurst Road and Broadlands Way. Weekly safety inspections are carried out by Suffolk Coastal Services on behalf of the Parish Council plus an annual ROSPA inspection. The PC is currently negotiating with Suffolk Coastal District Council to take on ownership/control of additional play areas at Chestnut Close and Kelvedon Drive.
- 8 The Parish Council owns and maintains 23 litter bins and 24 doggie bins. They are scheduled for emptying weekly on Thursday mornings by Suffolk Coastal Services.
- 9 The Parish Council owns and maintains 10 roadside grit bins. They are kept supplied with salt/grit by the County Council Highways department. We hope to provide another two bins this year.
- 10 The Parish Council owns and maintains 16 noticeboards situated around the parish. Three of those noticeboards are located in each of the three bus shelters also owned by the Parish Council. Don't forget the website for more local information at www.rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net

Feet need a rest? – Well, the Parish Council owns 33 seats/benches scattered around the parish including eight in the Lawn Cemetery.

Bus services in the parish continues on next page

Since the end of July, various changes have been made to bus services running through the Parish, much has been written in the press and indeed the phrase 'bus wars' has come into vogue.

Under the auspices of the Transport Act 1985, from 1986 two kinds of bus services have been provided being known as 'commercial' and 'subsidised'.

Any bus operator can run whatever commercial services it wants to as long as it gives eight weeks notice of an introduction of a service, withdrawal

or timetable change. Commercial services are those provided without any subsidy (except for the provision of concessionary fares and a subsidy offset against fuel duty). There is no restriction on the fares which can be charged.

Additionally, local authorities are able to arrange bus services which bus operators can be paid to operate. These are routes which are considered socially necessary, but are not commercially viable. The fares, routes and times of these subsidised services are set by the local authority. However, local

authorities would normally seek competitive tenders for these services which could lead to different operators running daytime and evening services at differing prices! Subsidised services are often evening, early morning or Sunday journeys on routes which are commercial during the day on Monday to Saturday. However, some routes may be totally subsidised.

In England, many bus services are run by large national, often international, transportation companies such as FirstGroup, Stagecoach, Go-Ahead, Arriva and Abellio. Often they will

Operator	No.	Route	Frequency Mon-Sat	Frequency Sun	Notes
Ipswich Buses	4	Ipswich-Broke Hall-Bixley Farm via Felixstowe Road	Half-hourly daytime service	None	Starting 23 rd September 2012
First Group	55	Ipswich-Bixley Farm via Foxhall Road	Half-hourly, 2 hourly evenings	2-hourly evenings	Intertwined with 56 to give quarter-hourly /hourly service to Arundel Way
First Group	56	Ipswich-Broke Hall via Foxhall Road	Half-hourly, 2 hourly evenings	2-hourly evenings	Intertwined with 55 to give quarter-hourly /hourly service to Arundel Way
FirstGroup	63	Ipswich-Woodbridge-Framlingham via Woodbridge Road East	7/8 daytime buses each way	None	
FirstGroup	64	Ipswich-Woodbridge-Aldeburgh via Woodbridge Road East	12 daytime buses each way	None	
First Group	64A	Ipswich-Woodbridge-Melton	1 evening service each way	None	Subsidised service
FirstGroup	65	Ipswich-Woodbridge-Rendlesham via Woodbridge Road East	5-8 daytime buses each way	None	
FirstGroup	66	Ipswich Railway Station- Martlesham Heath via Woodbridge Road East & Beech Road	All day service, 2-4 per hour weekdays, 2-3 Saturdays	Half-hourly	
FirstGroup	67	Ipswich Railway Station-Martlesham Heath via Foxhall Road	7 morning eastbound, 7 late afternoon westbound	None	Mondays to Fridays only
PF Travel, Beestons, Carters	71/72	Orford-Ipswich via Playford Road & The Street	Very infrequent service – please refer to timetables	None	Subsidised service
Go-Ahead Anglian	165	Ipswich-Woodbridge-Rendlesham-Leiston-Aldeburgh via Woodbridge Road East	10 daytime buses each way	None	
Ipswich Buses	192F	Ipswich Railway Station-Martlesham Heath via Felixstowe Road, Broke Hall & Foxhall Road	6 eastbound, 8 westbound 09.00-16.00	None	Mondays to Fridays only

Additionally, significant volumes of buses pass just outside the Parish, in the Ipswich Hospital Area. Mainly town services, operated by Ipswich Buses and Carters, FirstGroup routes 75 and 88 give longer distance opportunities to travel to Felixstowe, via Trimley, and Stowmarket, via Needham Market.

Whilst acknowledging the individual bus operators have their own websites, compilation of this article revealed that they are sometimes a little slow to be updated. To look up current and forthcoming timetables for all services, together with journey planning, the following websites would appear to be extremely comprehensive –

www.suffolkonboard.com/ www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk/

To keep an eye on what is in the pipeline, the 'eight week' application lists can be found at

www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/publications/noticesandproceedings/np-easterntrafficarea/np-easterntrafficarea.htm

trade under a historic well established local name. Alongside these large companies, smaller independent companies also run services with local examples being Ipswich Buses, Galloway, Carters and Beestons.

CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL

Income for these services comes from two sources – sale of tickets and concessionary travel. With the exception of subsidised services, ticket prices charged are at the behest of the operator but typically offered are adult, child, season and rover tickets. With regards to concessionary travel, the passenger pays nothing but the Government, via the Local Authority, picks up the tab – an example being Ipswich Park and Ride (which falls outside the Government Scheme) where pass-holders can travel at a discounted rate courtesy of Suffolk County Council.

Concessionary travel throughout England is normally available between 09.30 and 23:00 weekdays and all day weekends and Public Holidays, although Local Authorities do have discretion to vary this, but at their expense. Two types of Concessionary Permit are available, one for qualifying disabled persons and one for older persons.

The disabled version is available additionally to persons who would be refused a driving licence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 physical fitness rules – perhaps following a serious operation which might not lead to permanent disability. With regards to older person age qualification, whether you are male or female, this is the date when a female of your age reaches retirement age.

Under current Government legislation, this is on a delayed, rolling basis so for example anybody born on 1 July 1951, receives their bus pass on 6 September 2012 when just over 61 years of age whereas a person with a birth date of 1 July 1952 will be more than 62 years of age when they receive theirs on 6 September 2014.

SHAKE UP OF SERVICES

For a number of years, the service in the Parish remained fairly static, with one exception being the loss of weekday evening and all Sunday services in the Bixley Farm and Broke Hall areas. Initially, provided on a commercial basis, the operator decided to withdraw these services which were replaced for a while via a Suffolk

County Council subsidised service on an hourly basis, latterly reduced to a single return bus service on weekday evenings.

However a major shakeup of services has recently started and is still ongoing! What started it is open to conjecture, but what is a fact is one of the large operators Go-Ahead has recently appeared on the local scene. Having had abortive discussions with Ipswich Buses a few years ago, no fewer than three well established local firms (Anglian, Hedingham and Chambers) have all become part of the Go-Ahead

So what bus services are provided through the Parish? Hopefully the list opposite should provide the answer. But don't forget that operators only have to give eight weeks' notice of service changes. This list has been compiled to include applications made up to 22 August 2012.

group since March 2012. Approaching 200 buses were acquired and included was one route passing through the eastern side of Ipswich – the historic domain of First and Ipswich Buses!

ROUTES CHANGED

On 29 July 2012, FirstGroup revised a number of services on the eastern side of Ipswich, both route-wise antimetable-wise. A commercial evening and Sunday service was reintroduced to the Bixley Farm and Broke Hall areas, but clearly to the annoyance of some passengers and also Ipswich Buses, the routes were changed from traversing the Felixstowe Road corridor into Ipswich to that of the Foxhall Road corridor.

ADDITIONAL BUSES

Ipswich Buses then introduced additional buses along the Foxhall Road corridor from 12 August, and from 23 September they will be introducing a weekday daytime service to Broke Hall and Bixley Farm via the Felixstowe Road corridor! But one not to be overlooked is that the now Go-Ahead subsidiary Anglian Buses service 165, mentioned left, is changing from a subsidised service to a commercial service! It should also be noted that downward fare revisions and promotional multi-ticket offers have started. Can we see an element of 'bus wars' in progress?

The Lawn Cemetery

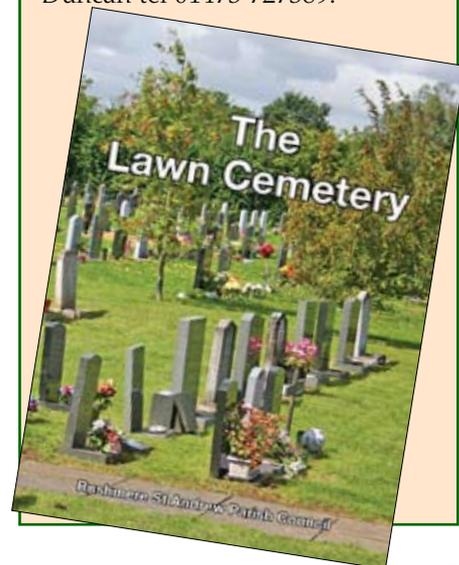
There comes a sad time in every family when we have to say goodbye to loved relatives for the last time, but memories can linger especially in the form of a well-kept burial place with headstone. The Parish Council is a registered burial authority and takes pride in running and maintaining its own Lawn Cemetery situated to the rear of St Andrew's Church.

The cemetery can be reached via the pathway through the church grounds or by the footpath to the right of the church. It is a beautiful and peaceful place to visit.

Anyone who has been a resident in Rushmere St Andrew for six months or more at any time in their past can be buried there at resident's rate which is considerably cheaper than for those outside the parish. The Cemetery also has a specific area laid out for the burial of cremated remains, which again has preferential rates for residents.

There is a Lawn Cemetery booklet available with further details of the facility and the very necessary regulations. Copies of the booklet may be obtained from the Assistant Clerk Jean Potter, 01473 723409 or email assistantclerk@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk.

The booklet may also be viewed on the Parish Council website at <http://rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/the-lawn-cemetery/> Burial enquiries should be directed to our Burial Registrar Andrew Duncan tel 01473 727389.



The Squally Mob spreads it around

This is the name been given to the group of youths who hang around Broadlands Way shopping area, Tower Hall car park and the children's playground in the evenings, nights, and at weekends.

But why squally mob? Have you seen these areas lately first thing in the mornings after the previous evenings litter spreading by the squally mob? Try Saturday and Sunday mornings for maximum impact.

The amount of litter spread by these teenagers is truly amazing. The empty drink and beer cans, cigarette ends, food and sweet wrappings, paper napkins, and take away food containers are a sight to be seen. With a diet such as this, it's not surprising that many are sick on the paths and grassed areas. Areas of the playground are being used as a toilet urinal, and even condoms and tampons are found occasionally.

The children's play area with slides, swings etc, designed for the younger 3 to 12 year age group now seems to be the 'in' place to be, drawing a collection of motor scooters and cars in the car parks – no quiet exhaust pipes for this bunch of vehicles either! Bicycles are being ridden around the play area, and a gaggle of giggling girl supporters often follow the antics of the displaying young male element, all combined with vandalism to surrounding properties.

Please help to stamp this out. Dial 101 or (if urgent) 999 to report this very anti-social behaviour to the police. Make a note of any registration numbers where necessary.

The play area is cleaned up by volunteers early some mornings, so you might have to be up with the lark to view your kid's droppings. This debris removal is not done every

morning – leaving a mess for the young children with their mums who attempt to use this facility during the day. Not pleasant and not a good example for the younger children.

Do you know where your teenage children are during the evening? Perhaps it's time to find out! It's your locality being desecrated and your house value being lowered!



A section of Tuesday morning deposits on Tower Hall play area, and below, fly tipping of garden refuse along Gwendoline Road – see next page



Remembering those who fell serving our country

Each year the Parish Council holds a short Remembrance Service at St Andrews Church and lays two wreaths. We lay two wreaths because those who did not come home from the First World War are commemorated on the War Memorial in the Churchyard and those who died in the 2nd World War are commemorated on the War Memorial just inside the main door of the Church.

Let us please also remember those who are currently

serving in our armed services under difficult circumstances and especially those that have lost their lives or been injured since those far off days of the Second World War.

Please come along on Friday 9 November at 11am to St Andrews Church and invite friends and neighbours to the wreath laying and short prayer.

Royal British Legion members should wear any medals that they are entitled to, along with their blazers.



Tarmac scrapings dumped along Gwendoline Road

Footpath drinkers

Each week various empty bottles and cans of alcohol are thrown down along the footpaths of Rushmere. Glens Vodka seems to be a favourite. Glass bottles are quite alright at home where you can dispose of them sensibly, but to sneak out at night for a quick nip of vodka, and then throw the empties along the paths? Sensible?

Several of these bottles have been smashed onto the tarmac paths. Broken glass, dogs taken for a walk, children falling onto broken glass. Be sensible, think of the dangers, contain your drinking to your home, or at least put the empties into litter bins.

THE LEGAL BIT – Dropping litter could lead to a fine of up to £2,500. Anyone caught committing these offences by District Council enforcement officers could be issued with a fixed penalty fine of £80 or face the possibility of court proceedings where a fine up to the maximum for the relevant offence may be applied.

Prize winning fly tipping

Do you want to see fly-tipping at its worst – try walking along Gwendoline Road. That's the footpath/unmade road opposite the end of Chatsworth Drive running from Bixley Drive through to Bladen Drive. Grass cuttings, tree branches, tarmac scrapings, piles of earth – a real glorious sight, so full marks to the fly-tippers, you really know how to create an eyesore.

THE LEGAL BIT – The prize for such eyesores could be a hefty payment, not to you, but by you to the courts. Anyone caught fly-tipping could face a fine of up to £50,000 (unlimited if the case goes to the Crown Court) or up to five years in prison. An added bonus is the publicity you get. Consider that before continuing with such behaviour.

Gathering your thoughts

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer despite the wetter than average weather. Antisocial behaviour reports have been much reduced this season, but there are still some problem areas.

As you may have seen, there have been some recent changes within the shopping plaza on Broadlands Way. Bollards have now been installed to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement to circumnavigate the bus lane. This has been very successful, however some drivers are still using the bus lane as a short cut between Broadlands Way and Brendon Drive, and I would like to remind anyone doing this that if caught you will be issued with a fixed penalty notice which is a £30 fine. Please remember that this is a pedestrian area and driving through there poses a very serious risk to everyone visiting the plaza.



You will no doubt be aware of the play area next to Tower Hall behind the Just Learning Nursery. Lately this has been used by large groups of teenagers, some of who have left behind an enormous amount of litter. There has been so much at times that I have had to clear it myself, as have members of the public. Often this litter is dumped on the ground just a few feet from the litterbins. This play area is for those aged under 12 years, and I urge all those above this age to refrain from using this as a meeting area. We will be moving on anyone who is not supposed to be in the play area.

Mopeds and cars being noisy in the area of the plaza have also resulted in complaints to us. There is nothing wrong with meeting there, but again it's important that noise is kept to a minimum and that all vehicles are driven slowly and sensibly in and around the area.

Tower Hall itself has also been host to some youngsters who have recently decided to camp in the porch area overnight. There has also been some criminal damage here and I would ask anyone who sees this happening to call us so that officers can attend and obtain the details of those present.

All these issues are centred on the shopping plaza and Tower Hall area, which are otherwise pleasant and useful places to visit. Please show due respect to all the other people who use these areas for shopping and socialising, and help us maintain them as clean and safe areas for all to enjoy.

We are still seeing a number of thefts from insecure motor vehicles and garages. Whilst people continue to leave these unlocked, the thieves will continue to visit the area. Please take the extra step to ensure that your vehicles and garages are secure before retiring at night.

If I can be of any help in regards to these or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, **Mike Sarbutts PCSO 3194**

Kesgrave and District Safer Neighbourhood Team

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RUSHMERE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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For further information about Safer Neighbourhood Team's (SNT) including Team Members; Priorities; Campaigns and Meetings, please choose the following link. <http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/safersuffolk>

A wide range of activities at our Parish Halls

Are you aware we have two parish halls? The Village Hall is situated on Humber Doucy Lane, and the Tower Hall on Broadlands Way near the water tower.

There are a variety of activities taking place each week and we would encourage you to take a look on the parish web site where a list of details can be found. Our halls can also be hired for special private functions such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, family parties, the list is endless.

Details of hire charges etc can be found on the parish web site under Parish Halls. Also to be found there are details of the clubs and organisations who use our halls on a regular basis together with contact names and phone numbers. Do have a look, you may find something of interest to you!

The management committee is currently applying for grant funding to extend the car park at Tower Hall. As the use of the hall has increased so has the need for more car parking.

The latest activities to add to our list at Tower Hall are Bokwa and an Art Class. Bokwa is a new form of exercise, if you can spell – you can bokwa! This started recently on a Thursday morning 9.30 to 10.15 am, contact Emma Spall on 07786 656208. Karen Ravenscroft runs the art class on Thursday afternoons 2.30 to 4.30 pm, and she can be contacted on 01394 276255.

Going on to Village Hall. Have you visited the Ipswich Country Market on a Thursday morning. Lots of lovely homemade cakes, pies, quiches, jams, marmalade, lemon curd, chutneys, fruit, veg and garden produce for sale, as well as handcrafted cards, jewellery and other items. Open from 10.15 to 11.30 am

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

Full Parish Council

Thursday 8 November 2012 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 10 January 2013 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 14 March 2013 7.30 pm Tower Hall

General Purposes and Finance Committee

Thursday 18 October 2012 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 13 December 2012 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 14 February 2013 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 11 April 2013 7.30 pm Village Hall

Parish Amenities and Services Committee

Thursday 11 October 2012 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 20 December 2012 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 21 February 2013 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 18 April 2013 7.30 pm Tower Hall

Planning and Development Committee

These meetings are arranged as and when we receive planning applications for discussion. Notice of meetings and agendas will be placed on notice boards and web site.

All of the meetings listed are open to members of the public, and agendas are published on the notice boards around the parish and on our web site.