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Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council

NEWS LETTER

'SEEK THE COMMON GOOD'



Footpath along The Street

On a daily basis fifty years ago, a herd of cattle would amble along The Street to the farm stock yard located where part of Birchwood Drive now stands; The Limes was one large house located in its own estate with a small lodge at its entrance. Chestnut Close was allotment gardens and a smallholding, while Eaton Place and Rushmere Sports Centre were merely an arable field.

In the intervening years the use of all of these areas has radically changed and so The Street has become the main access route to these much loved homes and well used facilities. Additionally, it is used as a convenient short cut for those on their way to work, on the school run or rushing home at the end of a hard day. This increased use has created ongoing challenges posed by the lack of a safe and satisfactory footpath along The Street.

With the increase in traffic and continuing development, the dangerous environment for pedestrians, residents, visitors and other road users needs an urgent solution.

With this in mind, despite there being no budget available at Suffolk County Council (SCC) for the creation of new footpaths, your County Councillors decided to promote and champion the creation of a suitable footpath along the stretch of The Street from the Chestnut Close visibility splay to the crossroads with Bent Lane. The Parish Council has kindly agreed to contribute £25,000 from its own resources towards the cost of this project and to date we have collected together over 80% of the total cost of the scheme.

We have been advised by the officers at SCC that there are no problems in providing this footpath and its construction can be carried out as soon as sufficient funding is in place.

Clearly the difficult task of finding the remaining money will be a further challenge, however, thanks to the Parish Council's continued support we



From the Eaton Place splay (above) towards Chestnut Close, and (below) towards Bent lane



look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders in successful delivery of this useful improvement to residents' safety and quality of life. With all of the key people working successfully

together we are confident that the construction of this missing link in the footpath route in The Street will be underway early next year.

Robert Whiting

Kesgrave Library serving a wider community

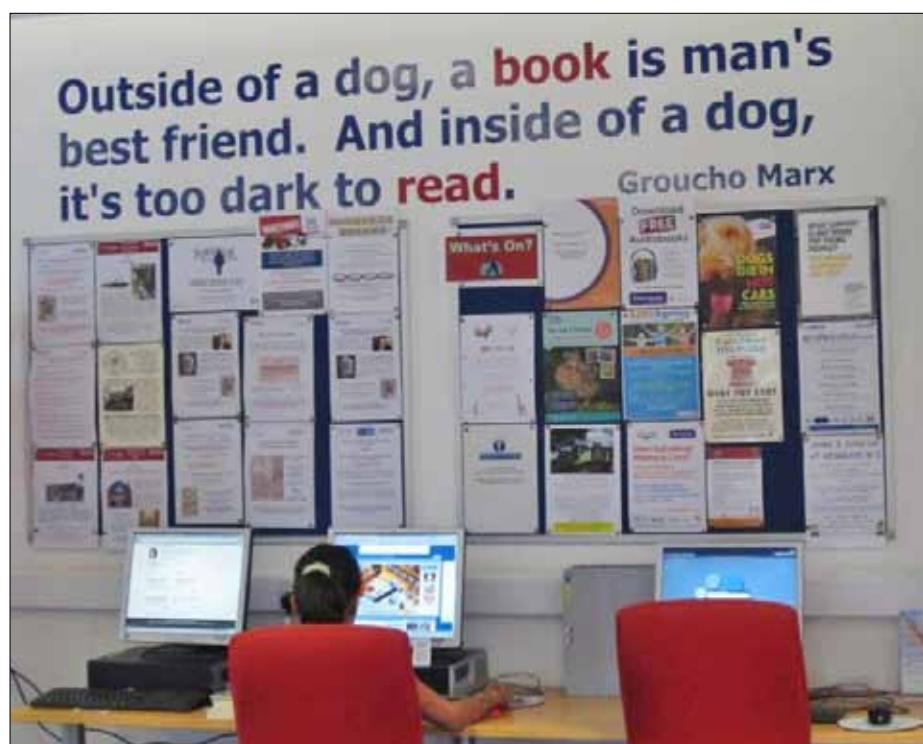
As we have no library of our own in Rushmere St Andrew, I am sure that, like me, many of you make use of the Kesgrave Library which is so conveniently situated next to the Tesco Metro Store at Grange Farm. The Library aims to serve not only Kesgrave but also surrounding communities such as Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham and Playford.

In May, the Parish Council received an invitation from the Chair of the newly formed Kesgrave Library Community, Stephanie Fairbrother, inviting us to send along a representative from our Parish, and here I am!

The group has about ten members including the Library Manager, Carolyn Brown, two other members of the Library staff, representatives of Kesgrave Town Council and a range of members from the local community. Our aims are to support and promote the Library.

As you will be aware, funding for the Library Service has been drastically cut. Kesgrave Town Council makes a very generous contribution to keeping the Library running, but our role is inevitably going to be largely tied to fundraising activities to pay for essential equipment and to sponsor activities. We also aim to ensure that Kesgrave Library finds out exactly what services its users would like it to provide.

Our inaugural coffee morning in June enabled us to do some useful research



Above, internet access as well, and below, always a warm welcome

and we are now working to meet these requests. We meet monthly to plan our next moves and have made quite a lot of progress over the past six months. Events and general information can be found on our Parish notice boards and in the Library itself and can also be accessed via Facebook, Twitter and website suffolkreads.onesuffolk.net/libraries-and-mobiles/kesgrave-library/

Our late County Councillor, John Klaschka, worked tirelessly to preserve the Library Service, and in memory of his unstinting efforts and in recognition of the service provided to Rushmere St Andrew parishioners by the Kesgrave Library, the Parish Council has made a donation of £500 from their Charity Budget.

Mirabel Brown



Kesgrave Library opening times are:

Monday	closed
Tuesday	9.00 – 12.00
	14.30 – 17.00
Wednesday	14.30 – 20.00
Thursday	14.30 – 20.00
Friday	closed
Saturday	10.00 – 17.00
Sunday	10.00 – 15.00

We will remember them – join us



The memorial in St Andrew's Churchyard

For many years now the Parish Council has been holding a short wreath laying service for Remembrance Day. This takes place at 11am on the nearest Friday to Remembrance Day and this year it falls on Friday 8 November at St Andrew's Church in The Street. The Rev Bruce Wakeling will officiate.

The Parish Council maintains two memorials, one in the churchyard (on the left of the pathway to the church entrance), to commemorate villagers who lost their lives in the First World War, with the second memorial located just inside the church on the left beneath the organ loft.

This commemorates those who gave their lives in the Second World War. Hence we always lay two wreaths and we also remember those who have given their lives in protecting our country since those dark days.

The service is quite brief (15 minutes) but it gives those attending a time to reflect. As the number of British Legion attendees who saw service in WW2 is dwindling nowadays, we always welcome attendance from any parishioners.

This year is particularly significant as it marks the move into the centenary year of the commencement of hostilities in 1914.

There is also a memorial scroll of honour displayed in the Village Hall in Humber Doucy Lane, listing all the men and women of the parish who served in the Great War.

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A year in the life of the Parish Council

Once a year, all Parish Councils are obliged to hold an Annual Parish Meeting where the Parish Council can report to residents of the Parish what has been achieved in the past year. It is also an opportunity for residents to question and query what has taken place. Additionally, residents can make suggestions to the Parish Council as to what they feel their future needs are.

For whatever reason, over the years the meetings held in Rushmere St Andrew have tended to attract very few attendees – perhaps we hold the meetings on nights which turn out to have a good TV schedule, or maybe the weather is good enough for a barbecue. Alternatively, perhaps Parishioners feel things are ticking over nicely and they have no burning issues of the day to set challenges to the Council.

Decisions are taken by a body of 15 elected Councillors. Some 40 meetings took place during the year, some requiring full Councillor attendance, with other committee meetings needing a smaller number. All Councillors' terms of office expire in May 2015 when the four yearly elections are due. The Parish Council has two remunerated Officers, our Clerk, Mel Bentley, and our Assistant Clerk, Jean Potter, who carry out administrative work on the Councillors' behalf.

As always the Parish Council has striven to ensure Rushmere St Andrew remains a pleasant place to live in.

The bi-monthly full Parish Council meetings tend to be the more formal platform where statutory decisions, such as Precept setting, take place and all committee decisions are ratified.

Our General Purposes and Finance Committee met bi-monthly and ensured that statutory activities such as Budget Setting, Parish Risk Analysis, Asset Register and Insurance Valuations,

members of the public to review prior to Councillors considering the applications. At Bixley Farm the composite application, covering three areas of land, included plans for traditional housing, retirement

To provide everybody with an idea of what happens in a year of Council life, we've decided to include an abridged version of the Chairman's Annual Report for the 2012/13 year in this issue of the newsletter

Financial management and Audit procedures have all been satisfactorily carried out.

Our internal and external auditors once again gave a clean bill of health to the way the Council is managed and accounting procedures undertaken.

Significant discussions took place with regards to the setting of the Precept totalling £97,000 for the year 2013/2014. Please refer to our April 2013 newsletter for fuller details.

Our Planning and Development Committee met ten times reviewing 58 planning applications. Council consulted as many potentially affected parishioners as possible before passing our comments to Suffolk Coastal District Council, the determining Authority.

It is pleasing to note that, from time to time, members of the public take the opportunity to attend and submit comment personally at these planning meetings prior to the Committee's deliberations. During the year, the Parish Council again organised exhibitions of the more significant applications for

bungalows and affordable housing, was approved by Suffolk Coastal District Council. Construction of the retirement bungalows is currently progressing apace.

Work has yet to start on the traditional and affordable housing – the latter appears to be rather challenging in that Housing Associations do not seem to be awash with funds for the Capital Investment needed.

At Rushmere Sports Club in The Street, a major refurbishment and enhancement of the club and its sporting facilities was proposed to be paid for via the creation of an associated small housing development.

During the year, Suffolk Coastal approved a first phase of the sporting facility refurbishment and enhancement proposals made by Ipswich School, together with the housing development.

Proposed enhancements of the Sporting facilities are ongoing and the Parish Council organised an exhibition of, then deliberated on, a further application from the school.

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Building of retirement bungalows taking place on the Bixley Farm estate



To further safeguard and protect the open area from any future development, Suffolk Coastal placed controls to ensure the remaining 17 acres remain as sporting facility land.

The Committee also dealt with other issues such as tree preservation orders and planning enforcement issues.

Our Parish Amenities and Services Committee met five times during the year. The Committee's responsibilities cover Parish facilities such as Chestnut and Limes Ponds, Play Areas, Allotments, the provision of litter bins, doggie bins and noticeboards, the condition of footways and roads, vegetation clearance, litter clearance and grass cutting.

At Chestnut Pond, it became clear that the new drainage pipes, installed previously, were not working as they should, with the knock on effect of flooding continuing in The Street. Further works were organised which resulted in the pond water dropping to its expected level and flooding eliminated from the nearby road.

At Limes Pond, the long awaited dredging took place, together with associated plant maintenance. Unfortunately the rains never came, and after a long period



A corner of the allotments in The Street

of being left with a massive earth hole, the pond was refilled via a hosepipe – but at least the ducks returned.

The one outstanding issue is the refurbishment of the village sign which upon closer inspection needed more tender loving care than had been first anticipated. It is now away being renovated and will be back in place along with a new post later this year.

At Broke Hall playing field and Tower

Hall play area regular inspections and maintenance continue as normal. After what appeared an eternity going through the legal phases in the divestment from Suffolk Coastal, the Parish Council became the owners of the two play equipment areas located at Chestnut Close and Kelvedon Drive.

A third site, located at Yewtree Grove, will probably follow.

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Clearly we will be financially responsible for keeping these areas up to scratch but the prospect of a slow decline under the previous ownership was felt to be unsatisfactory.

In an ideal society, litter and dog bins would not be necessary if everybody took their own rubbish home. However, during the year the Parish Council continued to provide additional bins where rubbish 'hot spots' have been identified.

The Mill Stream and Sandlings Local Nature Reserves continue to be maintained to a high standard, financed by ourselves and Suffolk Coastal. Over the year, significant vegetation clearance took place which has opened up some very photogenic viewpoints. Following concerns regarding sewage seepage into the Millstream, meetings with Anglian Water took place resulting in them arranging an enhanced maintenance regime at their pumping station.

At the allotments, the Advisory Panel consisting of a mix of Councillors and allotment holders, met no fewer than seven times during the year. With the allotment holders not wishing to continue the grass and hedge cutting, the maintenance contract transferred to a commercial undertaking.

Much effort has been expended in trying to plan for additional allotments by the clearance of unused areas and relocation of sheds and manure/compost areas. Investigations identified a significant amount of asbestos on site and contractors were employed to carry out a costly controlled removal exercise.

A small Panel look after the strategy for our Lawn Cemetery and met four times during the year. On a day-to-day basis, our Burial Registrar ably manages the Cemetery administration. As always, regular maintenance (grass and hedge cutting, bin emptying/dead flower removal, earth replenishment, grass reseeding and weed elimination) was carried out to keep the area very presentable.

Patronage of the cemetery remains good and there are no financial issues to give us concern. A review of cemetery fees took place but no changes were made.

During the year a start was made in preparing land, which reverted back to us from tenanted agricultural use, into use as a cemetery extension. The land has been fenced off with hedge

planting due to take place in the autumn.

Following safety checks carried out, a significant number of headstones were found to be unstable. As part of our duty of care, a major exercise was arranged to make them safe.

Maintenance of our website continues with regular updates taking place. Additionally, two editions of the newsletter were produced and distributed to parishioners, the latest edition testing the water with a limited amount of advertising for the first time, which helps offset costs.

With regards to the need for suitable accommodation for the Parish Council to conduct its business, we have not progressed this over the past year. We continue to recognise our facilities are totally inadequate and unsuitable for a Parish of this size but we have continued to allocate money to build up funds for this project.

We fully recognise and appreciate the efforts that the Police put in and are pleased to note the preparation and highly visible efforts they are making to tackle problems.

The Parish Council remain active members of the 12PT (Twelve Parishes Together) group. Meeting regularly, Council, Police, School and other representatives discuss 'issues of the day' which affect the area and determine possible solutions.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Kesgrave Town Council, continue to part fund an additional Police Community Support Officer.

During the year, he arranged for a speed control van to be parked for a while in Playford Road – it proved residents' concerns about speeding vehicles and made inroads into a significant number of perpetrators wallets and purses.

At Bixley Farm District Centre, tackling anti-social behaviour during the evenings and into the early hours has been a priority. The area seems to have become a Mecca for youngsters skateboarding, shouting, playing loud music, driving noisy cars and mopeds together with even more unsavoury activities well into the early hours.

Indeed, during the year, the Fire Brigade came to the rescue of one youth trapped in a swing basket – the Parish Council had to pick up the needless bill for the repairs to the swing. Attempts to combat this problem continue.

Limes Pond suffered in the summer heat – but recovery will be slow

Concern is being voiced by many residents as to the state of Limes Pond. 'Pitiful and neglected' to quote one comment, with criticism of the removal of trees, greenery and the resulting debris being left on site to rot. Then we have received complaints about green algae, weeds, low water level, even ugly signs on the fence.

Let's put the record straight!

The pond is not an ornamental pond, but a working village pond, which mainly takes excess surface water from The Street during wet weather.

As we were about to spend considerable amounts of money on the essential maintenance work, the Parish Council did not undertake the work at the pond without taking professional advice, and we were fully aware it would take at least several seasons to regain some of its natural looks.

Dredging – essential as silting had reduced the water level to an unacceptable depth and the rotting vegetation and other detritus in the pond was affecting water quality. Removal of trees – essential as many were dying and overgrown/overhanging with annual leaf fall adding to the silting of the pond.

Debris left in situ – planned laying of small cut branches at the rear provides a natural habitat for wildlife, essential for a good natural village pond. Weeds – the surrounding ground has been replanted with a variety of natural grasses and waterside marginals.

Unfortunately in this first year and with the long dry summer some of the hardier non-planted strains have dominated (weeds) and our maintenance contractor has been unable to clean these away owing to the amount of bees on the site (surely a good sign).

Algae – a result of the summer sunshine, with Chestnut Pond also having the same problem. Please remember if there is no rain to drain into the ponds, the hot sun encourages algae growth when there is no water movement. So please bear with us, Limes Pond will improve.

And, last but not least, the Village sign is being refurbished. It is a specialised piece of work which does take a long time to complete as it has to be done in stages. However it should be back in situ by late autumn.

SPEEDING KILLS – so it's a police priority

Here at the Kesgrave and District Safer Neighbourhood Team we have adopted, as one of our three priorities, speeding enforcement across all twelve of the parishes we cover. This coincides with a

and some offenders will now have to attend a Speeding Awareness Course.

Speed kills! It is as simple as that. Some thought provoking figures:

- At 20 MPH there is a 1 in 40 chance of being killed if struck by a moving vehicle
- At 30 MPH there is a 1 in 5 chance of being killed if struck by a moving vehicle
- At 40 MPH there is a 9 in 10 chance of being killed if struck by a moving vehicle

The SafeCam van has been conducting regular checks in Playford Road – a notorious road for speeding.

Since 2nd March 2013, 244 motorists have been detected speeding here, and all will be prosecuted.

At the old £60 rate, this is £14,640 in fines – at the new rate this would be £24,400!

So speeding is costly both in terms of lives and bank balances, and the balance of probabilities is that if you are speeding in Rushmere St. Andrew, you will be caught doing so.

There is much to distract today's

motorist, including Sat Navs, Radio/CD players, MP3 players and mobile phones. Please slow down and concentrate on your speed and the road ahead. That way you, and other road users, are far less likely to become part of tomorrow's statistics.

PCSO 3194 Mike Sarbutts
Kesgrave and District SNT
Tel 101 (non-emergency number)
Email Michael.sarbutts@suffolk.pnn.police.uk



European-wide speeding enforcement campaign in which all our PCs and PCSOs are participating. Checks are also being conducted by our highly-valued Community Speed Watch volunteers. Rushmere St. Andrew is receiving a lot of attention in this respect, both in the south and north of the parish.

Checks are being conducted with hand-held speed cameras, and with the SafeCam speed enforcement vans. Traffic officers and response PCs, who operate 24 hours a day, are also conducting checks.

Many motorists have been detected speeding in Rushmere St. Andrew and, to their cost, they are now finding that the Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) rate has just increased from £60 to £100. Driving licences are being endorsed with penalty points, (which increases motoring insurance costs for a number of years),

Electric blanket testing campaign 2013

It's coming up to that time of year, the summer is fast escaping us and we are moving into the cooler autumn period.

With this in mind Suffolk County Council's Fire and Rescue Service along with Trading Standards and AgeUK are bringing you this year's electric blanket testing campaign.

If you live in Suffolk and own an electric blanket we're offering the chance for you to come and have it tested free of charge in September and October 2013.

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To find out further information please click on this link to the SALC Website: <http://salc.onesuffolk.net/news/electric-blanket-testing-campaign/>

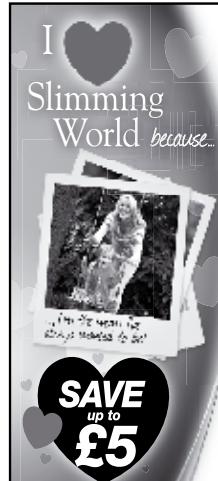
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Rushmere mysteries explained

The article in the last newsletter, 'Rushmere Mysteries' about Columbia House, Rushmere Mill and the Old Tollgate on Woodbridge Road, has raised a lot of interest amongst our readers. But as yet, no one has been able to confirm if Columbia House in Playford Road was actually moved from the Agricultural Show of 1934, or if the house standing there now is simply a similar one. However Rushmere Windmill certainly existed as did the tollgate.

As a result of the article, and with thanks to Peter Dearsley, I was privileged to meet Dorothy Fairweather who gave me a copy of her fascinating, 'The Country Diary of a Rushmere Lady' published in 2011. Paul King gave me some insights into other interesting local facts and I may look at some of these for future articles. I also must thank Audrey Pilbrow who phoned me with all sorts of details concerning the Mill and Columbia House.

Thanks also to Linda Douglas who provided our Assistant Clerk with a copy of, 'Memories of Rushmere Village in The 20s and 30s' by Don Lewis and Walter Turner. This is a truly remarkable resource giving an insight into the people and customs of the time and can be found on our website. Linda has also provided further information about the Mill and the Tollgate.

We now have enough information to fill many Newsletters! Hopefully we will find enough space to include a selection some of the real gems in future articles.

Please keep forwarding any information about Rushmere St Andrew to Jean Potter (our Assistant Clerk); what we can't publish in our newsletters we shall endeavour to publish on our website.

Mark Newton

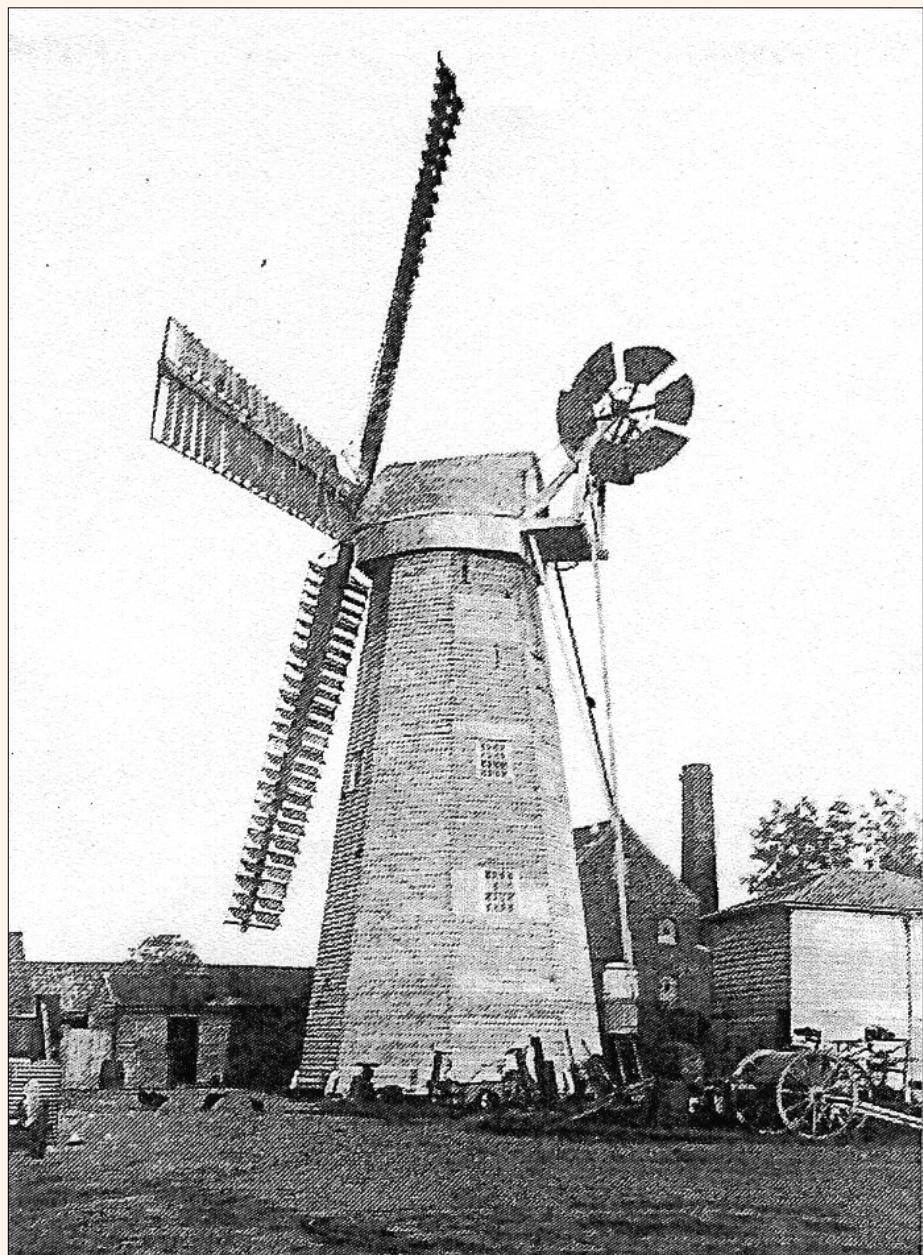
The Mill, Playford Road

From the descriptions of the Rushmere St. Andrew windmill in various publications we can discover it was an octagonal Smock Mill with cant posts seated on wooden sills which were laid on a brick base of just a few courses above ground, that it had two piece shafts and that it was noted as unusual in having a green coloured Fly.

The Dawson family occupied the Windmill/Mill House (113 Playford Road) for well over 100 years.

According to the Apportionment Of Rent Charge In Lieu Of Tithes Book dated 1845 the surname of the Occupier was Dawson and the landowner was stated as Widow Goodwin but according to both the 1841 and 1851 Census a Henry Betts was stated as the occupier. By the time the 1861 Census was taken William Dawson was the occupier. His occupation was described as Miller and Farmer of 80 acres.

By looking through the later Census it appears that William Dawson was a Corn Miller/Corn Merchant. By the time the 1901 Census was taken William's son Alfred had taken over the



Rushmere St Andrew Windmill 1924

trade. By this time the windmill was being powered by steam as well as wind. By 1911 Alfred, as well as being a Miller, also ran an Agricultural Engineering business at the same premises. The 1911 Census provided the additional information that the Mill House contained 11 rooms.

There is an entry in the Kelly's Directory of Suffolk 1912 which states: Dawson A. & Co, Contractors for steam rolling, motor haulage, steam ploughing, cultivating, harrowing, mole draining, threshing, seed drawing, clover hulling, chaff cutting, sawing, self-binding, reaping, moving, and C. T. A. Dawson, Rushmere. Kelly's Directory of Suffolk 1922 states Alfred Dawson & Co, (Rushmere) Ltd (estab. 1898).

By 1928 the sails had been removed and the windmill was powered by steam only. The windmill had stopped being used by 1934.

Alfred Dawson and his family lived at the Mill House until his death in 1938 after which his son Douglas took over the business. The Mill was demolished about a year later but Douglas carried on living in the Mill House continuing with the Agricultural Engineering contractors business until around about 1971/2.

The Rushmere St Andrew Tollgate

The Rushmere St. Andrew Tollgate House was on the corner of Woodbridge Road and Bent Lane with the Tollgate itself going across Woodbridge Road.

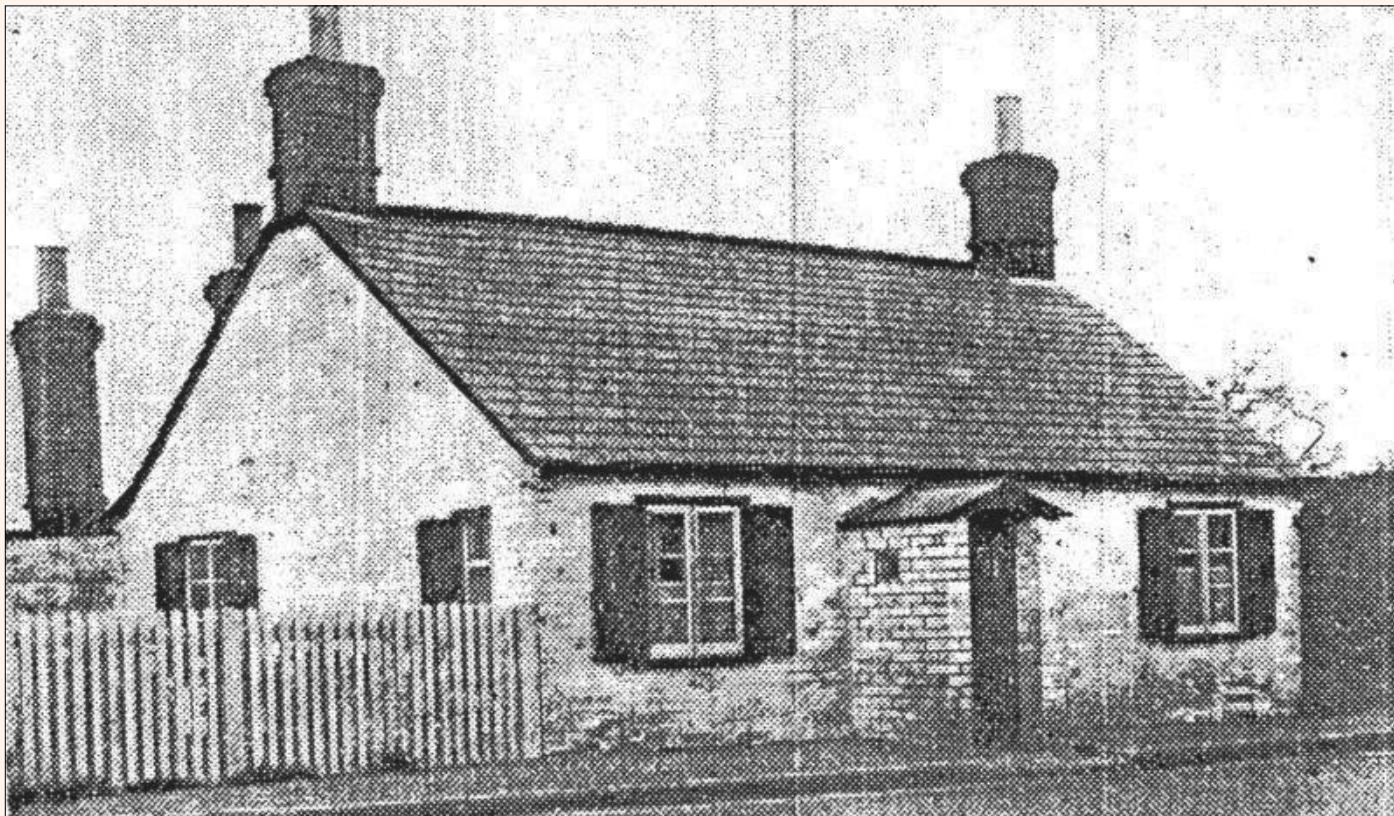
The Toll Gate stopped being used around about 1870 and the materials from

the Toll House and Gate were sold by private contract in October 1872 with the Gate itself being removed on Friday 1 November 1872.

The privately owned old Toll House remained occupied most of the time

until Spring 1938 when it was finally demolished.

There were plans for an Inn/Hotel to be built on the site of the old Toll House and Cobbolds were granted a license in 1939. Work started on building the Inn shortly after World War II but for some reason came to a halt after the cellar had been dug.



Rushmere St Andrew Toll Gate House

From a report in the East Anglian Daily Times, July 1934 – could this be Columbia House?

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The house is completely furnished and equipped entirely electrically, with modern electric fires, tubular and panel heating and every possible electrical device for the home. British Columbian Western red cedar has been used for the exterior, beams and stud work, the roof being covered with Western red cedar shingles.

In the porch, the pillars, panelling and front door are British Columbian Western Red cedar, while the flooring is Gurjan, from the Andaman Islands.

The entrance hall ceiling is of Insulwood Wall Board, which is manufactured in England. The beams and panelling are of British Columbian Western hemlock; the flooring is of rift grain, kiln dried Western hemlock, and the staircase is British Columbian pine.

The dining-room is entirely constructed of British Columbian Western red cedar, with the exception of the flooring which is rift sawn, kiln dried British Columbian pine; whilst the kitchen is lined throughout with Insulated Wall Board.

The bedrooms are panelled with British Columbian Western hemlock, with rift sawn kiln dried flooring to match. The bedroom floors are of Australian silky oak and Australian walnut, the bathroom door of Queensland maple and the walls and ceiling again being of Insulated Wall Board.

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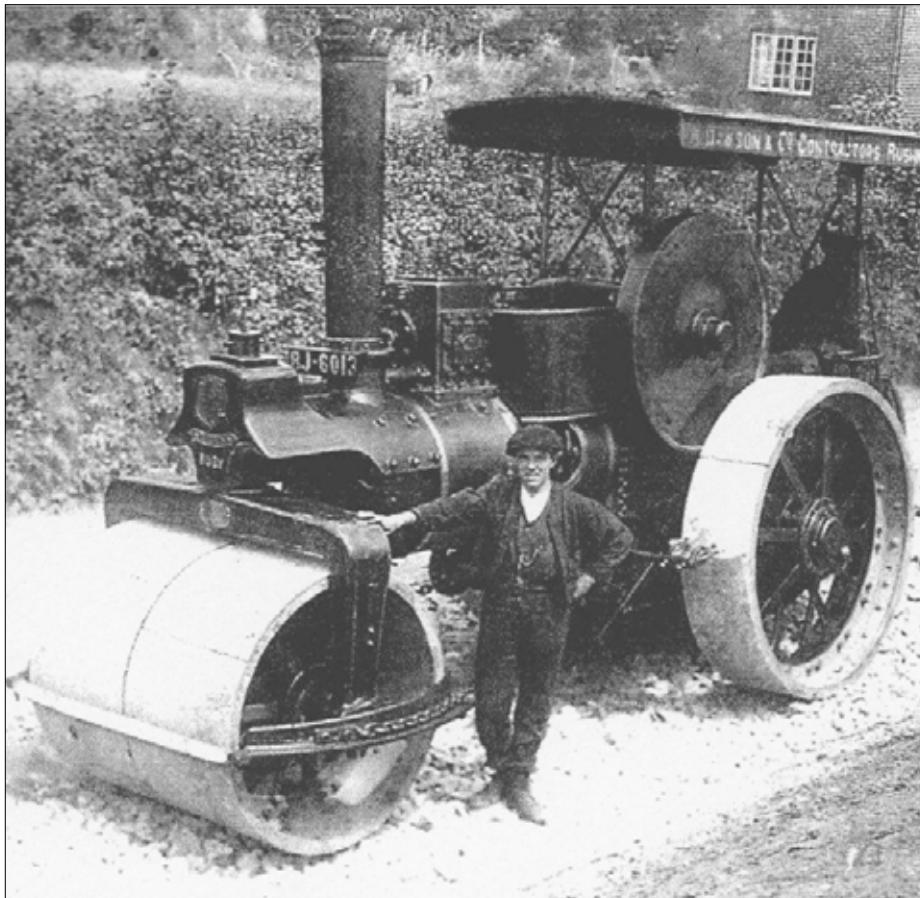
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The constructional timber is of merchantable quality British Columbian pine. Surrounding the Empire Timber house are various types of fencing, constructed mainly of English oak, converted in the firm's English timber mill at Handford Road, Ipswich. The electrical fittings throughout have been installed by the Ipswich Corporation Electrical Supply Department.



The Brown and May showman's tractor of 1912 was bought in 1928 by Dawson's of Rushmere.

The Ruston Proctor Steam Roller below was named "Ruby" built in 1912, it was operated by Alfred Dawson & Co contractors for steam ploughing, road rolling, haulage and threshing, and general engineers.



Hits on our web site from around the world

A recent survey of visitors to our web site revealed some interesting facts. As you may expect most were from the UK, but also included Australia, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, United States, Canada, Cyprus, Jamaica, Holland, New Zealand, France, Italy, Iraq, India and Thailand. Nor were the UK visitors confined to the Ipswich region, but came from all parts of the UK.

The Parish web site has lots of interesting information about what is happening in Rushmere St Andrew, and also the history of our Parish, but we always welcome more, so if you have something to add please contact our Assistant Clerk Jean Potter 01473 723409 or assistantclerk@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk

Healthy Walks

We are all being encouraged to lead healthier lives. Please look at the Parish web site www.rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net where the current programme of healthy walks both in and out of the parish are published.

They can also be found on Live Well web site with lots of other useful information. www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/

Parish acquisition of play areas

In these times of council financial cutbacks the District and County authorities are engaged in a programme of divestment of assets in order to lighten the financial burden. In order to help in this initiative the Parish Council have recently taken ownership from Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) of the play areas in Kelvedon Drive and Chestnut Close.



Kelvedon play area, a small playground for children tucked away in Kelvedon Drive

The transfer conditions included a sum of money known as 'transitional relief', which is a contribution from SCDC to help towards the first two years maintenance. Along with a grant from the SCDC 'Play Space Scheme' the Parish Council have already repainted the Kelvedon play area equipment and fencing along with the installation a new 'springer' rocker horse.

The PC is currently in negotiations with SCDC for the divestment of the play area in Yewtree Grove. Why place this extra burden on the Parish council? We feel that we can maintain these play areas in a better condition than would be the case if they were to remain with SCDC on lower and lower maintenance priorities and funding – simple as that.

Christmas is coming . . .

Many of our local churches will soon be getting ready to celebrate one of the great Christian festivals, and all have web sites with information on their services and events.

All will give a very warm welcome to visitors who wish to celebrate the true meaning of this wonderful season of the year. Do take time to find out more about them and visit if you can.

Over 400 designs of Charity Christmas cards, under the banner of Cards For Good Causes, will shortly be available for sale in Ipswich town centre, in the Tourist Information Office in St Stephens Church, St Stephens Lane off The Buttermarket.

The shop is staffed by volunteers from 11 October to 21 December and the 50 charities involved (some local charities too) receive 70p for every £1 of sales made.

Do make time to visit, you are sure to find something to your taste.



The village sign at Limes pond should be back in position later this autumn

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Christmas Events In Support of the Ipswich NSPCC Children's Centre

at Rushmere Village Hall, Humber Doucy Lane

STIR UP SUNDAY CHRISTMAS PUDDING WORKSHOP

Sunday 17 November 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Maximum number 30 – £25 Ingredients and refreshments provided

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Thursday 12 December 7.30 - 10.30pm

Maximum number 30 – £23 to include materials (other than greenery) and refreshments

To book and for further information kindly contact

Shirley Ingham on 01473 405882 / shirley.ingham@ntlworld.com

RUSHMERE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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Kesgrave and District Safer Neighbourhood Team

To speak with an Officer at the above SNT – telephone 101

Email: kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Write to: Suffolk Constabulary, Kesgrave and District Safer Neighbourhood Team, c/o Kesgrave Town Council Office, Ferguson Way, Kesgrave. IP5 2FZ

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

News-Bites

Alan Eaton Bequest

Many of the more senior residents of the parish will recall my predecessor as Clerk to the Council, Alan Eaton who sadly passed away on 27th May 2011 after retiring from the Clerk role in 2002.

Alan lived for the Parish and made the Parish Council a beneficiary in his will. When his estate was finally wound up the bequest amounted to £8,138. A working party subsequently met to debate how the money should be spent for the benefit of the community. Their decision was then approved by the full council and the money is being spent as follows:- £1,500 towards the refurbishment of the village sign at Limes Pond; £2,500 for information boards showing maps of the definitive parish footpaths; £3,000 towards a much needed extension of the car park at Tower Hall Community Hall; £1,138 towards landscaping the extension of the Lawn Cemetery, including a tree dedicated to Alan.
Mel Bentley – Clerk

More Doggie Bins in the Parish

Several requests have been received by residents for more doggie bins due to the dumping of dog mess bags in private and public hedges and resident's gardens. This is clearly not acceptable behaviour. After consultations with land owners, we have therefore arranged for six more bins to be placed at the various requested locations. Some have already been installed and two more are due to be installed shortly. However these bins cost £295 per bin to supply and install, so we cannot continue to supply these indefinitely, and there are now 30 doggie bins around the parish.

Once again can we ask dog owners to be responsible and if you cannot find a doggie bin nearby, please take your bags to the nearest one or take it home with you. It is not fair to expect other residents to clear up your dog mess.

Plaques on seats in the Parish

As some of you will realise we have replaced some of the worn out and rotten seats in the Parish over the last few years. After requests made by some residents, we have now replaced the plaques on these seats so that the names in whose memory the original seats were purchased will not be forgotten.

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

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.

Full Parish Council

Thursday 14 November 2013 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 9 January 2014 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 13 March 2014 7.30 pm Village Hall

General Purposes and Finance Committee

Thursday 17 October 2013 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 12 December 2013 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 13 February 2014 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 10 April 2014 7.30 pm Tower Hall

Parish Amenities and Services Committee

Thursday 10 October 2013 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 19 December 2013 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 16 January 2014 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 20 March 2014 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.