



NEWS LETTER



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'SEEK THE COMMON GOOD'

Flooding problem in The Street not yet solved satisfactorily

We wish we could write on a more positive note however, at the time of writing this article, (early September), issues of flooded roads in the Parish are still with us. To say we are disappointed is an understatement!

Let's first deal with locations other than the Limes and Chestnut Ponds. We know of several places where, after a heavy downpour, the water sits on the road. These include, for example, Playford Road and parts of Rushmere Street by the Parish Church.

There appears to be an 'impasse' between the County Council and Ipswich Town Football Club regarding

the constant flooding of the highway close to the entrance to the ITFC Training Ground in Playford Road. I think it's fair to say that because there are so many similar situations across the region, unless people and/or property are directly affected or likely to be in danger then there is no real priority to clear these floods.

Although there is a maintenance regime in place to clear roadside drains, in many cases the machine only attends once every nine months or so. It is our belief that this schedule is not frequent enough for locations where there is a build-up of silt and other debris in the drains.

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Likewise, the problem at the Limes Pond where, once again, it would appear that the lack of maintenance of the drains in the highway is the cause of the flooding there. It is NOT the pond flooding onto the road!

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Fly-tipping still an ongoing nuisance

It's been another summer of keeping a watchful eye on those who feel they can clip a hedge or 'have a go' at a tree which doesn't belong to them! It's also disappointing to note that we still have rude, selfish and downright ignorant people in our midst who believe it's all right to dump redundant garden plants, lawn cuttings, tree prunings and general waste into our hedgerows and beside footpaths and walkways. Two noticeable 'hotspots' are the lane beside Larkhill Rise and The Water Tower, and in the case of grass cuttings Hardwick Close. Where we have 'evidence' in the first instance a letter will be sent. Further incursions could result in more serious action.

PLEASE – do NOT dump your rubbish (in whatever format) anywhere! Use your council bins and the Foxhall Waste Facility. We have one of the best waste disposal systems in the country covering all aspects of any waste we produce so there are no excuses.



The footpath between Hardwick Close and Pardoe Place where grass cuttings have been illegally dumped

New kids on the block take their seats

Clare Gower

I have lived in our parish since 1996 when my husband and I first moved here. I am delighted to have been co-opted onto the Parish Council this year and I am so pleased to have the opportunity to serve you.

Some of you will know me, as I have taught some of our parish families at Broke Hall Primary School – I was the mad music teacher! It was a hard decision to cease working at the school (two years ago now) and I am touched that many of my old pupils still say 'hello' in passing. I now run my own business, with classes in music and drama for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. It's great fun and I get great satisfaction working with children at the beginning of their learning journey.

My husband and I have a young son and a dog; we all love the many open spaces here and areas of woodland we have to explore. We have a lovely parish and the council work so hard to maintain it to a high standard.

I hope you will feel that you can approach me any time, especially the families in our parish, if you have any concerns or praise - the good is as important to comment on as the bad!

Barbara Richardson-Todd

I am honoured to be one of the local councillors for Rushmere St Andrew following the May elections this year. Although I have only lived in Rushmere for six years, I have always lived in Suffolk, mostly in Ipswich. I wanted to become a councillor to get to know the parish better and become a part of the community; I believe our village is a beautiful place to live and as a councillor I will do my best to represent your wishes and to benefit the community in any way I can. I want to get involved and listen to the views of local people, to influence change for the benefit of our community, to meet new people and in doing all this, I am learning new things every day.

I first worked as a teacher in various schools in Ipswich in the

1970s but then had a career change and qualified as a nurse in 1986. School nursing provided the perfect opportunity to combine the two professions and I became School Nurse Co-ordinator and Practice Teacher until my retirement in the summer of 2013 working under the NHS and, from 2011, for Suffolk County Council.

Active locally, nationally and internationally in promoting school nursing, I have presented at conferences in Abu Dhabi and helped set up the school nursing service in Kuwait. I have been an active member of professional bodies working on the national committees of the Royal College of Nursing and have worked with the Department of Health and Chief Nursing Officer on stakeholder groups.

My interests are children, young people and their families, black and minority ethnic communities, the vulnerable population and equality and diversity issues. I write articles on nursing, am a member of the editorial boards of two health care journals and an occasional lecturer at University Campus Suffolk. Since my retirement from school nursing, I have become a director of HealthWatch Suffolk, work for the Terrence Higgins Trust, became Faiths Officer for the Interfaith Centre (SIFRE), University Quaker Chaplain at UCS. I am a member of the Green Party. I have four sons, one daughter and six grandchildren in whom I delight.

John Westrup

Apart from 18 years service in the British Army I have lived in Suffolk – over 30 years in Rushmere St Andrew. I worked for a local manufacturing company in Framlingham and became its Managing Director, we employed over 70 local people and exported 50% of our production.

Now that I'm retired I play golf, and I'm also a keen allotment holder and the current Rushmere St Andrew Allotments Manager.

I am keen to see that Rushmere St Andrew remains the pleasant parish that it is today, and I believe that I can bring a depth of experience to the Council.



Clare Gower



Barbara Richardson-Todd



John Westrup

Flooding problems

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Now we turn to Chestnut Pond and the adjacent area of The Street, Rushmere St Andrew. You will recall that this has been an issue for many years. Some of the residents who live close to this spot have had to endure utterly unacceptable conditions with sewage in their gardens.

In addition standing water on the highway after heavy rain gets splashed all over pedestrians and property. The latter has led to a physical deterioration of both the garden wall and the exterior brick work of a house. Partly due to the flooded road a vehicle mounted the path and crashed through the wall and came to rest on the side of the building.

Following an extensive campaign through the media a series of meetings were held with and under the auspices of our local MP, Dr Dan Poulter. There were representatives from Anglian Water, Suffolk County Council and Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council. At last we seemed to be getting somewhere.

The sewerage issue is the direct responsibility of Anglian Water. They have investigated the pipes using CCTV and checked the capability of the pumps in the nearby pumping station. A new attendance regime has been agreed that in the event of the pumps failing an engineer will be on site within three hours (a much shorter time frame than previously!)

So now it was over to Suffolk County Council to carry out works agreed at the meetings. A few weeks ago road closure notices were published and eventually workmen turned up on site. Several new pipes were laid, existing ones were cleaned out and the outflow from the rear of the pond into the farmer's field was enlarged.

However, a promise made was not a promise kept in our opinion! We were given to believe that a Linear Drain was to be created in the highway along a stretch of The Street opposite the pond. The plan was to keep the gutter clear of running water otherwise any standing water on the highway at that point is 'cascaded' over a bungalow, which sits a couple of metres back from the footpath, by the vehicles which pass that location.

WE DID NOT GET THE LINEAR DRAIN! Guess what? When there is a heavy downpour there is still standing water and the bungalow still gets a thorough soaking from passing vehicles. Bad enough the building itself but absolutely awful for the resident who then has to 'run the gauntlet' to access their own front door!! A recent experience of the resident was quite horrible. Whilst getting a disabled family member into and out of a vehicle, it

resulted in the people involved having to change their clothes because they were soaked through – not from the falling rain!

In our opinion this is wholly unsatisfactory. In addition to not getting the linear drain, no work was done to clear the ditch and gullies on the pond side of The Street. Thus water which could be directed into the pond is not able to flow freely in that direction.

Following concerns raised by Parish Councillors and local residents that the major repair work was not as effective as envisaged we set out to check during heavy rain. The 'evidence' was pretty disheartening! Indeed water was still running down the kerbside; some time after the rain stopped there was still standing water formed in 'low spots'.

After several contacts were made we can now report the 'latest'. First there is an admission from the Highways Manager of the County Council that the ditch work should have been done.

This will be done shortly. However, it may require a temporary road closure with the necessary traffic orders having to be published etc.

In addition following a site visit there is a promise that the low spots and the problem of the kerbside water which gets cascaded over the adjacent property IS going to be sorted! Meanwhile Dr Dan Poulter has asked the Parish Council to set up a further meeting.

This will be held on Friday 2 October at 8.00pm in Rushmere St Andrew Baptist Church.

We WILL expect answers!

Getting down and dirty on the plot



The annual renewal of allotment plot leases is at the beginning of October. This year we have a few plots becoming available. Both whole or half plots are awaiting new tenants.

Grab this chance to do your own thing – get your hands dirty, go back to nature, be as self sufficient as possible for your vegetable and flower requirements.

Or you could go completely organic.

Go on, live the life, work out that stress, just relax, play it cool, chill out –

and grow your own as well.

And where can you do this? Just off The Street by Chestnut Pond. It's another world behind the hedge!

Come in, join life in the slow lane, let the world go by for a time, and get refreshed ready for the frenetic tomorrow that's always there.

Grab the phone, don't delay, contact the Clerk 711509, Assistant Clerk 723409 or the Allotment Manager John Westrup 272257 for further details.

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Bus services – all change this Autumn

At the start of the new school year in autumn, changes to bus services tend to occur. School contracts are revised at this time, sometimes to different operators, and this is seen as an opportune time to make other tweaks to services made necessary in the light of operating experience and by reaction to customer suggestions.

This year is no exception with Suffolk County Council, First Group and Ipswich Buses making changes to their services running through the Parish.

Suffolk County Council and First Group started the ball rolling with service revisions taking place from 31 August 2015.

Until then, the Woodbridge Road corridor had been served by services 64, 65, 65B, 66, 68 and 972, but from this date by services 63, 64, 65, 65B, 66 and 972.

Suffolk County Council sponsored service 972 (school days only) to Kesgrave and Farlingaye has transferred from Beestons to First Group.

First's service 66 (Ipswich to Martlesham Heath) sees minor timetable

changes as does Suffolk County Council sponsored by, but operated by First, service 65B. This service comprises one evening round trip from Ipswich to Rendlesham and back from Monday to Saturday and five daytime round trips from Ipswich to Melton on Sundays.

The major revamp occurs to their other services. Previously running four times a day, Monday through Saturday, service 68 (Ipswich to Kesgrave) is withdrawn and replaced with service 63 (Ipswich to Melton via Kesgrave and Martlesham Tesco) with around 9 return trips end to end but variations in routing do occur through Kesgrave on a trip by trip basis so be careful!

The Ipswich to Aldeburgh corridor is served by two services with common routing as far as Melton, service 64 then heading to its destination via Saxmundham and Leiston with service 65 heading via Rendlesham and Snape. With these two services each broadly running on a two hourly basis, this gives an overall hourly service. However, with service 63 now running approximately

midway between the 64 and 65 services, the net effect through Rushmere St Andrew is a roughly half-hourly service.

Looking to the south side of the Parish, First's service 67 from Ipswich to Martlesham Heath via Foxhall Road which only runs to this commercial and industrial area in the morning eastbound and evening westbound, sees a reduction in services from six each way to three morning trips and five evening trips.

Ipswich Buses sole route which passes through the Parish is service 4 from Ipswich to Martlesham Heath via Broke Hall and Bixley Farm. In our last newsletter, we described our attempts to address Parishioners' concerns over the total loss of services through the major arterial route through Bixley Farm. The timetable and routing for this service was revised on 3 September 2015.

Clearly the company still wishes to retain its objective to build business on the Ipswich to Martlesham link but it was abundantly obvious that passenger loadings were often tending towards non-existent on the lengthy stretch from Bixley Farm to Martlesham. In consequence, some trips have been withdrawn along this section to leave services running in three tranches - early morning, early afternoon and late afternoon.

All other services have been revised to have their terminus at Bixley Farm District Centre and, as a consequence, no longer serve the shorter Bladen Drive corridor. All service 4 buses therefore travel along Bixley Drive and along Broadlands Way to the District Centre and vice-versa. Those heading to Martlesham Heath continue along Broadlands Way to Foxhall Road, those terminating at the District Centre turn around at the next roundabout thus providing a consistent Ipswich bound stopping point opposite the District Centre, Martlesham bound outside the District Centre.

Whilst acknowledging the fact that there will clearly be some 'winners' and 'losers', it is pleasing to note that Ipswich Buses have clearly responded to Parishioner and Parish Council comments.

Clearly we have only been able to provide a synopsis of changes here but timetable information is readily available by the relevant company leaflets and websites. Suffolk Onboard and Traveline East Anglia websites also contain very comprehensive details of timetables and other public transport related information and are well worth browsing.

Website addresses:

www.ipswichbuses.co.uk
www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/suffolk_norfolk
www.suffolkonboard.com
www.traveleastanglia.co.uk

Fancy setting up a Community Project?

Each Suffolk Coastal District Council District Councillor has a £5,500 budget to be spent on community projects within their ward in 2015/16. This is known as our 'Community Enabling Budget'. To me this budget is to be spent on projects that get communities working together, involving as many local residents as possible. It could be put towards anything you want to do providing whatever it is will benefit our community and get people working together. You will need to join an existing community organisation or set up a new one just for your project. It will be hard work and require dedication!

Here are some suggestions:

Set up a community cinema. If there is someone out there who has always dreamed of becoming a projectionist, then I might be able to help with the purchase of the equipment. You would have to take on the responsibility of getting other enthusiasts together who would advertise, sell tickets, act as door keepers etc.

A venue such as Tower Hall could be used but this would have to be booked and paid for out of ticket sales. Wickham Market has such a group who show films every month and it's very popular with residents.

Clean up your neighbourhood. Litter picking, verge tidying, hedge trimming and such in public spaces. Don't just complain - set up a volunteer

group to actually do something about it! You might need tools, training and insurance, and you would need to find out which bits of the public environment you can legally work on. I can help with the finance for tools but it needs some enthusiastic group of people to take on the actual job. Is that you? Would you like to take up the challenge? Then please get in touch.

Something for our young adults. Teenagers have always complained of there being 'Nothing to do', I remember saying the same thing myself! Are you good with teenagers? Could you engage them in something they want to do but are just short of funds? Are you a teenager who has an idea but just don't know how to get started? Please get in touch and I'll see if there is some way to kick-start your project.

Some other community scheme. There must be people in our community that would really like to take on the challenge of organising other residents to achieve a community goal. I may be able to help, but you need to get in touch - do it today!

Finally, remember that we have two District Councillors in Tower Ward, so there is possibly a total of £11,000 available for your project!

District and Parish Cllr Mark Newton

It's finally arrived – just in time for winter!



In our last newsletter we advised we were still awaiting the erection of the much requested bus shelter in Foxhall Road near the Golf Hotel.

We're pleased to let you know, that some 17 months after we placed the order, it was finally installed in June this year.

We're even more pleased to note that the shelter is being very well used by local residents but have been amused to note that, reminiscent of the historic game of 'how many people can cram into a Mini car, the new challenge of 'how many people can stand in a bus shelter when it's wet' is well and truly up and running!

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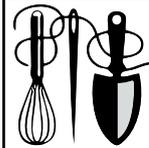
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Adult Gym equipment ready for use

During the spring and early summer all our play areas have been refurbished. Now looking much brighter with a fresh coat of paint and spruced up, three of the areas, Broke Hall Playing Field, Tower Hall Play Area and Chestnut Close Play Area have had the addition of Adult Gym Equipment installed.

Although called Adult Equipment, they are for use of all from teenagers 14 upwards.

Little people not yet old enough should be carefully supervised if near this equipment – and remember, like all sports equipment, it must be treated with respect, so please be careful when using it.

But don't let this put you off. Get on and enjoy, get into shape and lose those few pounds in time for Christmas. One person told us that she has given up her gym membership now she can use the different types of equipment on Broke Hall Playing Field.

Chestnut Close Play Area also has the addition of swings for older children to make it usable by a wider age group.



Chestnut Play Area



Tower Hall Play Area



Broke Hall Playing field

Extension to The Lawn Cemetery taking shape

If you have visited the Parish Council Lawn Cemetery located behind St Andrews Church recently you will have noticed a considerable amount of work taking place.

When the Parish Council purchased the land for the cemetery back in the late 1970s we leased around half the land back to the local farmer with the option of us reclaiming the land on 12 months' notice. That reclaim took place two and a half years ago at which time we fenced off the land and in late 2013 hedging was planted inside the new perimeter fence.

So why is this work being carried out now when there is space still available in the first part of the cemetery? We estimated that it would take at least five years to bring the new piece of land up to a suitable standard to be able to accept

burials. This means that the hedging must be well established, with trees and shrubs growing well in the landscaped areas. New roadways and paths would also be required, whilst the areas set aside for full burials and burials of ashes would need to be weed free and laid to lawn.

The current status is that the perimeter hedge is now established and out of the 650 hornbeam plants inserted we lost only two. Swann's Nursery of Bromeswell were responsible for this planting contract. The end of August saw the completion of block paved roads and paths on the site – our thanks to the small team at West Landscape Ltd for an excellent job.

This month a general weed killer has been applied to what will become the

lawn areas and leading into October will see those areas tilled and levelled followed by an application of grass seed. We will then set about planting the landscaped areas. The contract for the lawns and landscaping has again been awarded to Swann's Nursery.

The land will then be in maintenance mode only for several years, whilst the planting becomes fully established. Once the land had been consecrated we will then be in a position to commence burials on the site.

The funding for this work has not come from the Parish Precept but is financed entirely by careful management of the fees received from burials, urn burials and memorials.

Mel Bentley, Clerk

Ipswich School Sports Centre –transfer of land ownership

On a really positive note we can report that very shortly Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council will be the new landowner of the entire site of the Ipswich School Sports Centre in The Street. The land is leased, maintained and governed by those organisations. We will own the 'head lease'.

One exciting aspect of this is that within the site there is a small parcel

It's been a good year for the birds and butterflies

I can report a good summer in respect of Butterflies and Birds. The common garden birds appear to have fared very well with a large number of fledgling birds around. Generally there has been a good supply of natural food. Ironically a 'summer' with intermittent periods of warmth and wet is ideal for promoting growth of hedges, trees and meadowland all of which we have on our doorstep!

So a 'disappointing' summer for the children with far too many wet days has a benefit somewhere else! I made a point of recording butterfly species and the following were present (no doubt you saw others which I haven't recorded!): Common Blue, Small Blue, Small Skipper, Large (Cabbage) White, Small White, Grayling, Gatekeeper, Ringlet, Comma, Peacock, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell and Meadow Brown.

I didn't set eyes on any of the Hairstreak family so I'd be pleased to know if any of you have.

James Wright

of land to which there is no access (for planning reasons this area has been placed out of bounds). Following consultation with Ipswich School, the tenant, it has been agreed that we can develop this as a nature reserve.

The aim is to plant native hedge type trees such as hawthorn, blackthorn etc;

perhaps a coppice of hazels and seed the rest with a wildflower mix. All intended to attract and support a variety of wildlife although by the nature of the site this will mainly be birds and insects.

The School is very supportive of the plan and the work will be carried out in conjunction with the Greenways Team.



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The Big Party

On June 20 the people of Rushmere Baptist Church celebrated 150 years and more of a church on the site on the corner of The Street and Playford Lane. We are part of the community of Rushmere St Andrew and we wanted to invite everyone in the local community to celebrate with us, and come to The Big Party.

Games and activities including a bouncy castle, a coconut shy and a treasure hunt were set up on The Green at the top of Playford Rd and Holly Lane, and people of all ages enjoyed the fun.

At the church delicious cream teas were served during the afternoon. To look at there was a time line set up with information and photographs for every decade since the church was started in 1859 by Robert Lacey Everett, a local farmer.

The photos ranged from beautiful Edwardian photos of the Everett family to photos of village life through the years, and photos of the wide range of activities which happen nowadays at the church including Holiday Club for children, Holiday at Home for older people, Church Weekends away and Home Groups where people get to know and support each other.

Later in the afternoon we all gathered



"Look, that's me!"

together for a wonderful Hog roast. It was brilliant to see so many people including local families and also people with links to the church in the past enjoying the day.

Many thanks to everyone from the community and the church who helped to make this event such a success.

Everyone is very welcome to join us on Sundays at 10.45am and at 6.30pm. There are groups for children on Sunday mornings, and there are activities for children and people of all ages during the

week. For more information please look at our website, www.rushmerebaptist.org.uk or phone the church on 01473 721455.

Looking ahead you are all invited to the Christmas services at the Baptist Church:

Carols by Candlelight on Sunday December 20 at 5.30pm

Carols by the Pond on Christmas Eve at 6pm

Family Worship on Christmas Day at 10.45am

Latest up-date on the Redecroft development

I attended a public meeting on the 19 August at Rushmere St Andrew Church Hall and I thought residents in the village might be interested to hear the latest update on the land adjacent to 155 The Street.

The meeting was held by the SORRI (Save Our Rushmere Rural Identity) Chairman, Ron Spore, and Barbara Robinson from SOCS (Save Our Country Spaces).

Ron recapped on a Suffolk Coastal District planning committee meeting in December 2014 where he and Barbara gave a presentation, objecting to an Officer recommendation to grant outline permission to develop 14 properties on the land adjacent to Redecroft in The Street, Rushmere St Andrew. The Officer recommendation was subsequently successfully overturned by a unanimous decision of the full

SCDC Planning Committee to refuse the application. Since then the developers have successfully appealed against the decision and senior officers from SCDC advised that they would not defend the appeal decision.

Ron explained that localism looks to be the way forward in dealing with this type of issue. We then saw an example of a case in Chiswick where local residents are battling against a large development.

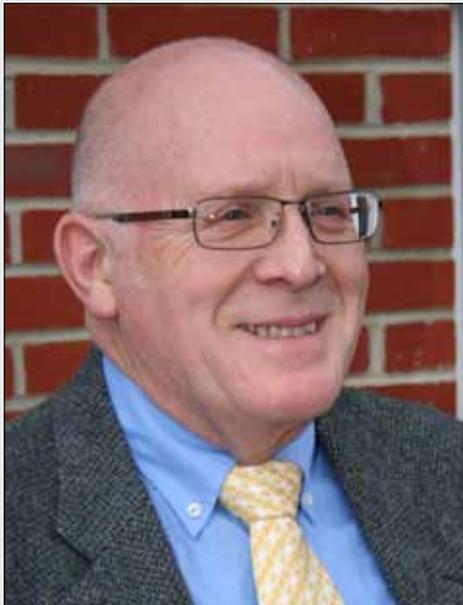
Barbara Robinson gave a potted history of events up to now including the raising of an appeal site <https://www.crowdjustice.co.uk/case/save-suffolk-biodiversity/> and blog http://www.sorrinews.blogspot.co.uk/2015_04_01_archive.html

Barbara also made us aware that she and Ron had instructed a solicitor and barrister to act on SORRI and SOCS

behalf in Barbara's name. This is clearly going to incur costs which is why the appeal site has been set up to attempt to gain financial support for the cause. Barbara made the point that this is not only about the site nearly opposite the church (Redecroft and adjoining land) being developed but more about the whole area and keeping separation between towns and villages in place and local people being able to have their say about their local community.

A number of people raised questions and offered their support. Social media was discussed as a good way of getting the message out in the public domain. Robert Whiting (Parish, District and County Councillor) praised Ron Spore and Barbara Robinson for what they had done so far and offered his continued support.

Barbara Richardson-Todd



The Late Peter Tarling

It is with sadness that we report the loss of a stalwart member of the Parish Council in Peter Tarling who passed away on Saturday 22 August 2015.

Peter first joined the Council as a co-opted member in July 1981 and spent many years as the vice-Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the General Purposes and Finance Committee. Peter suffered many setbacks with his health over the years but always remained positive and fulfilled his role as a Councillor to the maximum. His professional expertise as a Chartered Builder and Quantity Surveyor was on many occasions invaluable.

As a secondary role in the community, Peter was a Trustee of Parish Halls-Rushmere St Andrew, the local Charity which runs both the Village Hall and Tower Hall. In addition, Peter had been a very much hands-on Chairman of the Charity for the past three years during a time of increasing health issues.

With 34 years of serving the community many people will miss you Peter.

Our hearts and thoughts go out to Peter's family at this sad time.

Kesgrave Community Library Group

This library also serves the community of Rushmere St Andrew. Our wonderful Library Team has been keeping very busy over the summer months.

The main event has been the annual Summer Reading Challenge which was based around the theme of Record Breakers. Over 460 children registered for this. Twenty volunteers listened to the children talking about their six books and gave out small rewards for completing them.

As I write, the Library Team and Community Group are preparing for the grand presentation on 13 September, when children will be given their medals and certificates and will be treated to a display by two local magicians. Another high spot for the children was the July Gruffalo Day when the Gruffalo himself made an unexpected and very exciting appearance.

Adults enjoyed fundraising events such as Pampered Chef and Bodyshop Parties. Forthcoming events include Room on the Broom on 25 October and the Christmas Fayre on 29 November.

As well as special events, there is an ongoing programme of activities such as Sunday Craft sessions and Thursday morning Tot Rock and Baby Bounce slots, the Baking Club and the Book Group. All these activities are free, so why not come along and try them out?

In addition to fund raising activities, the Library has benefitted from several generous grants, including one for £250 from Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council. This has enabled the Library to make a number of improvements.

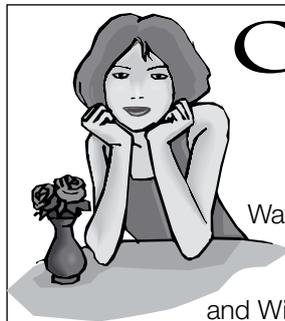
The children's area in particular is much brighter and better equipped and

moveable shelving now allows easy rearrangement of the Library space to suit different activities.

If you have not been to the Library in Kinsey House, Kays Close, Kesgrave IP5 2HL for a while, why not call in and see what is on offer? Enjoy a cup of coffee, read the paper, use the computers

or browse the bookshelves. We are so lucky to have this superb facility on our doorstep.

The full programme of activities is on display on site and also on the website at www.suffolklibraries.co.uk. There is also an active Community Group and new members are always welcome.



CHATSWORTH LADIES CLUB

We meet at Tower Hall in Broadlands Way (near the Water Tower) on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm. We have some excellent Speakers, also Social Evenings to raise money for local charities. There is a Summer and Winter Buffet and a Christmas Dinner is also organised.

The Club is open to Ladies of all ages and the cost is £2.00 per meeting.

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Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

This act has been introduced to enable officers to deal with issues around anti-social behaviour (ASB) more robustly. In April 2015 PCSOs in Suffolk were also designated these new powers by our Chief Constable. All uniformed officers can now use these powers and have been doing so to great effect.



The aim of the act is to reduce ASB in areas where it is prevalent by tackling those directly responsible. Once individuals are identified as being involved in the ASB, they can be dealt with in a number of ways.

The shopping plaza in St Andrews Walk, Rushmere St Andrew is a good example of ongoing issues with ASB. Whilst the police and Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council have successfully worked together in introducing measures to reduce ASB here, there are still issues with cars, mopeds and youths gathering in the car parks, not to use the facilities, but to just socialize. This is resulting in their vehicles taking up parking spaces intended for visitors to the shops and other premises, large amounts of littering, and some noise disturbance to local residents. There are many powers within the act, and the following three powers are being used at St Andrews Walk and at other locations:

DISPERSAL ORDERS

Dispersal Orders can be put in place to disperse those responsible for ASB for up to 48 hours. They are given a map which shows the areas they are not allowed to enter, and if they do return within that period they are liable to be arrested. Items being used anti-socially (for example footballs) may also have to be surrendered to police for the duration of the dispersal.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION NOTICES

Those committing acts of ASB can also be issued with a Community Protection Notice which can require them to stop doing certain things, to do certain things, or to take reasonable steps to achieve specified results.

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS

In circumstances where there is clearly a long-term resolution requirement, Public Spaces Protection Orders can be made by local authorities. These prohibit specified things being done in the restricted area, require specified things to be done by persons carrying on specified

activities in that area, or does both of those things.

We are currently logging details of vehicles frequenting St. Andrews Walk and other areas where their conduct has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person. This is with a view to then using these powers to deal with them specifically.

If you have any questions regarding this act, or if there is anything else I can help you with, please feel free to contact me.

PCSO 3194 Mike Sarbutts
Match Funded PCSO for Kesgrave and Rushmere St Andrew
Kesgrave and District Safer Neighbourhood Team
Michael.sarbutts@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Annual Remembrance Service 2015

The Parish Council invites all who wish to pay their respects to those who gave their lives in war to come to the Annual Remembrance Service to be held round the two memorials in St Andrew's Churchyard and Church on Wednesday 11 November at 10.45-11.30 am

The Rev Bruce Wakling will lead a short service with appropriate readings

We particularly welcome relatives of those at present serving their country, ex-service men and Royal British Legion members, all of whom can wear any medals they are entitled to.



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POLICE DROP IN SURGERIES

Regular Police Surgeries are being held at Tower Hall, Broadlands Way, in Rushmere St Andrew. The remaining dates for this year are

21 October 3 pm to 4 pm • **13 November** 11 am to 12 noon
21 December 11 am to 12 noon

RUSHMERE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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Miss A Cracknell	148 The Street, IP5 1DH	01473 719746
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Mr R E Whiting	105 Playford Road, IP4 5RQ	07833 441347

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One Vacancy

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Kesgrave and District Safer Neighbourhood Team

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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 Teams (SNT) including Team Members; Priorities; Campaigns and Meetings, <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/myneighbourhood/kesgravedistrict.aspx>

Speeding vehicles

A continuing topic of concern! The problem is that whilst there are reports received from all parts of the Parish, most motorists seem to be in denial that they speed! Even worse is that when they are caught it's not unusual to hear the phrase "Why don't you catch real criminals", or "You're only here to make money out of motorists!"

Well for a change why don't we listen to the advice of the Police who have to deal with the aftermath of so many terrible road traffic collisions. There are the 'Big Four' in their analysis which are the main cause behind the alarming recent increase in road deaths after the gradual decline in road fatality figures over the past few years.

The Big Four are

1. Driving under the influence of excess Alcohol and/or Drugs
2. Failure to wear Seatbelts
3. Use of Mobile Phones whilst driving
4. and yes, number four is Speeding!

Maybe the latter ought to be qualified in that your speed should be appropriate to the conditions at the time using the speed limit as an upper guideline, NOT a target to reach!

We know from covert Police surveillance that there is excess speeding on several roads in the Parish. We have recently been alerted to some other locations right in the heart of housing areas where people are coming and going all the time. A few drivers appear to be well in excess of the speed limit, let alone the conditions for these areas.

Consequently, you can expect that the Police will be conducting further speed checks in the Parish. We have also been approached by residents offering to support, sponsor and be part of Community Speedwatch. At the time of writing this is in its early stages in Rushmere St Andrew, however, Community Speedwatch has been highly successful in neighbouring villages and is supported by the Police.

PLEASE – do your bit to stay within the speed limit whilst driving within the Parish.

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

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

Full Parish Council

Thursday 12 November 2015 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 14 January 2016 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 10 March 2016 7.30 pm Village Hall

General Purposes and Finance Committee

Thursday 8 October 2015 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 10 December 2015 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 11 February 2016 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 14 April 2016 7.30 pm Tower Hall

Parish Amenities and Services Committee

Thursday 19 November 2015 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 21 January 2016 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 17 March 2016 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.