



NEWS LETTER



Electoral Boundary review

The Boundary Commission have now published draft proposals for the Electoral Boundary Review in the Suffolk Coastal area. A review is being held as there is an imbalance in the numbers of electorate represented by individual Suffolk Coastal District Councillors particularly in the Kesgrave and Rendlesham areas.

Suffolk Coastal are taking the opportunity afforded by this review to reduce the number of District Councillors from 55 to 43.

The Parish Council was hoping to keep its present three District Councillors but that would come at a price – the Boundary Commission have proposed that Rushmere St Andrew is joined by the five parishes of Swilland, Witnesham, Tuddenham St Martin, Westerfield and Playford to create a single Electoral Ward of three Councillors.

The Parish Council has responded to the Boundary Commission rejecting this proposal. We have suggested that the parish of Rushmere St Andrew remains a single District Ward with but with a reduction to two District Councillors.

The other five parishes should then form a single District Ward named 'Fynn Valley'.

This has the support of our local MP, Dr Dan Poulter and was in fact proposed by him to the reviewing body.

The Boundary Commission were also keen to name our Ward 'Rushmere'.

We have also rejected this in favour of 'Rushmere St Andrew' in order to maintain the distinction and separation from the 'Rushmere Ward' of Ipswich Borough Council.

Please note this review by the Boundary Commission in no way affects our physical parish boundaries or geographical name – it is purely for election purposes and representation of councillor seats at the District Council level.

Mel Bentley – Clerk

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Village Sign

We know a lot of you are wondering how much longer the sign will be missing. We had hoped to have it back in place autumn 2013, but unfortunately this did not happen.

The work to restore the sign is very specialised and expensive and there are only one or two people locally who can undertake this work. As you can imagine they are very busy, and we have had to wait in the queue.

However I can now report that the work is finished and the blacksmith has also reassembled the pieces. We have given instructions for the sign to be collected, the post refurbished/renewed, and reinstated beside Limes Pond. Indeed by the time you read this, all may have been accomplished.

Jean Potter – Assistant Clerk

Watch this space . . .



Residents of Heathlands Park and along this stretch of Foxhall Road will be pleased to know that at last we are to have a bus shelter with the bus stop at this point. The Parish Council in partnership with Suffolk County Council has agreed the necessary funding and the order has been given. Recent communication with Suffolk County Council has indicated that the shelter is likely to be installed along with the dropped kerbs by the autumn. This will be a very welcome addition as this is the most used bus stop in the parish.

The future of bus service provision

The Parish Council were represented at a very well attended seminar, held recently at Elmswell and organised by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, regarding bus service provision in Suffolk.

Some interesting facts and figures emanated from the meeting which may provide interest, and food for thought, to our Parishioners.

Public transport is critical for people in education, those unable to drive and the infirm, for the purpose of work, leisure, access to healthcare etc. Employers do look for transport provision when determining business locations.

Concessionary Travel Schemes

In situations where an eligible person cannot make use of the Government National Concessionary Travel Scheme through disability or living in areas with negligible bus service provision, there is an option whereby the Concessionary Bus Pass can be ceded in favour of travel vouchers which can be used via other transport means.

A number of alternative community-based schemes are operated within Suffolk, all subsidised by SCC:-

- Community Car Service available to all where no suitable private car or suitable public transport is available. Subject to booking and volunteer own car availability, fares are mileage based with SCC vouchers accepted but not bus passes.
- Wheels within Wheels is a wheelchair accessible version of Community Car Service.
- Dial a Ride is a fully accessible minibus based version of the above.
- Suffolk Links is a Demand Responsive Transport service provided within various areas of Suffolk without bus service provision to provide connections to bus and train facilities. Operated by accessible vehicles, booking is required to transport. Fares, set by SCC, are based on mileage and comparable to bus fares. Concessionary Passes and vouchers are accepted.

A whole series of leaflets on these schemes are provided by SCC with full details also detailed on the Suffolk On-board web-site www.suffolkonboard.com/

How buses are financed

Bus operators are businesses, running under the auspices of the Transport Act 1985 ('Deregulation'), and broadly only want to provide profitable services – like any business they are there to make money! Suffolk County Council (SCC) has the responsibility to look at loss making services with a duty to secure provision of service, by subsidy, if it can be seen there is a demand and would benefit the community. Bus operators have to give a notice period of 56 days for service amendments which, if withdrawal, gives SCC very little time to react and come up with alternatives.

SCC's current expenditure is £8M per annum on the Government National Concessionary Travel Scheme (Pensioner/disability free bus pass) and £3.7M on other transport schemes (e.g. sponsoring uneconomic services, dial-a-ride and community demand responsive services). SCC has a statutory obligation to transport qualifying children to school. SCC provides bus timetable information via the web, leaflets, phone apps and bus stop posters. For under-20 year olds, there is a non-statutory subsidised 'Endeavour' card which provides discounted travel.

Some bus journeys have huge numbers of Concessionary Fare passengers (up to 95%) but SCC provides only about 47p per £1 towards the cost of the public fare. There are two sides to this argument – is money being given to an operator in lieu of an empty seat or is it a case of a fare being paid (by SCC) at less than half price with other passengers having to make up the difference via higher fares?

A rural bus operator's viewpoint! A local operator has a bus, coach and tour fleet of 55 vehicles of which 17 vehicles are used on 7 rural bus services carrying 370K passengers per annum. Their objective is 'to make money' but a new vehicle costs £145K, maintenance costs are typically £9K and insurance etc. £4K per annum. Additionally buses have to be Disability Discrimination Act compliant from 1 January 2015 which is an out-of-course expense to provide replacement buses.

Rural challenges include long routes, narrow roads, small populations, unsuitable places to stop and getting stuck behind agricultural vehicles. They would like to see a fairer Concessionary Fare Scheme as they currently average 79p per passenger from SCC. They want to get more people on buses, to where they want but give value for money.

It was pointed out that they recently started running a commercial service on Sundays which is quite well patronised but they make neither profit nor loss – real community spirit!

Rail network is 'booming'

Comparisons were made with passenger travel on the rail network which is 'booming', whereas bus travel is not. Significant passenger number growth has been seen over the past few years in the rural lines passing through Suffolk – with Ipswich to Lowestoft and Cambridge, Norwich to Cambridge all showing massive percentage increases in recent years by the provision of additional services.

Network Rail, SCC and Abellio Greater Anglia have all made significant investment over the past few years and more is planned. MP's and stakeholders are drawing up a wish list to satisfy customer demand. Current aspirations include improved frequencies, faster trains, additional line capacity, better rolling stock, station improvements, level crossing risk reduction (via closures/bridges), new/additional lines, improved Sunday services, better bus connections

and an improved balance between freight and passenger needs.

The new Ipswich curve has provided additional capacity to divert freight from the congested Ipswich to London corridor.

Once completed, the new London Crossrail line will provide additional capacity at Liverpool Street. Plans are in hand to eliminate single line bottlenecks at Ely, Soham and on the Felixstowe branch by doubling the track.

Additional opportunities to avoid travelling westwards via London are on the drawing board to see if the 'missing link' between Cambridge and Bletchley can be reinstated with the objective of getting all the way to Oxford.

A real success story of 'invest to generate business', and if mirrored in the bus area could significantly enhance Suffolk's public transport provision.

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The transport seminar finished with a brain-storming session which highlighted issues which need addressing

Suggestions included:-

- Enhance communication from SCC to Parish Councils on transport issues by having a named person at both ends.
- Pilot of quality bus service too, in the style of the growth area train operation.
- Information point provision and real time information.
- Mobile Apps – provide and advertise.
- Network map across Suffolk including community links.
- Concessionary Fares are seen as a contributory factor for deteriorating bus services – SALC needs to lobby Government as to whether this is sustainable.
- A discount card for bus users – of the railway railcard type.
- Better promotion of the Suffolk On-board website which has a wealth of information on transport issues. www.suffolkonboard.com/
- Smaller communities need to be heard.
- Early warning of service changes and also those which are under threat.
- Parishes should promote transport services.
- SCC to improve leaflets to move away from a schematic map format to an actual map format.

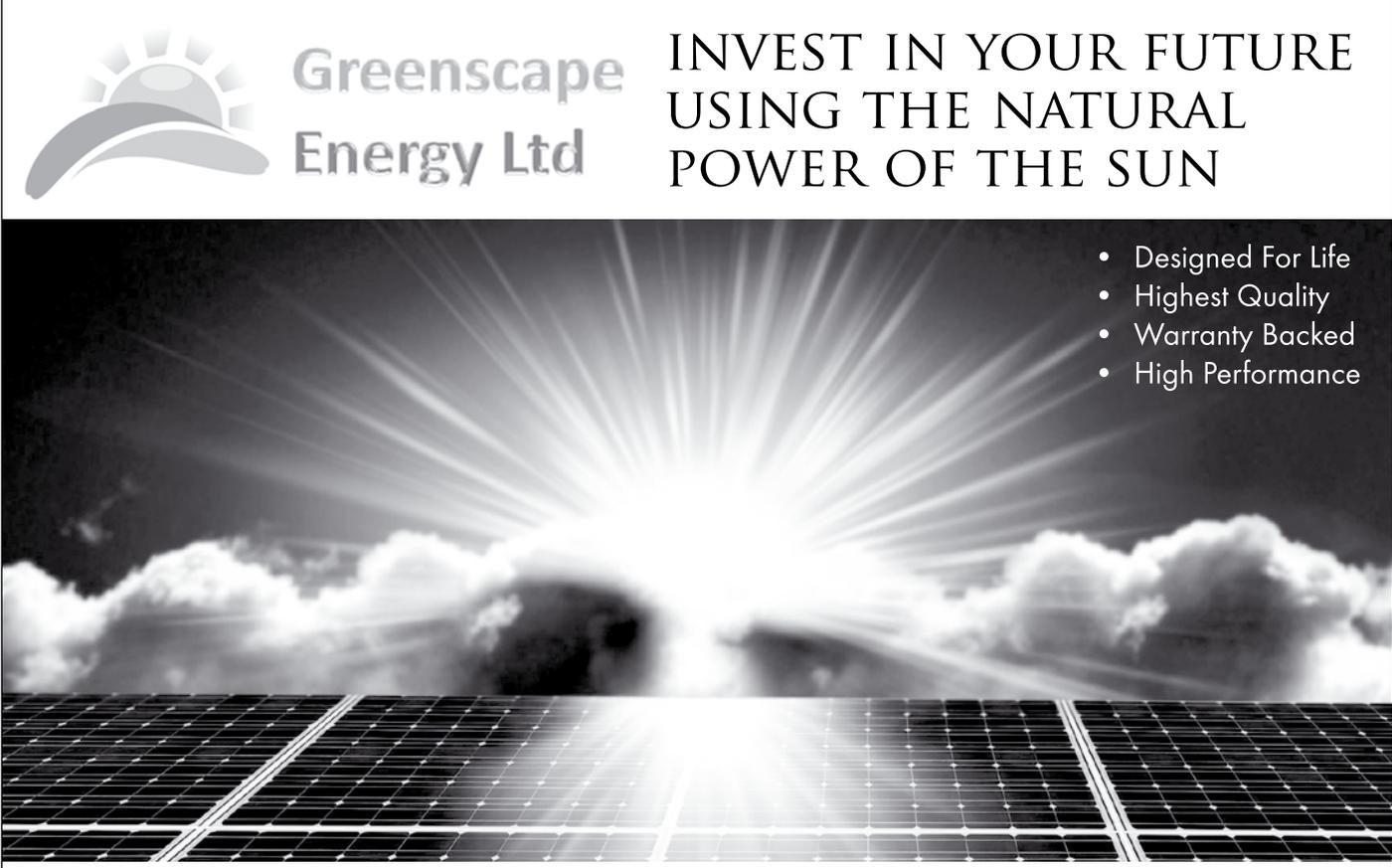
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There are several scenarios that commonly cause power cuts. These include:

- Bad weather when severe winds cause damage to overhead power lines or wind-borne debris and trees fall on power lines pulling them down;
- Water if it gets underground and into the cables; and
- Other people working near overhead lines or digging underground which can occasionally result in damage to our electricity cables.

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Unfortunately, despite our efforts, accidents happen. If you experience a

loss of power supply, you can contact us in the following ways:

Vulnerable customers

During a power cut we understand that some people may need extra support and offer priority assistance for our vulnerable customers.

If we know where you are, we can help. We hold a list – called Priority Services Register – of thousands of customers who would feel particularly vulnerable during a power cut and we provide them with extra support if needed.

Who can apply?

Customers who are dependent on medical equipment; customers who are chronically sick or have a disability; customers who are blind, visually impaired or deaf; customers with young babies; nursing or residential homes and elderly customers.

We will consider other cases too if you think you would feel particularly vulnerable during a power cut.

What we can do

We can't get your power back on more quickly (although we will try our hardest) but we can:

- Call you pro-actively if we expect bad weather in your area that could result in a power cut and offer useful advice on how to prepare
- Offer you a special priority phone number that you can call if you have a power cut

- Provide with a generator where necessary or book you into a hotel
- Keep you updated during a power cut, either by sending you text messages or calling you
- With your agreement, we can ask the British Red Cross to visit your home for extra help and support

How to apply

Please help us spread the word about the Priority Service Register so we can reach more people who need us in power cuts.

If you or someone you know, meets our criteria above and lives in London, the South East of England or the East of England then please apply by either:

- Emailing psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk
- Writing to Customer Relations team, UK Power Networks, Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, IP3 8AA
- Applying online here: www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority

New District Councillor Locality Budgets

As part of Suffolk Coastal District Council's 'Enabling Communities' strategy, each district councillor has been allocated a small locality budget which can be used to help community initiatives in their ward.

In brief, any project that stimulates new community activity or extends and grows existing activity can be considered for a grant. Before contacting your ward councillor you should check that what you want to do meets the scheme's guidelines.

See www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/enablingcommunities for details of the strategy and the guidelines if you are considering applying for a grant.

Mark Newton

Powercut?

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* Calls to these numbers will cost no more than a local rate number from a mobile. If you get inclusive minutes in your mobile phone package, calls to these numbers are included.

We can also keep you updated via text messages. To register, **Text POWER** and your postcode to 80876

For more information or to report a power cut via our online Power Cut Map, visit <http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/power-cuts/>

Litter Action – Spring Clean Suffolk 2014

You may already be aware that a large number of people and organisations, including Suffolk Coastal, have joined together to initiate Spring Clean Suffolk, with the aim of supporting community driven efforts to keep Suffolk tidy and to address the culture of throwing litter down in our towns, villages, roads and countryside.

If your School/Council/Community Group would like to organise a litter pick at any time during 2014, then Suffolk Coastal District Council will be pleased to offer assistance. They can provide sacks and gloves and arrange for the collection and disposal of litter after clean-up events.

Why not consider getting the rest of your local community to sponsor your own local litter pick event – it's a worthwhile activity with an appreciable outcome that the whole community will benefit from.

You can find more details, register your activity and request equipment online via <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/waste/fly-tipping/litter/>



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Where does your precept money go?



A precept is 'an order issued by one local authority (Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council) to another (Suffolk Coastal District Council) specifying the rate of tax to be charged on its behalf': hence when you look at your council tax invoice the precept is the amount shown for Rushmere St Andrew to enable the Parish Council (PC) to provide your local services and facilities.

The 2014/15 precept is £96k, which in addition, is supported by a Government Council Tax Support Grant of £2.9k. Using a small element of reserves, this money is approximately apportioned as below:-

- £1k – Charitable donations e.g. The PC donated to Kesgrave Community library and St Andrews Church Clock Repair in 2013/14.
- £2k – Hall and meeting room hire.
- £2k – Publicity – Newsletter, Website and upkeep of noticeboards.

- £3.2k – Insurance, audit and administration.
- £3.6k – Bus shelter in Foxhall Road - anticipated installation summer 2014.
- £5k – Allotment Gardens – Refurbishment.
- £8.5k – Crime Prevention - including Match Funded Police Community Support Officer and contribution to porch infill at Tower Hall as part of control of Anti-Social Behaviour.
- £11k – Maintenance of five Play Areas and Mill Stream and Sandlings Local Nature Reserve – note: we share the maintenance costs of The Mill Stream/Sandlings LNR with Suffolk Coastal District Council.
- £12.5k – Contribution to the £100k new footpath project for The Street - this is in addition to £12.5k already paid in 2013/14.
- £21k – Annual loan repayment for the

building of Tower Hall Community Hall – commitment until year 2024.

- £30k – Salaries for two employees.

Many of these expenditures recur on an annual basis and the PC does try to plan ahead for new or upgraded facilities and repairs etc., in order to spread expenditure over time without making the burden too great in any one year. In recent years the PC has committed funds to seats, noticeboards, doggie bins and grit bins, plus play areas and pond refurbishments.

At times unexpected and urgent expenditures may occur and although we carry a £5k contingency fund we may have to take a reasoned judgement and re-assign funds.

Over the past few years Suffolk Coastal District Council have undertaken a programme of offering to transfer land and facilities they currently manage (known as Divestment), to Parish and Town Councils in order to meet their government budget targets.

In 2013/14 your Parish Council acquired the play areas at Kelvedon Drive and Chestnut Close in order to safeguard them for future use. In 2014/15 we expect to acquire the play area at Yewtree Close. However, this does increase our maintenance expenditure and accounts for a small portion of the rise in precept this year.

Although we have committed a further £12.5k to the long overdue footpath project in The Street we have managed to keep the increase in precept to 2.7% this year.

In 2013/14 we had to fund a contested by-election costing £5.1k and we will need to budget a similar amount for the four yearly Parish Council elections, which fall on 7 May 2015 – the same day as Government and District Council elections.

Funding for the Lawn Cemetery

The PC is a registered burial authority and our lawn cemetery is funded entirely from burial and memorial receipts. As such, the cemetery does not place any burden on the precept requirements.

The cemetery fees charged by the PC are regularly reviewed as we have a liability to maintain the cemetery for many years – a normal burial fee includes the granting of 'Exclusive Rights' to a burial plot for 100 years. We are currently extending the cemetery to ensure its future for the parish for many years to come and this is being funded from surplus cemetery income as a long term planned investment.

Cemetery Fees – Resident or Non-Resident?

The boundaries of the civil parish of Rushmere St Andrew, the area covered by the local government administration, differ from the boundaries of the parish church of Rushmere St Andrew, the area covered by St Andrews Church. Whilst it is consecrated ground, the Lawn Cemetery is owned and administered by the Parish Council and it is a civil cemetery.

We use the following simple rule to determine who pays resident fees and who pays non-resident-fees for cemetery services:- 'A resident is a person who, at the time of death, is or was an inhabitant of the civil parish of Rushmere St Andrew'.

Two wheels can be great fun – but be safe

Over the past twelve months we have seen an exceptional number of mopeds and motorcycles being ridden in the general area. Riding a moped or motorcycle can be great fun, and it

health check, and you can even test your own riding skills around a mini course.

For more information please email

sally.thomas@suffolk.police.uk
or telephone 101.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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If a relative or anyone else you know rides a moped or a motorcycle, please let them know about the Moped Roadshow being held at Kesgrave High School on Saturday 26 April 2014 from 12.00 noon until 4.00pm.

The roadshow, which has been organised by my colleague PCSO Sally Thomas, aims to ensure that all riders have the necessary skills, protective clothing, and basic mechanical knowledge to ride and maintain their bikes to a safe standard.

There will be lots to do at the roadshow including a moped simulator – so you can try before you buy.

You can also bring along your own moped or motorcycle and get a free

Can you spare half an hour each day for two weeks per year?

We have a rota of volunteer helpers who unlock and lock Broke Hall Playing Field gates in Salehurst Road each morning and evening throughout the year. Their help is much valued and appreciated by everyone using the facilities there.

Owing to people retiring after many years of valuable service, or moving away, the rota has become smaller with volunteers now needing to do three of four times a year. We need able people in the area of Salehurst Road, Cuckfield Avenue, Lewes Close, and some part of Arundel Way to join the team.

So you feel you can help? If so please contact Jean Potter, Assistant Clerk to Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council for more details.

Jean Potter can be contacted by telephone 01473 723409 or email assistantclerk@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk

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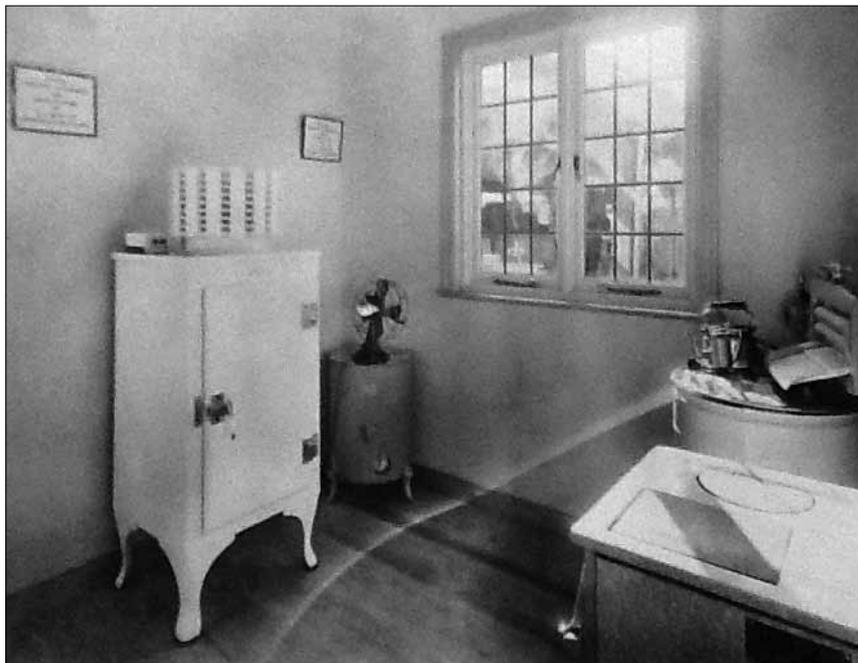
More news on Columbia House

We have now had confirmation that the house was indeed displayed at the Suffolk Show. The kitchen photo on the right was taken while the house was at the show as there is a plaque on the wall that declares, 'Stoves, Sanitary Appliances and Door Fittings by E L Hunt Ltd, Ipswich and Chelmsford'.

It is interesting to note that the house while at the show did not have a chimney: it didn't need one as it was heated by these new-fangled electric fire things. It has fireplaces but no chimney. The house grew chimneys after it was moved to its present location and extended.

There is more information in a magazine supplement 'Timber and Plywood dated 30 June 1934' of the house and interior as it was at the show, together with more photos on our website www.rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk under the history section.

Our grateful thanks to Andrew Frettingham for this further information and use of historical photos.



Would you like to be a local history recorder?

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Local History Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level and we need to recruit a volunteer to fulfil this task in Rushmere St Andrew.

A local history recorder notes significant happenings in their area, especially changes going on around them, and collects local village magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings.

At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the recorders pack at www.slhc.org.uk to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme.

You do not need to be a historian and you don't need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish.

In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for local history recorders. To volunteer, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk.



Memories of a village childhood

Growing up at 9 The Street, Rushmere St Andrew 1949 to 1974, I am at present putting together a booklet of my memories of growing up in Rushmere, a village I left when married in 1974.

I just wondered if readers of this newsletter have any pictures of the village between 1949 and 1974, in particular, pictures of the Shiplee Shop near the chapel, the blacksmiths or Keebles shop in Bent Lane?

How about Rushmere Primary School which I attended or perhaps the Cobblers Shop next to the Chapel? Any pictures within that period would be really appreciated. I could scan them and return them immediately and would acknowledge them in the book.

I can be contacted on 01473 748772 or charlesrclarke@sky.com

Thank you – Charles Clarke

Fascinating CENSUS!

It's now possible to drill down into the 2011 Census results and find all sorts of fascinating facts about your ward.

The results have been made available by the Office for National Statistics at this web address, www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk. 2011 CENSUS day was the 27th March 2011.

Here's a tiny sample of the things you can discover about Rushmere St Andrew

Data Set	Rushmere St Andrew	Suffolk Coastal
Population	6,185	124,298
Over 64's	22.9%	23.2%
Under 25's	27.1%	26.5%
Born overseas	5.8%	6.1%
Provider of unpaid care	12.6%	10.7%
Christian	65.9%	63.1%
Age 16-74 in employment	66.9%	64.0%
Number of households	2,498	53,558
Social rented	2.4%	11.3%

What does it all mean? I leave it up to you to decide. Go on, have a look, fascinate your friends with facts and figures!

Mark Newton

It's our website

If you have not yet visited the parish website do take time to have a look. There is always something of interest and not just Parish Council news. There are some very interesting articles in the history section.

As well as visits to our website from people all over the UK, visitors from Canada, United States, Thailand, Spain, Italy, Norway, Nigeria, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Jamaica, Cyprus, Pakistan, India and Iraq to name a few have been recorded.

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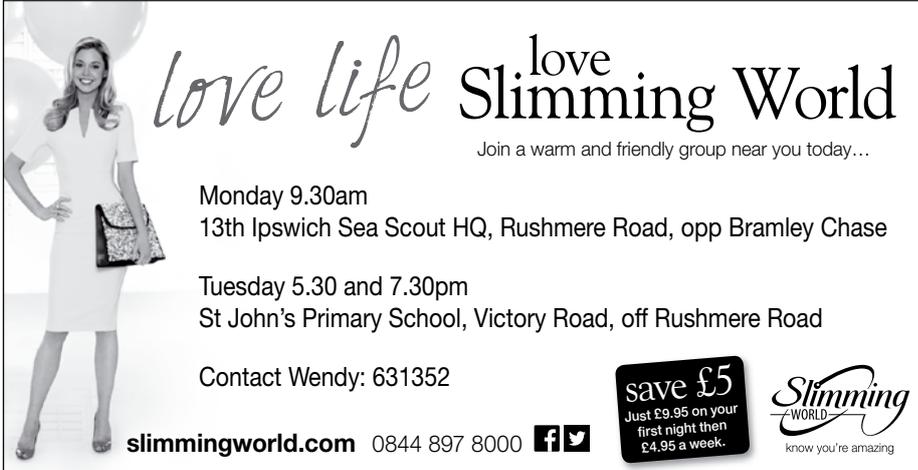
Tackling fly-tipping

The success of an effective new partnership approach to tackling fly-tipping was celebrated at a recent conference entitled 'Tripping up the Tippers', at Trinity Park Ipswich.

The conference celebrated the achievements of the fly-tipping reduction project, with delegates from local authorities, housing associations, landowners and managers from across the East of England.

Projects highlighted included:

- Formation of the Suffolk Fly-Tipping Action Group (STAG).
- 'Operation Tip-Off' crackdown events. Enforcement actions to stop and search waste collectors.
- A 90 second video – Tripping up the Tippers – highlighting householders duty of care.
- Widespread publicity of successful fly-tipping prosecutions.
- A guide for householders, business and landowners on preventing and reporting illegal waste dumping.
- Awareness raising campaign alerting businesses to changes to waste carrier registration.
- New section on Greenest County website on preventing, tackling and reporting fly-tipping <http://www.greensuffolk.org/recycling/fly-tipping/>



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It's the winter that never was!

Here we are at the end of a 'Winter That Never Was'. I say that because if you consider December, January, February and March as being our main winter months then from the end of November 2013 to the present time we have had just a few nights of frost, not a single flake of snow (at least here in Rushmere St Andrew) and some lovely sunny days with temperatures reaching 20° C.

There was, of course, a long rainy and somewhat stormy spell and a tidal surge in December, however, Rushmere is well protected from most of those events.

There were a few trees and branches brought down by the high winds. Most of these were quickly removed or made safe by the combined efforts of Suffolk Coastal Countryside Ranger Team, Greenways and local contractors not forgetting additional work by the Parish officers and members.

With that topic in mind if you ever have any concerns about trees and hedges in the Parish please feel free to contact me (details at the end of this article) or the Parish Clerk or Assistant Clerk.

Much of Rushmere St Andrew is covered by blanket Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's). It requires planning permission to be granted before any work is carried out.

So far this winter, I have visited a number of properties where application has been made and in almost all cases we were able to support the planned works to reduce or even remove trees.

Likewise I have been able to advise a number of residents of the Parish concerning hedgerows, trees and their 'residents rights'.

As a Parish Council, working with Suffolk Coastal District Council we are

perfectly capable of managing our trees and hedgerows. Reminder: if you have any concerns or any plans ask us first.

I don't want to sound too negative however. It just seems we have some residents who find it difficult to cooperate.

So, being much more positive, I can report sightings of a number of butterflies, bumble bees and migrant birds already (middle of March). If you have anything larger than a bowl of water in your garden you will almost certainly have frogs around. They have wasted no time at all in producing large quantities of Frog Spawn.

One thing for sure is that in Rushmere St Andrew we are blessed with some super wooded areas, heathland, a multiplicity of countryside walks and lovely public open spaces.

As a Parish Council we are proud of Rushmere St Andrew. We want residents to enjoy it now and to preserve everything we can for future generations.

I have recently completed a survey regarding just one of the footpaths and it brought back to mind the days back in the 50's when I would take several brothers, sisters and friends on a walk from Rushmere Estate to 'Tuddenham Stream', (actually the River Fynn). We crossed the Rugby Club ground, the farmer's fields, the railway line and played for hours in and out of the water as it flowed under a small bridge.

You can still do the same walk today – how privileged is that?

James Wright

Tree Warden Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council. Contact: 01473 721499

Just a reminder of what residents can and cannot do

- From your property you may cut, prune, lop a hedge or tree branches vertically upwards from your boundary fence. You may not lean over and/or use extended pruners or saws to achieve your intentions by other means! Any cuttings should technically be offered to the owner of the trees or hedgerow. However it is best to remove the cuttings yourself and not add to the problem we have of people fly-tipping garden waste (eg lawn cuttings) into our hedgerows/public open spaces/nature areas. Fly-tipping garden waste is an offence. There is no excuse especially given that there is a green waste recycling centre just a few minutes away.
- You may not prune, cut, lop any branches from trees or hedgerows which are the subject of a TPO even if they are on your land. Please seek advice first. One resident in the Midlands who didn't, landed a massive fine in court.
- You may not enter public open spaces, local nature reserves, footpaths etc., with the intention of cutting, chopping or pruning any form of vegetation. Not only is it an offence in law, you would also be criminally liable for any injuries which are the consequence of your actions. You would have no public liability insurance and you would almost certainly violate health and safety regulations. Nor should you engage a contractor on your behalf – they too could become liable in law.

Hedgerows on the Sandlings – view shows problems of illegal hedge trimming





WW1 Roll of Honour in Village Hall

Did you know that a complete list of those serving in the armed forces in WW1 from Rushmere St Andrew is on permanent display in Rushmere Village Hall, Humber Doucy Lane.

We have attempted to reproduce a photo above. Unfortunately we cannot show this memorial picture in a readable size, but it can be downloaded from our website history page.

Of course the parish boundaries were

Two lonely old men

They can be seen standing forlornly by themselves at the side of Chestnut pond.

A little while ago, in late March, the love of their lives departed the village for the great pond in the sky.

What now for the two remaining geese.

For years they have moved about that area of the village as a trio, always returning to the pond after their various meanderings.

Well, almost always. They have occasionally needed a helping hand to get them back. They did take a fancy to the geese on the Oak Farm development in Playford Lane on one occasion, and also found the good grazing on the grassy green in Holly Lane much to their liking, and had to be helped back.

We wait to see what they will do now.

somewhat different a hundred years ago, and included roads which are now part of Ipswich, but it is amazing just how many people from the parish were involved. Some women are also listed on the roll.

We shall be attempting some research over the next few months in the hope

that we may be able to find a few of the stories behind the names in time for the autumn issue of the parish newsletter.

Those who did not return home from the conflict are also remembered on the war memorial in St Andrews Churchyard.

Jean Potter – Assistant Clerk

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ORWELL DFAS

A member society of NADFAS, the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, we meet in Tower Hall monthly on Wednesday afternoons where we host a series of illustrated lectures given by national experts.

We also organize trips to exhibitions and places of cultural interest. In July we visit Strawberry Hill House in London.

Annual membership is £40. Non-members are welcome and we ask a £5 donation.

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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 www.onesuffolk.co.uk/safersuffolk

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 27 May
7.00 pm Tower Hall

Broadlands Way
Rushmere St Andrew IP4 5SU

The Chairman of the Parish Council normally chairs the Parish Meeting. However, it is not like a Parish Council Meeting where councillors are debating and deciding issues

It is your chance to find out what your parish council precept has been spent on during the past year, what facilities are available to you and much more

You also have a chance to bring matters to the attention of councillors and clerks who can answer if possible or refer them to the appropriate council committee for further investigation, report/action as necessary

THIS IS YOUR MEETING It is a public meeting

Councillors serve on the parish council in a voluntary capacity and have to make very many difficult decisions

To do that they need input from you the public who elected them to serve YOU

This is your chance to have your say. Please don't waste it, come and give them ideas and support

See you there?

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 8 May 2014 Annual Meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 10 July 2014 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 11 September 2014 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 13 November 2014 7.30 pm Tower Hall

General Purposes and Finance Committee

Thursday 12 June 2014 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 14 August 2014 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 9 October 2014 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 11 December 2014 7.30 pm Village Hall

Parish Amenities and Services Committee

Thursday 15 May 2014 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 17 July 2014 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 18 September 2014 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 20 November 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.