

# Your Rushmere

Summer 2020 Newsletter



## Inside this issue...

Favourites such as  
Young Zone, Rushmere Readers, Children's Competition, Allotments & Local History.

Articles ranging from  
Hedges and Flower Bugs to Parking and Families in Lockdown.

Local updates on what your Parish Council has been up to!

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**UPDATE FROM KAYE SOUTER:**

'Mother's day deliveries were all completed on Sunday 21st March in a noncontact doorstep placement style; unlike our usual way but much appreciated & understood by all.

Whilst we shut the workshop door to visitors on Monday 23rd March we continued to deliver funeral tributes up until Friday 3rd April, then as a nonessential trade & therefore no more fresh flower supplies available we stopped delivering until such time the supply chain resumed again. We have since been available via phone, email & direct messaging during which time we have managed to fit many postponed weddings into their new dates later this year & some next year.

From the middle of May, as lockdown started to ease, we received our first fresh flower deliveries for 7 weeks, so we returned to the workbench to design funeral tributes & gift bouquets.

The funeral tributes will be delivered directly to the funeral directors and the gift bouquets will be delivered to residential addresses in a noncontact style by leaving on the doorstep & ringing the bell/knocking on the door to ensure the bouquet is received.

At the time of writing, we will continue to monitor the easing of restrictions & react accordingly until we can once again open the workshop door.

We appreciate the full support from all of our customers & continue to serve them as restrictions allow. *Kaye*

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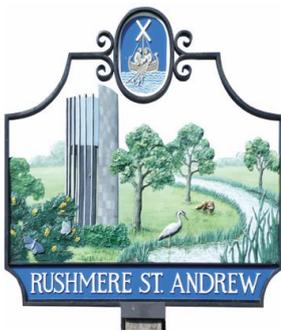
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## Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council



*Hello* to all the residents of Rushmere St Andrew! It feels like it has been a long time since we had our last 'Your Rushmere' because a lot has happened since Christmas!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have grasped this pandemic and turned it into a chance to create a greater community spirit, whether that's checking in on neighbours, helping to deliver shopping to the isolated or simply saying hello to a stranger as they pass. It has become very noticeable that we are all in this together and given time I'm sure we will be back to a new normal before too long.

I would also like to remind any residents who feel that this isolation has had an impact on their mental health that they are not alone, it is becoming very obvious that there are a lot of people within our Parish who are suffering with loneliness. The NHS has setup a telephone number which you can call if you feel this has got too much for you. Call 0808 196 3646 should you need any help with shopping, prescriptions or just need to talk to someone.

The Winter Newsletter will be with you in December 2020 but in the meantime on behalf of the Parish Council stay safe and take care of each other.

*Chris Griggs - Chairman of the Newsletter & Website Advisory Panel*

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Further information about Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) including Team Members; Priorities; Campaigns and Meetings can be found on <a href="http://www.Suffolk.Police.UK">www.Suffolk.Police.UK</a>		

### Parish Council Meetings

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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions no face to face meetings are being held. However, the Parish Council are holding virtual online meetings including Planning and Development Committee meetings through ZOOM. Details of when these meetings are being held and how to access them can be found on the Parish Noticeboards and on the Parish Council Website at: [www.rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/agendas-and-minutes/](http://www.rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/agendas-and-minutes/)

If you wish to join a meeting as a member of the public please advise the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sylvia Stannard by emailing: [sylvia.stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk](mailto:sylvia.stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk)

### Planning and Development Meetings

These meetings are arranged as and when we receive planning applications for discussion. Notice of meetings and agendas will be placed on Noticeboards and the Parish Website.

### The Parish Office will be Closed until Further Notice

**If you need to contact us please use the details below:**

- Telephone: 01473 711509
- Parish Clerk: Mrs Sylvia Stannard
- Email: [sylvia.stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk](mailto:sylvia.stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk)
- Assistant Parish Clerk: Mrs Sarah Jenkins
- Email: [sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk](mailto:sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk)

## Benches and Boards

Funding has been received from District Councillor Mark Newton from his Enabling Local Communities Budget for the addition of two wheelchair accessible picnic benches in the parish. One has been located at Broke Hall Playing Field and the other at Chestnut Pond.

County Councillor Robert Whiting has kindly funded the installation of an Information Board at Chestnut Pond from his Locality Budget. It details the history, nature and wildlife of the Pond. So if you are out on your walk in the village please take time to find it and have a look.



## CPR Seminar



On 29th February 2020, despite the bad weather, 40 local residents turned up for an extremely successful Cardiac Response Seminar including Defibrillator Awareness and CPR Training run by the Community Heartbeat Trust.

The trainer was extremely thorough in showing us how to perform CPR and how to use the defibrillators located in the parish at Rushmere Baptist Church, Tower Hall and Jaipur Restaurant, Penshurst Road. There will also be one located at Rushmere Village Hall shortly.

This was a joint venture between Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council and Rushmere Baptist Church.

Now even more people in the Parish are able to assist and save lives.

*'This has given me the confidence to one day maybe help save a life ...'*

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with this event.

## Litter and Dog Poo

Although the majority of residents treat the Parish with respect, unfortunately since the lockdown has been eased, the amount of litter and dog poo, including poo bags found left around, particularly on the Heath has increased. This poses a health hazard to the public especially with COVID-19 still with us.

We are aware that members of the public have been clearing up the mess left behind by others. This is very kind and much appreciated but it would be even better if we could all look after our own litter and not expect someone to do it for us.

The Parish Council has all bins emptied weekly but with the increased use of the Heath and the good weather, sometimes the litter bins are full.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR DOG POO and ANY LITTER THAT DOESN'T FIT IN THE LITTER BINS HOME WITH YOU.**

The Parish should be enjoyed safely by everyone. If you notice any anti-social behaviour, please report it to the police (this can be done anonymously) by calling 101 or online at: [www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime).

## Neighbourhood Plan for Parish

We are pleased to inform readers that we will be developing a neighbourhood plan for the parish over the course of the next few years. The parish was formally designated a neighbourhood area by East Suffolk Council in February 2020. Developing a Neighbourhood Plan is an exciting opportunity for residents and other interested parties to develop a shared vision for the parish and influence how the parish will grow and develop in the next ten years and beyond. The neighbourhood plan will be developed by the people in the parish and it will reflect the views of the people in the parish.

A working group has been established with numerous volunteers and councillors that will be overseeing the process of developing a neighbourhood plan for the parish. There will be lots of opportunities to get involved such as expressing your views on the issues in the parish and how this can be addressed in the plan. An experienced, locally based planning consultant, Places4People, will be assisting the working group with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The next step in developing a neighbourhood plan for the parish is to engage with residents and other interested parties about a vision for the plan; and needs and issues in the parish. The community engagement process and responses; and other evidence sources such as a landscape assessment will all help to shape a draft neighbourhood plan. For further information please contact the Clerk, Mrs Sylvia Stannard by emailing: [Sylvia.Stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk](mailto:Sylvia.Stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk) or telephoning 01473 711509.



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## Website

Please see our website for useful information relating to COVID-19, meetings, local amenities, allotments, St Andrews Church cemetery and local walks.

[www.rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net](http://www.rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net)

## Play Areas Update

Please note that until Government Guidelines change **ALL** play areas within the Parish will remain closed. This includes Tower Hall, Kelvedon Drive, Yewtree Grove, Chestnut Close and Broke Hall Playing field.

## David Shiplee: Our Longest Allotment Plot Holder



David left school age 15 and took on his first plot at Rushmere, he worked on several local farms, before joining Ipswich Borough Council's Parks Department in which he worked for over 30 years before retirement.

David, who lives in Kesgrave, calculates that he has been a plot holder at Rushmere Allotments for the longest, having been a regular tenant here for 60 years!

The Rushmere St Andrew Parish Allotments are looking good!



## News from the Allotments

Allotments have been allowed by the Government to continue during the lockdown so those of us who are fortunate enough to have an allotment plot have had something to occupy us during the shutdown days.

Here at the Rushmere Allotments we have been so lucky as it's the perfect time of year to plant so many things like potatoes, broad beans, leeks, spring onions and so many more. We have to be aware of any frosts forecast as frost will have a devastating effect on the more tropical plants such as French/Runner Beans and Courgettes. But it's been a good start to the year and all our plots are taken and the allotments overall have in my opinion never looked better.

We are all digging for England and enjoying it.

We welcomed some new tenants this Spring and we still have a waiting list. If you are interested, it is worth contacting our Parish Council Clerk Mrs Sylvia Stannard on 01473 711509 or email: [sylvia.stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk](mailto:sylvia.stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk) to add your name to the list.

**Councillor John Westrup**  
Allotment Manager

**Stick With It Suffolk** – continue slowing the spread of coronavirus

Suffolk residents are being asked to continue their great efforts, which are successfully reducing the spread of COVID-19.

The **Stick With It Suffolk** campaign highlights the things we must all continue doing to keep each other safe and to defeat the virus.

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## VE Day and World War Two in Rushmere-Ruth Silburn, Local History Recorder

As we have just acknowledged the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, I have selected some memories from the late Leonard Woolf's notes as he lived in Rushmere at that time:

"To celebrate the end of the war in Europe on VE Day seventy five years ago the village had a bonfire on the church meadow which was adjacent to the old Church Hall in Humber Doucy Lane.

During World War Two Italian Prisoners of War worked in Rushmere, they wore a green uniform but does anyone know where they might have been held ?

In early 1944 a Wellington Bomber crashed in Alder Carr woods, not much information can be found, because apparently it was on an S.O.E mission, but we do know that the reason for the crash was because it was overloaded causing it to stall and crash.

A V2 rocket came down at 0.59 am on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1944 and landed in the hedge beside the footpath that leads from the church to Playford Road, and made an enormous crater, thankfully no one was hurt.

Rushmere Home Guard used to train down Holly Lane near the Bridge. They had a hut about the size of a small garage, made of wood. There were high hedges then and it was just inside the field on the right hand side where you now enter the main Motocross track. Kinsey Grimsey (the postmaster at the time) and Bill Taylor were members.

There was a small army artillery camp with searchlights and an AA Gun based at Hill Farm, Rushmere"

Two families took cover in an Anderson Shelter in their garden at Elm Road on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1943 Tragically a bomb had a direct hit on the shelter, and killed all the occupants. Their grave is in Ipswich cemetery, a short distance from Cemetery Road entrance and is in memory of four children and four adults who lost their lives that night.

The World War Two memorial is inside St Andrew's Church situated behind the font, as you enter, on the left side. The memorial was presented in 1955, and was sponsored by Mrs E.L. Hunt. It is oak panelling surrounding the church organ and is embossed with Gold lettering.

There are 47 names in total, including 17 RAF members, six Royal Navy and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and eight civilians.

Their deaths are recorded in the UK, France, Germany, Sicily, Singapore, Alamein and one in 1946 in Palestine.

### The names are as follows:

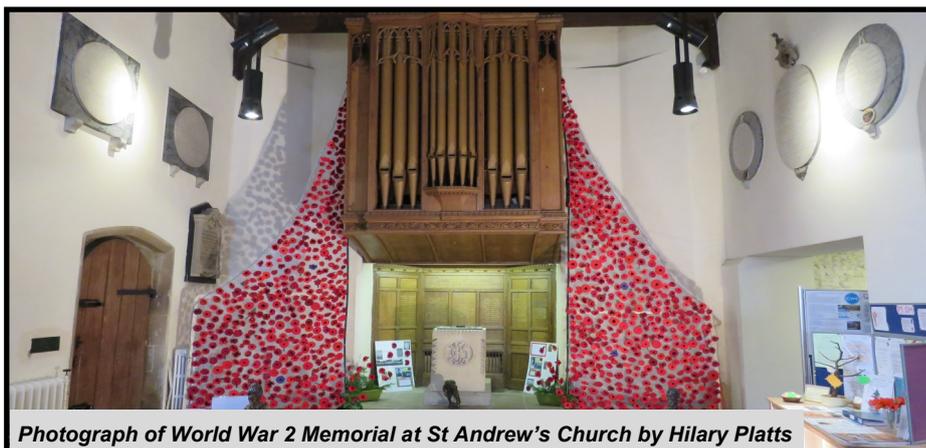
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 James Frederick Barnes, Age 34, RAF.  
 Harold Royston Batten, RAF.  
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 Michael Bentley, Age 23, RAF  
 Walter Nicholas Bingham, Age 25, RAF.  
 Patrick Daniel Booth, Age 22, Royal Army Service Corps.  
 Trevor Victor Buxton, Age 25, RNVF.  
 Charles Leslie Caley, Age 26, Royal Artillery  
 Janet Ellen Carey, Age 6, Civilian.  
 Colin Frank Mortlock Chapman, Age 25, RAF.  
 James Philip Sydney Chapman, Age 43, Royal Navy.  
 David Frederick James Cook, Age 28, Life Guards.  
 Frederick Ernest Felgate, Age 30, Royal Ulster Rifles.  
 Ivan Frank Garnham, Age 21, RNVF.  
 Frank Gill, Age 63, Civilian.  
 Derrick George Goodh, Age 20, Royal Army Service Corps.  
 Jack Henry Goodchild, Age 28, RAF.  
 Charles Archibald Harrison-Jones, Age 26, Malay State Volunteer Force.  
 Richard George Holding, Age 23, RAF.  
 Reginald Burchell How, Age 25, RAF.  
 Stanley Foulger Howe, Age 29, RAF.  
 Frederick George Henry Leek, Age 37, Suffolk Regiment  
 Cyril George Mann, Age 27, RNVF.  
 Eric Stanley Martin, Age 21, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.  
 Edward Parham, Age 78, Civilian.  
 Dudley Frank Playle, Age 3, Civilian.  
 Marjery Kathleen Playle, Age 22, Civilian.

Stanley Ernest Roberts, Age 26, Queen's Royal Regiment.  
 Geoffrey James Sawyer, Age 21, Royal Navy.  
 Noel Garrod Southgate, Age 31, Cambridgeshire Regiment.  
 Sidney Spurling, Age 35, Royal Scots Fusiliers.  
 John Alistair Stewart, Age 20, RAF.  
 Gerald Cecil Stone, Age 25, RAF.  
 John Symonds, RAF.  
 Jack Dennis Thompson, Age 21, RAF.  
 John Hector Wallis, Age 41, Royal Navy.  
 Edward James Warne, Age 24, Suffolk Regiment.  
 Ivan Jonathan Warne, Age 20, Suffolk Regiment.  
 Godfrey George Webb, Age 25, Military Police.  
 Alfred John Welham, Age 27, RAF.  
 John Newman Whitmore, Age 20, RAF.  
 Betty Ellen Minnie Whiting, Age 5, Civilian.  
 Ellen Janette Whiting, Age 71, Civilian.  
 John Charles Whiting, Age 4, Civilian.  
 Vera Hatty Whiting, Age 44, Civilian.  
 William Brian Carrington, Age 19, Palestine.

It is not possible to access service records for World War Two personnel as these are only available to their immediate families. I would therefore be very grateful for any additional information if you have a connection with any of these families.

There are four Commonwealth War Grave burials in the Churchyard, these are for James Barnes, Charles Caley, David Cook and Jack Goodchild.

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Photograph of World War 2 Memorial at St Andrew's Church by Hilary Platts

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## Nature Notes, Hedges and Trees



“Ouch!”, “I’ve been bitten”, exclaimed my wife as she instinctively brushed away the offender. There on the ground was this lovely, iridescent beetle no more than a centimetre in length. We were able to scoop it up and take a closer look in an observation pot and identify it as a Flower Bug (above). Yes, they bite! Relatively harmless with no long lasting effect – says he who was not the one that was bitten!

Small price to pay for having a flourishing garden which has proved a vital “breathing space” for me during this extended COVID-19 lockdown. At the time of writing, week eleven and counting, normally, as Tree and Pond Warden I would be out and about in the Parish. The time of the year when I’d be listening out for Chiffchaff, Blackcaps,

Willow Warblers, Nightingales and Cuckoos.

Our Parish is set in one of the finest areas of Suffolk. We have extensive areas of countryside in and around the Parish. From Rushmere Common to the edge of the Fynn Valley in the North whilst there’s the Sandlings and Mill Stream Local Nature Reserves on the Tower Ward side to the south of the Parish. Have you for example followed the Jubilee Walk from the Water Tower Lane (off Bixley Drive)? Look out for the numbered marker posts. It will take you through some really diverse parts of our Parish.

In Rushmere Village there will be Swallows and House Martins swooping through the air and, not to be outdone, here on the Broke Hall side of the Parish



we have Swifts screeching around the houses.. I am really fortunate in that there are nests in roofs just opposite. Mind you it’s really fleeting glimpses since Swifts spend virtually their entire life on the wing, where they feed, find a partner and mate. They even “sleep” on the wing. It’s been said that Swifts return to the same nest sites year after year and studies show they pair for life. Quite

remarkable that these small animals fly thousands of miles to be with us for just three months or so for their breeding season. Could we possibly imagine new born offspring having to travel thousands of miles within a few weeks of being born?

As ever in life there are positive spin-offs even in times of doom and gloom. None more so than the dramatically positive effect which the COVID-19 lockdown has had on the environment. With millions less car journeys the air is clearer, pollution is reduced and the sky is so much clearer. People (who are permitted to drive) report having to clear bugs off the windscreens – something we’ve rarely had to do in recent years. Consequently the birds are enjoying a good nesting season.

It would be really nice if I could include some of your special nature moments from 2020. Have you seen or heard birds, insects, bats and any other animals which normally you wouldn’t notice? For me my “special day” was to set the alarm for 0430 on 3rd May – National Dawn Chorus Day. I was not disappointed. The resident Blackbird was in full voice competing with a Robin, the Dunnock and some Goldfinches. An hour of sheer delight.

If you have any nature notes you would like to share please email them to: [sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk](mailto:sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk)

**A healthy hedgerow** mix includes Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Hazel, Wild Rose, Guelder Rose, Spindleberry amongst others. Such a mixture will produce a range of flowers followed by berries as winter food for the birds. The hedgerow growing environment provides a home for a vast range of insects, arachnids and refuge for small mammals. In planting hedges we are, in our gardens, helping to maintain that vital “green corridor” which wildlife so desperately needs.

I promised to update information about Trees and Hedges in respect of pruning/pollarding etc, people’s “rights”. As a general guide there should be no pruning/felling of trees and hedges from March to September. It is not an offence to do so bearing in mind the following exclusions but it is an offence if a bird’s nest is disturbed or damaged during that work.

Is the tree or hedgerow on your property (where the roots are set)? Much of the Parish is covered by Tree Preservation Orders. Does that apply to your trees and hedges? If there is a TPO you will need to obtain Planning Permission to carry out any work. Not sure? Check with East Suffolk District Council on 03330162000. Most requests to do work on trees with TPO’s is permitted. If the tree or hedge is in your garden then unless your property has extensive woodland you are free to proceed with the work (bearing in mind the issue of nesting birds).

If the roots are not in your garden then you need to take on board various matters. If your neighbour’s trees are hanging over your garden you are entitled to prune the branches etc exactly level with the boundary fence in a vertical direction as high as you like. However, you should first ask your neighbour and check to see if there is an active TPO. If they say “no” you may proceed with care but do not lean over the boundary when doing the work. If you have their cooperation you are responsible for the cuttings.

If your actions of pruning or cutting branches are likely to unbalance the tree in a neighbouring garden then you cannot simply exercise your rights without agreement. You must not leave the remaining plant in an unsafe condition.

If your neighbour’s tree has a TPO notice applying to it then it’s still possible, with your neighbour’s cooperation, to apply for planning permission and get the work carried out but it may be at your expense.

There are times when trees or hedges belonging to you cause a “nuisance” to others. This is not so much overhanging back garden fences, it is more about branches growing out of your garden and restricting passing space on adjacent footpaths. This IS your responsibility, (not the council who maintain the path).

Over the past ten years as a Parish Councillor I’ve advised in dozens of such situations. If you have any queries I’m more than happy to meet.

*Councillor James Wright , Parish Council Tree and Pond Warden*

## Parish Halls: Retirement & COVID-19

The Parish Halls Management Committee were all set to hold our AGM on 30th April and give our retiring Secretary & Treasurer Mrs Jean Potter a good send-off; however, Covid-19 had other ideas!

We had to close down both the Village Hall (Humber Doucy Lane) & Tower Hall (Broadlands Way) and place most of the staff on the Government Furlough Scheme. As of the date of writing this article we are unfortunately still in that situation, but hope to reopen at least one hall in July if the Government relax lockdown by then and eventually we will hold the very much delayed AGM.

With no income from Hall hires we still have bills to pay and have managed to obtain grants from East Suffolk Council (Under the Govt. Covid-19, Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Grants Fund) to help bridge the funding gap.

Amidst all this, Jean Potter's (below) last day working for the Halls was 30th April. She now takes a well-earned retirement having carried out to a high degree of professionalism the administration,



bookings and accounts for Parish Halls since October 2007. During that time she has been ably helped by Rob her husband who carried out many stand-in duties and hall maintenance work.

We now move on and have recruited two persons on part-time job share to replace Jean.

### We warmly welcome:

**Libby Griggs (below)** who is now looking after accounts/payroll.

**Telephone Libby on 07538 929253**



**Lisa Foster (below)** who is now looking after bookings, user accounts and the website.

**Telephone Lisa on 07507492310**



Both Lisa and Libby will be able to handle any enquiries on email: [parish.halls.rushmere@gmail.com](mailto:parish.halls.rushmere@gmail.com)

In January this year we increased the caretaking team to four. They are managed by Mike Sarbutts.

Contact Mike on 07933 640935.

The Management Team at Parish Halls-Rushmere St Andrew look forward to serving the community again as soon as it is safe to do so.

*Mel Bentley, Parish Halls*

## Bixley Farm Church



Until the lockdown in March, we continued with our successful format of meeting on Sunday afternoons 4-5pm at Tower Hall.

The congregation have enjoyed our worship style and warm fellowship. The time spent after the service is important, characterised by the sound of people enjoying meeting and talking with each other over a cup of tea and a bite. Now we are meeting on line like many other churches. In addition to a weekly service where we can listen to Bible readings, singing, sermons and prayers, we also have regular family quizzes and prayer meetings on line. Details of how to access can be found at the bottom of this article.

Bixley Farm Church is now firmly established as the third congregation within the Mission Ipswich East (MIE) C of E group, alongside those of St Johns, Cauldwell Hall Road and St Andrews, Britannia Road. With over 40 people attending our weekly Sunday services and over 20 coming along to Little Lambs, our parent and toddler group, we will be marking our third anniversary in September this year.

Since the last report in Oct 2019 we have had several Christmas events, including a big community sing-along, Carols on the Green on Broke Hall with St Augustine' Church. We also did our customary carolling in the street, a Carol Service and a Nativity service. All these were well attended by local residents and it was great to have a busy Tower Hall.

Little Lambs is our parent and toddler group that has been meeting every Friday morning in term time at Tower Hall. This has proved very popular with local families and we also held an evening get-together of mainly mum's at the Golf Pub prior to the start of the lockdown. We are looking forward to a time where parents and children can get together once again.

The church also runs two home groups in the Bixley Farm area where people to meet to study the Bible and share supportive fellowship.

All our events are open to anyone.

Meanwhile during lockdown, take care, stay safe and join us online.

### For further information:

[www.mie.org/bixley](http://www.mie.org/bixley)

[facebook.com/MissionIpswichEast](https://facebook.com/MissionIpswichEast)

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Tel: 01473 270978

**A Message from Wigglywoo's Craft Emporium:** As we are unable to open up for workshops we are bringing the workshop to you.

We have put together a great selection of kits suitable for all ages and abilities that are posted direct to you at home.

Our kits are great value for your pocket and a great investment for your mental health too as they are felt by many to be very relaxing and therapeutic, something we are all in a little need of at times like this, supporting us to support you.

The kits come with all the materials required to complete and a set of easy to follow instructions. Thank you. Sharon

## PCSO Report



I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and inform you all, that I am the new Police Community Support Officer covering the Rushmere St. Andrew and Kesgrave area.

Whilst new to the Constabulary, I have previously worked with the general public in both human resources and customer service sectors. I'm looking forward to using this knowledge when working with the parish council to play an active role within the parish of Rushmere St. Andrew.

Having completed my initial training at the end of April, I am now working fully independently out of the Woodbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team base. In order to gain a better knowledge of the area, I have been conducting patrols both on foot and in a vehicle. What has really stood out for me on a daily basis is the level of compassion the residents display. Members of the public seem to really be looking out for each other and always appear positive, demonstrating to me what a large sense of community spirit Rushmere St. Andrew currently has.

Due to the current climate and improving weather conditions, there has been a noticeable increase in footfall in the area, specifically on Rushmere Heath. Both myself and the local Safer Neighbourhood Team are continuing to increase foot patrols in this area to ensure people are maintaining social distance whilst they are out and about.

There have been several recent reports of bicycle theft in the local area. In order to prevent this, I just want to take this opportunity to advise that your bikes are locked away securely at all times when not in use – even if you are just stopping in the shop for a matter of minutes. For further security, bikes can also be registered online for free to provide you with proof of ownership should you have any issues.

Further information on this can be found at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).

There has also been a push to make the public more vigilant to potential fraudulent correspondence from those that may be looking to take advantage of the current pandemic. Scammers may attempt to take advantage by several mediums including letters, emails, phone calls and text messages. Members of the public need to be cautious when giving out personal information and taking the necessary precautions to limit the risk of becoming a victim of fraud. More information on this can be found on the Action Fraud website. [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

I will be continuing to interact with the general public and building relationships with the local businesses on my patrols, so if you see me about don't hesitate to introduce yourself. I know it is a strange time at the moment, but try to stay positive and stay safe!

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<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>



## Parking

If there was ever a subject to get the hackles bristling then this is it! I've noticed comments where people have said "I pay my taxes, I can park where I want". True for the first part of that statement but, actually, the only place where you might legally park without the possibility of being charged with any offence is on your own private property. You can, of course, park on many sections of the "public" highway. However, not all roads in our parish are adopted public highways.

Similarly if you park on the highway there are many locations where your (parked) vehicle may be deemed to be causing an obstruction – that's a different offence and punishable by law. (Parking on verges and footpaths is also a risky business). For example, if your parked vehicle causes people to have to walk onto the highway to get round it, apart from being antisocial it is dangerous. and can lead to Fixed Penalty Notices.

Why mention this "thorny" subject now? Well, as of April 2020, the enforcement of parking regulations in East Suffolk is now in the hands of Civil Enforcement Officers employed by East Suffolk District Council. Your Parish Council officers and chairman have already met the manager of the new department who works from Riduna House at Melton.

What he is currently doing, as well as getting the new team up and running, is to look at all the various yellow line areas in the Parish. We have assisted in this project in particular where the parking restrictions are in place for the safety of school children.

Double Yellow Lines – generally "No Parking" 24/7 including Sundays/Bank Holidays etc. There may be additional Kerb Markings to indicate "No Loading/Unloading" giving specified times on kerbside plates. It is also against the law to park "inside" double yellow lines – such as on a grass verge.

School Zig-Zag areas – no parking and no loading and unloading. To keep a clear view in all directions these zones must not be used to drop off and/or collect children to and from school.

Single Yellow Lines are enforceable no parking areas with specified time limits displayed on nearby plates. There may also be additional "No Loading/Unloading" restrictions. In the Parish, particularly around Broke Hall School there are a number of these areas. The main emphasis in the application of regulations is for the safety of the children. We already have a promise from the Civil Enforcement Team that schools will be a priority.

**Councillor James Wright**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** Life has changed for all of us this year and many of us have helped our neighbours by keeping in contact with each other. In many ways the COVID-19 pandemic has encouraged everyone to get to know their neighbours better. This really does mirror a lot of what NW is all about, a right to feel safe where they live.

NW involves neighbours looking after each other, such as neighbours keeping 'an eye' on each other's houses while neighbours are away or on holiday.

Being part of the NW scheme is relatively simple and keeps the neighbourhood a pleasant place to live.

The benefits of joining a NW scheme include: being an active part of your community no matter where you live, increasing your safety and preventing bad stuff from happening.

Some of the roads in Rushmere St. Andrew do have old NW signs. Unfortunately this does mean that the scheme has lapsed in that road. If people decide to join or re-join these can be replaced with the new signs and registered with Suffolk NW.

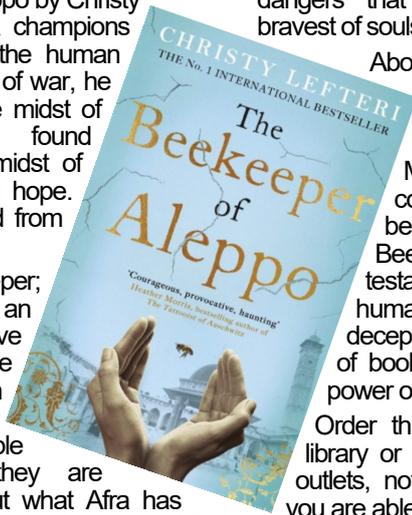
If you're interested in joining or setting up a NW, there is a local Rushmere St. Andrew Neighbourhood Watch Scheme supported by Rushmere St. Andrew Parish Council. email our secretary Gavin Pond at [neighbourhoodwatchip4@gmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodwatchip4@gmail.com) or search online for 'Neighbourhood Watch IP4'.  
[www.suffolknwa.co.uk/](http://www.suffolknwa.co.uk/)  
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**Rushmere Readers**

Our choice for the Summer read is *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri. This book champions the resilience of the human spirit. In the midst of war, he found love. In the midst of darkness, he found courage. In the midst of tragedy, he found hope. What will you find from his story?

Nuri is a beekeeper; his wife, Afra, an artist. They live happily in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo - until the unthinkable happens and they are forced to flee. But what Afra has seen is so terrible she has gone blind, and so they must embark on a perilous journey through Turkey and Greece towards an uncertain future in Britain. As Nuri and Afra travel through a broken world, they must confront not only the



pain of their own unspeakable loss, but dangers that would overwhelm the bravest of souls.

Above all - and perhaps this is the hardest thing they face - they must journey to find each other again. Moving, powerful, compassionate and beautifully written, *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* is a testament to the triumph of the human spirit. Told with deceptive simplicity, it is the kind of book that reminds us of the power of storytelling.

Order this book from your local library or purchase from the usual outlets, not forgetting to support, if you are able to, the independent book sellers. Send us your thoughts on this book, and we will publish them in the next newsletter.

Email: [sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk](mailto:sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk)

**Readers' Reviews**

*I had reservations but this book was a total inspiration. I loved it.*

*M Ling*

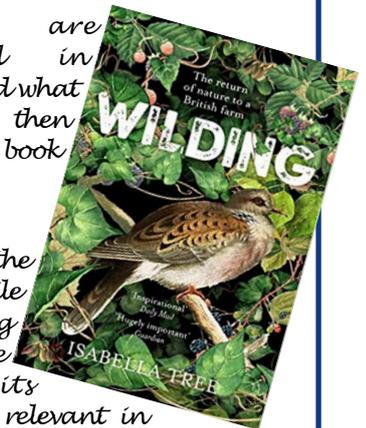
*If you are interested in nature and what it tells us, then this is the book for you.*

*P Jenkins*

*Healing the earth while letting nature take its*

*course is relevant in today's world. A must read. You will not be disappointed in this memoir written from the heart. I could read it over and over again.*

*M Pease*



**Families in Lockdown**



When I last wrote an article at Christmas I never would have thought that I would be writing now during a pandemic lockdown.

This is going to be a year that we will all remember for various reasons, and for me it will be memorable as the year I had to work 2 jobs and home school 4 children! I'm sure like all families we have experienced highs and lows, from becoming the referee between anxious children to forming a strong bond with neighbours friends and family that before we perhaps took for granted. Thankfully I have seen many more positives through this time and I would like to think that this will change how we go about our daily lives for good, but I know there are some bad habits that will slip back in for pure

convenience. I have really enjoyed supporting small local businesses like the green grocers and butchers for a lot of my shopping. The customer service you receive is outstanding, but for a large family on a budget it can be an expensive alternative so I share my shopping between them and the local supermarket.

Home schooling seems to be a sensitive subject for many families, and I feel that some parents are putting way too much pressure on themselves, and think that if they don't complete it all they are somehow failing their children. It will only take a few years for our children to mature enough to realise that the sacrifices we are making now, are for the good of the whole family and they will be grateful. I am really lucky that my children go to such a wonderful school, and the teachers have set really fun educational work for all 3 age ranges, but they have also made it clear that they have no expectations, and it's there if you need it. The BBC Bitesize website is

incredibly useful and I highly recommend that families watch the educational episodes on iPlayer and the online lessons which include videos and games. Personally, I have tried to keep the children to a routine of completing a few lessons in the morning and then have a free afternoon, but I have to admit that there have been several days where the arguing has been so bad I have left them to do whatever keeps them out of each other's pockets!

Another positive through the lockdown has been the amount of nature we have come into contact with. After about a week of staying at home we could already see the benefits of less car and air pollution (the clear blue skies!), with many more birds and butterflies in the garden. We have a family of Robins in our front garden who are so tame this year, they are sitting on my children's hands eating meal worms!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who has kept the community going through these hard times, and I hope everyone in our lovely parish keeps safe and well.

*Libby Griggs*

**REMEMBER TO ... STICK WITH IT SUFFOLK**

- Keep staying at home, Keep working from home if you can, Keep two metres apart if you go out,
- Keep exercising safely, Keep washing your hands with soap and water,
- Keep self-isolating if you or anyone in your household has symptoms,
- Keep travelling by car, bike or walking, Keep staying safe at work, Keep shielding yourself if you're vulnerable,
- Keep supporting local businesses, Keep looking out for each other.

### SUMMER BUG FUN

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| DRAGONFLY | FLY      | GRASSHOPPER |
| HONEYBEE  | LADYBIRD | MOSQUITO    |
| SNAIL     | SPIDER   | WASP        |

### Banana and Chocolate Chip Muffins



#### Ingredients:

- 50g Soft butter or margarine
- 85g caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 ripe banana mashed
- 110g Self raising flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp milk
- 25g milk chocolate chips or chopped up chocolate of any kind

#### Method:

- Preheat the oven to 180c
  - Measure out the flour, caster sugar and baking powder in to a bowl.
  - Peel and mash the banana and add it to the dry mix bowl.
  - Stir everything together. Add the butter and stir.
  - Break the egg in to a cup tip the egg in to the bowl and stir.
  - Add the milk until it's all mixed in together, sprinkle in the chocolate chips and stir.
  - Put the cupcake cases in a muffin tin and spoon in your mixture.
  - Bake in the oven for 15 minutes until golden on the top.
- Eat & Enjoy!**

### INSECT QUIZ

1. What is the most dangerous insect in the world?
2. Which insects communicate with each other by dancing?
3. Arachnophobia is the fear of which animal?
4. What is the collective noun for a group of cockroaches?
5. How many species of insect have been identified in the world?  
a) 565,000 b) 925,000 c) 1,200,000
6. How many different species of ladybird are there in the world?  
a) 2000 b) 5000 c) 8000
7. Which beetle is the strongest insect on the planet?  
a) Rhinoceros beetle b) Bull-headed dung beetle c) Hercules beetle
8. What insect was the first living creature to be sent into space?  
a) Soldier ant b) Cockroach c) Fruit fly
9. What is the loudest insect in the world?  
a) Cicada b) Cricket c) Bee
10. What is the largest butterfly in the UK?  
a) Purple emperor b) Swallowtail c) Peacock
11. Bugs are an order of insects distinguished by:  
a) Six legs b) Wings c) Compound eyes d) A proboscis
12. What percentage of all the species in the world are insects?  
a) 10% b) 80% c) 50%



#### A Bug's Life!

- How do bees brush their hair?**  
With a honey comb!
- How do fireflies start a race?**  
Ready, Set, Glow!
- What did one flea say to another?**  
"Should we walk or take the dog?"
- What did the sushi say to the bee?**  
Wassabee!



1. The Mosquito 2. Bees 3. Spider 4. An intrusion 5. 925,000 6. 5,000 7. Bull-headed dung Beetle 8. Fruit fly 9. Cicada 10. Swallowtail 11. A proboscis (straw-like mouthpart) 12. 80%

**Answers to Insect Quiz**

# Your Rushmere



**IT'S COMPETITION TIME!** Colour in and/or add to the above garden scene. Pop your entry in the postbox at Tower Hall, 5 Broadlands Way, IP4 5SU. You will find it on the wall to the left of the doors. Please include your Name, Age and Contact Details.

Alternatively you can email a photograph of your picture to [sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk](mailto:sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk).

**Closing Date: Friday 15th August 2020**

The winner will be judged by members of the Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council. No family or members directly related to members of the Parish Council may enter.

**AND THE PRIZE IS ...** Outdoor Explorer Kit & Bug Catcher Set with Binoculars, Flashlight, Compass, Magnifying Glass, Net and Backpack Adventure set. Endless learning and fun.

**PRIZE**



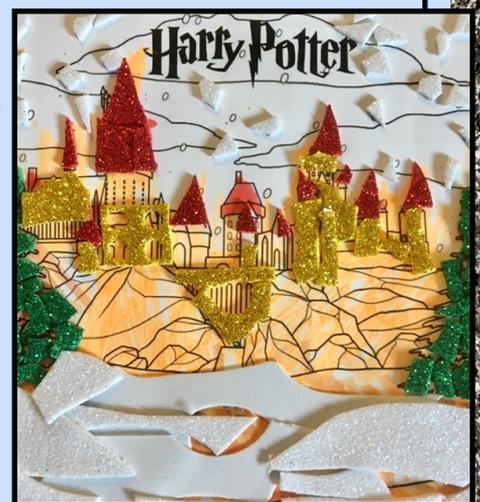
## WHO WON THE WINTER NEWSLETTER COMPETITION?

We received so many entries for this competition and the standard was extremely high, giving the judges a difficult task, as always.

In the end the judges loved this fabulous picture (right) by Chase Palumb, age 7.

Well done Chase, great scissor skills.

We hope you enjoyed doing your Harry Potter puzzle.



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