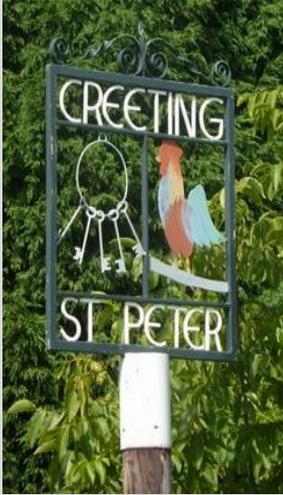


Parish Council News



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Welcome to this Summer edition of the Creeting St Peter Newsletter.

To include articles in future issues, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Creeting St Peter Newsletter

Parish Councillors

At previous meetings of the Parish Council Richard Hitt and Mark Valladares were co-opted, which means we currently have no vacancies on the Parish Council.

A message from District Councillor, Keith Welham

The country seems to be in political turmoil just now, post the Brexit vote. The Conservative Party have appointed a new leader; the Labour MPs want a new leader and the district councils, together with Suffolk and Norfolk County Councils having to vote on whether or not to accept the Devolution Deal offered by Government. This would include a combined authority made up of representatives of all the district councils and both county councils and representatives from business. Head of the authority would be a directly elected mayor; elected in May 2017. On 30th June I attended a meeting of full council at MSDC to debate devolution. Views were split, more on the detail than the principle. The deal requires every district council to accelerate house building but there is little about protecting the environment. Within the Ipswich Borough boundary there is a shortage of suitable land and some of the Ipswich housing need is likely to be met within Mid Suffolk. But we don't want to be just a dormitory for Ipswich and all stations to London; this is what many fear.

Devolution will transfer responsibility for improving skills and training to the combined authority and future deals might bring together healthcare and social care under the combined authority. Much of what is proposed is good and should benefit residents of Mid Suffolk but we need to see the checks and balances. We do not need an expensive extra tier of local government so we will need to see that this doesn't happen.

Initially, devolution of power from central government will have little effect on most residents of Creeting St Peter. But we need to make sure that landowners and potential developers do not get permissions for inappropriate house building. To assist in protecting the village, the Parish Council is discussing whether or not to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Creeting St Peter. Neighbourhood planning at village level is vital and I urge you all to find out what is involved and, if you can, to help in the development of a plan for the future of Creeting St Peter.

I aim to make myself available to every resident and I will be pleased to deal with any queries and requests for assistance. Please contact me by telephone, 01449 673185, or email at keithwelham48@aol.com if you think that I can help.

Devolution of power from Westminster to a new combined authority for Suffolk and parts of Norfolk - The day after the Scottish Referendum in September 2014 the Prime Minister announced a 'devolution revolution' for all of the United Kingdom. Devolution is the redistribution of power and funding from central to local government. In his budget speech in March 2016 the Chancellor proposed a devolution deal for East Anglia. The draft deal covered the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and all the county and district councils in East Anglia, with the exception of Cambridge City Council. Following further reflection on what would be best for local people, it was decided to pursue two distinct devolution deals - one for Norfolk and Suffolk and one for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The proposed Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Deal was published on 17 June 2016. Since then, all of the councils in Suffolk, along with Norfolk County Council, Broadland District Council, the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk and South Norfolk Council have endorsed the deal. The deal involves having an Elected Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk and a combined authority - where councils join together to make collective decisions on matters that affect the whole area.

Why consult? - Councils in Norfolk and Suffolk have undertaken a Governance Review to look in depth at the most effective way to deliver economic growth and public sector reform. The councils are required to ask local people, businesses and organisations what they think of the Scheme of Governance. Consultation responses will be forwarded to the Secretary of State, who will look at these alongside the Governance Review and the draft Scheme of Governance. They will then decide whether a Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk can be set-up.

Key elements of the devolution deal - Devolution could mean greater control locally over decisions that impact on all our lives - decisions about Norfolk and Suffolk will be made in Norfolk and Suffolk. The proposed deal could mean control of more than £750m of funding to improve the lives of residents of Norfolk and Suffolk, including creation of up to 95,000 jobs by 2026, bringing forward around 200,000 homes over the lifetime of the deal and providing the skills that employees and businesses want. New powers and responsibilities could include planning where new housing and development should take place across Norfolk and Suffolk, deciding how £130m of funding is spent to support building new homes, including some affordable homes and creating a transport plan for Norfolk and Suffolk that helps to better coordinate road, rail and bus services.

Further information is available on line:

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news-archive/devolution-consultation-starts-today/>

The proposals are set out in full online at www.eastangliadevo.co.uk

To respond to the consultation, you can give your views:

Online at www.eastangliadevo.co.uk

Email: HaveYourSay@norfolk.gov.uk

Or print out a copy of the consultation paper and return it to Freepost Plus RTCL-XSTT-JZSK, Norfolk County Council, Ground floor - South Wing, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DH. You do not need to use a stamp.

If you have any queries about Devolution or how to respond to the consultation, please let me know. Also, I have some paper copies of the relevant documents, including the consultation paper for you to complete and return.

Keith Welham, District Councillor for Stowupland ward



Do you enjoy walking out local footpaths? Getting frustrated that they are overgrown? How about joining Cllr Peacock on a walk to help check/clear these footpaths for everyone's enjoyment? Join her on Monday, 1st August at 10am at the top of the lane. Walking boots essential!

Bonus Ball/Village Lottery Winning Numbers: *R indicates a Rollover

19th Mar - 22, 26th Mar - 28, 2nd Apr - 15, 9th Apr - 18, 16th Apr - 54 (R), 23rd Apr - 24, 30th Apr - 31, 7th May - 28, 14th May - 16, 21st May - 46, 28th May - 59 (R), 4th Jun - 30, 11th Jun - 3, 18th Jun - 47, 25th Jun - 16, 2nd Jul - 13, 9th Jul - 12. Congratulations to all the winners!





Dog Fouling - Can we please remind people to clean up after their dogs whilst walking through the village. There are three dog bins available for your use. Thank you.



Field Cropping
Please be aware that over the coming weeks farmers will start to crop their fields surrounding the village. They always try their best to keep the dust to a minimum but obviously this can sometimes be difficult. We advise those of you who live alongside fields to close your windows if you are out!



Fen Alder Carr Nature Reserve - Members met at the Reserve recently to discuss a way forward with the site. The Boardwalk is costly to maintain so a change of pathway is being considered. Members also discussed ways to making the site accessible to groups and schools who could visit the site for educational purposes. Work and discussions are ongoing.



Fen Alder Carr Local Nature Reserve

We are planning another Bat Walk at Fen Alder Carr Local Nature Reserve sometime during September. Kepp a look out on the Noticeboard for further details!

Poundfield Site, Mill Lane

Parish Councillors recently had a meeting with the Managing Director of Poundfields, Mark Jardine. He is keen to work with the community and the Parish Council are keen to work with him in relation to any issues or incidents that may arise. Therefore, if anyone has any issues/annoyances with Poundfields, such as incidents with their lorries on the roads, or early morning working noise etc please contact the Clerk with a date/time, number plates and any photographic evidence where possible. Issues will then be passed on on a regular basis to Mr Jardine. Thank you.

Can we please remind people that the speed limit in the village is currently **30 mph** (soon to be 20 mph). Vehicles are reminded to observe these limits especially entering and leaving the village past the Peterhouses. Many cars are hard accelerating from the phone box, and only slowing down when reaching the phone box. Please can anyone report speeding issues with a time and registration number to the Parish Council or NCT.



Play Area Update - there is little to report on the Play Area other than the molehills have now been dealt with, apart from one or two that keep appearing. These will be monitored in case Pest Control needs to be bought back in again. We are still pursuing quotes to have the whole area rolled which will make the ground flatter and therefore better to play on and maintain. The annual Inspection will take place over the summer but if anyone has any issues with the play area please contact the Parish Clerk.



Services

Sunday 31st July - Benefice service - Stonham Parva - 10am

Sunday 7th August - Together on Sunday - 9.30am

Sunday 18th September - Thanksgiving service - 4pm, followed by refreshments

Village Fete 2016

What a joy it was to see so many people from the village and further afield gathered together in Doreen Wrinch's beautiful garden to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday - and how lucky(ish) we were with the weather! There are a lot of people who need thanking by the PCC. Firstly Doreen and Helen for giving us the perfect setting, secondly the Phoenix Brass Band and Cotton Club Drummers who all played simply for tea and cake and thirdly all the people who;

- Baked for the refreshment stall
- Served and washed up tea
- Arranged and ran stalls
- Took tables and chairs back and forth from the church hall
- Made crowns for the competition
- Put up and took down marquees and tidied up at the end
- Came along and supported us
- Donated items to the raffle, tombola, prizes and plant stall

We couldn't have done it without you. And we raised £1,000 to go towards building works at the church.

Coffee mornings



Thank you to Donna and Gayle for doing the coffee morning in July. Angela and Jayne are doing the next one on 13th August and the one on 10th September will be done by Jenny. At the September event, we will be fundraising for PICU Addenbrookes and the Stroke ward at West Suffolk Hospital, as Chris Ling is raising money for them in memory of his wife Leigh who died earlier this year. Please see www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk for further information on his fundraising endeavours.

Ladies supper

This will take place in the Church Hall on Friday 23rd September at 7.30pm. Please let Jenny know if you will be coming (721899 jennylhitt@icloud.com).

Church Hall table and chairs

The Church Hall is available to rent for £15 (+ extra for heating during the winter months). The tables and chairs are also available for rent outside the hall. If this is for the total number available to be used for a private event, such as a wedding, the charge is £50 for people living in the parish and £100 (+ deposit) for anyone else. Please contact Violet Martin on 672756 for bookings.

Sale of Patchwork and Embroidery Fabric

Liz Tubby, who lived in Hope Cottage until last month, is having a sale at Stitch X Stitch, 24 Bury St, Stowmarket 10am-3pm Sat 30 July to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.