



Parish Council News



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

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

You can also follow us and tweet us at

<https://twitter.com/#creetingstpeterpc>

We also have a Facebook page.

Social Media will be used to communicate important information, as well as the more traditional forms of communication such as the Parish Notice Board.

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Creeting St Peter Newsletter

Chairman

The Chairman, Councillor Steve Ashcroft, has tendered his resignation from the Parish Council after a period of 8 years' service. All members of the Parish Council would like to express their appreciation to Steve for his excellent contribution to the Parish Council and village during that time.



A message from District Councillor, Keith Welham

There has been concern expressed to me by a number of tenants whose homes have not received solar (pv) panels. The initial contract for installations was due to be complete by 31 December but overran slightly. The reduction in the feed-in tariff - the payment for electricity fed into the National Grid - was less than anticipated and further installations may be considered in the future. One of the reasons for failure to complete all the planned installations was the lack of UK Power Network infrastructure; in some areas, unless cabling and transformers are upgraded, the infrastructure cannot take any more electricity fed in from separate properties. Also, some properties earmarked for solar panel installations require maintenance work to the roof (in some cases complete re-roofing) before they can be re-considered.

The District Council has agreed its budget for 2016/17 and has set a precept 1.9% higher than the current year. This will mean a total council tax bill of £1529.50 for a band D property in Creeting St Peter, compared with £1500.20 for the 2015/16. Most of your council tax goes to the county council to pay for services that they provide, such as education, social care and highways. Your council tax bill will have details of how the money will be spent.

I am always happy to hear from any resident by phone or by email and I can usually be found at the monthly coffee morning in the church hall.



Do you enjoy walking out local footpaths? Getting frustrated that they are overgrown? How about joining Cllr Peacock on a walk to help clear these footpaths for everyone's enjoyment? Join her on Monday, 4th April at 10am at the top of the lane.

Walking boots essential!

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

28 Nov - 18, 5 Dec - 23, 12 Dec - 23, 19 Dec - 42 (R), 26 Dec - 20, 2 Jan - 52 (R), 9 Jan - 48, 16 Jan - 38, 23 Jan - 24, 30 Jan - 42 (R), 6 Feb - 50 (R), 13 Feb - 36, 20 Feb - 42, 27 Feb - 55 (R), 5 Mar - 47 and 12 Mar - 1. Congratulations to all the winners!



On 24th April 2016 we will be running the London marathon for the charity Mencap, the voice of learning disability. We have chosen to run and cycle for Mencap as in both our work as Special Educational Need Coordinators we have seen just how life-changing their services can be; the flexibility of their services really is remarkable. It is particularly heart-warming to see the extent of hope, care and guidance they offer to families and also the confidence they can give to young people whom have a learning disability to live their lives as independently and as fully as they wish. As part of our fundraising we have organised a fish and chip quiz night and invite you to enjoy us. Details are as follows:

Cost: £10 pp. This includes either: cod & chips, jumbo sausage & chips, vegetable burger & chips or vegetable spring roll & chips. *Gluten free option is non battered fish.

When: Saturday 2nd April 2016

Where: Creting St Mary Jubilee Hall

Time: 7.15pm (first question at 7.30pm)

Tickets: With your food preference please email: dianna-firbank@hotmail.co.uk or call: 07876 822319 to organise.

Teams of 3-6 people. If you don't have a team, don't worry we will sort this on the night.

There will be a licenced bar service available and also a raffle.

Our online fundraising page can also be accessed via:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CPattenDFirbankLondonMarathon>

Many thanks for your support,
Chris and Dianna (Jubilee House, Creting St Peter).



Does anyone in the village have carpentry skills and time to renovate the village notice board or construct a new one? Please contact Cllr Dan Mason if you do. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

If anybody has any old photos of the parish or any buildings current or long gone dating back from the 80's, or old maps of Creting St Peter Parish please contact Cllr Dan Mason, as we are slowly compiling a history of the village. Any other information on notable events in the parish that occurred such as the German bomber attack in early World War II, or men or women who served in either world wars from the parish would be greatly appreciated.



Please can we remind people to stick to the public footpaths when out walking, especially around farms, as it has been reported by two landowners that some local footpaths are being used for biking on. We have checked the legal position of this and it has been confirmed that it is actually an offence to ride bikes on public footpaths in the countryside, unless stated.

Can anybody help? - On 18 June our daughter Bryany will be celebrating her marriage in our garden! (15 Peterhouse). We have a shortage of tables and chairs and outside fairy lights and wondered if any of the kind folk of Creting Saint Peter would be happy for us to borrow some of theirs? Also, if anyone has any white table cloths and garden games we would much appreciate it. If you can help in any way that will be much appreciated. Please contact Lisa on [07403 113987](tel:07403113987) or lisa.barrell@outlook.com

Just to keep villagers informed - we are still awaiting a go live date for the 20mph speed limit through the village!





Play Area Update - We have received some funding from District Cllr Keith Welham to improve the grassed area of the recreation ground. Firstly, traps have been set to control the mole infestation, which were an increasing issue. Traps are used on sports grounds with no issues regarding lost traps or any issues regarding injury due to traps, "Dufus" traps can be set in shallow runs and without any indicators to mark their location making them totally invisible to those using the recreation ground, traps are relocated using a metal detector. Once the molehills are under control we will be looking into levelling the grounds to make it more user friendly for games of football etc.

Any Ideas? - The Parish Council are considering what the old telephone box could be used for, with suggestions being made such as an advertising booth or a noticeboard! If anyone has any suggestions please contact one of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk.



Please be on the lookout for flytippers around the area, especially around the sugar beet pad between the village and Stowupland. If you see anything please try to get a description of any vehicle registrations numbers. Please contact the Parish Council or Neighbourhood Watch representative if you are unsure how to report the incident. Please also be on the lookout for harecourers and report to police straight away.

Church News

Services

Sunday 3rd April - Benefice service - Creeping St Mary - 10am

Sunday 1st May - Together on Sunday - 9.30am

Flower Rota

This has been distributed for the coming year. We always need new arrangers to spread the workload. If anyone feels they could help, please get in touch with Alice on 722271/ amathewson@hotmail.com.

Church APCM

This annual meeting, at which officers of the church are appointed, including new PCC members, will take place in the Church Room at 7.30pm on Monday 18th April. All welcome.

Village Fete 2016

Mrs Wrinch at Roydon Hall has very kindly offered the use of her beautiful garden for a village fete. This will take place on the afternoon of **Sunday 12 June**. It is the weekend of the Queen's official 90th birthday celebrations so we will be commemorating that at the same time. We will be having a planning meeting on Thursday, 14th April at 8pm in the church hall and all are welcome. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help, please contact Alice or Jenny on 721899/jennyhitt@icloud.com

Pub night

Thank you to all who came to this event. We had a very jolly time and it was lovely to see some new faces amongst the regulars. Thank you to Sharon Rudd for bringing the sandwiches and snacks. The next one is on **Saturday, 16th April** and will be a quiz night.

Coffee mornings

Thank you to Lynne and Emma for doing the coffee morning in March. Sue and Margaret are doing the next one on 9th April and the one in May will be combined with the plant sale at the church. There will be no coffee morning in June due to the village fete.

Church Hall

The Mason Family have very kindly volunteered to clean the Church Hall on a regular basis. With the help of Keith Welham, District Councillor, the PCC received a grant from MSDC for new external doors, card tables and paint. Violet told me recently that the hall was built in 1935 to commemorate George V's Silver Jubilee so it is doing very well for an 80 year old wooden hut!

Lent course

For the first time in many years, there has been a prayer group in the village during Lent considering aspects of spiritual health. This has been a thought-provoking set of sessions and we are grateful to Frankie Wicks for leading them.

Spring Plant Sale, Coffee Morning, Open Church - Saturday, 14th May 2015

10am - 12pm - at Creeping St Peter Church IP6 8QJ - Further information: Alice 722271/amathewson@hotmail.com - all plant donations welcome

