

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.

Creeting St Peter Newsletter

A message from District Councillor, Keith Welham

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I must start by saying how much I enjoyed the 'Pub Night' in the Church Hall and thank all who helped make the evening a success, including those who made the pies and those who arranged beverages appropriate for such an evening. I can also recommend the coffee mornings (second Saturday of every month) held in the Church Hall. The cakes are special!

Budget - At the February Full Council meeting, the budget for 2017/18 and the medium term financial strategy were agreed. There is to be a 1.6% increase in council tax. This equates to an increase of 5p per week for a Band D property.

Move of council offices - Work is progressing with planning the move to Endeavour House. The physical move is scheduled to take place between mid-August and the end of September. Staff consultation is to take place from 24th April to 20th July. It is hoped to have about 220 desks on one floor of Endeavour House, and there should be flexible working arrangements for most staff.

New acquisitions - MSDC have purchased Paddock House in Eye and Stowmarket Middle School site. It is hoped that these sites and the Needham Market Middle School, which was acquired a few months ago, will be redeveloped for housing to meet local needs. MSDC are hoping to appoint a development agent within the next few months to progress these schemes and any others on land that could be acquired in the future.

Electoral review - MSDC have submitted their response to the Boundary Commission with a suggestion that the number of councillors should be reduced to 34. The Boundary Commission will meet in April and then make their recommendation. There will then follow a consultation on the warding arrangements between May and July. This could result in changes to many wards across Mid Suffolk.

Affordable Housing delivery strategy - The Executive Committee has agreed the introduction of a 3-year rolling programme to deliver about 100 new affordable homes across the district. These homes will be built on land already owned or to be acquired by the district council. They will mainly be for rent at 80% of market rent. Some might be shared ownership where there is a need and a willingness to purchase.

New Joint Local Plan - Progress on preparation and delivery of the New Joint Local plan has been delayed by the introduction of the Government Housing White Paper and the Suffolk Planning and Infrastructure Framework (SPIF). The gathering of the evidence base for the Local

Plan is now complete and the draft plan will be published at the end of March. It is on target to be out for public consultation in July.

Creeping St Peter Wildlife Group

I recently resumed the role of Tree Warden in the village and I've come together with some other members of the village to form a Wildlife Group. As has been highlighted by many national groups, for example the Wildlife Trust & RSPB, in order to help wildlife, we need to have an awareness of our local surroundings. Indeed, getting out and about engaging with the outdoors has also proven to have health benefits.

We aim to maintain & improve existing habitats in the village for example our local nature reserve at Fen Alder Carr, create a Wildlife Garden in a corner of the playing field and exchange information on a Community notice board.

We would appreciate you filling in our online survey. <http://poll.fm/es/2347414/11624094>

If you have no access to a computer, please ring me on 01449 672944.

If you wish to have further information or be involved please contact me via email, virginiataylor31@gmail.com or drop a line through my door, Lacedean The Lane CSP.

Ginny

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

5 Nov - 27, 12 Nov - 8, 19 Nov - 40, 26 Nov - 17, 3 Dec - 31, 10 Dec - 20, 17 Dec - 8, 24 Dec - 12, 31 Dec - 25, 7 Jan - 38, 14 Jan - 33, 21 Jan - 1 (R), 28 Jan - 20, 4 Feb - 22, 11 Feb - 28, 18 Feb - 4, 25 Feb - 26, 4 Mar - 21, 11 March - 46.

Congratulations to all the winners!



Defibrillator - The Parish Council are moving forward with the plan for a Defibrillator in the old telephone box. Lottery Funding has been sought and the Parish Council are working with the Community Heartbeat Trust who will provide the Defibrillator, so watch this space!



Fen Alder Carr Nature Reserve -

After an inspection of the site following Storm Doris, I am pleased to say no trees had come down or any damage been done! Discussions have taken place with the village's Tree Warden about the way forward with this site. Funding is going to be sought to improve/replace the boardwalk and a team of volunteers will help in maintaining it for everyone's enjoyment.



Police Connect - is a messaging service connecting you to the very latest policing news for your area via e-mail, text or phone.

There is no charge for this service - all messages you receive are free.

You can register to receive information about the issues that most matter to you and be among the first to be alerted by police in the case of an emergency affecting your area.

You can choose to receive regular updates on crime and public appeals, safety advice and meetings and events. There is the option to receive information about a range of specific interest areas - such as 'rural' or 'rivers and coastal' - as well as updates for business owners and news from your Police and Crime Commissioner. To register search for 'Police Connect' and follow the instructions.

Poundfield Site, Mill Lane

Could we please remind villagers that if they see any Poundfield or EJF lorries passing through Creeping St Mary into or out of the Poundfield site to please make a note of the number plate, date and time and pass this information onto the Clerk. This information will then be passed on on a regular basis to Mr Jardine. Thank you.



Neighbourhood Watch - We are still looking for someone to volunteer as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the village. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk, or one of the Councillors.



No fouling
Clean it up

Dog Fouling on Play Area - Could we please ask that if you have a dog, please do not let it foul on the Play Area. There is evidence of repeated fouling around the play equipment.

This is unhygienic and dangerous! Please use the bins provided to dispose of your dog mess, leaving the paths, grass and play area in a good condition for the children to use. Thank you.

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday, 15th May

This will be held in the Church Hall, The Lane at 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity for parishioners to hear the annual reports from representatives of their village organisations, such as the Parish Council, Parochial Church Council, County Councillor and District Councillor. Everyone is welcome to attend this annual event.

Please Note: The Annual Parish Council meeting will follow the Annual Parish meeting.



20mph through the village - County Councillor Gary Green has confirmed to the Parish Council that having 20mph through the village has been moved to the next stage. It will be going to The Speed Panel on 22nd March and meets 2 of the 3 criteria so it is hopeful that it will be implemented.



Services

Thursday 13th April - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion - 7pm

Sunday 16th April - Easter Sunday Holy Communion - 11am

Sunday 23rd April - Benefice Holy Communion - 10am

Coffee mornings

Thank you to Lisa Barrell and family for doing the one in March. Donna Risby is doing the coffee morning on 8th April. There will be no coffee morning in the church hall in May and June. *Thank you*

Church Hall

For many years, Violet Martin has been the main point of contact for the church hall and the PCC are extremely grateful for all that she did. Dan and Kate Mason are now the primary key holders and in charge of bookings. You can reach them on 01449 678160. The hire costs are as follows;

- £15 for first three hours, £5 per hour afterwards, £30 for a full day. £10 for heating Oct-March inclusive
- 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 residents the parish and £100 (+ deposit) for non-residents.

Thank you to Keith Timpson for replacing the emergency door and repairing the main door.

Roydon Hall Garden Opening

Mrs Wrinch has very kindly offered to open her beautiful garden to raise funds for the church. This will take place on the afternoon of **Sunday 11th June**.

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 Tuesday 25th April. All welcome.

Spring Plant Sale - Coffee Morning

Open Church - *Saturday 13th May 2017*.
10am - 12pm at Creeting St Peter Church. For further information: 01449 722271

BBQ and Pub night

5.30pm on 1 July at the Church Hall