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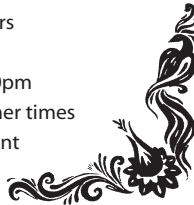
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Front Cover: It may not be March anymore, but these fabulous creatures were seen in action locally by Old Newton photographer David Offord. The photo was taken with a Canon R7 and 800 mm Lens.

In this month's Crier Magazine

We're rolling fast into Summer and with a Spring Clean of the Village - check out the report on the Annual Litter Pick on page 24 – it looks we are more than ready for all that the Summer can bring!

There is a fabulous ON Art Exhibition in May, the Flower Festival on 7th and 8th June along with the Village's own D-Day celebrations at the Village Hall on the same weekend!

Don't forget there is the Village's own Fayre and Annual Dog show coming up in July with classic cars, BBQ, and masses of stalls and fun to be had for all the family.

If it all gets too much though, our Rev'd reminds us that the Church is open to anyone for quiet contemplation - check out his words of wisdom on page 14 and 15.

Our history Recorder has been delving into the archives to bring you some inspiration with a list of local historical and contemporary figures from Cardinal Wolsey to Ed Sheeran. Check out page 18.

Catch up with what is happening in the village by taking a look at the Parish Council report on Page 27 and 28 bringing you the latest news on the various developments both here in Old Newton and across the borough.

Our District councillors are also reporting in this month check out what they have to say on Page 29

And please keep those photographs for the front cover coming in too.

St Mary's Church, Old Newton

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Rev'd Stephen Snelling 01449 782970 or 07775 833824

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Churchwardens: Pete Seager 01449 673620 and Peter Godden 01449 781306

Services at St Mary's

Sun 7 th April	11:00	Café Church, Church Institute
Sun 14 th April	11:00	Holy Communion
Sun 21 st April	11:00	Family Service
Sun 28 th April	10:00	Holy Communion

Events in the Church Institute

Tues 23 rd	12 noon	Hearty lunches
Thurs 25th	7:00 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sat 27 th April	10:30 – 12	Cake and a Cuppa!

(please note change of start time)

If you'd like to be kept informed about events and services run in connection with **St Mary's Church**, then speak to Pete Seager (details above) to receive monthly updates.

St Nicholas' Chapel, Gipping

Warden: Bridget Barker 01449 677422 Facebook: @Gipping church

St Nicholas' Chapel is part of the Bacton Benefice: Facebook@bactonbenefice

Services at Gipping Chapel

Sun 7 th April	3:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 5 th May	3:00 pm	Evening Prayer

****Enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals at St Mary's or at Gipping Chapel should be made to Rev'd Stephen (see above).****

From the Rev'd

You will probably be reading this just after the end of March and I hope that you were able to engage with the celebrations on Easter Sunday of what is vital about the Christian faith, namely that light always, and in the end, triumphs over darkness. If you didn't manage to get to any of the services, I hope you may have been able to use your parish church for your own private quiet time and prayer. Apart from regular Sunday worship, and baptisms, weddings, and funerals, that is what the church building is there for - for you to use whenever you want to, whenever you need to. Please just come in; make use of the space for some quietness, away from all the busyness of life.

Everyone needs to do that from time to time. We are so fortunate, though, in where we live. If you are feeling anxious about something, take the time to notice the beauty of the countryside in which we are living...

I know it doesn't pay the bills, it doesn't put fuel in your car, it doesn't put food on the table, or warmth into our homes, but there are signs of new life everywhere we look in nature, which is encouraging. It can give us hope. It can help us to put things into perspective.

We need to hang onto this Easter hope, that all will be well, that God has a loving purpose for the world, especially as we continue to see such devastation in Ukraine and Gaza and, of course, grave shortcomings elsewhere in the world, whether of war, persecution, tyranny, or famine.

However hard things can seem at times, a new sunrise or new growth in the garden, new-born lambs out in the fields, a smile and a kind word from a friend, neighbour or even a stranger, , show that this is a new day, with new opportunities, with new hope. "This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." Take time to notice the good things and rejoice in them. And provide that smile yourself for someone else, too; they might really need it.

Jesus was saying this sort of thing when he urged us to live fully in the moment and not to worry excessively about the future. Of course, it is right to take care over doing things properly, and we need to think ahead, but (he says) 'Don't fret.' Don't be consumed by worry or anxiety. This is the call to trust in God, to have faith in Him. Let us do all that we can to be ready, and then let 'God be God'.

Rev'd Stephen Snelling

St Mary's Church - Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will be held in the Church Institute on Thursday 25th April beginning at 7:00 pm. At this meeting the church will appoint churchwardens and other church officers, review its work, and worship over the past year and look ahead to the next year.

We are always pleased to welcome new members onto our Parochial Church Council (PCC). If you might be interested, then come along to the meeting, or contact me beforehand. Valerie Godden goddenvalerie@gmail.com 07731 868014

Coffee and biscuits will be served from 6:40 till the start of the meeting.

Hearty Lunches

At the Church Institute

Come and join us on Tuesday 23rd April 12.00

Coffee Morning

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At the Church Institute

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Old Newton Methodist Church

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SERVICES in MARCH

7 th April	10.30	Morning Service
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21 st April	10.30	Morning Service of Holy Communion
28 th April	10.30	Morning Service

You can read our news at our website: oldnewtonmethodistchurch.org.uk

CRAFT CLUB - meets in the Chapel Hall on the third Wednesday of each month. It is a very friendly group of folk who enjoy meeting together to practise familiar crafts and learn new ones. There is also plenty of time for chat and tea drinking. You don't need to be expert at any craft – it's all for fun and friendship! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 17th April at 2.00 – 4.00pm when we'll be shown how to make stained glass windows and pictures. If you would like to join us please phone Liz Kearsley 01359 272617 for more details.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER - We'll be Pausing for Prayer in the Chapel on Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 16th at 10.15. We'll be praying for anyone for whom there has been a specific request, and for various situations throughout this country and the world. We'll also be praying for our village, particularly the residents of **Ward Green, Silver Street, Elm Tree Close and Trafford Close**. If there's any one or any situation you would like us to pray for, please let Christine Newton know (673443). Obviously, anything of a confidential nature will not be disclosed. If you'd like to join us for this time of quiet meditation and prayer, we'd love to have you with us, and you can enjoy the chat, coffee, and nibbles afterwards.

Friday Lunch



Friday 12th April

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Monday 8th April

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From the History Recorder: Suffolk Superstars

From every walk of life Suffolk can lay claim to some fascinating historical and contemporary figures – here are a few...**Cardinal Thomas Wolsey**, King Henry VIII's chief adviser, politician, Cardinal and close confidant to the King. Born in Ipswich 550 years ago, he attended Ipswich School and later Magdalene College Oxford. In 1515 he was appointed Lord Chancellor and later made Bishop of Lincoln and then Archbishop of York. With the wealth from these positions, he built Hampton Court Palace, Christchurch College in Oxford and started Cardinal's College in Ipswich although the King stopped any further building work after their relationship deteriorated when he failed to secure an annulment for the King from Catherine of Aragon his first wife so Henry could marry Anne Boleyn. In 1529, Wolsey was stripped of his government office and property and accused of treason; he fell ill and died on 29 November 1530 before being tried. The 'Thomas Wolsey 550' project was launched by Ipswich Council in March 2023 to recognise and celebrate the 550th anniversary of the birth of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey (c1473-1530) will finish in September 2024.

Benjamin Britten was born in Lowestoft and educated at Old Buckenham Hall School and in 1927 he began private lessons in music that would be the beginning of his world-famous musical career. He founded the Aldeburgh Festival, an English arts festival devoted mainly to classical music.

George Orwell author of *Nineteen Eighty-Four* and *Animal Farm*, is considered one of the 20th Century's

best narrators of English culture. His family lived in Southwold where he wrote *A Clergyman's Daughter* based on his life as a teacher

Ed Sheeran singer-songwriter, broke through commercially in June 2011 when his debut single "The A Team" got to number 3 in the UK chart. He was born in Halifax, West Yorkshire to Irish and English parents, before moving to Framlingham, Suffolk. He learned guitar at a very young age and began writing songs during his time at Thomas Mills High School. He supports his community and has helped to fund a music department at Sir Robert Hitcham's Primary School.



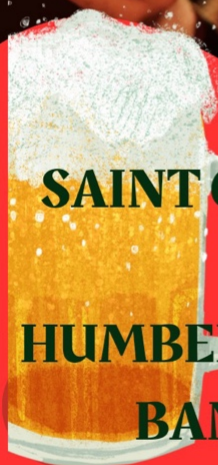
Griff Rhys Jones presenter, comedian and documentary maker lives in Holbrook with a garden sloping down the banks of the River Stour, on the Shotley Peninsular. As a keen sailor Jones has brought the magic of sailing yachts to life through programmes such as *Three Men in a Boat* and the BBC series *River Journeys*, which have featured the River Orwell and Pin Mill.

John Peel the influential DJ and radio presenter lived in Suffolk for 33 years, he is buried in St Andrew's Church, Great Finborough. The John Peel Centre for Creative Arts, the former Corn Exchange building in Stowmarket, is a top quality centre for creative arts established in his honour.

*Next month in the Crier read about some famous Suffolk women.



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		7.30pm	Parish Council	Woodward Room
Thur	4	10 – 12noon	Jen & Julie's Coffee Morning	Sports & Social Club
		7 - 8pm	Improvers Ballroom Dancing	Village Hall
Sun	7	10.30am	Morning Service	Methodist Chapel
		11am	Café Church	Church institute
		3pm	Evening Prayer	Gipping Chapel
Mon	8	11-3pm	Monday Meet Up	Chapel Hall
		6 - 7pm	Beginners Ballroom Dancing	Sports & Social Club
		7.30pm	WI	Village Hall
Tue	9	10am	ON Walking Group	Sports & Social Club
		7.30pm	Carpet Bowls	Village Hall
Weds	10	12.30	Evergreens	The Dog, Norton
		7.30pm	Badminton Club	Village Hall
Thur	11	10 – 12noon	Jen & Julie's Coffee Morning	Sports & Social Club
		7 - 8pm	Improvers Ballroom Dancing	Village Hall
Fri	12	9 – 3pm	Preschool	Village Hall
		12.15	Friday Lunch	Chapel Hall
Sat	13	10.00 -12.30	Jigsaw Sale	Church institute
Sun	14	10.30am	Morning Service	Methodist Chapel
		11am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
Mon	15	9 – 3pm	Preschool	Village Hall
		6 - 7pm	Beginners Ballroom Dancing	Sports & Social Club
Tue	16	9 – 12noon	Preschool	Village Hall
		10am	ON Walking Group	Sports & Social Club
		10.15 – 10.30am	Pause for Prayer	Methodist Chapel
		10.45 – 12noon	Coffee Morning	Chapel Hall
		6.30pm	Creative Club	Sports & Social Club
		7.30pm	Carpet Bowls	Village Hall
Weds	17	9 – 12noon	Preschool	Village Hall
		2 - 4pm	Craft Circle	Chapel Hall
		7.30pm	Badminton Club	Village Hall
Thur	18	9 – 12noon	Preschool	Village Hall
		10 – 12noon	Jen & Julie's Coffee Morning	Sports & Social Club
		7 - 8pm	Improvers Ballroom Dancing	Village Hall
Fri	19	9 – 3pm	Preschool	Village Hall
Sat	20	10am	Coffee Morning	Church Institute
Sun	21	10am	Family Service	St Mary's
		10.30am	Service of Holy Communion	Methodist Chapel
Mon	22	9 – 3pm	Preschool	Village Hall
		6 - 7pm	Beginners Ballroom Dancing	Sports & Social Club
Tue	23	9 – 12noon	Preschool	Village Hall
		10am	ON Walking Group	Sports & Social Club
		12 noon	Hearty Lunch	Church Institute
		2.00pm	Women's Fellowship	Brown Street
		7pm	St George's Day Pub Nite	Village Hall
		7.30pm	Carpet Bowls	Village Hall
		7.30pm	Bingo	Sports & Social Club

Opening in April

Weds	24	9 – 12noon	Preschool	Village Hall
		7.30pm	Badminton Club	Village Hall
Thur	25	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Woodward Room
		9 – 12noon	Preschool	Village Hall
		10 – 12noon	Jen & Julie's Coffee Morning	Sports & Social Club
		7 - 8pm	Improvers Ballroom Dancing	Village Hall
Fri	26	7pm	Parochial Church Meeting	Church Institute
		9 – 3pm	Preschool	Village Hall
Sat	27	10.30-12	Coffee Morning	Church institute
		10am	Skulduggery in Stowmarket	Stowmarket Library
Sun	28	10.30am	Morning Service	Methodist Chapel
		11am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
Mon	29	9 – 3pm	Preschool	Village Hall
		6 - 7pm	Beginners Ballroom Dancing	Sports & Social Club
Tue	30	9 – 12	Preschool	Village Hall
		10am	ON Walking Group	Sports & Social Club
		7.30pm	Carpet Bowls	Village Hall

Dates for Diaries

Service of Evening Prayer 5th May 3pm Gipping Chapel
 Bingo 7th and 14th May 7.30pm Sports & Social
 Flower Festival Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June

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There has been much to celebrate recently at preschool with Book Week, Mother's Day, and Easter. The children loved bringing in their favourite books to share with everybody during book week and being able to stay in their pyjamas all day too! You may have spotted the odd princess or superhero going into the building as well, as some dressed up as their favourite character. The staff also fully embraced the pyjama theme for the week, and it felt very apt as the warm spring weather was yet to find us. We celebrated Mother's day by having a 'mother's and others' stay and play session and it was lovely to welcome parents and carers in once more to see first hand what their children like to get up to during the day with us.

Fundraising diary:

Easter is upon us, and all the children took home a tube of Smarties for the Easter break. We would be extremely grateful if, once the smarties have been enjoyed, these could be brought back to preschool with any spare change in them. Every penny counts towards new resources. We would also like to thank everyone who donated for our Easter hamper and had a turn to try and win it.

Amazon wish list - If you are looking to donate something specific to preschool we have a wish list of resources with Amazon. Please e-mail preschool or contact us on Facebook to be sent the link.

Time to look for a preschool space? If you have a child aged 2-4 and are looking to apply please check out our website where there is an online form you can fill in. Please use the email address for any inquiries and not the telephone number outside of opening hours (see contact details below).

We are Hiring:

Due to increased demand for places at our preschool we are continuing to advertise:

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- you must be able to draw a rocket
- you must like dressing up and eating playdoh dinners
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- Have they got you excited?

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Check out our Facebook page to be kept up to date with all the activities at Preschool
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UPCOMING 2024 MEETING DATES:

- 16 April • 21 May
- 18 June • 16 July

ANNUAL LITTER PICK

An enormous THANK YOU to all those who helped to pick up litter around the village on Saturday 16th March. We were blessed with a sunny and warm morning. What a contrast to what we have endured in recent weeks! We had 23 people join in the Litter Pick: young and old, regular supporters and couples new to the village and several accompanying dogs. Between them they picked up at least 25 large black sacks of rubbish, clearing verges and ditches of unwanted rubbish.

Again Andrew Stringer, our County Councillor, provided us with pickers, high viz jackets, gloves, and sacks, making our task simpler. Thank you, Andrew.

Now we must hope that, now the village is cleaner, those would-be litterers will be encouraged to take their litter home with them or find a litter bin. ONCE

Women's Institute

The hall was arranged so that we could take part in the Stencilling which was the activity for the evening. We had a short business meeting to arrange further events. The Birthday Party, 100 club membership, Annual subscription to be paid, 23rd April Group Meeting at Stowupland Village Hall, D day celebrations. The speaker Joe was then introduced. She explained that we did not need too much expensive equipment. Simple stencils cut out, brushes to apply the fabric paint. We were then provided with the materials in order to have a go. There were many varied and pleasing results to take home. The evening was concluded with the raffle. Christine Bullock

Thursday Meet-Up

This group gets together every Thursday from 10-12 in the freshly decorated Sports and Social Club to share a natter, friendship, tea, coffee, cakes, hot sausage rolls, books, magazines, and a good catch up with lots of laughter.

The event is free although donations are always appreciated. Everyone is welcome and well behaved dogs on leads enjoy the occasion too!

Little Ernie Winners February 2024

Draw date	Winning No	Winner	Prize
3 February 2024	668	Diane Clough	£40
	196	Steve Abbott	£20
	510	Ros Hughes	£10
10 February 2024	284	Liza Helps	£40
	802	Alistair Lindsay	£20
	533	Ivan Hughes	£10
17 February 2024	166	Heather Thomas	£40
	118	Willie Brierley	£20
	402	Anthony Whiteside	£10
24 February 2024	463	Janita Parker	£40
	738	Gail Butcher	£20
	294	Stephen Seal	£10

Contact Kay & Alistair Ewan, Tel 01449 615748

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 13th April 2024

JIGSAW SALE

Church Institute, Old Newton
from 10am to 12.30pm.

All puzzles should be in good condition and COMPLETE !

If you have puzzles you would like to donate before the Saturday, they can be delivered to the Institute on the Friday afternoon (12th April) from 2 to 3.30pm. Also, delivery can be made to 8, Netherhall Close in the previous week.

Come along on Saturday morning even if you have no puzzles to bring and select a new stock of puzzles to keep you occupied in the evenings ahead.

Coffee will be served while you browse. Proceeds to St Mary's Church.

Skulduggery in Stowmarket

Announcing *Skulduggery in Stowmarket*, Saturday April 27th 2024

Stowmarket Library's Skulduggery team is excited to announce this year's fast-approaching literary crime festival event. Join us at Stowmarket Library on Saturday 27th and meet our guest authors: Susi Holliday, Lauren North, Tim Sullivan, Vaseem Khan, Olivia Kiernan, & James Henry.

Tickets are £5 per author, or £15 for all-day Saturday. Light refreshments are available throughout the day.

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Bingo continues to be very popular with friends from Old Newton and the surrounding villages. Anyone over 18 is welcome to play. A book of 6 games costs £10 and the Flier costs £2 (please bring the correct money if possible). There is also a Raffle, tea, and coffee and of course the bar is always open!

Dates for this year are

2nd April 23rd April

7th May 14th May

Directory of Village Organisations

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Gipping Parish Clerk	Celia Brown		01449 766236
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ONGAA	Christine Leggett	Trafford Close	01449 676891
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Under 5's comprises Toddlers, Preschool and Rising 5's

Please can you inform the editor of any changes or additions to the above.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Old Newton with Dagworth & Gipping Parish Council

Please ensure all correspondence for the Parish Council is sent to the Clerk & RFO:

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County Councillor Details -

Andrew Stringer andrew.stringer@suffolk.gov.uk Tel: 01449 780339 / 07774 199061

It should be noted that the minutes for the March 2024 meeting will be presented for approval at the April meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7.30pm. Members of the Press and Public are always welcome to attend the Parish council meetings.

Apologies for the lack of content from the Parish Council on the March edition of the Crier as the Clerk mistakenly sent the submission from February 2023 to which our brilliant Editor spotted and removed to save any embarrassment to which the Clerk is truly grateful. A copy of the submission will also be made available through the parish council / village website.

For information: The Clerk will be on annual leave from 4th – 15th April inclusive but will be accessing emails.

Councillor Vacancy – Old Newton

The Parish Council is delighted to announce we have filled the vacancy for the position of Councillor on the Parish Council for Old Newton by Co-Option. Mr Stephen Hammond agreed to become a Councillor at the February meeting.

Parish Precept - Precept has been submitted and acknowledged by BMSDC for Old Newton with Dagworth & Gipping, the requested total amount of £31,511.52. The precept will be paid in 2 equal instalments in April and September – This shows on their tax base calculator as a total increase of 6.20% which is what will show on the new council tax invoices that parishioners will receive.

Greenacres / Church Road Development. - The Parish Council secured a meeting with the Developer and they attended our February meeting. Another meeting will be set up and regular liaison has been promised moving forward. Summary notes from this meeting have been circulated to Cllrs and the representatives from Keepmoat. If any residents have any issues or comments / concerns, please liaise with the parish council Clerk who has relevant contact details and can facilitate discussions with the developer on your behalf if needed. Currently discussions regarding the new footpath on the boundary of the development and the flooding occurring in the gardens of neighbouring properties on Church Road – Discussions with Keepmoat to be continued. District Cllrs and Planning at BMSDC are also being made aware of issues being experienced.

Neighbouring Parish Liaison – A meeting took place on 23rd January at Haughley Pavilion. Representatives were in attendance from Bacton, Haughley, Old Newton, Wetherden and Woolpit. Apologies received from Elmswell. The main issues for consideration as a group were discussed being:- Traffic – A14 remedial works / SID, Planning, Neighbourhood Plans, Footpaths and Bridlepaths and their interconnectivity between neighbouring parishes, Green corridors within and between parishes, environment, and biodiversity.

The main outcome that came from this meeting was the agreement to submit a collective response to object to the call for sites consultation. Old Newton Clerk agreed to collate responses and submit.

Collective response issued was: The villages that lie along the A14 corridor from Junction 47 to Junction 51 have, over recent years, been subjected to substantial development to the point of almost obliterating the rural nature of our villages and reducing them to mere dormitories for a commuting population. We do not feel, therefore, that it is appropriate or necessary to canvass to volunteer further sites within our parishes. We believe that our infrastructure is already overstretched and do not feel it is responsible or desirable to expand further. The existing developments need to be bedded-in within the communities before pushing for further development and Mid Suffolk should now be looking elsewhere in the county for their call for sites. Councillors firmly believe that our area of Mid Suffolk is struggling due to the lack of regular public transport services, doctors and dental surgeries, and schools that are becoming so full that students have to be transported out of their immediate area on a daily basis. All of the above are strong reasons why any further planning/development should be avoided at all costs, until such time as sufficient enhancements have been made to our local infrastructures. All our Parish Councillors believe our villages have been more than generous in accepting so much housing development but feel that this is not the time to even consider further development and any development in Parishes should be considered in accordance with their Neighbourhood Plans if applicable.

The next meeting has been scheduled for May and Old Newton have agreed to host.

Allotments - The next 5 year agreement to continue using the allotment land on Station Road has been agreed with the Landowners, the Parish Council. The management agreement between ONGAA and the Parish Council is being updated.

Cemetery Works – The remedial works to the cemetery store have now been completed and paid for using CIL funds held by the parish council. The store is now future proofed for the next 20 years or so as the asbestos has been removed by a specialist contractor and the guttering has all been replaced with new plastic including soffits and any wood has been treated and repainted.

Annual Parish Meeting Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for 24th April 2024 whereby all village organisations and groups are asked to provide their annual report. Light refreshments will be provided after the event. Could all persons submitting a report let the clerk know and where possible email the reports in order that they can be collated and uploaded onto the village website.

2024 Meeting dates – All Parish Council meetings are scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of each month and will commence at 7.30pm in the Woodward Room unless notified otherwise.

APRIL	Wednesday 3rd April 2024- 7.30pm
Wednesday 24th April 2024	– Annual Parish Meeting - 7.30pm
MAY	Wednesday 1st May 2024 (AGM) – 7.30pm
JUNE	Wednesday 5th June 2024 – 7.30pm
JULY	Wednesday 3rd July 2024 - 7.30pm
<i>AUGUST There will not be a scheduled meeting in August</i>	
SEPTEMBER	Wednesday 4th September 2024 - 7.30pm
OCTOBER	Wednesday 2nd October 2024 - 7.30pm
NOVEMBER	Wednesday 6th November 2024 – 7.30pm
DECEMBER	Wednesday 4th December 2024 – 7.30pm

District Councillor’s Report

MSDC 2024/25 Budget - The first Green Administration budget was agreed by Council in February. There will be a 2% increase in Council Tax for the MSDC portion. The cost of services to residents and communities is expected to rise by £1.8m, and Core Government funding is not matching the inflationary pressures, so the modest council tax increase should help protect services and build on the new priorities of the Council. The Green Administration is putting environmental sustainability and social justice at the heart of all its activities.

Housing Revenue Budget - The Housing Revenue Account budget was also agreed in February. There are financial challenges ahead, most notably an increase of £1.1m in the cost to run the housing service. The housing revenue account and council general fund account are completely separate and under current legislation it is not possible for one to subsidise the other. There will be a 7.7% increase in housing rents this year just to keep pace with rising costs. There will also be increases in both service and utility charges for sheltered housing tenants. Many tenants receive housing benefit or universal credit and due to recent increases in the rent portion of this, the majority of tenants will not see an increase in rent. Advice and help for those struggling with finances is available from the Council.

Rural Transport grants -A new rural transport grants scheme has been launched to help provide passenger transport options across the district. Existing community transport operators can apply for funding before 15th April.

Joint local plan part 2 - All parish and town councils have been invited to complete a questionnaire about the services and facilities present in each area. This information is needed to prepare the next phase of the Joint Local Plan.

Energy efficiency grants - Funding is available to help residents with the cost of installing loft insulation, in partnership with Travis Perkins. There are four product options available, and residents will receive a 50% discount on their purchase (up to £200), with free delivery.

Tree Cover - SCC has secured over £200K from the Government's local authority Treescapes Fund for over 1500 new trees in a bid on behalf of all Suffolk councils, including MSDC. The funding will go toward planting as well as maintaining the trees.

Sports facilities in Stowmarket In February the MSDC planning committee granted full planning permission for the first two parts of the Stowmarket Health, Education and Leisure Facilities (SHELF) project.

The initial work includes an improved pitch for Stowmarket Rugby Club, active track, cricket nets and additional paths and fencing. The second package of work includes the construction of a new sports hall and sports pavilion.

The third part, which was granted outline permission, focuses on the construction of the wellbeing hub and associated infrastructure.

Evergreens

On a nice and bright an afternoon, we met once again, Pat welcomed everyone and told us a little bit about our speaker, who was Lauren her youngest granddaughter, Lauren is a veterinary nurse, and this was the first time she had ever done a talk. She was very good with slides to accompany what she was telling us. She certainly loves her job, and it really shone through everything that she was talking about.

Pat then told us about the arrangements for the April meeting when we are having a lunch out at the Norton Dog. Menus were handed out and fees were paid. She then reminded us about the coffee morning on the 16th March.

Our next meeting is the lunch on April 10th at 12.30.

Barbara Goudy



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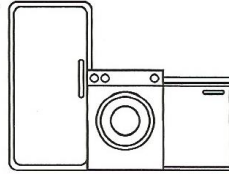
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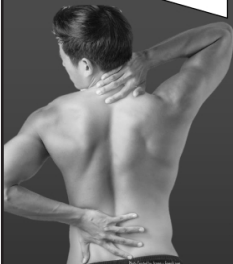
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