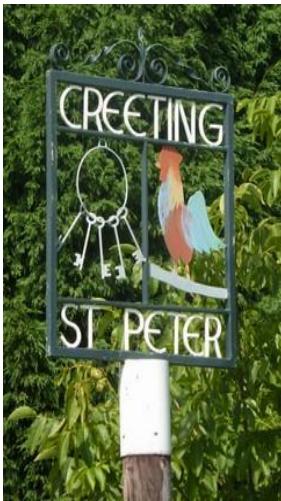


Parish Council News



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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

Would you like to advertise your business/service in this Newsletter for a small fee? If you would be interested in doing so, please contact the Clerk for more information.

District Councillor Mike Norris' Report:

Budget approval - On Thursday 27 February Mid Suffolk District Council approved its budget for 2020/21, including an increase in council tax that will see £2.76 a year added to the bill of a Band D property.

Needham Market on track for bright future - Needham Market railway station is set to receive £380,000 in government funding to improve accessibility. The funding from the Department of Transport, new Access for All programme will benefit Needham Market, giving it a further boost to the council's plans to regenerate Needham Market station and improve access to the station's Ipswich-bound platform.

Helping ratepayers high on the agenda - The introduction of a local discretionary discount for pubs, to update the current retail discount policy and to extend the local newspaper discount was agreed at Mid Suffolk's cabinet meeting last month, and will be implemented when the Government provides more details of the schemes to support ratepayers across both districts.

Refilling your weekly shop without unnecessary plastic is getting easier in Suffolk - A number of shops in Suffolk are offering refills for a host of household items in a bid to cut down on the amount of plastic and packaging we use.

Suffolk District Councillors Mike Norris mike.norris@midsuffolk.gov.uk Tel. 01449 720871 and Steve Phillips stephen.phillips@midsuffolk.gov.uk Tel. 01449 721710.

Bonus Ball/Village Lottery Winning Numbers (R) Indicates a Rollover

9th Nov - 31, 16th Nov - 17, 23rd Nov - 31, 30th Nov - 51 (R), 7th Dec - 39 (R), 14th Dec - 56 (R), 21st Dec - 26, 28th Dec - 9, 4th Jan - 11, 11th Jan - 14, 18th Jan - 11, 25th Jan - 21, 1st Feb - 52, 8th Feb - 21, 15th Feb - 18 (R), 22nd Feb - 17, 29th Feb - 9, 7th Mar - 42, 14th Mar - 14.



Congratulations to all the winners!

What is the lottery money used for?

At the moment there are no plans for the use of the lottery funds, which currently stands at £4,616.37. We will keep you posted as to what it will be spent on in the future.



Improving Communication with Parishioners - The Parish Council are setting up a village email list where the Clerk can email out any village events information, emergency information, planning applications, news etc. If you would like to be part of the list please email the Clerk at pc@creetingstpeter.suffolk.gov.uk

Please Note - to be inline with Data Protection, your email address will **not** be shared with others and will **not** be shown on any emails sent out.



Fen Alder Carr Nature Reserve

This site remains closed to members of the public.



Play Area - Should anyone have any issues, or notice anything that needs attention please do not hesitate to contact Cllr Dan Mason, or the Parish Clerk. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE - Our County Councillor has agreed to fund the repair of the access track to the Play Area. These works are due to commence on 3rd April.

Please also note that the Access Track may be closed for a period of time whilst the works are carried out.



Poppy Appeal - November 2019 - Well done and Thank you to the residents of Creeting St. Peter who generously helped to raise £160.92 for last year's poppy appeal. Thankyou also to Basil and new recruit Connie with the collection!



Oil Thefts in Village - There have been a couple of oil thefts in the village recently. Please be vigilant and if your oil tank is easily seen from the road, hide it!



Tool Thefts - There have been incidents of tool thefts from outbuildings in Stowupland and Saxham Street recently. Again, please be vigilant and ensure your outbuildings are securely locked.

Community Emergency Bag - A reminder that this is something that has been given to the village and is in the care of the Parish Council. It will be kept in the new shed adjacent to the Church Hall, which will be locked with a key kept in a key box - the code of which will be available from any member of the Parish Council. The bag and its contents are for the use in an emergency and contain the following:

a wind-up radio/torch, a wind-up phone charger/torch, a Barracuda wind up/solar torch, 4 Hi-Viz jackets, 4 foil blankets, 4 emergency ponchos, barrier tape, strip water purification tabs, a waterproof notepad and pencil, a whistle, 16 hand wipes, a pair of rubber gloves, a waterproof document wallet and a first aid kit.



Litter Pickers - Help required!

If anyone could help with litter picking to keep our parish neat and tidy please contact Ginny Taylor on 07887910199.



Footpaths - If, whilst walking the parishes footpaths, you see any broken signs, missing way-markers or any other issues in relation to the condition of the path please report to www.suffolk.gov.uk or contact the Parish Clerk.

PLEASE NOTE - Cyclists should not be using the public footpaths and in doing so are churning up the mud making it unpleasant for the walkers. If you see anyone, or know anyone that cycles on the footpaths, please ask them not to. Thank you.



Village Wildlife Group - Thank you to everyone who has taken part in litter picking recently. Ben Jardine & his friend will also be helping with litter picking & helping maintain the Churchyard, as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. Unfortunately, there is no shortage of litter.

Many thanks to Russell & Sarah Stott, along with Steve Boyce who spent a windy afternoon in February planting young trees from the Woodland Trust beside the A14 footpath.

We have also purchased four swift boxes from the Haughley Swift box project. These boxes will be placed around the village where Swifts were recorded last year.

Recently I found a young dead barn owl that had been in a collision down the hill, just outside the village. Unfortunately, barn owls are at risk, as they hunt low along verges.

I still have a few native trees left, so if you know of a suitable place to plant one please contact me. Ginny 07887910199

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Church News

Services in April

Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday - 9.30am followed by refreshments

Thursday 9th April - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion - 7pm

Sunday 12st April - Easter Sunday Holy Communion - 11am

Coffee mornings

Thank you to Lynne for doing the March one. 11th April will be done by Sue and Margaret and 9th May will be at the church.

Ladies Supper

Thank you to everyone who came to the Ladies supper in February. Thank you also to Jenny and Kate for getting everyone organised and the hall set up. We have another one arranged for 18th September.

Pub night

Following the understandable cancellation of the last pub night, the next one will take place on 22nd May.

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 28th April. All welcome.

Spring Plant Sale / Coffee Morning - Saturday 9th May 2020 - 10am - 12pm - at Creeting St Peter Church
Further information: 01449 722271 amatthewson@hotmail.com

Church building work

It has been some time since we started talking about the necessity for some large-scale building work on the church. Thank you all for the support you have given us so far. We have also been awarded some grants and intend to start the work in September.

Churchwarden

For those who were not previously aware, this is to say that after 17 years of living in Suffolk, Mark and I are moving to Scotland to look after our elderly mothers. Therefore, I will be standing down from the role of Churchwarden from the end of April. If there is anyone who feels they could join the PCC to help look after the church and our social activities, please get in touch with me or Jenny.