

CODDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL NEWS-SHEET

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to tell you that the Parish Council has been able to hold the precept at the same level as last year whilst still maintaining the level of services provided in the village.

After several years in development a scheme for affordable housing to be built in Greenhill was submitted for planning consent. This scheme has been temporarily withdrawn whilst concerns expressed by the village and the District Council are taken into consideration, and a revised application is expected soon.

Following many requests, a slide is to be added to the children's playground this year. Most of the money is in place including contributions from the Parish Council, Open Gardens event and previous fund raising. There may need to be a small amount of additional funding required, and if so notices will be displayed.

The village website has been further enhanced and is actively maintained by Matthew Soanes and Julian Hall. There is a lot of useful and entertaining information at <http://coddenham.onesuffolk.net/>

The churchyard is the responsibility of the Parish Council and a new management plan has been put in place. The short grass and the outstanding wildflower areas will be maintained as in the past. This means that the wildflower part will not be cut until the seeds have set in late July. The east end of the churchyard will become an area of islands of native shrubs and small trees, separated by mown areas, to provide greater interest whilst keeping weed growth under control. In the longer term it is hoped to establish wild flowers in this area as well.

Footpaths

The Parish Council continues to keep the footpaths cut and way marked with yellow (footpath) or blue (bridleway) arrows. Please keep to the marked public rights of way and do not use other tracks and paths that you may come across and which will be private. If the way marking can be improved anywhere then please let the Clerk know.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Coddendam Community Centre

Thursday 18 April, 7.00 p.m.

Reports from various clubs, our District and County Councillors and a talk from Cllr Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk

Do come along.

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Broom Hill and Mill Hill - We are fortunate in having these two excellent 'wild' areas, close to the village centre, which provide enjoyable and varied footpath walks. The wild flowers in spring are outstanding. Broom Hill now has a barn-owl box (which shows signs of being lived in) and a number of smaller bird boxes. The grass is cut yearly, but otherwise all maintenance is done by volunteers. On Mill Hill the trees planted some years ago are now beginning to be able to look after themselves. The footpath through Mill Hill and the route through Nucleus Plantation are particularly attractive when the snowdrops and, later, the bluebells are out.

Recycling - The banks on the Community Centre site are well used and every effort is made to get the contractors to empty the bins when full. Please note that only refuse from the hall may be put in the wheeled grey bin at the hall, and do not leave bags or boxes around the recycling bins. Bottles and jars only please in the bottle bank - no plate glass. The revenue from this helps the Council's finances. We also now have a Heart Foundation clothes bank and a tetra-pak carton recycling bin.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Mums, carers and tots, from birth to school age, meet on a Wednesday morning, from 10.00 to 11.30 in the Village Hall. We have indoor play equipment for the children, and a warm friendly atmosphere, for both children and their carers. A small charge is made per family, and includes a drink and biscuit. Everyone welcome!

The Six Village News

Our monthly magazine continues to be popular, containing information about future and past events, both in Coddensham and its surrounding villages. The annual subscription of £5 has not been raised for several years. A good deal of the cost is paid for by the advertisements, which concentrate on local services where possible. Our circulation continues to rise gradually. Production and distribution is entirely by volunteers, to whom grateful thanks are extended.

HAYSEL HOUSE

Haysel House is open to all residents aged 55 and over from Coddensham and the surrounding area. NB It is not an old folks' home or care home. Activities include: Benefice meeting with soup lunch on Tuesday mornings (Contact: Judy Hailes 760375), Fun exercises on Thursday afternoons with a professional trainer. Scrabble on Friday afternoons. (We also have a variety of other games and jigsaw puzzles). Other activities can be included by request if there is enough interest. There are regular Art classes provided by Sandra Pond, and we have had some very successful ukulele workshops. A chiropodist calls on a regular basis. We are open for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with friends; weekdays 9a.m. - 4.45 p.m. Haysel House is available for hire for certain events, for more details contact: Keith on 761732.

History Club

A programme of talks, evenings out, socials and occasional local walks have been arranged for the coming year, and details will be on the village noticeboards at the due time. To receive the History Club's 2013 programme, please contact Sylvia Harris on 760254. Copies are also available in the shop.

Coffee Shop, St Mary's Church - This is open on 2nd or 3rd Saturday of each month, 10.00 - 12 noon. The aim is to get everyone in the village together to enjoy friendship within our beautiful church. The village noticeboards have dates and for various themed days throughout the year as we aim to incorporate notable dates/ seasons/events, etc, Any ideas you would like to see, contact Sue on 760686.

DOGS

Please inform the Parish Clerk, or the MSDC dog warden if you see an incident of dog fouling;

We now have eight dog waste bins - please use them and keep our countryside clean.

Please do not allow your dog to bark inconsiderately.

Neighbourhood Watch - Co-ordinators are: Hall Farm area – Rita Boles, High Street – Tina Jeffrey and Brenda Goodchild, Lime Kilns – Debbie Sparkes, Church Road – Brenda Goodchild/Helen Wyles, School Road – Brenda Goodchild, Mary Day Close – Keith Prescott, Catherines Hill – Malcolm Goodall and Green Hill – Brenda Goodchild. Contact via Brenda on (01449) 760379. If anyone would be interested in looking after Green Hill's interest, please contact Brenda.

Informal Bowls Group

For more information on this activity, please speak to Jane at the shop.

Community & Sports Centre

For bookings and more information on the following, please phone Sophie on 760419. Regular activities include Badminton, Yoga, Mums and Tots and Youth Club, with Football at weekends and Tennis during the summer. New participants are always welcome. Crockery, cutlery, tables and chairs (130 covers) – as well as the hall itself – are available for hire. The tennis courts and basketball court are available on a pay and play basis, although priority is given to people who have booked.

HGV traffic through the village

A vehicle activated sign has been installed at the east end on the village. We have experienced ongoing problems with our Speedar speed gun throughout the year. This is back from the manufacturer and we are optimistic that it is now more reliable. LorryWatch is continuing to serve us well, but is under pressure in the cost cutting exercises at SCC. We have written to our County and District Councillors who are giving us their support. Lack of funds is still delaying improvements to the B1078.

Village website - <http://coddenham.onesuffolk.net>

Email coddenhamvillage@gmail.com if you have any ideas for content or would like to be kept informed of future events or news.

Coddenham Youth Club - This is available to children 8 to 16 on Fridays during term time, 7.00 - 9.00 pm. Please contact Barbara on 07881941036.

TENNIS CLUB - Coddenham has 2 tennis courts available which can be booked through Sophie on 760419. The Club offers junior, senior and family membership, details of which are available from Rowena Clark on 760383.

Coaching is available through Martin Orton on 719377.

Coddenham Badminton Club (over 16s) – every Monday from 7.00 p.m. at Coddenham village hall

Village events taking place this year include:

Flower Festival – 29/30 June at the church

Organ recital/cheese & wine – 28 September at the church

Harvest Supper – 12 October, Community Centre

Helen's annual show – 20 October at the church

Allotments – the ten plots are looking well; worth a look if you are wandering over Broom Hill from Love Lane.

Please use our Post Office as much as possible – we do need to preserve this essential service in, at least, some form.

Most services are available, including car tax

Opening hours, at Coddendam Food Store:

Monday 9.00 – 12.30 pm, Wednesday 9.00 – 12.30 pm

Friday 1.00 – 4.00 pm

Coddendam Food Store – 760227

Your local shop sources local fresh produce – with a butchery, cheese and deli counter, bakery, fruit and veg. Other services provided include laundry and dry cleaning. MSDC refuse, recycling and textile bags are also available.

Fresh fish van – This local supplier visits Coddendam every Wednesday and parks at Haysel House from 12.00, moving to outside the shop at 12.30 p.m.

Newspaper delivery

Available from Suffolk News Delivery 075863712285, info@suffolknewsdelivery.co.uk

Useful Information (Telephone numbers have code 01449 unless shown)

- * Enquiries about the church – Ann on 761819 or Margaret on 760207
- * Police – PCSO Chris Bales (01473) 613500
- * District Councillor: Tim Passmore, 767131
- * County Councillor: Eddy Alcock, (01728) 860564
- * Country Club, High Street. For a social drink, game of snooker and a lot more. New members welcome. Contact 760577 (evenings).
- * Six Village News collator – Colin Hardy (760497)
- * Pest Control free service for private dwellings for mice and rats. 08456066067.
- * Broom Hill Nature Trail pamphlets from the church porch.
- * Local History Recorder – Helen Wyles (760233)
- * Mobile Library – 29 March, then four weekly, 9.50 – 10.45 a.m. outside Haysel House

Contacting the Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs Sue Groom, Oak Lodge, High Street, Coddendam IP6 9PN, Tel 760686

Current Councillors are:

Donald Burton (<i>Chairman</i>)	760499	Michael West	760389
Isabel Burgess (<i>Vice Chairman</i>)	761992	Helen Wyles	760233
Brian Aspinall	760680	Steve Causer	760769
Jan Ingle	760664	John Keeble	760760
Janet Fawdry	760715	Brian Cook	760617
Sharon Lee	761859		

Debbie McDonnell remains the Chair of the Community Centre Committee 761793

Electors are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. Notices are placed on the village notice boards at least three days in advance

Got a new neighbour?

Let Sue know on 760686 and she will deliver a copy of this Newsletter.