



# **CODDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER**

### **APRIL 2014 No. 33**

#### **Parish Finances**

After several years of using reserves to maintain the precept at a similar level, it has regrettably become necessary to increase it this year to put the council on a firm financial footing. The Parish Council spends the precept on supplying facilities for the village including the Community & Sports Centre, Mill Hill, Broomhill, children's playground, recreation ground and maintenance of the churchyard. A full breakdown of the budget for the coming year can be found in the Parish Council section of the village website:

<http://coddenham.onesuffolk.net/>

#### **Community & Sports Centre**

The Parish Council continues to run this wonderful village asset and it is used most evenings and weekends by various clubs, groups and private events.

We need to revitalize the management of this fantastic facility as the committee has dwindled to our stalwart chair, Debbie McDonnell, supported by Jane Soanes.



We also need to look at new ways to raise more revenue. One idea is to place solar photovoltaic panels on the huge south facing roof to reduce energy costs, but this needs someone to research it and apply for grants.

How to make the most of the community centre is to be the main theme of our Annual Parish meeting this year (Thursday 17th April at 7.30pm). So come along and have your say or, better still, volunteer to help. It also needs a better web presence.

The extension car park at the centre has been loaned to Gipping construction for the past year to use as a building compound whilst constructing the extension to the Day Foundation housing. It will be returned to the Parish Council at the end of April with a new asphalt surface and a hard standing for the recycling bins.



## Flooding in the Village



Even before this last winter turned into an exceptionally wet event, a site meeting was held with the County and District Councils and many of the riparian landowners (those with land adjoining the stream).

A thorough study was carried out into the reasons why flooding events have been getting worse. There are a number of pinch points where the stream flows under roads and these tend to block with debris being washed down from higher up.

An action plan has been drawn up to address the problems which will soon be communicated to riparian landowners.

This includes the retardation of flow in the upper catchment area beyond Spring Lane to reduce peak flows, the removal of branches and debris from the course of the stream to stop the blocking of the culverts and the Dutch fords.

The County Council intends to reinforce the edge of Lower Road to prevent it collapsing into the stream and to clear out the culverts

## Community & Sports Centre

For bookings and more information on the following, please phone Sophie on 760419.

Regular activities include Badminton, Music Tree, Yoga, Mums and Tots, Youth Club, Kids Tennis Coaching, with Football at weekends and Tennis and Bowls 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.

The courts and bowls green are both wonderful facilities, and need to be used more extensively by all levels.

## PLANNING

Please send a copy of your comments on planning applications that affect you to the Parish Clerk (contact information on Page 4)

### Tennis in Coddtenham.

There are two tennis courts adjacent to the Community and Sports Hall providing an excellent opportunity to form an active Tennis Club with a regular Club night. If you are interested contact Debbie McDonnell 01449 761793, email [deborah.mcdonnell3@btinternet.com](mailto:deborah.mcdonnell3@btinternet.com)







## 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 into 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.

### Broom Hill and Mill Hill

Both our natural areas are well maintained, and are much used. Many thanks to the volunteers whose work is vital for their upkeep.

On Broomhill an area recently cleared of brambles and scrub has been planted with trees, mostly oak, hazel and holly. The bluebells should be outstanding this year.

On Mill Hill, most of the trees planted some years ago are doing well, and are almost tall enough to be able to look after themselves

### HAYSEL HOUSE

Haysel House is open to all residents aged 55 and over who are from Coddendam and the surrounding area covered by the six parishes.

Regular activities include: bowls (summer), skittles (winter) on Friday afternoons, a Benefice meeting with soup lunch on Tuesday mornings (Contact: Judy Hailes 760375), and an exercise class on Monday afternoons.

A chiropodist calls on a regular basis. Always open for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with friends especially on Wednesday afternoons and when the library van calls on Friday mornings. The hall is available for hire. For more details contact: Keith on 761732.

### CRAFT FAIR

To be held at St Mary's church on 11 and 12 July - local crafts including art, tapestry, quilting, sweets, cards, dried flowers, jams, apple juice, cakes, patchwork, etc.

For more details contact  
Margaret Baker on 760207

### Mother and Toddler Group

This is run every Wednesday from 10.00 - 11.30 in the Community Centre for pre-school children and their parents, grandparents or carers.

We have many larger toys for older children, and a play mat for babies. Arts and Crafts are also available. The cost of each session is £1.50 per family, and a warm welcome awaits all.

### The Six Village News



Our monthly magazine continues to be very popular, containing a lot of information about future and past events, both in Coddendam and its surrounding villages.

The annual subscription of £5 has not been raised for several years, and surely represents excellent value. A good deal of the cost is paid for by the advertisements, which concentrate on local services as far as possible.

Our circulation continues to rise gradually. Production and distribution is entirely by volunteers, to whom grateful thanks are extended.

### History Club

Another full programme of talks, outings and monthly walks - some local and some further afield. Local archaeology interest.

For a programme or more details, contact:  
Sally Garrod on 711269, and keep an eye on the village notice boards.

**Affordable Housing** - Despite all permissions having been in place for some time, we are still waiting to see Hastoe Housing Association make a start on site. We understand that turning of the first sod is imminent





Please use our Post Office as much as possible. We do need to preserve this essential service in some form or other.

Most services are available, including car tax, at the Coddendam Food Store:

**Opening hours.**

**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 also available



### **Useful Information** (Telephone numbers have code 01449 unless shown)

- \* Enquiries about the church – Ann on 761819 or Margaret on 760207
- \* Police – PC Jayne Gardiner & PCSO Edward Wright : (01473) 613737 (24 hrs) or Community Information Hotline (01284) 774029
- \* District Councillor: Tim Passmore, 767131
- \* County Councillor: Matthew Hicks (01728) 628176
- \* 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: 1 March and then 4 weekly, 9.50-10.45 a.m. outside Haysel House

## Coddendam Parish Council

**Donald Burton (Chairman) Isabel Burgess (Vice-Chair)**

**Janet Fawdry Helen Wyles Jan Ingle**

**Michael West Julia Jaques Colin Hardy**

**Brian Aspinall John Keeble Steve Causer**

**Clerk: David Lines**

**Contact the Council:**

**Tel: 01255 676348 (with voicemail)**

**Email: parishclerk.coddendam@gmail.com**

**43 Fourth Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex CO13 9DY**

**Council Meeting dates - 8th May (Annual Council Meeting), 10th July, 11 September, 13th November and 15th January 2015**



### **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**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - THURSDAY APRIL 17TH**

**7.30 pm - ALL WELCOME**