

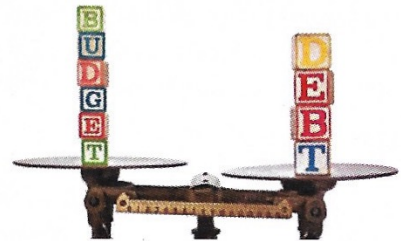
CODDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

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Parish Finances

Coddenham is one of the highest spending parishes in Mid-Suffolk but it provides a much higher level of services and facilities for the people of the village compared with many other parishes. The increase in the precept for the 15/16 financial year was agreed by the council in order to fund essential maintenance at the now 10 year old community centre and to put the council on a sounder financial basis for the future; also so that it can afford emergency work, such as felling a tree (each of which can cost up to £1000) should one be damaged in a storm. A copy of the full budget is available to download from the website or can be requested from the Clerk. The decision to increase the precept was a difficult one, but all the services provided by the council cost each resident less than £1.70 a week.



www.coddenham.onesuffolk.net/parishcouncil



A new Parish Council will be elected on 7 May 2015. Over the last four-year term, the Council has helped achieve the building of affordable housing, the improvement of Lower Road to reduce flooding incidents and the soon-to-be extended 20 mph limit in the village with the help of our partners.

The Council itself is responsible for some of the street lighting, the recreation ground (including the children's playground, community centre and sports facilities), Mill Hill and Broomhill natural areas, churchyard maintenance, the allotments and the land at Three-Cocked Hat. It also maintains the public footpath network on behalf of the County Council.

If you would like to stand for election as a parish councillor, then please ask the Clerk or the Returning Officer at Mid-Suffolk District Council for nomination papers. **NB** The closing date for accepting nominations is Thursday 9th April at 4.00 pm. More information can be found at:

www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/council-business/elections-and-voting/electoral-information

Email: electoralservices@midsuffolk.gov.uk Phone: 01449 724672

Footpaths and Bridleways

Most of the footpaths and bridleways in Coddensham are extremely well used and popular with local people and visitors alike.

The Parish Council keeps the paths clear of seasonal growth and the yellow or blue waymarks in place. There are also some permissive paths where the right to walk has been negotiated with the landowner. This includes the path from the Community Centre through Nucleus Plantation to Mill Hill, which has spectacular displays of snowdrops and bluebells in spring.

The signs indicating where a path leaves a road and all bridges are the responsibility of the County Council, but if you find any problem with a footpath, please contact the Parish Council (contact info on Page 4).

Employment Vacancy Path Clearance

WANTED – a person to operate the council's strimmer to clear seasonal growth from footpaths in Coddensham. A cut of the paths is required late



May – early June and again in late July – early August. It will be about 40 hours work in total. Full training will be given and the work can be carried out at times to suit. Minimum age 16. Salary £7.90 per hour.

For an informal chat, please call Donald Burton on 07958 477796 or, to apply, please email the Clerk with your contact details .

Community & Sports Centre

For bookings and more information on the following, phone Sophie on 760419 or email CoddenshamVillageHall@Gmail.com

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 Coddensham.

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





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.

Local Band "Body & Soul".

A great night out with buffet by M Philip Dining. 8th May 2015. Tickets £15 from Coddendam Food Store.

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.

Our fun exercise classes are now held on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. Benefice,

Art classes and meetings of various organisations are as usual. We have a variety of games and Jigsaw puzzles and of course you are welcome to call in for a cuppa and meet with friends for a chat 9.30am -4.45pm weekdays, please let me know.

As always I am on the lookout for anyone who may wish to share a hobby interest or to organise days out.

Our Scrabble club is on alternate Wednesday afternoons 2p.m. until 4.00 p.m. It's free to join and play boards are provided - other games are also available. Knit & natter club is on the other alternate Wednesdays.

.Keith Prescott

Tel: 01449 761 732

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 Brenda Hudson (760428) or watch the notice boards.

AED unit (Automated External Defibrillator)

We are pleased to announce that, in collaboration with the East of England Ambulance Service, the Day Foundation has fitted an AED (defibrillator) unit to Haysel House for village use. The heated cabinet is high visibility yellow and is easily accessible. The defibrillator itself is easy to use as it talks you through the procedure. You will be advised of the security code to access the unit, should it be required, when you call emergency services.



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 : Dial 101
- * 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)
- * Broom Hill Nature Trail - pamphlets from the church porch.
- * Local History Recorder – John Pelling (760676)
- * Mobile Library: 24th April, then every 4 weeks, 9.55-10.50 am, at the Village Hall

Coddendam Parish Council

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

Janet Fawdry Jane Soanes Jan Ingle

Michael West Julia Jaques Colin Hardy

Richard Budden 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 - 21st May (Annual Council Meeting), 9th July, 10th September, 12th November and 14th January 2015



FRESH FISH VAN

Every Wednesday at Haysel House from 12.00, moving to outside the shop at 12.30 p.m.

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS"

Paws on Patrol is a free to join initiative that rewards good citizens and responsible dog owners with discounts, offers and freebies.

For more information contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101 or visit the police website www.suffolk.police.uk.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - THURSDAY APRIL 23rd

7.00 pm - ALL WELCOME (NB - change of date)