



CODDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Parish Council Update



The Parish Council is actively considering how to best manage the community centre going forward. The old village hall was managed by a charitable trust, which was wound up when the hall was sold. Since 2004 the new community centre has been run directly by a Parish Council committee chaired by Debbie McDonnell. After long years of hard work and great enthusiasm Debbie has now stepped down and I would like to thank her for all effort and great events she has been responsible for putting on over the years.

The Community Centre has been very successful and only requires a small subsidy from the precept (council tax) each year as it is largely self-financing. There are some advantages to managing the centre through a charitable trust and more interested parishioners may step forward to help run it.

The investigations are likely to take 6 months before a preferred plan is developed. This will then be brought to a public meeting before a decision is made by the Parish Council on the way forward.

The new adult gym equipment on the recreation ground is popular and complements the children's play equipment. During the autumn some of the trees will be trimmed back.

The Parish Council actively supported holding a public consultation on the County Council's proposals for a trial of a gyratory system. As is reported elsewhere the response was overwhelmingly against the proposal but this is democracy in action so well done to everyone who responded to the consultation or attended the drop-in session. The report of the consultation on the proposed gyratory system is now available on the Parish Council website

All councillors will be elected next May for a 4-year term and new blood is always needed to reinvigorate the council. More information will be provided nearer the time on how to apply to stand as a parish councillor. If you are interested in supporting and working for your local community then do consider standing as a candidate.

Donald Burton, Chair Coddtenham Parish Council

* NOT TRUE.

OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED GYRATORY

SYSTEM: The following are extracts from the report of the outcome of consultation on the proposed gyratory system. The full report can be viewed on the Parish web site

Results from Responses & Exhibition.

A total of 242 invitations/consultation letters were sent out to individuals, and we had a total of 135 replies back to us via the three methods of return representing a 55% response rate. Each return slip had an address added to the top. This prevented anonymous or multiple replies from individuals that may have skewed the results. A breakdown of the replies to the preference form is listed in Fig 1.0 below. Plans with the plotted location of all the returnees with an indication of whether they supported or objected to the proposals was produced for analysis but is not included within this report for data protection reasons.

REPLIES RETURNED TO:	SUPPORT	OBJECT	DID NOT STATE
Suffolk Highways	10	14	-
The Exhibition	14	41	2
Coddenham Food Store	7	46	1
TOTAL	31	101	3

Fig 1.0 Replies to the preference form.

As can be seen, 101 (75%) of the returnees were not in favour of the scheme progressing in its current form, 31 (23%) were in support and 3 did not express whether they supported or objected to the proposal. This does not demonstrate a significant level of support for the proposal. However, the consultation form also had a box for further comments. The responses included themes or individual reasons for their views which amounted to 60 differing points, some of which were positive, some negative and some suggested alternative options. A summary of the response comments is provided (Appendix C).

The 31 positive responses included 6 separate themes or individual comments, of which four individuals felt that the scheme at least deserved a trial.

Five other separate comments were put forward by single individuals and not repeated by others. These views ranged from 'It will make things easier for other road users to pass', to 'can we have a full time one-way system' and 'can we have "No Entry Except for Buses"'.

The negative points included 54 separate themes or individual comments, 31 of which were raised by more than one person. For ease of comment we have explored the top ten points that were raised by more than one person, however the whole list can be viewed in Appendix C.

The top ten negative points raised made up 61% of the total negative comments returned (summary of report)

1. Effect on Local Shop The point raised most, by 36 individuals (23% of the negative points raised), was concerns over the possibility of the Coddenham Food Store closing due to a reduction in the amount of passing traffic bought on by the proposal...
2. Potential Increase in Vehicle Speeds. The concern that speeds within the village will increase if the proposal was implemented was raised by 27 people (17% of the returns) and also listed within the consultation documents as a possible negative impact of the scheme...
3. Suggested Lorry Ban on the B1078. The banning of Lorries in either direction from Coddenham was suggested by 22 people (14.2% of the returns) as well as the claim that they are the main cause of the issues along the High Street, which was raised by a further 8 people...
4. Condition and Suitability of Rectory Road. The condition of Rectory Road, and its ability to take the expected volume of extra traffic was a concern raised by 22 individuals (14.2%)...
5. Perceived One-Way System. 17 people (11%) raised safety concerns of a perceived one-way road actually being two-way...

6. Rectory Road Flooding. The occasional but severe flooding of Rectory Road is a known problem, and a problem that highways have worked on resolving for many years. 15 people (9.7%) raised this as a concern...
7. Suggested parking restrictions – Coddenham High Street. A number of people responded to suggest that the parked vehicles in the Coddenham High Street were contributing to the congestion issues. The suggestion of removing vehicles parking from the High Street Coddenham was mentioned anecdotally several times at the exhibition. Within the replies from the consultation 11 people (7%) raised this as an issue.
8. Displacement of problem from High Street to Rectory Road. A point that was raised by 11 separate people as well as suggested at the exhibition, was that the proposal does not resolve the problem that Coddenham has, it just moves it to another road.
9. Safety of Pedestrians or Cyclists. Concern was raised by 10 individuals about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists using the footpath network off Rectory Road, if the scheme progresses as proposed...
10. Consultation with Hemingstone Parish Council. It has been stated that Hemingstone Parish Council have not been consulted...

CODDENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY CLUB

The Club benefits from an imaginative and active committee among whom are Sue Allison and Brenda Hudson pulling together some very interesting Speakers and Ray Collins arranging outings, as well as Sue Ashford our intrepid Treasurer. The Club has accumulated and safely recorded for posterity, decades of knowledge since its inception, begun by Sylvia Bickers. In the pipeline to the end of 2018 are a talk about Edith Cavell, Local Metal Detecting Finds and Monastic Houses in Ipswich. New Members are very welcome but also people are welcome to look through the Records for information.

Shirley West (Secretary)

HISTORY RECORDER

PARISH COUNCIL HISTORY

One hundred years ago Coddenham Parish Council had two overseers among its officers. Their duty had been established by the Tudor Poor Laws. It was primarily to arrange relief for poor, aged or sick parishioners. The Council also had oversight of the Gardemau charities, established in the eighteenth century. In April 1918 the Council received letters from the Charity Commissioners regarding 'the charity doles'.

Today, in theory, social need is met by the Welfare State. The Gardemau Charities are now independent of the Parish Council but still have an account for the poor. While nobody in Coddenham is unable to afford a healthy diet the Gardemau Charities still send funds to assist families in need not far away.

The recent report of the IPPR Commission on Economic Justice drew this comment from the Archbishop of Canterbury, one of its members: 'The gulf between rich and poor has damaged the nation's sense of itself.'

That 'sense of itself' was very clear in earlier days. In 1643 the Parish resolved to 'hire such cottage or tenement for wanting an inhabitant and to put such tenant into the same as they shall thinke fit and the rent thereof to be payd by the ... overseers.' In 1650 'John Blowers [was] gone into the armie and hath left his wife and children to the towne.' Twenty shillings (now £500) was received from John Style of Hemingstone 'to be distributed to the poore of the parish,' including 'Blowers wife' while he was still 'gallantly in service.'

In November 1918, just after the end of the Great War, the Parish Council debated a question of extra housing. Some council houses were, apparently, unoccupied. Nonetheless, it was decided that ten houses 'of rateable value £8 per annum or under' were required. (Council tax has replaced rates and nobody needs reminding of its cost.) No reference was made in the Parish Council minutes to soldiers' families having need of poor relief.

John Pelling, Local History Recorder

CODDENHAM VILLAGE FETE

*Nothing re I believe
is thanks to Judges.*

Held on Saturday 8th September on the recreation ground and in the village hall, the Fete enjoyed a dry and at times sunny afternoon with the early threat of rain passing over.

There was general agreement that the Fete was a great success and that there was a really good turnout. Not only did the event raise a huge sum of money for charity but it was also a lovely community event bringing people from the village and further afield together for a happy day.

17 stalls ranging from the traditional such as 'splat the rat' and tombola, to more novel such as 'guess the corks' and 'wine or water' along with 3 donations, raised around £1100 which was split between the hospice, a donation to the dog charity and a sum for a future community project by the Parish Council. In addition the 'Silent Auction' anticipate raising £572.00 for St. Elizabeth Hospice and the Hall Refreshment raised £400 which by prior arrangement will be donated to Church funds.

A big thankyou is due to the many people who helped set up the fete, to run the stalls and events on the Saturday and to dismantle it over the weekend, and many thanks to all who visited the fete and contributed so generously. Not least a special thankyou to Mitch for organising the whole thing!



SPEEDING VEHICLES



At the annual Parish Meeting 2017 Parishioners expressed concern for the speed at which some vehicles were traveling through the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council should investigate the use of a speed indication device (SID) to alert motorists to the speed at which they were traveling and encourage those who were breaking the speed limit to slow down. A representative of a charity the Day Foundation indicated that they may provide funding for such a device.

Two councillors, offered to follow up this issue. Surveys of potential sites were undertaken, and applications put in to Suffolk County Council for two sites on school road at each end of the recreation ground. After a protracted period of negotiation agreement was eventually gained. It is intended to rotate the device between the two sites and to leave it switched off at times so as to avoid motorists becoming accustomed. It was agreed at Parish Council meeting to review the success of the SID and to consider purchase of further devices and application for addition sites for location.

With funds kindly donated by the Day Foundation charity an SID was purchased from the Morlock Company. The device is able to monitor and record the speed of vehicles and display a message to passing motorists indicting the speed at which they are driving and congratulate those adhering to the 20mph limit and advise those exceeding it of their speed. The details of all vehicles are recorded and can be collated to indicate the number of vehicles and those adhering to the speed limit and those exceeding.

At the Parish Fete on 8th September the SID was demonstrated in a novel way as a competition for running speed.



The Speed Sign attracted a great deal of attention and many visitors were keen to ask questions and to hear about how the sign would be used, whether they took part in the 'challenge' or not.

More than 70 people took part, testing their personal running speed against the machine. The maximum speed reached by two adult males was 15mls per hour and they both received a prize of a cake or a bottle of wine. One of the finalists, attempting to break his previous record, continued running past speed sign stumbling through hedge on north boundary of recreation ground, resulting in slight abrasion to his left elbow, with some bruising and limping. Hopefully, his Winner's Prize Ginger Cake helped in his recovery!

must not be repeated.

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

As well as our usual services and coffee mornings we are looking forward to several special events in the coming weeks. On Saturday 6th October at 7.30 pm we host the Osiligi Troupe of Maasai Warriors for an evening of spectacular song and dance. Do have a look at their website www.osiligiwarriors.co.uk and their YouTube videos to find out more about them and get a flavour of their performances. Another date for your diary is Sunday 9th December when we welcome the return of the fine brass players of the East of England Co-op Band.



This year's Remembrance Sunday Service, 100 years after the end of the First World War, is at 10.50 am on Sunday 11th November when we gather round the War Memorial for ten minutes to give thanks for those who gave their lives in both World Wars and to pray for peace. This concludes with the two minutes silence and there is then a service in church for those who wish to continue – but no obligation! As well as those named on the War Memorial we should also remember the three soldiers who are buried in the Lower Churchyard and commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Private Arthur Youell of the Royal Scots died on 17th November 1918, and Private Albert Barham (Suffolk Regiment) on March 23rd 1916 and they have simple white war graves headstones. Private George Wood died on 9th September 1919 and his headstone has a distinctive Suffolk Regiment carving.

Church Bells were not generally rung during the First World War but the Armistice was marked by peals of bells throughout the country. This will be repeated on November 11th this year and we are hoping to ring our bells here at Coddensham. There is a campaign to honour the 1,400 bell ringers known to have lost their lives during the War by recruiting 1,400 new bell ringers – do get in touch if you are interested. Finally, members of the History Club are mounting an exhibition in the church largely focussing on civilian and village life in Coddensham 1914-18. It will be there for about a week, and one possibility would be to combine a visit with our coffee morning on Saturday November 10th.

Ian Galbraith

THE CLUB

The Coddensham Youth Club, recently rebranded as '**The Club**', has been running at Coddensham Community Centre for some years. Usually, younger brothers and sisters take the place of those graduating to other activities but there is a natural gap before the next group of children reach the lower age limits, so **The Club** now offer a useful service to young families with children in the 6-and-upwards group over the next couple of years. If you have children in this age group, or know of other parents who do, **The Club** can provide an evening of group activities, games, etc., (and perhaps give their parents a welcome Friday evening to themselves!). The Club meets on a Friday evening during term time and they welcome any young person from Coddensham and its neighbouring villages. If you – or anyone you know – might be interested in helping with the activities for the Club, you would be very welcome to come along and see how things are run. For more details, ring the Parish Clerk on 07958 170628

ALLOTMENT UPDATE



Ian on his allotment in front of a bed of 'Ipswich Pinks' a type of carnation. He tells me the Ipswich area has been famous for the growing of carnations and so he is carrying on this tradition. Ian has constructed wooden borders around his allotment strips but he is keen to keep the edges clear of weeds and grass as this is a favourite haunt of pests such as slugs. However he relented a few days previously when he found two slow worms and left the remaining border un-cleared as the slow worms had slithered off into this sanctuary.

The very hot dry summer has posed significant problems for allotment holders, not least because there is no water supply to the site. The Parish Council is currently investigating whether it will be possible to connect mains water to the allotment and other means of water supply.

Applying for an allotment: If you are interested in an allotment there is a waiting list to which your name can be added by applying to the Parish Clerk, parishclerk.coddenham@gmail.com

SUMMER BALL

A big thank you to all who supported the Summer Ball this year, we raised £538.63 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. We have now raised in excess of £3750 for this worthy charity.

Please put the date for next year's Summer Ball in your calendars, it is Saturday 29 June 2019.

Thank you for your support.

Jan Fawdry

CODDENHAM OPEN GARDENS AND SCARECROWS 2019

Planning has been moving on for this lovely village event, and I am now writing to remind everyone that the proposed date is 23rd June 2019. Coddenham has a wonderful variety of beautiful gardens and I am very much looking forward to again visiting some previously seen favourites and hopefully some new gems. Previous events have been enjoyed by many visitors and have raised considerable sums for good causes.

If you live in Coddenham and may like to open your garden in June next year, please let me know as soon as possible. Gardens can be large or small, formal or 'wild', established or 'works in progress'. This will NOT commit you to participate at this stage – we just need to know which gardens may be available and how many overall. Please let me have a contact phone number and email address.

We will get back to you to sort out the details in the New Year but in the meantime, if you have any questions, please do contact me. Finally, if you would like to help on the Working Group or just for an hour or two on the day I would be delighted to hear from you.

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