

# WINTER 2015

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT CODDENHAM FOOD STORE (see inside)



## Parish Council launches newsletter

At its July meeting, the Chairman, Donald Burton, asked the newly-elected council members.....*"to discuss what the Parish Council currently does, what it could do, and what the new Parish Council wants to do over the next four years"*

After that discussion, the overwhelming consensus was to create greater local awareness of and greater transparency to the work of the Parish Council. This could be achieved via a more informative website and by creating a regular newsletter for distribution to all households. The Clerk illustrated possibilities and costs from examples elsewhere in the County and was asked to send further information to councillors.

From that starting point comes this first newsletter, kindly supported by a grant from Matthew Hicks, our Suffolk County councillor. However, whilst the initial object of the exercise has been clearly stated, the intention is not to produce a newsletter that concentrates solely on the Parish Council, but one that all community groups can contribute to, by advertising upcoming events, reporting on recent activities, and so on.

This, it is hoped, will not only foster a greater awareness to all households of what goes on, in and around Coddenham, but also build on an already strong community spirit. In time, and with the right support, it will be a *Parish* newsletter, not a *Parish Council* newsletter

The next edition of this newsletter is scheduled for March 1st, All interested contributors are asked to send their articles, photographs, events schedules, etc. to the following email address: parishclerk.coddenham@gmail.com



## CODDENHAM OPEN GARDENS AND SCARECROWS 2016



It doesn't seem 18 months since Coddenham's last OG&S event in June 2014, but it's already time to start planning for the next one in 2016, on Sunday 12th June. The village's many beautiful gardens are renowned in the area and greatly enjoyed by visitors and the event raises considerable sums for charity.

We try to have a slightly different range of gardens each time, so new 'garden openers' are always welcome. Gardens can be huge or tiny, formal or 'wild', established or 'works in progress' – variety is the spice of life!

If you live in Coddenham and may like to open your garden for one day next June, please let me know as soon as possible and in any case by 1<sup>st</sup> December. This does 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 (important).

We will get back to you to sort out the details early in the New Year but, in the meantime, do please contact me with any questions you may have.

*David McDonnell, Chairman, Coddenham Open Gardens and Scarecrows,  
Tel: 01449 761793,*



## Coddenham Community & Sports Centre

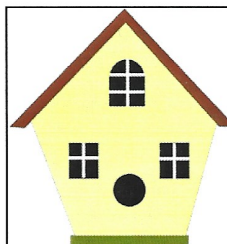
For bookings and more information on the following, please phone Sophie on 760419 or at [coddenhamccc@gmail.com](mailto:coddenhamccc@gmail.com)

Regular activities include Badminton, Music Tree, Yoga, Dance, Yoga, 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 in advance.



### FREE BIRD BOXES AND COMPOSTER

We are grateful to Suffolk Wildlife who have donated a number of bird boxes and one compost bin to the village.

These are only for use on parish land - Broom Hill, Mill Hill, Churchyard, Allotments etc.

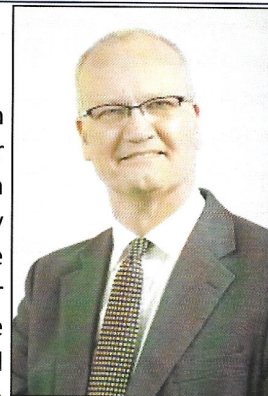
Please contact Colin Hardy for more details



## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

### GCSE results show Suffolk on the rise

Provisional GCSE results released show Suffolk's 16 year olds have performed better than the national figure for the first time since 2007. The statistics from the Department for Education show 53.4% of Suffolk pupils achieved 5 or more A\*-C grades including English and Maths. The national figure for all schools was 52.8%. Suffolk's results have increased by 2.6% from last year's provisional results and see Suffolk rise 17 places in the overall league table, going from 124<sup>th</sup> to 107<sup>th</sup>. Suffolk is making significant improvements with a higher percentage of pupils making the expected levels of progress in English and Maths – the county climbs from 110<sup>th</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup> in Maths and from 119<sup>th</sup> to 87<sup>th</sup> in English (out of 151 local authorities). Students making expected progress in English have narrowed the gap to the national figure, from a gap of 3.5% to 0.7%. Expected progress in Maths is now at the national figure; last year's provisional results showed Suffolk as 3.6% below. Raising educational attainment is our top priority and these latest figures show that students, parents and schools are working well together to secure that improvement we all want to see. Ofsted has recognised that our Raising the Bar strategy is moving us in the right direction, and these results reaffirm this strategy is enacting the change we desired.



### Promoting a new vision for Ipswich

A high-level Suffolk delegation travelled to London last month to promote a new vision for Ipswich. The group sought to attract investment and raise awareness of the significant opportunities for housing and employment growth in the Greater Ipswich area - with a particular focus on the Waterfront. Public and private sectors came together via SCC, Ben Gummer MP, Ipswich Central, the Chamber of Commerce, New Anglia LEP, the borough council and University Campus Suffolk, to attend MIPIM (Marche International des Professionnels d'Immobilier) and promote development opportunities in the town. The show is the UK's largest exhibition and conference for property professionals and will provide a market place for UK players and international investors to meet, discuss projects and opportunities and do business. The Ipswich stand, focusing on a new Ipswich Vision, enabled visitors to the exhibition to find out more about the town. We are both proud of, and ambitious for, our county town. Ipswich has so much going for it: good connectivity to the rest of the UK and proximity to London; national and international assets such as Adastral Park and Felixstowe Port on its doorstep; and a developing Waterfront with superb amenities. This was a great opportunity to promote all that our county town has to offer.

### Thousands attend Suffolk Skills Show

Suffolk businesses turned out in their hundreds to support the second annual Suffolk Skills Show; a skills and careers event reaching over 4,500 young people. The event set out to engage with Suffolk's young people and provide an insight into the career opportunities available to them locally. The show, which took place at Trinity Park in Ipswich, targeted those aged between 11 and 24. The diverse range of businesses exhibiting at the event worked hard to ensure those attending left with their eyes opened to the many career streams across Suffolk. There were many interactive indoor and outdoor stands; showcasing opportunities in energy, IT & technology, finance and business services, creative digital, agriculture, construction, motor vehicle, advanced manufacturing, ports and logistics as well as HM Forces and a 'have a go' area where attendees were able to try their hand at new skills. In all, around 4,500 young people attended the show, and have had the chance to see the amazing opportunities for young people in the county across a wide range of sectors and companies. Developing the aspirations of Suffolk's young people is a key priority of our Raising the Bar programme.

### County Council progress the campaign for A12 Four-Village Bypass

SCC's cabinet have agreed to set aside up to £450,000 towards building a business case for a major highways project to develop a new bypass of the villages of Marlesford, Little Glemham, Stratford St Andrew and Farnham. This project, commonly known as the 'A12 Four Village Bypass', is an infrastructure priority for the county council. Suffolk Coastal District Council will also discuss proposals to contribute £50,000 towards the support of the business case at a future cabinet meeting. Following a public enquiry in 1995, the Government accepted recommendations that this road should be developed to alleviate the constraints and impact of traffic on this stretch of the A12. In 2001, the road became the responsibility of SCC and the bypass concept remains the authority's preferred development option if the funding can be secured. The current estimated cost ranges from £45m to £105m, depending on the carriageway provision that is made. The future business case to be discussed with the government will consider both options and we are fighting hard to ensure that vital schemes in Suffolk secure the funding they need.

**Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division**

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## CODDENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY CLUB

The Coddenham Village History Club meets, in general, on the evening of the third Tuesday of the month in Haysel House. Most meetings include a talk by a visiting speaker with a historical theme, usually concerning Suffolk and East Anglia.



*Butley Mill,  
from the  
October talk  
on "Suffolk  
Mills on  
Film".*

We have a social evening once a year and also an evening visit to a place of local interest. Last year we had a personally conducted visit to Glemham Hall.

The club has a large collection of local records and meetings are held regularly for members to work on or browse through the records at the house where they are stored.

A newsletter is circulated twice a year containing news of the club's activities and items of local interest.

The annual subscription is £7 (£3 for students under 16) and talks are free to members (visitors £3). New members are always welcome.

Our last talk of the year will be on November 17th given by Charlie Haylock in the Community Hall at 7.30 entitled "An Eccentric Look at Suffolk". The first talk next year on 16th February will be given by John Norman (Chairman of the Ipswich Society) on "Ipswich Past and Present".

For further information, contact:

**Brenda Hudson** (tel. 760 428) or any member of the committee.



**Ipswich & Norwich  
Co-op Brass Band  
Presents**

## **CHRISTMAS AT CODDENHAM FESTIVE BRASS.**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm  
St Mary's Church, Coddenham

Including seasonal refreshments

Tickets can be purchased from  
Coddenham Food store

Or from Ann 761819 or  
Margaret 760207

## **Tennis in Coddenham.**



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 for players of all levels.

If you are interested, please contact **Debbie McDonnell** on 01449 761793, or email

Deborahmcdonnell3  
@btinternet.com



## CODDENHAM HEROES

At the Remembrance service, a book of remembrance entitled "Coddendam Heroes" by Derek Pheasant was presented for permanent display in the Church of St Mary.

This is the result of Derek's research over a number of years into the men of Coddendam commemorated on the war memorial.

A few months ago the Parochial Church Council agreed to a proposal that the book be kept in the church and that a temporary exhibition of material related to it be displayed each year during the period leading up to Remembrance Day.

The research was conducted in consultation with the Village History Club and has had the active support of the Club Committee.



The accompanying images here were taken at a display arranged by Derek Pheasant in November 2013. One shows the four Waspe boys who enlisted, with two being killed.

The other shows battlefield archaeology. Illustrations in the book are of a higher quality, as readers will find if they study "Coddendam Heroes".

Entries in the church visitors' book show that many people come to Coddendam in search of references to their recent or distant ancestors.

Should any of those ancestors feature in the book of remembrance, their descendants will find more information than they may have expected.

Extra copies of the book will be produced to order, so they may also be able to buy a permanent memento

**John Pelling**





## NEWS FROM ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

I am very grateful to the Editor for offering us a regular 'slot' for articles about St Mary's. As well as being a place of worship and a stunningly beautiful historical building, the Church plays an important part in our village life and is there for everyone, not just regular members of the congregation.

In future editions, I hope to write about the church building, its contents, the churchyard, and the worship and other activities that take place. Ideas for articles are always welcome. However, I thought we would start with some snippets of news.

Firstly, I would like to thank all those who help to look after our church. It is always open during the day thanks

to those who lock and unlock it, and we have a regular team of flower arrangers and cleaners. (New volunteers are always welcome!)

The churchyard is maintained by the Parish Council and we are grateful for their work, as well as for the volunteers who look after particular areas. The churchyard is an important area for flowers and wildlife. Recently fresh gravel has been added to the drive and work will shortly be carried out to repair parts of the wall. The 'active' churchyard round the corner near the Three Cocked Hat has just had an autumn tidy-up from an active team of parishioners.

Inside the Church, repairs have been carried out on one of the memorial stones. Externally, we are hoping to replace the cross on the tower roof, which is illuminated at night time around Christmas, as the present one is broken and has become electrically unsafe. However, it will take time to get the necessary permissions and to source something suitable. The tower contains a magnificent peal of bells and we are very grateful to those who ring them for weddings and other special occasions. We are sometimes visited by teams of ringers and look forward to a quarter peal on the 23rd of January 2016 at 3 pm.

You have probably read about the spate of lead thefts from Suffolk churches and we have recently installed roof alarms which should deter intruders (or, if not, help to get them caught). This was expensive and we are fortunate that, as well as the regular donations of churchgoers, there are several other families and individuals in the village who support us financially. We are very grateful to have received a grant from the Gardemau Trust – more about the Trust in a future newsletter. The Fabric Fund also receives the profits of our monthly Saturday coffee mornings. Do come along on the second Saturday of the month from 10 to 12 for hot drinks, delicious cakes and seasonal items, as well as to chat with fellow villagers.

In addition to our weekly Sunday morning services, we have recently introduced a communion service on alternate Wednesdays at 10.30 am. This is a short, simple service in the Lady Chapel with a peaceful, contemplative atmosphere (continued).





There are several special events and services in the Advent and Christmas seasons, to which everyone is very welcome. On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3 pm, the Ipswich and Norwich Co-op Brass Band pay another visit to the church for a special Christmas concert – 'Festive Brass'. Do come along – they sound stunning in the resonant church acoustic. Tickets are £8.00 (Children free) and may be purchased from Margaret Baker (760207), Ann Gudgin (761819) or from Coddendam Food Store. Our Carol Service (with the Benefice Choir) is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30 pm. On Christmas Eve at 4 pm we have a Christingle Service especially suited to families and children, together with the blessing of the Christmas Crib, and at 11.30 pm there is 'Midnight Mass', the first communion of Christmas. Then there is a family service at 10 am on Christmas Day. Do join us to share our celebrations of Jesus' birth

Best wishes for Advent and Christmas.

**Ian Galbraith** (Churchwarden)



On Saturday 10th October, there were extended and noisy celebrations to mark the 5th anniversary of the opening of the Coddendam Food Store.

Co-owners, Jane Soanes and Julia Keeble - seen here cutting the cake - provided wine and other refreshments to a considerable number of residents who came to offer their congratulations and continued support.

Coddendam Country Club held their annual Pink and Purple Party on Saturday 24th October. Amy Goddard, who organised the event, was pleased to announce a grand total of £255 raised for Breast Cancer Research.

Thanks to everyone who supported the night, bought raffle tickets and donated prizes and food.



#### **WHAT'S ON AT THE COUNTRY CLUB IN DECEMBER**

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Bingo Night

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Poker Night

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Crib Night

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Christmas Quiz

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve disco (FREE entry)



## VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

**MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER—6.30 p.m. onwards**

I'm not sure how long this event has been taking place, but certainly over 30 years, perhaps over 40 years! It has changed a little over time, but the essential ingredients are the same...we knock on front doors, sing carols and make a collection for charity, raising well in excess of £100!



We do not manage to visit every home in the village, but the event has been enhanced in recent years by the inclusion of Haysel House - our final stop, where we are most warmly welcomed with festive refreshment!

The event is open to everyone, all ages and abilities, and whilst we are unlikely to give Gareth Malone a run for his money, we are enthusiastic, and have occasionally sounded almost harmonious!

So please support this event by coming along, by giving generously to our chosen charity...in recent years we have collected for St Elizabeth's Hospice.

Any further information please ring me 760543.

We meet at Coddendam Stores at 6.30pm on Monday 21st December. **Be seen!!** Wear reflective clothing and bring torches and lanterns. Participants do so at their own risk.

*Gabrielle Barsoum*

## Christmas Tree Recycling



Residents of Mid Suffolk and Babergh will again be able to make sure their real Christmas trees stay 'green' long after the holiday period is over, by using the councils convenient Christmas tree recycling scheme.

The tree collections are part of a package of recycling initiatives which Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council are urging people to take part in to make this Christmas as green as possible.

As in previous years, there will be numerous collection points in both Babergh and Mid Suffolk where residents can leave their Christmas tree – without decorations – to be gathered up and taken to a local composting facility where they are chipped and composted, before being used as soil improver so that other plants and trees can thrive.

Since both councils started this highly successful scheme six years ago, the collection sites have become well established and to date over 6,200 trees have been recycled. For the Coddendam collection point, please see the posters around the village in the next few weeks. MSDC contractors will be collecting from the Coddendam collection point on January 6th and January 20th.

Real Christmas trees can also be left next to brown bins for collection during the month of January 2014



## ALLOTMENTS - WHAT GREW AND WHAT DID NOT GROW IN 2015?

The allotment holders reported the following successes: delicious sweetcorn (in one case grown as part of the “the three sisters”), corn grown as a support for beans and squash planted as groundcover.

Celeriac was good for one person and outdoor cucumber for another. Onions were good

yet again and Pumpkins and gourds. For one allotment holder flowers were a big success, dahlias, and also the large purple ornamental poppies which made great cut flowers, but sadly the source for the seeds for these has been lost.

“Beans were rubbish” reported one allotment holder reflecting comments from a number of others. Early raspberries failed for one allotment holder and another reported both raspberries and strawberries as failures, dug up early.

One person reported his sweetcorn had failed but admitted this was due to “operator error”, having been picked too late.!

Another allotment holder commented that one year she had managed a lovely crop of cauliflowers but sadly had not managed to succeed with this since.

A big problem early on at the allotments was the lack of a source of water and, for many, the need to transport water long distances, in one case all the way from Catherine's Hill!

This has been overcome on many allotments by the construction of a variety of sheds with gutters and water butts.

*Editor's Note: Currently, there is a waiting list for allotments—if anyone wishes to put their name on the list, please contact the Clerk (see Page 12 for contact details)*



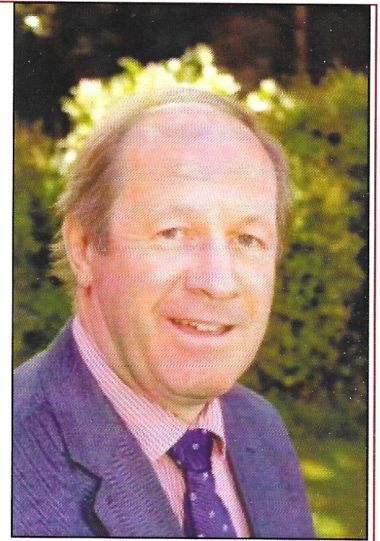


## Mid-Suffolk District Council Report

### Relations with Babergh

Following the election results, there is likely to be greater synergy to try and improve / change service delivery and at lower cost during the next few years.

This includes deciding on the future design and location of our two headquarters. No decision has been made as yet but work has nearly been completed on the options for the councils to decide. In my opinion there will have to be a great deal more interaction done on-line, it makes no sense at all to maintain two costly headquarters on two valuable sites, so there should be a significant down-sizing of capacity, possibly with service centres located in key settlements such as Stowmarket and Eye, for example.



The key to future funding is likely to become more reliant on income generation derived from economic growth and reduction in demand for public services which will be a big challenge but not impossible. Technology will be critical and it is very pleasing to see the progress being made with the Better Broadband programme - Mid Suffolk is the most rural of all Suffolk's districts and coverage has reached 66% of premises in the district. Uptake is also higher in Mid Suffolk than any other district.

### Duke's Head

I have received some representation about the planning application for development of the site and am very happy to support the Parish Council's view, as I did last time.

I understand that some residents are considering a community pub? - I have friends who are making a great success of "The Case is Altered" in Bentley - grants are available and it seems a shame that Coddensham doesn't have a thriving pub. I'd be happy to help if that is what the village is interested in doing.

### Litter

The increasing problem of litter and fly tipping is very annoying. We are considering how we could make a proper and long lasting difference on a pan-Suffolk basis through a joint approach between all districts and boroughs, the County Council, media, Police and business organisations such as The Chamber, CLA and NFU.

### Devolution

The government asked for proposals to be received by September 18th for ideas that the whole county has to take back powers from Whitehall so resources can be pooled and policy customised for our area. Sounds a great idea, but the devil will be in the detail and exactly what services will be improved through devolution. It must not mean that extra work is taken on without appropriate resources to deliver!

**Tim Passmore**

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## Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra Community Concerts

### What is a Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra Community Concert?

A one-hour informal concert given by a small ensemble of our players, typically four, with lunch or tea provided, in a community venue.

### Who is it for?

The purpose of an SPO Community Concert is to provide access to great music to people who might not otherwise encounter it because: They are less mobile and can't or don't want to travel to events. They are older and don't want to go out in the evenings. Classical music is not part of their experience. They are deterred by the cost.



### Who comes to them?

It is likely that an event of this type will appeal to people who already have a love of music and hear it from time to time; they of course are welcome too, but it is axiomatic that we try to reach people for whom it will be an unusual, or even a first-time experience.

### What do the audience experience?

- Lifts to the event, and home again, for anyone who needs them, provided from a trustworthy local volunteer.
- A concert by a quartet of musicians playing music carefully chosen to be attractive without "dumbing down" for about an hour.
- A finger buffet lunch following the concert.

### How much are the tickets?

We aim for these concerts to be free of charge. This is achieved by a combination of business sponsorship or grants to cover the unavoidable costs, local people providing and preparing the lunch, parish councils providing the venue free or at a reduced rate, and so on.

For more information about organising an SPO Community Concert, contact Leslie Olive, Founder and Artistic Director, on 01449 737766, or write to him at 3 Rectory Meadow, Rattlesden, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 0RE

## ADVERTISE

IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND THE INTERNET VERSION ON THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR AS LITTLE AS £12 PER QUARTERLY ISSUE (DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES).

FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK

See Page 12 for contact information



## Waste and Recycling Bins

A number of residents will have noticed some problems with the timely collection from waste and recycling bins around the village.

These have been reported on a number of occasions and efforts are being made to resolve the issue.

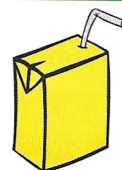
This may entail an increased collection cycle (although this is unlikely, given the reduction in government grants to local authorities) or larger and/or an increased number of receptacles.

Whatever the solution, it is very much in the hands of the collection authority (Mid Suffolk District Council) and the processing authority (Suffolk County Council) both of which are under pressure to do the same (or more) with less money.

Please be assured that everything is being done to maintain this important service. In the meantime, it would be helpful, when a bin is full or near to full, if users could contact MSDC by telephone on **01449 778678** or email at **recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk**



Please remember that you can now put your tetrapak items in your home recycling bins



## Coddenham Parish Council

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

**Janet Fawdry Julia Keeble Jane Soanes Michael West**

**Colin Hardy John Keeble Steve Causer Richard Budden Mitch Lock**

**ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** and there is an opportunity at these meetings to put information to the Council and ask questions. More information about meetings is available on the Parish Council section of the website.

**[www.coddenham.onesuffolk.net/parishcouncil](http://www.coddenham.onesuffolk.net/parishcouncil)**

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**Upcoming meeting dates** - 14th January and March 10th, 2016

