



Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council

NEWS LETTER



SPRING 2017

'SEEK THE COMMON GOOD'

Coming to a road near you very soon if it hasn't already!

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council and Kesgrave Town Council have reached a formal agreement to set up a joint Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme. This initiative has been funded by County Councillor Robert Whiting from his Locality Budget for 2016/17.

The contribution made has enabled us to purchase the Speed Radar Gun, a set of High-Visibility Jackets and necessary Road Signs. By the time this newsletter arrives in your home the first CSW teams should have been out on active duty.

In Rushmere St Andrew there are 13 sites, note the number, which have been authorised by the Police Road Traffic Team. CSW normally operates with three volunteers. The speed of approaching vehicles is recorded by a calibrated Radar Gun. Vehicles identified as being driven in excess of the 30 mph limit then have their details recorded by the team and

From the left – Sgt Scott Cullum showing Jim Ainslie, Malcolm Hall and June Wright the ropes, under the watchful eye of Speedwatch Co-ordinator James Wright

this information is passed to the Police.

CSW operatives are not permitted to stop vehicles so they will not be able to discuss any issues surrounding reasons given or excuses, etc. Instead a warning letter, as opposed to a fine and at least three points were it a Police Roadside Speed Check, is sent by the Police to the

home of the registered address of the vehicle. A second 'offence' means a further warning letter will be sent upgrading the concerns regarding speeding, rather than a fine and a further three or more points.

Should there be a further 'offence' then the Police are likely to visit the household or business in order to consider further action.

Community Speed watch is all about education

Whilst getting this scheme underway I've heard all sorts of comments. Many are from people who try to justify speeding such as 'I'm in a hurry to pick up my kids', 'I'm late for the doctors', 'I'm late for work' and 'I got held up in the roadworks so now I have to speed to make up the time'.

NONE OF THESE REASONS OR EXCUSES WILL HELP AS YOU ARE STANDING BY THE PEDESTRIAN

OR CYCLIST YOU'VE JUST KNOCKED DOWN! SPEED LIMITS ARE THERE FOR A REASON. VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE OF OUR PARISH IS WITHIN A 30MPH LIMIT.

One of the easiest ways of staying within the limit is to familiarise yourself with the speed at which you pass surrounding objects such as houses, lampposts, etc. at 30mph and notice the level of your engine sound at that speed. Get used to that speed without having to constantly check your speedo.

Another useful tip is to slow down, no need to brake sharply, as you enter the 30mph limit.

This is particularly true for traffic entering Rushmere St Andrew along Foxhall Road near the Speedway Stadium. One of our CSW locations is just a short distance from there!

I'm happy to answer any queries or concerns you have regarding this issue.

Councillor James Wright, CSW Coordinator – Rushmere St Andrew with Kesgrave Joint CSW Scheme



Defibrillators installed in the parish

A defibrillator is a device that delivers a dose of electric current, often called a counter-shock, to the heart as a treatment for a life-threatening cardiac arrest. Once the shock has been delivered the body's natural pacemaker in the heart is able to re-establish a normal rhythm.

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council is providing two public access automatic defibrillators within the Parish and has arranged for another to be provided just outside the Parish in the Borough of Ipswich.

Many cardiac arrest victims could be saved if someone nearby recognised what has happened, summoned the ambulance service with the minimum delay, performed basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and then subsequently used a defibrillator. The defibrillators being provided by the Parish Council are easy to use, compact, portable and very effective. They are designed to be used by untrained persons; the machines themselves guide you through the process by visual prompts. **They are safe and will not allow a shock to be given unless the heart's rhythm requires it.**

Defibrillators have been used successfully by untrained persons, and a lack of training should not be seen as a deterrent to their use. The crucial determinant of survival is the interval between collapse, the use of CPR and the use of a defibrillator to deliver a shock.

If you suspect someone is in cardiac arrest then it is crucial that you phone 999 to get professional help on the way and start CPR straight away. Our defibrillators are each locked in a cabinet to minimise the chance of misuse and protect them from the elements. The ambulance service will tell you where the nearest defibrillator is located and will give you the code to access it. They will also stay on the line to assist you and will send an ambulance to your location.

The Parish Council has arranged a public demonstration of the defibrillators to show how simple it could be to save a life. This will be at the Annual Parish Meeting on 23 May 7.30pm, Village Hall, Humber Doucy Lane, IP4 3PD; anyone is welcome to attend.

Our defibrillators are located on Broadlands Way outside the Tower Hall (IP4 5SU), on The Street outside the Rushmere Baptist Church (IP5 1DF) and on the Broke Hall parade of shops outside the Jaipur Restaurant (IP3 8QB).

The Parish Council secured 100% grant funding to purchase and install the defibrillators. Funding was secured from the following sources:

- Councillor Mark Newton (SCDC) provided £3,500 from his Enabling Communities Budget.

- Councillor Robert Whiting (SCDC) provided £500 from his Enabling Communities Budget.

- Councillor Paul West (SCC) provided £1,250 from his Locality Budget.

- Councillors Edward Phillips, Richard Pope and John Carnall (IBC) provided £750 from their 'Making a Difference' Budgets.

We would like to thank these councillors for their support in securing the grants and we would also like to thank the Parish Halls – Rushmere St Andrew, Rushmere Baptist Church and Jaipur Restaurant for agreeing to the installation of the defibrillators on the outside of their buildings.



Parish Council Chairman's summary – and explanation of the council tax bill precept

Each year in March, the Annual Council Tax Bill drops through your letterbox. The statement allocates monies to Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council and Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner. The smallest amount goes to the Parish Council and for the year 2017/18, a total of £112,000 Precept is taken from all households and equates to £44.19 for a Band D property.

How is this spent? Clearly, from year to year, projects will vary, but a significant amount in each year's allocation is for recurring items.

Administrative expenses take up a significant proportion with salaries for our Clerk and Assistant Clerk, office rent, room hire charges, insurance and audit premiums, stationery, telephone costs all eating into the budget.

For the first time ever, in 2016 we moved from a home based clerking service into a formal office environment and this required a 'one-off' expenditure to kit things out. Typically in any year, the Parish Council holds around 40 meetings and each needs a clerking service to record the minutes and carry out actions determined by the Council.

The Parish Council looks after well over 200 assets within the Parish ranging from land ownership, play and gym equipment, doggy bins, grit bins, seats and noticeboards. Any defects reported or maintenance required need action arranged via our staff.

From a planning perspective, as Statutory Consultees, we looked at 68 planning applications made within the Parish in 2016/17. Nothing major here, they ranged from six new-build houses, through extensions down to dropped down kerbs.

We have also looked further afield to review the impact upon the Parish from developments at Henley Gate (1100 properties), Martlesham (140) and Bell Lane (300+). In 2017/18, the long-awaited Adastral Park (2000?) application looks to be imminent.

A significant commitment each year is to pay off a loan taken out when the very well-used Tower Hall was constructed. The light at the end of the tunnel is starting to appear – the £21K+ annual commitment will end in 2024.

Crime Prevention makes a significant dent into our expenses. Over the past few years, in conjunction with Kesgrave Town Council (KTC), we have match funded a Police Community Support

Officer whereby the police paid half of the cost, KTC paid a third and the Parish paid a sixth.

With regards to 2017/18, the Police decided to withdraw their financial support and so the only option available was that of a fully funded one. After very careful consideration, Council took the decision to take up the offer and £12K went into the Budget for a third / two third basis split between Ourselves and KTC.

Maintenance of open spaces features significantly in our regular expenditure outgoings. We make significant contributions towards maintenance of the Mill Stream and Sandlings Local Nature Reserves. Litter clearance,

general repairs and RoSPA inspections for our five play areas, along with pond, allotment and ground maintenance take up about £20K per annum of our budget.

Whilst we hold the asset, the Parish Council Lawn Cemetery is run as a self-contained business. Clearly ground, grass cutting, hedge and vegetation maintenance is an ongoing expense but is funded from burial and memorial charges. During the past year, additional plots have been prepared for use and a new area created for 'ashes scattering'.

Whilst we have made significant expenditure over the past few years to provide a major extension, this exercise has been 'cost neutral' as far as the Council Tax is concerned.

It's not as bad as it sounds

Looking at the above expenditure, the Precept figure has had significant chunks taken out of it. However, it's not as bad as it sounds! The Parish Council is often in a situation where it can 'speculate to accumulate' or find grants available to spend locally. Our grateful thanks go to our County and District Councillors for putting significant monies our way to provide facilities – the Parish Council contribution in many cases extending only to the administrative costs in carrying out the project management.

Taking the fully funded projects first: During the year the 'Jubilee Walk' around the Mill Stream and Sandlings area was refurbished with new signage, a new leaflet produced and a Community event provided on the opening day which also combined to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM The Queen.

A Community Speedwatch group is being set up, the equipment has been purchased and volunteer training is

imminent. Three defibrillators have been purchased and will be located at Broke Hall Shops, Tower Hall and the Baptist Church. At Tower Hall Play Area, a new piece of 'toddler' equipment was provided.

With £2,000 from the Parish Council and £1,000 SCC Locality Grant, we were able to provide a concrete edge to the highway to allow residents to avoid walking across a muddy verge to access vehicles in Holly Lane. In the Broke Hall and Bixley Farm areas, funding has been agreed to provide drop down kerbs in various locations to make it easier for pedestrians, especially on home-to-school journeys.

In 2017/18, no significant projects are planned – although minor enhancements to the play areas are likely and we are currently in the process of acquiring a narrow piece of land stretching between The Street and the Parish Council owned grounds of Ipswich School Sports Centre.



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Fast and Oblivious

I've recently heard the saying 'If you're always racing to the next moment, what happens to the one you're in?' Well, if you're identified as speeding in Rushmere St. Andrew or Kesgrave, or indeed anywhere else, the most likely answer is you'll be spending that moment with us.

I have been conducting speed checks within these two parishes for over eight years, and have heard all the excuses under the sun from speeding motorists. These range from 'I'm at a wedding and have forgotten the ring' to 'I've got frozen food in the boot.' Risking lives and your licence for a box of Fish Fingers cuts no ice.

Whilst conducting one of these checks, I observed a driver slam on his brakes at 40mph in a 30mph zone when he saw us. His wheels locked and he skidded for a distance of 75 feet – and this was in dry conditions. Subsequently he missed his

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor in Rushmere St Andrew, Tower Ward, south of the A1214.

If you are interested in this rewarding role and would like to have a say on how your parish is run then please apply without delay. Please call the Clerk on 01473 711509 for more information or send your contact details to:- Mr M Bentley, Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council, Tower Hall, 5 Broadlands Way, Rushmere St Andrew, Ipswich, IP4 5SU or email to:- mel.bentley@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk.

Applicants should note that Councillors are expected to attend regular monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month plus any additional meetings as may be arranged and to represent the electors of Rushmere St Andrew Tower Ward in raising and discussing those issues of interest and concern on which the Parish Council is empowered to act.

Applicants should note that membership of the Council is open to electors who are citizens of any state in the European Union or of the Commonwealth and:-

- Whose residence is in Rushmere St Andrew or within three miles of Rushmere St Andrew, or whose principal place of work is in Rushmere St Andrew, and who are not disqualified (by reason of a criminal record, bankruptcy or involvement in corrupt practices).
- Other conditions apply, for further details of conditions please contact the Clerk to the Council.

dentists appointment for which he was trying to drive four miles in just three minutes.

When I ask speeding motorists if they know what the speed limit is, I can see them thinking 'Should I say I don't know when actually I should know?', or 'Should I say yes and in doing so admit I'm speeding?'

When I ask 'How fast do you think you were going?' the answer is either that they don't know, or they give a figure that is on average 10mph less than the true figure. Sometimes they even look at the speedometer, and of course that doesn't record their speed.

Often these drivers already have convictions for speeding. Astonishingly, some are actually waiting to go on their Speeding Awareness Course from their previous conviction.

If you are stopped for speeding, we will check that you have an appropriate driving licence, insurance, MOT and tax. The penalty for speeding in a 30mph zone has increased to a £100 fine and three penalty points. The premium on your insurance policy will also increase for several years as you become more of a liability to insurance companies.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) sees members of the public conducting speed checks in the community. They play an important part in keeping our roads safe,



and these volunteers are highly valued by Suffolk Constabulary. A new CSW group will shortly be operating within Rushmere St. Andrew and Kesgrave, and if you think they have no impact on speeding, you should think again, because the results of their speed checks are passed to us, and we guarantee that we'll follow it up with the offending drivers. You can get further details on taking part in Community Speed Watch on our website at <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/watch-schemes>.

So before rushing to your next moment, please take this moment to consider all that you have to lose if you are convicted of speeding, and this could be just around the corner

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Our fully funded Police Community Support Officer

On 1 April 2017 we will enter a new phase of policing in our parish. Having been offered the option, your parish council voted to fund our share of a fully funded PCSO in a joint enterprise with Kesgrave Town Council.

The current officer, PCSO Mike Sarbutts, is most likely to retain the position and we look forward to continuing our work with him over the coming years. As many of you will know, Mike is very committed to local policing. He has his 'finger on the pulse'; listens to comments and concerns from residents and organisations and sets about his work in a manner which ideally suits our parish.

It would be fair to say that we are not so happy with Suffolk Police as an organisation. Not only did they arbitrarily change the contracts of PCSO's they, (the Police), have been extremely reticent in offering a service level agreement which reflects the nature of the work required in this parish.

In particular we have repeatedly asked that the PCSO's hours of duty be re-established so that a shift pattern could include the hours of 6pm to midnight. We've heard nothing but 'excuses' from the Police as to why this cannot be.

Thus we remain fundamentally at odds with them because we have substantial evidence that most of the anti-social behaviour in our parish occurs late in the afternoon and particularly after 6pm! So much for the notion of 'evidence-based' policing!

At the time of writing the Chairman and the Clerk of the Parish Council are continuing their pressure on this point. We do have a bit of a 'life-line' in that it may be possible for end-users, i.e. the Parish and Town Councils, to pay for an officer's overtime to work beyond 6pm. We're currently looking at the possibilities around this idea.

We will keep you updated on this via parish council meetings and the website.

Do you use Bixley Lane as a footpath or have you used it in the past?
Please help us . . .



Bixley Lane is at present not recorded on the Definitive Footpath map as a Public Right of Way. The Parish Council is looking at making a claim to Suffolk County Council to record it as a Public Right of Way. This will help to ensure that the path is protected and open for public use, both now and in the future.

A right of way can be claimed on the basis of user evidence showing that the public has established a right of way by using a defined route over a period of time. The Parish Council is gathering this evidence to enable us to submit such a claim.

It would be appreciated if anyone using the route as a footpath or who has used the route as a footpath in the past can complete a questionnaire confirming that they have used Bixley Lane as a footpath. Please return the completed questionnaires to the parish office by 11 June 2017.

The questionnaire can be downloaded from our website at www.rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net or alternatively contact the parish office at 01473 711509 and ask for a questionnaire to be sent to you. The questionnaire is easy to fill in and does not take long to complete.

On another matter regarding Bixley Lane, the Council has recently been made aware of fly tipping along this route. Please note that fly tipping is an offence and any incidents should be reported to Suffolk Coastal District Council. Anyone can report a fly tipping incident. The District Council take fly

tipping very seriously and where possible seek to prosecute anyone caught illegally dumping waste, including garden waste such as lawn cuttings, etc.

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Allotment vacancies – are you after the good life?

We in Rushmere St Andrew are fortunate that we have, along with many other amenities, an area of land made over to Allotment Gardens. These are located just off The Street in Rushmere St Andrew Village between the Duck Pond (Chestnut Pond) and the Old Forge. The Parish Council wholly owns the land.

An allotment plot is a piece of land about 250 square metres in size, which can be rented for growing fruit and vegetables for you and your family. Allotment gardening can be a very rewarding pastime and can make a valuable contribution to the quality of people's lives.

Cultivating an allotment provides an affordable source of fruit and vegetables, an essential part of a healthy diet. If they are organically grown, you will reduce your exposure to pesticides, herbicides and fungicides.

We have 19 full size plots and 23 half size plots. A small number of half size plots are vacant at the moment and new tenants are eagerly awaited.

We are fortunate in that we have first class soil for growing our crops, a light loam with an underlay of gravel perfect for drainage.

Because the soil is so fertile it also encourages weeds which

love to flourish faster it seems than your crops!

Having an allotment can be hard work at times and if you are new to it then we strongly recommend that you start off with a half plot; the saying 'a little work but often' is the right approach.

The tenants of our allotments are a friendly bunch of men and women from all walks of life both young and old, working and retired, with different ideas of what to grow and how to grow it, and willing to share their knowledge and experience with one another.

During the last year considerable improvements have been implemented, new fencing alongside the main track and entry to the track has been upgraded and a car park area improved.

Now at the start of spring is the time when we all get busy preparing the land and sowing early crops, so if you are thinking of having a go now is a good time.

We will be delighted to hear from you.

Contacts:

The Allotment Manager John Westrup.
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Forthcoming Vacancy – Parish Clerk

After 10 years as a Parish Councillor and 15 years as our Parish Clerk, Mr Mel Bentley will be retiring at the end of the year. The Parish Council are therefore seeking to recruit a Clerk to commence work with effect from around mid-October to allow for an assimilation period.

The role is very varied and will involve working closely with Parish Councillors, the Public and other bodies including our contractors. The post-holder will also supervise and work with the Assistant Clerk.

Training will be given in local government administration as appropriate, but good computer skills, including Microsoft Office, are essential attributes as are business and financial awareness, plus some knowledge of PAYE.

Hours will be negotiable but a minimum attendance of 104 hours per month will be required inclusive of some occasional evening work, typically two or three evenings per month.

Work will primarily be based at the parish office in Tower Hall, Broadlands Way and will also require attendance at meetings plus a proportion of local site visits.

Remuneration will be based on experience and qualifications within the NJC for Local Government Services, Pay Band LC2.

If you are interested please contact the Clerk for a job application form and further details Tel: 01473 711509 email mel.bentley@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Probably the most successful crime reduction initiative ever



Neighbourhood Watch (NW) is the UK's largest membership organisation, including over 173,000 coordinators working with 3.8m households. There are in excess of 1000 schemes in Suffolk of which Rushmere St Andrew is one.

We would like to encourage more streets or even parts of streets in Rushmere St Andrew to become involved.

It can just be a cul-de-sac or section of a road. Setting up a scheme brings

neighbours together to create stronger, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen.

Each street scheme is unique to its own community. Some make it a priority to receive current crime information and advice which can be passed onto members by letter, email, facebook etc.

How to make a scheme happen. Talk

to neighbours and see who is interested. You don't need everyone in the road to be interested, but obviously the more the better. A bit of time, access to a computer and possibly a printer and a few people willing to circulate information.

But remember that there does not necessarily have to be a problem for a NW scheme to be set up. It can be used as a preventative tool also.

You can also sign up to Police Connect which will advise you on a regular ongoing basis of any crimes, problems in your local SNT area. <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/police-connect>

Our local funded PCSO Mike Sarbutts is keen to assist groups with particular problems where he can and one of our local District Councillors, Mark Newton, gave £1,000 of his Enabling Community Budget to provide help for setting up new street schemes and signs where necessary. Many thanks Mark, your help is much appreciated.

More details can be obtained from the secretary of our local scheme Gavin Pond via Facebook @NeighbourhoodWatchIP4 or email gavin_pond@hotmail.com

Another useful link for further information is Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association www.suffolknwa.co.uk

Continuing our occasional series on our Parish Councillors

James Wright

It's quite interesting as we grow older how we tend to reminisce about our past. Recently drawn into such a conversation I could recall my time spent in Rushmere Village helping to push the bellows for the village blacksmith - the building still stands. I remember the bike rides with my brother and friends along Playford Lane to the railway bridge and beyond. Another of my favourites was Rushmere Common or the 'Heath' as we knew it.

I grew up on Rushmere Estate, the eldest of a large family and attended Rushmere Hall School and Northgate Boys Grammar. Rushmere St Andrew was, and still is, a great place to live.

Here we are 60 years later and I am now fortunate enough to be a Parish Councillor representing local residents and doing the best I can to preserve the local area. As Tree and Pond Warden I am often out and about checking on the environment, advising residents as to what can and can't be done with trees and hedges.

Likewise, as Chairman of the Parish Amenities and Services Committee, I



have spent a good deal of time ensuring that our Play Areas are maintained in good order and more recently I have been able to work on the Allotments Advisory Panel.

Serving as a Parish Councillor continues to be a privilege which I greatly respect.

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Stanley Chambers

It's hard to imagine what those eyes must have seen, the ears must have heard and how the mind must have worked for someone who was born during the First World War. Living in our midst is one such person, namely Stanley Chambers.

Stanley was born in 1916 and after completing his education at school in Ipswich he joined the medical branch of the armed services before going on to pilot Spitfires during World War Two serving in the Photo Reconnaissance Unit. His RAF career spanned another 20 years before he returned home to Ipswich.

Not content with civilian life, at the age of 51 Stanley enlisted with the Royal Navy until finally retiring at the age of 65. Once returned to civilian life Stanley became active in local affairs and spent time as a parish councillor becoming Chairman of Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council back in the 80's.

When I went to visit Stanley, who still lives an independent life in the parish, he was determined to tell of his time on the parish council and how he felt it was his duty to 'keep them in line' (including some colourful 'military' language)!

Proud of his contribution, Stanley showed me a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Broke Hall Primary School on Thursday 13th June 1991.

It's quite interesting to see the items which were under discussion. They include road surface issues (potholes) in Foxhall Road, The Street in Rushmere Village and Beech Road – no change there then! There was the usual list of planning applications with the views of the Parish Council being forwarded to Suffolk Coastal District Council.

A further item saw the start of some of the Neighbourhood Watch schemes on Bixley Farm. Then an item was discussed about the state of the Limes Pond. A small working group was formed to look at the matter. It would appear from my knowledge of the pond now that it must have been a pretty successful working group! I'm sure all of these matters were discussed under the watchful eye of Chairman, Stanley.

My first visit to see Stanley was to congratulate him on behalf of the Parish Council on his 100th birthday. It was heart-warming to meet someone who had lived through so many momentous occasions in our recent history. To have vivid, first-hand accounts of the second world-war is quite amazing.

Now in his 101st year Stanley likes to tell us that he's taking things easy. Although independent he is well



supported by family and friends. It was an honour for me to represent the parish council and meet such a fine character.

When I saw Stanley recently we looked over the teacher's comments from his school report dated 1930. His 'Excellent Work' comment in Handicraft was quite a contrast to 'If he could rid himself of sheer carelessness he would do far better' in English! What made us both laugh was the comment from his Classics Teacher: 'Many of his answers were ridiculous!'

Now that's the pupil who went on to serve his country with distinction in World War Two! Nor could he have been seen to

be 'ridiculous' in making his career choice when leaving school. Stanley jumped at the chance of a live-in placement at Chadacre Agricultural College where he spent two years learning all aspects of farming life. Seconded to a working farm and with the farmer incapacitated due to illness Stanley was left to run the farm by himself, and still only in his teens.

Although he liked the farming life, when the farmer moved away Stanley took advice from his mother and trained as a State Registered Mental Health Nurse and worked at St Audrey's Hospital.

This career is what led him to serve in the medical corps when he signed up for military duty.

His military service then led him to fly Spitfires and as part of the Photo Reconnaissance Unit he would fly sorties over the European coastline, inland harbours, train marshalling yards and industrial areas – the idea being to film high and low tide pictures of the beaches, keep a watch on any build-up of vessels in harbours and likewise look out for increased activity in railway wagons, etc.

The photographic evidence obtained by these flights was incredibly important in the decision-making process of the military commanders.

Stanley still meets up with another ex-military friend, a mere 'youngster' at 94 years old. I'm told they chat continuously for ages – I bet they do! What a chap and what a pleasure to be able to meet him!

**Councillor James Wright
(Vice-Chairman)**

Parish Councillors – retiring and new

Mark Sones unfortunately had to leave us in January this year owing to his level of work commitments. Mark who spent a period as Chairman of the Parish Amenities & Services Committee joined the Council in May 2010 and brought valuable business and personnel experience to the Council – Thank You. Mark continues to be a Trustee and member of the Management Committee of Parish Halls-Rushmere St Andrew, the charity which runs the Village Hall and Tower Hall.

We brought the Council up to full strength again in March with the co-option of a new Councillor for Tower Ward - Mr Ron Nunn. Yes, you may remember the name as Ron used to be a Councillor but relinquished the role in November 2014 to concentrate on finishing and moving to a new house. Ron now finds himself in a position to devote some time to the Council and we welcome him back as our 'unofficial minder' for the Mill Stream Nature Reserve and local area.

John Withey chaired his final General Purposes & Finance Committee meeting in April 2017 where he formally tendered his resignation from the Council after 15 years of service. During that period, John has spent time as Vice-Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee for a number of years and latterly Chairman of the GP&F Committee.

Whilst a Parish Councillor John also spent the four years between 2011 and 2015 as a Suffolk Coastal District Councillor for this parish.

John will now continue running his business and also remains a Trustee and member of the Management Committee of Parish Halls – Rushmere St Andrew.

Our thanks therefore go to John for his 15 years service to the Council and community.

Keeping us up to date with events

If you live in or around Rushmere St Andrew I hope you consider the Baptist Church in The Street to be part of your community as a support and benefit to you and your family. We meet people in times of celebration such as a wedding, renewal of vows or infant dedication; in times of sadness related to illness or bereavement and anytime in between.

Many readers will already be part of our lunch club, friendship hour, FAFF (youth group), Holiday Club, our Sunday services or may have been along to an Alpha course with us.

If you have not yet discovered what we offer, please do join us either on a Sunday at 10.45 or 18.30 or at one of our weekday activities. You can find further details of these on our website: www.rushmerebaptist.org.uk

You may have noticed that we have recently had the builders in. This is because over the last few years the numbers attending our services and events have been growing and we have been steadily running out of space. In response, we have undertaken phase one of a building programme to provide a larger more flexible meeting space.

This not only means that things are more comfortable at our services but also enables us to welcome you, the local community, to a wider range of activities. If you live nearby, I hope the noise and traffic associated with the building work have not been too disruptive for you.

Concern has been raised in the past about the number of cars we attract to the village. This has been eased in the last few months by the provision of parking spaces for visitors to the church, close at hand, just inside the allotments area by the Chestnut Pond. We are thankful to the Parish Council for their help with this.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch if I can be of any assistance to you or if you have any questions about our church, our faith and community.

I look forward to meeting you.

Rev'd Heather Marsden
Rushmere Baptist Church
heather@rushmerebaptist.plus.com



Retirement of Jean Potter

New Year's Eve heralded the retirement of Jean Potter, our Assistant Clerk, seen here with Phil Richings. Over the previous three months, she passed over the reins to Sylvia Stannard.

Over recent years Jean has provided us with great service. Her knowledge of identifying pots of money, and persuasive powers, have been invaluable in allowing us to give more to the Parish than the Precept would afford.

On the Newsletter side, she and husband Rob have gathered copy and produced the Newsletter. During her period in charge, not only has editorial content been gathered but the organisation and arrangement of advertising has significantly reduced the costs of our twice-yearly publication.

At the Cemetery, considerable effort has gone into maintaining good relations with contractors both on

day-to-day maintenance issues and also the development of the extension. Significant effort went into arranging quotations for presentation to Council and, once accepted, keeping a watchful eye that all was well.

In a similar vein, significant challenges and works at the allotments have similarly been handled.

Our play areas have also benefited from Jean's watchful eye. Many of the enhancements which have taken place are as a result of Jean identifying funds available from third parties. Again management of contractors carrying out day-to-day and new work has been carried out to a high standard.

We are pleased links with the Parish will continue as she will still be wearing her Parish Halls hat!

On behalf of the Parish Council, we wish you a very happy retirement.

Can you help for a couple of hours twice a year?

It is some while since we have had to appeal for volunteer deliverers for our Parish Newsletter. However we have a request for two areas this time:

Part of Woodbridge Road and part of Foxhall Road.

Both areas are within Rushmere St Andrew.

It involves posting newsletters through letterboxes twice a year. For more details and/or to volunteer please contact Jean Potter 01473 723409 or email jep.potter@btinternet.com

Whilst writing we would like to thank all the current volunteers for their help. It is always very much appreciated.



Continuing the research into the people from our parish who died fighting in WW1

Having now completed research for men who died from Rushmere St Andrew, I have made some adjustments, in the light of further information, taken from the Suffolk Chronicle Newspaper and websites Ipswich War Memorial and Roll of Honour. I am grateful to be able to include this additional information in my notes.

Fifteen men are listed on the Ipswich War memorial in Christchurch Park as well as on the memorial in Rushmere St Andrew Churchyard. My research has included those listed on the Rushmere memorial and the Suffolk Roll of Honour.

In this issue, I have included seven names of men who died in 1917. A total of twelve men died in that year, and the others will be included in the next issue of the newsletter.



Clifford Ellis

Clifford ELLIS

Born: 1881, Mistley, Essex.

Died: 4th May 1917; age 36; Killed in Action. Previously reported missing. Remembered with honour at Arras memorial.

Residence: 773 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich.

Employed: Carpenter – Messrs. Cubitt & Gotts Builders, Westerfield, Suffolk.

Enlistment Location: Ipswich, June 1916.

Rank: Private 23643.

Regiment: Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion. Formerly 180371, R.E.

Medals: Victory and British.

On the 15th September 1901, Ipswich, Clifford Ellis married Matilda Green, born April 1882, Hintlesham, Suffolk. Clifford's wife and family were living at 'John Bull' Public House, 741

Woodbridge Road, Ipswich in 1911. They had 6 children: Lilian Ethel Lucy Ellis, born 1902, Ipswich; May Violet Ellis, born 1904, Ipswich; Reginald Clifford Ellis, born 1907, Ipswich; Ivy Winifred R. Ellis, born 1910, Ipswich; Clara Elizabeth Ellis, born 1912, Ipswich; and Lionel George W. Ellis, born 1917, Ipswich.

Clifford is also remembered on the Ipswich War Memorial.



Alfred Mann

Alfred E MANN

Born: 26 January 1897, Henley.

Died: 9 April 1917, buried in Tilloy British Cemetery Tilloy Les Mofflaines.

Rank: Private 50248.

Regiment: 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.

Embarked: France 25/07/1915.

Medals: Victory, British and 1915 Star.

Parents: Lived at Seven Cottages Lane with grandmother Annie, a widow and uncles Charles, George, Arthur, Edgar and Frank. Frank was a reservist with Grenadier Guards and Alfred was a Gardeners Labourer. Known as Billie, he had previously been wounded and had only returned to the front in December 1916. He was the nephew of Frank Mann. He attended Rushmere School and started school on 17 April 1900 with Albert Edward Paternoster.

Frank J MANN

Born: 1888, Rushmere St Andrew.

Died: 11 September 1917 of gas poisoning, buried at Canada Farm cemetery, Belgium.

Canada Farm was a dressing station during the 1917 Allied offensive.

Rank: Lance Sergeant 13357.

Regiment: 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards (previously an army reservist).

Embarked: France 13/08/1914.

Parents: Youngest son of Mrs C Mann. Married Elizabeth Barham in 1915, resided at 134 Finchley Road, Ipswich. At the age of 29 he died. Left a widow and child. His effects of £19 were left to his wife. Previously been gassed returning to the front in December 1916.

Arthur, Edgar, Robert and Walter Mann also served, Walter Mann was awarded the DCM.

Albert Edward PATERNOSTER

Born: 25 February 1896, Rushmere St Andrew.

Died: 29 June 1917, buried at Gaza War Cemetery, Palestine.

Rank: Private 242537.

Regiment: 1st/5th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.

Medals: Victory and 1915 Star.

Parents: Son of William and Eliza Paternoster of 99 Humber Doucy Lane, Rushmere St Andrew, one of 6 children, employed as a Grocer's Van boy. Attended Rushmere School and started on the same day as Alfred Mann 17 April 1900. His brothers Arthur, William and Charles also served in WW1.

Oliver Norman POTTER

Born: 14 April 1895, Rushmere St Andrew.

Died: He died 13 May 1917 from meningitis in Haslar Hospital, Portsmouth, remembered with honour in a grave in Rushmere St Andrew Churchyard.

Rank: K/19107 Stoker 1st class.

Regiment: HMS Redoubtable.

Enlisted 14 May 1913 for 12 years, served Victory 11, Attentive and Neptune. Originally named HMS Revenge, this battleship was the only one of its class to see service in the Great War. Renamed Redoubtable in 1915 and became an accommodation ship in Portsmouth Harbour.

Parents: Mother Anna Potter (widow) of 62 Camden Road, Ipswich, one of at least 8 children.

Robert Potter, father, a platelayer with the railway, died between 1901 and 1911. Oliver attended Rushmere School from 26 June 1899 -1908, leaving with a labourer's certificate.

Oliver is also remembered at Ipswich War Memorial.



Ernest Rush

Ernest William RUSH

Born: 26 August 1885, Rushmere St Andrew.

Died: 28 April 1917, age 32, killed in action. Buried at Happy Valley Cemetery, Fampoux.

Rank: Second Lieutenant.

Regiment: 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, newly promoted on 15 April 1917.

Ernest Rush enlisted in November 1903, he had been a horseman. Served in Madras and Aden prior to WW1, promoted to sergeant in August 1912 and extended his service to 21 years in 1913.

He fought with 2nd Suffolks at Le Cateau and in the retreat at Mons, where he was reported missing but managed to make his way back to the Battalion with fourteen other ranks.

He continued to serve with 2nd Suffolks and fought on the Ypres Salient throughout 1915. In 1916, the Battalion was sent to the Somme and on 13 November 1916 Ernest Rush was promoted to Company Sergeant Major and promoted from the ranks on 1 April 1917 just prior to the Battle of Arras. Killed in action just 28 days later, during an attack on trenches between Rouex and Monchy-le-Preux to the east of Arras.

Medals: Victory, British and 1914 Star.

Parents: Son of William and Caroline Rush, Elm Cottage, Bixley Farm, Rushmere St Andrew. Brothers Thistle and Joseph. Attended Rushmere St Andrew School from 1890 to 1898. Married Flossie Ellen Rush of Capel S Mary in 1913. Effects left to his wife. Father William Rush was one of the Rushmere Commoners who fought to retain their rights over the Heath.

Ernest and Leslie Rush who died in 1918 were cousins.



Alfred Watson

Alfred Newton WATSON

Born: 1 March 1896.

Died: 28 April 1917, buried at Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery, Arras.

Rank: Private 43809.

Regiment: 2nd Battalion Suffolk regiment.

Parents: Son of late Nathan Watson and Mary Ann Watson of the old brickyard, Rushmere St Andrew. Attended Rushmere School 1900-1909. Previously employed by Messrs Smyth Bros, Ipswich.

Medals: Victory and British.

Ruth Silburn

Local History Recorder
Rushmere St Andrew

Pictures: Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury

Armed Forces Day 2017

Armed Forces Day this year is to be held on Saturday 24 June and a celebratory event to show appreciation of the work of the Armed Forces is to be held in Felixstowe.

2017 marks the 350th anniversary of the Dutch attack on Landguard Fort in Felixstowe and to mark the occasion, and to recognise the huge contribution made by our servicemen and women from the past until the present day. Felixstowe has been chosen as the venue for Suffolk Armed Forces weekend.

A weekend of action-packed entertainment is planned for Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June 2017 and plans to be a high profile, one off free event for all age groups.

There will be a unique package of entertainment including music from choirs and military bands to an evening of pop and rock, military displays, food stalls, children's activities and fireworks, and some thrilling battle re-enactments between the Dutch and English with cannon, muskets and swords. And all this by Felixstowe's fantastic seaside with all that has to offer as well!

The event is being organised in partnership by organisations including the Suffolk Armed Forces Covenant Group, the Landguard Fort Trust, Royal Marines Association and Royal British Legion, with assistance from local authorities and military units.

To make this an event we can all be proud of we need the support of businesses, organisations and individuals who understand and value our armed forces, our community and our history.

If you would like to talk more about how you could be involved, please feel free to give our project officer Paul Grant a ring on 07850 427928, or email: paul.grant@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

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Broke Hall School in Chatsworth Drive

As a Governor, I am privileged to visit the School quite frequently and to see what is happening in our children's world. At the end of the Spring Term I visited two key areas, the Nursery and the refurbished Library.

Firstly, I spent a very interesting hour with Mrs Gibbons, Early Years Phase Leader, who showed me where and how the youngest pupils spend their time. It was a real pleasure to visit the bright classrooms decorated with the youngsters' artwork and to look through the folders of work which the children had built up over the term.

I was pleased to hear that these would be taken home at the end of the year and I am sure parents will be thrilled to see how much their children have progressed.

There were lots of busy areas in the classroom with some pupils working more formally with Learning Support Assistants and others practising their social skills in small groups.

The 'shop' was a particular hub of activity as children bought and sold and got to grips with the concept of money. The Easter theme was clearly high on the agenda and I enjoyed seeing all the Easter bonnets ready for the Parade. All the children were polite and friendly and clearly having fun.

I then moved on to the recently refurbished Library to meet with the Librarian, Mrs Gould. What a difference a few months have made! All the furniture has been replaced and the whole area is light and spacious with colourful seating and work areas.

As the Library had been adversely affected by the School's asbestos problem at the beginning of the year, not only the fixtures and fittings but all the books have been replaced. Eleven

Broke Hall School's newly refurbished library



The pupils have been learning about 'Healthy Me' and printed this using celery, carrots and leaves

thousand brand new books now grace the shelves and are arranged in optimum order using a simplified Dewey system to enable the children to find what they are looking for or just to browse with maximum ease. There is also a brand new graded reading scheme.

As I chatted with Mrs Gould, children came and went with great confidence

and purpose and I know from some monitoring work I did earlier in the term that the majority of the pupils are very enthusiastic readers.

When it was time to leave at lunchtime, I went home with a feeling of great pride in what the School and its pupils are achieving. Well done everyone!

Councillor Mirabel Brown

Broke Hall School Summer Fayre

The Broke Hall Home and School Association (HSA) will be holding their annual Summer Fayre on Saturday 8 July 2017, 12pm - 4pm at Broke Hall Primary School.

This is a great family afternoon with a wide range of stalls, games, Grand Draw as well as the police and fire engine. Giggle City will be attending with their popular inflatable fair ground. There is something for all the family from the

entertainment ring to beer tent, BBQ, cakes and ice cream.

If any local businesses or residents would be interested in sponsorship, donating a raffle prize or helping on the day we would love to hear from you - for more information please contact our HSA Secretary at brokehallhsa@outlook.com.

We hope you and your family will be able to join us on the day - keep an eye out for more details nearer the time.



**Children born between
1 September 2013
and 31 August 2014**

If your child was born between the above dates and you would like your child to be considered for a nursery place, please complete an application form available from the school office or at

www.brokehall.suffolk.sch.uk

Please contact the school office if you would like an appointment to view our Nursery

01473 729544

Are you aware that Rushmere St Andrew has two parish halls?



Tower Hall foyer

The Village Hall is situated in Humber Doucy Lane next door to The Resource Centre and Tower Hall is located on the Bixley Farm area on Broadlands Way, off Foxhall Road.

Both halls are fully equipped with tables and chairs, overhead projector and screen, fully equipped kitchens all of which are included in the hire cost. Tower Hall also includes a full audio system (Mixer, CD player and radio microphones) plus Wi-Fi internet access, whilst the Village Hall has limited audio facilities only. Each hall has car parking facilities and a lawn garden.

Whilst many groups use the facilities on a regular basis, there are still some spaces available for a casual one-off booking for parties of all descriptions, dances, fundraising events, wedding receptions, meetings, conferences and more. Contact the secretary Jean Potter on 01473 723409 or email parish.halls@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk.

Parish Halls – Rushmere St Andrew is a charity run on a non-profit making basis for the benefit of the community. A board of 14 trustees (seven elected and seven representatives from organisations that use the halls) form a management committee which meets several times a year to ensure the smooth running of the halls.

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The main halls of Village Hall (above) and Tower Hall



Are you aware of the activities that take place in the halls on a regular basis, such as yoga, pilates, exercise, diet and health, art, a weekly country market, slottox club, church services, children's theatre and dance group from two to

teens, square dancing, ballroom dance classes and much more?

Contact details for groups can be found on www.rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net/parish-halls/



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It's spring, and a new nature season

It's been quite a different winter for me in that it is the first one away from Butterfly Gardens since we moved there at the end of January 2006. However, we are still just a short walk from Rushmere Common and once again, with Spring well underway, reports are coming in of renewed bird and animal activity, butterflies and bees on the wing. In fact, as I type this article I've just returned from a visit to the Sandlings Public Open Space where I heard the spring song of several species including a Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Blue Tit, Great Tit and Chaffinch.

It was even more rewarding to see large groups of pupils from Broke Hall Primary School looking at nature with the support of a volunteer and education officer from Suffolk Wildlife Trust. It's super to see our protected Local Nature Reserve being used in this way.

I often get asked a range of questions about different aspects of nature. These include hedgerows, trees, birds, animals, our village ponds and so on. Some questions relate to factual information and others relate to what people are allowed to do, for example, questions about cutting back trees or hedges. My best summary on that is simple. If the trunk and roots are in your garden then you should be able to do the work you want to bearing in mind the following:

You may NOT do any work to trees or hedges which are protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), even if it's within your own property, without seeking planning permission from the local authority.

You should NOT prune, chop or lop trees and hedgerows during the bird nesting season. This is widely recognised as running from March until September.

If the tree or hedge roots are not in your garden you MUST seek permission from the owner before commencing work. There is a proviso in that if the growth overhangs your garden you are entitled to prune or cut back VERTICALLY from

your boundary line providing the tree or hedge is not covered by a TPO. You should offer the cuttings back to the owner or clear them yourself. You are NOT permitted to dump them back over the fence or in the lane nearby etc.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND ALL HOUSEHOLDERS THAT ANY AND ALL WASTE YOU PRODUCE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND GARDEN IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Last year, during the growing season, there were several incidents of 'fly-tipping', mostly of garden rubbish such as lawn cuttings, plant clippings and even large amounts of redundant hedging clearly dumped from nearby houses. PLEASE be a responsible household and look after our environment.

As this newsletter arrives on your doormat it will be time to look out and listen for those Spring arrivals such as the Nightingale, Willow Warbler, Chiffchaff, Swallow, House Martin and Swift. Rushmere Common is still home to Muntjac Deer, Foxes and the occasional Badger. We never cease to be amazed at the resilience of nature. Every walk through the woods and across the common brings a new little gem or nugget of activity or information. There's all sorts of wild plants and lots of species of fungi and several areas support a range of butterflies, moths and other insects.

I'd like to recommend that you locate the Jubilee Walk which the Parish Council rededicated last summer.

This runs in a circular route from the Water Tower Lane near the Post Box

and Parish Notice Board on the bend in Bixley Drive. There are 27 marker posts on a route which is very comfortable walking with no strenuous inclines. There is so much to look out for along the way. If you would like an up-to-date leaflet showing the route then please contact or call in to the Parish Office in Broadlands Way. The office is situated within the Tower Hall Community Hall.

Finally, please spare a thought for HEDGEHOGS. Ipswich has been identified as one of the most important locations in the country for the preservation and protection of hedgehogs. All that it needs is a small 'wild' area of your garden, a pile of logs and leaves and somewhere to get in and out of your garden. Just a 6" square gap at the bottom of a gate or fence panel is enough. For more information on this please try the website: suffolkwildlifetrust.org/hedgehog-action or phone 01473 890089.

If you have any concerns about trees, hedges, wildlife issues etc., I'd be only too pleased to help. Likewise if you see evidence of fly-tipping please let either Suffolk Coastal District Council or myself know or ring the Parish Office.

Happy Days.

**Councillor James Wright,
Tree and Pond Warden**



Activities at Kesgrave Community Library

Events for each month

Free activity every Thursday (term time only for parents and carers)

Tot Rock 9.45 – 10.15am; Baby Bounce 10.30 – 11.00am

Every Friday (term time only for parents and carers)

Story Time every Friday 9.45 – 10.15am

Free craft activity every Sunday

Parents must stay with under eights. There's no need to book, just turn up and have a go.

First Wednesday of each month – Knit and Natter 2.30pm £1.00 - tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

First Thursday of each month – Afternoon Book Group 2.45pm. They are currently reading *Two Brothers* by Ben Elton.

First Thursday evening of each month – Adult Colouring - 7.00pm £2.00 – tea, coffee, biscuits and all equipment provided.

One Thursday evening – Evening Book Group 7.00pm. Please call for date.

IT Help Sessions on every 4th Saturday morning 10.00am - 1.00pm each month – If you would like some help with your technology, iPads, smart phones, tablets, eBooks, computers or need some general guidance using the internet and computers, please phone

up and speak to a member of staff about booking one of our half-hour slots.

Other events

Body Shop/Osborne Books Stalls – Thursday 27 April during tot rock and baby bounce and then open to the public from 11.15am (AM only) The library will have Body Shop and Osborne Book stalls present on the above date to help raise funds. Why not pop along and get organised for birthdays and parties? If you are unable to attend, orders can be left with staff before the event.

Used Stamps and coins – Can you help to raise funds for St Elizabeth Hospice? Just bring along your used stamps and old coins and hand in to staff – it's as easy as that!

New Card Range – Why not pop along and look at the new range of cards we now have? We also sell first and second class stamps.

100 Club – Our Community Group is launching a 100 Club to help with fund-raising. For just £1.00 per month you could enter and have a chance of winning a cash prize plus knowing you are supporting your local library. Watch out for posters and details about how to sign up.

Scattering of ashes – a new facility at the Lawn Cemetery



As many residents will know the Parish Council is a Burial Authority and we own and manage the Lawn Cemetery situated to the rear of St Andrews Church 'closed' cemetery.

As well as offering burial plots and the smaller urn (ashes) burial plots we are now able to offer both residents and non-residents an additional scheme for Ashes Burial, usually known as 'Scattered Ashes' or 'Scattering of Ashes'.

The term 'scattering' is explained as burial of ashes in a common plot.

A section of grass is lifted before the ashes are poured onto the soil and the grass replaced. There is no urn involved and in time the ashes are absorbed into the soil.

This new dedicated area is outlined by

a narrow concrete kerb and is grassed with a single granite stone at the front of the area carrying the inscription 'Shed tears that they have gone but also smile because they lived'.

No memorial and no Exclusive Rights of Burial are required or allowed for this area. Consequently the Parish Council fee for this service is much reduced compared to a normal burial or ashes plot.

Please note that in relation to the Lawn Cemetery a 'Resident' is a person who lives or has lived within the present boundaries of the Civil (Electoral) Parish of Rushmere St Andrew as distinct from the Ecclesiastical (Church) Parish of Rushmere St Andrew, which follows a different boundary line as a result of changes implemented by the Boundary Commission over a number of years.



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Suffolk County Highways 2017 Programme for our parish

Grass Cutting Programme

The 2017 grass cutting programme will start in May and continue for 4 months. Suffolk Coastal District Council will be cutting the grass in Rushmere St Andrew parish on behalf of the County.

All verges adjacent to the public highway will be cut. Paths may be cut depending on the priority of the path or route. The public can help by ensuring that vehicles are not parked on verges as these verges will then not be cut.

Weed Control Programme

The 2017 weed treatment programme will start in April 2017 and will continue for six months. For Rushmere St Andrew, this is currently scheduled for the weeks commencing 17 April and 7 August 2017. The public can help by ensuring that vehicles do not obstruct the pavement.

Future Works Programme

Suffolk County Council publishes their future plans for significant highway projects. Whilst priorities can change over time, in February 2017 the following items, located in Rushmere St Andrew parish, were listed in the County's future works programme:

Surface Dressing

2017/18 Tuddenham Lane, Elm Road and The Maples.

2018/19 Quantock Close, Blackdown Avenue, Beech Road, Playford Lane and Woodbridge Road.

Footway Reconstruction

2017/18 Birchwood Drive. Localised repairs to joints. Remove loose or sunken slabs.

2017/18 Playford Road (between Bent Lane and no.91) Repairs to rear of footway.

Drainage improvements

Still to be programmed Playford Road outside no 36.

Still to be programmed Playford Road at entrance to ITFC training ground.

Flooding issues after heavy rain at No. 2 and 3 The Street to be addressed.

Information is provided courtesy of SCC Highways

RUSHMERE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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Village Ward: To speak with an Officer at **Woodbridge SNT** – telephone 101 Email: Woodbridge.SNT@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 3194 Mike Sarbutts is our fully funded PCSO and covers both wards Telephone 101 Email: michael.sarbutts@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Further information about Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) including Team Members; Priorities; Campaigns and Meetings, can be found on www.suffolk.police.uk

A public demonstration of the defibrillators

to show how simple it could be to save a life will be given at the

**Annual Parish Meeting on
Tuesday 23 May, 7.30pm,
Village Hall, Humber Doucy
Lane, IP4 3PD**

Anyone is welcome to attend

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

All meetings listed are open to members of the public, and agendas published on notice boards around the parish and on our web site

Full Parish Council

Thursday 11 May 2017, Annual PC Meeting 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 13 July 2017, 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday 14 September 2017, 7.30 pm Village Hall

General Purposes and Finance Committee

Thursday 15 June 2017, 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 10 August 2017, 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 12 October 2017, 7.30 pm Tower Hall

Parish Amenities and Services Committee

Thursday 18 May 2017, 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 20 July 2017, 7.30 pm Tower Hall
Thursday 21 September 2017, 7.30 pm Tower Hall

Planning and Development Committee

These meetings are arranged as and when we receive planning applications for discussion. Notice of meetings and agendas will be placed on notice boards and web site.