A monthly newsletter for the village of Rowhedge

### January 2015

# **Donyland Despatches**

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To place an article or promote an event please contact the Clerk.

The full council meet 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the School Hall,. Members of the public are welcome to attend, Minutes & agendas are available electronically in advance, on request. Next Meeting 8th January 2015.

#### **Diary Dates:**

Full Parish Council Meeting	8 Jan. 7pm
in the School Hall	

Village Market & Craft 10 Jan. 9.30-Fayre - St Lawrence Church 12.30

Maintenance Committee 14 Jan, 7pm Mtg in the Football Club.

Village Lunch -Village Hall, **20 Jan. 1pm** £3.

Finance & Personnel Committee Mtg in the Football 7.30pm

Self Serve Project & Afternoon Tea, The Social Club

The Self Serve Project is worked in partnership with CBC who are providing a laptop and training on how to manage your bills and interactions with the Council on line; this will be available at the next Social Club Afternoon Tea, 29 Jan.

Please help shape the future of Rowhedge by participating in the Village Plan Workshops and Questionnaire.

# East Donyland Parish Council - serving Rowhedge

## What are we doing?

- The groundwork for the Multi Use Games
   Area is about to start and we are awaiting a
   delivery and installation date for the actual
   MUGA.
- We have also ordered 7 pieces of Outdoor Gym equipment tp be installed at the lower end of the Recreation Ground.
- The Edible Rowhedge Project continues working around the weather! Please let Cllrs Rowland or Randall know if you wish to make a donation or volunteer some time. info@eastdonylandpc.co.uk

#### **East Donyland Parish Council Precept**

Council tax for the parish has not increased for the last two years but in April 2015 you will see a small 5% increase which equates to £4.04 for a band D household. The government has been reducing grants over the last two years and the increase will be used to partly offset this reduction; we will be offsetting the remainder using reserve funds.

For those of you that have wondered how the new playground has been funded - this has been from grants from ECC Community Initiative Fund & from Cory Environmental Trust along with S106 money from Colchester Borough Council and approx. £7500 from EDPC reserve funds. We are in the process of putting in a new and larger all weather games surface and an outdoor gym on the recreation ground and this has been entirely funded by grants and s106 money from the Borough Council. CBC have also secured £50,000 from the Wharf Housing Developer to complete the marsh path between Rowhedge and the lagoon towards the Hythe. The Edible Gardens that are being installed have largely been funded by sponsor ship with all labour supplied by volunteer councillors and residents, for which we are extremely grateful. We are delighted to be instrumental in securing funding for all of these great new facilities in the village and look forward to seeing them come to fruition early in the 2015.

# **Edible Rowhedge**



Councillors & volunteers continue to work on this unique village project and Spring should start to show the results. Terrific!



- The Council wants to keep in touch with residents by email as well by using the notice boards around the village. If you email The Clerk your email address we will then keep you updated with village developments and also send you copies of agendas, minutes and reports. So far people on this mailing list has said how much more involved they feel.
- There is a Casual Vacancy for a Councillor on our Council. If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more please contact the Clerk asap.
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- The Council wishes everyone a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.