

A monthly newsletter for
the village of Rowhedge

December 2015

Donyland Despatches

Serving the village of Rowhedge

Seasons Greetings to all from everyone here at EDPC!

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Cllr: Richard Helliwell
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Cllr: Nelly Randall
Cllr: Nina Crouchman
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The council meets at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the School Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Minutes & agendas are available in advance on our website.

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Office usually open 10am to 12noon Monday, Wed & Friday.
To promote an event please contact the Clerk.

Diary Dates:

Christmas Disco Rowhedge Social Club £3 per child	Sat 5 Dec 2 - 5pm
Christmas Tree Festival St Lawrence Church	Sun 6 Dec 12 - 5.30pm
Full Council Meeting St Lawrence School	Thur 10 Dec 7pm
Music in Rowhedge upstairs at Ye Olde Albion	Fri 11 Dec 8pm
Village Market & Craft Fayre St Lawrence Church	Sat 12 Dec 9.30 - 12.30
Village Lunch Village Hall £3 for soup, salad & cuppa	Tues 15 Dec 1-2pm
Carol Concert Village Hall	Tues 15 Dec time tbc
Maintenance Committee Football Club	Wed 16 Dec 7pm
Carols on the Quay	Sun 20 Dec 6pm
Music in Rowhedge Rowhedge Social Club	Wed 23 Dec 8pm
Carol Service Mariners Chapel	Thur 24 Dec 6pm
New Years Eve Party Rowhedge Social Club	Thur 31 Dec pm - TBC

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What's been happening around the village?

- De-silting around the old Ferry Hard started in October - we hope to complete the work in spring 2016. A big **Thank You** to all volunteers and councillors for your help.
- There are now reflective strips on the notice board struts on the High Street to make them more visible and prevent trips.
- Revised Bus Timetables are available from the Parish Council office, pop in and collect one when you are passing.
- County Cllr Kevin Bentley is hopeful that the potholes on Regent St & Hillview Close will be repaired soon.



IMPORTANT: If you haven't yet completed your Village Plan Questionnaire - please can you fill it in and return it to the yellow post box by the council office as soon as possible (11th Dec at the latest) - make sure your views are heard!

Winter is on its way...

- **EDPC Office Christmas Opening Hours:** the office will be open as normal over the Christmas period, except for Bank Holidays.
- **Winter weather:** the gritters are on alert and all the salt bins are stocked for use. If you would like to collect any bags of salt to have ready to help clear paths and roads where you live when icy weather arrives, just let us know here in the office and we will open the garage. Please remember it is not for private driveways it's for public highways; paths & roads.
- **Community:** let's all keep an eye out for vulnerable neighbours at Christmas and during the cold months ahead, and offer a helping hand wherever we can.
- **Caution:** If you're cooking your Christmas dinner this year, please remember not to pour fat down your kitchen sink or drains as it solidifies and can cause blockages!



Congratulations to local resident Ken Antoniou who has been selected to be Essex County Standard Bearer for the Royal British Legion!

The Remembrance Sunday Service held at the war memorial on Lion Quay was well attended. Rev Patrick McEune led the service. Cllr Helliwell laid a wreath on behalf of EDPC.