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Donyland Despatches

A newsletter for the Rowhedge community

Summer 2010

Parish Council Civic Service 2010

After the success of last year's Civic Service, the Parish Council are already planning this year's event. With many village organisations participating in the reception (held in the School Hall after the Church Service) this really was a social village event.

We would like to ask village organisations to get involved again this year. If you or your organisation is interested in joining in, then please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Civic Reception starts with a warm and welcoming Church Service at 11am. At approximately 12.30pm there is a Civic Reception held in the School Hall, which all are invited to attend, whether they have or have not attended the Church Service.

If you would like to attend the Civic Service and/or Reception please contact the Parish Clerk so we can organize refreshments.

The Parish Council would really like to see you at their service and reception this year, which will be held on Sunday 13th June - so please put the date in your diary and come and join us!

The New Riverside Heritage Centre

Progress on the new centre continues albeit sometimes a bit slower than the Parish Council would like. The Council has agreed an original concept design and progress has started in getting a contract drawn-up for when occupants have been agreed. The Parish Council continues in its quest to seek people / body to run the centre and is currently drawing up guidelines and information to assist would-be occupants.

It is the Council's intention that the new centre be run by one person/body. However, the Council are very aware that the new centre has a very strong link with the village, hence the need for a bespoke contract to be considered.

New hedge in the Church Yard

On Saturday 13th March the majority of Parish Councillors, ably supported by some local residents, spent the day planting a new hedge in the Church Yard. It already seems to have taken well, thanks in the biggest part to Roger and Noreen Renders, who have spent considerable time ensuring the new hedge has been watered.

Your Parish Councillors

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Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of the month (with the exception of August) at 7.00pm in the School Hall. The Hall is open from 6.30pm and we welcome members of the public along.

Donyland Despatches delivery volunteers

The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery of Donyland Despatches. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Clerk, Amy Harness, on **01206 729200**.



Jet Skis on the River and Trial Bikes in the Woods

Recently, there have been incidents of jet skis on the river and trial bikes in the woods surrounding the village that have caused unwelcome noise

Jet skis are allowed to use the river so long as they abide by the speed limit of 5 knots.

The Marine Police are aware of the recent episode of people speeding along our stretch of river and they have advised that last year the fine for speeding was in the region of £800.00 - £1,200.00.

So if you are using your jet ski along the river, please abide by the bylaws, or expect a large fine.

Trial bikes continue to cause a considerable noise nuisance to residents living close to the woods around the village.

All of this woodland contains sites of special scientific interest as well as being home

to significant amounts of wildlife.

The trial bikers have already created substantial damage to this sensitive area.

Recent information received from the Police suggests that recent activity comes from trial bikers from within the village.

The local Police continue to monitor this information and have advised us that they will treat very seriously any offenders that are caught.

The land where this is happening is private.

The landowner has been contacted and is totally against this happening on his land, again this information has been passed to the Police.

If you own a trial bike or know of somebody who does then be aware that this activity must cease or your bike will be confiscated.

Antiques Roadshow comes to Colchester

Colchester Town Hall is to host BBC One's ever-popular Sunday evening programme, Antiques Roadshow, on Wednesday, 29th September 2010. The doors open at 9.30am and close at 4.30pm. Entry is free.

Some of Britain's leading antiques and fine arts specialists will be on hand to offer free advice and valuations to visitors, who are invited to raid their attics and bring along their family heirlooms, household treasures and car boot bargains for inspection by the experts. This will be presenter Fiona Bruce's third year with the Roadshow. Cllr Anne Turrell, Leader of Colchester Council said: "We are delighted to host the Antiques Roadshow, and open the doors of the Town Hall for residents and viewers to enjoy.

"The Moot Hall will be a splendid venue for the event and it will be exciting to see what treasures come to light on the day."

People with large pieces of furniture or other big items can send details and photographs of their objects to: **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR** or email them to: **antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk**. It may be possible to arrange to look at the item in advance and organise transportation to the venue.

Rowhedge Neighbourhood Update

Current issues

We are receiving increasing numbers of calls relating to nuisance vehicles around the village.

With the warmer weather coming, there is sure to be a rise in this occurring. Please call me if these are seen, or any registration numbers obtained, because if we catch up with them they can be issued with warnings.

If they are caught for a second time, their vehicles can be seized. This was the main cause for concern to residents in March 2010 and will be dealt with robustly by Police.

Recent crime information

Eight crimes occurred in the area that I cover during

February 2010. Rowhedge itself had six crimes, which were four criminal damages, an assault and a theft of motor vehicle.

The other crime occurred in areas outside of the village. If you have any information at all relating to crime, please contact me directly.

We have had ten instances of antisocial behaviour occur in March 2010. These have mainly related to nuisance vehicles, but also included one relating to nuisance telephone calls, one to a disturbance in the street and one to nuisance youths being noisy.

In March 2009, Rowhedge had four crimes occur, showing a slight increase this year.

The Rowhedge Policing Team remain dedicated to making the neighbourhood a safer place to live and will do our best to reduce both Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. We continue to do this with our partners at Colchester Borough Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team. Contact the Team Phone: **0300 333 4444** or Mobile: **07801 461695**

If you have any information or questions please call us on the above numbers or email me on **middlewicks@essex.pnn.police.uk**

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Rowhedge Neighbourhood

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South Colchester

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The Rowhedge Society

Members of the Rowhedge Society were deeply saddened by the unexpected death of long standing committee member Ann Barrett.

Ann's commitment, not just to the Rowhedge Society but to the community as a whole, was immeasurable and she will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and condolences remain with Roy and all of the family.

Chris Wetton, Chairman

Rowhedge Society

Essex County Councillor Report



Report from Kevin Bentley, County Councillor for East Donyland, part of the Stanway and Pyefleet Division

I have had the privilege to serve you for almost a year as your County Councillor, and in that time I have met many people in the area and also helped many people as well with individual and community issues.

I thought it might be interesting to report back on some of the other activities I am involved with apart from my constituency work. I have been appointed Deputy to the Leader of the Council (Cllr. Peter Martin) and in this capacity I attend meetings on his behalf as part of his Economic Development and Regeneration portfolio.

This is extremely interesting work and helps to shape the future growth for businesses and jobs in the county as well as our local area.

I am also a member of the Essex Fire Authority, and as such help develop the future of our Fire Service, to ensure it remains one of the best in the country.

All this is very rewarding work but the best part of my job is to represent you and your views and to help as many people as possible.

Once a quarter, as part of my role I attend the Parish Council meetings where I regularly report back on my activities in the local area and pick up any

queries or concerns from Parish Councillors and the public. Always remember never hesitate to contact me (details below), if there is anything where you feel I can be of service. I will always do my best to help.

Heritage Centre

I was aware of this project even before I became your County Councillor and have followed it with a great deal of interest.

I am arranging to meet the Parish Council to discuss how I may assist in the future and I have met with others who are also keen for this project to move forward. I will do all I can to help and look forward to reporting back on this in future editions of this magazine.

Walnut Tree junction

A number of people have contacted me about the safety of this junction, especially with increased traffic movements. It has also been raised with me by neighbouring Fingringhoe Parish Council and I in turn mentioned this at the last Parish Council meeting in Rowhedge.

I plan to meet with the Cabinet Member for Highways at Essex County Council to discuss what safety measures can be looked at and then report back to all local groups for their views.

If anyone has any other concerns about this junction then please do let me know so I can add these views into the equation.

If you ever need to contact me then please either email cllr.kevin.bentley@essex.gov.uk or telephone my office on **01206 548100**.



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All information regarding Councillors and committees is now centralised on the Colchester Borough Council's website, so that you can easily access everything you need, get involved and 'have your say'.

This new facility has been designed so that in one click you can find out your local Councillor and their contact details. It also features a sophisticated meetings calendar and document search engine providing instant access to all agendas, minutes and reports.

Councillor Martin Hunt,

Portfolio Holder for Communications, Customers and Leisure said: "This is an excellent resource that will hopefully encourage everyone to get involved in democracy.

The Council is keen to listen and respond to residents and we welcome all residents at meetings, but understand that not everyone can attend. By improving accessibility to the meetings timetable, minutes and reports we hope to make it easier for residents to keep abreast of local developments and present more opportunities for them to have their say on the future of the Borough."

Help tomorrow take shape

On Sunday 27 March 2011, the Census will take a snapshot of society in England and Wales.

We want to make sure the 2011 Census reflects the needs of all the people who live in Colchester - and we need your help to do that.

The Census asks about work, health, national identity,

citizenship, ethnic background, education, second homes, language, religion, whether you are married and so on. This information helps the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to produce population estimates.

Like all local authorities in England and Wales, Colchester Borough Council relies on Census population estimates to feed into the Government to ensure we receive funding for our community's need for public services. How much we get is related to how many people the Census says live in our area - so if the Census can't account for everyone, we could lose out. Even if the Census were to end up just a few households short, it could make a very real difference to people's lives.

The Census results help Government and local authorities to plan the services and resources people need, such as transport, housing, health-care and education. That's why it is so important that everyone

takes part. Up to 35,000 staff will be recruited to work from local communities across England and Wales to support the 2011 Census. Staff will be recruited to fill a range of full time and part time posts including address checkers, area managers, census coordinators, census collectors and special enumerators.

Recruitment is already underway, and field staff will continue to be recruited through to January 2011. 2011 Census staff will be employed directly by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), with ONS contractor, Capita, running recruitment, training and payroll services.

If you're interested in working for the 2011 Census find details about job vacancies at www.colchester.gov.uk/census or register at www.censusjobs.co.uk You can also register for the Council's Census e-newsletter, which will deliver news directly to your inbox www.colchester.gov.uk/e-news



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Rowhedge Regatta 3rd July 2010

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Dates for your diary

Friday 21st May – Quiz Night at The Anchor 7.30pm start. There will be a raffle on the night. These quiz nights are great fun so grab some friends and come along!

Saturday 19th June – Prize Draw at The Albion 7.30pm. Lots of fantastic prizes including £50 and £100. Tickets are available in the Albion at £1 a go. Please come down and support this event as it promises to be lots of fun!

This year's Regatta will be every bit as fun as previous years. We have various stalls catering for all ages as well as a barbeque which will be running throughout the day and evening.

The Colchester Band will be playing during the afternoon and we have a band in the evening so you can dance the night away!

Two extra events have been included this year for the kids. The details of which are as follows:-

We will be holding a dog show with prizes for The Most Beautiful Dog and also for The Scruffiest Mutt!

We will also be holding a fancy dress competition; the theme will be Pirates and Princesses. Prizes will be awarded to the Best Pirate and Best Princess.

If you would like to have a

stall at this year's Regatta please email Chris Lewis on lewischris@hotmail.com.

Volunteers are always welcome to help make this annual event a success. If you are interested in helping out in any aspect please contact Helen Went on **07956 283760** who will put you in contact with the appropriate person.

Attended Freighter Dates

Colchester Borough Council will be providing a skip in the Village Hall Car Park on the following dates:

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Saturday 16th October 2010
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Colchester Borough Councillor Report

**Report from Michael Lilley
Labour Borough Councillor
East Donyland Ward**

Cycle Path

I have made some enquires regarding the proposed cycle path between the village and the Hythe and have asked what progress is being made on this scheme.

As with everything, it would appear that money to fund the scheme is the big issue at the present time.

After speaking to the Portfolio Holder responsible for Development, she has stated that the scheme will be included in the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3). Being included in the LTP3 will mean either providing more funding or strengthening the commitment to enable more funding to be secured in the future.

More funding could be provided in the form of Section 106 money from the proposed Port Development.

I shall be pushing for funding to be made available so this scheme can be implemented as it will be an asset for the village and it will open up access to the re-vamped Hythe Train Station and will also encourage people into our village to visit the Pubs and future Heritage Centre.

Fingringhoe Road/ Rectory Junction

After speaking with and meeting Highways Officers on site, it has been confirmed that improvements to this junction will be made.

They have stated that the work will be implemented at the start of the new Budget year, so hopefully this work will be carried out before the end

of May. The works agreed include some remedial work at this junction, such as putting up new signs and reinstating old warning signs.

Hopefully this will help make drivers aware of the junction especially when driving to Fingringhoe.

The Highways Department have agreed to look at the junction again when the Port Development is being considered, as this will increase the traffic volume at this junction, which could mean an increase in accidents here.

Refuse Collection

Please could I request that residents do not to put out their refuse too early as various animals are ripping the bags to shreds causing rubbish to be scattered across the village.

If you can put it out the night before, as advised, this will lessen the chance for the local wildlife having midnight feasts throughout the village.

Can I also ask residents to recycle as much as possible, facilities are provided for this and if it is done properly then the need to put out numerous black bags will be reduced and it will help the environment as well!

If anyone needs additional clear bags, I have some to spare, just give me call and I'll drop them round to you.

If anyone has any issues that I can help with please contact me on **01206 728542** or **07776 267891** or email me on **cllr.mike.lilley@colchester.gov.uk**

**Councillor Michael Lilley
Labour Borough Councillor
East Donyland Ward**

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Forthcoming events:

- 9 Jun.** Open musician night – come and show us what you can do ...
- 9 Jun.** Cricket match, 6pm: Whalebone v Albion. Players needed! Speak to Simon to sign up. Alternatively come along on the day and give the teams some support!
- 11 Jun.** Sing, say & play evening in the upstairs function room
- 12 Jun.** World Cup – England v USA, 7.30pm
- 13 Jun.** Craft afternoon; 2-5 pm in the upstairs function room. All welcome, come along and work on a current project or start something new!
- 18 Jun.** World Cup – England v Algeria, 7.30pm
- 19 Jun.** Draw for the Regatta Raffle. Tickets are available to purchase now from the Albion, £1 each. All proceeds going towards the running costs of the Regatta. Fantastic prizes on offer including cash sums of £50 and £100!
- 23 Jun.** World Cup – Slovenia v England, 3pm
- 23 Jun.** Return cricket match, 6pm: Albion v Whalebone. Players needed! Speak to Simon to sign up. Alternatively come along on the day and give the teams some support!
- 2-4 Jul.** Rowhedge Regatta weekend! This means a beer festival at the Albion from the Friday until Sunday
- 6 Jul.** Open musician night – come and show us what you can do ...
- 9 Jul.** Sing, say & play evening in the upstairs function room
- 11 Jul.** Craft afternoon; 2-5 pm in the upstairs function room. All welcome, come along and work on a current project or start something new!
- 8 Aug.** Craft afternoon; 2-5 pm in the upstairs function room. All welcome, come along and work on a current project or start something new!
- 10 Aug.** Open musician night – come and show us what you can do ...
- 28 Aug.** Live music night

Don't forget the Albion is open all day (from midday) on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday every week.

Port Development

The Council wishes to thank all those who attended the recent exhibition for the proposed Port Development and their comments.

The Parish Council would like to encourage anyone who wishes to comment on the latest application to contact the Planning Department at

Colchester Borough Council on **planning.services@colchester.gov.uk** or on **01206 282424**.

The next planning application is anticipated within the next four months; the exact date is unknown at the time of print.

Any information the Parish Council receives will be passed to residents.

Rowhedge Village Hall News

Recent Events

Flea Market - this proved to be a great success with the hall being booked to capacity. Lots of visitors attended and found some real bargains. We may hold another Flea Market later in the year, so watch out for posters around the village.

Farmer's Market - the market continues to grow in its number of stalls, with new pitches being booked every month. The March market ran alongside the National League Table Tennis Championships which made the market even more busy than usual. Just to remind you, all the markets are held on the 1st Saturday of every month, with the exception of January, so please do continue to support the local farmers.

Essex on Tour - presented Coco Express, a lively band playing Latin American music for our Salsa Night. A dance lesson for beginners started off the evening followed by the band. A big thank you to all those who supported this event.

Future Events

25th Anniversary

The Village Hall will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary later this year. We plan to celebrate, starting with a Folk Opera, "The Navvies Wife", written and performed by nationwide folk artist Mick Ryan.

This latest venture which can be seen at the Village Hall on 25th September - is an exceptional and moving musical. Set against the background of the Industrial Revolution and the great drive to carve out Britain's canals, railways and roads. Written to reflect the musical styles of those times, you will hear echoes of traditional and popular song, mingled with Music Hall comedy and contemporary folk'.

Mick has put together a folk musical masterpiece, so if you can get to see it, make every effort.

A very talented small cast has been put together to bring it all to life. Watch out for posters around the village. Tickets will be £8.00 each

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Sport

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Just come along with your kit and enjoy a good workout!

The court is available for £11.77 per hour and includes use of the kitchen facilities.

To check availability, or book a court, please call Yvonne Gibbs on **07780 923 688**.

Yvonne Gibbs
Rowhedge Village Hall

Bus Notes

What a good turnout for the bus meeting in April! Thanks Carole for organising everything.

Perhaps by the next meeting (yes please, Carole) we will see some improvements and our efforts will have a knock-on effect for other troubled areas.

Below are the addresses to which you should send any Rowhedge bus complaints.

The staff at ECC Passenger transport department also want to know of our com-

plaints to First & CBC, so please use their forms (Freepost) that are in the Post Office and my porch.

We need to write in with the date, time, bus destination and, if possible, the Fleet number of the bus.

This is a 5-digit number near the door, inside and out, or over the driver's head and on the side and back of the bus too.

When the driver takes over the route, his/her PIN and the fleet number are keyed in on the machine so that the driver,

route and bus are recorded and can be identified.

Mr Pilbeam, the MD of First, now knows where Rowhedge is, following our last meeting!

Please also write to Mr Steve Hartman (Colchester Depot) with a copy to the Norwich office. Write to: Mr Steve Hartman, Operations Manager, Colchester Depot, 31 Queen Street, Colchester, C01 2PQ. Alternatively, email: steve.hartman@firstgroup.com. Copy letters to: Customer Services Centre, Customer Services, Rouen House, Rouen

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