



Somersham Annual Parish Meeting

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 1st May 2024 at **7pm**

PRESENT: Cllr T Hallett (PC), J Rook (PC), Cllr S Wright (PC), Cllr R Hodson-Gibbons (PC), Cllr P Jousiffe (PC), Cllr J Caston (PC), D Thorne (Pub), K Dines (The Link), S Dines (PCC), J Hutchinson (CS), P Pearson (TC) and four member of the Public.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs J Blackburn (Clerk)
County Cllr K Oakes
District Cllr A Marriott

SPC020/24/25 - CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman of Somersham Parish Council, Cllr Thomas Hallett, welcomed those present.

SPC021/24/25 - APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr S Barrell, Colin Burrows (Neighbourhood Watch), Terry Fordham (Wheelie Day) and Mark Newcombe (Baptist Church).

SPC022/24/25 - MINUTES 10th MAY 2023

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting, held on 10th May 2023, were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

SPC023/24/25 - REPORTS RELATING TO THE PARISH

Representatives of the following organisations were invited to speak and answer any questions. Where received, their reports are attached to the Minutes.

- a) Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council – *Cllr Thomas Hallett*
(Full Report attached to these Minutes)

Cllr Hallett briefly went through his report, which would be published on the village website.

- b) Report of the County Councillor – *Cllr Kay Oakes*
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Cllr Oakes' report was circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website. She briefly went through her report.

- c) Report of the District Councillor – *Adrienne Marriott*
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Cllr Marriott's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

- d) Report of the Duke of Marlborough Public House – *David Thorne*
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

David Thorne briefly went through his report, which would be published on the village website.

- e) Report of the Community Shop – *Jennie Hutchinson*
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Jennie Hutchinson's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

- f) Report of The Link Magazine – *Kate Dines*
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Kate Dines read her report, which would be published on the village website.

- g) Report of St Mary's Church PCC – *Steve Dines*
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Steve Dines briefly went through his report, which would be published on the village website.

- h) Report of the Baptist Church – *Mark Newcombe*
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Mark Newcombe was not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

- i) Report of the Somersham & District Community Association – *Anne MacFadyen*
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Anne MacFadyen was not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

- j) Report of the Tennis Club – *Penny Pearson*

Penny Pearson gave a written report to the Clerk which stated the following:

- Tennis Club was going very well last year with children's numbers being up.
- Financially the Tennis Club was making a small profit.
- Two large expenses were coming up 1) water supply to be connected near to the courts, 2) Courts to be thoroughly cleaned and algae sprayed.
- This year numbers are steady.
- Hope to continue playing friendly matches and are hoping to play one of two different clubs.
- AGM took place at the end of March 2024 with Sally Gooch from the LTA attending.

- k) Report of the Football Club – *Darren Luck*

Darren Luck was not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

- l) Neighbourhood Watch – *Colin Burrows*

Colin Burrows was not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

- m) Report of the Wheelie Day – *Terry Fordham*
(Full report attached to these Minutes)

Terry Fordham was not present at the meeting but his report had been circulated and would be published on the village website.

n) Report of the Primary School – *Leah Chinnery*

Leah Chinnery was not present at the meeting but her report had been received and would be published on the village website.

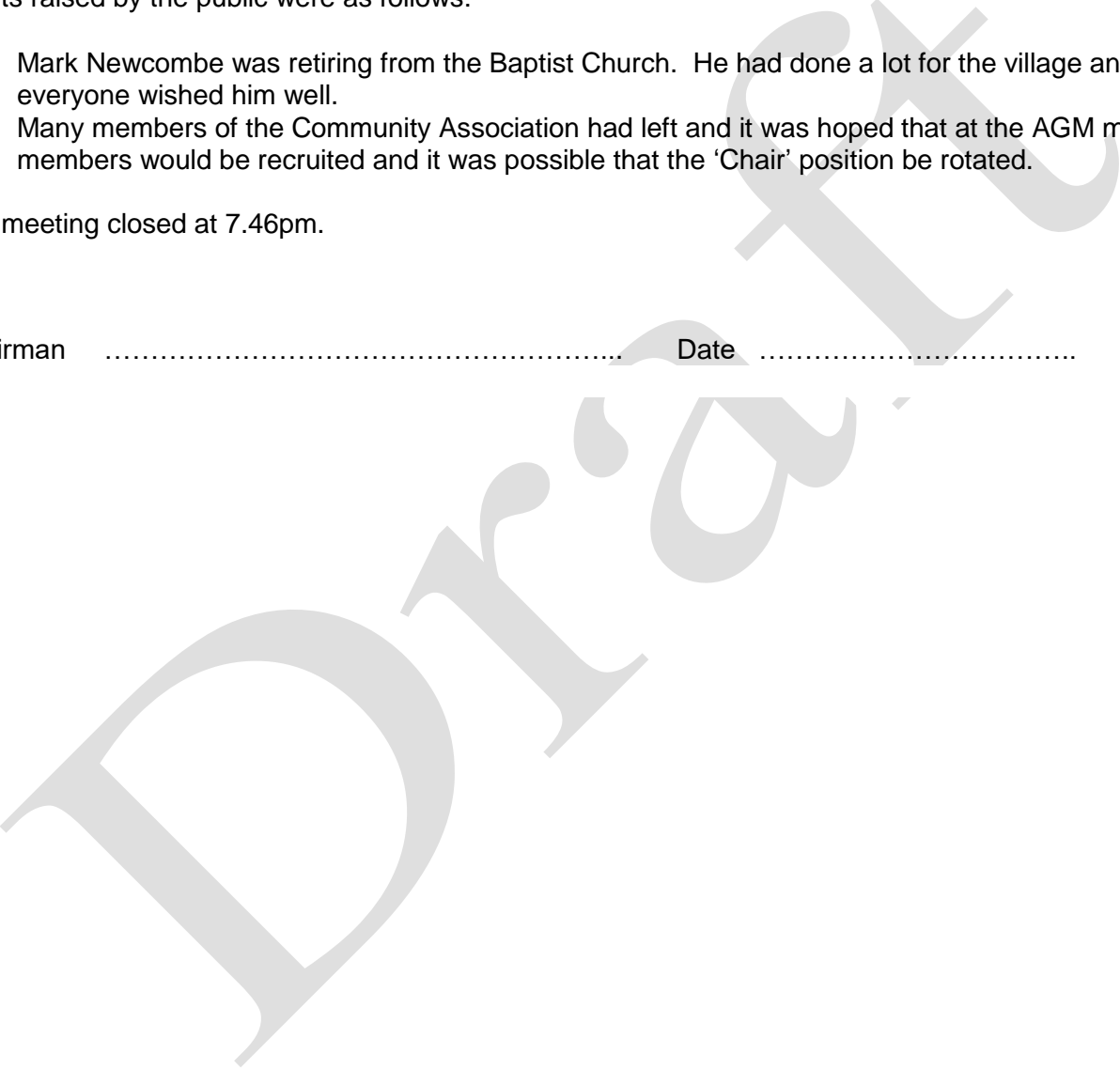
SPC024/24/25 - PUBLIC FORUM

Points raised by the public were as follows:

- Mark Newcombe was retiring from the Baptist Church. He had done a lot for the village and everyone wished him well.
- Many members of the Community Association had left and it was hoped that at the AGM more members would be recruited and it was possible that the 'Chair' position be rotated.

The meeting closed at 7.46pm.

Chairman Date



Chairman's Report for Somersham Parish Council's Annual General Meeting **Wednesday 1st May 2024**

I am pleased to present the Chairman's Report for Somersham Parish Council's Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 1st May 2024.

The past year has been filled with various challenges, successes and learning opportunities for the Council and I'm proud to have led the team through this journey. I am grateful for the commitment, support, and hard work of our Councillors, our Parish Clerk and volunteers.

This past year, the Parish Council has supported several key initiatives and achievements:

- The Play Equipment Project was successfully completed, with £7,747.20 allocated from Parish Council funds towards maintenance of the remaining play equipment. The project received substantial funding from Mid Suffolk District Council's CIL funds and has been well-received by the community.
- The Parish Council contributed £9,962.00 towards the resurfacing of the Community Shop car park, helping to improve the facility for residents.
- The Council contributed £3,500.00 to Somersham Primary School for their Outside Learning Area, to enable experiential learning outside the classroom setting.
- The Council allocated £600.00 to support the local Youth Club, recognising the important role it plays in providing activities and resources for the village's young people.
- In response to the devastating flooding experienced by residents, the Council has been actively engaging with the Environment Agency and other authorities to seek solutions and support for affected households. An Emergency Plan is being developed to improve the village's preparedness for future incidents.

The Parish Council has managed its finances prudently throughout the year, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively and responsibly. We have maintained a healthy financial position, with a balanced budget and sufficient reserves to cover any unforeseen expenses. Our financial management have allowed us to invest in important community projects whilst freezing the Precept for 2024-25.

We recognise that there are ongoing challenges that require our attention and we are committed to addressing them in the coming year. The flooding issue is a top priority and we will continue to work with partners to find long-term solutions. Improving community facilities, such as the Pavilion and supporting local groups will also be areas of focus.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Councillors, our Parish Clerk, volunteers and residents who have supported Somersham Village and the Parish Council throughout the year. Your dedication, hard work and passion have helped to make Somersham a great place to live.

We look forward to working together in the coming year as we continue to build a strong, resilient and sustainable community for all.

Many thanks,

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April 2023

99% of pupils receive a preferred primary school place on National Offer Day

99.18% of children were offered a place on National Offer Day at one of their three preferred primary schools and 95.78% were offered a place at their first preference school.

Suffolk County Council received 7,056 applications from parents and carers indicating which primary school they would prefer their child to join in September 2023.

May 2023

Library services protected as Suffolk County Council approves additional funding

Suffolk County Council has underlined its commitment to library services in Suffolk, as it approved plans to increase its funding to Suffolk Libraries, to enable the service to continue operating at its current level, until the end of the contract in July 2024.

Suffolk Libraries currently receives £5.9m per year from Suffolk County Council, however the service is forecasting a deficit of £60k per month from April 2023. The service has cited increases in service costs, a reduction in income opportunities following the Coronavirus Pandemic and rising inflation, as causes of the deficit.

June 2023

Suffolk Fire Service to bring control room back to the County

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has announced plans to create a new fire control centre here in Suffolk.

Since October 2011, Suffolk has shared a control room with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire and Rescue Service in Huntingdon. The joint project has worked well, saving both fire services money and enabling greater cross-border resource sharing.

However, the company behind a project to deliver a new IT system, initiated in 2019, has run into technical and financial problems, causing a significant delay. This, in addition to advancements in technology, has led to the decision to bring fire control back into the county by the end of 2024.

July 2023

Councils set out concerns as public consultation opens for Norwich to Tilbury proposals

National Grid has opened its consultation to anyone wishing to comment on its Norwich to Tilbury proposal, previously known as East Anglia Green. This is an eight-week non-statutory consultation period which closes on 21 August 2023.

The project will see a new 400kV electricity transmission line built between Norwich and Tilbury, running 111 miles. It will be made up mostly of overhead lines and pylons, along with some underground cables and a new substation.

The new consultation reveals the route for the pylons, passing through Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. It shows the line will run underground through the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the Essex-Suffolk border.

August 2023

Council fears new energy proposals will harm Suffolk's coastline

Suffolk County Council is disappointed to learn that the LionLink interconnector project from National Grid Ventures has identified an alternative landfall at Walberswick, with cable routing making its way to the north of Southwold.

The Council will study the details of the new proposals, and will prepare its response to the National Grid's second public consultation, which opens on 8 September.

The non-statutory consultation on [National Grid Venture's LionLink project](#) will commence on the 8 September 2023, and will remain open until 3 November 2023.

September 2023

Councils unite against National Grid pylon proposals

In a [joint letter to National Grid](#), the leaders of the three councils address the extensive impact on landscapes and local communities that the scheme would bring.

They also highlight that an offshore solution has not been sufficiently investigated, and the opportunities that this could bring to co-ordinate with other large-scale energy projects off the region's coast.

The Norwich to Tilbury project would see 114 miles of electricity pylons weave their way through the three counties. Only a small percentage of this cabling would go underground, an issue which the councils also raise, stating that more would be needed particularly in the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and near Diss and the Waveney Valley.

October 2023

New highways services arrive in Suffolk as multi-million-pound partnership goes live

The new contract, which is worth in the region of £800 million - £1 billion, will deliver highway projects and improvements across Suffolk for up to 20 years, including maintaining roads, pavements and rights of way, improving drainage, hedge trimming, construction of new road schemes, snow-clearing and gritting and much more.

Milestone Infrastructure, part of M Group Services, was awarded Suffolk's new highways services contract back in February and since then has been working with Suffolk County Council to mobilise the new contract ahead of it commencing on 1 October.

November 2023

Cabinet approved £10 million new funding to resurface residential roads

At Suffolk County Council's Cabinet meeting (7th November), Cabinet approved an extra £10 million to repair and resurface local roads in villages and residential areas across Suffolk.

The funding will nearly double Suffolk Highways' £11 million annual road maintenance budget but be targeted at smaller residential streets which are typically maintained less frequently than busier A and B roads.

December 2023

More public money for adult and children's care, but difficult decisions are needed to balance the books

In the next two years, Suffolk County Council needs to pump almost £74 million extra into protecting the county's most vulnerable residents.

- £74 million extra needed to protect the most vulnerable over two years
- £64.7 million savings to be made over two years
- Council set to reduce workforce, services and use savings

As part of financial plans to prioritise those in greatest need, an additional £42.7 million for children's services and £29.9 million for adult care are being proposed. Along with local authorities up and down the country, the council has been hit hard by inflation and rising demand for services such as children's care, special educational needs and disabilities and home to school transport. It means having to make difficult decisions about the services it provides, including £64.7 million of savings in 2024/25 and 2025/26.

January 2024

Council to propose new funding for arts & heritage in Suffolk

Suffolk County Council is today (26th January) announcing its intention to create a new funding pot open to all arts and heritage organisations in the county.

- Core funding for nine arts and heritage organisations still to cease after 2024/25
- New £500,000 funding pot proposed from 2025/26, open to all arts and heritage organisations in Suffolk
- Proposal to be tabled at Cabinet meeting on 30 January

Following this week's announcement from government that £600 million of further funding will be available to local councils, the council intends to propose a new £500,000 project fund to which all Suffolk's arts and heritage organisations can apply.

February 2024

Public consultation on Suffolk County Council's proposed devolution deal starts on 18th March

A 10-week public consultation on our proposed devolution deal with the Government will start on 18th March and run through until 26th May. The consultation will be in two main parts – an open survey, hosted by Suffolk County Council, that any residents can complete and a sample survey of 1000 Suffolk residents conducted independently by Ipsos Mori. The consultation will be available through our website www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution and social media. There will also be media coverage highlighting the consultation.

March 2024

Funding boost for new and existing bus services across Suffolk

Suffolk County Council is to spend £3.6 million of Government funding over the next two years on strengthening and expanding Suffolk's bus network.

The council has been awarded £1.8 million per year for two years – a total of £3.6 million – from the Department for Transport's Bus Service Improvement Fund Phase 2 (BSIP 2, renamed from BSIP+) to deliver improvements to public transport in Suffolk.

April 2024

Over 400 Suffolk roads set for upgrade as largest ever surfacing project gets underway

Residents across Suffolk are set to benefit from 421 newly surfaced roads this year - almost doubling the number of roads completed last year, as Suffolk Highways' largest ever resurfacing programmes get underway.

With the start of the surface dressing programme beginning this week, 102 roads will be surface dressed, whilst a further 319 sites will benefit from a full machine resurfacing during the year.

Duke of Marlborough Report to Somersham PC AGM May 2024

The Duke of Marlborough was recently taken over by a Tenant. While it remains a Community Pub owned by the Shareholders, the Tenant is now responsible for all day-to-day matters; staffing, menu, opening times, utilities, events etc.

The Management Committee decided last June that going to a Tenancy was the only way to keep the pub open, as we had been unable to become profitable under our original operating model and were continually nearly running out of cash. We had still not recovered to our pre-Covid turnover and were hit hard by the rise in electricity costs. The Tenancy model is fairly common among Community Pubs after the first few years. What was needed was a new injection of cash and enthusiasm, and a fresh approach. Many of the Committee had been involved for more than 7 years and it was beginning to take its toll.

We advertised the Tenancy last July via Everard Cole. There was a lot of initial interest, several viewings but ultimately only one firm offer from Mr David Pratt, a local businessman, who lives in Somersham. The Tenancy started at the beginning of December. The initial Contract is for 5 years, although there is a break clause by either side after two and a half. The rent is fixed for the first 3 years and thereafter is subject to an upward-only rent review with a possible profit-sharing agreement. We continue to need some income to service various loans. The Tenant has taken over most of the Staff and still uses volunteers. The transition was remarkably smooth and has now been running for 5 months. A slimmed down Management Committee of 5 remains, and is ultimately responsible to the Shareholders, but has no involvement in the day-to-day operation of the pub.

Finances aside, it has been a reasonably successful year for the pub. The August Beer Festival went pretty well, although we were not blessed with the fine weather of previous years. Music events continue to be very popular, and the monthly quizzes are always sold out. Little has outwardly changed so far, but there are apparently changes in the pipeline.

We would like to thank the Parish Council (and MSDC, among others)) for their financial and moral support over the years, without which the pub may well have gone under.

David Thorne
Management Committee Chair, Somersham Community Pub

Somersham and District Community Shop May 2023 – May 2024

We are pleased to report that in 2023-24, overall the shop has continued to be financially successful, on occasion even recording a small profit. This has enabled us to start topping up our reserves again, which have been called upon heavily over the previous years.

We are proud of our superb volunteer team, which now numbers around 30 regular volunteers. This sounds a lot but is almost exactly the right number to cover our current opening hours, so we would ideally still like to recruit at least another three to five people in order that we can confidently cover all shifts each week, especially in peak holiday times. As it stands currently, regular volunteers are often called upon to give extra time on top of the hours they already kindly contribute.

We continue to add new products to our range, listening to customer requests and feedback. For example, over the last year we have added to our local offerings with an extended range of Stokes products, a new range of cocktails from Niche Cocktails based in Framlingham, Christmas wreaths from local florist Pollen & Petals and, from this week, a small selection of Alder Tree ice creams from Needham Market. We do however ensure that in addition to the 'deli' and 'farm shop' style products we offer, we continue to maintain a full range of essentials and treats at affordable prices, to ensure the shop caters appropriately for all the community we serve.

The shop continues to be a well frequented community hub, and we are pleased to support local events and activities, such as selling the PTA's village trail maps and quiz sheets for the church, as well as publicising local events through our events diary and our noticeboards. We were pleased to bring some Christmas cheer to the shop again through the pictures created by the children of Somersham School, enabling families to see their children's artwork on display.

Our Meet up Monday and Petrol Heads sessions continue to be popular and well supported and the Rural Coffee Caravan (RCC) have recently introduced a bi-monthly visit to our Meet up Monday session, enabling them to reach more people in the village with information, advice, and guidance. The Suffolk Libraries van also continues to visit monthly.

Each year, we are a collection point for Christian Aid Week and the Poppy Appeal, we join in with the annual Macmillan coffee morning, and we are pleased to support our own volunteers' fundraising efforts offering jams, chutneys, seeds and seedlings to raise money for a variety of charities, and in particular Pancreatic Cancer Research. In 2023 we reintroduced the Scouts Christmas Post Box, supporting their fundraising efforts and giving customers access to this helpful service, we continued to offer a Food Bank Collection Point for Ipswich based charity, FIND, and we are a Battery Recycling point.

In the spring of 2023, we were pleased to have the shop redecorated creating a much brighter and more pleasant environment for us all. This year, thanks to funding from Mid Suffolk District Council and the Parish Council, and alongside the Community Association, we have also been able to arrange for the repair and resurfacing of the village car park. Thanks to funding from District Councillor Adrienne Marriott, we are soon to replace all our old and tired external signage and are also replacing our internal lights with more efficient LED lighting. Next on the list is the installation of solar panels to further improve our environmental credentials and reduce our out goings. We are also investigating the possibility of a new till, to improve stock control and streamline processes.

We hope that the members of the Parish Council appreciate the efforts that are made to keep our shop going and to develop it further, and will continue to support the shop, with occasional financial support, but also with their custom and time, encouraging their friends, family and neighbours to do the same.

Jennie Hutchinson

Report to the Parish Council, 2024

The LINK magazine has continued to be produced throughout the year, with the usual double editions in August-September and December-January. We are pleased that Somersham School continue to take up our competition for the Christmas cover picture, which can now be in colour. We are also hoping to include some writing from the children later in the year.

Advertisers remain our chief source of funding and a small increase in charges has been necessary as we have lost some long-term advertisers who are now retiring or have more than enough work without seeking more! However, we have also received donations from some regular contributors and organisations. Printing costs continue to rise, as does everything else, and each issue, depending on size, currently costs approximately £420. Our current print run totals 800 copies, including one copy available for visitors in the shop. The LINK is distributed to every house in Somersham and 3 neighbouring villages, and additionally several mailed copies where past residents are glad of this means of keeping in touch with local events and are happy to pay the postage for it.

The 10 magazine distributors in our village (plus more in the others) and editorial team of 6 are all volunteers, who are pleased to be able to help this community outreach and communication to continue into the future.

Kate Dines,
Chair of committee

Parish Council AGM 2024 – Report from St. Mary’s Church PCC

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) continues to support Rev. Daniel Harrison in managing and maintaining the Church of England presence in the village, including providing for the spiritual needs of the population and maintaining the historic building. In addition to our regular services the church conducts baptisms, weddings and funeral services when required.

Dan is responsible for 8 parishes in all. As a result, we perhaps don’t see as much of him in Somersham as we would like but his telephone number and email address are included on the back cover of the Link magazine each month so anyone can contact him if they want/need to.

Everyone is welcome at our services and we regularly hold 2 per month; a communion service at 9.30am on the second Sunday and a less formal ‘Family Service’ at 10am on the 4th Sunday. Details are published in the Link magazine. Attendance at the regular services is generally quite low but loyal and enthusiastic. Rather more people attend the ‘big’ services such as Harvest Festival and Carol Service and our Service of Remembrance which we share with the Baptist Church.

It’s not all about services and any church needs to be outward looking which we try to do in a number of ways. In addition to normal ‘Sunday collections’ we benefit from, amongst other things, gifts given at special services such as Harvest and the Christmas Toy Service. These are passed on to charitable organisations (in our case, usually the Women’s Refuge charity ‘Lighthouse’). In recent years, some members of the 2 village churches (St. Mary’s and Baptist) have also tried to brighten Christmas for some of the most hard-pressed families with a small gift. Further afield, we play our part in the annual ‘Christian Aid Week’ when invitations to contribute to this very worthwhile cause are issued via the ‘Link’ with a number of collection points in the village.

We have also continued to maintain links with the school through our regular (weekly) ‘Open the Book’ sessions in which members of a team drawn from both St. Mary’s and the Baptist Church read and explain bible stories to the children. The children always seem to enjoy these sessions and we are grateful to the school for continuing to allow us to do this. Once again this year, we also managed to organise an after school ‘Easter workshop’ which was much enjoyed by those who came along. Children from the school are also welcomed into the church from time to time to support the RE curriculum.

We are very grateful to people in the village for the support that they give to our fund raising activities throughout the year. Even so, we continue to struggle to meet all of the costs of the day to day running expenses and are once again very grateful to the Parish Council for their generous help towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard. We hope that you will be able to continue this support in the future.

Steve Dines
23rd April 2024

Somersham Wheelie Fun Day

The idea of a fundraiser was conceived by Terry Fordham in 2016 when an additional income stream was needed by the Somersham & District Community Association. It had been many years since the village had run a fete and it was felt that it would be good to give the community an event to enjoy and at the same time supporting the work of the Community Association.

So far events have been run in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2022 (two year break for Covid) and 2023. Funds raised over the years totals £16,457. This funding contributed to various capital expenditure projects but fundamentally enables the Community Association to cover the cost of running the playing field. The event has broad appeal and includes classic vehicle show, live music on our stage, local and commercial stalls, prize raffle, hot and cold food, traditional fete games and childrens entertainment, alcohol and soft drinks bars, cycle speedway event. It has grown in size and popularity and is now a significant event in the calendar year. We intend to aim for a regular date each year of the first Saturday in July.

Wheelie's 2024 is on Saturday 6 July. The planning team has grown to 15 people to achieve the various features of the event. The team start working in January and look to vary the features whenever possible. On the day we are joined by volunteers to martial the vehicles, run the fete games, sell raffle tickets or serve at the bars. We also need volunteers to set up the day before and to take down the day after. We would welcome any councillors who would like to join us.

Terry Fordham
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Annual Parish Meeting 2024- Report from Somersham Primary School

Somersham Primary School remains a popular school, serving local families from Somersham, Little Blakenham, Offton and Flowton as well as out of catchment villages such as Willisham, Barking, Great Blakenham, Claydon, Bramford, sproughton and Great Bricett. This reflects the Government's changes in legislation that allows parental choice when applying to schools in the locality. Somersham Primary is federated with Bramford CEVC Primary School. This provides an extremely beneficial and supportive partnership, allowing the schools to work together, share resources and professional development whilst maintaining autonomy within each school. School staff and governors are working as an effective team together to ensure high standards around teaching and learning are maintained. We are extremely grateful to our amazing Parent Teacher Association (FOSS), who have worked diligently to continue to raise much needed funds this year. The School Summer Fete is always a huge success and summer 2023 was no exception, being well attended and enjoyed by all. Other FOSS fund raising events have included:

- Easter trail
- Pumpkin carving competition
- Wreath making workshop at the Village Hall
- Design a Christmas card design
- Discos

FOSS have also funded many school trips this year including our Residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, a visit to Duxford War Museum, West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village, Ipswich Fire Station and The Suffolk Schools Farm Fair. With the rise in travel costs, trips have become hugely expensive and contributions from FOSS have avoided these costs being passed onto families.

Other items FOSS have funded over the year:

- iPads for Adders Class
- Glitter fund for each class – Christmas crafts
- Subscription to First News (newspaper for Key Stage 2)
- Author visit
- Forest School shed
- EYFS/KS1 Storage shed and covered area
- Children's resources shed for EYFS/KS1 outdoor area

Outdoor Early Years and Key Stage One Building Project

Following a meeting with the Parish Council on May 10th, an agreement to part fund our much needed outdoor building project for the Primary school was approved (using Community Infrastructure Levy funds). This was greatly appreciated and the new storage shed and covered area has created a usable all weather space for the children to learn and play. We also received some funding towards this from the Somersham Land Trust.

We are now in the process of sourcing funds for 20 plus storage boxes to use inside the shed to store all the equipment in.

Breakfast Club

After sending out parent/carer surveys, findings showed that a Breakfast Club would be beneficial to several families. Since April 2023, we have had Kicks & Tricks Ltd in school every morning from 8am running our breakfast club. The children who attend get to choose from a range of breakfast cereals, toast, fruit and juice before then joining in with a variety of activities such as football, basketball, kin-ball and archery. Numbers attending are currently low but we are hoping that this will increase with our new September 2024 Reception intake.

Other news

This term we have lots to look forward to including our Summer Fete, a KS2 production and Sports Day. We continue to promote our school as an Eco- School. Our Eco-Council are proud advocates of recycling and are currently running a competition to see who can make the most creative tree from recycled objects. Gardening club are also actively promoting healthy eating and are currently growing many different vegetables on the school grounds. They are also in the process of completing an Olympic themed garden which will be on show at The Suffolk Show this year. Some members of Art Club have just won a prize to visit a farm as they created an amazing soil sculpture showing how important the soil eco-systems are.

We will be saying goodbye at the end of the term to our Year 6's so transition work with Claydon High School is already underway. We will also be out and about around the village studying the local area so keep a look out for us!

***Mrs Leah Chinnery** Head of School
Somersham Primary School
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Aspiration and combined excellence for everyone*