

## **District Councillor's Report to 19 January 2009**

**Free Swimming!** A concession for the under 16 year olds and over 60's will be made available from Early April 2009 at the Stradbroke Swimming pool.

**Credit Crunch** – It may be one or two people in the village and surrounding areas may lose their jobs in the current crisis. I have spoken with Melanie Wood at the Debenham Resource centre and we agreed it would be helpful to be pro-active and run some support courses for help in completion of CV's and interview techniques.

She has ordered some up to date job-hunt, CV and interview technique books and they offer free online job hunt and CV advice courses. She advises that whilst they are not experts in that field, they are trained in research. She will be producing some posters for the village and would like to put something in the Parish Magazine and the village website.

**Snoasis** – As you know Hazel Blears has now given the go ahead for this project. A special committee has been set up and is made up of members who had previously been trained and made decisions on the initial planning application. I have been selected to be a substitute for the planning applications which will be coming forward with more specific details.

**Waste** – I have attended Seminars and presentations on the County's proposals for disposal of Suffolk's waste. Cllr Eddy Alcock will no doubt update you in his report but at present there are still five sites being considered and the specific method of disposal is technology Neutral. This will become clearer when the site or sites are settled on and put out to tender and the successful bidder will advise of their proposed method. Further details can be seen at <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/Environment/MineralsAndWastePlanning/WasteDevelopmentFramework.htm>

It is great to note that MSDC remain top of the 'straight' recycling of waste!

**Migrant Workers** – I have been asked to put up a poster on information and rights to live and work in the UK and would be grateful if it could go up on your notice board.

**Wingfield Barns** – I have spoken to Geoff Doggett, who is the manager, about the newly refurbished Wingfield Barns which is owned by MSDC and will officially open on April the 3 2009. It will be an Arts Centre, with ongoing programme of Visual arts, music and drama. It has acoustic seating for 120 people, digital projection and light and sound systems galleries, workshops and much more. I have a copy of the first newsletter for all of the Parish Councillors. He will be contacting the Debenham PC, Schools, Committees and anyone who is interested

**Debenham Leisure Centre** – I realise your discussions for the precept will be at item 13. However I would just like to say a few words which may help in your deliberations.

**Website** – I have noted that neither Cllr Eddy Alcock's nor my reports have been put on the website since July 08. Is there a problem and can it be rectified?

