

District Councillors report to 20 April 2009

Let's start with the good news!

Cross Green again - I am pleased to report the pavements have all been repaired in the area to the rear of the library and public car park at Cross Green. I have had residents thanking me for my diligence. I have contacted the department to ask when the painting of a Bay for a Disabled car parking space will take place and it has been funded and will be dealt with shortly.

Business meeting initiative - With my last report I sent a copy of a letter inviting business traders in the Winston Debenham and Aspall area to attend a meeting on the 8 April to see how we can all support one another during these difficult trading times. A good turn out and lively positive debate took place and it is envisaged that the traders themselves will take the initiative forward and form a business group. I attach a further letter which I will be hand delivering shortly and again ask everyone to share this information as I may not get round to all of you or inadvertently miss you.

The Mid Suffolk & Babergh International Film Festival. I apologise if the Parish council has already received details of this initiative but I really do think it is an excellent idea. All over the County at various venues there are viewings of many different films, for example The Kite Runner which is being offered at the Regal Stowmarket on Thursday 7th May and The Diving Bell and the Butterfly at Stonham Aspall Village Hall on Friday 15 May and two different films showing at Wingfield Barns and many others details of which are contained in this brochure Talking of the Wingfield Barns I attended the official opening and is a venue to be proud of and in its first week it has had music poetry and an Art exhibition.

Local Government Review – I have forwarded on a SCC presentation which is being rolled out across the County. Unfortunately there were only two in the MSD area so I thought it would be a good idea for the Parish Council to have access to this presentation in case you are unable to go to the one on 23 April in Stowmarket. No doubt if Eddy is here he will also be able to give you further information over this issue. The thrust of it is the Boundary Committee has now come up with two choices:

One Suffolk - a single Council for the whole of Suffolk.

And Two Councils Ipswich/Felixstowe and Rural Suffolk.

At SCC and MSDC we are recommending One Suffolk.

I am happy to take questions.

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District Councillor