

Southwold town councillors

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COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

Wednesday 18 April
from 7pm – 8 pm

Saturday 26 May
from 10am – 11 am

when town councillors will be in attendance at the town hall.

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Editorial note

Due to a publication error, last month's *Newsletter* stated the date of a Traffic Management meeting incorrectly. This error is regretted and although an apology was posted on the Town Council's website, further apologies for any inconvenience caused are extended here.

And a further reminder please: the clerk's office is open to the public between 10 am and 12 noon from Monday to Friday inclusive.

Police contact



The national non-emergency number: **101** should be used where dialling 999 is clearly inappropriate. Dialling **101** in Suffolk will Make direct contact with the Suffolk Police HQ and a direct connection can then be made to the Southwold & Halesworth Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Waveney District Councillors:

Sue Allen and Michael Ladd
[as opposite]

Suffolk County Councillor:

John Goldsmith: 722422

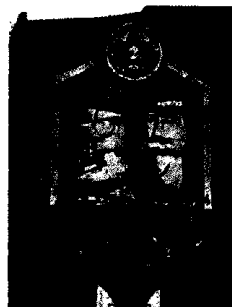
NEXT MEETING DATES

Town Council – 7.30pm
Tuesday 24 April

Committee Meetings

Policy & Finance -7.30pm
Tuesday 10 April

ALL WELCOME



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CONNECTING

News from Southwold Town Council

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER, IS TO INFORM ADVISE AND CONNECT WITH SOUTHWOLD ELECTORS

MICHAEL LADD - MAYOR ELECT

The nomination of Michael Ladd as Mayor Elect for the next Civic Year, was announced on the Town Council's website late on 27 March, following the traditional informal meeting of councillors after that evening's Town Council meeting.

Michael's selection will be ratified at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on Monday 14 May. He told *Connecting* that he wishes to build on the successes of the past in order to develop stronger relationships and links with local organizations and neighbouring parishes, while guiding the Town through what promises to be a year of tradition, high expectation and excitement. He acknowledges, and wishes to continue, the work that has already taken place in forging an ever-improving dialogue with Waveney District Council over many concerns, particularly the transfer of Town assets. However, his overriding aspiration is to provide some housing in the Town that is truly, *Affordable*.

It will be Michael Ladd's fourth term as Town Mayor and he will, as ever, be aided in his official duties by his wife Linda who, like Michael, is Southwold born and bred. We wish them every success.



THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will take place

on MONDAY 23 APRIL AT 7 pm

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

Everyone welcome

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND THE OLYMPIC TORCH

The Town Council has been gratified by the way in which local clubs, organizations and community groups have responded to the Council's invitation to unite in staging events during the extended Bank Holiday weekend from 2-5 June; the nation's celebration marking the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

The Mayor Elect has spoken of his appreciation of tradition and Civic Duty, and this occasion should assist in forging links between people by their engagement in joint ventures as a means of entertainment and commemoration.

Although not directly promoting the *Big Jubilee Lunch* idea on Sunday, 3 June, the Town Council is pleased to hear of the suggestion being taken up by many apparently disparate groups throughout the community.

Programme details for the entire weekend will be presented in the next edition of *Connecting* that is expected to be devoted, almost entirely, to events taking place during the first weekend in June. So, if you have not done so already, let the Town Clerk know if you, or the group you represent, will be participating. The newsletter was always going to be about engagement, forging links and building close relationships; aspirations that are clearly shared by the Mayor Elect and the opportunities at this time are, indeed, very exciting.

And the Olympic Torch Relay visits on Thursday, 5 July

Within minutes of long awaited further details of the Olympic Torch Relay route being announced, the Town Council's website was updated with information of timings and street locations. The Torch will arrive on *Might's Bridge* at 11.26 am on Thursday, 5 July, proceed to the Pier and North Parade Beach Huts and spend around twenty minutes at various photogenic locations before departing, again along Pier Avenue, and rejoining its convoy at *Hill Road, Reydon*, en route for Kelsale. There, it is due to resume its journey by foot at 1.10 pm..

Find out the latest news on who is carrying the Torch through Southwold:

<http://www.london2012.com/games/olympic-torch-relay/torchbearers/search.php?fromDay=05+07+2012&toDay=05+07+2012&search-submit=Go&start=1>

At the last count, there were two, neither of whom is actually, from the Town.

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SNIPPETS OF MORE GOOD NEWS

Kilcock Cliff Toilets

Work on phase one of the refurbishment is nearing completion and the public conveniences look set to be open, on schedule, for Easter weekend. Improvements to the external fabric of the building have been made, together with a makeover of the *Ladies'* facilities.

Next year, the *Gentlemen's* side will be improved and the Town will then have an asset worthy of its status as a holiday destination – all this thanks to the vision of the Town Council in securing the asset initially, when it was facing closure by Waveney District Council. Who knows, if this might be a portent for a future transfer of assets, in line with the Mayor Elect's aspirations?

Putting Green

With Easter weekend fast approaching, the Town Putting Green, near the Pier, has reopened for the season. It is being operated this year, on behalf of the Town Council, by Southwold Golf Club and the prospects for a successful venture are encouraging, especially with early forecasts of a warm summer ahead.

Again, this is an example of local initiatives serving to act as an incentive for continuing good practice and income generated is returned to the Town for the benefit of capital project management.

Grit spreader

The community grit spreader, that was referred to in the March edition of *Connecting*, has been purchased and residents are now asked to contact the Town Clerk suggesting any particular area where grit bins might be useful in the future. Additionally, each new location will require three or four volunteers prepared to assist in spreading grit over pavements in each designated residential area. The Town Council hope that the local community will wish to build on the success of the initial four bins, sited close to the High Street last winter, and will be encouraged by the prospect of a developing opportunity.

North Harbour Wall

Work to replace this worn out structure began on 1 March, last.

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