

**Southwold town councillors**  
**Mayor – Michael Ladd**

**Sue Allen:** 722768  
**Teresa Baggott:** 722385  
**Ann Betts:** 724300  
**Ian Bradbury:** 724246  
**Sue Doy:** 722987  
**Katie Flodin:** 724119  
**Michael Ladd:** 724337  
**Robert Temple:** 723051  
**Simon Tobin:** 725153  
**Melanie Tucker:** 07885576514  
**Will Windell:** 723239  
**John Winter:** 723812

**Suffolk County Councillor:**

John Goldsmith: 722422

**Waveney District Councillors:**

Sue Allen and Michael Ladd  
will be holding a WDC Surgery  
at the Town Hall on  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 12 noon

**Town Clerk: Lesley Beevor**

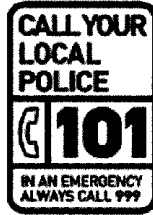
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**Editorial note**

This is the seventh edition of *Connecting*. The Newsletter is published monthly, but distributed through the Parish Magazine, quarterly only. Between times copies are available from the foyer of the Town Hall.

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

**Police contact:**



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

**COUNCILLORS' SURGERY**

**Wednesday 20 June 2012**  
from 7pm – 8 pm

**Saturday 7 July 2012**  
from 10am – 11 am

when town councillors will be in attendance at the town hall

**2012**

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

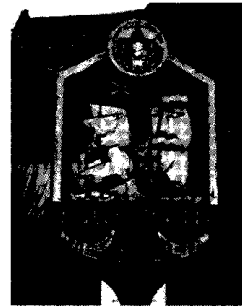
**Town Council – 7.30 p.m.**

Tuesday 26 June  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July

**Committees**

**Traffic – 4.30 p.m.**  
Tuesday 17 July

**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**



**DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

**2<sup>ND</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012**

**PROGRAMME OF ALL THE EVENTS TAKING  
PLACE IN AND AROUND SOUTHWOLD IS  
NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE TOWN HALL  
AND OTHER LOCAL OUTLETS**

**THE OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY**

The *OLYMPIC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE* advises that the Olympic Torch is coming to within ten miles of around 95% of the population of the United Kingdom. However, the reality for Southwold is much more tangible. At 11.26am the Olympic Torch will be carried along Mights Road, go along Pier Avenue and North Parade to the Beach Huts, and then come back along Pier Avenue and over Mights Bridge. Those named to carry the torch in Southwold are Anne Dow, Craig Jarvis, Richard Game, Caroline Emeny and Dayle Edwards.

Eighty thousand Torchbearers, chosen for what are described as their '*inspirational*' qualities, will help transport the torch around the country. She or he who poses with the Torch close to the Beach Huts on North Parade and with the Pier as the backdrop will be part of an iconic image beamed around the world in a matter of seconds; an image that is as likely to have as lasting qualities as St. Stephen's Tower itself.

The Olympic Flame is well on its way, and in the words of the official website, *spreading the message of peace, unity and friendship* that characterize the Games themselves.

**MAKE SURE OF YOUR PLACE TO WITNESS AN HISTORIC CAVALCADE**

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## THE TOWN MAYOR

This is the first opportunity, formally, to welcome Cllr Michael Ladd as Town Mayor, even though he is well in to his first month of office. Michael, a serving Waveney District Councillor, brings a wealth of experience to the post in this, his fourth time as Town Mayor. He and his wife, Linda, are, therefore, no strangers to the titles *Mayor* and *Mayoress* and *Connecting* offers them strength and good wishes for the Civic Year ahead; 2012 is proving to be quite momentous and there is, apparently, much more to come.

In a piece that appeared on the front page of the April's copy of *Connecting*, Michael Ladd set out some thinking in respect of his visions of the Town in which both he and Linda were born and brought up. He acknowledged the work that has taken place over the last year, especially in forging dialogue with *Waveney District Council* over the administration of the Town's assets, and aspires to examine the prospect of providing some affordable housing in the Town.

The Town Council, guided by the new Town Mayor, will be seeking to build upon and strengthen its links with other organizations and neighbouring Parishes.

## TOWN PLAN STEERING GROUP

Responsibility for creating a *Town Plan Action Plan* has moved from the Town Council to the community, in accordance with the concept of Community-Led planning.

A Steering Group was formally elected on 27 April, at a second meeting of volunteers, and it has, subsequently, met and chosen Sir Richard Dales as its Chairman.

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As Cllr Will Windell took his leave as the Town Mayor 2011/12 *Connecting* reflects on his year of Office and draws upon his Annual Report delivered to the Annual Town Meeting on Monday 23 April.

Will outlined the agreement at the beginning of his term of office that the Town Council should work towards the minimum standards required of Town and Parish Councils, as set out by the kite mark of the Quality Parish Status. This had seen the establishment of a Town Council website, a Newsletter and notes from Town Council meetings being publicly available, within days of a meeting and monthly councillor surgeries. Open public sessions are incorporated within Town Council meetings and these involve the County and District councillors. More communication is carried out electronically and the Town Mayor has a regular monthly slot on *Blyth Valley Community Radio*.

While this piece is selective, due to the space available, further details will be available in the *Town Council Annual Report*, which will be published in June and sent to every household in order to improve awareness of past year's achievements.

## An Appreciation

*Connecting* wishes to place on record the Town Council's thanks to the Parochial Church Council for its support in allowing this *Newsletter* to be distributed within the pages of the monthly church magazine. And, of course, to the many helpers who walk the streets of the Town ensuring that a copy is received by each household; your efforts are greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

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