

WESTERFIELD

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 27th April 2022

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Chairmans Annual Report 2021-2022

Presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 27th April 2022

At the last “normal” Annual Parish Meeting in 2019 we were anticipating an election of a new Parish Council and the five elected members and two co-opted volunteers did not expect the difficulties of managing the duties of the Council through the period of shutdown during COVID that delayed progress on important issues and reduced public participation in community events. The next election for the Parish Council will be in 2023 and it is to be hoped that sufficient nominations are received to enable a fully elected representation to be restored.

The sudden and unexpected death of our Clerk, Rod Caird, in October made administration of Parish Council affairs difficult and we had to rely on guidance and support from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) and members of other local Councils. The amount of information that had to be read and responses needed made members realise how much our Clerk had done on our behalf. The vacancy was advertised with no response and, on SALC advice, an agency was approached to find an experienced Locum Clerk to ensure that the Council met legal requirements. The Parish Council engaged Clare Lucas as a temporary Locum Clerk to assist the Council while continuing to seek a permanent replacement. An offer to provide training has now led to the appointment of a replacement Clerk who has agreed to attend training and work with our temporary Locum Clerk to ensure a smooth and effective handover.

The Parish Council have been continuously pressing Suffolk County Council for improvements to Road Safety in the village but with no resulting action. Residents’ concerns over traffic and safety led the Parish to organise a survey to identify residents views on road safety and hence provide evidence of local desire for action. After much pressure the County Council have indicated that, although with no commitment to carry out works, investigation and design work can be carried out if funded by the Parish Council. The County Council have already stated that funding for any work so designed would need to be funded by the Parish and while some Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has been held in reserve for this purpose the amount of work that could be financed is limited.

The threat of future development around Ipswich continues and during the past year I am pleased to note the progress that has been made to establish a Neighbourhood Plan for Westerfield. The public meeting held in October resulted in sufficient volunteers offering to form a working group to gain evidence, consider the findings, and prepare policies that can be used to have influence on where and what developments are ultimately allowed to the northeast of Ipswich. The Group will be presenting more information on this immediately following these reports.

On behalf of our Westerfield Station Adopters an application for grant was successful from East Suffolk Community Partnership for “Green village initiatives to promote sustainability and a greater awareness of the environment”. This has provided materials and planting for us by our volunteers and has been supported by Greater Anglia. To provide greater awareness a competition has been organised for local schools and young peoples’ groups, and a “buzzing bee day” is planned for the village on 16th July for greater publicity and participation by residents of the village. If we are concerned about our environment every little helps.

It would be impossible to write this report without reference to the Ipswich Garden Suburb. Construction on the area north of the railway, Henley Gate, has already started with the first of two road junctions. All of the housing will be accessed from Henley Road but there will be cycle and pedestrian accesses from Lower Road and the B1077 in Westerfield into the Country Park that will be between the built-up area and Westerfield Village. Work is expected to start on the Country Park within the next month.

The other two sections of Ipswich Garden suburb will be south of the railway. These are currently known as Fonnereau Neighbourhood to the west of B1077 and Red House Neighbourhood to the east of B1077. Both of these sections are planned to have two accesses onto Westerfield Road and although details are not yet approved there is considerable concern over effect on traffic both in the village and at the Valley Road/Colchester Road junction.

Traffic speeds in the village continue to be a concern. Since 2009 Westerfield have, in association with Suffolk Constabulary, been one of a group of villages operating Speedwatch. Details of speeding vehicles are reported to the police but also the physical presence of operators reminds drivers to pay attention to their speed. We were sharing equipment between four villages but each village now has its own equipment to enable greater use and we are not limited to one week in every four. This means we can operate on more occasions but this would also require more volunteers.

Our Annual Village Litterpick has not been possible for two years and while there has been a resurgence of fly-tipping in small quantities, take-away cartons and cans still appear so it will be good to have a clean-up before vegetation masks the problem. We thank Yvonne for making arrangements for us as a village and I hope many of us volunteer to participate on April 30th at 10.00am. All equipment is being provided.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations are becoming widely known and many local events have been arranged both locally and throughout the Country. Westerfield were granted an Oak Tree to be planted in celebration and this is now located in the Paddock together a celebratory plaque. The main village event during the bank Holiday weekend will be a "Picnic in the Paddock" from 4.00 to 8.00pm. This is an event where everyone is welcome to get together. Bring along your picnic and enjoy the entertainment by a Music Group and two entertainers. We have celebrated this way before and we can do it again!

Now we have more freedom to meet together it is with real hope that we anticipate doing more in the village like what was our "norm". The Coffee Morning at the Village Hall on Wednesday is already regularly available for a coffee and chat with other residents. This is a step in the right direction and hopefully other activities will again become popular for the community.

Arrangements for the Church Fete are being planned for a likely date of September 3rd. This will again be an opportunity enjoy a fun-time as a village.

Finally, as this will be my last report as Chairman of the Parish Council, I thank all those past and present councillors who have helped me over the last 15 years and for all the support and work of those in the village who have organised events and contributed in making Westerfield the place we enjoy.

Peter Miller (Chairman)

Financial Report 2021-22

Income and expenditure

Apart from £21,204.05 Community Infrastructure Levy deposited for a limited period the precept of £9,549.77, a grant of £2,180 for Neighbourhood Plan consultancy fees and less than £8 in bank interest made up the Parish Council's income for the year. Approximately £344.66 is due to be received as a refund of VAT spent during the year.

As at March 31 2022 the Business Bank Account (Deposit) at Lloyds Bank stands at £90,152.69 and the Treasurers Account (current) at £1234.58 making a total of £91,387.27.

Payments made by cheque and not yet presented amount to £441 leaving an actual balance carried forward of £90,946.27 (of which £38,005.61 is CIL money deposited with the Parish Council).

The following is a summary of expenditure under various headings during the year:

Wages £4000.52; General Admin £495.31; Insurance £633.78; SALC £267.74; Audit and Accounts £189.60; Other £6591.13 (including grounds, lifebuoy, training, speed watch accessories, website, defibrillator, consultancy fees for Neighbourhood Plan, and street lighting).

Future Plans

CIL payments, received from East Suffolk as a result of the levy charged on housing developers, are held as specified reserve for village infrastructure projects: **£16,801.56 (carried over from previous years) plus £21,204.05 received in this last 2021-22 financial year. (Total £38,005.61)**

Earmarked reserve: **£38,000**

General reserve: **£14,940.66 NB it is acceptable for a general reserve to amount to around 150% of precept income.**

During the year the Parish Council has been developing a Draft Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan which outlines a wide range of village projects it would be possible to support, from road safety improvements, provision of seats and equipment on the proposed village green, more footpaths and improvements to our existing village facilities.

It is expected that during 2022-23 with the help of public consultation a detailed list of spending priorities will be developed. It will be possible to use both the CIL funds and the earmarked reserve for these projects.

All figures and accounts are subject to internal audit by SALC and also the approval of the Parish Council.

Clare Lucas – Locum Clerk

Westerfield Parish Council Planning Report for 2021-2022

In 2021-2022 Westerfield Parish Council were consulted on 26 planning applications. Of the applications relating to properties in the village, six were extensions/conversions of existing buildings, four were for reserved matters or varied conditions on previously approved applications, four were applications for new properties and three others were for change of use of agricultural land or minor works on plots with listed buildings. The Parish Council considered that many of these did not warrant objection. However, where there were significant issues that could be detrimental to traffic safety, drainage, rights of way and landscape the Parish Council made comments or objections to the District Council.

Consultations on nine planning applications for the Ipswich Garden Suburb have also been received and while those made for Henley Gate and the Country Park include some small areas of land within the Parish it is important that all three sections of Ipswich Garden Suburb have effective surface water drainage to prevent possible flooding in the village and that accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists to rights of way are maintained. Where the information provided is inadequate the Parish Council have objected to these proposals.

All applications for further housing need to be carefully considered in the light of ongoing permissions in the village and the cumulative effect on the character of Westerfield.

Information on all East Suffolk planning applications is found on the website:- www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Applications received in 2021/2022

Registered Date	No	Location	Proposal	Parish Council Observations	Decision
28/03/2021	: DC/21/1399/VOC	Willow Tree Farm Sandy Lane Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AP	Variation of Condition 2 of DC/19/0983/FUL - Extension and alterations to Willow Tree Farmhouse including forming annexe accommodation	No objection	Permitted
28/04/2021	: DC/21/2092/DRC	Plot 8 Development Site Fullers Field Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AX	Discharge of Condition(s) 6 on planning permission DC/21/0140/FUL- Construction of detached dwelling with detached cart lodge building on a site with planning permission for a similar development.	No objection	Permitted

05/12/2021	DC/21/2230/CON	Land To South Of Railway Line Westerfield Road Ipswich Suffolk	Discharge of Condition 18 (Temporary Rail Crossing Diversion Strategy) of outline planning permission 14/00638/OUTFL	Commented on proposed diversion	Unknown
28/06/2021	DC/21/2858/FUL	Briar Rose Lower Road Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AR	Erection of two storey side/single storey rear extension, re-facing of part of existing front and rear elevations and raising of existing rear flat roof element to match extension	No objection	Withdrawn
21/06/2021	DC/21/2987/DRC	Land East Of 5 And 6 St Marys Way Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9BQ	Discharge of Conditions 4, 5, 6, and Part of 7 of DC/21/0311/FUL- Erection of 1no. new dwelling, with detached double garage, and extension of vehicular access driveway.	No Objection	Permitted
23/06/2021	DC/21/3035/FUL	Land At Church Lane Westerfield Suffolk	Change of use of land from agricultural to an enclosed dog exercise field (Suis Generis)	No objection subject to conditions	Permitted
02/07/2021	DC/21/3187/CON	Land To South Of Railway Line Westerfield Road Ipswich Suffolk	Other Consultation - IP/21/00486/CON-Discharge of Condition 18 (Temporary Rail Crossing Diversion Strategy) of outline planning permission 14/00638/OUTFL	Participated in consultation	Unknown
13/07/2021	DC/21/3336/OUT	Land North East Of The Mount Church Lane Westerfield Suffolk	Outline Application (With All Matters Reserved) - The erection of 1no. detached dwelling with detached double garage	Objected as access not satisfactory and outside village envelope	Refused
17/08/2021	DC/21/3900/FUL	Fairways Residential Home 4 Fullers Field Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AX	Single Storey extension for additional habitable space	No objection	Permitted
26/08/2021	DC/21/4029/CON	Land To South Of Railway Line Westerfield Road Ipswich Suffolk	Consultation on IP/21/00926/CON - Discharge of Condition 13 (Site Wide Foul and Surface Water Drainage Strategy) of planning permission IP/14/00638/OUTFL.	Participated in consultation on submission	Awaiting decision
01/09/2021	DC/21/4116/CON	Land To South Of Railway Line Westerfield Road Ipswich Suffolk	Consultation on IP/21/00939/CON - Discharge of Condition 11 (Overarching Design Code) of planning permission IP/14/00638/OUTFL.	Participated in consultation on submission	Awaiting decision
03/09/2021	DC/21/4131/FUL	Side Garden Of High Acre Mill Farm Track Westerfield Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AA	Construction of 2no. new detached dwellings with double garages and new shared vehicular access	No objection	Permitted
13/10/2021	DC/21/4713/CON	Land To South Of Railway Line Westerfield Road Ipswich Suffolk	Consultation on IP/21/01073/CON - Discharge of Condition 28 of outline planning permission IP/14/00638/OUTFL in relation to the Community Development Strategy.	Participated in consultation on submission	Awaiting decision
15/10/2021	DC/21/4734/ARM	Henley Gate Henley Road Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AA	Approval of reserved matters - Phases 2-6 of the Country Park (comprising hard and soft landscaping, drainage, earthworks, boundary treatments and associated works DC/16/2592/OUT:	Noted contents and recommended amendments to access	Awaiting decision
21/10/2021	DC/21/4816/DRC	The Mount Church Lane Westerfield IP6 9BE	Discharge of Condition 5 of DC/21/0264/VOC - Variation of Condition 2 on application APP/J3530/W/17/3167309 Appeal allowed and permission granted for the erection of 5 dwellings at The Mount, Church Lane, Westerfield, Ipswich IP6 9BE as application, Ref DC/16/2765/FUL, dated 5 July 2016 subject to conditions.	Participated in consultation on submission	Unknown

25/10/2021	DC/21/4860/CON	Land North Of Railway And East Of Henley Road Ipswich Suffolk	Consultation on IP/21/01109/REM - Submission of reserved matters (appearance, layout, landscaping and scale) for Phase(s) 2 - 6 of the Country Park, comprising hard and soft landscaping, earthworks, drainage, boundary treatments, car parking accessed from Westerfield Road and associated works in relation to outline planning permission IP/16/00608/OUT	No objection	Permitted
08/11/2021	DC/21/5057/FUL	Briar Rose Lower Road Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AR	Erection of single storey side/rear extension and rendering of existing external walls above new red brick plinth. Reposition first-floor window on side elevation, erection of new front porch and alteration of existing rear flat roof element.	Concern expressed on some items but mainly no objection	Permitted
02/12/2021	DC/21/5229/FUL	Railway Inn Westerfield Road Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AA	Retrospective Application - Retention of timber cladding to gable end. Balcony to rear of building. Pagoda and store 1 to rear of building. Stores 2 & 3 to rear of building	No overall objection but made comments on items of concern	Permitted
01/12/2021	: DC/21/5336/FUL	Land East Of 5 St Marys Way Westerfield	Construction of one detached bungalow with attached double garage	No objection subject to access agreement	Permitted
13/01/2022	DC/21/5737/FUL	Meadow View Lower Road Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AR	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two dwellings	No objection but suggested change in access detail	Permitted
22/02/2022	DC/21/5773/FUL	Land to the South Of Church Lane Westerfield	Change of use of site from agricultural to ecological enhancement	No objection but commented on possible changes	Awaiting decision
31/01/2022	DC/22/0001/FUL	Swans Nest Westerfield Road Westerfield IP6 9AJ	Installation of a proposed gazebo, pergola, 2 Nr sheds and associated external works.	No objection	Permitted
25/02/2022	DC/22/0774/CON	Land To South Of Railway Line Westerfield Road Ipswich Suffolk.	Consultation on IP/22/00166/CON - Part Discharge of Condition 12 (Phase 1-3 Design Code) of outline planning permission IP/14/00638/OUTFL	No Objection	Permitted
01/03/2022	DC/22/0822/FUL	Land to the South of Lower Road, Westerfield	Residential development of 23 dwellings with village green type facility and associated infrastructure	Objected as more information required	Awaiting decision
16/03/2022	DC/22/0932/FUL	White Lodge Westerfield Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AJ	Demolition of existing Garage and erection of two bay garage and store with home office over.	No objection	Awaiting Decision
30/03/2022	DC/22/1304/CON	Land To South Of Railway Line Westerfield Road Ipswich Suffolk	Consultation on IP/22/00036/REM - Submission of Reserved Matters (access, landscaping and layout) for the Core Infrastructure for Phases 1, 2, 3, A, B, Ba, C and Ca comprising two site accesses off Westerfield Road, main spine road, drainage features including basins, swales, foul drainage routes, pumping stations and associated works pursuant to outline planning application	Comments not yet submitted	Awaiting decision

Reports from Westerfield Church and Village Charities

St Mary Magdalene, Westerfield - Church Report 2021 -2022

Report from Rev Charlotte Cook

Dear All,

The church is a place for everyone whether you come to the church building regularly or not, we are here for the whole community for quiet, questions about life and faith, baptisms, weddings and funerals and so much more. We have enjoyed partnering with other groups this year, and we want to say a big thank you to everyone in the community for all your prayers, gifts and hard work over the last year in so many different ways.

St Mary Magdalene, Westerfield is part of the benefice that includes Tuddenham and Witnessham and during the last year each church has been a place for significant life events, worship, celebrations, exploring and growing faith, welcome, prayer, hospitality, village and church events and so much more.

Again, for the last year the church in each village has worshipped in homes, online, in cars and in the open air alongside our church buildings. Through everything we have seen the hand of God at work guiding and inspiring us as we show and share the love of Jesus to our communities.

We are seeing so many signs of growth in the church; new people joining, partnerships with other groups, people exploring faith, using the church buildings creatively and all of us continuing to worship, pray and explore as we go deeper in our faith.

We are one team and I am so thankful for all of you. Being a part time priest here in the benefice means all of us working together and working differently. It means all of us being the body of Christ together to show and share the love of Jesus.

I look forward to the year ahead as we continue to work together, to be inspired by God the Holy Spirit to show us the right things to plan, say and do to show and share the love of Jesus with our communities.

You all remain in my prayers as ever.

Thank you all so much.

Charlotte (Contact email: vicar@wtandw.org.uk)

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Westerfield Village Hall Charity No 1086331

Westerfield Village Hall

After two years of stopping and starting due to covid the hall is almost back to normal and very busy.

Coffee mornings are back from 10.00 - 12.00 thanks to the ladies who have organised them.

In the coming weeks work will start in the toilets with a major refit to both ladies and gents.

We will work on only one toilet at a time and would ask users to share the one toilet that is not being worked on. There will be some noise and disruption but the end result will be a vast improvement on what we have at the moment.

C Farrow Chairman

Bridget Collett Education Foundation Charity No 310435

The Foundation is governed by regulations set out in a Scheme dated 5 February 1981, being a revision of the original arrangements under the will of Miss Bridget Collett dated 23 September 1662.

Objectives and Process of Applications for Grants

The Foundation seeks to provide a degree of financial assistance to children and young people up to the age of 25 in some degree of need, in order to obtain optimum benefit from their educational opportunities.

Achievements in 2021

The number of grants to individuals approved in 2021 was 22. Eight of these were for children attending local primary and secondary schools. Ten were for students attending universities or colleges of further education. The Foundation will continue to provide a grant for the Westerfield Scout Group to help with the ongoing costs of running this organisation once covid restrictions are lifted. Witnesham Brownies and Rainbows, both of which are seen to provide general educational benefits to its young members, will receive support when required. The Trustees continue to offer funding for children attending Henley, Witnesham and Otley Primary schools and Deben High school, whose family means are limited, for school trips. It is intended to continue to offer support if appropriate, utilising surplus income if available, to Primary schools and individuals in need within the immediate area beyond the Trust boundary, however the impact of the covid pandemic continues to affect our income and restrict the funding we are able to offer.

Charlotte Morrison (on behalf of the Trustees)

Reports from Village Groups and Organisations

Westerfield Bowls Club

At long last better weather is with us and the final arrangements can be made to our green and grounds. We are most fortunate to have maintained a strong club membership and for our finances to remain in good order. Thanks to our groundsman, the green is in immaculate condition.

We pride ourselves on being a friendly and welcoming club and new members are always welcome. The club is known as Westerfield Bowls Club as we do see the club being an integral part of the village and therefore local residents are most welcome to join us.

The season starts on Sunday 24th April with a friendly roll-up at 2 pm for beginners. There will be further friendly roll-ups each Saturday at 2pm throughout the season. Why not come along and try out the game. There will someone from the club to welcome you and show you how the game is played.

We recognise that as users of the Village Hall Car Park we will again work with the Village Hall Committee to ensure that amicable arrangements continue to be maintained.

Tony Baker (Secretary)

Wednesday Coffee Morning

The Wednesday Coffee Morning came to a halt due to the COVID 19 lockdown so the opportunity to share with each other in the village was lost. Thanks to the Coffee Station offering coffee and cakes from their mobile business many took the opportunity to call in for a take-away. Once limited outside getting together became possible the paddock offered a place for small groups to enjoy the coffee and cakes in pleasant surroundings. Since the autumn the Coffee Morning has been meeting in the village hall with the Coffee Station serving coffee and cakes just outside the door. Attendance has increased week by week and such is the happy atmosphere that our open hours have also increased. Thanks to John for his

regular attendance with the Coffee Station and all those who help to set up and clear tables and chairs each week. It is good to have face-to-face conversations together once again.

Westerfield Events Group

The inability to meet together prevented most activities in the past year but we were able to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in December albeit, due to COVID spacing, with limited numbers. It was good to know that those who did attend welcomed the effort put in to allow residents to meet together in this way.

Since the events group was formed following the Village Plan in 2006 there have many opportunities to meet together in the paddock for music events, very often on national celebration occasions. The Queens Platinum Jubilee has given us the opportunity to do it again and so the "Picnic in the Paddock" is planned for July 4th. This will be a free event with music and entertainment but the picnic is up to those who attend to bring their own food and celebratory drinks. Gazebos will be welcome. Other villages in the vicinity are doing their thing and in Town many street parties are being arranged so let us all get together as a village to show our community spirit.

Future years will provide more opportunities for village events and we would welcome other members of the community to make suggestions and offer organisational assistance in future events

Olive Miller (Committee member)

Westerfield and District Gardening Club

From January to June last year, members were offered Zoom meetings, which were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. As restrictions eased we had the opportunity of going 'live' and our first get-together was our annual members' BBQ, which was very well attended.

Indoor meetings, with continued restrictions, commenced in September. November had to be cancelled but at Christmas Charlie Haylock entertained us, talking about his work on the Netflix film "The Dig".

This year we have a full programme; the first three meetings have been exceptionally well attended and, with agreement from our members, refreshments are not yet being provided, mask-wearing and seat spacing continue. A trip is planned in July to Beeleigh Abbey Gardens in Maldon and Markshall Estate in Coggeshall.

We are pleased that our members continue to support us and know they are happy to once again meet in person.

Michele Doick

Westerfield Horse Show

We will be running a horse show this year on the meadow behind Westerfield Hall, the same venue for over fifty years. Once again it will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, with the money raised staying in the area to help local people. We have broken with tradition though and changed the date for this years show to Saturday July 2nd. This is because a dear friend is getting married on show-day!

Last year we ran a very impromptu show, put together in a couple of weeks when we realised that Covid restrictions would allow. This was very well attended with old and young alike being very happy to be out and seeing friends and families. It was very special to have three generations of the same family competing at the show! We raised £1737 for Macmillan Cancer Support, and this was without the cake stall and tombola! Which brings me on to the topic of a possible doorstep collection by Macmillan volunteers later in the year to collect prizes for the tombola, please, and home made cakes can be brought to sell on the day of the show or left at Westerfield Hall beforehand. Grateful thanks to all in the village who give their support. We look forward to welcoming you in July.

Show)

1st Westerfield Scout Group 2021-2022

SCOUTS

There are 11 scouts in the troop with three leaders.

Following a long break because of COVID, we restarted face to face meetings again after Easter, but holding meetings outdoors, we also reduced the length of meetings to 1 ½ hours.

In September, we held a camp at Boxford Spinney where 11 scouts enjoyed a weekend of fun and activities, this was the first camp since 2019. On camp, Scouts always do their own cooking with just a bit of advice from leaders (and the washing up!). Saturday afternoon, they took part in two instructor led activities, Air rifle target shooting and abseiling.



We have continued to run meetings indoors over the winter, with all the Covid precautions in place.

Coming up:- we are camping again in May 2022, and with a big Suffolk Scout camp at Hallowtree campsite in August.

Peter Runnacles - Scout Leader.

1st Westerfield Scout Group Cub report 2021-2022

We have 9 boys and girls and just 2 adult leaders, so we've had to introduce a weekly parent rota to assist us.

It was disappointing when an attempt at re-starting Beavers in the Autumn Term failed, as no-one turned up to a parent's meeting and therefore no extra adults to take this on, which does affect the numbers in the group & the programme we can offer. We have now absorbed the original Beavers from the Group, as they have become old enough for Cubs (8-10.5yrs) and a few new children/siblings have joined us directly.

A couple of previous Cubs, now teenagers, have returned to do their D of E Award 'service' element to become our 'Young Leaders', but they are still school age and cannot be counted as our adult team.

Restrictions, illness, number limits & mask wearing have come and gone, affecting us all generally. We continue to have leader meetings on-line but have returned to physical meetings with the Cubs in the hall, since September term.

There has been a gradual change in our District Leadership team and bigger events such as an activity day for Cubs (with no camping just yet) are hoped to be held this summer, which will help the children (and leaders) to meet the wider circle of other Cub Packs and to gain their necessary adventure awards etc. Other

badge work still continues under our guidance in the meeting place, or for some, from home, such as swimming, music etc.

We are continuing to support the 'Adopt a Station' volunteer scheme and recently the Cubs made bio-degradable bird feeders for their own gardens and filled hanging coconut shells with seed/lard mix for the birds in the platform station garden at Westerfield. We hope when the evenings get lighter and the weather is suitable, to get out and about more.

Revd Charlotte came to visit us in November, when the Cubs had made some decorations about Remembrance Day. The Cubs joined in the 'Angel Trail' over Ipswich in December and cut feathers and a pair of Angel wings to decorate our 'usual' window in the Church over Christmas.

We have been finding out about customs and had a special visitor resplendent in his kilt to manage a mini highland games evening! More recently, we had pancake races looking at the origins at the start of Lent.

We are hoping to get the Cubs involved in their community, to help with the Church Spring-clean and for the flower festival celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Thank you to those folks who 'reach out' to make us aware of these opportunities the Cubs can count towards their badges.

Hopefully, when I write this again next year, we will have had more numbers and adventures!

'Akela', Joan Gibson

Westerfield Tennis Club

Once COVID restrictions were relaxed in mid-summer 2021 we were able to meet together. We normally play on the second Monday of each month and we started this year on Monday 12th April. Previous members have been contacted by email but if there are others who live in Westerfield and would like to have a good and sociable evening playing tennis then call Karen Davidson on 01473 218943 for further details.

Karen Davidson

Westerfield Women's Institute

Currently this branch is suspended due to a lack of officers.

Websites and Contacts

Westerfield Parish Council Web-site

This can be found at www.westerfield.onesuffolk.net and contains agendas and minutes of parish council meetings and reports as well as other information.

How to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council

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