



LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL NEWSLETTER ANNUAL REPORT 2011



[Fairtrade Easter Egg Hunt results and picture on page 20](#)



**Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Councillors
at their first meeting after the May elections**

Your elected representatives for 2011 - 2015 are;
**Back Row: Richard Geater, John Last, Terry Hodgson, Ron Bailey,
Andrew Nunn, Bill Howard, David Bailey, Trevor Hawkins, Nigel Parker.
Front row: Colin Ginger, Janet Sparrow, Tony Cooper (Chairman),
Ann Nunn, Bing Boast, Susan Geater.**

Your Councillors are all looking forward to working for you over the next four years and hope that you will let them know your opinions and desires so that they can make decisions that truly reflect your wishes. A very good way to make your views known would be to attend any Council meeting where there is always time put aside to allow residents to meet and address the Council.

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL
TOWN COUNCIL



Chairman's Report 2010 /2011

It has been an honour and a privilege for me to have served as Chairman of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council for the past 12 months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors, the Town Clerk, his assistant and the Film Theatre staff for their continued support and work throughout the year. My thanks also go to the members of the public, police and press who regularly attend our Council meetings.

My report for the year summarises many of the events and achievements that have occurred throughout my year as Chairman.

In June 2010 We received a brief overview of the proposed changes that the new government were bringing in.

In July 2010 County Councillor, Richard Smith, reported news regarding the Governmental cut backs. It looked very likely that the Buildings for Schools programme would not get the funding to continue, but the County did not currently have any intentions of halting the move to two tier education in the Leiston pyramid (with the subsequent loss of school buildings in Saxmundham).

Mr Briggs was pleased to report that the application for lottery funding, to progress the alterations at Haylings Meadow, had passed the stage one hurdle successfully.

In September 2010 August being a traditionally quiet month in Local Government, the Traffic Order Review for Leiston, which had been stopped along with all the others across the County, was resurrected. Our County Councillor had worked with the Chief Executive to demonstrate that the Leiston review was so far advanced that it would be more beneficial to complete it than not.

He did however have to commit a large portion of his Quality of Life budget to the project for this to be approved.

Cllr Hawkins explained that Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council were progressing their joint working by sharing Heads of Departments as well as a Chief Executive and a Head of Planning. This was to reduce costs.

Town Appraisal It was agreed that, as the social and economic landscape had shifted quite perceptibly over the last nine years (since the last appraisal was done), the last appraisal was really now just a historical document and that now was a good time to take stock of what that had achieved and to perhaps do another. It was also discussed and agreed that any future appraisal should involve the community and not be Council led

Christmas Lights These were now in a very poor condition and we were advised that the newly formed Business Association (who own the lights), realised that many of the lights would not be suitable for use this year and had therefore decided to take the opportunity to explore a change in direction. The lights are old and it was agreed that a review would take place on the way forward for next year, partly funded by using the money that had already been set aside for the lights.

Fairtrade Cllr Ann Nunn reported the good news that the town has retained Fairtrade Status for the next two years. It was decided that the Film Theatre Foyer would be a more central venue to hold our first Fairtrade event of the year. This proved to be very successful.

In November 2010 Mr Paul White kindly addressed the Council to outline the scope and aspirations of the Long Shop Museum as their current restoration project gathered pace. No major work had been carried out on the fabric of the Long Shop for twenty five years and the building itself was now in real need of refurbishment.

The building is listed and is of national importance, representing both the history of Richard Garrett's engineering works and of the town.

Mr White explained how it was intended to fully restore the building whilst also creating level access and installing a lift to ensure everyone could access the splendid displays and vista that the building offered. The cost will be over a million pounds with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) being asked for £750,000 to be put toward it. The rest is being raised through various bodies and initiatives and Mr White asked that the Council be supportive of the project to help this fund raising effort.

The Chairman thanked Mr White for his update and assured him that the Town Council were, as always, fully supportive of the museum and its efforts and would do what they could to help support the project as it went through the various stages of the HLF application process.

Our County Councillor reported at the **November meeting** that the recent Comprehensive Spending Review had demanded a 28% reduction in County Council spending over the next 4 years.

Cllr Hawkins reported that the District Council had set up a Sizewell Task Group which was to be a working group, meeting in public, to look at issues involved with a possible new build at Sizewell.

Mrs Lesley Hill, chairman of the Film Support Group, updated members on their Digital 3D project. Mrs Hill explained that the club had donated £10,000 to the Council, as promised, to cover their element of the down payment for the projector and that they had raised enough money already, to cover the first three repayments of the loan the Council needed to take out to complete the purchase.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Hill on behalf of the Council and asked her to kindly take members sincere thanks back to the Committee and the club for their hard work and dedication in making this project possible.

Highbury Cottage Footpath The Clerk updated members on the proposal to install a footpath inside the hedge line alongside the field between Waterloo Avenue and Highbury Cottages. There had been more discussions with the landowner and hopefully this will go ahead when a few more issues, including lights have been sorted out.

Auditors Report 2009/2010 Members noted that BDO Stoy Hayward, the external auditors, had now completed their audit and had signed off last year's Annual Return with no qualifications.

Leiston Old Folks Outing Members were pleased to receive a report on the successful 2010 LOFO outing. The Chairman asked Cllr Bailey to pass on thanks to the LOFO team for their dedication and hard work in organising 'the old folks outing'. This annual event has been held for approximately 73 years and all agreed it was an exceptional record.

In December 2010 Our County Councillor reported on some of the breaking stories regarding the County Councils ongoing implementation of its New Strategic Direction.

Traffic Order Review (updating the Town's parking restrictions) Members noted the revised diagrams which had been adjusted to take into account, as far as possible, all the comments submitted during the recent public exhibition and consultation. The main proposals commented upon were those in Carr Avenue, Central Road, Buller Road and Kitchener Road. As many of the proposed restrictions as possible were therefore removed from those roads without compromising those proposed for important safety reasons.

New Strategic Direction Members briefly discussed the pace of change happening at the current time and how difficult it was to react in a considered manner to the myriad consultations being conducted on the withdrawal of services. The Clerk also pointed out the imminent announcement in Parliament of the "Localism Bill" which promised to further upset the equilibrium by introducing sweeping changes to planning, conduct and many of the other ways local authorities do business.

Part funded PCSO Members discussed whether they should renew the contract for the Town's part funded PCSO which falls due in June 2011. It was agreed that the PCSO had worked very hard for Leiston and that money should be put into the precept for 2011-2013 to allow their contract to continue for a further two years.

Youth Club. Members had heard earlier from our County Councillor that the Youth Club was marked for closure. Councillor Huxley has worked with the youth club for many years and it was agreed that we look into the possibility, if the building could be run locally, of reducing the costs and possibly keeping the club open.

All this needed much more detailed analysis and it was hoped to get more information by January.

At the January 2011 meeting a minutes silence was observed in memory of Cllr Bryan Barnes who, sadly, passed away on 9th January. Bryan first served as a Councillor for four years from

1987 before returning to represent his Town again in 2003 until the present day.

The Chairman reported that he had taken several phone calls over the Christmas holidays from residents concerned that there had been no Christmas Lights this year and how that had made the Town look dull. He had explained to them the reasons for this and had assured them that the situation was in hand and would therefore be looked into before Christmas 2011.

At the February meeting the Assistant Chief Constable, Paul Marshall, and Mr David Rowe from the Suffolk Police Authority briefed the meeting on the new proposals being implemented by the Government to bring in Police Commissioners and the new Police and Crime Panels. Police Commissioners would be elected to oversee the running of the Suffolk Police Force, to set targets, set the budget and to hold the Chief Constable to account. He would appoint a Chief Executive etc. to run his office and his term of office would be for four years.

The meeting then turned to the very upsetting decision of the County Council to close Leiston Library unless 30% of current costs could be saved. It was pointed out that full funding for the library would continue until the end of March 2012. Our County Councillor reported that seven Household Waste Sites were earmarked for closure but he could not confirm whether Leiston was on that list. The County would not allow the affected sites to be released until they were announced at the cabinet meeting of 17 February.

Town Appraisal. The public meeting on 19th January had attracted 25 residents who registered an interest in helping to take a new Town Appraisal forward.

It is very encouraging that our residents are interested in taking on this project.

In March Our County Councillor reported that the County had set their budget for 2011 and confirmed the £42m savings that the New Strategic Direction hoped to deliver. He thanked the Council for their efforts in helping him to keep the Household Waste and Recycling Centre on Lovers Lane open for the time being as it had not been included in the seven that had to be closed.

Town Appraisal In February the speaker was Mr Woolnough, from the Halesworth Town Plan Group. He explained how his group had gone about consulting the townsfolk of Halesworth, and from that, had produced a plan.

Mrs Burrell-Saward volunteered to lead the steering group for Leiston's new appraisal.

Open Access Youth Provision (Youth Club) Mr Keith Jennings from Suffolk County Council explained the policy with regard to the Open Access Youth Provision in the town. Basically, the County Council, who runs the youth club on the High School site would be pulling out at the end of May. So, unless a group comes forward with plans to run the club themselves, this will be the end of open access youth provision in Leiston after over thirty years.

Leiston Library – consultation Lynda Farnworth from the Library Authority was asked to explain, as best as she could, what could be done to stop the County Council from closing Leiston Library? The stock answer to most questions was for the ideas, thoughts and questions to be put into their consolation document before 30th April, their closing date.

In April 2011 Our County Councillor briefed members that the leader of the County Council, Jeremy Pembroke, was stepping down and that there were three or four possible candidates lining up to take over this role.

Retiring Councillors With both Cllr Huxley and Cllr Geater not standing for the May elections the Chairman felt that their combined contribution over many years should be recognised at their last meeting.

“Frank Huxley was first elected to the Urban District Council in May 1964. His talent was recognised early and he was elected Chairman of the UDC in 1968 and later, once the UDC had become the Town Council, Frank took the Chair three more times in 1998, 2003 and 2004. Since 1964 he has served almost continuously apart from a short break in the early seventies. First becoming a Councillor 47 years ago he has served 38 years on the Council and is one of our most respected colleagues.

John Geater was first elected to the UDC in 1969 and, apart from a short break of 4 months has served on the UDC and Town Council for almost 42 years. He was also returned as our elected member to the brand new Suffolk Coastal District Council in 1972 where he has served almost continuously apart from a four year break from 1995 to 1999.

He has been the chairman of the Town Council three times in 1977, 1983 and 1988 and was Chairman of our District Council in 1985.

I feel sure that each and every councillor, both past and present, would like to pay tribute to both Cllr. Geater and Cllr. Huxley for all the work and commitment they have put in to represent the residents of Leiston and Sizewell over the many years.

Town Appraisal The Town Appraisal Steering Group is now well established with their own presence on the internet at www.leiston.info where their progress can be followed.

Library Members were pleased that a group had formed to put in an expression of interest to save the Leiston Library. Members also felt that the group would benefit from a clear expression of support from the Town Council in their endeavours to put together a rescue plan. In that light members, after some discussion, felt that the best way they could help the group, was to allocate £10,000 to an earmarked reserve to help the project in its first year (2012/2013) so that the group, if need be, could use that in their initial business plan which had to be in place by June 2011.

Youth Club A report from a meeting of the Youth Club Support Group informed members that many people were working hard to try and ensure the Youth Club continued to exist after the end of May. CYDS had expressed an interest in helping with administration of the site by taking on the payroll, training and insurance responsibilities that the project required although it would continue to be run as a quite separate and individual club. It was agreed that £10,000 be set aside in an earmarked reserve for the next council to use as they saw fit to support the continuation of open access youth provision in Leiston for the

remainder of this year. The support group still had money and assets to use for this term and were very positive about the future as, once the restrictions of just providing for 13-17 year olds was lifted, they could see opportunities to expand the number of young people they could work with.

I submitted this report to the AGM in May where I was delighted to be re-elected for a further year.

Please go to www.leiston.com for the full council minutes

Tony Cooper

Chairman 2010 /2011

Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council.



Leiston Royal British Legion Band 125th Anniversary

The Leiston Royal British Legion Band is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year and, along with the Royal British Legion, who are celebrating their 90th anniversary, they would like to invite you to an open air brass band concert on

Saturday 9th July.

The band will parade through the town, accompanied by local organisations and up to 125 legion standards from around the County, starting from Victory Road at 1.00pm.

The brass band concert will start at 2.15pm on the Middle School Playing field and everyone is invited to come along, bring a picnic and enjoy the bands, stalls, games and refreshments.

Along with the Leiston band the Woodbridge Excelsior and Wrentham Bands will be doing a set along with the Leiston Middle School Brass Band and the Leiston RBL Training band. They will then all join together for a performance together.

Please come and enjoy.

Chairman's Activity Report 2010 /2011

During my period as Chairman I have received many invitations (70) and I have thoroughly enjoyed representing our town both locally and further afield.

I would like to sincerely thank all those who are working with the various organisations. They strive to make this such a lovely and friendly community in which to live.

To mark the end of my term of office, I have followed in the steps of the originator of the Chairman's cup, our previous chairman Cllr Ann Nunn, who introduced the Chairman's Cup as a way of saying thank you to community champions for their dedication and hard work they do for the community.

This year at the Chairman's Reception I had great pleasure in awarding this to a couple who I considered had strived for many years to make a difference in our community. It was a pleasure to award it to Ann & Terry Davis who, together, run, help run or give unstinting support to so many various organisations within our community, they do not know when to say NO, and are truly a credit to Leiston cum Sizewell. I must comment on Terry - give him a potato peeler and he will qualify for a place in the Guinness book of records for his speed.

We in Leiston do not realise how lucky we are by having on our door step, a swimming pool, leisure centre, library, community centre, youth club, film theatre, the Long Shop museum, really successful football clubs, sports & social clubs, public houses, restaurants, plus many other organisations which we MUST preserve and fight to keep. During my term in office I enjoyed making contact with and supporting as many of them as possible.

My Activities for my year as Chairman are listed briefly below;

May 2010

During May my Wife and I attended Aldeburgh Town Council Mayors Parade and Civic Service. After the Civic service I attended Leiston Day at the Long Shop Museum and later, attended the "FLUTTER" year 8 Art Exhibition from the pupils at Leiston Middle School, held in one of the vacant shops in the high street...I made a flying visit to a Reception given by The Chairman of Suffolk County Council, Cllr Joanna Spicer ,

and her consort Christopher Spicer. I was invited to the United Church to hear and discuss what was gained from the Peace camp set up at Sizewell and I attended a meeting with the 1379 Sqd. Leiston Air Cadets support committee. I went to the Primary School to review their plans for the next 3 stages of improvements and my wife and I represented Leiston at the Beating Retreat at Bury St Edmunds by the band of the Army Air Corps.

June 2010

There was a Family Fun Day on the Kings Field, Aldeburgh organised by Leiston and Aldeburgh Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, the annual Mayor Making Sunday Parade and Service at Eye, an afternoon Meeting at Leiston Primary School with the Headteacher and Our Local MP Therese Coffey followed by an evening reception with the High Sheriff. There was the Theberton Fete which I attended with the ATC and then there was the Leiston Middle School Fayre, which was well attended by the local community. Finally in June I attended the Leiston Business Association AGM. They are becoming a very active organisation and have a high local business involvement. They also presented their new web site which will have all businesses that are members listed with links to their companies etc.

July 2010 Report

I enjoyed the Leiston & Saxmundham pyramid Fun Event at Leiston High School and, in the evening, a concert in St Margaret's Church given by our own Royal British Legion Band. Please watch out for their concerts they are most certainly not to be missed. Went to a meeting at the Sizewell Power Stations to be updated on the emergency procedures put into place after the overheating of a carbon filter unit. Also attended a presentation by EDF on current position regards the proposed build of Sizewell "C".

I attended the Leiston Middle School Awards Evening where Mr Carson, the Headteacher, said his goodbyes, the Rt. Hon. John Gummer gave a speech on the environment and awards were presented. One item that was particularly pleasing was the number of young people in the School Brass Band who entertained us during the evening. At a Safer Neighbourhood meeting a large number of very unhappy residents highlighted a situation which was giving them grave concern – it was agreed that there would be a further

meeting with Senior Police Officers to see what could be done. As that situation unfolded I also attended a "Building Confidence together" conference at Martlesham Police head quarters where I got the opportunity to speak to the Chief Constable to pass on the concerns of our residents and to discuss the future of our PSCO's. I opened the Primary School Fete, attended The Honorary Freedom of the of Borough of St Edmundsbury which was conferred upon 3 Regiment Air Corps of Wattisham Airfield, and paid a flying visit to the SCDC Reception at Orwell Park School as I was on route to Melton Mowbry for work.

In August 2010

I chaired a Public Meeting (with the help of Trevor's wife Thelma) where over 300 members of the public attended to talk about the ongoing crime problems in the Town. The meeting was attended by the Assistant Chief Constable who took everyone's concerns on board and undertook to put a strategy in place to address the problem. I attended a directors meeting at CYDS and the Skate Jam on the Victory Road recreation ground (this was well attended with at least 200 young people there and some showing great skills on their Skate boards and Bikes).

In September I attended Waveney District Council's Annual Civic Service. This service was held at St Mark's Church Oulton Broad, I must say that their Choir was a joy to listen to.

October was the month for the Leiston Swimming Club Championships which I really enjoyed. I also attended The Installation and Induction of the Reverend Canon Dr. Frances Ward as Dean of St Edmundsbury and Vicar of St James and St Edmund Bury St Edmunds – there was a Civic Service at The Priory Church of St Mary, Bungay and, later in the month, a "Chairs and Mayors" inaugural dinner for all the Chairmen and Mayors from 2009/2010 to get together to swap ideas, experiences and celebrate our beautiful region of Suffolk.

In November 2010 I attended the Royal British legion Festival of Remembrance, again a very polished performance by the Royal British Legion Band. Other events included the launch of the Tree House Appeal at Lavenham Church, the Leiston Middle School table top sale, a Christmas Bazaar in aid of Addenbrooks Hospital, St Marga-

ret's Church Christmas Bazaar and the Knodishall Cancer appeal Christmas Bazaar.

It was an honour to march in the Remembrance Day parade and I thank those fellow councillors that attended.

[In December](#) there was the Mid Suffolk & Lowestoft Carol service at Oulton Broad, a Civic Carol Service at Barrow Church in Bury St Edmunds and the Rose and Sweet William Christmas Party!

[In January 2011](#) I attended the Royal British Legion Women's Section Christmas Dinner and a meeting of the newly formed "Leiston Works Railway Trust" who were in a position to look at purchasing the Old railway cut from the top works to the bottom (or visa a versa). Sadly, with other members of the Town Council, I attended the service of thanksgiving for the life of Bryan Barnes.

There were further meetings of the Leiston Works Railway Trust and I attended the AGM of the 1379 Leiston ATC Squadron.

[In February](#) I attended various meetings including one held by the new Town Appraisal group, one with the Business Association and other interested parties to explore the future of Christmas Lights and a Safer Neighbourhood meeting where the efforts of the Constabulary to sort out the problems from last year were met with warm approval from many of the residents who had suffered at that time. I was also welcomed by the staff at the opening of the new EDF "Visitors Centre in the High Street.

[In March](#), along with HRH the Prince of Wales, I viewed the vaulted ceiling and organ at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. I was pleased to attend the 1379 Leiston ATC Presentation Night and was also pleased to attend Evensong for Her Majesty's Courts of Justice.

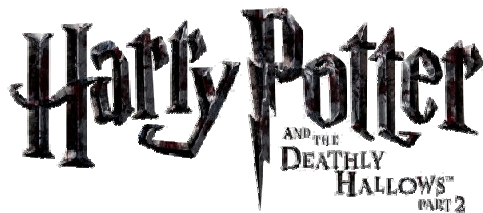
Finally, [in April](#), I attended a meeting at the Youth Club and a reception given by the Chairman of Waveney District Council at the Halesworth Golf Club.

It was a fantastic year and truly an honour to represent you all during my official year as Chairman of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council.

Tony Cooper



Staff at Leiston Film Theatre are bracing themselves for major queues this summer, when the concluding part in the Harry Potter films is screened at the venue from the UK release date of Friday 15th July.



The final part to the worldwide cinematic phenomenon, which will be shown in both digital 3D and 2D at Leiston Film Theatre, sees Harry, Ron, and Hermione go back to Hogwarts to find and destroy Voldemort's final horcruxes, but when Voldemort finds out about their mission, the biggest battle begins and life as they know it will never be the same again. The films producers have recently revealed that this film contains a lot of action, including a spectacular 30 minute battle of Hogwarts.

Leiston Film Theatre has proudly screened all 8 films in the Harry Potter series from their UK release dates and manager Wayne Burns is predicting that this final instalment will be the biggest of them all. *"It's quite an achievement for a small Council owned independent cinema to have shown all these films from their release dates and much of that is due to the continued support from our loyal customers. We have no doubt that this is going to be the 'must-see' film of the summer and would urge customers to book well in advance to avoid those queues."* he said.

To celebrate this final chapter, Leiston Film Theatre is screening a special midnight show of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (12A) at 00.05am on Friday 15th July and a parent and baby morning show is planned for Thursday 21st July at 10.30am. Tickets for these and all other Harry Potter screenings are now available from the box office on 01728 830549 or online, via the venue's website at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 (12A) is showing at Leiston Film Theatre from Friday 15th July until Thursday 28th July.

For screening dates, times and advance booking, contact the box office on 01728 830549 or visit the Leiston Film Theatre website at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk



A fight to the very end. Harry, Hermione and Ron battle against the evil Voldemort, as he sets out to destroy Hogwarts.



A Plea from Leiston First Responders

How easy is it to find your house in an emergency?

Is your house number or name clearly displayed? Can it be seen and read clearly from the road?

In an average year Leiston First Responders will attend over 500 emergency calls at the request of the East of England Ambulance Service. These are not routine calls but calls that have been made by members of the public who need assistance in an emergency.



We are asked by the Ambulance Service to attend the scene and manage the situation until an ambulance arrives. Some emergency calls may be life threatening and therefore the sooner we arrive at your house the more effective we can be in preventing your condition deteriorating further.

This is where it becomes crucial to us that we can find your house as quickly as possible. Minutes lost can mean life or death to a patient having a heart attack or who has collapsed and needs defibrillation in order to start their heart again. In a situation such as this we have a very small window of time in which to act so minutes lost are critical to the outcome.

We endeavour to cover 24 hours a day, 7 days of the week, and 52 weeks of the year but inevitably there may be times

when life commitments do not allow this – we try very hard to make this the exception not the rule.

Please help us to get to you as quickly as possible by:

Making sure your house name or number is clearly displayed

Looking out for us and if at all possible and it is safe to do so – asking someone to meet us at the gate or entrance to a driveway especially at night

Leave a light on, anything that attracts our attention will be appreciated by us and can help you and your loved ones

Currently we cover Leiston, Eastbridge, Theberton, Sizewell, Knodishall, Thorpeness and Aldeburgh and in an area that is not familiar to us your help is even more important.

Leiston First Responders are all local people who give up their time voluntarily to train and respond to the people of Leiston and surrounding areas in an emergency for no reward other than helping you. We are available almost 100% of the time but to achieve the best response for you in an emergency, we need your help.

YOU can HELP US to HELP YOU

Accounts and Council Tax (Precept)

The overall headline figures for Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council for the last financial year (2010/2011) were;

A total income of £415,384 (2009/2010 figure was £339,700)

A total expenditure of £359,856 (2009/2010 figure was £330,000)

The Film Theatre contributed receipts of £153,424, up £20,000 from the year before, and reduced its running costs by £14,000, down to £154,286.

The rest of the income comes from a Precept of £192,175 (the portion of the Council Tax you pay specifically to the Town Council), allotment rents, Community Centre hire, grants, donations and, this year, a loan of £40,000 taken out to purchase a new 3D projector for the cinema. (The repayments for this loan will be kindly made by the Film Theatre Support Club and will not, therefore, come from the Precept.)

The main outgoing expenditure was the purchase of the projector at £74,000. This was funded by the above mentioned loan plus £25,000 from earmarked reserves and a donation of £10,000 from the Support Club. Dinsdale Road WC's cost £10,000 to run, the Community Centre cost £8,200 to run and members awarded a total of £4,925 in grants to various local organisations and charities. The rest was for general administration/wages etc.

Any resident who wishes to is quite entitled and most welcome to make an appointment with the Town Clerk to go through the Council's accounts at their convenience. The Council is committed to ensuring everything it does is transparent and open to scrutiny by the residents whom it serves. The accounts are very thoroughly audited by two separate independent auditors each year to ensure everything is legal (as required by statute) and all the Councils decisions on how the money is spent is available on line, as part of the official minutes, at www.leiston.com/council . Please find the Council's contact details on the back page.

PTO

At the January 2011 meeting Councillors decided on what they wanted to spend your money on for this financial year. They raised the Precept 2.8% to £197,875. The main items Councillors considered when doing this are outlined below.

Precept.

Core costs - core costs are those needed to be able to efficiently run the Cinema, the Community Centre, the recreation grounds and all the items associated with the general administration of the Town and the Council for a further year. This came to £122,075.

Other specific items were;

Part funded PCSO. It was agreed to include £14,000 to part fund a PCSO for a further year.

Youth Club contingency. It was agreed that £14,000 be set aside as a contingency to help retain Open Access Youth Provision in the town i.e. support any group that forms to take over our Youth Club.

New Strategic Direction contingency – Libraries in particular. It was agreed that it would be prudent to put £10,000 into reserve to allow action to help save the library or any other service the County Council decided to cut in the coming year.

Community Centre – It was agreed to put in £1,000 to upgrade the electrics and a further £2,500 which had just become necessary with the discovery of an underground leak between the meter and the building. This would need a new pipe to be laid.

Cinema – The only project for next year was to be the refurbishment and preservation of the wooden beams on the upper fascia of the Film Theatre frontage.

Allotments. Members agreed to include £3,000 in the estimates to carry on tidying up both allotment sites and to be used to progress the fencing and tap provision.

Christmas Lights. There was £3,000 still left in the earmarked reserves for this item as the money was not eventually used to put up the lights this year. It was agreed to keep this set aside and add a further £1,000 so as to be in a

position to help any new initiative that residents brought forward for new lights next year perhaps.



Play Equipment. The reserve currently stood at £25,000. The Victory Park project cost £45,000 when it was done recently but any new project would probably not be as big so members agreed to freeze the reserve at this level and not contribute anymore for the time being.

Computer and IT replacement project and website construction. The Council Office IT outfit, being six years old, is feeling its age and badly needs upgrading. The website is also very unfriendly and needs reconstruction (this time by a professional). Total cost £3,000.

Dinsdale Road WC's. Members put £11,800 into the estimates to continue running the Toilets in Dinsdale Road for a further year. Although costly due to the age and design of the toilets members felt that many residents and visitors appreciated the convenience.

Projector replacement reserve. It was agreed that earmarking £2,000 a year toward upgrading or modernising the Theatre projection equipment would, in a further 10 years time, have built up to a useful figure.

Grants. Members agreed to put £5,000 aside again for donations and to give support to local organisations and charities that do work in the Town.

Contingencies. £3,500 was set aside for contingencies.

Again, if any resident wishes to see the accounts, discuss any of the issues raised above or just wants to find out more about what their Council Tax is spent on at Town, District or County level, the Town Clerk would be only too happy to try and answer any queries. Just call 01728 830388.

John Rayner
Town Clerk



**Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council Fairtrade
Easter Egg Hunt**

We aim to hold Fairtrade events at regular intervals to increase the visibility and profile of Fairtrade within the Town.

Hannah Barber, a member of the steering committee, kindly organised a Fairtrade Easter Egg Hunt in the Town for children under 12.

Local children collected a competition entry form and the hunt began!

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success with just over 50 entries.

Thanks must go to the following businesses who kindly displayed lettered Easter Eggs in their shop windows for the children to find: **Challis Butchers, Special Days, Barnes Rosher, Titlows, Simply Delicious, Leiston Film Theatre, Fab & Glam, Belle Coaches and East Coast Promotions.**

Congratulations to all our winners:

Alexis Clarke (6 years old) first prize, won a large Fairtrade Easter Egg

The three runners-up each won a small Fairtrade Easter Egg

Callum Hoffan

Francesca Mayhew

Lulu Harris

The winner and three runners-up were drawn from all the correct entries.

The Easter Bunny proudly presented the prizes, which were kindly donated by a Councillor, on Good Friday before the matinee performance at Leiston Film Theatre. Small bars of Fairtrade chocolate were given to all the contestants present.

Ann Nunn
Steering Committee Chairman

Report of National Federation of WIs AGM 2011

The 96th National AGM, was held in the Liverpool Echo Arena on 8th June and was attended by 4,787 members, not a spare seat to be seen! The meeting was well supported by members from the local area including two from Leiston WI.

Ruth Bond, National Chairman, said that 21,000 new members joined during the last year (but it must not be forgotten that members also leave for whatever reason).

She went on to stress that the WI exists for all women

Our membership currently stands at 209,035, our aim is for 215,000 by 2015 which is our centenary year. Serious consideration is being given to holding the 2015 AGM at the O2 Arena which holds a minimum of 15,000. This would enable one member from every WI to attend.

Guest speakers included: Dr Rita Gardner CBE, Director Royal Geographical Society, Erwin James, Guardian Columnist and Sir Steve Redgrave CBE, 5 times Olympic gold medallist, and Fairtrade Ambassador.



An important part of the AGM was the discussion and voting on the Resolutions. Almost 98% of delegates voted FOR and therefore passed the Resolution entitled 'The Closure of Local Libraries'. The mandate is as follows: "This meeting urges H.M. Government to maintain support for local libraries, as an essential local educational and information resource".

Following a lengthy discussion, the Resolution on Mega Farms or Factory Farms was not voted on as it was considered to be badly worded. So it is back to the drawing board!

Full details of the AGM will appear in the National magazine, WI Life.

If you would like to know more about the WI:

at National level please go to: <http://thewi.org.uk/>

at Suffolk East Federation level please go to: <http://www.sefwi.org.uk/>

or at local level please go to: <http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/LeistoWI>

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