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# ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – May 2012

**Volunteers needed** for the Rochford District Community Archive. If you can spare some time call 01268 775830 or email [mail@RochfordDistrictHistory.org.uk](mailto:mail@RochfordDistrictHistory.org.uk)

### **Little Musketeers Fencing Day**

Children aged between 5 – 10 years took part in the Little Musketeers fencing day on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012. All the children had an enjoyable time, the Parish Council will be holding a second session on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

### **Shop at My Local**

The Shop at My Local Partnership encourages residents and businesses to buy locally and regularly use local supply chains ensuring that the District's shopping areas meet their full potential by creating thriving community centres that offer a unique and enjoyable shopping and social experience.

In 2010, Shop at my Local won the regional stages of the Enterprising Britain competition in recognition of its work encouraging more local spend in the Rochford District.

To date there are 760 shoppers signed up to the scheme and 427 local shops and businesses.

There are plenty of ways to receive news and latest offers from Shop at My Local.

**Sign up for free membership at [www.shopatmylocal.com](http://www.shopatmylocal.com), follow us on Twitter [@ShopAtMyLocal](https://twitter.com/ShopAtMyLocal) and like our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/shopatmylocaluk](http://www.facebook.com/shopatmylocaluk)**



### **Dates for your diary**



**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

**Neighbourhood Meeting**

School House, Anchor Lane, Canewdon

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Ashingdon Primary Academy**

School Fete

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**Olympic Flame comes to Rayleigh**

See [rochford.gov.uk](http://rochford.gov.uk) for more information.

## Report from the Chairman, Debbie Constable, on the work of the Parish Council during 2011/12

Where does the time go? Must be my age as another year flies past.

Parish elections in May saw Cllr Lynne Brand stand down and Cllr Carol Parfitt elected. I would like to thank Lynne for all her hard work during her time on the Parish.

This year the Council held 5 surgeries; had a stall at the Ashingdon Carnival and Ashingdon School fete; contracts were renewed with a view to long term savings; I attended School Council meetings and the Parish has been represented at several Civic events.

The Housing Needs Survey, carried out during the summer, showed there is a need for 1/2 bedroom homes for parish residents. Once all the information was to hand the Council gave authority to Rochford Housing to carry out a land search to facilitate a small development.

The skate park project is ongoing. We are down to one contractor and design which will now be put to Rochford Council. If and when planning permission is granted the Parish will pursue grants for funding the project. A big thank-you to all the young people who have attended meetings and given valuable input.

A grant from Cory Environmental meant we were able to put 2 bench seats on the sea wall at South Fambridge. The Parish also supplied a second dog waste bin on the public right of way and, after liaising with Highways, 2 new road safety signs were installed along the Fambridge Road. In March the Council voted to support the 'Save South Fambridge Campaign'.

Our Christmas buffet was held in December with entertainment provided by Ashingdon School. A raffle was held in aid of the Royal British Legion which raised £84.60. A truly good day.

In February a memorial bench was dedicated to the former Parish Clerk Peter Murray. Several members of Peter's family attended a very poignant day.

Finally, thank-you to all the Parish Councillors for their time and input over the past year and to the Clerk for no Parish Council can function without one.

Cllr Debra Constable

## Parish Council Finances 2011/12

*How did we spend your money?*

### Administration

Staffing costs (including salaries, pensions & PAYE/NI contributions)	£17,459
Stationary	£161
Postage	£102
Telephone/broadband	£311
Photocopying/printing	£675
Other office equipment	£692
Distributing newsletter	£1,128
Subscriptions	£957
Internal & External Audit	£610
Insurance	£1,462
Hall Hire	£1,536
Training	£623
Travel expenses/member allowances	£2,877
Elections	£2,047

### Open Spaces

Bus shelter cleaning	£1,175
Verge maintenance/improvement	£1,158
Council tax (St Thomas Road car park)	£49
Village Repairs/maintenance	£4,096
Benches	£1,004

### Street Lighting

Supply	£3,611
Maintenance	£5,436

### Recreation

Christmas buffet & bench unveiling	£690
Basketgoal	£4,783

### Grants & Donations

£1,375

### VAT

£4,525

Brought forward from 2010/11	£39,362
Total Income for 2011/12	£57,773
Total Expenditure for 2011/12	£58,542
<b>Carried forward to 2012/13</b>	<b>£38,593</b>