

## Members' Newsletter No 15 – April 2013

### SOS Annual General Meeting

**Venue - the Suffolk Food Hall, Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April starting at 7.30 p.m.** We have invited Bill Jenman, the Acting Head of the Suffolk Cost and Heaths Unit, to give us a short talk about his activities and of the importance of the landscape survey jointly commissioned with SOS.

Your existing officers and committee members are all willing to stand for re-election. We do, however, have a vacancy for one committee member. We will welcome anyone to stand for election but we would particularly welcome the addition of an historian/archivist or an environmentalist/ecologist to the committee. ***If you wish to stand for election then please provide your name together with a proposer and a seconder to Rodney Chadburn at [rodney.chadburn@lineone.net](mailto:rodney.chadburn@lineone.net).***

There will be the usual small buffet and drinks to follow the formal proceedings, so I do hope that you will attend and discuss with us current issues facing SOS. To help us with the catering please notify Rachael at [rj@stourandorwellsociety.org](mailto:rj@stourandorwellsociety.org) if you will be attending the AGM.

### Solar Park Tattingstone – Representations

I had previously circulated some notes on the planning application by Hive Energy to erect a solar park in Tattingstone. If you wish to make a representation please do so to [planningcontrol@babergh.gov.uk](mailto:planningcontrol@babergh.gov.uk). We have been advised that the deadline for representations is the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. *If you visit the planning application, on Babergh's website, the first page says that consultation closed on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March but ignore that.*

### Christmas Party

There was a good attendance at the North Gallery in Manningtree. Penny Hughes-Stanton hosted the event and provided us with excellent canapés and drinks. Members were able to socialise whilst viewing the exhibition of Winter Prints.

### Planning

- Ganges: We have heard no more since we were advised that Babergh is engaging an environmental consultant and that Suffolk CC is reviewing the traffic flow forecast.
- SOS continued to support the Pin Mill Society. There is still an application by the Butt and Oyster that remains to be resolved but an application to build houses at Crow's Nest has been turned down.

## Stour and Orwell Society

A society dedicated to preserving and enhancing the environment on the areas around the Stour and Orwell estuaries

- **Solar Park Tattingstone:** since our last newsletter there has been another application to construct an even larger solar park than that proposed by Inazin. This is from Hive Energy who proposes a 15 MW installation comprising 72,000 panels covering some 94 acres. You have already been circulated with some information that should help if you wish to make an individual representation to Babergh Planning. Your committee will be making a formal submission on behalf of SOS shortly saying that we object to the application.
- **Thorington Barns:** we are monitoring the progress of the proposal to erect two large wind turbines. They will be 80 metres to hub height and 130 metres to blade tip. No formal planning application has yet been lodged with Babergh but SOS has asked that we be informed immediately one is received.

### NATS

A further review of UK air traffic and runway needs has been put back until after the next general election. Nevertheless, Tom Hill has been in communication with NATS outlining SOS's concerns and indicating that we do not regard the issues as having been put to one side.

### Landscape Survey

Alison Farmer should be on course to complete her work by Easter. The report will 'go public' shortly thereafter.

### SOS Strap line

The header to this newsletter sets out SOS's objectives. It says: "A society dedicated to preserving and enhancing the areas around the Stour and Orwell estuaries". We have changed it slightly over the years and it now differs from that on our website! Why not have a look! Your committee has been trying to come up with something that encapsulates our aims in a snappier manner. So, we are seeking your help in this and we will give a small prize for the winning entry. Have a go and send me your suggestion by email or, better still, bring it along to the AGM. Your words might become immortalised at our letterhead!!!

Kind regards

Rodney Chadburn  
Honorary Secretary  
The Stour and Orwell Society