

Clerk's Report – December 2023

- The contract for the first phase of the refurbishment of the Fabian's Play Area has been placed, and work to remove the current old equipment and install three new pieces will be scheduled for early 2024. Details of the works and timings will be publicized as soon as we have the final timetable. Work is also being undertaken on new planting around the edges of the area, with regard to boosting biodiversity and to support the current bird population.
- The Coggleshall Christmas event was very successful, with a wonderfully festive market of craft and food stalls, with entertainment provided by a choir, a giant elf, and Tommy Tickle. Santa's Grotto was sold out, once he had arrived with the help of the Fire Service. The event culminated in the switch-on of the Christmas tree lights and a seasonal sing-song.
- The winter issue of the Parish Council News magazine was delivered in early December and continues to be well received. As ever, please contact me if you have any articles you wish to put forward for inclusion in the next issue – the deadline date will be in early February, for delivery early March, so please send in details of community or charity events which can be publicised.
- The Parish Office itself will be closed from the week commencing 18 December, until re-opening on 4 January 2024, but I can be reached by email or phone until Friday 22 December. The Village Hall and public toilets will be closed over the Christmas week and will re-open on 2 January.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Philippa Potter
Clerk