



## Claydon & Whitton Parish Council – October 2016

**Ward Sign** – In recent months the Ipswich Hospital has been considering ways in which it can encourage the communities in its catchment area to become more involved in the way it is run and to help with fund-raising for special projects, which will improve patient experience, but cannot be funded from its NHS budget. Readers will be aware that the in-patient wards are all named after local villages and so the hospital wrote to all the relevant parish councils asking if they would be willing to sponsor a 'ward sign'. This involved paying for a large photograph of their village sign which would be hung at the entrance to the ward after which their village was named. The Parish Council decided to support this appeal. The image below shows Councillor Chris Studd, Parish Council chairman and Councillor Nigel Gutteridge, Finance Committee Chairman attending a presentation at the hospital when the photograph of the Claydon village sign was received by the ward sister and a senior nurse from Claydon ward which is currently used to treat patients with heart problems.



At the presentation the chairman of the hospital board and the Director of Nursing thanked Claydon and the five other parish councils present for their generosity in providing funds and said how much the hospital had been encouraged by their response which they believed would make a difference to both patients and staff. They also invited both councillors and members of their communities to tour the wards to see first-hand the work which is done.

**Catalytic Converter Marking** – We have been asked by Suffolk Constabulary to publicise a CAT marking event which will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October between 9.30 a.m. and 12.00 noon at the SEAT dealership, 4 Goddard Road East, Ipswich, IP1 5NY. Since April, 39 CAT's were stolen from vehicles in the northern parts of the town. These crimes targeted such vehicles as the Seat Alhambra, Ford Galaxy & VW Sharon. Therefore if you own such a vehicle please consider taking up this offer. To book an appointment please phone Anthea Boast, Safer Communities Officer, on 01473 613888 Ext: 3142 or e-mail [anthea.boast@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:anthea.boast@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

**Dog Bins** – There have been a number of recent reports of dog bins in the village being full to overflowing. Dog owners or residents that see bins that need emptying urgently are asked to please contact our Parish Clerk who will arrange for this to be done.

**Meetings in October** – The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Claydon & Barham village hall. Members of the community are very welcome to attend and opportunity will be given at the beginning of the meeting for them to speak on items included on the agenda or other issues about which they have concerns. Agendas will be available prior to the meeting from our Parish Clerk, Mrs. S Eagle, telephone: 01473 687384 (answer machine available). e-mail [claywhit@btinternet.com](mailto:claywhit@btinternet.com) or write to 7 Leicester Close, Ipswich, IP2 9EX.

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