

Troston Parish Newsletter

MAY 2007

Church News— Many thanks to all who helped out on Hen Party day. The sum raised exceeded £1,000, an incredible amount!

It is time to start thinking about Rural Pastimes, which this year is on Sunday, June 10th. Troston has been tasked to organise parking; more about that below. This is a major fundraiser for our church, and any help will be greatly appreciated.

The Annual Church Meeting was held in the village hall on April 26th. Mrs. Olive Preston has stood down after 20 years as churchwarden. David Corrie was re-elected churchwarden, and Jane Harland, deputy churchwarden. Mr. Corrie also remains as treasurer, with Mrs. Audrey Ringrose and Mrs. Grace Horn as co-secretaries. PCC members are Mrs. Preston (Member Emeritus), Mrs. Doreen Newell, Mrs. Jenny Simmonds, Mrs. Vera Gaught, Mrs. Jeanne Neupert, and Mr. Keith Ringrose.

The Feast of the Ascension, May 17th, will be celebrated at Great Livermere Church, 7.30 p.m., when our churchwardens and those from the rest of the deanery will be admitted to office. That same week is **Christian Aid Week**, which will culminate with a special service on Sunday, May 20th.

If you are a history 'buff', you may wish to attend the talk on our church wall paintings on May 18th (see below). There are also two local history evenings in Livermere Village Hall, the first on May 16th at 7.30 p.m., and a flower festival in Bardwell Church May 26th - 28th on the theme 'Historic Buildings of Bardwell'.

There is a team evening service at 6.00 p.m. every Sunday. Fakenham Magna hosts Songs of Praise on May 6th; Great Livermere, a Healing Eucharist on May 13th; Barnham, St. Mark's Gospel—a reading in two parts with wine and canapés in between—on May 20th; and Ixworth Thorpe, BCP Evensong, May 27th.

Rev. Doug Neupert, OLM

Troston Services

Sunday, May 6th 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

13th 11.00 a.m. Matins

20th 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship/Christian Aid Service

27th 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Day of Pentecost—"Whit Sunday")

Troston Women's Institute—Members gained an insight into the caring work of the Samaritans at their April meeting. They welcomed Samaritan and Troston resident Tony Priest who explained the importance of listening to troubled callers in a non-judgmental way. Samaritans respond round the clock and the service is confidential.

Troston W.I. joins with the Honington and Sapiston branch at Sapiston village hall on Tuesday, May 8th, to discuss a resolution on community hospitals.

Our vice-president, Sue Bishop, has thanked members who helped with Hen Party refreshments at St. Mary's (Troston) Church on Saturday, April 7th. Together with a Tombola, raffle, the sale of Mr. Fothergill's Seeds and other events, a total of over £1,000 towards the £40,000 appeal to conserve the church's medieval wall paintings was raised.

Susan Sollohub

May Talk on Church Wall Paintings—A sum of £40,000 is needed for the expert conservation of exceptional wall paintings in St. Mary's Church, Troston. Why are they so special? Why were the saints depicted on the walls of our church? Are there others, covered over in later centuries?

These questions will be addressed by the Rev. Tony Redman, church surveyor, at an open talk in the church on Friday, May 18th, at 7.30 p.m. Many people admire the paintings of St George and the Dragon, St Christopher and St Edmund and would like to know more. Tony's talk will provide that opportunity, so do come along.

Tickets will be £3 at the door. Money raised will go towards the appeal.

Susan Sollohub, Troston Heritage Committee, Tel. 01359 269574.

Open Day—Bury St Edmunds & District Twins & Multiple Births Club are holding a Garden Open Day on Tuesday 5th June 2007 at The Battlies House, Rougham, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in aid of the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Addenbrookes Hospital. Entrance is 50p and there will be refreshments, tombola, raffle, plant stall, bouncy castle, face painting etc., along with a nice garden to look round! Everyone is welcome. For further details, please contact Alison Benton on 01359 269178.

Hen Party – Easter Saturday—Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Hen Party such a success: to Sue Bishop, in particular, for organising the catering, to the ladies of the W.I. and the many other cake, sandwich, soup and goody providers who produced such a wonderful array of food in the church; to Margaret Stearn for providing the china, which nicely sets the standard; to Ann Walker for providing the water trolley and containers; to Peter Hay for all the water; to Steve Bishop for the containers and signs without which we would have struggled; to the washing up ladies, who continued to struggle in hopeless conditions but with enormous good humour; to Doug and Jeannie Neupert for the ‘loan’ of the ewes and lambs, which made the setting so tranquil; to Colin Bachelor for keeping the grounds so neat and tidy; to Carol Littlewood and Lyn Upson for arranging the flowers so beautifully in the church; to Jane Harland for resurrecting the pews; to Doreen for stoically running the raffle; to Audrey and Vera for the huge Tombola; to Lyndsay’s dad, all the way from Oxford, for counting the sweets but resisting temptation; to Jo and her hot dogs; to the parish council for allowing us to arrange parking; to our heroic parking wardens (no, not traffic wardens!) Steve Bishop, Nick Miles and Wes Ruffall who laboured on manfully and without the aid of ‘No Parking’ cones from the local police; to The Bull for providing the additional classic car show; to everyone who visited and helped our cause; to you villagers for being patient; to Suffolk Gate Company for the loan of the marquee; and, finally, to Francine for making all this possible (kindly assisted by two prominent rabbits) and to our *Look East* girl, Julie Reinger, for visiting us.

The funds raised on the day cleared £1,000, which is remarkable, and kick-start our planned programme for the restoration of the church wall paintings. Our very grateful thanks also to Mr. Fothergill’s Seeds Ltd. for the generous supply and variety of seeds. Their contribution raised over £150, with all monies received donated to the Heritage Appeal. We have many more fresh packets available at the special price of £1 per packet, so you are welcome to come to the church and select (and pay for) your purchases and further help our fundraising. It will also give you a chance to appreciate the beauty of the wall paintings.

Thanks again to all of you, and I apologise to those of you not mentioned above but to whom I am eternally grateful.

Remember to come to Tony Redman’s talk on the wall paintings and other historical items in the church on Friday, May 18th, at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

David Corrie

Thank You—I would like to say a big ‘Thank you’ to all the people who were so kind and kept an eye on me, for which I will always be very grateful. I have some very happy memories of Troston.

Letty Forster

Euston Rural Pastimes—This year it is Troston’s turn to organise the parking at Euston. There will be two areas to supervise: disabled parking and main parking. The former will require ONE adult and the latter TWO adults at any one time. Cadets will be available to support the actual parking procedure, but NOT to take any money. I suggest two hourly stints at a time, from 8.00 a.m. through to 6.00 p.m. for the main areas and 8.00 a.m. through to 4.00 p.m. for the disabled area. (Note: those who work get in free.)

If any of you are able to help on the day, please telephone me ASAP on 01359 268134. I will then allocate times to suit, after which a full briefing will be arranged prior to the day. I am looking for at least 8 individuals to cover the day—preferably 12!

Thank you in anticipation.

David Corrie