



Troston Parish Newsletter September - October 2007

Church News—As I write, the nights are drawing in, and the Virginia creeper on the front of the house is already turning a deep burgundy colour. Before long, we will be celebrating harvest with our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service and “bring and share” tea, this year on Sunday, October 7, 3.30 p.m.

We have recently had four baptisms at St. Mary’s, with another planned for 30 September, and we welcome these children into our Church family. Please contact me or Rev. Liz Jump (269265) if you are interested in baptism or confirmation.

We are very grateful to Jane Harland, Ann and Malcolm Grimwood, and Vera Gaught and granddaughter Sarah, who represented Troston on the recent Sponsored Cycle Ride. This is one of the things that groups such as English Heritage look at when they are considering our applications for grants for church repairs.

For the second time in just over a month, the farming community is under threat from foot and mouth disease. Please remember our farmers in your prayers. We also continue to pray for our local military communities and those who are deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Rev. Doug Neupert, OLM (269614)

Services for Late September and October

Sunday, September 23 rd	11.00	Family Communion
30 th	10.00	Team Service-Holy Communion at Ingham
October 7 th	11.00	Morning Prayer
15 th	11.00	Holy Communion
22 nd	11.00	Morning Worship
29 th	11.00	Family Communion

Troston Women's Institute—A talk on deep-sea rescue is scheduled for October 9th at the village hall, 7.30 p.m. Non-members are welcome to attend our meetings.

At the September meeting, solicitor Nigel George gave an entertaining talk on the law, spiced with legal anecdotes. In August we enjoyed a barbecue held indoors at the home of our president, Anne Walker. It poured with rain, but thanks to Anne and Richard Walker and their oven, we had an excellent evening.

For more information about the W.I., please contact Anne on 269360 or Jenny Simmonds, 269219.

Troston Poores Estate Charity—Any person who is over the age of 65 and has been in the village for two years is entitled to be considered for an annual payment from this charity, one payment per household.

Anyone who thinks he or she is entitled to this payment and is not already receiving a payment, please contact Vic Simmonds at 7 The Heath or telephone 269219 as soon as possible, please.

Are you interested in flower arranging? On October 11th at 12 noon in Barnham Village Hall, there will be a three-course lunch, to include a glass of wine, followed by a flower demonstration by the international flower arranger, Cynthia Brown, who was responsible for the exquisite flowers at the recent wedding at Euston, much admired on the joint service day. Tickets are £15.00 from Sarah Rush, 01842 890095, cheques to be made out to Barnham PCC please.

Ixworth Surgery Patient Association Web Shop—Ixworth Patient Association has joined the 21st century! Those of you who shop online can log onto the Ixworth Surgery Patient Association Web Shop, at www.buy.at/ipa and see a host of companies who support the ISPA’s fundraising, such as Tesco, M&S, Mothercare, Amazon, Sky, John Lewis and many more. Every time you make a purchase online through the ISPA web page, the association will earn a commission. The price charged by the retailer is exactly the same as if you bought direct, and as you know the Internet is often far cheaper than the High Street. Keep logging on for details of special deals.

Parish Council News—Troston Parish Council met on Monday 3 September, and here are some of the matters discussed at the meeting:

Village Playing Field and the Licence with Greene King—Members reflected on the special meeting held on 17 July, at which it was reported that Greene King had indicated their reluctance to extend the lease on the playing field beyond the current one-year licence, as they might want to develop the area in the future. Greene King had offered a longer lease on a parcel of land adjacent to the playing field, but both councillors and parishioners present at the meeting felt the alternative site to be unsuitable, largely on the grounds of safety. Indications were that any application to develop the present site would not be successful. However, funding for the reconstruction of the play area could not

secured until the lease had been successfully re-negotiated. All were unanimous in their desire to keep the playground in its current location, and councillors agreed to advise Greene King accordingly.

Village Plan—Councillors discussed the desirability of carrying out some form of survey of residents' needs, possibly in the form of a Village Plan, in light of the ongoing redevelopment plans for the Lower Farm piggery and the playing field situation. After much discussion, and listening to the opinions of parishioners present at the meeting, it was decided that a Village Plan would be advantageous in advancing villagers' views. It was therefore decided that a village meeting should be set up to consider the way forward.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 19 November – **not** 12 November as was originally planned – and all villagers are welcome to attend.

Go to www.troston-village.co.uk/parish-council/minutes for a complete account of this and previous Parish Council meetings.
Lynne Fugle

Village Plan Meeting – 12 November 2007: There's a lot going on in Troston at the moment – including possible housing developments at both Lower Farm and on the playing field. Local authority planners are now placing increasing weight on so-called "Village Plans", drawn up by the local community and embracing all aspects of village life, such as local services and of course planning. With this in mind, the Parish Council is calling a village meeting to discuss the desirability of drawing up such a "local plan", and what sort of things it should include. We will also have a couple of expert speakers.

The meeting will be at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall, on Monday 12 November. We are hoping for a good attendance, so please put it into your diary now.
Roger Anderson, Parish Council Chairman

Troston Website—Check out the new "Spotlight" page of the Troston Website. It will be featuring people, places and events within the village, including news and photos of the subjects covered. If you would like to be included in a future article, log on to www.troston-village.co.uk and use the Contact form to start the ball rolling.

"Move On" English or Maths—Do you need a qualification in English or maths to plug a gap in your CV? The aim of the "Move On" course is to support people without GCSE English or maths, to brush up on these skills to gain a new qualification equivalent to GSCE. Our teaching groups are small and friendly. You can work at your own pace to improve the skills you need. For an informal chat, individual assessment or more information, please do phone on 01449 613645.

Brush Up Your English or Maths—Do you want to be able to help your children with their homework? Are you thinking of returning to work or study? Are you hoping to gain promotion? Would you like to feel more confident about your skills? These courses will help you improve your English and math skills. You can negotiate exactly what you want to learn and together with the tutor, plan your individual learning programme. You can work at your own pace in a small and friendly group. You will also have the opportunity to gain a qualification. Please feel free to ring for further details on 01449 613645.

Cruse is an organisation that supports an increasingly large number of residents in West Suffolk and South Norfolk, and which is always short of visitors to meet the growing need. Cruse Bereavement Care, West Suffolk Branch, is offering a training course suitable for anyone, including potential Cruse Visitors, who is interested in helping people who have been bereaved. The course will be run in Bury St. Edmunds on ten Thursday evenings from 6.30 pm - 10.00 p.m., starting 17 January 2008. For further information about the contents of the course and costs, please call 01449 720401 and leave a contact name and number. Alternatively, send the same information to the Branch Treasurer at p.brasier@tiscali.co.uk.

Deadline for Next Newsletter—The deadline for the next newsletter is October 17th. Copy for the newsletter may be sent via e-mail (jeanne-neupert@supanet.com) or dropped in at Hall Farm House, Ixworth Road.

Jeanne Neupert, Editor