



Troston Parish Newsletter April 2008

Lambing Afternoon—Doug and Jeanne Neupert invite you to meet the newest additions to Neup's Flock on Sunday, 6 April, 2.00 – 4.00 p.m., at Hall Farm. Donations are £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children 12 and under, including refreshments, with all proceeds going to Saving Troston's Heritage. Don't let poor weather put you off; there will be lambs and refreshments under cover!

Village Garage Sale—The Village Hall Management Committee will be organising a Village Garage Sale, to be held on Sunday 4 May (Bank Holiday weekend), from 10 am. Pitches will be £10.00 if booked in advance and £12.00 on the day. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall, and if anyone is willing to make a donation of cakes or pastries, they would be greatly appreciated. The event will be extensively advertised, to obtain maximum publicity, and village maps will be made available to visitors, in order to indicate which homes are participating. Please get your application in early, so that your home can be included in the map. Application forms are enclosed with this newsletter, or you can telephone 01359 269468 or 01359 269708.

Church News—A huge thank you is due to all who helped out in any way with the Hen Day on Easter Saturday. As the newsletter has gone to press before the actual event, there are no details to report, but I'm sure there will be much to read about in the May edition.

With the retirement of Revd. Canon Philip Oliver, we may experience some changes in services and times. Please consult the newsletter or village and church notice boards for updates.

Our Annual Church Meeting (ACM) will be held on Thursday, 24 April, at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. All are welcome.

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Tentative Services and Times

Sunday, April 6 th	11.00 a.m.	BCP Mattins
13 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
20 th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
27 th	11.00 a.m.	Family Communion

Parish Council News

Play Equipment—Although the issue of the lease on the playground had still to be resolved, it was decided that some new play equipment should be purchased with the funds already available to the Parish Council.

Revamp of Village Hall Garden—The Parish Council were pleased that the revamp of the Village Hall garden would be going ahead, thanks to the offers of help from people in the village.

Troston Parish Plan—Councillors were informed that there had been a meeting of the steering group responsible for drawing up the Parish Plan, and that a grant application would soon be submitted to Suffolk ACRE to obtain the necessary funding.

Troston Farm Walk—It was reported that, following the event's success last year, Troston Farms will be participating once more in the National Open Farms Day in June.

Annual Parish Meeting—The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday 12 May. This will be a good opportunity for villagers to raise issues of concern to them, particularly with regard to topics that should be included in the forthcoming parish plan.

Troston Parish Plan—We have now successfully obtained a grant to fund the drawing up of a Parish Plan for Troston, a document which is wholly based on local opinion and which we hope will influence the future of the village. Over the next few months the steering committee will be carrying out a number of consultation exercises in the village to ensure that the formal questionnaire that is distributed to every household covers all the local topics of importance to people living in the area. The Parish Plan will be included in the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in the village hall at 7 p.m. on May 12, and we do hope that people in the village will use this as an occasion to raise relevant issues that they think should be addressed in the plan.

Pauline Whitaker-Bethel, Steering Committee Chairman

Troston Village Website—To read the full transcript of the minutes of Parish Council meetings, see the report of the Parish Plan Steering Committee; to view the newsletter online and much, much more, visit www.troston-village.co.uk.

Troston Women's Institute--Another chance to exercise the 'little grey cells' and to have fun is offered by our popular quiz night on Friday, April 11th, at the village hall at 7.30 p.m. The cost including refreshments is £3 a head. You are welcome to bring your own drinks. Teams of four will compete for a prize. To book or for further information, contact Eve Percy on 01359 269388.

On Wednesday, April 9th, the speaker will be Geoff Evans on Alaska illustrated with his exceptional photographs. He has talked to the branch before and is always very popular.

Please note that our planned outing to the former Suffolk West Federation HQ, now a beautiful private home, will be on TUESDAY, JUNE 24th.

To find out more about the WI and its activities, please contact the president Carol Littlewood on 01359 269769 or the secretary Jenny Simmonds on 269219.

Troston Flower Festival--Potential helpers will be very welcome at an informal meeting on Friday, April 4th, to confirm plans for the Flower Festival in the church on May 25th and 26th. There is plenty of scope! Come along to the church at 10.30 a.m. on April 4th to discuss flower displays and providing tea, cakes or scones or biscuits for visitors to the festival and to the National Gardens Scheme open garden opposite (Francine Raymond) on both days.

Offers of cakes etc. and help with serving and washing up will be very gratefully received. Please contact Susan Sollohub on 01359 269574 or just come along on the 4th.

The church will look beautiful and festival takings will go towards a good cause -- the conservation of the important medieval wall paintings in the Grade 1 listed church. Plans are also in hand to make an application for money to the Heritage Lottery Fund.