



## Troston Parish Newsletter - June 2008



**Women's Institute**--You have almost certainly heard of TV's *Antiques Roadshow*, *Flog It*, *Cash in the Attic* and others. Well, there will be a live roadshow in Troston village hall on Wednesday, July 9th, which will be open to all residents. We know from past visits that it will be a good evening, starting at 8 p.m.

Bring your antiques and collectables to be identified, described and dated by the popular Suffolk expert, Barrie Stevenson, making a welcome return visit to the branch. You never know. You may have hidden treasures! Barrie will let you know if you have but he does not give precise valuations.

On June 24th, members will visit 19, Whiting Street, Bury, to see the transformed former offices of the Suffolk West Federation of Women's Institutes. The property is now a restored and beautiful private house. Our enjoyable quiz evening, organised by Eve Percy, raised nearly £100 for funds.

In May, members discussed resolutions on the problem of mentally ill prisoners and problems arising from some fishing methods.

For further information about the branch, contact the secretary Jenny Simmonds on 01359 269219.

**Parish Council News**--The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 12 May, followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Three residents from the village joined councillors in the Village Hall.

**Village Hall Garden Revamp**--Roger Anderson paid tribute to the Village Hall Management Committee for the excellent revamping of the Village Hall garden, and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Peter Heath, who had overseen the work.

**Speeding in Church Lane**--A resident who attended the meeting voiced his concern about vehicles being driven at inappropriately high speed down Church Lane, presenting a danger to pedestrians and property, and causing the death of a family of ducklings and distress to on looking children. Councillors asked the County Council representative if a sign could be installed as a deterrent.

**Appointment of New Chairman**--At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, Roger Anderson stepped down as Chairman and was replaced by Lynne Fugle who, in line with the annual rotation policy, began her year as Chairman. Lynne thanked Roger for all he had done during his term in office, particularly in initiating the production of a Parish Plan. Roger remains on the Parish Council as Vice-Chairman.

**Dates of Future Meetings**--The Parish Council usually meets in the Village Hall on the first Monday of alternate months. Future dates for 2008 are 7 July, 1 September and 3 November. All residents are welcome to attend. Agendas for meetings are posted both on the village notice board and on the Troston Website ([www.troston-village.co.uk](http://www.troston-village.co.uk)), where you can also read minutes of past meetings.

**Troston Village Hall**--The Village Hall is home to a number of clubs and societies in the village, but is also available for private hire. As well as the main hall, its excellent facilities include a fully-fitted kitchen, toilets, a separate meeting room, front car park and a newly-resurfaced walled garden to the rear. The hall is fully wheelchair-accessible. Rates are as follows: £10.00 for 2 hours, plus £2.50 for each additional hour (for residents); £25.00 for 2 hours, plus £7.50 for each additional hour (for non-residents). You can check availability of dates by visiting the Troston Website, on [www.troston-village.co.uk/troston-village-hall](http://www.troston-village.co.uk/troston-village-hall). To make a booking, please telephone Geoffrey Potter on 01359 269468.

**History of Troston Book**--Read about Troston's history (past and on-going) in a book compiled about 20 years ago by the late Janet Barnard with the help of many villagers. Not available in bookshops, this lovingly-created account of the village's past records the changes in both buildings and residents, together with anecdotal tales of village life through the ages. Contact David Corrie, present custodian of the book, on 01359 268134, for details.

**Church News**--As I am writing before the bank holiday weekend, our Flower Festival has not yet taken place, but I would like to thank Sue Sollohub for organizing this event and all those who are taking part, whether arranging flowers, baking cakes, or serving teas.

You have undoubtedly seen the recent items in the press or on television about the number of churches likely to be made redundant in the next few years. *The Sunday Telegraph*, with the backing of both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of Westminster, has launched a "Save Our Churches Campaign" that you can support by downloading a coupon from [www.telegraph.co.uk/saveourchurches](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/saveourchurches).

Our team has run several highly successful Alpha courses in various parishes, and we are going to run one for Troston jointly with Ingham in September. An Alpha course is centered on a shared meal and is filled with fellowship. I will be putting more information in the newsletter as we get closer to the start of the course.

If you are thinking about a baptism, either for a child or for yourself, or if you are thinking about getting married, please contact either myself at 269614 or the Vicar, Rev. Liz Jump, 269265, so that one of us can help you.

Rev. Doug Neupert, OLM

#### Church Services

Sunday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Matins
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Said Matins (Rural Pastimes)
15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Family Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Team Communion at Bardwell

**Rural Pastimes Event, Sunday, June 8**—Please support **your** church by working at the annual Rural Pastimes Event. This one-day event is a major source of income that helps with the everyday running expenses of the church.

Help is needed with car parking and the tombola. Working approximately three and one-half hours car parking or two hours on the tombola will give you free entry on the day.

At least 10 volunteers are needed to help with the car parking. Two to three people are needed to help set up the tombola, then two-three people per shift.

It's a great day out with lots to see and do before and after your shift! Please consider giving up two to three and one-half hours of your time so that your church is there for you when you need it! If you are willing to help, please call Doug Neupert on 269614.

**A View of Troston**--People who visited the Parish Plan "drop-in" event on Saturday, May 17, went away with many evocative images of what Troston and its inhabitants used to look like 100 years ago. There was an impressive collection of old photographs and maps of the village dating back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries and even a time-line of goings on in the village over the last 2000 years! Around 70 people came along to take a look, and many expressed views on what they liked and didn't like about present-day Troston and what, if any, changes they would like to see. Many thanks to everybody involved.

Pauline Whitaker-Bethel, Chairman, Parish Plan Steering Committee

**Bottle Bank**--Please use the glass recycling facility situated next to The Bull public house. It is a mixed glass bank, so you don't even have to sort your empties by colour, and each time it is emptied, money is returned to the village, to use for the benefit of all residents.

Thank you for supporting your village in this way .

#### Honington School News

Our children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in various outdoor activities at the new Blackbourne Woodland Project site and several also attended the official opening. Two classes visited West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village and Oak & Chestnut classes went to the Inspire Discovery Museum in Norwich. Rowan Class will be visiting Knettishall Heath in July. The Suffolk Schools Sports Partnership have organised before and after school sporting activities for our children and they have been able to take part in Rugby, Hockey, Dance and Yoga Clubs. After half-term children have been invited to take part in Tri-Golf, Aerobics and Speed Stacking.

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