



Troston Parish Newsletter ~ July-August 2008



Meet Your M.P.—Troston's M.P. David Ruffley will be at Troston Village Hall on Saturday 5th July, 9.30-10.00 a.m. Please come loaded with questions for him.

Parish Plan—In July each household in the parish of Troston will be receiving a questionnaire for all members of the household to complete. These questionnaires will be collected two weeks after delivery, and we hope that every household will take part in the Parish Plan, which is for each and every person living here. We appreciate your help in this important Plan and thank you in advance for your opinions.

Pauline W-B, Parish Plan Steering Committee Chairman

Church News—The past few weeks have been very busy ones. I would like to thank Sue Sollohub for organizing the flower festival over the bank holiday weekend and all those who took part, whether arranging flowers, baking cakes, or serving teas. They soldiered on despite some truly appalling weather. The atmosphere for the Songs of Praise service on the Sunday afternoon was really splendid, surrounded as we were by the magnificent floral displays. See Sue's heritage group report below.

Although the weather on the previous day matched that on Bank Holiday Sunday, the day dawned sunny and warm for Rural Pastimes. Many thanks to Vic and Jenny, Jane, Julie, Ann and Malcolm, Mary, Karen, Chris, and Sarah, Doreen, Mick and Beattie, and Jeannie for their help with parking and on the tombola. Special thanks to Ann for her organizing the tombola. Fortunately, we were supplemented on parking by volunteers from Barnham. Although local churches in villages supporting Rural Pastimes receive donations from the proceeds, fund raising for St. Nicholas Hospice remains the focus for the event.

We are continuing to support *The Sunday Telegraph's* "Save Our Churches Campaign". There are coupons on the table in the church for you to fill out. We will post them for you, or you can go online at www.telegraph.co.uk/saveourchurches.

Just a reminder about the Alpha course that we are running jointly with Ingham in September. An Alpha course is centered on a shared meal and is filled with fellowship. Hopefully, all plans will be firmed up by the end of July. Please contact me on 269614 if you think you might be interested.

The annual Sponsored Cycle Ride takes place in September. Watch the notice board for details.

We have two—possibly three—baptisms coming up in July. If you are thinking about a baptism, either for a child or for yourself, or if you are thinking about getting married or being confirmed, please contact either myself at 269614 or our Vicar, Rev. Liz Jump, 269265, so that one of us can help you.

Rev. Doug Neupert, OLM

Church Services

Sunday, July 6 th	11.00 a.m.	Matins	August 3 rd	11.00 a.m.	Matins
13 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	10 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
20 th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship	17 th	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
27 th	11.00 a.m.	Family Communion	24 th	11.00 a.m.	Family Communion
			31 st	10.00 a.m.	Team Communion at Troston

Open Farm Sunday—Lower Farm opened to the public again this year as part of the national 1st June Open Farm Sunday campaign. Activities available on the day were tractor and trailer rides, teleporter driving challenge, woodland nature trail, toddler tractor track, live animals, information boards and a radio controlled tractor obstacle course.

The event attracted 280 visitors and provided a good platform to educate everybody in modern food production techniques, reinforcing the importance of agriculture in this country. All this was done in a very informal environment with everybody having a thoroughly enjoyable day out on a local farm.

Thanks to everybody who helped make the day successful. Our thoughts are now turned to planning new activities for next year's event.

John Benton

Troston Church Flower Festival— At least it did not snow! But heavy rain and high winds, which blew down the tea tent gazebo, kept numbers down for the two-day event on May 25 and 26. All the same, visitors who braved the weather enjoyed the wonderful flower displays inspired by the saints and featuring our medieval wall paintings of St. George, St. Christopher and St. Edmund.

Proceeds grossing around £700, including some very generous donations, go to the Troston heritage appeal for the conservation of the wall paintings. After the deduction of some expenses, the total will be added, it is hoped, to a Heritage Lottery sum. The appeal group has applied for £50,000 to safeguard the paintings from deterioration. The outcome should be known by September.

The appeal group warmly thanks all the volunteers who created the flower festival, including the children, those who made and/or served the refreshments, worked behind the scenes, took Songs of Praise and publicised the event, and otherwise contributed to its success in any other way. Sue and Ted Haynes showed a fascinating range of postcards of Troston in the past, while Pauline Whitaker-Bethel provided Troston memories on screen.

The festival was teamed with Francine Raymond's National Garden Scheme open garden opposite at the Kitchen Garden on view under the scheme for the first time. The project was co-ordinated by Susan Sollohub heritage group secretary; Judith Brown, group member; David Corrie, chairman; and Canon Sally Fogden, floral display organiser. The flower arrangers included talented ladies from Troston, Honington, Bardwell, Euston and Great Livermere.

Thank you everyone. The church looked wonderful!

Sue Sollohub

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.

Parish Council News

Village Playground—At the meeting of the Parish Council on 19 May, councillors were dismayed to learn that there had been no word from Greene King with regard to extending the lease on the playing field and thereby allowing the proposed redevelopment to go ahead. Councillors decided that – in order to make some interim improvements – they would look into the cost of resurfacing the areas under each piece of apparatus, then consider the further possibility of purchasing additional items of equipment later.

Troston WI— Non-members will be very welcome at a popular open antiques roadshow in the village hall on Wednesday, July 9th, at 8 p.m. Local expert Barrie Stevenson, of Cowlinge, is making a return visit to identify our collectables so get hunting!

It is hoped to hold a social event in August - please see the notice board for information. On September 10th, we welcome David and Angela Knock to present and demonstrate traditional toys. For further information about membership and events please contact Jenny Simmonds, secretary, on 01359 269219.

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. To make a booking, please telephone Geoffrey Potter on 01359 269468.

Troston Flag Week Collection 2008—The recent house-to-house collection for the Red Cross raised 3100.37. Many thanks to Jane Harland, who kindly helped with collecting and to all who gave so generously. The money raised will give hope to people in crises in the U.K. and overseas. It also helps with the many continuing activities in the area.

Jenny Simmonds, Co-organiser, Ixworth Flag Week

Deadline for Newsletter—Unless otherwise noted, the deadline for copy is the 17th of the month preceding publication. As is customary, the next newsletter will come out for September, and the deadline is August 17. I'm quite happy to receive information by email: jeanne.neupert@talktalk.net.

Honington School News

Our Year 4 children, who will soon be moving on from this school, have been taking part in several activities with other Year 4 children from neighbouring schools to help them integrate and make friends before starting their new schools in September. We had a very successful Sponsored Activity Event recently and children raised money to buy new music equipment for the school by seeing how many circuits they could complete of an obstacle course set up by helpers from RAF Honington. They also had lots of fun learning circus skills when the Splats Crew came to our school. Our Sports afternoon will take place on Friday 18th July, weather permitting, and we break up for the summer holidays on Tuesday 22nd July.

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