



## Troston Parish Newsletter September 2008



**Church News**—The Sunday Telegraph’s “Save Our Churches Campaign” continues. There are coupons on the table in the church that we will post for you, or you can go online at [www.telegraph.co.uk/saveourchurches](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/saveourchurches).

Just a reminder about the Alpha course that we are running jointly within the Blackbourne Team. An Alpha course is centered on a shared meal and fellowship in a non-threatening atmosphere. The course will be held in Ixworth on Thursday evenings from 7.45 to 9.30. It will start towards the end of September or in early October. Please contact me on 269614 if you think you might be interested or want more information.

The annual Sponsored Cycle Ride takes place on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We need riders or walkers to help raise money for Suffolk’s historic churches. See the notice board for details.

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 me at 269614 or our vicar, Rev. Liz Jump, 269265, so that one of us can help you.

Our annual harvest service will be held on the September 28<sup>th</sup> at the regular service time.

Rev. Doug Neupert, OLM

<u>Church Services</u>		
Sunday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Matins
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Harvest Service

**Editor for Newsletter Required**—After nearly 20 years editing the parish newsletter, I feel that it is time to turn over the job to someone else. The requirements are few: computer literacy and good language and composition skills (punctuation, grammar, spelling, and sentence structure). Most copy comes in to you via email, so it is just a matter of copying, pasting, and editing. Once I have finished the document, I email it to Lynne Fugle to put on the village website and get a hard copy to Brenda Burrige to take to Honington School for printing. If you are interested, please contact Lynne at 269708.

Jeanne Neupert

**Troston Heritage Appeal Group**—On July 15th members hosted a meeting and social evening to thank helpers with past fund-raising events for church wall painting conservation and to discuss ideas for the future. Group chairman David Corrie reported the submission of an application for £50,000 towards the cost of conserving the nationally important Troston wall paintings was lodged with the Heritage Lottery Fund on June 20th.

It could be early autumn before we hear the outcome, but the compilers, David and Sue Sollohub, group secretary, remain cautiously confident because a strong case was made on heritage and community grounds for preserving the medieval wall paintings in Troston Church. The questions were complex and searching in line with the stringent rules laid down by HLF which have to be met before any money is allocated. The group believes its answers meet the criterion calling for organisations to be pro-active, running fund-raising, community-oriented events themselves. So it is fingers firmly crossed!

Fund-raising is still needed whatever the outcome, so the Heritage Appeal Group now has to make further plans for future events. The May flower festival was a great success in spite of terrible weather, and it was suggested it could be repeated in alternate years, the next one in 2010.

Lynne Fugle explained the organisation of auctions of promises, which were excellent fund-raisers. The idea was well received and will be discussed further.

The Easter Saturday refreshments in the church in tandem with the Hen Party at the Kitchen Garden will be repeated and organised by Sue Bishop. It was suggested this should be teamed with another village event. The group was asked to organise teas again linked with the NGS open garden at the Kitchen Garden.

Roger Anderson has kindly agreed to lead a History Walk around the parish next summer. Plans also include concerts. Any ideas would be much appreciated. Volunteers will be needed and valued!

Please contact David on 01359 268134 or Sue Sollohub on 01359 269574.

Sue Sollohub, Group Secretary

**Troston Village Hall**—Thinking of throwing a party, and don’t have enough room at home? Then consider relocating to the Village Hall. In addition to the main hall, there is another smaller room, a fully-fitted kitchen, toilets, newly-resurfaced walled garden to the rear, and a front car park. The hall is fully wheelchair-accessible. Rates are £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 also hire various pieces of equipment, such as tables and chairs, at very reasonable

rates. Telephone Geoffrey Potter on 01359 269468 to make a booking. To check availability of dates, visit the Troston Website, on [www.troston-village.co.uk/troston-village-hall](http://www.troston-village.co.uk/troston-village-hall).

### **Parish Council News**

**Village Playground**—At the July meeting of the Parish Council, councillors voted to go ahead with their plan to resurface the areas underneath the existing play equipment, and to purchase another item of apparatus for younger children. A budget of £10,000 was agreed, subject to obtaining the necessary part-funding from the rural grants scheme.

Full transcripts of Parish Council meetings can be viewed, by visiting the Troston Website, at [www.troston-village.co.uk](http://www.troston-village.co.uk).

**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.

**Troston WI**—On September 10<sup>th</sup>, David and Angela Knock will present and demonstrate traditional toys. We meet at 8.00 p.m. in the village hall.

For further information on membership and events, please contact Jenny Simmonds, secretary, on 01359 269219.

**SuffolkCarShare.com**—SuffolkCarShare.com is a free web-based matching service for anyone living, travelling or working in Suffolk who is looking to share his/her journey, either a passenger or a driver. Car sharing can work for any journey made by car, whether it be the daily commute to work or getting to the shops, a football match or other event. Registration is free and simple, and only a valid e-mail address is required. Potential journey matches are returned, and it is up to individuals whether they get in contact with each other to discuss sharing. Car sharing does not affect the car insurance as the driver does not make a profit. It is suggested that either or both parties take turns driving so that no money needs to change hands, or a token 10p per mile is paid to the driver to cover fuel and wear and tear.

For further information, go to [www.SuffolkCarShare.com](http://www.SuffolkCarShare.com).

**Kickstart**—Kickstart is a moped loan scheme that assists people living in Suffolk who have difficulty accessing training and employment due to either lack of personal or public transport. The scheme is open to those aged 16 to retirement, and there are two options on offer to suit individual circumstances.

Option A, The Gift, is tailored to those who are currently employed but are not able to afford the upfront costs associated with transport. Successful applicants are offered a moped loan for 14 weeks. Option B, The Loan, is most suited to those currently seeking training and employment.

If you are interested, please contact Suffolk Acre on 01473 242500 or e-mail [kickstart@suffolkacre.org.uk](mailto:kickstart@suffolkacre.org.uk). Or alternatively, go to [www.suffolkacre.org.uk](http://www.suffolkacre.org.uk) and print off an application form.

**Honington School News** - An Ofsted Inspector visited us on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July and his report recognises many good things about the school, including the very good progress the children are making, their excellent behaviour, attitudes and personal development, and the high quality of the curriculum. Our thanks go to the pupils, parents, governors and staff for making this such a happy, interesting, effective and successful school. The report will be available on the Ofsted website towards the end of September. The end of term was very busy and we enjoyed good weather for our Sports Afternoon and a moving end of year assembly in Honington Church. Staff will be in school for PD days on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September and children return on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. BAB/MR