

Troston Parish Newsletter – November 2008

Tribute to Jeanne Neupert

Twenty years is a very long time, and that is how long Jeanne Neupert has been editing the Newsletter that gets posted through our doors each month free of charge, and keeps everyone in the village updated on the important issues happening around us. Now that Jeanne has filed her last dispatch, and is enjoying a little more leisure time with her family, I pay tribute to her for the dedication she has shown over the years in compiling this bulletin. Thank you, Jeanne, and all the very best for the future.

Lynne Fugle

Editor Required for Newsletter

I am happy to “fill in” for the time being, but ideally I’d like to hand over the job of producing the Newsletter to someone with the time and expertise to do it more justice than I can. Jeanne’s own job description still stands: computer literacy, good language and composition skills (punctuation, grammar, spelling and sentence structure). If you have these qualities and are interested in taking on this important and useful job of communication within the village, please contact me on 01359 269708.

Lynne Fugle

Church News

As I continue to recover from my recent surgery, Jeanne and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind thoughts and cards. The love and support shown by so many has been very much appreciated. By the time you read this, I should be back to work.

Several services in November hold special meaning. On All Saints’ Day (November 1st and marked by our communion service on November 2nd), we honour those who enriched the world by their lives, their witness to Christ, and their example. Our annual Service of Remembrance takes place on Sunday, November 9th. Please note that we will start at 10.50 in order to mark the two-minute silence at 11.00. On Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday before Advent, Christians recognize and worship Christ as King of heaven and earth for all time without challenge and without end.

Out walking in the late afternoons during my recuperation, I have been struck by the beauty of recent sunsets. There is something special about autumn. Perhaps it is the knowledge that beyond the falling leaves and the coming of winter, there is the promise of spring and new life. We mark this in the church with Advent, the season leading up to Christmas that reminds us of Christ’s coming. This year, the first Sunday in Advent is November 30th, and, as it is a fifth Sunday, we will be having a team communion at Sapiston at 10.00 a.m.

Check the notice board for special weekday (or evening) services around the team during Advent. I hope to have more information in the December Newsletter.

Church Services

Sunday	November 2 nd	11.00 am	All Saints Holy Communion
	November 9 th	10.50 am	Remembrance Service
	November 16 th	11.00 am	Morning Worship
	November 23 rd	11.00 am	Christ the King Holy Communion
	November 30 th	10.00 am	Advent Team Service at Sapiston

Rev Doug Neupert OLM

Troston Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 3 November at 7.30 pm. All residents are welcome to attend. An agenda will be posted on the notice board in the week leading up to the meeting.

Troston Heritage Appeal

The conservator of the medieval church wall paintings project is scheduled to start the delicate work early in May, with completion expected in three months. The Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Right Rev Nigel Stock, will rededicate the medieval wall paintings at a morning service on 20 September 2009. This is very exciting, but please note that there will be scaffolding in the church throughout the conservation process. It almost certainly means that the choir concert planned for June will take place at another church in the Blackbourne Team area. The author of Medieval Wall Paintings in England and Wales, Roger Rosewell, has also been in touch after seeing a newspaper report on the group's success. He has added it to his own wall paintings website. We are delighted that Roger has offered to give a lecture, here in Troston, on wall paintings and hopefully touching on church stained glass. Watch this space!

Members and supporters of the Heritage Appeal Group cannot rest on their laurels! Plans are in hand for future fund-raising and social events, including a concert. Meanwhile, the next calendar event is the now traditional Hen Party on Easter Saturday. Profits from the refreshments go to the appeal.

Susan Sollohub, Hon Secretary and Publicity Officer (01359 269574)

Troston Women's Institute

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday 12 November at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. Plans are being made for the annual Christmas dinner – on 10 December – and for carol singing in the village.

In October the branch enjoyed a very interesting talk by member Sue Bishop, when she described teaching prisoners various levels of maths. The subject in September was traditional toys. Our topics are nothing if not varied! Visitors and new members are very welcome. The Secretary, Jenny Simmonds, can be contacted on 01359 269219.

Susan Sollohub

Ixworth Patients' Association

The AGM of the Ixworth Patients' Association will be held on Thursday 20 November at Ixworth Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. Guest speaker will be Dr John Cannon, talking on the subject of Hypertension.

Valerie Holden

Mobile Library

The mobile library van calls in Capel Close, between 4.20 – 4.35 pm on alternate Fridays. The remaining scheduled visits for this year are: 31 October, 14 and 28 November, and 12 December.

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. To make a booking, call Geoffrey Potter on 01359 269468.

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.

Troston Village Website (www.troston-village.co.uk)

At the time of reporting, the website is out of action, due to problems with the server. It is hoped that the problem can be rectified shortly, and we're sorry for any inconvenience caused to regular visitors to the site.