



Most of the items in this newsletter are based on the Parish Council Meeting on the 3rd September 2012, plus articles villagers have kindly sent in.

Please come along to the next Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall 7.30 pm 5th November to get updates on progress – and a chance to gossip with people from other corners of the Village.

Our Pub and Playing Fields

The Parish Council met Tony Hodgson, the Greene King Real Estate Manager on Wednesday, 8th August. He assured the Council that Greene King was keen to work closely with the village. He wanted as much agreement as possible before any planning permission was applied for in relation to the pub and surrounding area. As Chairman of the Council, Roger Anderson, said that the Parish recognised Greene King's problems and was happy to be involved in the planning process to try to ensure an acceptable solution to all parties. However, the Council emphasised that the pub was an eyesore in the centre of the village and that it was already having a negative impact on property prices in Troston. The sooner something was sorted, the better.

The future of The Bull public house

Tony Hodgson said that Greene King had decided that it would not be re-opening the pub with one of its own tenants. Instead, it would put the pub up for sale as licenced premises. This was likely to be after planning permission had been sought, and granted, for housing development on the adjoining land. He said he would investigate whether it was practical to put the pub on the market before planning permission was granted to help ensure it remained closed for the minimum amount of time. He also said that Greene King would seriously consider putting a covenant on the Bull that it

should remain a pub, subject to Greene King's agreement otherwise.

Location of play area and football pitch

In any plans put forward, Greene King confirmed that they were committed to incorporating equivalent recreational facilities to those that currently exist. Indeed, the Borough Council had said that in principle there was no problem in relocating the football pitch outside the housing settlement boundary. It was agreed that the architects would explore the possibility of locating the children's play area nearer to Siesta and King William House. There was however some concern that if it was too near the road this could prove to be a hazard to children. It was also agreed that it could make sense to all parties to split the play area so that the zip wire was situated outside the housing settlement boundary, near the relocated site of the football pitch. This would have the advantage of making it easier to accommodate the children's play area within the new housing development and keeping older children further away from properties and small children.

Affordable housing

It was agreed that the issue of affordable housing would be dealt with as a completely separate issue, if at all possible. Greene King would propose building five private dwellings on the site and that it would allocate a separate sum of money for affordable housing in the village. Obviously, the outcome of this would be dependent on discussions with the Borough Council. However, proposals for affordable homes facing Livermere Road would now not be included in formal plans put to the council.

Practicalities of moving the play area

Greene King would ensure that there was no interregnum between any new development being started and the play area being made fully

functional. It was also confirmed that the freehold of the play area and the football field would be transferred to the Parish Council.

On the 3rd September, revised plans for the development of the Bull Site were received, and will be placed on the Village Notice board. They meet most of the views expressed at the meeting. Thought, however, must be given to allow emergency and service vehicles to have access to the playing field and any accesses must be legally protected.

Village Hall Finances

The Clerk reported that the loan from the Parish Council would be repaid as soon as the £1500 had come to hand from Councillor Hopfensperger's *Community Life Budget* - which would be very soon. He also reported that the grant from the Borough would not be forthcoming due to the fact that the work on the disabled access was completed before the grant application had been submitted. However, Councillor Hopfensperger said that if she is re-elected in May 2013 she would allocate £2000 for the disabled access. Grateful thanks were expressed to her!

Vacancy on the Council

Valerie Holden said that due to family and other commitments, she reluctantly had come to the decision to resign from the Parish Council, following the November meeting. The Chairman said he spoke for all the village in thanking Val for her input, and being our eyes and ears on the Ixworth Patient's Association. He was sorry that she had decided to "retire" from the Council.

Safer Neighbourhoods

The police said no crimes had been reported. Villagers, however, were reminded not to leave doors unlocked when they go out or valuables on display in parked vehicles.

Speeding continued to be a concern and there had been major accidents on the Great Barton and Stanton roads.

From Nigel Pitcher

Our Church

Our annual **Harvest Service** takes place on Sunday 23 September at 11.00 am. This is also our monthly Family Service, and it's lovely having children involved. I hope you'll join us. There will be refreshments after the service.

There will be a Blackbourne Team Holy Communion service on 30th September at Great Livermere, 10.00 am.

Watch for information on our annual **Hallowe'en/ All Saints'** event at the end of October.

If you would like to know a bit more about Christianity, have questions you want answered, or just need a 'refresher course' in your faith, a new Christianity Explored course starts on Monday 1 October, 7.30 pm in Honington. For more information, contact our Team Rector, Phillip Garbett, (01359-234415) or Don and Pearl Godfrey (01359-268413).

Sunday Services:

9 th September	11.00	Mattins
16 th	11.00	Holy Communion
23 nd	11.00	Harvest Service/Family Communion
30 th	10.00	Team Communion at Livermere
7 th October	11.00	Mattins
14 th	11.00	Holy Communion
21 st	11.00	Common Worship
28 th	11.00	Family Communion

From Rev. Doug Neupert, Asst. Priest

Cheese and Wine Party

Will St. Mary's Church be the next building to close? You are invited to a free Cheese and Wine/ Beer Evening, funded by members of the congregation, on Friday 21st September, 7.30 pm in the village hall. The local churches are currently looking at what they are offering the community and this will be an opportunity for you to hear what is being considered and to contribute ideas.

Ride or Stride

Time to get those bikes out again, and join in Suffolk Churches sponsored cycle ride on Saturday 8th September - or of course you can walk from church to church if you prefer. Sponsor forms are inside the Parish Noticeboard opposite the Bull, so please take one and get family and friends to sponsor you. Monies raised are shared equally between our church and Suffolk Historic Churches Trust who make grants for repair work to our lovely churches in Suffolk. If you need more details contact Jane 01359 268 144

From Jane Harland

The Village Hall

On Friday September 7th, the Hall is to be "deep cleaned" throughout, prior to the Autumn build up of private parties leading up to Christmas. Jennie Bernard, *Done & Dusted*, has been employed to undertake the initial clean and thence fortnightly for regular cleaning. The Committee decided that, having upgraded our facilities with the recent expenditure on the floor refurbishment, new tables and chairs, our standards should be maintained to the highest level.

We are grateful to the WI and the Bowls Club, who continue to use the hall on a regular basis. The Bowls club in particular, is going from strength to strength with numbers increasing, we believe, partly due to the refurbished evenness of the floor. However new members will always be welcome, so why not give it a try.

We anticipate the new coloured leaflet to be available this week from the printers. These will

be circulated to local businesses, societies and clubs in order to attract future custom. Copies will be put on the Village Notice Board. Remember to tell your friends about the availability of the hall for functions (excluding Raves!) and log on to our Web site via YourHall .Co.UK and scroll down to Troston Village Hall. All bookings confirmed till December 31st 2012 will be shown.

Your support, ideas, plans and comments will be welcome.

From David Corrie

Women's Institute

Details of our forthcoming events for the rest of the year are as follows:

Wednesday 12th September - Joan Smith of Ixworth WI is coming to give us her talk on "A Brief History of Fans", she will explain the history, design and language of fans - it is billed as a fun talk. This will be in the Village Hall at 19.45

Tuesday 25th September is the Grafton Group Meeting being held at Honington and Sapiston Village Hall at 19.30, we should leave the village at 1900 hours. The main attraction is '*Musicology*' who will be entertaining us. Troston will be responsible for the group entertainment.

10th October - Carol Littlewood will give you ideas for handmade Christmas cards and give you a chance to make one.

Wednesday 14th November - our Annual Meeting and a social get together.

Monday 10th December - Suffolk West Federation "Celebration of Carols", 7pm at St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds.

Wednesday 12th December - Our Christmas Celebration.

We should be delighted to welcome possible new

members: do come for a free visit in September. If you would then like to join in October you get 15 months for the price of 12 months and will pay this year's subscription of £31.50, which includes our Federation monthly newsletter and 8 editions of 'WI Life' the National WI magazine.

Please call either Jacquie Hedges on 07940 650511 or Jenny Simmonds on 01359 269219 for further information.

From Jacquie Hedges

Honington School News

A planning application will be made for our school to be extended to accommodate additional pupils as a result of the School Organisation Review. The proposed plans will be on display at the school from the 5th to 11th September 2012. Comment forms are available from the school.

From Brenda Burridge

RAF Honington

Regularly the village watches with admiration the young men from the Camp running, often with full equipment, through the village. They need to be fit. Soldiers from the base continue to support operations in Afghanistan, and other not so nice places. The regiment provides an increasing breadth of specialist skills, for example: providing dog handlers to detect improvised explosive devices (IED's). It is with sadness, our thoughts reach out to the family of SAC Ryan Tomlin following the loss of their courageous son.

Closer to home, snipers from the base were personally thanked by the head of the RAF when he visited those engaged in Olympic security. Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton met two of the RAF Regiment who are trained to fire from the Merlin helicopter. Their air-to-air shooting ability, in particular, made them a last line of defence against light aircraft threatening the Games.

Fashion Show

On Wednesday 26th September 2012 there will be a fashion show in the Officers Mess at RAF Honington. The aim is of course to raise money for charity and at the same time to build closer relationships with local people.

The doors open at 7.30pm and show starts at 8pm. Clothes for various age groups will be available to buy on the night at amazing prices (50% Sale). The tickets are £10 and includes a glass of Bubbly on arrival. Further drinks can be purchased from the bar. To apply for a ticket, please contact Emma 01379 678483 as soon as possible.

Also please put in your diaries, our Charity Christmas Fair, which will follow the same format as last year and is being held on Thursday 15th November 2012 from 10.00am until 2.30pm.

From Jackie Hall

Heritage Open Days

A national celebration of England's cultural and architectural heritage is being held between the 6th to 9th September. English Heritage is co-ordinating the events and involves a number of sites, which are not always open to the public. Some of the places near our village are:

- Bury Fire Station is open for a "behind the scenes look" at the life of a fireman and the equipment that fire-engines carry, including devices for enhanced rescue, cutting machines for major accidents and the multistar aerial appliance (?)
- For those with a sense of irony, Greene King have found time and money to refurbish the Old Malthouse, and will be displaying its curious features and various artefacts from the history of brewing in Bury.
- There is also an opportunity to visit the 18th century Quaker Meeting House. The original gallery has been restored and

displays the story of the Quakers in Suffolk.

- The Suffolk Regiment Museum will also be taking part. The Museum is housed in the Keep, which was built in 1878, and was formerly the Quartermasters Stores and Armoury. From the roof you can admire the view of Bury St Edmunds.
- Ever wondered what it feels like to be put in the back of the Police van? Ever had your finger prints taken? Ever been tazered? Bury Police Station will be offering an opportunity to try these delights, and a chance to see how criminals are caught using the latest technology. Angel Hill Station Sunday 10 am to 3 pm
- For something that could be equally alarming, come to the Record Office and discover the history of your property. Expert staff will be on hand to show you their collection of old maps, census records, newspaper cuttings and directories to build up a social history of where you live. There will be an exhibition showing how source material has been used to find the owners and occupiers of a Bury property for the last 200 years. Saturday 10 am to 12 then 2 to 4 pm
- Rougham Control Tower will be open over the weekend from 11 am to 4 pm. Memorabilia relating to the USAAF 94th Bomb Group which flew more than 300 missions from this airfield will be on display.
- Pakenham Watermill, the last working watermill in Suffolk, will be grinding away; and Bardwell Windmill now has sails and welcomes visitors to see the spectacle – wind permitting! Flour and bread baked in the mill bakery will be on sale. As an aside: Bardwell won “*Suffolk*

Village of the Year” for “outstanding community spirit... clearly a vibrant village which is not content to stand still...”

- West Stow Hall will receive visitors by appointment on Thursday – phone 01284 764667. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. The Hall is believed to have been built in the 16th Century by the last abbot of Bury St Edmunds. Downstairs is heavily timbered, with a huge inglenook. The gatehouse has terracotta figures and wall paintings of the four ages of man.
- On Sunday there is a chance to visit the historic Rabbit Warren Lodge which has been in Mildenhall Woods since the 1300’s. This Lodge is one of only two surviving medieval warren buildings in Breckland. (Follow signs from the A11 and B1065 just north of Barton Mills IP28 7JQ)

Troston Heritage Group

Our church, of course, will also be taking part in the celebration, showing the exceptional medieval paintings - and graffiti. The graffiti is of new interest to historians and only recently being researched. Do come along, if only to speculate about the meaning of the curious pentangles and circles scratched on the walls by villagers from our past, and the apparent Rosicrucian Crosses and symbols of Freemasonry.

The pentagram was used as a Christian symbol for the five wounds of Christ and was believed to protect against demons. Indeed, Arthurian legends often refer to the pentagram and it appears on the shield of Sir Gawain in the 14th century poem *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. As the poet explains, the five points of the star each have five meanings: they represent the five senses, the five fingers, the five wounds of Christ, the five joys that Mary had of Jesus (the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the Assumption), and the five virtues of knighthood

which Gawain hopes to embody: noble generosity, fellowship, purity, courtesy, and compassion.

The Circle, of course, is a fairly universal symbol among world religions, though the context may change. It is seen to represent the sun, the moon, the door through which we all were born, and the human eye. Since it has no beginning or end, to Christians it represents God's love; birth, the Alpha and Omega; eternity, that which has neither beginning nor end. Masons used the compass to draw circles and construct right-angles and regarded the circle as part of their link back to Pythagoras.

The circle has become an integral part of our religious architectural heritage, seen for example in the rose windows of our cathedrals. Or take the tradition of the Advent Wreath, which may well have had its origins in a pagan past. During the dark days of winter, sun-worshippers would burn a cartwheel to appease the sun god as they prayed for blessings of light and life. In the Reformation era, seeing the circular wheel as a symbol of the eternal, unchanging nature of God, Christians may have appropriated this symbol for their Advent observances. To symbolize God's gift of life, they covered the wheel with greens, and to symbolize the light brought into the world by Christ, they added candles.

There is a legend of how St. Patrick when preaching to some soon-to-be converted heathens was shown a sacred standing stone that was marked with a pagan circle or wheel, symbolic of the sun or moon goddess. Patrick made the mark of a Latin cross through the circle and blessed the stone, effectively creating the first Celtic cross.

New Farmers' Market

But back to the secular world – there will be a Farmers' Market in Ixworth Village Hall – the last Sunday of the month starting Sun 30th Sept from 10am – 1pm.

There will be a wide variety of local food and drink suppliers. Come along to sample some delicious food including sausages from “Julie’s Farm” who also sells eggs in Ixworth and Asian fusion food from “Lily Delivering Asia” also from Ixworth. There will be pork, sausages and bacon, cupcakes from “Boutique Baking” of Bardwell, flour from “Pakenham Watermill”, bread as well as jams, chutneys and pickles from “Well Preserved” based in Bury St Edmunds, chocolates from “Bury Chocolate Shop”, ready mix curry spices and beers/juices.

You’ll also be able to re-stock your garden with autumn plants and flowers. Lots more stalls also available so come along for a browse and pick up some bargains.

Refreshments also available so bring your Sunday papers and come for a chat with friends. To book a stall or for more details please contact Charlotte Brown on 07545 629372 or 01359 233354 or email charlottejay78@hotmail.com

Ixworth Barn Dance

Also in Ixworth Village hall, traditional country style Barn Dance, with Caller, Saturday 29th September 7.30 pm. Tickets £6.00 to include sausage supper, but bring your own drinks and glasses.

Proposal for a Solar Farm

The Euston Estate is supporting the National desire to produce more energy from renewable resources. To this end we will submit a planning application for a 10mw solar farm on land within the Aerodrome and the Ten Acre Fields, Honington.

The basic proposal is to produce a total of 10MW of electricity – enough to power over 4,000 homes – through the construction of a series of arrays of panels 2 metres high and 3 metres apart within the existing field boundaries. Hedgerows and headlands will be retained and the site will be fenced with a 2 metre chain link fence or similar to assist in security and to deter entrance by deer.

Further details are available at <http://www.switch2renewable.co.uk>

Whilst we are confident that the development will be contained within a major dip in the landscape and will not be visible, we commissioned a Landscape Appraisal to examine a larger scheme than the current proposal. This appraisal demonstrates very little visual impact.

From Andrew Blenkiron

Euston Rural Pastime

The AGM for Rural Pastimes is on Monday 10th September at Foxborough House, Sapiston. This is an open meeting for all, especially new volunteers who are really needed!

Troston Poor's Estate

Any person over the age of 65 is entitled to be considered for an annual payment from the Troston Poor's Estate Charity. One payment per household may be claimed.

If you are not already in receipt of this payment but think you are entitled to claim, then please contact Vic Simmonds at 7 The Heath, Troston or telephone 01359 269 219 as soon as possible. Cheques are distributed in early December.

From Vic Simmonds

Barnham Village Fete

Please bring friends and family to the Village Hall for a BBQ lunch or tea (or both) Sunday 9th September. All the traditional stalls and entertainments, second-hand books, bric-a-brac, toys, teacup rides, face painting, crockery smash, coconut shy, splat the rat and bowling the pig. A bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks will be open all afternoon.

Bushcraft Shelter Building

For those of an apocalyptic frame of mind, or just wanting some bonding activity with their teenage

children, learn how to make different types of shelter and survive in the wild. Hands-on workshop in West Stow Country Park 15th September 10 am to 4 pm. Booking essential £12 adults and over 16s only.

Thank You

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Don't hesitate to send in news items and articles which might be of interest – they will always be gratefully welcome! Contact Graeme Norris at Church Cottage, Church Lane, IP31 1EX or email graeme@lmrinternational.

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Bowls Club	269468
Book Club	269614
Village Hall Bookings	268134
Custodian, Troston History Book	268622
Troston Heritage Group	269574

Local Shops:

Jackdaw	269453
Honington Camp Post Office	269215
Jin Fu Chinese Restaurant	269933
Kingfisher Chip Shop	268976

Schools:

Honington CEVC Primary	269324
Ixworth Middle School	230387
Ixworth CEVC Primary	230228
Thurston Community College	230885

Health Services:

Ixworth Surgery	230252
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Rev Philip Garbett	234415
Rev Liz Jump	269265
Rev Doug Neupert	269614

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Fire Police Ambulance	999
Electricity (power cuts) 8838	0800 783
Water (emergencies) 5145	0845 714
Environment	0800 807060

Police:

Police non-emergency 774100 or 101	01284
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Government Officials:

Troston Parish Council Clerk 763098	01284
St Eds BC Cllr Christopher Spicer	230800
SCC Cllr Becky Hopfensperger 683516	07876
David Ruffley MP (Bury St Eds)	244199
Matthew Hancock MP (W. Suffolk) 565945	01638

Local Trades and Services

Local trades-people who would like to be listed would be welcome. The idea is to provide a

simple directory of services – not pages of paid adverts. Naturally, all names will be given in good faith, with no responsibility for the quality of goods or services delivered. Please email updates, corrections or requests to graeme@lmrinternational.co.uk or leave a message on 268082

A14 Aerials 234973 / 07876015674	01359
Accounting Advice (Sophie) 231609 / 07595913100	01359
Allison's Mobile Hairdressing 724598 / 07752382590	01284
Austin Electrical 268262 / 07879417420	01359
Bell Flower Nursery 07879644958	
Bond Gardening 753261 / 07500560512	01842
Bumper Car Taxi 733933	01284
Carpentry & Joinery 674119 / 07866478469	01449
Chimney Sweep 232335	01359
Claire's Hair 269293	01359
Elite Fencing 221128 / 07761651567	01359
Evan Markell Gardening 07545157737	
Fix A Leak 269415 / 07703256356	01359
Forestry & Grass 07867971868	

Game Electrical 787255 / 07860676415	01284	Traditional Flintwork 268500 / 07870320354	01359
I G Garden Services 268279 / 07831838059	01359	Tree Surgeon 270976	01359
Jason Hardwood Logs 268955/07970338092	01359	Yoga with Julia 07775758438	
Jay's Window Cleaning 241075 / 07745499323	01359		
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Kim's Cleaning 750677 / 07979082212	01842		
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Mays Accounting 269005 / 07760199434	01359		
Mobile Holistic Therapy 810133 / 07877321531	01284		
Pilates with Min 268769 / 07921452180	01359		
Plumbing Work by Tim 553928	07850		
Roofing 268786 / 07932761754	01359		
Sally's Catering Events 259923	01359		
Squeaky Clean Windows 810679	01284		
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