



## **The Bull Site Development**

At the end of December Parish Councillors had a progress meeting with Tony Hodgson (Greene King Estate Manager), Roger Davidson (Lacy, Scott & Knight) and Lionel Thurlow (Milburn Architects).

Mr Hodgson said Greene King plan to submit their development application in January 2013. Thereafter it would probably take three to four months for a decision from the Borough. He then hopes to market the site in June/July with a possible completion in early 2014. Some concern was expressed by Councillors about keeping the site tidy for over a year. Promises were made.

Greene King are keeping a strip of land alongside Livermere Road for any future development – possibly social housing, although there had not been a Local Needs Survey and in any case there may be a more ideal site within the Village for such housing. Mr Hodgson said in the end Greene King may gift the land to the Borough for the purposes of social housing.

He confirmed the application would create, as requested, additional access for vehicles and pedestrians. In respect of the access from Livermere Road, it was agreed that access should be located as far away as possible (towards Livermere) from the entrance to Paddock Way. If this could be achieved, it may allow the Borough to extend the village's 30mph limit.

## **Play Area & Equipment**

Roger Davidson said he understood Greene King would instruct their contractors to design and cost the supply of play equipment. Villagers are invited to let the Chairman of the Parish Council know of items they would like to see installed. The costs, as then agreed with the Parish Council, will be

paid by the purchaser of the development site. The Parish would then take over full responsibility for construction of the play areas from the donated funds.

The area to be allocated for a football pitch, which hopefully will also make the Bull an attractive venue, will be gifted by Greene King together with rights of way. The remaining agricultural land will be sold and the purchaser obliged to erect a post and wire fence on the south eastern boundary. Concerns about the overhead electricity cable were noted but not resolved – the cost of various solutions is still to be estimated.

*From Roger Anderson, Chairman of the Parish Council*

## **Community Right to Bid**

New legislation allows community groups, like the Parish Council, to nominate local land or non-residential buildings as “assets of community value” that cannot be sold without the community group being informed - and given the opportunity to prepare a bid.

The intention is that communities can purchase assets such as village shops, woodlands used for recreation and local pubs etc that have become commercially unviable and would otherwise no longer be available for use by the local community. The new legislation would not give Troston residents any preferential treatment in the sale of the Bull, rather it gives them time to prepare bids so they have a realistic chance of preparing a competitive bid. Is anybody interested?

*From Richard Walker, Parish Counsellor*

## **Houses planned for Ixworth Thorpe Site**

For information, permission for four new homes on the site of the former Royal Oak public house at Ixworth Thorpe is being sought from St Edmundsbury Borough Council. The pub was boarded up in 2008.

*From Sue Sollohub*

### **Honington School**

The School plans to open two more junior classes in September. Alas, Honington Parish Council, has decided to object formally to the designs submitted for the new classrooms because they are not thought to be in keeping with a listed building in a conservation area. Regardless, the classes will continue to be offered and a resolution is hoped for in the coming months.

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next Troston Parish Council will be in the Village Hall at 19.30 4th March 2013. Everyone in the village is welcome to come along.

*From Nigel Pitcher, Parish Clerk*

### **Our Church**

Thank you for supporting the church gift day and for your generous donations. Almost £800 was raised which is a fantastic help towards being able to pay our quota this year.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal would also like to thank Troston for their contribution of £146.11 from the house to house collection and the Remembrance Day service at St Mary's Church.

Please don't forget the weekly soup lunches, Tuesdays 11.30 to 13.30 at the village hall.

We plan to hold a village fete this summer but it will need willing volunteers to man the stalls and erect/dismantle the site. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact me on 268144 so that potential interest can be assessed. Thank you.

The new monthly service schedule is:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 9.30 Holy Communion, Troston

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 9.30 Mattins, Honington

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11.00 Morning Worship, Troston

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11.00 Family Communion, Troston

*From Jane Harland & Rev. Doug Neupert*

### **Women's Institute**

Happy New Year to you all. Herewith a remainder that our first meeting of the year is upon us. I shall be demonstrating some easy store-cupboard recipes, perfect for that unexpected visitor. We shall then have a taste-in after the business part of the meeting.

We also thought that we should have a silent auction during refreshments, so if you have any unwanted gifts, books, sweets, preserves or similar please bring them along to the meeting, so we can raise funds for the institute. (One man's rubbish is another man's treasure!)

Membership fees of £33.00 are due for the year, so please bring your cheque books and collect your new membership booklets.

Please tell family, friends and neighbours that we'd be delighted to welcome them to the meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

If anyone can give Audrey a lift she would be grateful. Please call her on 268320. Do remember our WI is only as good as the members who turn up to support us, to that end please go through your new diaries and calendars and mark in the

WI nights - 2nd Wednesday of each month, that way hopefully more people will remember to turn up.

Our February meeting is on 13th, when Jenny Hill of Walsham-le-Willows WI and our Federation Representative for the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) will be telling us about the work of the organisation and where our 'Pennies for Friendship' money goes and about some of the projects Suffolk West has raised money for.

For further information, please contact me on 269769 or by email at [carolhony@gmail.com](mailto:carolhony@gmail.com).

*From Carol Littlewood*

### **Troston Heritage Group**

The Heritage Group has made an application for a Faculty (or 'planning approval) to the diocese for permission for the restoration of the pulpit and reading desk to go ahead. We are optimistic that this will be granted and that work can take place in the spring. The chosen restorer is Mr Joe Dawes, a respected craftsman, of Reepham, Norfolk.

We are also seeking grant aid from various trusts to help meet the £2,000 plus cost of the work. An expert has described the 17th century pulpit as particularly fine while the large reading desk is thought to be later and possibly had a domestic use. Once repaired and restored, they will look much better and be safe to use again.

*From Sue Sollohub, Chairman, Troston Heritage Appeal Group*

### **The Village Hall**

Remember it is YOUR hall and it is there for all of you to take advantage, if dates and times are available. Do check our Web Page, Troston

Village Hall, which can be accessed either directly via Google or the Your Hall Web page. Bookings and availability are there for everyone to see.

Additional help to keep the area clean & tidy would be much appreciated.

*From David Corrie*

### **Emergency Plan**

Every Parish has been asked to draft an "emergency plan" to cope with the possibility that the normal 999 service, or public utility companies, are delayed due to the scope or nature of the incident: for example fallen trees blocking the lane or high winds removing your roof.

A first draft was discussed by the Parish Council. In essence, in case of an emergency your first action should always be to contact the official emergency services by dialling **999** and/or the relevant service provider eg electricity or water company. Only then, on the rare occasions they tell you there will be a significant delay, should you notify a member of the Parish Council who will attempt to mobilise the resources we have in our small community.

(Curiously in Great Barton approximately 70 residents have agreed to provide resources and assist their Parish Council when the emergency services cannot respond. So if the apocalypse seems imminent you know where to go).

### **Useful numbers**

Parish Clerk:

Nigel Pitcher 01284 763 098

St Ed's Help Line: 01284 763 233

Joint Services Unit: 07920 466 340

Troston Councillors:

Roger Anderson 01359 268 337

John Benton 01359 269 214

Brenda Burridge 01359 269 653  
Peter Hay 01359 269 250  
Graeme Norris 01359 268 082  
Richard Walker 01359 269 360

Ixworth Surgery 01359 230 252  
Electricity 0800 783 8838  
Water 0845 714 5145  
Environment 0800 807 060  
Community Police 01284 774 100  
Airbase Guard Room 01359 268 296

For metal cutting equipment, tractors, lifting gear, warning cones, rope etc contact John Benton. For chain saws and long ladders contact Peter Hay or Urban Forestry on 01284 729 091. For pumps and drainage contact TBS on 01284 788 122.

Of course, there are also the professional builders, electricians, roofers, plumbers and other handy trades people who live in the village – who are also available for non-emergency work!

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### Local Trades and Services

A14 Aerials 01359 234973 / 07876015674

Accounting Advice (Sophie) 01359 231609 / 07595913100

Allison's Mobile Hairdressing 01284 724598 / 07752382590

Austin Electrical 01359 268262 / 07879417420

Bell Flower Nursery 07879644958

Bond Gardening 01842 753261 / 07500560512

Bumper Car Taxi 01284 733933

Carpentry & Joinery 01449 674119 / 07866478469

Chimney Sweep 01359 232335

Claire's Hair 01359 269293

Elite Fencing 01359 221128 / 07761651567

Evan Markell Gardening 07545157737

Fix A Leak 01359 269415 / 07703256356

Forestry & Grass 07867971868

Game Electrical 01284 787255 / 07860676415

I G Garden Services 01359 268279 / 07831838059

Jason Hardwood Logs 01359 268955 / 07970338092

Jay's Window Cleaning 01359 241075 / 07745499323

Just Hair 01359 232007

Kim's Cleaning 01842 750677 / 07979082212

Lawn Mower Doctor 01359 230187 / 07951152665

Martin's MOTs 01359 230536 / 07808508864

Mays Accounting 01359 269005 / 07760199434

Mobile Holistic Therapy 01284 810133 / 07877321531

Multi-Fuel Stoves 01359 269756 / 07717712344

Pilates with Min 01359 268769 / 07921452180

Roofing 01359 268786 / 07932761754

Sally's Catering Events	01359 259923
Squeaky Clean Windows	01284 810679
Stowlangtoft Hall Nursing	01359 230216
Strands Hair Styling	01359 230300
Traditional Flintwork	01359 268500 /
07870320354	
Tree Surgeon	01359 270976
Yoga with Julia	07775758438