



May '14

Village Social Club

Troston Social Club is really moving now! The quizzes have been “full house” and everyone enjoyed themselves. We are planning a Troston Fun Day at the end of August. There will be outdoor games, a BBQ, product stalls, refreshments, and a bouncy castle. We will be recruiting helpers shortly to man the stalls and games. So put the **31st August** in your diary.

The Troston walks are proving to be very popular so now we are meeting at 9-30 on a Wednesday every 4 weeks. If you weren't on it you have just missed the latest walk! The walks will be on 11th June, 9th July, and 6th August.

We keep in touch on the last Friday of every month at the 'Pop Up Pub' If you haven't been, just come along at 7-30 and meet your neighbours. Bring a drink. The next Pop up Pub is on **May 30th**. See you there!

The plan for June 27th is to have a village Barbecue . Can anyone help us out with a large BBQ ? Please e-mail amwglide@gmail.com or leave a phone message if you know of one.

From Anne Walker 01359269360

Broadband

First the good news – the rollout programme is currently three months ahead of schedule and fifty percent of premises in Suffolk will be upgraded by the end of this year. The bad news is this will be in the towns, and large villages like Ixworth, and not homes in rural areas. Troston, however, is promised to get at least 7 to 15 megabit speeds by March 2015. The actual speed you will get depends on the distance you are from a “Primary

Connection Point” – ours is thought to be the box opposite the Bull. If you are really close the claim is 80 megabit download and 20 megabit upload! Of course, the state of the copper cable from the connection point makes a big difference – this is a particular concern to folk whose cables were installed with the cheap aluminium cable in the 1970's. A tangle of cables connecting various internal phones can also create interference which will degrade your signal.

From Peter Ingram, Suffolk County Council

Keeping Bridleways Open

Members of the Walking Club have noticed some public footpaths and sections of bridleway across fields have been obstructed. Landowners are required to mark routes after ploughing, drilling etc. This is usually done by a set of tramlines or canes at a minimum width of 1.8 metres. When the crop starts to emerge the landowner is required to remove the crop by spraying or cutting the route.

I will take a look at the paths when I am next in the Troston area – the landowners are usually pretty good so if there has been an oversight it can be rectified by a quick phone call from me.

From Claire Dickson, Suffolk County Council

Website

After great work by Daniel Jamie, we now have an initial draft of a new village website. Please take a look www.troston.onesuffolk.net The layout is still taking shape and will continue to evolve in the coming weeks and months. Please give us feedback and ideas for improvements. Why not add it to your browser bookmarks and start checking for local news and information.

From Peter Johns

Proposed Development of the Bull Site

As the Planning Officer responsible for recreational space I have reservations about Greene Kings' plans.

"I doubt the ability for some of the equipment to be relocated due to its current visual condition and its hidden condition underground and within sealed parts. Equipment that is installed to previous standards does not require retrospective modifications when a standard is up dated; however when equipment is relocated it is best practice to ensure that any equipment that is being reinstated conforms to current standards.

The development will also place additional pressure on the like for like recreational facilities and due to the increased number of residential properties and residents the new facilities should reflect this by providing additional provision to cope with the increased demand.

I have strong reservations concerning the provision of public open space with a high voltage power line running through the centre of the site, consideration should be given to rerouting this around the perimeter of the site. The current open space is limited in its use by such a power line, as children are not always supervised whilst playing in public open spaces, they do not always read signs and don't always understand the consequences of how they play."

From Simon Collin, Suffolk County Council

MP Onboard

Thanks go to our MP, David Ruffley, who has brought some more pressure to bear on the Borough Planners in relation to the need to get the power cables moved and the whole of the new playing field grassed over. He has also said that in

view of more houses being in the village, we need more play equipment.

Greene Kings' claim for possible further affordable housing, at some undeclared date, on the proposed new play area next to Smithies Cottage, was questioned – this should be incorporated within the area to be designated as the new recreational open space.

Obligations should also be put in place to ensure that all recreation facilities to be provided by developers should be completed before any building begins.

From Roger Anderson.

Police Report

Alas, there have been reports of nine fuel thefts from cars left out overnight. It is recommended that if it is not possible to garage cars, locking petrol caps should be fitted. There have also been thefts from sheds and outbuildings in the area - remember to lock them. Please be vigilant

From PCSO Cogman, Ixworth Police Station

RAF Honington News

The Station Commander is keen to foster good relationships with the village and invites everybody from Troston to the Station's "Family Day" 16.00 to 18.00 **July 16th**. Village children are also invited to the RAF Youth Club. The model aircraft championships will be held between the 31st July and 3rd August – please come along.

He is also organising a regular litter pick around land next to the base, and the RAF police are looking into the possibility of strategically parking a marked car as a speed deterrent near the Jackdaw Corner.

From John Benton

Rural Vision 2031

By law, the Borough must provide a formal document which forecasts the number of new homes and jobs, and decisions on the locations for the main areas of growth. While “infill villages” like Troston will be encouraged to play a part, the growth is being focussed on designated “Local Service Centres” which already have a nucleus of shops, health services and community facilities.

Ixworth has been designated a Local Service Centre, although protests have been made on the possible increase in traffic and threat of supermarkets on local shops. The Reeves Farm site is expected to have some 20 new dwellings built in the short term, and about 170 houses plus space for future school expansion, on the land west of the A143, south of the A1088.

Improvements to public transport have been agreed and enhanced footpath and cycle access to the village centre. Landscaping and recreational open space are to be provided on both sites.

From Christopher Spicer, Borough Councillor

Church News

After 10 years on the Heritage Committee, ill health has forced Sue Sollohub to resign. She has played a major role in securing grants, coordinating the fundraising activities and increasing the awareness of Troston church as a heritage gem. She was a significant member of David Corrie's original Saving Troston's Heritage group that, with funding from the National Lottery and other sources, secured the services of Andrea Kirkham to conserve the wall paintings. Since then, we have seen the group install specialist lighting so that the paintings can be seen in all their glory and more recently, restore the pulpit. Our thanks and prayers go with Sue as she moves to Stowlangtoft.

Rev Doug Neupert remains in hospital and our thoughts and prayers are with him and Jeanne.

The café church has been welcomed as a service which uniquely combines the informality of a

café, serving a breakfast, with the solemnity of a communion service. We are very pleased that Rev Sue Nutt from Barnham has agreed to lead our next service on 25th May. If you would like to experience this very different style of service, please join us for breakfast at 10:45am in the village hall.

Our Easter service ended with an announcement by Rev Liz Jump in which she told us that she will be leaving Honington and the Blackbourne team and taking up a new post at Wroxham. Sadly, she will be leaving next month and her final service will be held in Bardwell on 15th June at 10:30am followed by a shared lunch.

The service pattern is different for June, because of the Team service for Liz

1st June	9:30	at Troston	Holy Communion
8th June	9:30	at Honington	Holy Communion
15th June	10:30	at Bardwell	Holy Communion
22nd June	11:00	at Troston	Morning Worship
29th June	11:00	at Troston	Holy Communion at the Village Hall

You would be very welcome at any of the services

Rural Pastimes: Sunday 8th June

This year Troston will be selling programmes as their contribution towards the event. We have been asked to have a team of six, working in pairs around the arena, throughout the day. It is a wonderful show and as usual, half the proceeds go to St Nicholas Hospice. Troston is lucky enough to also receive a share of the proceeds, which heavily subsidises the church's contribution to the quota they are expected to pay each year.

If you feel that you could help by becoming part of this team of programme sellers, please contact me as soon as possible

We also plan to run a tombola. Please could you donate prizes – children's toys, etc? Please leave them with Ann Grimwood 20 Garden Fields or telephone 10359 268 132

From Jane Harland 268 144

Women's Institute News

We meet the second Wednesday every month at 7.45. Next event, 11th June 2014 at 7 p.m is our Garden Meeting, by kind invitation of Jenny and Paul Hewes at The Hall, Troston. Please bring a plate of food or a bottle to share. If the weather is nice we hope to play croquet.

The main resolution at our Annual Meeting was to encourage the gift of an organ when you die to help someone who needs a transplant. There is a shortage of donors and three people die every day whilst waiting for a transplant.

The UK's consent rate is one of the lowest in Europe – last year four in ten families said NO to allowing their loved one's organs to be donated, even when that person had placed themselves on the Donation Register. (Planned changes to the formal consent system from 2015 do not change the fact that consent from families is still required before any transplants can go ahead). There is no age limit to joining – organs from people in their 70s and 80s have been transplanted successfully.

Please make a choice to help and let your closest loved ones know so your wishes can be respected. You can register online, over the phone, with your GP or simply getting a Boots loyalty card.

For further information please contact: Jenny Simmonds on 269 219 or email me carolhony@gmail.com

From Carol Littlewood

The Village Hall

Lots of you are finding the hall to be the ideal venue for birthday parties, family gatherings and villagers' events. That's great news for everyone, so keep it mind and book it! Just give me a ring on 269467. I'm always happy to show you around if you haven't been before. If you might be interested in helping to run the hall, then please call Val (268012) or me, to chat it over.

From Sue Bishop

School News

From Brenda Burridge

School Dinners

Eats Catering (East Anglian Taste for Schools) will be producing an extra 15,000 meals a day in schools across Suffolk from September. We are looking to recruit over 200 enthusiastic people as Food Service Assistants. Minimum of 2 hours a day, term time only, £7.11 per hour, including holiday enhancement, with pay rise pending. Duties include: food preparation, serving, furniture moving, washing up, cleaning, etc. Full training will be given between May and July. All positions are subject, of course, to DBS, references and health checks. For more information or an application form contact Linda Eve on 01473 260371 or Linda.eve@easternfms.co.uk.

Ducks

Please don't feed the ducks! Although the ducklings are so very cute, the ditch by the Bull is now home to a large family of ducklings – apart from the poo on the pavement, we have had a couple of nasty bumps as cars braked or swerved unexpectedly, and picking up squashed ducks is not a nice job for the squeamish!

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall at **19.30 7th July 2014**. Please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk (01284 763

098) with any issues you would like raised at the Meeting so they can be put on the Agenda.

From Nigel Pitcher, Parish Clerk

Thanks to all contributors. Hopefully their articles have been edited in correctly enough. Please send possible material for the next Newsletter to graeme@Lmrinternational.co.uk or by post to Church Cottage, Church Lane, Troston, IP31 1EX or short phone message 01359 268 082.