



### **Village Social Club**

Many thanks to Jane and Carol for arranging the BBQ on the 27th June. Very much enjoyed by all.

We want to arrange more events and a planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 July at 7-30 in the Village Hall. We are thinking of 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 need to recruit 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 - next walk will be on the 6th August.

We try to 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 – and some nuts. See you there!

*From Anne Walker*

### **Proposed Development of the Bull Site**

“There is no update on the application yet. I have written to Greene King’s agent about our concerns and still some weeks later am yet to receive a substantive response from them.

I intend to put more pressure on them in an effort to move these proposals forward more productively.”

*From Dave Beighton, Principal Planning Officer*

### **Defibulator**

At the last Parish Council Meeting a parishioner raised the idea of the village having a defibulator unit – like the unit outside the Library in Ixworth (where the energetic Zumba classes are held... ). The equipment was donated by the East of England Co-op. The Ambulance Service provided them with a list of suitable villages in which to

site the equipment but, alas, Troston was not on their recommended list.

*From Nigel Pitcher, Parish Clerk*

### **Village Lottery**

The Parish Council, after some debate on a new village sign and “stuff” to make Troston a nice place to live, decided to go ahead with a Village Lottery – commencing 1st January 2015. The idea is to raise money for equipment and social events to improve life in the village and, of course, offer regular prizes to lucky ticket holders! The prize money (say £50) and percentage distribution (say 50%) have not been agreed yet – but could be higher if we get most of the village enrolled. The draw could be at the start of every Parish Council Meeting, or perhaps during Village Social Club events. A yearly stake of £15 was suggested, to be paid by cheque or standing order.

Are you interested in becoming a likely winner? The chances have to be excellent in a small village.

If you would like to participate, please contact me or the Parish Clerk on 01284 763 098 or by email [nep@fsmgpc.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:nep@fsmgpc.fsnet.co.uk) to register your interest.

*From Graeme Norris, 01359 268 082*

### **Police Report**

Alas, accidents caused by speeding continue to be a serious problem on our country lanes. As always we are grateful for the support we get from community speed watch teams and all the effort they put in to make their villages safer. If you are interested in starting one in Troston please contact me. Six volunteers are needed.

Officers are reminding shoppers to be vigilant after a number of purse thefts in Bury St Edmunds town centre. The thefts occurred around lunchtime, during market days, at various locations in Cornhill & Brentgovel Street.

Sad to report, there has also been a spate of burglaries. A computer and two cycles were taken from a building in Common Lane. During daylight hours, a garden was entered and a wooden chair stolen, at another house their window box was taken, and to cap it all, the milk churn containing donations outside Great

Livermere Church, has been pinched!  
Investigations are on-going.

Most burglaries are committed by opportunist criminals – so keep alert. Keep dustbins and wheel-bins away from fencing and gates, which access your property (these are used by thieves to easily climb over barriers).

The Team would like to thank Pakenham Neighbourhood Watch for their active role in catching a suspect who was responsible for recent theft from a local roadside honesty stall. Following the on-line identification, an admission was made and the value of the theft has been repaid in full, together with a note of apology to the victim.

Remember, letting your dog foul public places is an offence – in many ways. In particular, please could dog walkers refrain from walking their dogs to do their business in Garden Fields and Paddock Way – even if you use a poo-bag. It is a residential estate where children play on the grass, and it is not pleasant to find smears, or worse...

*From PCSO Hollie Cogman*

### **Encouraging Community Feeling**

“St Edmundsbury Borough Council believes it could do more to help families and communities. Our approach is essentially a preventative one where the focus is on working directly with local groups (not Parish Councils) to help them address specific local issues they raise - and care enough about to do something to address.

Working with your Borough Councillor, Christopher Spicer, who has a budget of £2,500, I have been appointed to be your “locality officer”. I am interesting in meeting “activists” who are already part of community groups in the area or have any ideas for enhancing their area through community based projects. I can help with framing your initial ideas and signposting the relevant agencies and support groups for project and financial planning. Please contact me on 01284 757620”.

*From Helen Lindfiel, Locality Officer*

### **Look Out for Each Other**

There is a “bells and blind spots” giveaway from Goliath, the Road Safe Bus, in Nowton Park 13th August from 10am to 2,30pm. Local cyclists and

drivers are being given the chance to grab free blind spot mirrors and bike bells.

“Let's Look Out for Each Other” serves to remind both cyclists and drivers of the importance of looking out for each other to avoid serious and life threatening accidents. Each week approximately four cyclists are injured in Suffolk with almost three cyclists killed or seriously injured every month. Driver error has been attributed to 68% of all collisions in Suffolk.

### **Become a Consumer Champion**

Started in 2011, the Consumer Champion network acts as a bridge between Trading Standards and the local community. Working hand in hand with residents, the network aims to make it easier for people to access information about consumer rights, protecting themselves and their community in the process. Anyone over the age of 18 can "Join the Fight" and become a Consumer Champion.

Visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/jointhefight](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/jointhefight) for more details or to complete an application form. It can be returned to the Community Engagement Officer via email on [tradingstandards@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@suffolk.gov.uk)

### **Can you support and inspire a teenager through fostering?**

Suffolk’s fostering service wants to encourage people to come forward to explore fostering, especially when it comes to older children. There are currently around 720 children in care in Suffolk, and over half are aged 11 or over. The fostering service deal quickly and sensitively with any queries.

Foster carers can provide care on a short-term basis whilst permanent plans are made for children to return home to a birth family, to an adoptive family or another permanent foster family. Carers can also provide care on a long-term or permanent basis where the child will be fully part of your family for the remainder of their childhood and hopefully throughout their adult life. Contact the Fostering Service on 0800 328 2148 or visit [www.suffolkfostering.com](http://www.suffolkfostering.com)

*From Councillor Becky Hopfensperger*

### **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.

*From John Benton*

### **Wargaming Group**

Seventy years have passed since the invasion of France by Allied Forces to liberate Europe. Valiant but dark times. More French civilians died in those first few days of June than all the casualties from the years of bombing in London.

To commemorate D-Day, Honington War Game Group is holding an open day, Saturday 13th September 10am to 5pm in Troston Village Hall. On display will be its award winning layout of Sword beach – an incredible 30 foot display of the battle ground with scale landing craft, armoured vehicles, guns and soldiers. The fine detailing of the model won awards at the Salute Exhibition at the Excel Centre and Bovington Tank Museum in Dorset.

Everybody is welcome and admission will be free but a donation to the Village Hall would be appreciated.

Perhaps other clubs might like to join us – make the day a chance to show what they do and gain new members? Perhaps offer tea and Eccles cakes? Do contact me if you would like to help in some way.

*From Malcolm Smith 01359 268 176*

### **Sponsored Bike Ride**

Saturday 13th September 2014 anytime between 9am and 5pm.

If you have been inspired by the Tour de France presence in England, why not challenge yourself by seeing how many churches you can cycle to in one day? You will be offered a warm welcome, a drink and a biscuit - or maybe more, at each church. (Indeed, why not call in and see the Sword beach display at the Village Hall too?)

The amount raised by the ride is split equally between your nominated church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

If cycling is not your thing, maybe you wouldn't mind volunteering to man our church for an hour or so, on a rota basis - it's an important job and would be much appreciated.

So cyclists....I can provide you with a sponsorship form, why not grab your helmets and see how many churches you can manage, you may surprise yourselves!

*From Jane Harland*

### **Church News**

I am sorry to say that Doug Neupert is still in hospital. Many of you will have seen him around the village on days when he has been allowed home for a few hours. It has been good to see him back tending his flock, but the road to recovery is a long one and we wish him, and Jeannie, the strength to keep going.

Since the beginning of the year, we have had a group of Church Recorders carrying out a detailed inventory of the contents of the church, together with photographs, describing each item and researching the history of these where possible. We look forward to receiving their findings which will be presented beautifully in a folder.

The "café church" service on the last Sunday of each month continues to attract those who like a service in a less formal environment. If you are wondering how that works, why not join us for the next one on 27th July.

Thank you to all who helped or contributed in whatever way to Euston Rural Pastimes, it was a marvellous day. I cannot finish the church report without saying how sorry we are that one of our members, Mrs Hazel Fox, recently died in hospital. She will be sadly missed and our heartfelt sympathies go to her daughters Sue and Shirley.

Services for the rest of this month:

July 13th Matins 9:30am at Honington

July 20th Common Worship 11:00am at Troston

July 27th Holy Communion 11:00am at Troston Village Hall - Café Church

Services for next month:

August 3rd Holy Communion 11:00am at Troston

August 10th Matins 9:30am at Honington

August 17th Common Worship 11:00am at Troston

August 14th Holy Communion 11:00am at Troston Village Hall - Café Church

*From Jane Harland*

### **Women's Institute News**

We were so sorry to hear of the death of Hazel Fox at the end of June, she had been a steadfast member and we send our condolences and best wishes to Shirley and Sue on their Mother's death.

On a happier note, we had a lovely evening at our June meeting, when we met at The Hewes, for swimming, croquet and a delicious supper, thanks to Jenny and Paul.

By the time you read this we shall have had our outing to the Suffolk Regiment Museum in Bury St. Edmunds on Wednesday 9th July. Our programme for the rest of the year, however, is as follows:

Wednesday 13th August - SOCIAL EVENT t.b.a.

Wednesday 10th September - Sue Beavan, who is a WI Adviser is coming with her slides to talk about French Chateaux and their Gardens.

Wednesday 1st October - Grafton Group Meeting 19.30 at Barnham Village Hall. Troston is the host institute.

Wednesday 8th October - Husbands welcome. Robin Newell will be talking about the work of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen Families Association (SSAFA).

Wednesday 12th November - Grafton Group Coffee morning for the Baton Relay, 10.30 at Gt. Barton Village Hall.

Wednesday 12th November - OPEN MEETING. Richard Neave will give a brief overview of what the 'Suffolk Accident Rescue Service' is about.

Monday 8th December - SWFWI CAROL CONCERT at St. Mary's Church, BSE.

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Celebration.

Unless otherwise stated, we meet at the Village Hall at 19.45. When we have talks we have our

speaker on first for approximately 45 minutes, followed by refreshments and then any business for our WI is discussed. We try to finish by 10 pm. Guests are always welcome, and new members joining in October this year can have 15 months for the price of 12 months.

If you would like further information, please contact Jenny Simmonds, our President on 01359 269219.

*From Carol Littlewood*

### **The Village Hall**

Our lovely village hall continues to attract lots of people looking for a pretty medium-sized venue with plenty of parking – parties, wedding receptions, business meetings...and, of course, our very own social club's regular events. At £10 an hour for villagers, it's a bargain! New to the village? Just look on the village web site. I'm also always happy to show anyone around – just give me a ring on 269467.

*From Sue Bishop*

### **School News**

This is the time of year for outings and our Reception Class went to see a performance of Pinocchio at the Theatre Royal in Bury, Year 1 have been to Hedingham Castle, Year 2 to Bressingham Steam Museum and Year 4 took part in a County Music Festival at The Apex in Bury.

There are also sports events at Thurston Community College and some children are going to watch the pupils of Ixworth Middle School perform their Summer Show. We will be holding our Sports Afternoon on the 11th July and welcoming the new children who will be starting full time in September to introductory sessions with their new teacher before the end of term.

Our congratulations go to our Assistant Head, Mrs Jackie Jones, who has been appointed Deputy Head at Sextons Manor School in Bury so we will be moving staff around and appointing a new teacher, Miss Lucy McCloskey, who will teach Year 1 in September. School closes for the summer holidays on Wednesday 23rd July and children return to school on Friday 5th Sept.

*From Brenda Burridge*

### **Blackbourne Tree Group.**

MUSIC IN THE MEADOW, Saturday 19th July on the field behind the Rectory, next to the allotments; starting at 3pm with Country Music by BOF! (with hurdy-gurdy), Morris dancers, bouncy castle, donkey rides, etc. Tea and cakes (please bring one!). All local villagers are welcome, no charge or tickets. Please contact Sally on 268923, myself on 269658 or Netty Mendez on 269105 or 07867 975602.

*From Giles Smith, Honington & Sapiston Parish*

### **Rare Butterfly Watch**

Suffolk Wildlife Trust plan to meet at Pakenham Church car park (IP31 2LN for those with satnav) at 2pm Wednesday 6th August. The car park is actually behind the church - so drive up the narrow lane at the side of the churchyard. This is a

private wood so we will follow the public footpath to seek a sighting of the Silver Washed Fritillary.

*From David Addy, SWT BSE Branch Chairman*

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall at 19.30 1st September 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*

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