



Village Social Club

Keep in touch with friends and meet new neighbours – the “Pop-Up-Pub” is on the last Friday of every month - please come along at 7.30 with your choice of drink.

The Troston walks are proving to be very popular so now we are meeting at 9-30 on a Wednesday every 4 weeks – please look at the notice board outside the Bull for details.

Our next Village quiz evening is being planned for the 28th November. If you feel a little practice might help, Great Livermere Quiz Night is 7.30 27th September in their Village Hall.

From Anne Walker

Proposed Development of the Bull Site

Still no response from Greene King to questions on how they are going to replace the childrens’ playground with better facilities.

Their offer of £24,000 to just move the existing equipment seemed inadequate – and we now learn has been withdrawn. (*Estimates given by four reputable play equipment suppliers range from £35,000 to £50,000*). Greene King are also baulking at meeting the cost of moving the high-voltage overhead cable.

There is a suspicion this application will be revised, and another consultation period required – so a decision is unlikely this year.

From Dave Beighton, Principal Planning Officer

Village Lottery

Plans to establish a Village lottery are proceeding. A separate bank account has been opened, which will be managed as part of the Parish Council finances, and audited by the Borough to ensure everything is above board.

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 - who must be over 16 and live in the Parish. The prize money (say £50, £25, £15 and £10) has not been agreed yet – but could be higher if we get most of the village enrolled. We need about 60 households to make it worth the effort. The draw would be every two months at the start of the Parish Council Meeting, or perhaps during Village Social Club events. The stake to enter every year will be £15 - to be paid by cheque or standing order to keep admin costs down.

If you would like to enter please contact the Parish Clerk on 01284 763 098 or by email nep@fsmgpc.fsnet.co.uk) who will give you the bank details and lottery number.

As villagers tend to be a bit shy, Councillors agreed to start to contact everybody next month – so please don’t be too alarmed if there is a knock on your front door and a request for you to “take the pledge”.

From Nigel Pitcher, Parish Clerk

Troston Poors Estate Charity

Any person over the age of 65 and who has been in the village for over two years is entitled to be considered for an annual payment from the above charity. One payment per household.

If anyone thinks they are entitled to this payment and is not already receiving a payment, please contact Vic Simmonds at 7 The Heath or telephone 269 219 before the end of October.

Church News

Doug Neupert is still in hospital and we continue to hold him and Jeannie in our prayers.

The decline congregation numbers has led to the decision that, from October, services in the church will be suspended. Obviously, this decision was not taken lightly and it is very sad that it has come to this. Despite this, it was felt that the

Remembrance Day service and the Carol Service should be held in the church, so please check the notifications in the newsletter, on the village noticeboard and the church noticeboard, for times and venues of services. These notices will also show where services in nearby villages are being held.

Harvest Festival in Troston will be combined into our Café Church service. We will start a little later and ask those attending to bring a plate of food so that we can have a "bring and share" lunch at the end of the service.

For September:

7th September 9:30am Holy Communion in Troston

14th September 9:30am Harvest Festival at Sapiston Church

21st September 11am Morning Worship in Troston

28th September 11:30am Café Church / Harvest Lunch in Troston Village Hall

St Mary's will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 20th September in the village hall between 10am and 12noon. This will replace the usual Gift Day morning that has traditionally been held in December. Do come along and have a drink and a piece of cake; we would also really appreciate your support to help maintain the upkeep of the church.

Rural Pastimes

Thank you to everyone who supported Euston Rural Pastimes, it was a wonderful day and one of the best ever staged.

Troston benefits from the proceeds which are split between the Hospice, the local churches, and local charities. Thanks to the success of the event this summer, the church will receive a generous

donation, which will make a significant contribution towards the amount we have to pay the Church of England each year.

Cycle Ride

If you enjoy cycling, why not have a go at The Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride on Saturday 13th September with churches open from 9am until 5pm. Even if you are unable to get any sponsors (maybe just make a small donation) you may enjoy seeing how many churches you can manage, or plan your route to take in some other places of interest as it coincides with Heritage Weekend. If you are interested, then I have a list of churches that are open, please give me a ring on 268144. You can also find forms on the village noticeboard and the church noticeboard.

If you are not up to riding, I am looking for volunteers to man Troston church for an hour at a time, to welcome riders with a drink and a biscuit. If you could spare an hour on September 13th, please could you contact me in 268144.

Tuesday Lunches

Tuesday lunches will resume on 23rd September. There is no booking, just call in and see what we have on offer, £2.50 for lunch or £3 if you include a drink and biscuit. Everyone welcome.

From Jane Harland

Police Report

Over the last few months there had been a number of burglaries in the area. We are delighted to report that working with the RAF Police at Honington, who spotted a suspiciously parked van near the Base, we stopped and searched the driver. As a result, he was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property, an imitation firearm, bladed weapons and a quantity of Class B drugs.

Another success was our undercover operation, during Bury market day, which led to a woman, who regularly travelled up from north London, being arrested in connection with a number of purse and wallet thefts.

The bad news is that copper sheeting has been stolen from the roof of the church in Great Barton – so please keep a look out for suspicious behaviour and don't hesitate to give us a call. The Crimestoppers scheme allows you to give information – anonymously if you wish. You can contact them directly at www.crimestoppers.co.uk or on 0800 555 111.

The person who stole a bunch of flowers from a road side store in Pakenham remains at large.

Beware Scams

We have been alerted to a number of scams being attempted. Here are some of the things you should look out for:

Poor spelling or grammar in emails: Scammers will often put misspellings in their email in an effort to avoid triggering spam filters for common keywords in their messages, for example “money” or “gambling”. This way they can maximize the number of people their messages reach by avoiding spam filters.

Claiming to be someone they're not: A common scam is when you receive a call from someone claiming to be from a company such as “Microsoft”. In this situation, the caller may claim there's an issue with your computer and will ask you to go to a website and download some virus protection software. Companies like Microsoft would not contact you in this way and if you receive a call similar to this hang up. If you have an issue, call the company directly.

Seek out reviews and references for companies that you haven't used before, either via the internet or when looking for a trader you can use www.suffolktrustedtrader.com

Inheritance scams: Many scams today are sent via email, including one wherein individuals claim to be heirs to a fortune that they cannot access. Most commonly, they will request your bank

information so that they can wire you some money – never give out any financial or personal information from an unsolicited email.

Low, low prices: You may see branded goods for sale with prices that are much lower than the normal market price. In some cases this may be a scam to get you to hand over your credit/debit card details or you may receive counterfeit versions of the goods.

Prize Draw: You may receive an email, letter or telephone call that informs you, you've won a prize. But for you to claim the prize you either have to pay a fee or you need to order something from a catalogue. However, in the small print it states that you are actually entering a prize draw. If you receive something similar to this, you need to think if you have entered any prize draws?

From PCSO Claire Teakle

Lungworm

Has your dog ever eaten slugs, snails, frogs – would you know? The parasite can even be ingested from licking the slimy trail they leave behind! Alas, lungworm is a life threatening disease which is being reported in our fields.

The symptoms are breathing problems, tiring more easily, nose bleeds and weight loss. Early diagnosis and treatment will give your dog the best chance of recovery, so don't hesitate to contact your vet. A monthly tablet can be prescribed to prevent infection.

From Donna Hobbs, Eastgate Veterinary Group

Wargaming Open 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, gun emplacements and soldiers. The fine detailing of the model won awards at the Salute Exhibition at the Excel Centre and Bovington Tank Museum in Dorset.

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

From Malcolm Smith 01359 268 176

Women's Institute News

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

Whatever the occasion you're celebrating – wedding, birthday, christening, anniversary or just

having a party, then your village hall is the perfect venue. Ideal, too, for clubs, meetings and socials. You can check out availability at Yourhall.co

Don't forget to drop in to the hall on Sat 13th September 10am til 5pm to see Malcolm Smith's amazing award winning model of the D-Day Landings on Sword Beach.

I'm also always happy to show anyone around – just give me a ring on 269467.

From Sue Bishop

School News

From Brenda Burridge

Calthorpe and Edwards Education Foundation

Are you about to go to University or College to do a Further Education Course?

The Foundation is a charity which was set up to help local students to buy books and equipment. Eligible students must live in Troston and be under 25 years of age. The annual grant is paid in three termly instalments. Please contact Mrs Rosemary Boswell (Clerk to the Foundation) rgboswell@care4free.net or 01284 728 199

Barnham Village Fete

Sunday, 14th September 2014. Parade and Opening Ceremony with Look East weather presenter Alex Dolan, starting at 1pm. Traditional family fun afternoon: stalls, raffle and silent auction with fantastic prizes, BBQ, displays, fancy dress, dog obedience display, produce competition and much, much more.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Red Hat Bees invite you to join them at the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for a fund raising day in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 26th September at Tithe Barn, Bardwell.

There will be Tea, Coffee and Cakes from 10.30am; Ploughman's lunch at noon; Retail therapy throughout the day; and a little light

entertainment in the afternoon... This is such a good cause and country wide these coffee mornings raise 100's of pounds to support this great charity so do come along.

Working for the Man

On 17th October Andrew Blenkiron, Euston Estate Director, is giving a talk about his work for the Duke of Grafton at Euston.

We are sure this is going to be a very interesting evening, which will begin with a two course

supper at Sapiston's new village hall. Places should be booked with Marion Cusworth (01359) 269492 or Gill Farrow (01842) 763660.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall at 19.30 3rd November 2014. Please don't hesitate to contact me (01359 268 082) with any issues you would like raised at the Meeting so they can be put on the Agenda.

From Graeme Norris, Parish Council Chairman