



Village Social Club

The **Halloween Party** was great fun! Witches, Werewolves, Vampires and Ghoulies all put in an appearance. The Village Hall was decorated with grinning pumpkins, which added to the spooky atmosphere. Some children wore truly frightening Halloween outfits and enjoyed the fun of visiting local houses trick or treating - followed by having a go at apple bobbing. Thanks to everyone for taking the night in a good spirit!

The next **Quiz Night** is at 19.00 for a 19.30 start in the Village Hall 28th November. Individuals and teams welcome. Make up a team of four if you want – but teams can be formed on the night. A light supper will be provided during the interval but please bring your own drinks. Book a place £4 a person with David or Sonia Farnaby 01359 268 667

Keep in touch with friends and meet your neighbours – the **“Pop-Up-Pub”** is on the last Friday of every month - please come along at 19.30 with your choice of drink and nibbles.

The **Troston Walks** are proving to be very popular so now we are meeting at 9.50 on a Wednesday every 4 weeks. The next walk is on November 26th and the following one on December 24th. Meet in the Village Hall car park. Contact Pat and Martyn Smith on 269632 or watch the whiteboard for details.

A **New Year Party** is being prepared with dancing, singing, games, and, of course, a raffle. Please bring a plate of food to share (if you wish) and drinks. Start 19.30 31st December in the Village Hall - £1 entry.

From Anne Walker amwglide@gmail.com

Rights of Way

Some villagers have been concerned that recent ploughing has eliminated popular footpaths alongside fields, and Bridleway signs have been removed. Farmers are permitted, of course, to disturb the surface of a footpath or bridleway across a field in order to plough the land. However, they must:

- make good the surface of the path within 14 days of the first disturbance if they are sowing a crop, or within 24 hours in all other circumstances;
- reinstate the surface to at least the minimum width - a cross-field footpath must be at least

one metre wide, a bridleway must be at least two metres wide

- indicate the route of the reinstated footpath or bridleway with signs.

If you find that paths have not been opened, you can apply through the Parish Council for them to lobby to reopen old routes or campaign for new footpaths and bridle ways. New routes may be created either through an agreement between the local authority and the landowner, or in exceptional circumstances, compulsorily by order.

Flashing Speed Sign

Troston has suffered a number of car crashes and speeding incidents in the past. The post to attach the proposed flashing speeding sign was erected by the Borough some months ago. The sign itself, however, after a moment in Great Livermere, has had to be returned to Germany to be repaired...

The Bottle Bank

All proceeds from the bottle bank in the Bull Car Park go to help fund play equipment and maintain the Village. Please don't hesitate in trying to fill it up! But please also help keep this area free from broken glass. If the bank is nearly full, please phone me, the Parish Clerk, 01284 763 098 to arrange for collection. If full, use the bank in Great Livermere next to the bus stop, or in Ixworth by the library carpark.

From Nigel Pitcher, Parish Clerk

Macmillan Cancer Support

A big thank you to the Village! The Ixworth Girl Guides have been raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Over the weekend, in the wind and the rain, I came to knock on some of your doors and asked if you would like to buy a cake. With your generosity I raised £50! I was really proud of our village and was very grateful for your kind donations. I went to guides the following week and they told us that we'd raised a great amount of money: £203! Which is enough to pay for one nurse for the day to support a patient with cancer.

I would just like to say a very big THANK YOU for your help.

If anyone else in the village would like to help to raise even more funds for The Macmillan Cancer Support charity then our Guide Pack is still accepting donations. Please place any donation into a sealed

envelope with "Macmillan" written on it and post through the door of 3 Garden Fields.

From Beth Burdis

Proposed Development of the Bull Site

The consultation process has reached an end and Greene King has agreed to pay for the high-voltage cable crossing the site to be buried. No costs, however, have been agreed for equipping the children's play area or levelling and seeding the new football pitch. A "levy" will be charged to contribute to the costs based on the number of houses. Much still depends on the deal struck between Greene King's Agents and the possible Developers.

It is understood the intention is to sale the pub to a private buyer with a restricted covenant that it will continue to be a pub.

The planning application is expected to go to the Planning Committee in January.

From Dave Beighton, Principal Planning Officer

Village Lottery

Plans to establish the Village lottery are proceeding and during the coming weeks Councillors will be selling tickets. For an annual stake of £15 there will be prizes of £50, £25 and £15 every two months – plus a bonus prize every six months. The draw will be at the Parish Council Meeting or Social Club Event. We need most of the village to take part to make the lottery worthwhile. The first draw is planned for March next year to give time to sign-up as many villagers as possible. Please sign-up to be a winner!

Church News

All our love goes to Jeanne Neupert this month, as she travels to The States to celebrate Thanksgiving with her family, and get reacquainted with her grandchildren. In her absence, Doug will be visited by friends, giving Jeanne some peace of mind, that he is being cared for in her absence.

As promised, the list of services taking place in the surrounding villages is being displayed on the noticeboards in the church, village and village hall. Services until the end of the year are listed below. Please note, there is no Café Church in the village hall, this November but there will be a service in the village, please check the noticeboard for this venue. There is a **Carols by Candlelight** service this year, replacing the

Christingle service that we have had in the past. This will be an all age service and I am sure the children will not only enjoy service but also the candlelight and the refreshments that follow.

November 9th **Remembrance Service** at Troston church 10:50 with a service person from RAF Honington laying a wreath on the war grave.

- November 23rd Café Church venue TBA
- December 14th Carol Service by Candlelight Troston Church 6pm with refreshments after the service
- December 24th "midnightmass" Communion Troston Church 8pm

Please be aware that St Mary's is still a working church, it is open every day for visitors and private reflection.

Any enquiries regarding weddings, baptisms and funerals should be made to the team rector of Ixworth, Revd Phillip Garbett on 01359 234415 or email phillipgarbett@btinternet.com

Tuesday Lunches

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

Dog Walkers

The gamekeeper on the Euston Estate reports that gates have been left open, allowing sheep to stray. Please ensure that gates are correctly closed. Alas, sheep have also been attacked. Please ensure your dogs are under control both when near sheep and when near other dogs. We have had an incident where a dog has broken away from its owner and been very aggressive to another dog owner and her dog.

From Euston Estate Office

Hare Coursing

Hare coursing remains a police priority, and as I type this article on a dismal Sunday morning, we have already had another report of coursing first thing this morning.

Please spread the word that we treat this rural crime seriously under Operation Galileo, which is a joint pro active Operation throughout East Anglia, with our colleagues from Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex,

Lincs and Herts. Any suspicious activity should be reported to Police immediately, ie gatherings of 4x4 vehicles with lurcher/saluki/greyhound type dogs. Registration numbers are especially beneficial as we share these with neighbouring forces and can be monitored by ANPR cameras. Remember that if you witness a crime taking place, (and hare coursing is a crime) it's a 999 call. If at all possible please pass descriptions and numbers involved and direction of travel.

On the 5th October we received a call in relation to hare coursing in the area of Wyken Vineyard near to Ixworth. Five men are on bail for this crime. A person has also been charged with offence under the Animal Welfare Act following an incident on 1st November 2014.

From PC161 Sheena Tate

Myxomatosis

An unusual number of rabbits suffering from myxomatosis have been found around Troston. The symptoms are bulging eyes, swellings around the head, blindness and difficulty breathing - the animal dies painfully of bacterial respiratory infections.

Alas, the disease is sometimes an early sign that hare coursing is being planned as a rabbit population confuse the dogs and "spoil the sport". Diseased rabbits are placed near warrens to spread the illness.

The disease is a type of pox virus that only affects rabbits. It was first discovered in 1896 in Uruguay and imported to Australia in 1951. It was illegally introduced to France in 1952 and it appeared in Britain the following year. It quickly spread to both wild and domestic rabbit populations and within a few years had spread throughout Europe.

Affected rabbits suffer dreadfully and have no chance of survival. The virus can be passed on to other rabbits through insect bites so please dispose of dead rabbits carefully – don't just throw them in the ditch.

Bogus Police Officer

Be vigilant - a pensioner was conned out of thousands of pounds while another had a 'lucky escape' by a man posing as a police officer.

On Thursday 23rd October, a 77-year-old local woman received a telephone call from a man purporting to be an undercover officer. He claimed that bank staff were trying to steal all her money from her account and, in order to catch them, she should withdraw it all and hand it over to him to mark. She was told not to tell anyone and a taxi was booked for her. She got the taxi to her bank where she withdrew money, before

travelling to London where she handed over £4,000 to a man.

If you have vulnerable or elderly family, friends, or neighbours, please take the time to make sure they are aware never to give out personal information over the phone to people they don't know – especially bank details. The police or your bank will never ask for this information on the phone so if you do get a call like this please hang up immediately and leave five minutes before reporting it to the police, as the fraudsters may stay on the line.

If you believe that you or someone you know may have been affected by a scam such as this, or similar, please call the police on 101 or 999.

From DI David Giles

Women's Institute News

Wednesday 12th November – Grafton Group Coffee morning for the Baton Relay. 10 – 12noon at Gt. Barton Village Hall. Due to this event members felt they would rather not have a meeting in the evening as well, therefore - Wednesday 12th November evening – NO WI MEETING

Monday 8th December at 19.30 – SWFWI Carol Concert at St. Mary's Church BSE. Tickets £1.50 in advance please.

Wednesday 10th December – Members voted to have their Festive celebrations at our January 14th meeting so December we plan to make our own Christmassy entertainment.

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 10pm. 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 me on 01359 269219

From Jenny Simmonds

The Village Hall

Are you planning that pre-Christmas get together for family and/or friends? Wondering how everyone will fit in your home? Well, like several people, hire our

Village Hall and enjoy the party - without all that upheaval at home. Simple!!

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

From Sue Bishop

School News

Suffolk County Council is funding a project to improve the quality of maths teaching in schools. The aim is to make “every primary school teacher a confident teacher of mathematics and every learner a problem solver.” We will be taking full opportunity of this project.

Thurston Community College invites you to visit their Sixth Form Centre at the newly opened Beyton Campus on Thursday 13th November. The Open Day is from 10.00am to 1.00pm and prospective students and parents are invited to the evening session from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Further information from www.thurstoncollege.org or 01359 234557.

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Harvest Singalong – the children do enjoy performing for an audience and we hope everyone enjoyed it. As most of you know, I will be retiring at Easter next year having completed 42 years in the teaching profession, 25 of

them at Honington School. The Governors held interviews last week but as yet have not appointed someone to take my place. They will readvertise the post early in November. We all enjoy Canon Sally coming to school again for assemblies and special events. Miss Sparkes, who has been teaching here for over 13 years, will be having a baby at the end of November and she started her maternity leave at the end of half term - we wish her well for the future.

From Brenda Burridge

Village Website

Do visit the Village website <http://troston.onesuffolk.net> to keep up to date, suggest improvements and use the links to post any activities you might be planning. Any problems or queries please contact me.

From Daniel Jamie 07871499112

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall at 19.30 5th January 2015. 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