



Parish Council Meeting

At the meeting on Monday evening a number of questions from Villagers were discussed and, where possible, action agreed:

What is being done about cars speeding through the village?

The Borough Highways Department recommended we erect white-gates on the roads into Troston to signal to drivers that they are entering a village. (These small fences are in fact on the verge and slow down pedestrians). Anyrate, gates have been bought but we are still waiting for the gates to be placed on the Ixworth Road.

The Police also have a programme of placing mobile speed cameras on roads deemed at risk. A short survey by Thomas Pope, for a school maths project, showed with a clear histogram that between 16.45 and 17.15 on Monday 27th April, over 60 cars and vans travelled on the road to Honington – far more than the Police thought. On the 3rd July a police-car was parked on the road to Honington between 9.10 and 9.40 but reported no incidents – possibly because of their car!

The purchase of our own mobile speed-activated signs is also being evaluated – they cost about £2,000. The idea of sharing a camera with Great Livermere was proposed but their device broke down in a few days. Buying our own mobile camera was recommended.

Can bees be kept so close to a path?

Some riders and dog walkers in the villagers are unhappy about the bee-hives that have been placed on the rubble track off Church Lane, near the site of the old piggery.

John Browning made it clear that although villagers have used his track for many years, as a short cut across his fields to the footpath

from Ixworth Thorpe to the Jackdaw, it is his property - and there is no public right of way. He is within his rights to allow his tenants to put their hives on his land.

The Bee Keeping Association recommends that if hives are close to foot-paths that they do not face the path, and that there is a screen-planting as the bees return to the hive at dog height so our canine friends might get stung. A screen forces the bees upwards when coming in and out of the hive.

Will the Council consider buying dog-waste bins?

The Borough Waste Department can supply bins for £250 each and then £2.75 per week per bin to collect. According to Ixworth and Great Livermere Parish Councils, however, the purchase of the bins has made little difference to the amount of dog-waste left lying for the unwary. It seems most dog-owners pick-up after them and dispose of the bags in their grey-bin for collection. The problem seems to be some joggers and cyclist, who take their dog out, don't always take the trouble to stop. After some discussion, it was decided to continue to trust dog-owners to clean up after their pets.

What news on the development of the Bull Site?

The updated planning proposal now shows access to the proposed new playing field and car-park from the Great Livermere Road. All the Council's demands for burying the high-voltage cable, road safety checks on the access points etc have been included.

The proposal goes for final approval at the end of the month. Legal documents have been prepared and reviewed by our solicitors but wait on the results of the archaeological investigation of the site.

Potential purchasers of the Pub have approached the Council and Greene King has been asked to cut the grass and make the grounds look more tidy.

When is the next Lottery Draw?

The next draw will be at the Pop-Up-Pub 31st July – prizes £50, £25 and £15. The winners of the second draw were: John Benton, Trevor Chamberlain and Karen Robinson.

After prizes, the Lottery has raised £400 for the village to spend on projects requested by the village. Matching funds can also be sought from the Borough says our new Borough Councillor, Simon Brown.

When is Heath Road to be repaired?

Indeed, months have gone by. We are told the Borough is still pursuing Anglia Water to pay for the damage their vehicles did to the road. (Despite claims they never used this route to the slurry-pit they were photographed by an alert villager!)

Fortunately, our County Councillor Becky Hopfensperger has allocated money from her Communities budget and we are now waiting for the contractors to do the work.

Is Infinity here?

Yes, the fast fibre-optic cable has been installed – BT's Infinity Service is available in Troston - but check your broadband supplier has issued you with a router capable of handling speeds of 20 to 40 megabits.

Is there a "Welcome to Troston" pack?

For people who have just moved to Troston, and feel unfamiliar with what's around, there is information on the village website troston.onesuffolk.net

Our website lists local shops, GP surgeries, taxi services and bus times. It would be good to add local electricians, builders, plumbers, gardeners etc. Perhaps recommendations on

restaurants and music venues in nearby villages would be useful? The list printed in July 2012 is on the back page and needs to be updated. Please email trostonparishcouncil@btinternet.com

Are you interested in becoming a Councillor?

Troston needs to plan the development of the new children's play area, and now Lottery money is available to spend on improving the amenities of the Village. Council discussions would probably benefit from the views of someone with a young family. Meetings are every two months for about two hours.

Of course, consultation documents and updates on matters being discussed by St.Edmundsbury Borough Council can take another hour a week depending on how fast you skip read. They certainly provide an eye opener on projects that consume our rates and impact the quality of life in our area.

If you would like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Church News

Summer feels like it has barely begun but the harvest has started and we are going to be celebrating Harvest Festival in the church this year. There will be a service of thanksgiving, with refreshments, on Tuesday 3rd September at 6:30pm. It is hoped that having a midweek service will enable more families to join us. We donate offerings from this service to the Food Bank, so if you would like to bring along items, large or small, please make them non-perishable.

There will be Café Church services on Sunday 26th July and 22nd August in the village hall at 10:50am.

The church will be open on 26th July, the day of the NGS Open Gardens, when Church Cottage and Troston Lodge will also be open. Matthew Champion, author of "Medieval Graffiti The Lost Voices of England's

Churches” will be showing off the stonework in St Mary’s Troston, which has been covered with medieval graffiti. Do pop along and see it for yourself.

Soupday

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Tuesday lunches (we still call it soupday, although we serve baked potatoes with salad during the warmer months).

There will be one on 14th July and another on the 21st July but then we will break for the summer.

There is always a warm welcome and there is no need to book, so if you would like to join us for lunch and a chat, do pop along between 12:15pm and 1:30pm on these Tuesdays.

Sponsored Bike Ride

It is that time again when we are encouraged to get on our bikes and see how many churches we can manage to visit before we exhaust ourselves. It is a sponsored event, in aid of Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, but the main aim is to get families cycling, so even if you don’t want to get sponsors, don’t let that put you off joining in.

Saturday 12th September 2015

Each church also needs to be manned for the day, so sign in the riders and offer them refreshments, if you feel that you could do this for an hour at Troston, please could you contact me.

All information and sponsorship forms are available from me at 15 Garden Fields, 268144

From Jane Harland

Getting Fit - Rights of Way

I would like to introduce myself as the Project Officer for “Being Well in the Brecks” which is a new joint programme between Suffolk County Council and Public Health Suffolk.

The aim of this project is to promote positive mental and physical wellbeing by encouraging outdoor activity and to encourage people to get ‘out and about’ in the countryside.

One part of this project is to open up and improve access through our Rights of Way network. As such, we are looking to work with various parish councils to help improve existing paths where required, and look to develop additional short circular walks where there is a need.

We have identified the neighbouring parishes of Honington and Troston as a potential grouping for improvements. Have you thought of any potential projects which may fit in with this programme?

I look forward to hearing from you 0770 129 5148.

From Emma James, Being Well in the Brecks Project Officer

Women’s Institute News

Troston WI thoroughly enjoyed their June outing to Marysa and Graeme’s beautiful garden in Church Cottage. Their garden will be open again for the NGS on the 26th July.

Our programme for the rest of the year is:

25th July: 95th Anniversary Tea Party. Marquee at SWFWI HQ, Park Farm.

12th August: Barbecue at Vic and Jenny’s. Pimms at 7pm! Partners most welcome.

9th September: Wendy Sagers will be speaking about Social Work with Children & Families.

12th September: Thanksgiving Concert, St. Mary’s Church, BSE

1st October: Meeting at 19.30 with the Grafton Group at Barnham Village Hall.

9th – 15th October: Centenary Exhibition at The Edmund Gallery

14th October: 40th Anniversary Celebration.

22nd October: Suffolk West Federation Autumn Council Meeting at Culford School.

11th November: Malcolm Crowe of Capricorn Crafts will talk about ‘The Work of a Toymaker including string puppets, wooden tours, games & puzzles’ There will be a chance to buy gifts for Christmas.

7th December: CAROL CONCERT, St. Mary’s Church, BSE.

9th December: Christmas celebration.

We are always pleased to welcome new faces to our meetings, so do come along and see whether the WI is for you. For further information please contact our President: Jenny Simmonds on 01359 269769 or Secretary: Sonia Farnaby on 01359 268667.

From Jenny Simmonds

NGS Open Gardens

Church Cottage will be open with Troston Lodge 14.00 – 17.30 Sunday 26th July to raise money for the Macmillan and Marie Curie Cancer Charities. Please visit us. Combined admission £4, children free. Of course there will be tea and cake, plus plant sales. Be aware both gardens have some gravel paths and level changes with steps.

Are you interested in taking part next year? It would be fun to meet up with fellow garden enthusiasts and enter “Village in Bloom”.

Alas, we fear that parking down Church Lane may be an issue that Sunday afternoon and we are asking visitors to park in the Bull car park. We also have permission to use the playing field. Anyrate, apologies for any inconvenience we cause.

From Marysa Norris and Jane Anderson

The Village Hall

Troston’s village hall is full of character and ideal for small to medium groups (up to 50 max). There is a fully equipped kitchen, garden and parking. You can view it in person or look on the village web site. Only £10 an hour for residents.

Always happy to show you around - just give me a ring on 269467.

From Sue Bishop

Sequence Dance Club

The Sequence Dance Club is held at Sapiston and Honington Village Hall on a Monday evening. Beginners 6.30pm Intermediate 7.30pm. Price £3.50.

Sequence dancing is ballroom/latin dance steps danced in a set order in a circle. We are a small friendly group and would welcome new members. Please bring a partner. For further information please contact Peter and Jackie on 07799 858968.

Village Social Club

On the 28th of August we are having a curry night. Come along and socialise with your neighbours. We will be delivering slips with further details to remind people, but put it in your diaries now.

A great time was had by all at the last Quiz in June. Huge thanks to David and Sonia Farnaby and Jane Harland for organising it and providing the food. The next quiz is planned for the 2nd October.

Wednesday morning walks are well attended . Thanks to Martyn and Pat for leading these monthly walks. On Wednesday 8th we walked to Ixworth Thorpe through Kiln Wood and Green Lane and ended up at the Camp coffee shop.

A group from Troston usually walks to the coffee shop on Monday and Wednesday

mornings and anyone can come along and join in. (Approx 10am start - walk along Heath Road and keep going straight on when you get to the Camp shops)

The Pop Up pub is on the last Friday of the month in the village Hall at 7-30 - all welcome

For Social club events see the website for details www.troston.onesuffolk.net. or the whiteboard outside the pub.

From Anne Walker

Police Report

Brief crime updates in the Troston area have been:

- Ixworth - High Street, 1st July - during daylight hours known suspect has slapped rear window of a vehicle, an argument has then ensued, the suspect has then thrown a punch at the victim.
- Fornham All Saints - Aldridge Lane, between 27th-29th June - teak garden seat stolen from front garden of house.
- Great Barton – School Road, between 30th June and 2nd July – thieves gained entry to a dwelling via the front door, curtains drawn and jewellery, laptop and electric guitar removed.

If you have any information in relation to any of the above crimes please contact 101 or Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800555111. Police surgeries are being held at –

18th July: 10-10.30am Pakenham Post Office;

28th July: 11-11.30am Ixworth Library.

Do come along and meet me with any concerns or questions you may have. I would be pleased to offer crime prevention advice.

From Claire Teakle, PCSO 3268 Ixworth

Write it down!

Feeling bored after he retired, my father started to write his autobiography. It sounded at the time like a very narcissistic thing to do, after all, who would be interested in reading about such an ordinary bloke as my Dad? So I read it and discovered some of the things he has never told me face to face: about how he felt about his life, and some of the things he was proud of and his sadness's. He is still writing it. And when he passes on, we will use it to inform his eulogy. Anonymity is fine enough, but our communities are much enriched by a knowledge of the things achieved by former inhabitants. Written down, these become a permanent record to pass on to our children and their children. So why not write your own story, reminisce, and maybe even share it with others, when the time is right. Record the things you want to be remembered for, and include your last wishes, so that your nearest and dearest are spared the guess work of how you want to be remembered and what you want to happen to your mortal remains.

Psalm 78 encourages us to tell our children the things we have learnt about God, of the wonders he has done, and of the ways we have encountered Him. The best eulogies include the spiritual as well as the factual bits, the wonder and mystery alongside the mundane and the ordinary.

From Rev Tony Redman

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall at 19.30 7th September. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any issues you would like raised at the Meeting so they can be put on the Agenda.

[\(trostonparishcouncil@btinternet.com\)](mailto:trostonparishcouncil@btinternet.com)

From Linda Harley, Parish Clerk

Local Trades and Services

Local trades-people who would like to be listed on the website would be welcome. The idea is to provide a simple directory of services – not pages of paid adverts. Naturally, all names will be given in good faith, with no responsibility for the quality of goods or services delivered. Please email corrections or requests to trostonparishcouncil@btinternet.com

A14 Aerials	07876015674	Jason Hardwood Logs	07970338092
Accounting Advice (Sophie)	07595913100	Jay's Window Cleaning	07745499323
Allison's Hairdressing	07752382590	Jin Fu Chinese Restaurant	269933
Austin Electrical	07879417420	Just Hair	01359 232007
Bell Flower Nursery	07879644958	Kim's Cleaning	07979082212
Bill & Ben Garden Services	01359 232091	Kingfisher Chip Shop	268976
Bond Gardening	07500560512	Lawn Mower Doctor	07951152665
Bumper Car Taxi	01284 733933	Leaping Hare Wyken	01359250287
Carpentry & Joinery	07866478469	Martin's MOTs	07808508864
Chimney Sweep	01359 232335	Mays Accounting	07760199434
Claire's Hair	01359 269293	Mobile Holistic Therapy	07877321531
Elite Fencing	07761651567	Multi-Fuel Stoves	07717712344
Evan Markell Gardening	07545157737	Pykkerell Pub	01359230398
Cadogan Arms	01284728443	Pest Control	01359232745
Fix A Leak	07703256356	Roofing	07932761754
Forestry & Grass	07867971868	Royal George Barningham	01359221246
Fox & Hounds Thurston	01359232228	Sally's Catering Events	01359 259923
Game Electrical	07860676415	Squeaky Clean Windows	01284 810679
H2O Plumbing	07591525590	Strands Hair Styling Ixworth	01359 230300
Haywood Electrical	07880725988	Theobald's Restaurant	01359231707
Honington Camp Post Office	269215	Traditional Flintwork	07870320354
I G Garden Services	07831838059	Tree Surgeon	01359 270976
Jackdaw Shop	269453	Yoga with Julia	07775758

