



### **What's the latest news on the Bull?**

According to Greene King, they are ready to exchange contracts with Burgess Homes next week. At the same time they will ask for the new play area to be signed over to Troston Parish Council. Don't gasp with relief...

The design of the proposed houses has not yet been specified and so work can not proceed until they have been approved. Simon Burgess has offered to open a section of the existing play area so children can use the swings and roundabout while designs are being drawn.

Despite rumours, Simon said he had not been offered the Pub site with a view of seeking change of use. Nor to his knowledge has any other builder. He believed a refurbished pub and garden would be an attraction that would help him sell his houses. In the meantime, he intended to keep the frontage and garden of the Bull tidy.

### **Names for road to new houses?**

What about Myrtle Close? The dwellings that were on the site were called Myrtle Cottages and are referred to in the Troston History Book - this would give a sense of continuity.

Also it's a romantic name: myrtle is an evergreen shrub with glossy aromatic foliage and sacred to the goddess Aphrodite and symbolic of love and immortality.

Having fragrance but not a pleasant taste, it also represents in Jewish liturgy those who have good deeds to their credit despite having no knowledge of the Torah.

*From Sue Haines*

### **Old news about the Bull...**

The Bury Post on 11th July 1865 reported:

*"James Catton was charged with stealing six gallons of beer from the Bull brewhouse after his wife was seen carrying to buckets of beer to her house.*

*The defence was that Catton knew nothing of the theft & was a man of gallantry & would have carried the two pails of beer instead of his wife. The jury acquitted the prisoner."*

Perhaps Catton Place could be a possible name for the new road?

Skid Row and Bull's End have also been suggested...

### **Is it true about the dog poo database?**

St. Edmundsbury Borough Council are monitoring a pilot scheme in London to test the DNA of dog poo to try and catch owners who fail to clear up after their pet.

DNA will then be compared to a database of registered owners. Registering dogs, however, is only voluntary. (Micro chipping, however, will be required by law from April 2016).

Councillor Rodwell at Barking Council (sic) said: *"This scheme, which is in response to concerns raised by our residents, is about bringing considerate owners on board with us now, enabling us to gather evidence so we can get tough on inconsiderate owners later."*

Note: The RAF at Honington have asked all dog owners on the base to put their dogs on leads when walking/running/cycling through Troston - and not to "forget" to pick up!

### **Who won the Lottery?**

Lucky winners at the draw on Monday were: Marysa Norris, Ingrid Edmunds and Karen Robinson.

The next draw will be in two months time.

*From Richard Walker*

### **Will the Village Wood stay Wild?**

Although the Parish Council have been awarded funds to buy picnic tables and develop education material for woodcraft workshops for young people, the intention is to try and keep the nature of the wood as a conservation area.

Paths have been cleared of bramble, dangerous decaying tree limbs and lots of rusty barbed wire. Holly has sprouted everywhere and its dense canopy, if allowed to grow too high, restricts the development of other plants. The woodlands officer of Suffolk County Council, with experts from the Greenlight Trust, would like to prepare a plan to maintain the "wild-like" nature of the wood and encourage local people to visit.

Are you interested in joining a steering committee to direct this plan and help maintain the village wood as an attractive place for young families?

Please find out more from Martyn Smith or Brian Winfield - or phone me 01284 787 777.

*From Linda Harley, Parish Clerk*

### **Can we have allotments?**

Although at the moment the Parish doesn't own any land to establish an allotment - it seems an idea worth pursuing when the field from Greene King becomes a reality.

The requirement is that there are at least six people who are committed to the scheme. Planning permission is not required for allotments on land previously used for agriculture.

The Allotments Act 1922 says it should be "mainly cultivated by the occupier for the production of vegetables and fruit crops for consumption by himself or his family".

There is no legal minimum size for an allotment. That said, it is generally accepted that the average plot is about 250 square metres.

Are you interested? Please contact Richard Balaam 07885 286180

### **French Conversation?**

The group has finished for the summer but resumes on 7th September - Brexit or stay.

We try to keep the class fun and very informal. The standard is very much for beginners who want to practice. New members always welcome.

*From Sue Bishop*

### **Lime Tree Preservation?**

A formal complaint has been received by the Tree Preservation Enforcement Officer from somebody in the village about trimming the epicormic growth on the Lime Trees along Church Lane. The fine for unapproved work is £2,500 for each tree!

Fortunately, the Church has planning permission to trim back to the original pollarding done in the '70s. This work in removing epicormic growth is a regular task so as to reduce the stress on the trees - and prevent the basal growth from pushing the wall over. Epicormic buds lie dormant beneath

the bark, their growth suppressed by hormones from active shoots higher up the tree. The shoots, therefore, are a result of the never ending cycle of trimming.

It seems the unusually vigorous basal growth is a genetic "fault" of these particular Limes, which were popular in late Victorian times, as the tender shoots were used to feed the sheep kept in the Churchyard.

### **Church News**

Baby Sam's christening was a very special service, the beautifully decorated church was packed with family and friends, and the little man was really good and didn't even cry.

We are grateful to Mr Peter Kenney, for volunteering to keep an eye on the condition of the church. That was just one of the jobs we requested help for in the last newsletter. Peter is new to the village and we appreciate his expertise as the owner of both Capability Renovations and Capability Landscapes. If you require either of these services, I'm sure he would appreciate your call 01359 268613.

Rev Tony Redman holds a Morning Prayer service in Troston once a month on a Friday, this month it will take place on Friday 27th May at 9am. Do come along if you like a simple service with quiet reflection time. The next service in Troston will be the Café Church held in the village hall on, as usual, the 4th Sunday 22nd May. For services in the surrounding villages please check the village or the church noticeboard.

### **Rural Pastimes?**

Euston Rural Pastimes will be held 12th June this year. The main attractions are the spectacular Knights of the Damned jousting display team and the exiting Scurry and Trials

team where ponies of all shapes and sizes take on a timed obstacle course. It promises to be another great family fun day out.

Help is always required to make this such a successful event, so if you could help with the setting up, taking down or on the day for a few hours, please contact me on 01359 268144. You would be supporting an extremely worthwhile cause with 40% of the proceeds going to St Nicholas Hospice, 40% to the local churches and 10% to local charities.

*From Jane Harland*

### **Woman's Institute Events?**

Wednesday 8th June 2016 – OUTING: 6 pm. Gliding at Rattlesden Gliding Club, bring a picnic supper with you, husbands and partners welcome to join us and have a flight.

If you would like to find out more about Troston WI please come along and be assured of a warm welcome.

For further information please contact: Jenny Simmonds (President) on 01359 269219 or Sonia Farnaby (Secretary) on 01359 268667.

*From Carol Littlewood*

### **Village Social Club?**

Table Tennis has been suggested as a regular event - before we buy a new one, do you have a table you would like to donate - or sell? Please phone David Farnaby 268667

BBQ: Friday 1st July 2016.

Quiz: 9th September 2016

Walking Group: 10 am 8th June; 6th July; 3rd August; 31st August.

See <http://troston.onesuffolk.net/home/events/>

## **Keen to keep fit?**

Thank you for returning my postal questionnaire to discover the keep fit activities that would interest you. I got a 25% return which is better than the Police Commissioner election - but not too enthusiastic.

Based on your views, Suffolk Sport plan to use the Village Hall during the Summer to run a series of short sessions on activities like Tai Chi and Pilates to help you discover what you would enjoy doing regularly. We will provide any equipment and the classes will be free.

(Alas, I have put my shoulder out keeping fit, and there will be a bit of a delay...)

*From Maddy Knox, Suffolk Sport*

## **Your Village Hall needs you.**

For any event, planned or unexpected, your village hall will welcome your booking! Whether it's a party, wedding, christening, wake or small business meeting, just call Sue on 269467.

The Village Hall Committee could do with a few more members. So, if you have an interest in our hall and keeping it running as a village amenity, then please consider joining us. Ring me on 269653 to find out more.

If you aren't a "committee person" but have some time to spare, then there are always practical jobs to do like tidying up the outside and routine maintenance jobs, so please get in touch. A person from the village we could pay to fix lights, mend chairs and regularly check all is well, would be great.

*From Brenda Burridge*

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Be a good neighbour - keep an eye open and spot suspicious behaviour. Note dubious phone calls or emails and alert your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator - Martyn Smith 07923 267 661

There have been reports of photographs being taken of the airbase from suspiciously parked vans. Please report any such behaviour to the Duty Security Officer at the Main Gate or phone 01473 433 444

## **Garden Open for Charity**

The garden of Church Cottage will be open **Sunday 26th June** from 2 to 5. Admission £3.50, children free. Home made cakes and tea. All proceeds go to the NGS gardens open for charity supporting Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Trust and St.Nicholas Hospice.

The garden has a yew allee giving a view over open fields, mixed borders, an informal pond to encourage wildlife, an area of woodland plants, a gravel garden and a vegetable patch. The Church will also be open with talks on the medieval wall paintings and graffiti by Mathew Champion and Rev. Tony Redman. Please come along!

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

Thanks to all who came to the last meeting to raise concerns and contribute to the discussions. The next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall at 19.30, Monday 4th July 2016. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any issues you would like put on the agenda - 01284 787 777.

*From Linda Harley, Parish Clerk*