



### **The Bull Site**

At long last, contracts have been exchanged between Greene King and the Parish on the new children's play area and adjacent field. Simon Burgess expects to begin work in sinking the power cable that runs across the field next month. Once the play area is underway he plans to start building the two houses next to Sienna House.

The potential purchaser of the pub has also had their offer accepted by Greene King. Formal contracts, however, have not yet been finalised. The possible new landlord owns the free house, Oakes Barn in town on St. Andrews Street, which received the West Suffolk Community Pub of the Year from CAMRA.

### **Pilates Class**

Beginners welcome! Come and give it a go. Strengthen, tone and stretch yourself to a leaner you. Strengthens lower back and core stomach muscles - which improves posture and balance. Safe and progressive exercises.

Classes start **11th October**, followed by an eight week course, Tuesday 6pm to 7pm in the Village Hall

For more information and to book, please contact me [rachelmarsh5@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rachelmarsh5@yahoo.co.uk) or 077532 50650

*From Rachel Marsh, Stott Pilates Instructor*

### **Troston Poor's Estate**

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 Troston Poor's Estate. One payment per household.

If you think you might be entitled to this payment, and are not already receiving one, please contact Vic Simmonds at Number 7, The Heath, Troston or telephone 269 219 before the end of November.

### **Bad Odour**

The Environment Agency acknowledge your formal complaint. Piggy Green have been advised to review their odour management plan and ensure it is implemented especially during hot weather. They have agreed to attend to their manure handling systems and process for dealing with "fallen stock" to minimise their impact on the village.

When our officer visited Troston on the 13th September, he noticed a particularly strong smell from a pig farm near Great Livermere. We do not regulate this farm, but we have visited it in the past due to previous complaints.

The slurry lagoons are regulated by St. Edmundsbury Council's Environmental Department. We recognise that it is difficult to ascertain which source might be causing odours, and we will accept calls to our hotline 0800 80 70 60 irrespective of the perceived source. We will carry out preliminary checks and forward reports to the appropriate authority.

*From Robert Munro, Team Leader*

### **Social Club**

Programme for the next 3 months. All 7-30 Village Hall

Friday October 7th – Social get together. Village lottery draw.

Friday November 4th – Winter picnic.  
Bring a plate to share and your own drink.  
Raffle. Village lottery draw.

Friday December 2nd – Pre Christmas get together. Mulled wine, cheese and mince pies . Village lottery draw.

For more info, see notice boards outside the pub or contact David on 268 667  
[davidfarnaby2@sky.com](mailto:davidfarnaby2@sky.com).

### **Tuesday Lunches**

If you haven't yet been to one, you would be very welcome to just come along. £3 will buy you a baked potato with filling and side salad, followed by a tea/coffee and biscuits. In winter months, homemade soup and bread is served instead of potatoes. Venture down to the village hall, alone or with friends, between 12:30pm and 1pm.

*From Jane Harland*

### **Church News**

In October we will be holding our harvest festival in church. This will be a morning service (not communion) with a "café church" feel. Any gifts on food (only tins or packets please, no fresh produce) will be given to the Food Bank, and any financial donations will be sent to help struggling farmers and their families via the charity Farming Community Network.

October 23rd 11am – Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church, Troston.

November 13th 10:50pm – Remembrance Sunday, St Mary's Church, Troston.

### **Metal Theft Awareness**

Suffolk has seen a rise in metal thefts, including the theft of lead from churches.

Rural churches are often targeted due to their isolated locations so members of the

public are asked to report any suspicious activity they see. Stealing a large amount of lead takes time and a reasonably large vehicle to transport it, so any early reports will assist police in locating offenders.

Chief Inspector Matt Rose said "We are asking local people to take an interest in their local church whilst they are out and about. If you take the dog out for a walk, or go for a stroll, don't ignore anything that you think looks out of place - report anything you think may be suspicious to the police. Communities can act as our eyes and ears, and by pulling together to note suspicious activity, we can deter thieves and help keep these historic buildings safe"

### **Computer Support Scam**

We received details this week of a resident who lost £300 after being duped by a bogus tech support caller.

Working from home on her work laptop, the victim allowed the scammer remote access which provided the scammer with access to her personal financial details.

#### **How the Scam Works**

The caller will tell you that your computer has been sending error messages or that it has a virus. They may mention problems with your internet connection or your phone line and say this has affected your computer's recent performance. They may claim that your broadband connection has been hacked.

The caller will request remote access to your computer to 'find out what the problem is'.

The scammer may try to talk you into buying unnecessary software or a service to 'fix' the computer, or they may ask you for your personal details and your bank or

credit card details. You shouldn't be asked to pay for viruses to be cleared from your computer, or to fix any issues over the phone.

To help tackle these calls report any such incidents to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040. If you can, supply the name of the company (or at least, who they claimed to be), plus – if possible – the phone number they called you from.

### **War Memorial**

“The church has a plaque and photograph of my uncle, Leonard Turner, who was killed near the end of the Second World War.

He was the youngest of nine children and lived in a cottage where 13 Church Cottage now stands. He joined the Navy and was posted to Lowestoff on minesweeping duties. A dangerous role and I can remember the family lived in foreboding every time he set sail.

Alas, shortly after D-Day the dreaded telegram arrived. I was sent to fetch my grandfather who was driving the horses in the nearby fields. My grandmother was devastated and never recovered from her grief”.

His ship, H.M. Gairsay, was sunk during the night of 3rd August, 1944 by a one-man submarine off the coast of Normandy. He was just 22. These German submarines were one of Hitler's "secret weapons" to stem the liberation of Europe and either carried a torpedo or a cluster of remotely controlled midget motor-boats with an explosive charge in the bow. Their only foray was the fateful night of the 3rd August, when they sunk the destroyer "Quorn", two transport ships, a landing craft - and, near the end of the engagement, the mine-sweeper "Gairsay". Apparently it was largely through the efforts of the crew of the

Gairsay, which carried a light machine-gun which could traverse low enough, fifty-eight of the motor-boats and all the submarines were destroyed that night, before they inflicted more damage on the Allied ships.

A sad end to a brave young man - who deserves to be remembered.

*From Doreen Newell*

### **Meet Your MP**

A social event to meet Jo Churchill has been arranged by Christopher and Joanna Spicer for the evening of the 3rd December. The plan is to use Pakenham Village Hall. Tickets will cost £8 for a “Suffolk Sausage Supper”.

What ever your political views, Jo believes there is a lot to learn from the way Jeremy Corbin has mobilised young people and sought to engage those who have become disenchanted with the “old” political parties. The consequences of Brexit will lead to difficult decisions on priorities for spending our taxes and balancing the role of the State versus individual choices. The possibility of devolving more spending to the proposed region of Norfolk and Suffolk could lead to more influence by local people - if they decide to exercise it.

Please put the date in your diary to ask Jo questions and perhaps feel motivated to be more politically active. Some body will be keen to spend your money what ever you decide!

*From Graeme Norris*

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

We meet at Troston Village Hall at 19.45 except for our outings and social events. If you would like to find out more about

Troston WI please come along and be assured of a warm welcome.

12th October: Sylvia Anderson of SA First Aid Training will talk and demonstrate how to do CPR.

9th November: Grace McAlonan from “Food Innovation Solutions” will talk about “The weird and wonderful world of the Food Industry” and possibly give us a taste test...

14th December: Christmas celebration, to be arranged.

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

### **Highways Inspection**

Following complaints, Highways Officers of Suffolk County Council visited Troston. They agreed the state of Heath Road was unacceptable.

The first section of the road is a public road, maintainable under public expense. From just past the turning to the pig farm, however, it becomes a Byway for any vehicle with no weight limit (unfortunately) and no great priority to maintain.

Fortunately, our Borough Councillor, Becky Hopfensberger kindly offered to pay for ten tons of plantings and Troston Farms has agreed to spread them along the Byway.

This will then be included in the annual maintenance programme. The cost of digging out the potholes and completely repairing the road near Sunnyside Cottage was estimated at £10,000 plus - so not an option in their view.

Troston Farms also agreed to dig out the grips, which allow the water to drain away

from the sides of the road, which will help the longevity of the repairs.

The Highways Officers were also concerned about overgrown hedges obscuring exits from private lanes on to public roads. They advised the Parish that if they were not dealt with then they would be forced to undertake the work at the owners expense.

Please be a considerate neighbour.

### **Keep Reporting Potholes**

The link to report a pot hole directly to SCC is now on the homepage of the website.

The direct link is : <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue>

If a hole measures more than 450mm in width and length and 100mm depth then it should be looked at as a matter of urgency - good to know.

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

Thanks to all who came to the last meeting to raise concerns and contribute to the discussions. Their ideas and knowledge were most appreciated.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall at 19.30, Monday 7th November. 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*