



## TROSTON PARISH NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2017

### Lofft Day

Thanks for coming along to Lofft Day - and of course a special thank you to the volunteers who helped run the events. The day was great fun and hopefully helped us get to know our neighbours better.

We had about 135 entries for the Art Show in the Church. The children's papier-mâché models in particular were brilliant. Although the deconstructed "Mindcraft" apple perplexed many older residents.

Roger Anderson's research on the Lofft Family was amazing and displayed on big posters around the Village Hall - so much material and pictures we must find some way to preserve it. The tea and biscuits kindly provided by the WI helped digest so much information - great work. Also the Village Hall hosted the Craft Event and Fete Games Heptathlon which provided a popular entertainment for the younger children.

Having the Bull open and run so well gave a very tangible sense to living in a great community. A big thank you to Cathrina who donated the pig for the Hog Roast. The Green Dragons added to the entertainment and brought back images of the menace of the vigilantes that roamed after the enclosures of the common land.

Thanks also to the RAF Choir and the music from the Medics at the West Suffolk which all added to the evening.

The Turnip Prize was won by a very worthy entry and the Robinson's now

have a golden addition to their mantle piece.

If you have any photographs for the Village website, please email to the Parish Clerk.

Great event - perhaps we might do it again next year?

### The Lottery

The Prize Winners for the first two draws this year

Suzie Woodward	1st draw 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£50
Doreen Newell	1st draw 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£25
Margaret Irwin	1st draw 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£15
Tim Staples	2 <sup>nd</sup> draw 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£50
John Wright	2 <sup>nd</sup> draw 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£25
Peter Johns	2 <sup>nd</sup> draw 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£15

The next draw will be in the Village Hall Bayeux Tapestry WI open meeting Wed 13<sup>th</sup> September. The total prize money for the year will be £540

The Troston Stakeholders paid in £885 at the beginning of the year leaving a healthy £345 to be allocated to provide better community amenities for the residents of the Parish and good causes.

Please come forward with projects which you would like funding this year.

*From Richard Walker*

### Church News

On Lofft Day the church looked lovely with the artwork provided by the pupils of Honington School, and flowers and art display contributed by members of the village. We were also very grateful

to Rev Tony Redman for joining us and sharing his knowledge of the wall paintings. The display has been left up so that cyclist visiting the church on Saturday during the Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride will be able to appreciate the decorations. Thank you to everyone who agreed to sponsor my grandson and me, we will be cycling in the Brandon area but the half the proceeds will be given to St Mary's and the other half will go to The Historic Churches Trust.

Below is a list of the services coming up in the next couple of months; it would be lovely if you could join us.

- Sunday 10th Sept 11am "child friendly" café church – village hall.
- Wednesday 27th Sept 7pm Harvest Festival - St Mary's Church.
- Sunday 8th Oct 11am "child friendly" café church – village hall.
- Friday 27th Oct 9am Morning prayer followed by communion – no hymns.

*From Jane Harland*

As you can see we are starting a new pattern this autumn, with Café Church happening on the second Sunday in month ( Sept 10th, Oct 8th, Nov 12th, Dec 10th) in the village hall at 11am. This will be a light breakfast followed by short informal worship. Very child friendly.

There will be a traditional service of HARVEST THANKS GIVING in the church on Wednesday 27th September at 7pm followed by cheese and wine at the back of the church. There will be a service of Holy Communion following morning prayer in the church on October

27th at 9am and fourth Fridays after that at 9am from then onwards. Everybody is welcome at every service.

The church are running a short course for anybody who wants to explore more about the Christian faith. Thursday evenings in Livermere. A simple bring and share meal, followed by a very short talk and plenty of opportunity to discuss and challenge, at the home of Margaret and Jim Hartley, Mere View (next to the church). No commitment necessary, but please speak to me on 07860868828 if interested in coming along.

During November and December we will be practising Christmas carols, with a view to accompanying the carol services in Troston and Livermere, and one night at the Bull. Practice sessions will be held in Livermere church, on WEDNESDAY evenings 7.30 - 9.00, beginning November 8th Contact Jane Harland for more information.

*From Rev. Tony Redman*

\* Oh no... is it practising or practicing? Do you struggle with this question? One way, supposedly, of remembering this is that the word 'noun' comes before the word 'verb' in the dictionary; likewise 'c' comes before 's', so the nouns are 'practice/licence/advice' and the verbs are 'practise/license/advise'. Our American cousins use just one word - practice.

### **Honington CEVCP School**

Summer term was exceptionally busy for us. We had several transition events and welcomed our new reception children into school for two "taster" mornings, which went very well. We had school trips to the Museum of East Anglian Life and Thornham Walks. Two of our

classes had a Pirate Workshop in school and our Year 6 Class had their annual outing to the Crucial Crew Emergency Services event at the West Suffolk College.

We also welcomed groups which ran workshops across the school for Dancing, Drumming and an Introduction to Hinduism. All events were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

The term ended with us being invited to RAF Honington for the Queen's Colour Presentation on 20 July. This was a whole school visit with several of our children (and staff) getting the opportunity to shake hands with Prince Harry – very exciting!

We wish our Year 6 children the best of luck for the future as they start at their new high schools later this week and thank them for the wonderful Leaver's Assembly they organised for us. They were presented with Bibles from the Church and autograph books from the Friends of Honington School.

We are looking forward to welcoming back our pupils from their summer break and to welcoming all new children who start at our school this week and to their parents who we look forward to working with over the coming weeks, months and years.

*From Lauren Moore*

### **Troston Social Club**

The Social Club are planning two day time events between now and the end of the year:

On Monday October 30th, a coffee morning, from 10.30 until noon. Free refreshments, a chance to chat with other

villagers, and our resident IT guru on hand if anyone has any IT issues.

On Monday December 4th from 10.30 until noon. Come along, enjoy the first mince pie of the season and chat with your neighbours.

Again, IT problems can be brought along because Peter Johns has agreed to be on hand.

*From David Farnaby*

### **Young Children's Play Area**

All the equipment has been delivered and the swings and climbing frame put in place. Inevitably the weather will hinder putting down the safety matting but work is on schedule for completion soon.

*From Simon Burgess*

### **Lower Farm Piggery**

Troston Farms are thinking about the long term future of the piggery at Lower Farm. As standards evolve considerable investment will be needed to keep it up to date. The contract to manage the piggery, however, still has some years to go but possible alternative options for the development of the site are being considered.

An idea is to use the land instead for housing or light industrial premises. Troston Farms would like to know if the Village would be in favour in principle of such development?

Previous proposals to build houses on the meadow next to the Piggery had been rejected by the Parish Council - particularly because of the number of houses and inappropriate look for a rural setting. Concerns remain about the lack

of amenities on offer, increase in traffic and lack of safe footpaths.

What do you think? Please email your views to the Parish Clerk or post to Graeme Norris in Church Cottage, Church Lane.

*From Edward Vipond*

### **Women's Institute**

We would be delighted to welcome possible new members to the following meetings:

13th September Husbands Welcome  
"Tales of a Tapestry" Jane Shepherd will tell us about The Bayeux Tapestry: Stitches, history and other interesting facts.

11th October Patricia Fojut will teach us to make boxes suitable for Christmas.

8th November "Nothing like a Dame"  
Harry & Susan Parsons will talk about their life in Am-Dram!

13th December Claire O'Riordan will demonstrate making a Christmas Table Decoration and you can make one yourself (a charge will be made for materials).

For further information on times etc please contact me on 01359 269769 or 07833 577291 or email:

[carolhony@gmail.com](mailto:carolhony@gmail.com). Or Sonia Farnaby on 01359 268667.

*From Carol Littlewood*

### **French Conversation**

Meet at The Bull on Wednesday 20th September 15.30 till 16.30 for a cuppa and a chat. All levels welcome! Friendly group, definitely no stress!

### **Village Hall**

It's been a busy summer, with lots of celebrations; wedding receptions in particular. Amazing decorations have transformed the Hall into a stunning venue, both inside and out.

Our Fete games have also been popular with hirers reporting them as "a massive hit" with young and old alike. Naturally a few bits of equipment have gone astray and we need a dozen or so clean, empty, standard size (baked bean 415 g) tins. A couple of games need repairing so, if you have carpentry/handyman skills and would like to help, please ring me on 269467.

*From Sue Bishop*

### **Honington Village Show**

Please come to our Village Show 13.00 16th September. Here is a list of all the competitions:

Victoria Sponge (Grafton Cup), Fruit Pie, Cheese scones (4), Handmade Bread (1lb loaf tin – no machines to be used), Jam, Marmalade, Chutney, Homemade Wine, Flower Arranging – A Harvest Arrangement (maximum dimensions 2 foot square), Flower Growing – Dahlias / Roses / Chrysanthemums (3 blooms of each),

Vegetables – Potatoes, Courgettes, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Cucumbers, Parsnips, Leeks, Onions, Tomatoes (4 of each), Longest Runner Bean, Largest Onion, Longest Carrot, Largest Marrow, A Basket of any 5 mixed Vegetables (Syd Thurlow Cup), Fruit – Cooking Apples, Eating apples, Eggs – 6 chickens eggs

Art, Photography, Ceramics, Papercraft (anything made from paper) , a Knitted or Crocheted garment.

Children's competitions: Baking - Cupcakes (4), 6" Pizza, Flower Arranging - An Arrangement in a Jam Jar / A Garden on a Biscuit Tin Lid, Art, Photography – "My Summer Holiday" Grow a leek – organised by the school.

*From Rob Williams*

### **Thurston College Open Evening**

Please come along Tuesday 26 September 6.00pm – 8.00pm. At Thurston Community College, we firmly believe that every child matters. We are relentless in our pursuit of outcomes of the highest quality for every student. Come to see our fantastic learning environment, meet our outstanding staff and talk to our exceptional students. The Open Evening will provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about the College and to support your child's move to secondary education.

Thurston Community College, Norton Road, Thurston, Suffolk IP31 3PB

*From Helen Wilson, Principal*

### **Magic Show**

What progress with Brexit? With no clear majority what is happening with the government of our country at a difficult time? Perhaps some answers at an Evening with Jo Churchill MP on Saturday 20th January 2018 in Pakenham Village Hall. Whatever your political views, please come along.

Marco Pusterla has been booked to give us a Magic Show. Perhaps show how rabbits can be pulled from hats?

### **Charity Concert**

Bury Bach Choir 7.30 Saturday 21 October in St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds. Tickets £15 from the Apex Box Office 01284 758000 All profits will go to Samaritans.

For this special charity concert in aid of West Suffolk Samaritans, the Choir will perform Fauré's much loved Requiem with soloists Fae Evelyn and Tom Asher, both donating their fees to Samaritans.

The programme also includes several of the choir's favourite short pieces, including Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus, motets by Bruckner and John Tavener's The Lamb and Song for Athene; the latter gained worldwide popularity when it was sung at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales in 1997.

Set up in 1972, Bury St Edmunds & West Suffolk Samaritans has been supporting our local community for over 40 years. There are 109 volunteers in our branch ranging in age from 20 to 85, who provide a telephone and email listening service every day of the week, including some whole nights. Last year, we answered some 30,000 calls for help: 01284 750 000 or 116 123 (this number is free to call)

We provide a safe place for people to be themselves and talk to us off the record about whatever is getting to them. We help people who may be at increased risk of suicide.

*From jo@samaritans.org*

### **Game Shooting**

Again there have been incidents where shot guns have been fired near stables in Troston. It is an offence without lawful

authority or reasonable excuse to discharge any firearm within fifty feet of a road or lane. In particular, 24 hours notice should be given to neighbours with horses if you are organising a shoot near your property.

It is the serious criminal offence of armed trespass (whether your gun is loaded or not) to cross land belonging to other people, for example the south end of Troston Wood which belongs to the Parish Council, for shooting purposes unless you have gained formal permission from the land owner beforehand.

### **Learn Good Taste**

You have to learn to taste wine. The French, of course, know it. In fact they hold that you have to learn to taste everything, and that the ability to appreciate and discriminate flavour is central to civilised life and the shared pleasures of society. Something so important should not be left to chance: it can - and should be taught.

This summer we attended an end of term class at our child's exchange school in France. The event was conducted exactly as a wine tasting, where six juices were blind tasted. But it was a more complex and more interesting affair than a line-up of orange, apple, pear and strawberry.

As the children got to the third and fourth juices, they became more confident and began to contribute their perceptions. Juice number four was purple and looked like grape juice, but many children noted that the taste was more sour. Several said it tasted like cassis... The juice turned out to be a

blend of concord and muscat grapes with some black current juice blended in. The leader asked "Is this juice more or less acidic than juice number three?" The eight year old sitting next to me was enthralled, swirling, sniffing, tasting and guessing.

By the time juice number five was poured, the leader asked everyone to determine which of the fruit flavours was more dominant, and then informed the group about how the orange juice balanced the acidity of the more dominant grapefruit, creating a nice equilibrium. The tasting ended after juice number six, which the leader pointed out was notable for its high degree of sweetness and its viscosity, due to the bananas and milk that were combined with raspberry and orange juices.

The room was abuzz, the tasting ended, and the parents and children slowly filed out, perhaps to go and try their luck upstairs among the wines.

We do not think it important to teach children to taste in this way. I'm not sure in England we even believe them to be capable of it - but if you want to learn to taste perhaps we could make a start...

### **Next Parish Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting is on the **6th November 19.30** in the Village Hall.

Do let me have issues to put on the agenda - contact 01284 787 777 or [harley.parish@btinternet.com](mailto:harley.parish@btinternet.com)

*From Linda Harley, Parish Clerk*