



## TROSTON PARISH NEWS – MAY 2019

### Heart Defibrillator

Thanks to a generous donation from Cathrina Claas, a defibrillator has now been installed. The device is attached to the wall of the Village Hall as it needs a reliable source of electricity to keep the battery charged and a phone-line. Education events on how to use the equipment are being planned.

In an emergency you must phone 999 and the ambulance service will schedule an ambulance and contact a first-responder in the close neighbourhood. They will also give you the code for some one to unlock the defib cabinet.

In the past Troston was rated green for ambulance response times with help arriving within 10 minutes. We are now rated orange...

Judy O'Sullivan, of the British Heart Foundation, said it was "critical" that expert help from the ambulance services arrived as "quickly as possible". But she said CPR from ordinary members of the public was also vital - in Suffolk, this happens in less than half of cardiac arrests that occur out of hospital. "When someone has a heart attack, every minute delay reduces survival by 10%".

She called on more members of the public to get trained in basic life support, so they would know what to do if faced with an emergency.

### The Troston Lottery

Could you help? The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to help manage the Village Lottery. It is a great way to get to know your neighbours and contribute to village life.

The task is relatively straight forward and already established by Richard Walker. The task entails identifying a couple of good causes that would benefit the village - then maintaining a list of the ticket-numbers and names of people in the village, keeping an eye on the finances and organising the six draws a year at community events like the Coffee or Soup Mornings or Parish Meetings.

Please let me know if you would like to help: [graemenorris46@gmail.com](mailto:graemenorris46@gmail.com)

*From Graeme Norris*

### Pear Tree Close

We now have sales on four of the eight properties and firm interest in two of the others. (Interestingly the 'grey house' was one of the early sales!). The two shared equity homes, which we had hoped to get local interest in, (priced at £236,000) are unsold. Whilst I appreciate this is still a significant sum to many house buyers, it is 20% discount to market price. They are three-bedroom family homes with good sized gardens if anyone is interested

Further landscaping is due this week, with more trees and shrubs having arrived. We agreed to sort a water supply for you if/when planning for the further homes is approved, as a contribution to the village. In the meantime, we will leave a large water bowser on the field so that the trees can be watered during their bedding-in period

The proposed further development is for four dwellings at the entrance to the Playing Field. The plans go to West Suffolk Development Committee during the first week of June. We appreciate the development is outside the village settlement boundary and have an impact on nearby homes but we believe the

Government's new planning policy for rural areas does allow for some limited building in the country.

Work on the semi-detached homes near Siesta is due to be continued within the next couple of weeks. They don't affect the planned footpath through Pear Tree Close to the Playing Field, it is the main site which does. It was agreed with the planners that until the main site was past construction stage, from a safety perspective, the public should not walk through the area. You will note the main site is now progressing well and we expect the footpath to be open within approx. a couple of months and new homeowners to be living on the site.

*From Simon Burgess*

### **Friends of the Bull**

Terry and Susie put a lot of thought and effort into refurbishing the pub and reestablishing the Bull as a hub for the community. Not unnaturally, as their circumstances have changed, they are seeking a commercial return on their investment.

If they can't find a buyer, can the village raise the sum they would consider? Further, do we have the skills to manage a pub?

Following a meeting in the Village Hall, a group of interested villagers formed a study group to explore what might be done. We have received valuable advice from the Plunkett Foundation on how to raise money and talked to the management committee of the Cross Keys in Redgrave - which is now a community owned pub, coffee shop, b&b, meeting place, entertainment venue.

### **Church News**

A squirrel has taken up residence in the church this week, and has caused quite a lot of mess. It is pity that it took a liking to the taste of the flower pedestal displays,

still looking beautiful after the Easter Sunday service. After hiding away in the organ for a few days, it is thought that it may have now found its way out of the church – we hope! If you do visit the church, please could you ensure that the door and the netted bird gate are closed when you leave.

We are changing the time of the Café Church from 11am to 10am to allow families to come to the service and still have much of the day available for family time.

There will be no Café Church in June because it is the day of Euston Rural Pastimes. Without the share of the proceeds we receive from this event, we would not have the funds to pay our Parish Share thereby enabling Troston church to remain open.

If you haven't been to Rural Pastimes before, it is a lovely, local country show with all the proceeds going to good causes, 40% of which goes directly to St Nicholas Hospice. Last year, Troston was also given a generous sum towards equipment for the new play park. Volunteers are always wanted, whether you can help with the setting up, pouring tea, selling programmes, supporting others...you would be welcomed with open arms! – contact me, Jane Harland 07957611576

Forthcoming Café Church services in the Village Hall Troston:

- 14th May 11am
- 14th July 10 am
- 11th August 10 am

Please see the noticeboards for more services in the surrounding villages.

### **Rural Pastimes**

Euston Rural Pastimes will be on Sunday June 9th. The event celebrates rural life, raising £548,985, since starting and £25,985 last year. Donations included £10,000 to St Nicholas Hospice, £10,000 to

local churches and £5000 to local charities and "Local Good Causes".

The event is run entirely by volunteers and we're looking for more people to join us. In particular, help is needed with the Classic & Vintage Car display when over 350 cars will be on show. We need help to mark out the display area on the Friday or Saturday or to marshal the cars on the Sunday.

Anyone willing to volunteer should email Ian Lord at [ian.sue.lord@gmail.com](mailto:ian.sue.lord@gmail.com) or 07421 238996. Other helpers to Rob Williams: [rob.496@btinternet.com](mailto:rob.496@btinternet.com) or 01359268165

I shall be running the Tombola Stall again in June, and would be very grateful for any suitable items you may be kind enough to donate. Ann Grimwood, 20 Garden Fields, Troston (01359) 268132 has offered to be the receiver/collector of any items in Troston, and will get them to me before the 9th.

Do please support this event if you can - it helps Troston Church with running costs. Thank you!

*From Gill Farrow (01842) 763660.*

### **Village Hall**

Planning a celebration but limited by space? Or just don't want the carpet getting messy? Not to mention the parking! The Village Hall could be the answer. Ideal for all sorts of occasions and nearby, too!

To have a look round and all enquiries, contact Sue Bishop on 01359 269 467 or email [sandsbishop@btinternet.com](mailto:sandsbishop@btinternet.com)

### **Coffee Morning**

We will be holding a Coffee (and Cake) Morning in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th May from 10.30 to 12.00. This is a fortnightly event on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. We hope you will be able to join us.

*From Brenda Burridge*

### **BMX Track**

The jumps and humps of the track for intermediate riders are now installed. Thanks go to the National Lottery for their generous support. Remember:

All persons use the track at their own risk. The track must be used for its intended purpose only.

Appropriate protective clothing, gloves, footwear and helmets must be worn at all times.

All Bikes must be in good condition and have working brakes - NO STUNT PEGS.

Troston Parish Council cannot accept responsibility or liability for any claim, loss or damage whatsoever which may arise from the use of the facility. Although the Parish Council will do everything in their power to make the Pump Track as safe as possible:

Riders must take full responsibility for their own actions.

*From Parish Clerk*

### **Sports Day?**

We now have a new playing field - so wouldn't it be fun to have a family "sports day" this summer? Old fashioned events like the egg and spoon race, sack race, splat-the-rat, welly throwing... we could have a BBQ and music?

If you're interested and would like to help organise the event, please don't hesitate to contact me 07885 286180 or [rmbalaam@gmail.com](mailto:rmbalaam@gmail.com)

*From Richard Balaam*

### **Honington School**

During April we celebrated both World Book Day and Red Nose Day with non-uniform days. We raised an amazing £167 for the Red Nose charities. On World Book Day we had a variety of book-related activities taking place in school, which coincided with a Ready Steady Sponsored

Read to raise money for new books for our classrooms and library.

Science Week was AMAZING in school. Each class took part in a range of science experiments and activities – cooking bread (yeast), pollution, floating & sinking, how fast a sneeze travels!, mouse rockets, slippery slopes etc. We even had a visit from RAF Honington to show us their infra-red night vision and laser sight equipment. As part of Science Week, our Year 6 class enjoyed a morning at the Thurston CC STEM Festival.

*From Jane Diver*

### **RAF Honington**

The base is seeking to recruit a social engagement officer to build links with the surrounding villages. Is any body in Troston interested? Deadline for applications is 22 May. <https://www.rafbf.org/about-us/work-for-us#SEW>

### **Accident Prevention**

I understand residents are concerned about road safety on the various bends in Troston and the restricted visibility of traffic from entrances from possible new houses.

I have checked the location on our *Crashmap* accident data website and there is no record of any significant reportable accidents occurring at this location in the last 20 years.

I am sorry but there is no evidence of a severe and cumulative impact on road safety and therefore, no valid reasons for the Highway Authority to take any action.

*From Peter Bradfield, Highways Suffolk County Council*

### **Safer Neighbourhoods Team**

I am pleased to be responsible for the rural parishes around Bury St Edmunds. It is traditionally an area with low levels of crime and disorder, but my team and I are totally committed to ensuring you receive a professional service.

Alas, we are currently experiencing a high volume of vehicle thefts. Many vehicles targeted had been left insecure with items of value on display. We advise car owners and drivers to secure their vehicles at all times and refrain from leaving any valuables inside their vehicles. Those with keyless entry vehicle fobs or cards are advised to keep their fob or card away from doors and windows when at home or store them in a protective metallic container at home or protective “Faraday pouch” when out. Protecting your fob or card will prevent the signal being used by criminals with another device which enables them to gain entry to your vehicle.

The number of serious traffic accidents continues to be a concern. Driving too fast on twisty, poorly maintained rural roads is a major factor. More awareness is required when approaching bends of slow moving, wide farm vehicles and (too) fast moving delivery vans.

*From Inspector Matt Dee*

### **New Clerk**

With sadness I will be retiring as Parish Clerk and would like to introduce my successor: Vicki Gay. She grew up in Ixworth, worked for the Post Office, then trained to be a Parish Clerk. Vicki has some twenty years experience and is also the clerk for Great Livermere, Market Weston and Barningham.

I have enjoyed working with the people of Troston and wish you well in the future.

*From Linda Harley*

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 19.30 Monday 1st July in the Village Hall.

Do let me have issues you would like put on the agenda - contact 01379 898 733

*From Vicki Gay*

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