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EARL STONHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Unfortunately we are once again not producing the Recorder in printed form due to the November lockdown but hopefully the Spring issue will be back to normal. We would like to thank Jen Henderson-Hamilton for all her hard work in organising and distributing the Recorder copies to those that deliver them.

We are also very grateful to Chris Henderson-Hamilton for transforming and maintaining the Parish website. We are now investigating the possibility of using Suffolk Cloud as hosts for this, as at the moment they will set up a website for a Parish Council free of charge. We would then receive five months free hosting before paying a yearly rate.

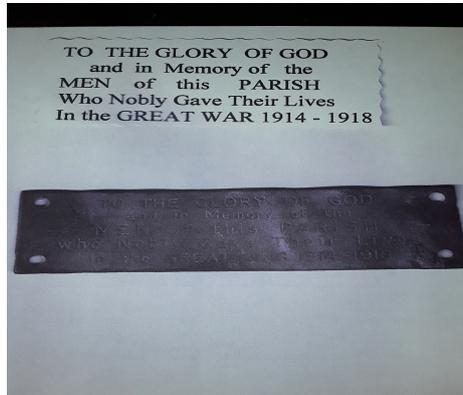
The Parish Council is working as normal and we would like to welcome two new Councillors – Mark Gillett and Michael Mann. We look forward to working together.

We are very disappointed that the issue of the unlawful scrap metal site at the Tap junction has not been resolved. We have found it very difficult to contact Mid Suffolk District Council and, despite numerous emails and telephone messages to them, we have received no further information about the current status of the Enforcement Notice.

The Remembrance Service this year, due to restrictions, was limited to a few people at the memorial for the laying of the wreath and reading of names.

There will be a Christmas tree erected on the Green as usual this year and we hope that the Carols on the Green will go ahead. It will feel especially poignant this year after all we have been through, and if we are able to sing together outside as a community we will feel especially grateful.

A brass plaque has been found in a field near Brewery Farm. I believe it came from a park bench style of seat – if anyone can help identify it, please let us know...



We hope you continue to stay safe and well. At least we were given a brief respite from the pandemic headlines while the American presidential election was happening!

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Subject to restrictions there are meetings planned for 4 January, 1 March, 10 May & 5 July. These will be held at the Village Hall and be socially distanced. They will start at 7.30pm

Colin Woods
Chairman





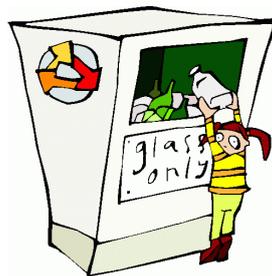
The Elliott family of Forward Green were wheelwrights, builders and undertakers, but for a time they ran a bus service as well. This photograph, undated, shows their new vehicle outside Barnards coachworks in Stowmarket. Can anyone tell us any more about Elliott's bus service?

John Jones



Please continue to bring your empty bottles, newspapers & textiles to the village recycling banks as this helps to raise funds for the village.

Thank you!





There is lots to read on The Village Web Site! Here you will find information about all the Clubs and Groups meeting in the Village throughout the year, with dates for your diaries, Club Programmes and details of special events. All the way from The Cricket Club to The WI and everything in between!

You can also find Dates for Parish Council Meetings, Minutes from past Meetings and copies of Councillor's Reports from District and County Councillors.

If you have mislaid your Welcome Pack, you can find the latest copy on the site, together with The Recorder, including this edition and back numbers.

The Photo Album section is packed with memories, old and new, and contributions are always welcome. There is a "History" page with several articles of interest. There is also an editor's blog if you want to get something off your chest! We'd love to hear from you.

Just type "Earl Stonham" into your browser and choose our page or go direct by typing www.earlstonham.org.uk and click or tap the subject that interests you.

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Web editor

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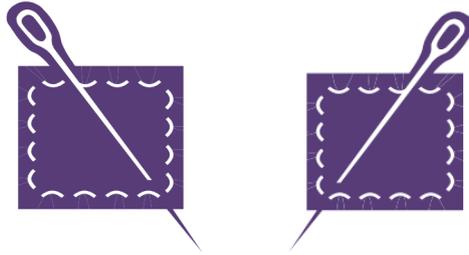
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We'll meet again – don't know where, don't know when,
And it doesn't have to be a sunny day.
Keep smiling through – we can't see if you do,
'Cos those silly pleated masks are in the way.
And if you say a word, it just cannot be heard
So you say it once more,
And you wave in the air, making everyone stare
As you try semaphore.
We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when
But we know we'll throw our face masks, far away!
And if you say hello, those with spectacles know
That a mist will descend,
You can't make yourself heard and your vision is blurred,
Make this misery end!
We'll meet again – don't know where, don't know when,
Could be months before we have a sunny day!!

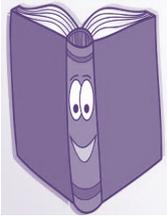
Hope this will make you smile even if it isn't exactly optimistic!! If any of you are interested in Christmas Tree napkins or aromatic serving mats do please let me know. I can make these to order in your own choice of Christmas fabric or in colours to match your tableware. The aromatic pads are spiced with cinnamon and cloves and give off wonderful smells when you place your hot serving dishes on them.



For all your sewing requirements, please ring Pauline on
01449 711384 or email pbirchnall@gmail.com

~ VILLAGE INFORMATION ~

THE RECORDER



The Recorder is published every quarter. Don't forget you can advertise in the Recorder which is delivered to every house in the village. The cost for a full page is £30.00 (payable in advance), which is four adverts for the price of three and the money helps towards the cost of producing the Recorder. The advert will be included in four issues, with the option of it appearing on the website via webmaster@earlstonham.org.uk

Please give the advert to Margaret Anthony (711779) or Deb Turner (711461). There is an e-mail address (Recorder@btinternet.com) so if you would like to send your contributions or advertisements electronically, it helps reduce preparation time of the Recorder. Cheques should be made payable to Earl Stonham Parish Council and sent to Deb Turner, The Cottage, Forward Green, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5HZ.

MOBILE LIBRARY, VILLAGE LUNCHESES & COFFEE & CAKE FRIDAYS

The Mobile Library will continue to visit Earl Stonham Village Hall **ONCE EVERY 4 WEEKS**. It will still be with us between from 12.20 - 12.50pm before moving on to Stonham Parva. **Next date is: 22 January 2021**



Do look out on the Village Email list and website for future developments on Library Lunches, Coffee & Cake & much more.

If you would like to join the Village Email list, please send an email to Recorder@btinternet.com. During lockdown it is a particularly valuable way of keeping in touch and also for us to be able to send information out to you regarding shopping, doctor's opening hours etc.

EARL STONHAM VILLAGE WALK

We started to gather after 1.45pm in the Village Hall car park, on a warm, if not hot, day in September for our last village walk of the year - The Red Walk. By 2pm we had 9 Walkers & around 5 dogs heading towards Broad Green via the recreation ground.

Before reaching Broad Green, we took a left footpath turn; unfortunately there was no footpath sign post, luckily I knew where the footpath was, which was confirmed after seeing the much trodden path.

After a short while, we came across a couple of horses who very wisely just ignored us (what's wrong with my Brut?). We continued on route, passing 3 very inquisitive donkeys, who were so very sad to see us depart.

When we re-joined the road, a couple & 1 dog decided they'd take a short cut home, because they had already done part of the walk & the dog was hot etc. We then continued on road to the next footpath turn & once again there was no signpost, over a field towards the back of Fen Lane, which we continued until reaching Fen Lane where Brian took the photo. The walk then continued along Fen Lane to the A1120 & then on towards the village hall, where Tony produced some soft drinks for the remaining group & dogs.

To conclude it was a pleasant 2 hour walk in the Village of Earl Stonham. It's sad that we only had 9 + Dogs but at no point were there more than 6 together in one group, so the rule of 6 was adhered to.

Tony Stevens



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Kevin Hollings
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EARL STONHAM PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following have been submitted for consideration
by the Parish Council

- Application for Approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/18/05278 – Appearance, Landscape, Scale & Layout to be considered for siting 1no mobile home – Resthaven, Thornbush Lane, Earl Stonham IP14 5DX – Application DC/20/03506
- Full Planning Application – change of use to allow motor vehicle repairs with new ancillary MOT testing bay (retention of) – Whitehouse Farm, Whitehouse Lane, Earl Stonham IP14 5HE – Application DC/20/03560
- Application for Listed Building Consent – Removal of rear chimney breast and stack, insertion of new door opening in south elevation, insertion of window opening to rear elevation, insertion of replacement windows, insertion of boiler flue in existing storey rear element. Alterations as per Design & Access statement Cherry Tree Farmhouse, Blacksmiths Lane, Earl Stonham IP14 5ET – Application DC/20/03807
- Planning Application – Erection of dwelling following removal of agricultural building and previous grant of residential conversion – Fen Barn, Fen Lane, Earl Stonham IP6 8QD – Application DC/20/04062
- Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/04902 – Condition 3 (Fenestration) Weylands Farmhouse, Forward Green, Earl Stonham IP14 5EW – Application DC/20/04565
- Application for Outline Planning Permission (some matters reserved, access to be considered – Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – Erection of 1no detached dwelling and garage; Creation of new vehicular access (existing access to be blocked up) – Land South of Fieldfare, Forward Green, Earl Stonham IP14 5EN – Application DC/20/04710

If you wish to comment on any planning application, please contact

MSDC Planning Department or go to :

<http://planningpages.midsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Please remember, if you wish to comment online, you MUST register on the website AND log in to ensure your comments are noted



Library Lunches

Because most of our diners, as well as those cooking the meals, are in the vulnerable category, with regret, and due to the ongoing restrictions due to Corona Virus, we have decided to cancel the monthly Library Lunches for the rest of this year.

Hopefully we will be able to hold them again in 2021, once it is safe to do so, and look forward to seeing all of our customers then.

Angela, Frankie and Jill



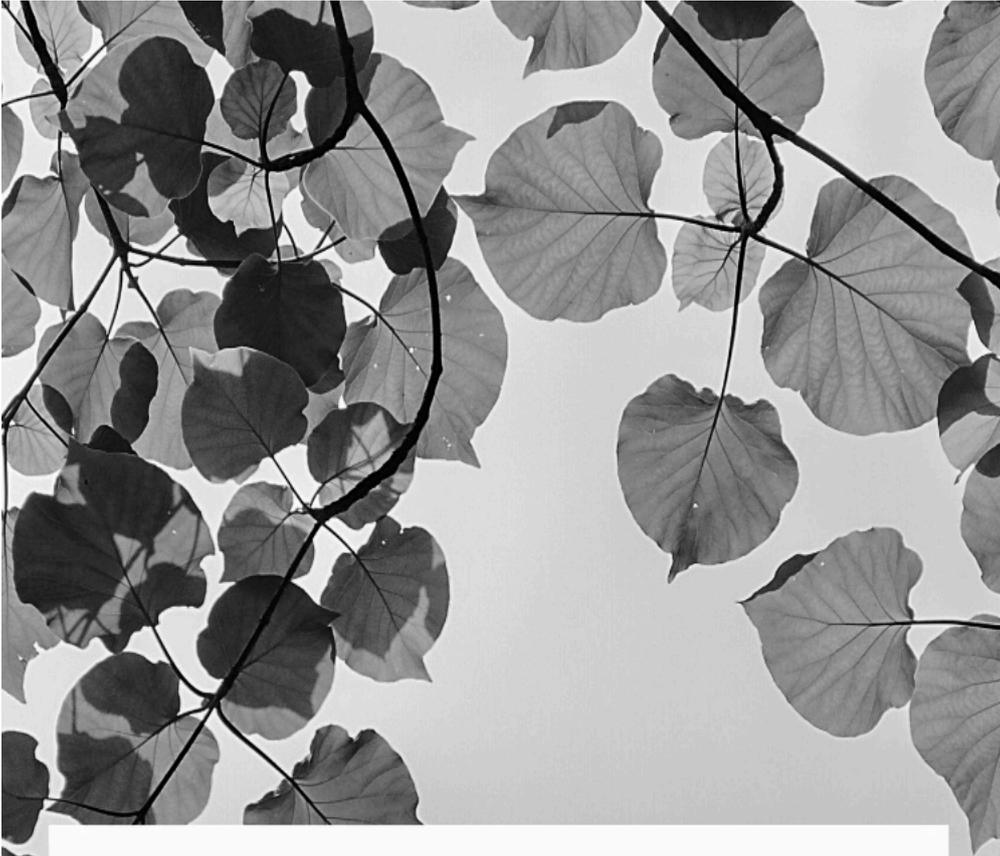
Are there any happy crafters out there?

Looking to form a local group of people for a daytime meet up in the Earl Stonham Village Hall when lockdown finished. All abilities welcome. Will aim to keep costs as low as possible.

Just to have some fun, socialise and hopefully organise and complete some charity projects. Please contact me if you are interested

Sarah

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Plotting the road to COVID recovery – Leaders agree £3.4 million investment in Suffolk’s future

On 25 September, Suffolk’s public sector leaders met to agree collective action as part of Suffolk’s recovery from COVID-19 over the coming months. To kickstart the process, the group agreed in principle to a significant investment of £3.4 million towards key priorities to support Suffolk’s communities and businesses, addressing some of the challenges people currently face, including isolation, hardship, exploitation and the uncertainty of the economy.

As part of the first phase of supporting Suffolk’s recovery, the following funding was agreed to support some of Suffolk’s immediate areas of focus:

- Driving inclusive economic growth – investing in recovery (visitor economy/local investment) and the Suffolk Growth Partnership - £1,302,500m (over three years).
- Supporting the most vulnerable – hardship funding - £800,000.
- Community safety – tackling gangs and county lines – £1,352,202m (over three years).

Over the last few months, we have all seen how Suffolk is blessed with so many people willing to volunteer their time to support one another and businesses which have found ways to adapt and continue through incredibly tough times. Across Suffolk’s public sector we have dedicated staff who have all risen to the challenge to maintain essential services under immense pressure and develop innovative solutions to get help to those who need it when they need it most.

The way in which Suffolk’s public sector has risen to the complex challenges in responding to COVID-19 so far is testament to our approach, and that’s how we wish to continue into recovery. We now have the opportunity to develop collaborative plans that provide a clear direction for Suffolk’s recovery, supported by active engagement and consultation with all of our communities. As the national response to COVID-19 continues, it is important for Suffolk to establish an approach to recovery that is inclusive, people-focussed, and

sustainable during these challenging times. Suffolk's public sector leaders are committed to driving the services and support that communities and businesses across Suffolk need as the first steps towards recovery from the pandemic begin. Every leader and their organisation has been at the forefront of the local response, playing a key role throughout the last seven months. The response through Home But Not Alone has proven a real success, bringing together services and volunteers with those who need support. The established PPE team, which formed part of the Suffolk Resilience Forum's response, has successfully sourced and supplied vital equipment where it is needed most.

Whilst it is essential that individual organisations across Suffolk's public sector have their own recovery plans and processes in place, agreeing funding for these key areas is another clear sign of the collaborative focus that all of Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders recognise in supporting their priorities, including: creating strong communities, supporting the most vulnerable, inclusive economic growth, tackling climate change, improving health and care, improving community safety, and securing fairer funding for local public services.

Council announces £300,000 for electric vehicle charging points in rural Suffolk

100 fast charging points for electric vehicles will be installed in rural parts of the county by SCC. The council will be reaching out to interested parish and town councils and non-profit organisations to put in fast chargers where there are currently none. The funding will cover the installation and set-up costs, meaning very little expense for the hosts and possibly creating a source of income for them. This project is the first to benefit from the council's Suffolk 2020 Fund, which was announced earlier this year. This is a £3m fund for the council's own projects to bid into. Projects must help address the council's climate emergency declaration and must improve Suffolk for all residents in years to come. The £300,000 award will link into the council's existing Plug In Suffolk project, which was launched in February 2019.

It is the UK's first 'fully open' public fast charging network for electric vehicles, meaning drivers simply pay by contactless payment with no need to register their details. Ultra-low emission vehicle ownership has nearly trebled in the last three years in Suffolk and I want to this to continue by making it even more convenient to charge up across the county. I'd like to see fast charging points at our rural village halls, community buildings, sports clubs, places of worship

and in small villages. We can now make this a reality and hopefully provide the host with a source of income too.

If you look at a map of existing charging points in the county, there are big gaps – and one of the barriers to people switching to an electric vehicle is lack of confidence about finding a place to charge. This funding will help fill those gaps and give people that confidence. Once these charging points are installed, Suffolk will have one of the best rural charging networks in the country. We will be contributing to better air quality, reducing carbon emissions and cutting down our reliance on fossil fuels – all supporting our climate emergency declaration and ambition to create the greenest county. A better charging network can also help Suffolk economically. The UK's electric vehicle owners can look fondly on Suffolk as an even more welcoming destination, as they will be able to charge their cars right across the county. The fast charging points supplied by Plug In Suffolk do not require any registration, membership or apps - drivers simply park, plug in and charge using contactless payment.

There have already been expressions of interest for charging points from around 20 suitable sites. In the coming weeks, officers from Suffolk County Council will be contacting town and parish councils to investigate more possible locations. For further information on Plug In Suffolk or to apply to join the network, visit www.greensuffolk.org/plug-in-suffolk

County Council unable to support plans for Sizewell C in its current form

SCC has stated it cannot support EDF Energy's plans for Sizewell C in its current form. A report, and accompanying supporting documents, discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 22 September, focussed on significant concerns regarding transport impacts, site design, and the environmental impact on the Suffolk coast which remain unanswered by EDF Energy. Details of the council's position will be shared as Relevant Representations with the Government's Planning Inspectorate, which is overseeing the process for this proposed development. It is very clear from the Council's representations that the current proposals do not sufficiently avoid, minimise, mitigate or compensate impacts of the proposed development.

Many issues raised in previous rounds of consultations remain outstanding, and the lack of improvement and progress regarding many of these issues is very disappointing considering how early in the development process the council raised its concerns. The Relevant Representation document fully details the council's proposed position and lists the areas where it believes EDF Energy

needs to undertake further work. SCC has always supported the principle of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell and recognises that Sizewell C would offer an important contribution to the national energy strategy. The council would also welcome the benefits of new jobs and skills. However, it cannot support the current proposals presented by EDF Energy as they stand today. The council does not support EDF Energy's proposed transport strategy as it remains predominantly lorry-based and, in the council's view, is unsustainable. The authority strongly believes that an increased proportion of rail and sea transport is reasonably achievable and, in its current form, the transport impacts on Suffolk's highway network are unacceptable.

The Relevant Representation document published goes into greater detail on other areas of concern, including:

- Proposals to have additional pylons on site.
- Ecological damage.
- Suitable mitigation to protect local wildlife species.
- Appropriate levels of funding for mitigation measures and compensation to support the impact on the local community and related infrastructure.

To view the Cabinet report and accompanying draft Relevant Representation document, visit committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk.

Successful £4.4m adaptive street lighting project celebrates first year

On 17 September, Suffolk celebrated a successful first year of its £4.4m Live Labs project – 'A Smarter Suffolk'.

Suffolk's Live Lab project is part of the ADEPT SMART Places Live Labs Programme - a £22.9m project funded by the Department for Transport. Suffolk was one of nine local authorities to successfully bid for funding.

The main aim of Suffolk's Live Lab is to use its existing street lighting infrastructure to provide a showcase of innovative technologies that bring efficiencies to Suffolk County Council now, and potentially to other local authorities in future. Benefits from these technologies are set to revolutionise the way services are delivered by local authorities through the collection of data from sensors placed on street lighting columns throughout the county. As well as working with the University of Suffolk and BT, Suffolk has spent the last year negotiating with potential providers of a wide range of such sensors so that they can be deployed in different environmental conditions - namely

urban, rural and coastal locations. The project will enable local authorities to monitor aspects such as weather, air quality, road surface temperatures, and traffic volumes, as well as create on-street electric vehicle charging and support the deployment of 5G infrastructure by the mobile network operators.

So far, Suffolk has installed 43 sensors, with plans to install hundreds more over the coming months. The data being gathered can help to provide a picture of road use. This will be particularly valuable in areas where COVID-19 related initiatives such as cycle lanes have been implemented, as data for before and after implementation can be analysed. The original two-year timescale for the Suffolk Live Labs project was recently extended by six months to account for the impact of COVID-19. This allows a greater time period to analyse incoming data from the deployed sensors.

Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division

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We use Tapestry for the childrens' online learning journal, which both ourselves and our parents can upload information to. This can be continued in reception class at Stonham Aspal Primary school.



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DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

As I sit to write this article, the Prime Minister has once more addressed the nation and we find ourselves in a second period of national lockdown.

At the time of writing, infection rates in Suffolk remain low, but the rest of the country is seeing a large growth both in terms of numbers of people infected with the virus and the numbers of hospital admissions. Projections mean that even low incidence areas such as Suffolk will face challenges with capacity in our NHS. It is a very difficult balancing act for the Government between protecting life and protecting the economy and on balance, I agree that, even here in Suffolk, a temporary nationwide lockdown makes sense.

It is vital that throughout lockdown, we protect jobs and our local economy, and a strong support package has been put in place by the Government for businesses and individuals. Locally, the **Suffolk Support and Advice Line** has been set up to help with debt advice, mortgage, rent or credit card problems and employment queries. They can be contacted on **0800 068 3131**.

This will undoubtedly be a very different Christmas for all of us and this year, more than ever, we must remember those in our NHS and emergency services who work around the clock to keep people safe and cared for and to ensure help is at hand when needed. I will certainly be spending some of my Christmas break working as a doctor in the NHS, looking after those who are vulnerable.

But of course it's not just those working in hospitals who work on Christmas Day, the list is endless, with so many working right across the festive season to ensure that services continue day and night – carers visiting the elderly and vulnerable in our communities, highways teams, ambulance staff and paramedics, firefighters and police officers, to name but a few. And then there is the army of hard-working public-sector staff, working behind the scenes, to keep everything running smoothly.

Collectively they ensure that our communities are safe and functioning over the festive period, so this Christmas, please spare a thought for all those working tirelessly on our behalf, often in challenging circumstances, yet

remaining committed to delivering services compassionately and professionally, despite knowing their loved ones are waiting at home to enjoy Christmas with them after a lengthy shift.

I would therefore like to pay special tribute to all our dedicated and hardworking workforce here in Suffolk, thank you for all you do at Christmas, and all year round.

In closing, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very peaceful Christmas.

As ever, further information is available on my website
www.drdanielpoulter.com



Christmas Suduko

EARL STONHAM VILLAGE HALL



As I am sure most of you will have heard by now, we have finally been successful in obtaining the additional grant funding needed to proceed with the main hall refurbishment. The bulk of this – nearly £23,000 – is from Mid Suffolk District Council's Capital funding and a further £1,000 from Matthew Hick's Locality budget.

With the funding in place, work has already started, and thanks to a willing team of volunteers, we have stripped out the existing wall cladding and have started adding the structure to the walls and ceiling for the new insulation and this work will continue over the next few weeks. The next major area of work will be the replacement of the main hall roof with one that has much more insulation and this is scheduled to start on 11th November – weather and Covid-19 permitting!

We hope to get the interior ready for plastering before Christmas with the false ceiling, heating and other services being fitted in the new year and then finally the new floor. With all the uncertainty over Covid-19, it is not possible at present to give a confirmed completion date for the work but we are hoping to finish by end of March 2021.

Following the ending of lockdown we were finally starting to see users returning to the hall, albeit at a much-reduced level. Sadly, as I write this report, with a new lockdown starting imminently, the hall will again have to be closed to users so very frustrating for everyone - but also not good for the day to day finances! However, on the positive side, with the lockdown rules as currently stated, we should still be able to continue with the building works and will not be inconveniencing any users.

One thing that will continue is the Village Quiz night hosted on Zoom and the dates for the next two are 9th November and 14th December.

So finally, I would like to wish everyone an early Merry Christmas and also a big thank you to all the helpers and volunteers contributing to the refurbishment work.

Tony Turner
Chairman - Earl Stonham Village Hall Management Committee
07710 018743

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL?

There is a large hall with dance floor & stage. Ideal for barn dances, parties, discos or drama productions. Tables & chairs can be set up for dining or for Quizzes or Bingo evenings & there is a newly refurbished club room where smaller groups can gather.

Also a well-equipped kitchen with two cookers, a fridge-freezer, heated trolley, sinks and extensive working area. The hall opens out onto the adjoining recreation ground with a multi court and small children's playground. Perfect for picnics & a small bouncy castle can be erected for children's parties

Charges for the hire of the Village Hall PER HOUR from April 2019:

For Earl Stonham Residents

Clubroom	£ 8.00ph
Hall	£ 8.00ph
Hall & Clubroom	£14.00ph
Over 6 Hours (All Areas)	£95.00
Over 6 Hours (Club Room)	£50.00

For Non-Residents

Clubroom	£ 9.00ph
Hall	£ 9.00ph
Hall & Clubroom	£16.00ph
Over 6 Hours (All Areas)	£105.00
Over 6 Hours (Club Room)	£ 55.00

Please contact Deb Turner (711461) to book the hall

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Police (Non Emergency)	101
NHS (Non Emergency)	111
Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit	01473 265321
Suffolk Police HQ (Non Emergency)	01473 613500
Suffolk Police Direct	01473 613997
Suffolk Fire & Rescue (Non Emergency)	01473 588888
NHS Direct	08 45 46 47
Environment Agency Incident Helpline	0800 80 70 60
Environment Agency Floodline	08459 88 11 88
Suffolk County Council	08456 066 067
Gas	0800 111 999
Electricity (Power Cuts & Network Emergencies)	105 08007 838 838
Anglian Water	08457 145 145
Essex & Suffolk Water	08457 820 999
Dial A Ride (Optua Transport)	01449 614271
Suffolk Link	01449 616000

VILLAGE CONTACTS

Earl Stonham Parish Council Street Lighting Fault Line	0800 591055
Earl Stonham Recorder (Deb/Margaret)	711461/711779
Earl Stonham Trust (Jennie Griffiths)	711794
Earl Stonham Website (Chris Hamilton)	711960
Parish Clerk (Jennie Blackburn)	721369
WI (Christine Double/Lindsey Stone)	766665/711602
Over 60's (Joan & Vera)	711294/710128
Village Hall Bookings (Deb Turner)	711461
Neighbourhood Watch (Tony Fowler)	711159
Theatre Guild (David Kirk)	710300
Cricket Club (Simon Edgar)	711572
Parish Room (Frankie Wicks)	711222



PRAYER

In these difficult times, members of our churches continue to pray for our communities of Earl Stonham and Stonham Parva and for those who would like prayer for a particular need.

If you would like to request prayer for an issue or individual, please contact

Maggie Podd (07939 912080)

Frankie Wicks (01449 711222)

Philip Payne (Rector) (01449 711684)

or Helen Norris (Assistant Priest 01449 761867)

EARL STONHAM WI



Well, we managed to hold the AGM using a combination of reality and virtual and the existing committee were all voted in again. Unfortunately we have been unable to hold any events or have meetings with speakers.

Have you ever thought that the WI would be great to join but getting to meetings on any kind of regular basis just won't be happening? Well here's a bright idea which might mean you can enjoy all WI has to offer but virtually! In other words instead of meeting in person in a village hall or community centre, meetings would be held online via Zoom or similar. The Suffolk East Federation of WIs is part of a large pilot to see how this would work in practice.

There will be an online exploratory meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 23 November where we can explain how the WI works and how this exciting venture could go forward. If you would like to join in please email gill@sefwi.org.uk to register your interest

If you would like to attend any of our monthly meetings, we would be delighted to see you in the clubroom in the village hall on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month at 7.30pm. For more details please contact Christine Double on 766665 or Lindsey Stone on 711602



EARL STONHAM TRUST



An update on the former Bowls Club site which is charitable land designated for recreational use. The lengthy and complex procedure involving disposal of charity land for development, whilst not insurmountable, has been dealt a blow with an extremely negative response from a planning officer on many aspects of the proposal. Although professional advice was confident of success should appeal be necessary, the Trust lacks the funds to do so and being mindful of other responsibilities and the uncertain times ahead, it was decided not to proceed with the planning application at present.

T & J Fitness based in the Village expressed an interest in the site and premises as it is and we are pleased to let them use it under licence.

As always grants are available from the Trust for educational purposes and specific financial need for Village Residents. With difficult times ahead, do contact one of the Trustees if you think assistance is required for yourself or another. Alternatively download an application form from the Village website or write to Jennie Griffiths at Cornfields, Wicks Lane IP14 5HL or jfrgriffiths@yahoo.co.uk. All enquiries are dealt with confidentially.

The play equipment on the Recreation Ground is inspected weekly by volunteers but contact one of the Trustees mentioned below if you have any concerns. The Trust meets next on **Thursday 26th November**. In the meantime, stay safe and here's hoping for an enjoyable Christmas for us all.

Colin Woods - Chairman (678137)

Jennie Griffiths (711794)

Phil Hurt (711879)

Barry Rice (711690)

Frankie Wicks (711222)

Sharon Budd (711243)

Karl Wilkinson(711320)

EARL STONHAM CRICKET CLUB



We have now seen the end of the 2020 cricket season after only 7 weeks of games being played, a year which hopefully none of us will see again. As I write these short notes we enter another lockdown from the 5th November for a month which will hopefully allow us to celebrate Christmas.

Thank you to all the players who turned out this season, skipper Luke Edgar for managing to get 11 players out most weeks, Simon for getting the pitch looking perfect every match, Steve Lewis for keeping the finances in check and also Neil Stowe for keeping the equipment in running order. A special mention to Lucy Wilcox for her great effort in raising some much needed funds for the club and Crohn's & Colitis - over £900 was raised. Many thanks also goes to all the Vice Presidents and Ball sponsor donations we received this year. It helped the club cover a lot of it's fixed costs we have and enabled us to keep the ground ready for cricket despite the long delay in starting.

The AGM has been moved back to early 2021 either by Zoom/Teams etc but you never know face to face may be an option.

For anyone interested in playing cricket next season please contact Luke Edgar on 07794 599402

Please Stay Safe and see you all in the New Year

David Eade
Hon Club Chairman

EARL STONHAM OVER 60'S

(The Golden Circle)

The committee met in September for a socially distanced meeting in the Parish Rooms to discuss possible future events. It was agreed that we would not issue a programme for 2021, but the committee would meet again in February in the hope that we might be able to make some plans for the rest of the year. Advice or ideas for future activities are always welcome, if so please contact Joan on 711294.

Joan and Frankie Wicks are recovering from recent surgery, we wish them well.

We send our condolences to the family of Betty Smith. Betty was an active committee member and supporter of the club for many years and will be missed by us all.

Until we can all meet up again, stay safe, keep well and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.





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Church in the Pandemic



Sadly our services are going to be very different this Advent and Christmas. The plans below are as the situation stands at the time this is being written and hopefully will not have to be changed by changing regulations but if anything does alter we shall do our best to let everyone know.

Keeping track of what is happening across our villages is complicated. If you would like to receive a notice each week please let any of the contacts below know and you will get an email, or if you don't do computers, we will arrange for you to get them by post.

In general:

Earl Stonham church is open for private prayer every Sunday afternoon from 12 noon till 4pm.

To come to a service in a church building you must follow Government and Church of England regulations. There will be music but no singing. Wear a face covering and let Rev Philip Payne know at least 48 hours beforehand with your name and how many will be coming. His phone number is 01449 711684 or email revphilippayne@btinternet.com

To assist the Track and Trace process we will keep your contact details for 3 weeks after the service.

To join a Zoom service, please email reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com
Click on the link in the email from Ruth to join the service. You can sing with the hymns, or just listen to them and join in with the prayers as you wish.



Christingle Sunday November 29 at 4pm

This will be on Zoom this year and we shall be together with people from all our 8 parishes.

Volunteers are making up Christingle Kits with all the components for a Christingle and instructions included so that anyone joining in can build their own Christingle at home. It would be lovely if lots of people do this on that Sunday afternoon while watching on Zoom so that we end up with a screen full of candle lights. Or you can make your Christingle and eat the sweets, another time.

These are not limited to those in their first childhood. There may be older people who would like something to cheer them up so if you, or someone you know, would like a kit please drop me, Frankie Wicks, an email at frankie@moatfarm.online or ring me. We'll sort out delivering the Kits nearer the time.

The Children's Society help organise Christingles across the country and their contact details will go out later for anyone wishing to send them a donation.

Drive-In Church

Drive-in Carol service on Sunday December 13 (To be confirmed)

Our Drive-in Harvest Festival was much enjoyed but it is more difficult to organise a similar event in December when fields are likely to be muddy and the weather risky. We are working on it though! Details to follow we hope!



Carols on the Green at 7pm on Forward Green on Thursday Dec 17 (To be confirmed)

Organised by the Parish Council around the Christmas Tree. Wrap up warm, bring a torch and enjoy!

Carol Service on Zoom - 6.30pm Sunday Dec 20

We shall sing traditional carols in our own homes and if you want to light your room with candles please do. But be careful!

Blue Christmas service - Monday December 21, the Longest Night of the year at 2.30pm in Earl Stonham Church AND 7pm on Zoom

This is a new venture and is for those who may be finding this Christmas difficult for whatever reason. It will be a short service of readings, prayers and music. Hopefully it will bring some comfort and joy.



Christmas Eve - Thursday Dec 24

4pm Crib Service in Coddendam Churchyard
11.30pm Holy Communion at Stonham Aspal

Christmas Day - Friday Dec 25

10am Morning Worship for Christmas Day on Zoom
10am Holy Communion at Earl Stonham

Sunday December 27

9.30am Morning Worship on Zoom
11am Holy Communion at Gosbeck

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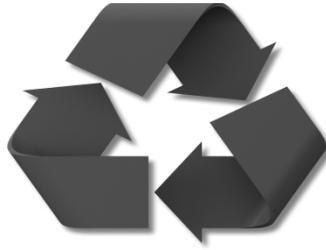
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