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EARL STONHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Welcome to another online version of the Recorder. We hope that you are all keeping safe despite everything that is trying to break our spirits this winter. We would also like to thank the farmers who cleared the snow from the roads so that those that needed to go out, could!

Hopefully we are through the worst of the weather now and our village is becoming well-vaccinated, ready for whenever lockdown eases. The Parish Council was able to meet successfully via Zoom: no cats were present and nobody lost their temper ;-)

The footpaths are extremely wet and muddy at the moment but please make sure that you stick to the paths when walking and you do not encroach on the fields or crops. Another reminder is that all dogs must be on a lead or under close control at all times. This is law under the 1982 Country & Wildlife Act and is done to help protect ground nesting birds as a dog only has to put its nose in a nest for the bird to forsake it.

There are two footpath signs that still need to be replaced: one in Larters Lane and one in School Lane. Jennie, our Parish Clerk, has been chasing these up and they should be replaced soon.

The Council was able to donate a further amount to the Village Hall Committee so that money remaining in the fund can go towards repairing the car park entrance at the village hall. The Hall is now an asset we can be proud of thanks to Tony and his band of volunteers. We are also grateful to our County Councillor, Matthew Hicks, our District Councillor, Suzie Morley, and Tesco for their financial contributions.

At last much of the scrap metal has been removed from the area known as The Tap as a result of an order by Suffolk County Council, but we are aware that it is still not completely clear. We will keep a close eye on the site and inform SCC if there is any sign of the area being used as a business again.

There is an ongoing problem with speeding in the village, as with most villages unfortunately. We hope that the police will sometimes install their new temporary speed cameras (Automated Number Plate Recognition Speed Indicators) on the A1120 to assist with this problem.

The new village website is up and running and we hope that you find it easy to use and helpful. We are very grateful to Mark Gillett for organising and facilitating this. Thanks also to Karl Wilkinson who has taken over distribution of the Recorder. We are hoping to be able to produce a paper copy of it in the Summer.

The Christmas tree hasn't been able to be removed from the Green due to the ground being so wet but I am sure that when it is, it will be a symbol that things are finally moving on in a positive way.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are meetings planned for **1 March, 10 May & 5 July**. These will be held by Zoom or if restrictions allow, at the Village Hall and will start at 7.30pm.

Colin Woods
Chairman





Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Suffolk www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John says 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Suffolk (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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The past year has seen an unprecedented growth in the number of delivery vans bringing groceries and every kind of online purchase to consumers' homes. It's not an entirely new phenomenon, however: here we see Hopgood's hardware van calling on the residents of Wicks Lane in 1927.

There was no online or even telephone ordering then, the van just turned up on fixed days with all its stock inside, hanging on the outside and even on the roof. The week's special offer was painted on the windscreen.

Making their purchases, or perhaps just enjoying a gossip, are Amy Beaumont, Millie Baker, Liz Haggar with daughter Eva, Martha Emney, Nanna Rush and Mr Brooks.

All were residents of Wicks Lane.

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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!





Updated Village Web Site

The Village Web Site has been completely refreshed and has a new design. You will be able to find information here about the village, its facilities and activities.

When you visit the site you should find it easy to navigate with the home page offering quick access to information about the Parish Council, St Mary's Church, the Local Community and Earl Stonham Village Hall as well as links to key pages and documents for you to download. There are also a number of menu buttons at the top of the page that will take you to specific information which may be of interest, including a What's On Page which will contain dates of forthcoming events for your diary.

You can also quickly access the Village Welcome Pack, Information about local footpaths and electronic copies of the Earl Stonham Recorder. We have a Galleries page with photos of recent events, and we have archived photos from earlier years which can be accessed on request. You can access information about the history of Earl Stonham via the Community Box.

To access our web site just type "Earl Stonham" into your browser and choose our page or go directly to it by typing **www.earlstonham.org.uk**

If you have any comments about the web site or want to feedback new information, corrections or additions, please contact **webmaster@earlstonham.org.uk**

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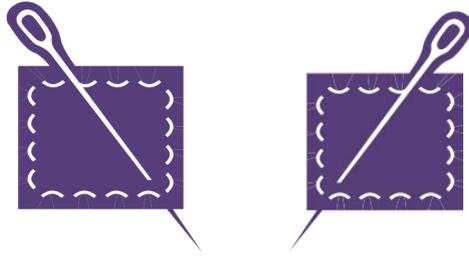
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Some people turn to baking 'cos we can't go out at all,
And everything is wonderful, their souffles never fall.
But bear in mind dear Reader, baking's not my thing.
My scones you'll never damage however far you fling.
My buns could be a door stop, my tarts could stop a plane
And if you swim after my quiche – you'll not be seen again.
The dough I mixed has now been used for purposes not meant,
It holds our fencing posts upright – its better than cement.

And talking of my pastry – I break the golden rule,
I've made more soggy bottoms than a kindergarten school.
When whipping egg whites for meringue and aiming for stiff peaks
Instead I caused an avalanche – I've not seen Jeff for weeks!
But when it comes to shortening things, or taking up a cuff
I'd like to think I'm good at this and really know my stuff.

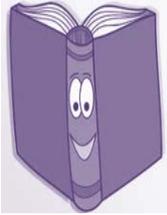
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Please give the advert to Margaret Anthony (711779) or Deb Turner (711461). There is an e-mail address (Recorder@btinternet.com) so if you would like to send your contributions or advertisements electronically, it helps reduce preparation time of the 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



Do look out on the Village Email list and website for future developments on the Mobile Library, 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.

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EARL STONHAM PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following have been submitted for consideration
by the Parish Council

- **Full Application – Erection of General Purpose Storage Building for forestry business – MB Trees, Holly Bank House, Broad Green, Earl Stonham IP14 5HU – Application DC/21/00515**
- **Householder Planning Application – Erection of single storey rear extension; Insertion of rear dormers in conjunction with loft conversion. Insertion of bi-fold doors to rear – 2 Pembroke Cottage, Earl Stonham IP14 5EJ – Application DC/20/05296**

If you wish to comment on any planning application, please
contact **MSDC Planning Department** or go to :
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Library Lunches

As you know, the library van is not coming out at the moment - and we do not know when it will call again, but certainly not for a few months yet. Now that vaccinations for older people are taking place, it seems possible that, after a follow-up jab 12 weeks later, then we might be allowed to get together indoors again.

Obviously it all depends on whether the Government decides that it will be safe to do so, but perhaps we will be able to hold library lunches again by the middle of this year. Fingers crossed that the virus will be controlled by then.

Keep safe

Angela, Frankie & Jill

BARBARA IZZARD

Barbara Izzard, a well-known Suffolk primary school headteacher has died at the age of 87. Barbara lived in Stonham Parva and taught at the village school. She became headteacher in 1969 and continued until 1981 when she became head at Mellis Primary School, followed by Stradbroke Primary.

She was, in 1956, one of the first teachers to teach a new subject for sixth formers – human biology.

Mrs Izzard was heavily involved in local life, especially the church and after retiring, became a lay reader for Stonham Parva, Stonham Aspal & Earl Stonham. She had three sons and two grandchildren and her husband John, survives her.

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If you'd like a way to help you specially mark Lent this year, why not join one of our Lent Groups. Running on Zoom, we will meet to follow "Living Lent with Mark" – six sessions looking at the events we remember during Holy Week, from Jesus' last supper with his disciples, to their awaiting his resurrection. How can we better understand this story and what it means for us, now? How might it help us draw closer to God this Lent, Holy Week and Easter?

- Six Tuesday evenings from 23rd February–30th March, 7.30–8.30pm, led by Henry Stanford (contact henrystanford@btinternet.com for more information and to book your place)
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Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service praised for its work throughout the pandemic

On January 22, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service was recognised nationally for its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) was praised for its positive contributions to the local community and commitment to the welfare of its staff. In August 2020, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) was commissioned by the Home Secretary to examine how fire and rescue services are responding to the pandemic. In her report, Zoë Billingham, HM Inspector of Fire & Rescue Services, said of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service: "We were impressed with how the service adapted and responded to the pandemic effectively. The efficient use of its staff was notable, utilising extra capacity and providing support and resource for remote and home working. It provided support to Suffolk County Council (SCC) and the LRF, including advice, resources and effective command and control frameworks to co-ordinate its response."

"The service communicated well with its staff throughout the pandemic, including issues relating to staff wellbeing. It also made sure all staff had the resources they needed to do their jobs effectively, including extra information and technology, and it put in place additional flexible working arrangements. Staff wellbeing was a clear priority for the service." SFRS has continued to respond to emergency calls since the beginning of the pandemic, with over 4,500 emergency calls since the first lockdown was announced in March 2020. In addition to this, staff across SFRS have been redeployed to support other departments in Suffolk County Council, in response to the pandemic.

These include:

Providing additional resource to colleagues in the Coroner's Office

Setting up and administering the first booking system and phonenumber for testing key workers

In April 2020, around 30 firefighters volunteered and trained to work alongside paramedics to drive frontline emergency NHS ambulances, in turn freeing up paramedics to care for patients

Teams have also helped deliver food, essential items and medicine as part of the Home But Not Alone scheme

New recycling campaign aims to get Suffolk's recycling right

On the 25 January, a new campaign was launched in Suffolk to help people get their recycling right. Each year more than 10,000 tonnes (about 20%) of recycling from Suffolk homes is rejected due to the wrong items being placed in Suffolk's recycling bins. This is the same as 1 in 5 lorries full of recycling going to waste. The cost of sorting and disposing of this spoiled recycling is more than £1million. The new awareness campaign launched by the Suffolk Waste Partnership is called Together We Can Get Our Recycling Right. It includes a leaflet to all households with the do's and don'ts of what can easily be recycled at home, plus tips on how to recycle other items not accepted in home recycling bins. The campaign will be supported on the Suffolk Recycling website and social media channels.

There are three simple steps that householders can take to improve the quality of their recycling. These include:

Put glass in a bottle bank, not in your wheelie bin. No bagged items. Keep your recycling empty, clean and dry.

Keep all food out of your recycling bin. Put any food you cannot eat or compost in your rubbish bin.

You can recycle the following items in your recycling bin at home: plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, metal cans, aerosols and foil and paper, card and books.

The worst offending items incorrectly found in recycling bins include glass, black sacks, food waste, cartons and nappies.

Help us shape ambitious new Dementia therapy initiative using virtual reality experiences

On the 28 January it was announced that as part of its work in supporting local care home providers and the ongoing care of residents with Dementia, Suffolk County Council is launching an exciting new initiative to develop virtual reality content, helping people recall and access positive memories that they hold dearly. Such experiences help to complement the support offered on a day to day basis, providing a variety of positive stimulus to those using the equipment and valuable respite for their carers. In recent years, a number of international academic studies have demonstrated proven successes in using such technology as a reminiscence and therapeutic aid to help people access memories and positive emotions, despite facing the effects of experiencing Dementia. Some

care providers already use theme rooms in their settings and show archive films to residents with positive effect. Developing the use of virtual reality will support and complement the great experiences that local care providers use. The intention is to produce a range of local, Suffolk-based films and interactive materials that people can enjoy and experience whilst sat in comfort in their usual care setting, with the support and input of their carers or family members. A set of equipment, each consisting of a headset and connecting equipment will be made available to support different areas of the county, supported by the Council's Adult Social Work Teams. A budget of £80,000 has been granted for this project through Suffolk County Council's Suffolk 2020 Fund, which is all about developing a range of community-focussed initiatives to support residents across the county. This money covers the cost of developing the films and materials, carrying out supporting academic research, the purchase of the equipment and the management and resourcing required to deliver the project in coming months. As part of getting the ball rolling, the council would like to hear from people who have ideas about what kinds of films and experiences they may like to see produced. The project team would also love to hear from care providers, service users and their family carers across Suffolk that may be potentially interested in helping to trial and take part in using the technology in months to come and take part in a service user group to drive the success of this project. Those who are interested in taking part and/or sharing the ideas for possible content should contact the team in the first instance by emailing: suffolk2020vr@suffolk.gov.uk

This initiative is part of the digital revolution that is happening across the care sector at the moment. Given the extremely challenging period everyone has experienced through Covid-19, it has been essential to find ways to innovate and adapt to the changing circumstances and make the most of technology and supportive aids where possible to continue supporting our most vulnerable residents alongside the amazing work of our committed care providers and their staff. The virtual reality experience may seem a strange choice to some, but there is a great deal of evidence to support the research demonstrating that residents with Dementia who use the technology are able to often access memories and experiences, triggered by particular places, colours and sounds. Where it has been used elsewhere, the technology has offered positive outcomes including improving wellbeing, behaviour, and even cognition in some cases. This type of therapy also supports inter-generational shared experiences between older and younger family members.

Suffolk 2020 fund project embraces love of the great outdoors – Discovering Suffolk

On January 20, as part of the Suffolk 2020 fund, the Discovering Suffolk project was launched. The aim of the project is to raise further awareness of the range of great walking routes, areas of interest and variety of landscapes that form Suffolk's beautiful countryside through public rights of way and points of access. Given the experiences many people have faced over the last year living through the pandemic, it is recognised that exercise and wellbeing is a fundamental element in maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and whilst we continue to live within Government guidelines at present, Suffolk's countryside offers a freely accessible means for many of us to experience nature and stay healthy. The key element of the Discovering Suffolk project is the development of a smartphone app alongside a range of supporting QR codes fixed to rights of way signposts located along different routes to promote walking, cycling and exploring Suffolk's countryside.

Discovering Suffolk builds on our changing behaviours when visiting the countryside, as people become ever more interested in local exploration and taking short walks and cycling exercises during the pandemic. The project will continue to promote the Discover Suffolk website as new content, information and advice continues to be added to the current offer, promoting walking routes and cycle rides through local communities. The project seeks to actively engage new audiences who are not aware of the options available on their doorstep or have perhaps only begun to explore the local countryside beyond their neighbourhood.

Work will shortly start on developing the Discovering Suffolk App and setting the sites for the QR code points around the county. After development, the new, free App will provide access to the full range of Discover Suffolk outdoor guides with over 100 walks across the county. The App and QR codes will include audio, video, imagery and fun activities to further enhance people's enjoyment, appreciation and understanding of Suffolk's natural and built environment. As part of our investment this year through the Suffolk 2020 fund, we wanted to find new ways to support and encourage access to our beautiful Suffolk countryside, particularly amongst residents and communities who may have not considered local walks, cycling or exploring public rights of way, close to where they live. This new smartphone App will provide an accessible platform for people to find out what's available and where they can begin to enjoy healthy walks, peaceful spaces and explore nature. During these challenging times, we all need to continue to abide by the Government's latest guidance relating to

exercising safely within our local communities, keeping to social distancing rules and protecting families and friends. As part of this we can all find ways to enjoy the natural environment and countryside that surrounds us by considering the impact we have on the environment and considering others. At the moment this means staying local to where we live, but in time as the situation improves, there will be greater opportunity to explore further, as long as we continue to adhere to the guidelines in the short term.

Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division

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DR DAN POULTER MP

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Having been contacted by a number of parents and schools concerned about the disparity of higher needs education funding here in Suffolk compared to our neighbouring counties, I have urged the Education Secretary to urgently review Suffolk's funding allocation and to level up education funding for our children and young people.

I share the concerns of parents and schools and I am growing increasingly concerned that without a meaningful injection of cash, many of Suffolk's children risk losing out on their fair share. We already know that Suffolk is facing a substantial increase in the number of children and young people in need of additional support, yet rates for special school places in the county are significantly below those of our neighbours.

Suffolk children and Suffolk schools deserve better and at the very least, a level playing field. The current funding allocation is not right and nor is it fair and this is why I have written to the Secretary of State setting out the case for Suffolk and requesting that his Department levels up Suffolk's SEND funding to secure a fairer future for our brilliant children and young people.

Although our schools currently remain closed under the current restrictions, I have been heartened to hear of the innovative examples of home learning, both from parents and our teachers. That said, home learning cannot take the place of being in class for face to face teaching and I remain hopeful that our schools can begin to return in early March.

Ahead of our schools returning, the Government continues to make great progress with the vaccination programme and I am continuing to press the case with the Vaccination Minister and local health leaders to make sure that Suffolk residents are invited to receive their vaccine just as soon as is practicably possible.

As more and more of us receive the vaccine, light is very definitely at the end of the tunnel with many millions of people having being vaccinated across the country. This is a fantastic achievement and my thanks go to all who have

been involved in co-ordinating the herculean effort of rolling out the vaccination programme.

We still have some way to go and cannot rest on our laurels, so it remains vital that we all continue to play our part in helping to stop the spread of COVID. We mustn't drop our guard now when we have come so far and the end goal is in sight. The single most important action we can all take is to follow the guidance to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

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EARL STONHAM VILLAGE HALL



Well the big news is that the refurbishment of the main hall has been completed, both ahead of schedule and under budget! This is largely due to the amazing level of help from volunteers who went beyond the call of duty, tackling such areas as significant building works, painting anything that did not move and making the new curtains, as well as some pretty nasty jobs like removing the old floor. A huge thank-you to everyone who has helped in any way.

Sadly, the grand re-opening party we had planned will have to wait, but below are some photos to give you a preview of the new-look hall.



Socially distanced painting !



Finished !

As mentioned above, the refurbishment work came in under budget and it is hoped that with help from the Parish Council and the Earl Stonham Trust, we will have enough money to undertake a major repair to the entrance to the car park.

If you use the car park, you will have noticed the very large pot-holes as you drive in, which have been an ongoing problem, mainly due to the large lorries turning into the car park to empty the recycling bins. With luck, this area will be replaced with a new concrete section more suitable for the vehicle load it takes.

As I write, there is no sign of when the hall will be permitted to re-open so the Village Quiz nights will remain on Zoom for the foreseeable future – the next two dates are: **8th March** and **12th April**. Once we are out of lock-down and permitted to meet again we will restart the pub nights.

We also have dates reserved in the diary for a Hullabaloo this year (**Saturday 19th June**) and another Picnic on the Green (**Sunday 5th September**) - hopefully these may be able to go ahead in some form – perhaps in conjunction with a hall re-opening party!

Tony Turner
Chairman
Earl Stonham Village Hall Management Committee
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EARL STONHAM OVER 60'S *(The Golden Circle)*

Spring is almost in the air, the birds are courting, hopefully it won't be too long before we can meet again. Until then the Golden Circle Club sends best wishes to all its members, please keep safe.

Sadly, we send condolences to the families of Dixon Cattermole and Barbara Izzard who were members and supporters of the club for many years.

Vera Ivory

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WI (Christine Double/Lindsey Stone)	766665/711602
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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



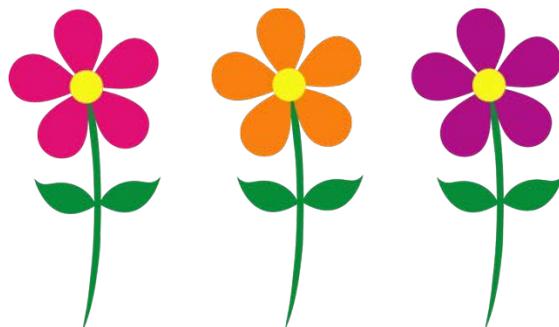
The Committee met on the recreation ground on December 7th to collect and plant their free Oak tree from SEFWI. We now have to nurture it for the next 5 years. We put together a goody bag for each member at the same time and these were delivered well in time for Christmas. This of course was in place of the Christmas dinner which we could not hold. We have had lots of response from our ladies who were all delighted to receive their surprise.

We are about to start up Zoom chat meetings again and have booked a speaker for February – a Protection Officer who is going to talk about his life protecting members of the Royal Family and high ranking government officials!

The virtual WI run by SEFWI has been well received and this will keep going until April when it will be decided whether to carry on but it is looking extremely likely this will happen.

With the vaccines being rolled out it is hoped it won't be too long before we can meet up in person but we must all put our health first.

Our monthly meetings are 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



Please be aware, in these uncertain times, the Trust is able to consider awarding grants for financial need and educational and training purposes for residents of Earl Stonham. If assistance is required for yourself or if you are aware of another, do contact one of the Trustees or download an application form from the Village website www.earlstonham.org.uk. Alternatively, write to Jennie Griffiths at Cornfields, Wicks Lane IP14 5HL or email jfrgriffiths@yahoo.co.uk. All enquiries are dealt with confidentially.

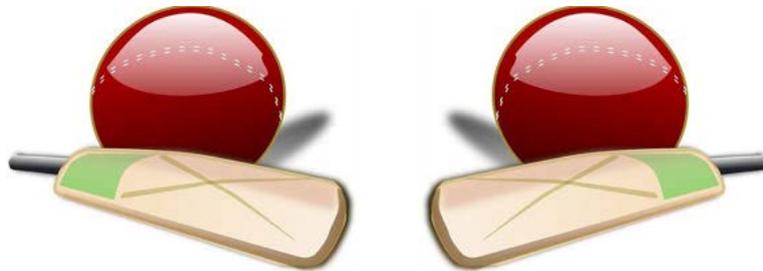
Unfortunately, use of the former Bowls Club buildings planned by T & J Fitness were dealt a blow by Covid restrictions but they were able, and continue to use, the bowling green for al fresco fitness classes.

Fortunately, the junior playpark did not have to be closed during the recent lockdown and it was good to see local children having access to it. Dogs are not permitted in the enclosure and sadly some dog waste is still being deposited in the litter bins in the playpark, especially as there is a dedicated disposal bin by the Forge office entrance nearby, with another at the car park entrance. All play equipment is inspected weekly by volunteers but contact one of the Trustees if you have any concerns.

The Trustees would like to thank Barry Rice who has retired as a trustee, for his 15 years service. We welcome Mark Gillett who has been co-opted in his place. Our next meeting is **Thursday 18 March**.

Colin Woods – Chairman (678137)
Jennie Griffiths (711794)
Phil Hurt (711879)
Frankie Wicks (711222)
Sharon Budd (711243)
Karl Wilkinson (711320)
Mark Gillett (711457)

EARL STONHAM CRICKET CLUB



With the snow outside our thoughts turn to the forthcoming cricket season. Even though we are still in lockdown we are hopeful that the government will give us some positive news on the 22nd February and give a green light for amateur cricket to resume in the summer.

Our AGM took place via Teams in January, the turnout was the best for several years (maybe this is the way forward), all the current standing offices re-stood for election and were voted back in.

We will be running two teams again this season, one on Saturday's and one on Sunday's, so anyone interested in playing please contact our Captain, Luke Edgar on 07794599402. Hopefully after the 22nd we will be able to look at booking a few indoor net sessions (see ESCC website for dates). If not we will get outdoor nets up and running as soon as the weather allows.

If you are not a player but wish to support the club we are always looking for additional ball sponsors and VP's. Each category is only £20 and I must take this opportunity to thank those who supported us again last year in very difficult circumstances for everyone.

The bar will be opened at every home game so please come along to support the team and enjoy a cold drink in the sunshine. The fixture lists will be displayed on the club website as usual.

In the meantime I hope you all stay safe and well

David Eade
Hon Chairman



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EARL STONHAM with STONHAM PARVA

www.earlstonham.org.uk and click on Communities

At the time of writing, services in the church building have been suspended because of the pandemic and are being held via Zoom but Earl Stonham Church is open for private prayer on Sundays from 12pm till 4pm.

We are posting material out to people who do not have a computer, each week. If anyone would like to receive the readings, updates and a letter from the Rector please contact him. Details are below.

To join a Zoom service: email reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com at least 2 days before the service. Click on the link she sends, a few minutes before the service time.

Our regular Sunday morning worship is at 9.30am. It is much warmer joining in worship in our own homes than our beautiful but chilly churches just now!

We have planned services up to, and including, Easter assuming that this is the best way to keep people safe, but if things improve we shall advertise as widely as possible. **Lent** started on Ash Wednesday - February 17.

Lent Appeal

Our diocese is linked with Kagera, a very poor area in Tanzania. This year, as in a few others, our bishops have launched an appeal. If you would like a Lent Challenge book and leaflet about the appeal please contact lizandjohnnince@gmail.com or via

<https://www.cofesuffolk.org/exploring-faith/our-bishops/bishops-lent-appeal/bishops-lent-appeal-2021.php>

We continue to hold a short Morning prayer at 9am each Wednesday and during Lent our Evening prayer at 6.30pm on Fridays will take the form of Compline.

Lent groups on Zoom

6 Tuesday evenings from 23 Feb-30 March, 7.30-8.30pm, led by Henry Stanford (contact henrystanford@btinternet.com for details)

6 Wednesday mornings from 24 Feb-31 March, 10-11am or 11.15am-12.15 led by Ruth (contact reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com)

Both groups will be using the same course about the events of Holy Week and thinking what these mean for us now. And how they might help us to draw closer to God.

Mothering Sunday March 14

Special morning worship at 9.30am. We have sent out bags of material to many of our younger families so they can join in with the special services during this time of year.

Palm Sunday March 28

Good Friday April 2

9.30am Special service

6.30pm Meditative service

Easter Sunday April 4

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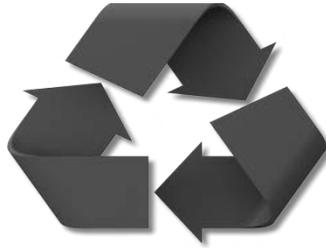
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