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~ SPRING 2023 ~ THE PARISH MAGAZINE FOR EARL STONHAM

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EARL STONHAM VILLAGE HALL

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EARL STONHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Recorder, which is also available online on the Village Website. The spell of wet and cold weather we experienced over the winter has given way over the last week or so, to bright and slightly warmer conditions albeit with a possibility of a cold snap returning later in February. Hopefully this will herald the arrival of Spring and warmer, drier weather.

Christmas seems a long time ago now although we had a reminder of it at the end of January with the rescheduled Pantomime, Dick Whittington. A thoroughly enjoyable production and all three performances played to near capacity audiences. Well done to the cast, director and crew who gave of their all.

Updates from the Parish Council

- We have secured funding from County Councillor Matthew Hicks and District Councillor Suzie Morley to upgrade the remaining streetlights to more modern LED Units. We hope that the works will take place in the new financial year, once Suffolk have agreed a new streetlighting contract.
- You may have noticed that the Village Sign has been taken down as it is badly in need of refurbishment. We hope this will be completed before the Coronation in May. Work is also underway on a new pole for the Beacon.







- With the Support of County Councillor Matthew Hicks, Suffolk Highways undertook a Speed, Volume and Classification survey between Saturday 12 November 2022 and Friday 18 November 2022. The survey device was attached to a telegraph pole adjacent to the Eastbound carriageway of the A1120 between Blacksmith's Lane and Earl Stonham Village Hall. The device recorded traffic data separately for Eastbound and Westbound travel directions. The key findings were
 - There were a total of 25,554 vehicle movements along the A1120 during the 7 days, equating to a daily average of 3,650 vehicles. Larger vehicles accounted for 9% of vehicle movements during this period.
 - The impact of the A14 night closure can clearly be seen with increased traffic flow travelling Westbound. While this may be relatively short term, this does happen regularly, whether through a planned closure or an incident. The point to note is the number of large vehicles which ignored the diversion signage stating that the A1120 was not a suitable diversion route for HGVs.
 - We know that speed is an issue through the 30mph limits in Earl Stonham.
 - Residents along the National Speed limit sections of the A1120 regularly complain about the speed of vehicles and the volume of traffic. The Community Speed Watch team carry out regular monitoring and report on the numbers of vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit.
 - The survey showed that only 45% of the total number of drivers observed the 30mph speed limit. A further 38% were recorded as travelling between 30 to 34 mph. 17% of drivers exceeded 35mph, the level at which enforcement action would be taken.
 - The data shows that a greater number of vehicles travelling Westbound (from the A140) are exceeding 35mph than those travelling in the other direction.

• Following on from the survey:

• We wrote to the Police and Crime Commissioner requesting further action on speeding. His office replied that concerns about speeding are taken very seriously, with casualty reduction the priority. We have 2 enforcement sites in the village (Village Hall and Village Green) and these are categorised as green sites and are scheduled to be visited a minimum of once every 6 weeks for

- enforcement. In 2022, the Safety Camera Team detected a total of 321 offences.
- County Councillor Matthew Hicks set up a meeting with a Highways Officer to discuss our concerns about speeding and HGV traffic. In short, work is ongoing in this regard but is focusing on
 - Reviewing existing roundel locations and the 30mph repeater signs and condition of them, white lining (Dragons' Teeth) at the entry point to the East (to replicate those at West entry point).
 - HGV traffic identifying any companies regularly using the A1120 and establishing their destination although the A1120 is a designated HGV Route.
 - Identifying potential budget or funding streams to fund any works identified.

The Community Speed Watch Team continues to operate, albeit at a reduced frequency during the winter months due to the shorter days and inclement weather. In the most recent session, the volunteers recorded 20 vehicles exceeding the speed limit, with one vehicle travelling at 54 mph, the highest speed recorded so far. As the days lengthen and weather improves, the team will be able to operate more frequently,

Tony Turner has continued to lead work, ably assisted by Brian Heard and other volunteers, at the Jubilee Garden and the Bowls Club. The Metal Tree Sculpture has been erected in the Jubilee Garden and several trees and hedging plants, donated by the Mid Suffolk Biodiversity Officer, have been planted in the garden and around the Bowls Club.

Finally, you will be aware that the Coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III will take place on **Saturday 6 May**, with a **Coronation Supper Evening** on **Friday 5 May** and **Bring & Share Lunch** on **Sunday 7 May**, both to be held at the Village Hall. **Monday 8 May** is set aside for volunteering.

Following on from the successful events to celebrate her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in June last year, Tony Turner will be pulling together a group of volunteers to organise our events to celebrate the Coronation. There are more details in this Recorder and keep a close look at the Village Email list too.

Mark Gillett Chair - Earl Stonham Parish Council



Quiz Nights will be held in Earl Stonham Village Hall at 7.30 on



13th March 10th April *22nd May*



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As I write these words on a crisp January day, with the festivities seeming far behind, I'm aware the first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine approaches, by the time you read these lines this sombre date will have just passed. Like many of you I have been reflecting on the impact this has had across our country and particularly here in Suffolk.

The tragic loss of life in Ukraine is deeply saddening and many people have been forced to flee their homes. The UK response to the crisis has been commendable, not least of all here in Suffolk where, as ever, I've been heartened by the response of our local communities.

I've seen first-hand, the compassion for Ukrainian refugees from residents across Suffolk and it is humbling to witness the way the Ukrainian families have settled into life here, with children attending schools and parents finding work. How difficult attempting a normal life in a foreign country must be, whilst worrying about loved ones forced to stay behind.

As a regular visitor to our local schools, during a recent visit I was delighted to meet with a young Ukrainian student who my parliamentary team and I assisted in settling here. The student is now thriving within the school, and I was impressed to learn how easily they had settled into school and Suffolk life, supported by staff and fellow pupils.

Perhaps the biggest impact the conflict has had for many in the UK and around the world is on the cost of living. We still find ourselves in the midst of a challenging winter as we count the cost of Putin's energy war. However, despite this, we welcome the news that in recent weeks, gas prices have thankfully stabilised and started to fall. This will help in reducing the impact of the war on the UK's inflation and cost of living for everyone.

In addition to the impact on energy supplies and prices, Putin also appears to be weaponising food supplies. Both Russia and Ukraine are among the biggest exporters of fertiliser and a further consequence of the conflict has been a reduction in supplies of fertiliser to the UK. This has increased the cost of growing food and resulting in increased prices in the shops.

We all remain concerned about what the future holds for Ukraine and hope for a resolution soon, in the meantime our continued support for the UK Government's position in standing shoulder to shoulder with Ukraine is right. I shall do everything I can to ensure the needs of Suffolk's residents and businesses are heard in Westminster during these challenging times.

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with the option of it appearing on the website via webmaster@earlstonham.org.uk

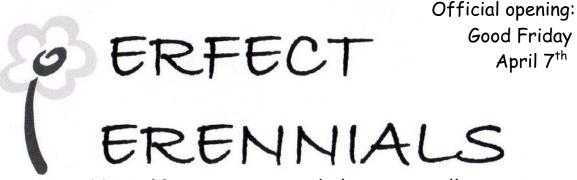
Please give the advert to Margaret Anthony (711779) or Deb Turner (711461). There is an e-mail address (Recorder@btinternet.com) so if you would like to send your contributions or advertisements electronically, it helps reduce preparation time of the Recorder. Payment can be made direct to Earl Stonham Parish Council – we will send you an invoice with details.

MOBILE LIBRARY & COFFEE & CAKE FRIDAYS



Do look out on the Village Email list and website for future developments on the Mobile Library, Coffee & Cake & much more. Coffee & Cake will be held on **3 Mar, 31 Mar, 28 Apr & 26 May** at the Village Hall starting at 10.30am until 12 noon. The Mobile Library Van will be there on **17 Mar, 14 April, 12 May & 9 June** at 12.20pm

If you would like to join the Village Email list, just send an email to Recorder@btinternet.com. It is a great way of keeping up to date with activities etc in our village.



Year 19 is just around the corner!!

After a much needed break away in January things on the nursery are really moving forwards. This winter has certainly seen some stark variations with clear, sunny skies during the day and freezing temperatures at night.

Potting of the bare-root plants is going well so far with over 3000 plants potted If the weather is kind in March I may open the gates on April 1st.

Our compost sold very well last year and is available now.

Collection and/or free delivery (in the village) can be arranged before April.

Westland Multi Purpose 50L: £4.40 Westland Peat Free 50L: £5.50 Westland Multi Purpose with John Innes 50L: £5.50. Growbags: £3.30

We have some new varieties this year to hopefully tempt you, including Agapanthus, Geranium, Geum, Grasses, Iris and Salvias.

Other plants that we will be selling this year include, amazing *Aquilegias*, carefree *Campanulas*, delightful *Delphiniums*, everlasting *Echinacea*, ground-covering *Geraniums*, grand *Grasses*, heavenly *Heleniums*, irresistible *Irises*, lovely *Lupins*, pretty *Paeonies*, funky *Phlox*, super *Salvias* and vertical *Verbena*.

I am delighted to say I have 200 *Geranium "Carol"* plants in stock and again all the money raised from them will go to *Cancer Research UK*. Just £5 each.

The van team will be busy this Spring. Below is a list of where we will be in 2023.

April 23th Wyken Vineyard (Nr Bury St Eds) May 1st Sudbury Town Centre May 1st Mendlesham Street Fair May 7th Wootens of Wenhaston May 14th Bungay Garden Market May 20th Creake Abbey (N. Norfolk) May 28th **and** 29th Helmingham Hall

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** Places on 5 May will be limited – please book early to avoid disappointment ;-) **

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3rd March Coffee & Cake Friday 10:30 – 12 noon

17th March Library Van 12.20





31st March Coffee & Cake Friday 10:30 – 12 noon

14th April Library Van 12.20





28th April Coffee & Cake Friday 10:30 – 12 noon

12th May Library Van 12.20





26th May Coffee & Cake Friday 10:30 – 12 noon



9th June Library Van 12.20







7th July Library Van 12.20





Temporary changes with next phase of £7.8m redevelopment of Foxhall Recycling Centre

Users of Foxhall Recycling Centre near Ipswich are being advised of major works that will temporarily mean fewer parking spaces and reduced access as part of a £7.8 million redevelopment programme.

This phase of work is scheduled to last until the summer and will raise the site level to allow for the removal of steps when using containers for recycling, making it easier for users and improving access from Foxhall Road. The redeveloped Foxhall Recycling Centre will provide increased capacity for vehicles on site, reduced queuing, improved access from Foxhall Road, and greater capacity to meet future growth. It is the largest part of the construction work taking place and will temporarily limit the amount of space available for public use. During this time, cars and car-derived vans, plus those with small trailers, can continue to use the site as usual through the **online booking system.** However, vans, vans with trailers, cars with large trailers and trade waste must use an alternative site. There will also be no collection bins for textiles, glass, or paper recycling at Foxhall during this time.

This phase also sees the recycling centre's charity Re-use Shop temporarily relocate to The Ancient House in Ipswich. The shop on site will open at the Ancient House on January 30. It is anticipated to move back to site in the spring. Once complete the redeveloped Foxhall site will be a state-of-the-art facility serving the people of Suffolk for many years to come. This is a big project and we are doing everything we can to minimise disruption to users, and while we are sorry for any inconvenience we must introduce these measures as a result of the work required. I would urge users to please be patient and to plan well in advance if they need to use this, or other, sites.

Fire service celebrates Government inspection outcome

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has been rated "Good" for its effectiveness and how well it manages staff by inspectors from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS). An independent inspection undertaken last spring saw inspectors conduct a comprehensive

review of SFRS from how it responds to emergencies to its equality, diversity, and inclusion policies. Colleagues from across SFRS were involved throughout the inspection process to give an accurate representation of the service. HMICFRS praised many aspects of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, with inspectors highlighting that "the service is good at identifying risk in the communities it serves" and "works well with others to reduce the number of fires." The report adds that "SFRS is good for how it promotes the right values and culture. There is a positive working culture throughout the service." Inspectors also commented that "a culture of continuous improvements is promoted throughout the service and staff are encouraged to learn and develop."

I am delighted with the outcome of our latest inspection, which reflects our staff's loyalty, commitment, and tireless work to protect Suffolk's communities, as well as the incredible achievements made by all teams since our previous full inspection in 2019. There have been many improvements in this time, especially in our protection work with businesses and landlords which has seen us recruit additional staff and target the areas of highest risk, enabling Suffolk to remain a safe and healthy place to live. Progress has also been made behind the scenes to ensure that we have the right people in the right jobs. We want SFRS to continue to be a diverse employer of choice, where staff can receive support with their health and wellbeing and have the career development opportunities they deserve.

Whilst the inspection was mostly positive, it also identified areas where SFRS can improve, specifically in terms of its efficiency and how it can make the best use of staff across its prevention, protection, and response activity. The service was commended for "increasing staff numbers in important areas of work to improve performance", but inspectors felt that improvements needed to be made in productivity and ways of working, including making better use of flexible contracts for firefighters. Our inspection report includes much to be proud of, and I am pleased that SFRS received commendation on its effectiveness and how well it manages staff. However, we do acknowledge that we could be more efficient at keeping people safe and secure, with work already undertaken to address this, including further investment in our Prevention team, which has resulted in a 60% increase in our home safety visits compared to 2020/21. We remain committed to making continuous improvements not just in our efficiency but in all areas of our work to enable us to maintain the highest standards of excellence and provide the best possible service to our county, regardless of whichever challenge may arise.

Cabinet backs consultation on devolution deal worth over half a billion pounds for Suffolk

On January 24th, Councillors agreed to progress to consultation on Suffolk's proposed devolution deal which would hand the county more powers and control of over half a billion pounds in investment. The decision was made at a meeting of Suffolk County Council's Cabinet.

This proposed deal represents a big opportunity for Suffolk. By improving local transport infrastructure, building more affordable homes, and developing skills and training provision in a way that meets the needs of the local economy and local people, we could create new opportunities and raise living standards for our communities. This is the start of a journey for Suffolk, and if agreed, this deal would mark a step change in our relationship with Government, placing us front and centre as a key partner and allowing us to ensure that Suffolk's voice is heard in the national conversation. In time, it would open the door to further negotiations and even greater self-determination.

I look forward to hearing residents' and businesses' views on this proposed landmark deal.

A public consultation will be undertaken in early summer 2023 which will give residents and businesses the opportunity to have their say on Suffolk's proposed devolution deal. To enact the deal, a resolution to change the County Council's governance to a Directly Elected Leader and Cabinet model will need to be taken to Council for consideration. If approved, the Directly Elected Leader's election will be held within six months of that decision.

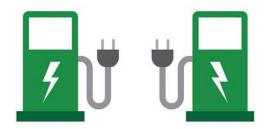
Plans to boost funding for Citizens Advice to support people with Cost-of-Living challenges

SCC plans to increase its funding to Local Citizens Advice in Suffolk by £45,000, to support Suffolk Residents during the current Cost of Living challenges. The Council has set out in its 2023/24 budget proposals, that it plans to increase the amount of funding it provides to the Citizens Advice Bureau from £120,000 in the 2022/23 financial year, to £165,000 for the 2023/24 financial year. SCC's budget proposals will be voted on in February. The additional funding reflects the increased demand the service is seeing in light of the current cost of living pressures.

We recognise the additional pressures the Citizens Advice and other voluntary organisations are under as more people are seeking support with the rising cost of living. People look to Citizens Advice in times of need, to provide friendly, non-judgemental and impartial advice, to help them find a way forward. This is why we have set out additional support for the Citizens Advice at this crucial time. We will continue work with the Citizens Advice and others to support our residents in the current financial climate. Local Citizen Advice officers across Suffolk are supporting Suffolk residents who need support in applying to the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme. The scheme was relaunched in October 2022 with an online application form. Suffolk residents can visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/LWAS to find out whether they may be eligible for financial support through Suffolk's Local Welfare Assistance Scheme.

Citizens Advice provides free, confidential, independent and impartial advice on a wide range of topics. Find your local office at www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division Tel: 01728 628176 Mob: 07824474741 E-mail: matthew.hicks@suffolk.gov.uk



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

As part of the 'Greenest County' scheme by Suffolk County, grants were made available for the installation of electric vehicle chargers. Earl Stonham applied for one of these and a charger has now been installed at the Village Hall.

This is located at the far corner of the car park adjacent to the old Bowls Club entrance and is a 2 socket, 7kw charger and costs **45p per kw** with any profit going to the village hall. It is available for anyone to use and can be used with a normal contactless credit/debit card or via a smartphone app.

Tony Turner

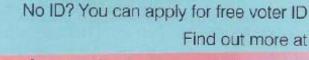
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EARL STONHAM VILLAGE FOOTPATH WALK Saturday 22 April 2023



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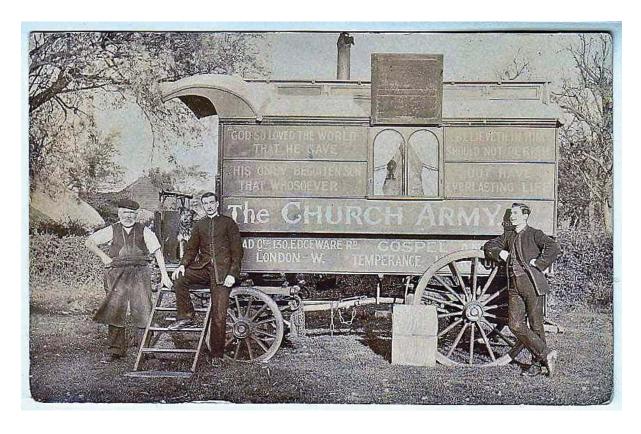
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FROM YOUR LOCAL RECORDER John Jones



This photo, which appeared recently on social media, dates from around 1912 and shows one of the many caravans sent out on tour by The Church Army, which was founded in 1882. The location is said to be Earl Stonham, although there are few clues in the picture to suggest exactly where it might be. The man wearing an apron appears to be a tradesman of some sort, perhaps a blacksmith or a carpenter: can anyone identify him?

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The following have been submitted for consideration by the Parish Council

- Application under S73 for removal or variation of a
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 dated 20.05.1999. (Retention of change of use of building
 from domestic storage/workshop to residential and office
 accommodation. Town & Country Planning Act 1990 To
 remove Condition 2 (Removal of Permitted Development
 Rights) In order to allow permitted development rights to
 current owner imposed under original planning permission
 condition Lingwood Barn, Angel Hill, Earl Stonham IP14
 5DP: Application DC/23/00297.
- Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access Points to be considered, Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale to be reserved) Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) – Erection of 4 No. Dwellings and new vehicular access – Land North of Stowmarket Road, Earl Stonham, Suffolk: Application DC/23/00362
- Householder Application Erection of Single Storey Linked Extension – Granary Cottage, Upper Langdales Farmhouse, Mill Lane, Earl Stonham IP6 8QF: Application DC/23/00377

If you wish to comment on any planning application, please contact MSDC Planning Department or go to: https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.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

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EARL STONHAM VILLAGE HALL



As the days get longer, at the hall we are looking forward to how the new Jubilee Garden develops this year. We have planted the new hornbeam hedge and fruit trees supplied by Mid Suffolk Council and in March will aim to get part of the original Bowls green area planted with wildflower seeds. Remember, the

garden is for everyone to use.

It was good to see the audience numbers back to pre-covid levels this year for the Stonham Theatre Group pantomime of Dick Whittington. The postponement to January due to cast illness was unfortunate but did not detract from the fun and enjoyment.

The STG are also planning on providing entertainment for the Coronation celebrations and will be holding a series of workshops on theatre themes over the next couple of months. If you are interested in taking part in these workshops, or indeed would like to perform, you will see an advert elsewhere in the Recorder with details.

That brings us neatly onto the plans for celebrating the Coronation in May. An organising committee has been formed for this and we are planning two separate village events. On the Friday evening before the Coronation (5 May) there will be a special Supper Evening at the hall with the STG providing entertainment. Numbers for this will be limited (the cooks can only cater for so many....) so please book early!

The second event will be similar to the Bring & Share lunch that was held last year for the Jubilee which will be on the Sunday following the Coronation (7 May) and will be on the recreation ground if the weather is suitable or in the hall if not. Everyone is invited and all we ask is that you bring something to add to the lunch buffet table. More details will be published nearer the time but if you have any

suggestions for either event or would like to help in any way, please get in touch.

As part of the Warm Spaces initiative, we restarted simple Library Lunches at the hall to coincide with the visit of the Library Van. Prior to covid, these regularly attracted anything up to 30 people but since restarting, numbers have been very much lower and in February we only had one attendee! With such small numbers, it is clear that Library Lunches are not fulfilling a need anymore and therefore it has been decided not to continue with them.

Tony Turner Chairman Earl Stonham Village Hall Management Committee 07710 018743





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Meetings will normally be held at 2.30pm on the third Monday of the month in the Parish Room, although the meeting in March will be on Monday 27th. To confirm the date and venue if you would like to join us, or if you would like to request prayer for an issue or individual, please contact Maggie Podd (07939 912080), Philip Payne (Rector 01449 711684) or Helen Norris (Assistant Priest 01449 761867).



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EARL STONHAM WI



So, the bad news is that you missed Alan who was our speaker in January and who gave such an entertaining talk on what it was like to be the chef at Chequers during the premierships of Margaret Thatcher, John Major, Tony Blair and Gordon Brown.

Sadly, you also missed David who made a return visit to talk on the subject of very gory murders in Victorian London. However, you could join us in time to listen

to a travel talk on Hidden Bhutan. We are currently looking ahead to the warmer weather [and yes it's on its way] and planning our summer outing.

Going on through the year we have speakers on such diverse subjects as soap in the bathroom, personal colour palettes and a timely talk on scams and frauds from a representative of the National Westminster Bank. We are happy to throw any of these talks open to visitors for a very small fee indeed!

Regular afternoon Mahjong sessions are held in the village hall on the fourth Thursday of the month 2pm – 4.30pm. You don't need to be a WI member to take part and you are very welcome to come along even if you've never played mahjong before. There is a small charge of £3 to cover the cost of hiring the hall but tea and coffee are provided.

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 07775 507083 or Lindsey Stone on 711602

WI Programme 2023

Mar 21 st	'Hidden Bhutan'
Apr 18 th	'Behind the Bathroom Door'
May 16 th	RESOLUTION MEETING & Social evening
Jun 20 th	'Elizabeth 1'
Aug 15 th	'Nothing like a dame'
Sept 19 th	'Colour You Beautiful'
Oct 17th	ANNUAL MEETING & Social evening
Nov 21 st	'Scams & Frauds' by ZOOM
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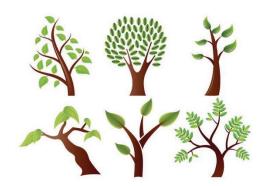
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EARL STONHAM TRUST REPORT



With Spring approaching, the Village Hall Committee hope to be in a position to proceed with planting the wildflower meadow on part of the former Bowling Green, giving it a new purpose.

The green was constructed manually, by volunteers, in 1934 and was in use until the

unfortunate demise of the club in 2019. It is sad the 80-year history of bowling has ceased, but the Trust appreciates the VH plans for using the buildings, and extending the car park, will ensure the area will continue to be of beneficial use for parishioners.

The play equipment is the responsibility of the Trust and is inspected weekly by volunteers and annually by a professional but in the meantime, if anyone has any concerns, do contact one of the trustees mentioned below.

Residents are also reminded grants can be considered for financial need and educational and training purposes for any resident of Earl Stonham. In these particularly uncertain times if you, or if you are aware of another who could benefit, contact a Trustee 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 jfrgriffiths@yahoo.co.uk. All enquiries are dealt with confidentially and the Trust meets next on Thursday 16th March.

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EARL STONHAM OVER 60'S (The Golden Circle)

For our last meeting in December 2022 we celebrated Christmas in the Village Hall with a lunch-time meal cooked and served by Jenny Johnson Catering. Members were able to choose from a varied menu of three courses. At the lunch members received copies of our programme for 2023 which has had to be amended. 'Flight from Iran' will now be on 5th April, while the talk on Glass Engraving will take place on the 3rd May.

In January 2022 Pip Wright's talk 'Lucky is the name' had to be cancelled due to Covid. Happily this January Pip was able to pay us a visit and treated us to the true story of a Suffolk farmer called Lucky Burrows and his family between the years 1858 to 1969.

In February our speaker was Beverly Rodillard who described in moving detail, the life of her mother who lived in Guernsey during WW2 when the island was occupied by the Germans.

In March we meet up in St Mary's Church, Earl Stonham, for a talk and look around led by Mr Roy Tricker.

If you would like to become a member, come to any of the remaining talks or join us on a day out, please ring Joan on 711294. The meetings are still being in Earl Stonham village hall, all events take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Earlier this year our member Mrs Wicks lost her husband David, we send our sympathy to Frankie and family at this sad time.

Vera Ivory



EARL STONHAM CRICKET CLUB



Well the last few days have certainly had a spring feel to them which has enabled me to do some early pre-season work on the ground. Outfield has been cut, as has the square and a sprinkle of fertiliser has been added to green things up a bit. Not sure I should say this, but the square could do with a little rain which is certainly something I don't normally wish for in February.

As we look to the season ahead, our first game is on April 15th, away to Colchester Cavaliers and that is only nine weeks away! We have three games in April this year which does feel like a pretty early start to the season. There is an ongoing debate around the length of the Saturday cricket leagues, with twelve teams in all divisions down to division seven, it means the season won't end until September 9th.

That doesn't give any free weekends all season and in our view it is something that needs addressing quicky to help smaller clubs with availability and reduce travel each season.

We have booked some indoor net session at Bury St Edmunds CC just prior to our season opener and they begin on Monday 27th March 7pm – 8.30pm for three consecutive weeks. Others may be added but for more information on nets or if you are interested in playing cricket this season on either a Saturday or Sunday, please contact Luke Edgar on 07794 599402.

Each year we look to either improve our facilities or equipment and this year is no exception. We have managed to track down a replacement roller as ours was showing signs of age (aren't we all) as it did break down a couple of times last season. It's the perfect weight we were looking for and was only situated the other side of Bury. Still a significant investment for the club but very worthwhile.

Which brings me nicely on to our Vice Presidents and ball sponsors who's support each year is extremely appreciated by all at the club. Your support helps us make these kinds of improvements. New sponsors of course are always welcome.

So, roll on the summer and if you're passing by while a home game is on give us a look, the bar is always open on a match day.

ESCC Tribute

A couple of weeks ago, two of our former members sadly passed away. David Wicks, better known as Wicksy to us at the club, was a member of our 1996 Division 4 winning side, along with his son James. What made that win extra special to us all, was that we pipped our local rivals Stowupland to the title. David was a very competitive character, something I learnt in my formative years when I would play him at tennis at Moat Farm. There was no going easy on his young challenger, but it made me even more determined to try and beat him which I did, but only on a couple of occasions. He was always keen to hit cricket balls as hard as he hit tennis balls.

David & Frankie joined us on a tour to Staffordshire in the late 90's and in our first game against Elford CC, David and I opened the innings. We got off to a reasonable start but when I played a shot down to wide long on, I called David through for a run which he duly obliged. However, despite it going to the fielder deep on the boundary, David was somewhat reluctant to come back for a second run. Probably because he fancied hitting the slow bowler I had just hit, but I did push him for the second. I was running to the danger end, so I assumed all would be fine. What I hadn't factored for was that the fielder had a rocket arm and he threw the ball like an arrow

to David's end and it clattered into the stumps. David was run out by a good six feet. After a couple of expletives, which I assumed were aimed at me, he trudged off the pitch. I can still remember the sound of his bat bouncing off the walls of the changing room!

He continued to support the club even when he finished playing by turning out for our annual Presidents XI v Chairmans XI game and he kindly donated the takings from his restaurant one evening to assist with the clubs fundraising for the new pavilion.

Colin Edgar (my dad) was a keen cricketer in his day, playing for his home village side Abbots Bromley in Staffordshire, before playing for Stonham when he moved into the village in 1959 following his marriage to Christine. He was very proud to win the batting average one year at Abbots Bromley especially as he was a slow bowler who batted eleven. This feat was achieved by numerous low scores of not out which bumped his average up enough to win it that year, much to the frustration of their top order batters.

He is the only player to have played in both eras of the club as he made a comeback to cricket following the reformation of the club in 1989. He took on the running of the club in the early 60's and when the team was short, he would get a few kids in from the school where he taught in Ipswich to make up the numbers. He told me many stories of the early days which I loved listening to and thankfully he kept all the old club records which I now have, which include all the old meeting minutes. He even kept hold of the invite cards that got posted out to players to say you had been selected to play at the weekend.

He and Christine have been big supporters of the club, attending the majority of home games over the years and they have particularly enjoyed seeing their grandson Luke score a ton or two at home. They always attended the annual awards dinner and have been VP's of the club for many years.

Both these former members will be sadly missed by their families and friends and all at ESCC but we will all have fond memories of them both to cherish.

Simon Edgar Hon Club Secretary 07974132468 Simonedgar I I@sky.com





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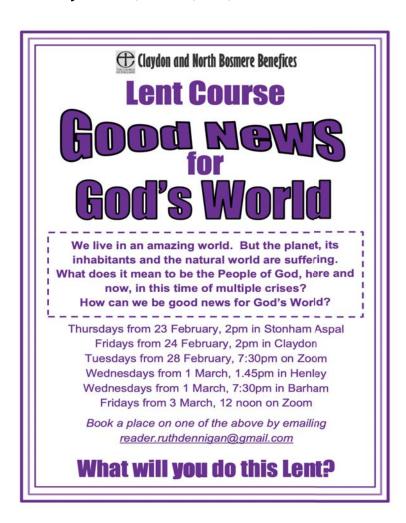
Services are in different styles and at different times across our patch. They can easily found if you email lizandjohnince@gmail.com and ask for the Weekly Notice Sheet. It will pop into your emails and you can easily stop it if you wish.

Meanwhile here are some important dates for the next few weeks:

Ash Wednesday – 22 February The beginning of Lent

10.30am Holy Communion (in our Parish Room)

7.00pm Reflective service at Crowfield



World Day of Prayer – Friday 3 March

10.00am in Earl Stonham Church

Mothering Sunday - 19 March

11.00am Service in Earl Stonham Church with posies of flowers

Palm Sunday - 2 April

11.00am Palm Sunday Holy Communion at Earl Stonham

Maundy Thursday - 6 April

7.00pm Holy Communion at Creeting St Peter

Good Friday - 7 April

12noon Walk from Creeting St Mary to Earl Stonham down the lane +

picnic lunch

2.00pm Devotional Service

Easter Day - 9 April

6.00am First Light Service at Earl Stonham

The Parish Room

Available to hire for meetings, rehearsals, parties with parking just outside. £6/hour, please contact Frankie Wicks (711222)



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29 January David Wicks29 January Colin Edgar

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Occold, The Street, School	0708	0748	1048	1248	1448	**	1648
Thorndon, B1077, The Wash	0713	0753	1053	1253	1453	200	1653
Thorndon, Black Horse PH	0715	0755	1055	1255	1455	0.0	1655
Stoke Ash, A140, opp White Horse PH	010	0800	(444)	1300	. 101		1700
Thwaite, A140, Bucks Head PH	94.0	0804	2000	1304	- 411		1704
Brockford Street, A140, Wetheringsett Turn Bus Shelter	***	0808	***	1308	***	-	1708
Mendlesham, Kings Head PH	***	0811	****	1311	***	-	1711
Mendlesham Green, Green Man Corner		0815	1000	1315	100	44	1715
Forward Green, Blacksmiths La, Weylands Farm	044	0818	200	1318	411	0.00	1718
Rishangles, B1077, Baptist Church	0720	100	1100	***	1500		244
Aspall, B1077, opp Valley Cottage	0724	100	1104	***	1504	**	200
Debenham, High Street, Bus Shelter	0728	111	1108	***	1508		991
Debenham, Leisure Centre	0730	(60)	1110	416	1510	**	
Mickfield, Debenham Road, Crossroads	0735	100	1115	444	1515	200	500
Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Road, Pound Corner	0738	144	1118	***	1518	0.00	991
Little Stonham, A1120, opp Brewery Farm	0745	0823	1125	1323	1525	**	1723
Barham, Norwich Road, opp Sorrel Horse PH	0753	0831	1133	1331	1533	**	1731
Claydon, Edinburgh Gardens	0755	0833	1135	1333	1535	1633	1733
Claydon, Ipswich Road, The Crown PH	0756	0834	1136	1334	1536	1634	1734
pswich, Whitehouse, Goddard Road, Asda	0800R	0838R	1140R	1338R	1540R	1638R	17381
Westbourne, opp. Norbridge Social Club	0802	0840	1142	1340	1542	1640	1740
Ipswich, High Street, Westgate Street	0808	0846	1148	1346	1548	1646	1746
Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station Stand M	0810	0848	1150	1348	1550	1648	1748

Service No:





Ipswich —→Eye —→ Diss						lay C	
112 via Stuston			(No Se	vice on	Public o	r Bank H	oliday
113 via Claydon and Mendlesham 114 via Claydon and De Service :	114	113	114	113	114	114	113
Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station Stand M	0820	0920	1210	1500	1615	1745	1810
Ipswich, Tower Ramparts Bus Station Stand FF	0823	0923	1213	1503	1618	1748	1813
Westbourne, Norbridge Social Club	0829	0929	1219	1509	1624	1754	1819
Ipswich, Whitehouse, Goddard Road, Asda	0833	0933	1223	1513	1628	1758	1823
Claydon, Ipswich Road, The Greyhound PH	0837	0937	1227	1517	1632	1802	1827
Claydon, Edinburgh Gardens	0838	0938	1228	1518	1633	1803	1828
Barham, Norwich Road, Sorrel Horse PH	0840	0940	1230	1520	222	1805	1830
Little Stonham, Stowmarket Road, Valley Farm	***	0948	1 0 000	1528	100	***	R
Forward Green, Blacksmiths La, opp Weylands Farm	***	0952	1000	1532	1440	***	R
Mendlesham Green, Green Man Corner	***	0956	0.00	1536	100	***	R
Mendlesham, Kings Head PH	***	1000	814	1540	111	***	R
Brockford Street, A140, opp Wetheringsett Turn Bus Shelter	***	1003	44	1543		***	1845
Thwaite, A140, opp Bucks Head PH	***	1005		1545	101	***	1847
Stoke Ash, A140, White Horse PH	***	1009	014	1549	101	1000	1851
Mickfield, Stonham Road, Crossroads	100	444	0.00	1600	1.505	411	240
Little Stonham, Valley Farm	0848		1238	***	100	1813	***
Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Road, Pound Corner	0851	1111	1241	2000	191	1816	OFFE:
Mickfield, Stonham Road, Crossroads	0855		1245		101	1820	0000
Debenham, High School / Leisure Centre	0859	1111	1249	200	101	1824	5000
Debenham, High Street, opp Bus Shelter	0902		1252		101	1827	444
Aspall, B1077, Valley Cottage	0905	777	1255	.0772		1830	***
Rishangles, B1077, opp Baptist Church	0909	***	1259	100	199	1834	(100)
Thorndon, Black Horse PH	0913	1013	1303	1553	100	R	R
Thorndon, B1077, The Wash	0915	1015	1305	1555	144	R	R
Occold, The Street, opp School	0918	1018	1308	1558		R	R
Eye, Lambseth Street, Town Hall Bus Shelter	0923	1023	1313	1603	111	1840	1856
Guaranteed connection to 113/1	14 with no	need to	change b	uses			
Service:	112	112	1.12	112	112	112	112
Eye, Lambseth Street, Town Hall Bus Shelter	0923	1023	1313	1603		1840	1856
Brome, B1077, Opp Oaksmere Entrance	0926	1026	1316	1606	244	1843	1859
Stuston, Stuston Road, Roundabout	0929	1029	1319	1609	2.044	1846	1902
Diss, Victoria Road/Rose Lane Bus Stop	0932	1032	1322	1612	044	1849	1905
Diss, Bus Station Park Road	0935	1035	1325	1615	244	1852	1908

March 2023

Sunday	2		12		19	St Mary's Mothering Sunday Service 11am	26			
Saturday	4		11		18		25			
Friday	က	St Mary's Day of Prayer 10am Coffee & Cake Village Hall 10.30	10		17	Library Van Village Hall Car Park 12.20pm Supper Evening Village Hall 7.30pm	24		31	Coffee & Cake Village Hall 10.30
Thursday	2		6		16		23	Mahjong Village Hall 2 – 4.30	30	
Wednesday	-	Over 60's Roy Tricker in St Mary's 2pm	8		15		22		29	
Tuesday			7		14	WI Hidden Bhutan Village Hall 7.30pm	21		28	
Monday			9	PC meeting Village Hall 7.30pm	13	Quiz Village Hall 7.30pm	20		27	
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April 2023

	Sunday	2	St Mary's Palm Sunday 11am	6	St Mary's Easter Sunday Service 6am	16		23		30	
	Saturday	1		œ		15	Supper Evenings Village Hall 7.30pm	22	Footpath Walk Village Hall 2pm	29	
	Friday			7	Perfect Perennials Opening St Mary's Good Friday Walk 12 Service 2pm	14	Library Van Village Hall Car Park 12.20pm	21		28	Coffee & Cake Village Hall 10.30
	Thursday			9		13		20		27	Mahjong Village Hall 2-4.30
•	Wednesday			5	Over 60's Flight from Iran Village Hall 2pm	12		19		26	
	Tuesday			4		11		18	WI Bathroom Door Village Hall 7.30pm	25	
	Monday			ဇ		10	Quiz Village Hall 7.30pm	17		24	
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May 2023

	Monday	Tiopoon	Woodpool	Thursday	20012	Cotundos	Charles
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			Over 60's Glass Engraving Village Hall 2pm		Coronation Supper Village Hall 7.30	CORONATION	Coronation Shared Big Lunch Village Hall
	8	6	10	11	12	13	14
10 _/	VOLUNTEERING DAY PC meeting Village Hall 7.30pm			RECORDER DEADLINE	Library Van Village Hall Car Park 12.20pm	Supper Evening Village Hall 7pm	St Mary's Service 11am
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		WI Resolutions Village Hall 7.30pm					
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Quiz Village Hall 7.30			Mahjong Village Hall 2-4.30	Coffee & Cake Village Hall 10.30		St Mary's Service 11am
	29	30	31				

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
Environment Agency Incident Helpline	0800 80 70 60
Environment Agency Floodline	0345 988 1188
Suffolk County Council	0345 6066 067
Gas	0800 111 999
Electricity (Power Cuts & Network	105
Emergencies)	08007 838 838
Anglian Water	03457 145 145
Essex & Suffolk Water	03457 820 999
Dial A Ride (Optua Transport)	01449 614271
Suffolk Link	01449 616000

VILLAGE CONTACTS

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Lighting Fault Line	0800 591055
Earl Stonham Recorder (Deb/Margaret)	711461/711779
Earl Stonham Trust (Jennie Griffiths)	711794
Earl Stonham Website (Mark Gillett)	07984 518959
Parish Clerk (Jennie Blackburn)	721369
WI (Christine Double/Lindsey Stone)	07775 507083/
	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