

EARL STONHAM RECORDER



~ SPRING 2025 ~

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Vacancy for 1 Parish Councillor (to be co-opted)

Earl Stonham Parish Council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people who live in the parish. It is the level of local government closest to the community, with Mid-Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council above it in the hierarchy.

On their own, parish councils have limited powers to make decisions, but they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence other organisations that do make the final decisions. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (we are statutory consultees), crime prevention, roads and highways.

Earl Stonham Parish Council currently has 8 Councillors, with 1 vacancy. We are now seeking expressions of interest from people who are over 18 years of age who live or work in Earl Stonham.

If you would like to find out more about the role of a parish councillor, you could come along to one of our next meetings at the Village Hall or speak to the Parish Clerk or any of the 8 current Parish Councillors – contact details can be found on the Parish Council pages on the Earl Stonham website.

If you would like to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council, please send your expression of interest setting out why you wish to become a parish councillor and what you would bring to the role, by email to the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@earlstonham.org.uk

Why not play a part?

Mark Gillett
Chair – Earl Stonham Parish Council



Well that's not quite what we mean. What we mean is, please stop for a moment and read this small flyer before moving on to the rest of the Recorder !!

We live here in Forward Green, Earl Stonham because we enjoy living here. We care about our village and are all very aware that the A1120 and A140 run through our Parish and we all know just how busy they are (on an average day some 3650 vehicles use the A1120 through the village).

We will also all be aware, even if we don't live on the A1120/A140, just how quickly some vehicles speed through the village. On one occasion when our Volunteer Speed Watch was monitoring the speed, one car was recorded at 70+ miles per hour. I think we can all agree that such speeds are horrendously dangerous, never mind being illegal.

The Volunteer Speed Watch do a terrific job of standing out in all weathers monitoring the roads but, of course, they cannot be there 24/7. To help combat speeding the Parish

Council is recommending the village purchase two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs).

These SIDs have been shown to reduce speeds in 94% of 30 mph zones, reducing collisions by 10% and 95% of Parish Council where the units were fitted, considered that the SIDs were very well received in their parish.

How will we pay for them?

We need to raise approximately £6000.00 and have already been looking for grants from Local Councillors, donations from Companies & Village Organisations. The Parish Council will contribute towards them too.

How can you help?

- Support fund-raising events
- Make a personal donation
- Volunteer to become a Speedwatch member

Please contact the Parish Clerk (parishclerk@earlstonham.org.uk) if you would like to donate.

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EARL STONHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Recorder, which is appearing in both print and online versions. Like many of you I will be looking forward to longer and warmer days, as well as some sunshine, as we approach Spring. I think its fair to say that, like many people I meet when walking our dogs, it will be nice to be able to go for a walk without being covered in mud.

The Parish Council meets every other month with additional special meetings called as required. Dates of meetings, and agendas, papers and key documents can be found in the Parish Council pages on the village web site. By the time you read this we will have held our meeting on **3 March 2025**. Our next meetings will be the Annual Parish and Council Meetings on **Monday 12 May at 7.00pm**. Our meetings after that will take place on **30 June, 1 September and 3 November**.

Updates:

- In January we said goodbye to our Parish Clerk who decided to step down from her role after 8 years in post. I would like to put on record the Parish Council's thanks for her hard work and contribution over that time.
- We held interviews for the post of Parish Clerk on 28 February and I am pleased to say we have appointed Susan Edgar as our Parish Clerk and she will start on 1 April.
- The Parish Council continues to consider Planning Applications and submit views to Mid Suffolk District Council as part of the planning process, with 5 having been submitted since our last meeting.
- We have no further news on either Low Carbon's application for a Solar Farm or the planned Norwich to Tilbury Pylon Project. National Grid are currently undertaking what they term 'targeted consultations' which seemingly do not affect the existing proposals for the route through our Parish.
- The Speed Watch team have carried out only a small number of sessions over the last few months due to the short days and poor weather. Normal service will resume shortly.

- The funding group have been working to progress the purchase of two solar powered Speed Indicators Devices to be positioned on the A1120. An application for the proposed siting of these has been submitted to Suffolk Highways and the group have been busy raising the necessary funds for the project and making good progress towards the target. You should find a flyer about this with your copy of the Recorder.
- You may have seen in the news, proposals to reorganise local government across the country. Suffolk and Norfolk have been accepted for the Devolution Priority Programme which means that elections due to be held in May this year have been postponed and changes to the existing structure taking place in 2026 after elections. There is a consultation on the proposal to set up a combined Mayoralty covering Suffolk and Norfolk which runs until 13 April. A search for Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Proposal will take you to the dedicated pages. There are also initial proposals to change the existing District Councils to create 2 or 3 Unitary Authorities covering Suffolk, with business cases for these being submitted towards the end of this year. There are currently no plans for Town and Parish Councils to be reorganised.

Recycling Bins

A local resident reported an issue about general rubbish being placed in the recycling bins. These were 2 large supermarket bags filled with individually bagged rubbish including felt pens, scissors, wrapping paper, black tights and socks and broken pottery. These completely filled the bins and he very kindly took the bags home to sort them out and dispose of the contents appropriately.

We have also had reports of the lids to the bins being left open resulting in paper and card being soaked by ensuing rain. In the past we have also had people leaving their glass recycling by the bottle banks if these are full, as well as bags of general household rubbish or other items left by the recycling bins – someone then has to clear all this away as it will not be taken by the refuse teams. If the bottle banks are full there is a number which you can call to report this. Can I also request that if you notice something amiss with the recycling area, you let the Parish Council know.

Village Events

The annual Carols on The Green Service took place on 17 December and was well attended. Many thanks to the Glasses and the WI for hosting and providing the refreshments afterwards.

At the end of January Stonham Theatre Guild presented Cinderella – this was a wonderful production and was enjoyed by all who attended. Sadly, attendances were down this year, we think in part to a smaller number of children and young people being in the cast. One of the challenges is, as they grow up, they move on to other things including college and university. Look out for this year's audition dates, and if you've ever had a desire to tread the boards why not come along, with a friend if you'd like, and try out for a part in next year's pantomime.

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the end of the World War II in Europe in May and Japan in August. On **Thursday 8 May** the beacon will be lit and there will be a VE Day Celebration supper evening at the Village Hall on **Saturday 10 May**. Further details are within this Recorder.

Don't forget to check the Village Events page on the website for details of What's On, including our regular monthly quiz nights and supper evenings.

Mark Gillett
Chair - Earl Stonham Parish Council





We need your help!

Our rural parish is an amazing place to live and we are so lucky to have so many village organisations to support members of the Parish. Many however, are in desperate need of additional members to come and help us to continue to offer support and enjoyment to the wider community.

A list of the organisations and their contact details are listed below. Think about what you have to offer, some time, some energy, some skills and some fresh ideas. All would be welcome in these community organisations.

Karl Wilkinson - 07879 810437

Earl Stonham Trust (Karl Wilkinson)	07879 810437
Earl Stonham Village Hall (Tony Turner)	07710 018743
Earl Stonham Parish Council (Mark Gillett)	07984 518959
Earl Stonham WI (Lindsey Stone)	01449 711602
Earl Stonham Over 60's (Joan Rice)	01449 711294
Stonham Theatre Guild (Kathryn Burston)	07796 156038
Earl Stonham Cricket Club (Simon Edgar)	07462 358474
Earl Stonham Church (John Jones)	01449 711448



PERFECT PERENNIALS

Official opening:
Tuesday
April 1st

.....is 20 years old.....!!!

On March 25th Perfect Perennials will be 20 years old. I never imagined back in 2005 when I opened the gates for the first time that the nursery would still be here, especially after those first 3 awful years. But slowly people plucked up the courage to stop and have a look around and I think they like what they saw. Well people keep coming back for more plants so we must be doing something right!

The winter has been kind and plant potting has pretty much continued all through the winter in preparation of another busy year.

Potting of the bare-root plants is complete with over 4000 plants potted and we are now putting thousands of 9cm and plug plants into their final pots.

Our compost sold very well last year and is available at last years prices:

Westland Multi Purpose with John Innes 50L: **£6.00.**

Westland Multi Purpose 40L: **£5.00.** Growbags: **£3.50.**

Dahlias have certainly enjoyed a comeback over the last few years so we have increased our range for this year to 30 different varieties.

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

The van team will be busy this Spring. Below is a list of where we will be in 2025.

April 27th Wyken (Nr Bury St Eds)

May 4th Norfolk Plant Heritage @Hethersett

May 5th Sudbury Town Centre

May 11th Bungay Garden Market

May 17th Creake Abbey (N. Norfolk)

May 25th and 26th Helmingham Hall

Latest news on our Facebook page. Behind the scenes photos on Instagram.

Mon to Sat: 9 til 5 Sun/B Hols: 10 til 4 Closed Thursdays

www.perfectperennials.co.uk

01449 711320

EARL STONHAM
VILLAGE FOOTPATH WALK

Saturday 3 May 2025



We will be walking the “**Mystery Route**” this time finishing at the Village Hall for refreshments. Join us at the Village Hall for a 2.00pm departure. The walk will be led by
Tony Stevens

Dogs on leads are very welcome



8th MAY

**Celebratory Fizz (provided by Perfect Perennials)
& Nibbles from 8.45pm on
Earl Stonham Village Green
with Beacon Lighting at 9.30pm**

10th MAY

**VE Celebration Supper with special menu
7pm at the Village Hall
40s Music by Nigel Woodhouse
Singing by the Stonham Theatre Guild
1940s themed so everyone welcome to dress in
clothes of the era
Tickets available from Deb on 01449 711461**

Please book early as places are limited

EARL STONHAM VILLAGE HALL 2025

'Coffee and Cake' mornings are held in the village hall on the third Friday of each month and everyone is most welcome to drop in between 10.30 and 12noon.

*A selection of home-made treats to suit all diets is served with proper coffee and tea for a small donation to cover the hire of the hall.
Any surplus funds go to the church who host the event and provide the delicious cakes.*



21st March
Coffee & Cake Friday
10:30 – 12 noon

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

18th April
Coffee & Cake Friday
10:30 – 12 noon

16th May
Coffee & Cake Friday
10:30 – 12 noon

20th June
Coffee & Cake Friday
10:30 – 12 noon



18th July
Coffee & Cake Friday
10:30 – 12 noon

EARL STONHAM VILLAGE HALL

SUPPER EVENINGS



SAT 19 April

**Sausages with Bubble &
Squeak**

SAT 10 May

VE Day Celebration Meal

FRI 13 June

BBQ

**All welcome but do please book early,
particularly for the VE Celebration Supper, as
numbers are limited.**

**Thank you
Bar open at 7.00pm**

Email: Recorder@btinternet.com

Phone Deb: 01449 711641

QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Nights will be held
on the **2nd Monday** of each month
in Earl Stonham Village Hall at 7.30pm



Monday
10 March
14 April
12 May
9 June
14 July



Everyone most welcome!
£3 per person with teams of up to 6 players.
Please support the bar which will be open
from 7pm

MOBILE LIBRARY

The SCC mobile library visits
Earl Stonham Village hall car park every FOUR
weeks on a FRIDAY between 12.20 and 12.50.

Friday 14th March
12.20 – 12.50

Friday 11th April
12.20 – 12.50

Friday 9th May
12.20 – 12.50

Friday 6th June
12.20 – 12.50

Friday 4th July
12.20-12.50

Friday 1st & 29th August
12.20-12.50





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Patrick Spencer MP

Member of Parliament for
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich

DELIVERING FOR EARL STONHAM



Since the New Year, my team and I have continued to work hard to address the issues that matter most to residents in our rural areas, with healthcare and agriculture at the forefront of discussions.

In early January, I joined residents of Offton Village to walk the route of National Grid's proposed Norwich to Tilbury pylon line that threatens to cut through their picturesque landscape. The project, if allowed to proceed in its current form, would not only scar the natural beauty of this historic village but also raise potential concerns about operational safety for military helicopters flying from RAF Wattisham.

I also enjoyed spending time with Nick Corke of Hour Community in Framlingham, whose work providing transport for medical appointments and tackling isolation in Framlingham and the surrounding villages exemplifies the best of grassroots initiatives. I remain fully committed to supporting and promoting these essential services, ensuring that the voluntary sector continues to thrive and meet the diverse needs of our constituency.

Having spoken with many local farmers and food producers who are concerned at potential changes to the Family Farm Tax, I also met with Graham Miles, the Bishop's Agricultural Chaplain. We discussed the current challenges across the agricultural sector, with supply chain issues, labour shortages, and fluctuating

market conditions adding further strain on our hardworking farmers. We also discussed the importance of improving access to mental health resources tailored for those in the farming community, as isolation and financial pressure continue to take a toll. Agriculture is the backbone of our local economy, providing employment and sustaining rural livelihoods and I will continue to do all that I can to support our incredibly hardworking farmers

Finally, I was pleased to meet with the dedicated team of volunteers at Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau whose vital services benefit residents from across the Central Suffolk and North Ipswich. Their support for vulnerable individuals, including guidance on financial and legal matters, is a lifeline for many, and I look forward to continued collaboration with their dedicated team.

I am always keen to hear from you. Whether it's concerns about GP services, rural challenges, or local support, please don't hesitate to get in touch via email, phone, or my website. You can keep up to date with the work I am doing for you by subscribing to my newsletter: www.patrickspencer.co.uk/newsletter

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March 2025 report for the Thredling Division from Cllr Matthew Hicks



County leaders to propose one council for Suffolk

One council for Suffolk would make delivering public services simpler, cheaper and quicker and better meet the needs of residents and businesses, county leaders have said. Following a recent government announcement that Suffolk's county, district and borough councils will be replaced with a single-tier system, Suffolk County Council argues that consolidating all services under one unitary authority is the only effective way to deliver against the government's criteria for local government reform.

The move would see all council services, such as waste collection and disposal, housing, social care, planning, highways maintenance, leisure, school placements and travel and street cleaning, all provided by one authority - rather than the six that currently exist in Suffolk.

Bringing together district, borough and county council functions is expected to reduce duplication, lower administrative costs and ensure a more coordinated and cost-effective approach to delivering essential services. The council warns that splitting services among multiple bodies would force the duplication of essential functions - such as social care, highways maintenance and schools - currently managed at a county level.

The key benefits of one council are:

Simpler for residents – one council would make it easier to understand and contact local government

Clearer accountability – there would be less confusion over who is responsible for what

Better use of funding – a more coherent, strategic, financially sustainable, county-wide approach to budgeting

Better alignment of services – since everything is under one roof, services can be more easily coordinated, creating opportunities to improve services for residents

More efficient decision-making – with just one council, decisions can be made more quickly

Stronger leadership – a single, visible and accountable body providing a clear strategic voice for Suffolk.

The council will submit its initial proposal to the government by 21 March, with a more detailed business case to follow later in the year. The government will then undertake a public consultation.

The financial benefits of unitary local government are clear. By cutting unnecessary bureaucracy, the new council – whoever may serve on it – will have more money to invest in frontline public services, ensuring better value for taxpayers. But reorganisation must go beyond financial savings. It must also deliver greater accountability, speed up decision-making and lead to better outcomes for local communities. There is huge opportunity in pulling together services currently separated across the district, borough and county councils – such as housing and social care. If the government is serious about delivering savings, efficiencies, better outcomes for residents and financially sustainable local government, then there is only one answer - one council for Suffolk. Moreover, it is the only model that meets their criteria of serving over 500,000 people.

One council for Suffolk will provide clear leadership, simplify access to services and eliminate the confusion of navigating multiple councils. Carving the county in two or three – as has been suggested - would defeat the purpose. The government's plans will also see the election of a mayor for Suffolk and Norfolk in May 2026, who would take control over strategic policy areas like transport infrastructure, economic development, health improvement and blue light services – along with devolved government funding to deliver positive change.

Arts organisations and museums across Suffolk get £500,000 funding boost

Thirty-three arts organisations and museums from across Suffolk have been awarded funding from Suffolk County Council's £500,000 Culture Project Fund. From baby classes to a new community radio show, the successful projects range in size and scope and support an array of different people across Suffolk. Examples include promoting performing arts in Sudbury with the Quay Theatre, environmental events at Dunwich Museum and an education and arts project to address racial inequalities in Ipswich. The successful bids range from £1,000 to £27,000. The new fund, which was launched last year to boost cultural activity across the county, attracted 131 applications, requesting a total of £2 million in

funding. The quality of applications was exceptionally high, and more than 60 projects scored 'excellent' or 'outstanding' against the assessment criteria. Following a rigorous selection process, a panel of experts from across the arts, heritage, and community sectors reviewed 62 shortlisted applications. This resulted in 33 successful bids. We are thrilled to be supporting such a diverse range of creative and cultural projects through the Culture Project Fund. As well as some higher-profile organisations, it's wonderful that lots of smaller projects, which often get overlooked for funding, will also benefit. I know firsthand the difference that grassroots initiatives make to the people that use them. The level of ambition and creativity shown in the applications was truly inspiring, demonstrating the incredible talent and passion that exists within Suffolk's cultural sector. This funding will help bring new artistic experiences to local communities, support the growth of our creative industries, and celebrate Suffolk's rich heritage. A number of small grants – up to £1,500 - are still available for arts organisations and museums across Suffolk. There will be another round of funding for large and medium projects, which will open in Autumn 2025. These new projects will be delivered in 2026/27.

Suffolk County Council confirms 2025/26 budget

Suffolk County Council has confirmed how it will spend its money in the forthcoming financial year - an £803.7 million plan focused on protecting essential services and supporting the county's most vulnerable residents. The council's budget for 2025/26 was approved at a meeting of all councillors on Thursday 13 February, with an emphasis on meeting rising demand for children's and adult care services. For every £1 the council spends in the next financial year, 77 pence will go directly toward services that support the health and wellbeing of people in Suffolk. The remaining 23 pence will fund other critical areas such as fire and rescue, highway maintenance, climate initiatives, waste management and bus services, as well as the infrastructure, staff, and technology required to keep services running efficiently. This is another budget set in challenging times. Economic growth remains sluggish, public finances are under pressure from rising demand and global uncertainty continues to create financial instability. But it is precisely in times like these that we must stay focused on our responsibility to the people of Suffolk. We are committed to delivering high-quality public services that make a real and lasting difference in people's lives. We will continue to prioritise those who need our support the most, including vulnerable children and adults who require assistance to live independently. The council's budget will increase by 6.7%, from £752.9 million in 2024/25 to £803.7 million in 2025/26. Despite a slight uplift in Government funding for local authorities, rising costs and growing demand have required the

council to set significant savings targets to balance the books. The council has approved £10.9 million in new savings, which will focus on restructuring and transforming how services are delivered. This follows £17.5 million in savings approved in the previous year, bringing total savings for the 2025/26 financial year to £28.4 million.

Suffolk County Council's share of Council Tax will rise by 4.99% next year, which includes a 2.99% general increase and a further 2% dedicated wholly to helping meet the rising costs of social care.

We know that many of our residents are feeling the pressures of rising costs. That's why it's our duty to ensure that every pound of public money is spent wisely and delivers the best possible value for our residents.

Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division

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District Councillor Report – Stonham Ward March 2025

<p>Council meeting and annual budget</p>	<p>The monthly council meeting for February took place on 27th February. The meeting primarily revolved around the council’s annual budget, including approval of both the General Fund Budget and Housing Revenue Account. Other agenda items include the local development framework and a new policy for community engagement for planning .</p> <p>The full budget details can be read in the agenda here: (Public Pack) Agenda Document for Mid Suffolk Council 27/02/2025 17:30</p>
<p>Suffolk Devolution updates</p>	<p>A public consultation has opened into the Norfolk and Suffolk mayoral combined authority by the government until the 13th April.</p> <p>Norfolk and Suffolk devolution consultation - GOV.UK – but please note that this consultation does not cover proposals for any local government reorganisation of our existing councils, and that views on this will be sought as part of a separate process.</p> <p>Councillors across both Babergh and Mid Suffolk will be attending workshops about the Local Government Review and Devolution next week. All the district councils in Suffolk are collaborating to produce a business case to present to the Government.</p>
<p>Joint Local Plan</p>	<p>MSDC and Babergh are now working on a new local plan because the uplift in housing numbers imposed by the new Government would have meant that the current part 1 plan would become out of date too soon and we would run the risk of no longer having a 5-year housing land supply.</p> <p>The local development framework to be discussed at the Council meeting includes the timetable for the new updated local plan to be delivered in 2029.</p>

Housing and tenant services	Housing Services have launched a new Tenant Handbook providing information about tenants' rights and responsibilities, as well as setting out what the council's responsibilities are as their landlord.
Energy developments	The Leader of Mid Suffolk has written to the Secretary of State calling for a co-ordinated and strategic approach to energy developments and connections to the grid along the A140 corridor in view of the number of applications for very large solar farms, and battery sites battery sites in the area.
Localities grants	I am pleased to have been able to help with the cost of installation of a Speed Indicator on the A1120 in the village and also support the Over 60's club to help the cost of coach hire and speakers for meetings.

Cllr Nick Hardingham
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Stonham Theatre Guild

I hope everyone who attended this year's pantomime "Cinderella" will agree that it was one of the best yet. With stand-out performances, great costumes, scenery and staging, it was a true credit to all those that worked so hard to put on the shows. The only pity this year was that ticket sales were not as high as we had hoped and as they are the main source of income for the Guild, it will potentially limit some of our other activities for the year.

You will hopefully have seen elsewhere in the Recorder that there will a celebratory dinner at the Village Hall on **10th May** to commemorate the **80th anniversary of VE Day**. Nigel Woodhouse who holds Swing Dancing sessions will be providing 40s music for the evening and the Theatre Guild will be on hand to lead everyone in singing along to some of the wartime classic songs. Don't worry if you don't know the words, song-sheets will be provided. Places for the dinner are limited so please do book early to avoid disappointment!

STG are also planning an afternoon of entertainment on **30th August** at the hall and recreation ground. With a working title of "Summer Madness" you can be assured of a fun time so please reserve the date in your diaries. The event will be outside and we are looking for a suitable vehicle to act as a stage so if you are able to help with the loan of a soft-sided trailer or vehicle we would love to hear from you!

If you would be interested in taking part in any of the above, or in next year's pantomime, or think you can help in any other way please do get in touch - contact details below. We are always in need of new talent and also for help with all of those other behind-the-scenes jobs so why not come along and join our fun team.

The Stonham Theatre Guild (STG) was formed in 2006 with the aim of encouraging people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to become involved in every aspect of drama and theatre. Since then we have produced 19 pantomimes as well as providing a range of entertainment at village events. Staying true to the aims, the current membership spans 6 to nearly 90 so truly a multi-generation organisation.

Tony Turner
07710 018743

Kathryn Burston
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THE RECORDER



The Recorder is published **three** times a year. 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) and the money helps towards the cost of producing the Recorder. The advert will be included in three issues, with the option of it appearing on the website via **editor@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 **21 Mar (Red Nose Day), 18 Apr, 16 May, 20 Jun & 18 Jul** at the Village Hall starting at 10.30am until 12 noon. The Mobile Library Van will be there on **14 Mar, 11 Apr, 9 May, 6 Jun, 4 Jul & 1 & 29 August** 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.



Exercise Therapy Studio
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Exercise Therapy Studio - Fitness and Wellbeing classes with a difference.

Zoe and Theresa have over fifteen years of experience in helping people to improve their fitness and specialise in supporting clients with health issues such as musculoskeletal conditions such as back, shoulder and knee complaints. Heart conditions, Cancer and more.

Fit & Tone Classes: from £6.50

This class is low impact with toning exercises for a total body workout using small equipment. The classes are led by Theresa who will guide you through correct form and technique.

We change that class every week so you won't get bored, and we will keep you smiling and motivated.

We are experienced in dealing with injury and rehab, so we can give variations on exercises if required. Classes are suitable for all fitness levels and all ages. From ages 16 to 70+

Our classes are small with only 8 in each class so we can give good quality instruction.

Pilates: Classes from £7.50

This is a beginner / intermediate mat Pilates class. This class will improve strength, function, and flexibility. Pilates helps to improve posture and reduce tension on joints. We use small equipment such as bands, balls and rollers and the routine changes each week to keep the classes varied and fun, we will keep you smiling and motivated. If you have not tried Pilates before, or if you have any specific health conditions we would recommend a one-to-one session with Zoe before joining a class. Suitable for all fitness levels and ages.

For more information on our classes, workshops and rehab sessions go to www.exercisetherapyonline.com or contact Zoe on 07931546858, you can also email us at exercisetherapyonline@gmail.com

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FROM YOUR LOCAL RECORDER

HOME GUARD ON PARADE

Here is a photo of the Stonham Home Guard, together with other units, parading for inspection on 31st May 1942. The location is Brewery Farm Meadow and Pains Hill is behind the hedge in the background.

The Rev Reggie Shrubbs, Rector of Stonham Parva, was the Commanding Officer of the unit, whose personnel consisted of men in reserved occupations or who were too old or medically unfit for regular military service. Training, including bayonet practice, was taken seriously. One of their tasks was manning checkpoints and it is recorded that the Stonham Aspal unit requisitioned school desks to make the necessary roadblocks. At the Tap crossroads, wheeled hurdles were drawn across the road during the night and one former member recalled running into these in the dark when cycling home late one night from the Ten Bells. Military convoys frequently passed through the village on their way to or from the coast and one form of training involved attacking their vehicles, using bags of flour to simulate hand grenades.

These men may have been no match for a well-trained and equipped invading army, but their courage and commitment were not in doubt and they could have done much to delay the advance of enemy troops. Don't believe everything you see in TV comedies!



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EARL STONHAM PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following have been submitted for consideration by
the Parish Council

- **Householder Application - Restoration of Property (following fire damage) as per schedule of works – The Lodge, Norwich Road, Earl Stonham : Application DC/24/04523**
- **Listed Building Consent - Restoration of Property (following fire damage) as per schedule of works – The Lodge, Norwich Road, Earl Stonham : Application DC/24/04524**
- **Full Planning Application – Erection of detached self/custom build dwelling in lieu of permission to convert and extend stable/storage building – Alvor Cottage, Stearns Lane, Earl Stonham : Application DC/24/04859**
- **Planning Application – Retention of change of use of a barn from agricultural to commercial vehicle restoration – Moat Farm, Debenham Road, Earl Stonham : Application DC/24/04891**
- **Application for Listed Building Consent – Repairs to ground floor timber frame to east and north elevations and reconstruction of subsidence and water damaged plinths. Render and pargeting renewal to same elevations, and a small area of the west elevation. Improvements to underground drainage. 3No. replacement windows to ground floor - Ramplins Farm, Angel Hill, Earl Stonham : Application DC/25/00344**

- **Planning Application – Conversion of former chapel with attached cottage to form 1No dwelling and conversion of outbuilding to 1no dwelling utilising existing garden, driveway, access and garage - The Old Chapel , Chapel Lane, Earl Stonham : Application DC/25/00493**

**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

If you send a comment to the Planning Department, please ensure you also copy it to our Parish Clerk at parishclerk@earlstonham.org.uk

EARL STONHAM VILLAGE HALL



You may have noticed some changes in the hall kitchen. Firstly, a new commercial grade microwave has been installed after the previous one failed its PAT test. This is much easier to use as you just need to press a single button to select the time required and

it does the rest. In addition it does not have a turntable so is easier to clean.

The upgrade to the Gents WC has now been completed with the old stainless steel trough removed, walls tiled and new ceramic urinals fitted. These will be a lot more hygienic and easier to clean.

Another major addition is a new commercial oven. This has been purchased to simplify food preparation for supper evenings as it has a much larger capacity than the domestic cookers and can also keep food hot at the required temperatures. To make room for this, the worktop has been extended and the main fridge relocated, necessitating one of the kitchen doors to the corridor being permanently locked.

Part of the driver for these changes is that the hall has recently had an inspection by the local environmental health team to assess our hygiene rating. This is a requirement as we produce food for sale at supper evenings and other events. I am pleased to report that the Inspector was very complimentary about the facilities and processes and awarded us the highest rating of 5.



Plans for the village **VE Day 80th Anniversary** celebrations are proceeding well. We will be meeting on the green at 8.45 pm on **8th May** for Celebratory Fizz (kindly provided by Perfect Perennials) and nibbles before lighting the beacon at 9:30pm to mark the anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend, so do please come along.

On **10th May** our normal monthly supper night at the hall will be replaced by a VE Day celebration supper featuring food from the period and musical entertainment. We would love everyone to come in 40's dress. Please book your place in advance as space is limited – details of how to book are on the poster elsewhere in this Recorder.

Since the last Recorder, attendance at quiz evenings have increased significantly so thank you to everyone who is now supporting these.

One final date for your diaries. The Stonham Theatre Guild are planning an afternoon of entertainment at the hall and recreation ground on **Saturday 30th August**. Details are still being worked on but expect lots of fun, a BBQ and bar so do please reserve the date.

Tony Turner - Chairman
Earl Stonham Village Hall Management Committee
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Club Room	£ 8.00ph
Hall	£10.00ph
Hall & Club Room	£16.00ph
Over 6 Hours (All Areas)	£105.00
Over 6 Hours (Club Room)	£50.00
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For Non-Residents

(Minimum hire is two hours)

Club Room	£11.00ph
Hall	£14.00ph
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Good Friday and then Easter Sunday will soon be here as we consider the death and resurrection of Jesus and what that means for us personally.

We all have hopes but also much concern about what we see and hear daily in the news. We also have more personal concerns.

Once a month Christians in the village, who attend different churches, meet together to pray for issues affecting the parishes of Earl Stonham and Stonham Parva (including issues arising out of national and international affairs) and for individuals who would like prayer for a particular need.

Meetings will normally be held at 2pm on the third Monday of the month in the Parish Room. However, in April we shall meet on **Monday 28th April**. 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) or Helen Norris (Assistant Priest 01449 761867)

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EARL STONHAM WI



A big thank you to all who turned up for Carols on the Green last December and donated to our collection for Little Lifts who provide gift boxes to every breast cancer patient in the UK who receives chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment. Thanks to your wonderful generosity we were able to send them £210.40 for which they were very grateful.

Our programme for the next few months:-

March 18 th	Firefighting and writing
April 15 th	Women's Land Army: Soil Cinderella's
May 20 th	Resolution meeting and social evening
June 17 th	Talk on Beekeeping by Anne Stanford
July 15 th	Outing to Green Island Gardens (daytime)

All our meetings (other than July) are in the Clubroom at the Village Hall at 7.30pm and you will be made most welcome if you want to pop in!

Also 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.

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EARL STONHAM TRUST REPORT



As Spring approaches, we are all looking forward to longer days and hopefully some better weather. This year we will be seeking to complete some painting of the play equipment on the recreation ground to try and maintain the equipment for as long as possible. This will mean that during this period of preparation and painting there will be days when the equipment will be out of use. We shall seek to complete works outside of school holidays so that we limit the impact of these works.

LAST CHANCE

You may remember that as a parting gift for Frankie, the Trust are arranging for a picture book to be created using pictures and notes submitted by the members of the Parish. This is still a work in progress and we would like to ask for your help with this, by sending us pictures of yourselves, village events, of Frankie herself and a picture of your **handwritten note** so that we can compile these into a hardback book so she can look back with fondness at all the good friends and good times within our village. We didn't have time to get this completed before her leaving celebration, but we will forward to her once it has been completed.

So, if you could please forward pictures to **picturesforfrankie@hotmail.com** as this email account has been set up just for this purpose and will be deleted once the book is complete.

Below are examples of what you might like to send:



We would like to remind members of the Parish that the Trust is here to support. The Earl Stonham Trust was created to support members of the parish at times of need and for educating and supporting them to build a brighter future. The Earl Stonham Trust has in past supported those of all ages within the parish to further

enhance education, whether that be through tutoring, educational trips, school excursions and IT equipment (such as laptops or tablets). All enquiries are completely confidential, and advice can be obtained from any of the Trustees (listed below) or by contacting the Secretary, Donna Taylor, via email Dt@tayburconsulting.co.uk or by telephone - 07859 896640.

If you would like to understand more about how Earl Stonham Trust can support you or others within the parish, please reach out to one of the Trustees listed below, who would be more than willing to have a confidential discussion.

Karl Wilkinson
Chair of Earl Stonham Trust

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EARL STONHAM OVER 60'S (*The Golden Circle*)

Another year, another inch on my waistline. Our final event of 2024 was our traditional Christmas lunch, held in the Four Horseshoes at Thorndon. We enjoyed a three-course meal amid the Christmas decorations. At the lunch members received copies of the programme for 2025 which has had to be amended. The visit to Felbrigg Hall in June has been changed to a coach trip to Blickling Hall, while the visit to The Hut at Felixstowe will now take place on the 10th September. The amended programme is shown below.

It was decided to cancel the meeting in January as the due date was New Year's Day. In February Mary Newton, a retired forensic scientist, gave us a fascinating talk on how real forensics scientists work. She talked about her work on the Russell family murders and the Stephen Lawrence murder and showed pictures of the scenes, but no bodies. We learnt incriminating evidence can be obtained from the use of Sellotape and this evidence kept intact for years to come. Mary spent a brief stint as an advisor on the TV series 'Silent Witness'. Needless to say the programme is not true to life.

In March we welcome back Chris Parfitt and in April we hear about the celebration of 75 years of the RSPB Nature Reserve at Minsmere.

If you would like to become a member, come to any of the remaining talks or join us on the coach trip to Blickling Hall in June (seats available), please ring Joan on 711294. All the meetings are held in Earl Stonham village hall, and all events usually take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Programme for 2025

- April 2 Minsmere at 75 – Steve Everett
- May 7 Bury St Edmunds Tower – Harry Parsons
- June 4 Visit to Blickling Hall
- July 2 Birthday Party - lunch at Stowmarket Golf Club, 1pm
- August 6 Barbecue & Games at the Village Hall, 1pm
- September 10 Visit to The Hut at Felixstowe
- October 1 Harvest Festival
- November 5 AGM & Bingo
- December 3 Christmas Party, venue to be arranged



EARL STONHAM CRICKET CLUB



It is hard to believe, looking outside, that the 2025 season starts in just seven weeks time. Our Saturday campaign starts with an away fixture to Witham CC in Essex on the 19th April and our first home game taking place the following Saturday against Ipswich CC. Our Sunday team starts at a much more weather friendly time of the year, with an away fixture at Brettenham Park CC on the 11th May. All our fixtures will be available on our website very soon - earlstonhamcricketclub.org

So with that in mind, we have arranged our indoor practice sessions at Ipswich School for six consecutive weeks starting on Sunday 9th March at 15.30 to 17.00 each week. If anyone is interested in playing cricket or in search of a new club, this is the ideal opportunity for you to come and join in and see what we are about. Please contact either our Saturday Captain Luke on 07794 599402 or our Sunday Captain Stephen on 07793 555235 for more information about joining us as a player.

I mentioned in the last update we were getting very close to reaching our fundraising target to buy an electronic scorebook, well with one last push I am sure we will have it in situ this season. This will certainly be a great addition as it will automatically update on our scoring software that will also allow us to post live score updates on the play-cricket website. I must mention our fantastic Vice Presidents and ball sponsors who support us each year with their kind contributions, without whom we would not be able invest in the club to improve our facilities. Anyone new wishing to support the club please contact me on the email below, I will be very glad to hear from you !

Finally we celebrated our 35th season last year since the club reformed back in 1989 and it was great to see a number of the old guard join us for our annual dinner and awards evening. In particular I must thank John Player and Derek Griffiths, two of the founder members who were instrumental in getting the club restarted. John also gave us bit of a history lesson and a few funny tales of how it all came about. We also handed out the 2024 season awards which culminated in Ant Stowe being named Player of the Year. Thanks again to David and Daniela Porch for the use of their amazing barn at Town Farm for the evening.

So, bring on the summer and the new season and hopefully a lot more victories than last year.

Simon Edgar
Vice Chairman
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Palm Sunday service with Holy Communion - **13th April** at 11am

Good Friday and Easter services:

Friday 18th April:

12 noon Good Friday walk along the Lord's Highway from Creting St Mary Church to Earl Stonham Church

Followed by picnic lunch in the Parish Room

2pm Good Friday service

Sunday 20th April

6am Easter morning First Light Service

11am Easter Sunday Holy Communion service

Rogation Service - Sunday 25th May at **Stonham Parva** church at 3.30pm

Usual Services

Usually, we have Holy Communion at 11am on the 2nd Sunday each month and Morning Worship at 11am on the 4th Sunday (**but not in May when the service on 25th May will be at Stonham Parva - details above. In June both services will be Morning Worship**)

When there is a 5th Sunday in a month, we have one service shared across the 8 parishes. On 29th June this will be at Stonham Parva at 10am.

A weekly Notice sheet is available which sets out the services for that week and the following week. If you would like to receive one by email, please contact **Liz Ince** at northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com.

Should you not have access to email, please telephone Liz on **01449 711365** to arrange for a copy to be posted to you.

In addition to the services held in Church, a **midweek Communion service is held in the Parish Room** on the second Thursday of each month at 10.30am

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<i>Richard Allen</i>	<i>24 May</i>
<i>Mary Howe</i>	<i>11 August</i>
<i>Jane Porch</i>	<i>12 November</i>
<i>Colin Stiff</i>	<i>13 December</i>



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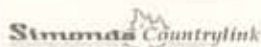
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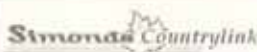
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Clayton, Ipswich Road, The Enchanted P.H.	0815	0825	0955	1359	1369	1425	1525	1630	1650	1725	1855	—
Clayton, Edinburgh Station	—	—	—	1361	1371	1427	1527	—	—	—	—	—
Raynes, Norwich Road, Joint Horse P.H.	0817	0827	0957	1361	1371	1427	1527	1642	1642	1717	1867	—
Little Stanham, Stanfield Road, Valley Farm	—	—	—	1365	1375	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Forward Green, Sturminster La. opp. Weylands Farm	—	—	—	1369	1379	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mundaham Green, Green Man Corner	—	—	—	1373	1383	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mundaham, Kings Head	—	—	—	1377	1387	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stonford Street, A146, opp. Worthingquell Turn Bus Shelter	—	—	—	1386	1396	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorpe, A146, opp. Bucks Head PH	—	—	—	1392	1402	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorpe A146, White Horse Inn	—	—	—	1396	1406	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Little Stanham, Valley Farm	—	—	0825	1399	1409	1425	1545	1648	1648	1713	1863	1913
Stonham Aged, Sturminster Road, Pines Green	—	—	0838	1412	1422	1438	1548	1651	1651	1716	1866	1916
Mundaham, Sturminster Road, Crossroads	—	—	0842	—	1416	—	1452	1552	1655	1655	—	1920
Colchester, Village View	0829	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eye, Market View	0830	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Raynes, Post (Stop)	0831	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mundaham Green, Debenham Road	0835	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Debenham, High Street / Leisure Centre	0838	0848	—	1420	—	1436	1606	1710	1610	1610	1724	1924
Debenham, High Street, opp. Bus Shelter	0839	0849	—	1421	—	1449	1604	1702	1702	1702	1827	1927
Eye, 81017, Valley Cottage	0842	0852	—	1426	—	1452	1607	1705	1705	1705	1830	1930
Debenham, The Street, The Pump (School days only)	—	—	—	—	—	—	1610	—	—	—	—	—
Debenham, 81017, opp. Baptist Church	—	—	0856	—	1430	—	1456	1616	1709	1709	—	1839
Thorpe, opp. Buck Horse P.H.	0900	0900	0900	1434	1400	1500	1620	1713	1713	1808	—	—
Thorpe, 81017, The Wood	0902	0902	0902	1438	1404	1502	1622	1715	1715	1810	1846	—
Eye, The Street, opp. School	0905	0905	0905	1439	1405	1505	1625	1718	1718	1813	1849	—
Eye, Leithwell Street, Train Hall Bus Shelter	0910	0910	0910	1444	1410	1512	1630	1723	1723	1818	1854	—

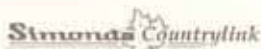
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Service	110	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112
	6:45	6:55	7:05	7:15	7:25	7:35	7:45	7:55	8:05	8:15	8:25	8:35
Eye, Leithwell Street, Train Hall Bus Shelter	0920	0910	0910	1540	1544	—	—	1630	1723	1723	1818	1944
Thorpe, opp. Cherry Tree P.H.	—	—	—	1544	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Melis, opp. Railway Tavern P.H.	—	—	—	1548	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worthing, Melis Road Bus Shelter	—	—	—	1550	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fulgreen, Church	—	—	—	1553	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Raynes, 81017, opp. Station Entrance	0924	0914	0914	—	1557	—	1633	1726	1726	1819	1847	—
Wenthouse, Station Road, Roundabout	0926	0916	0916	—	1559	—	1636	1729	1729	1822	1850	—
Diss, Victoria Road / Free Lane Bus Stop	0929	0919	0919	1559	1559	—	1639	1732	1732	1825	—	—
Diss, Bus Station Park Road	0932	0922	0922	1558	1558	—	1642	1735	1735	1828	—	—

Code: C - Only serving when Suffolk One is open R - Serving direct by request only Lch - Operates when SEC schools are open

Nch - Operates when SEC schools are closed

Service No:

112 113 114

Diss → Eye → Ipswich**Saturday Only**

112 via Stuston

113 via Mendlesham and Claydon

114 via Debenham and Claydon

(No Service on Public or Bank Holidays)

Service:	112	112	112	112	112	112	112
Diss, Bus Station, Park Road	0650	0730	1030	1230	1430	—	1630
Diss, Victoria Road/Vinces Road Bus Shelter	0653	0733	1033	1233	1433	—	1633
Stuston, Stuston Road, Roundabout	0655	0735	1035	1235	1435	—	1635
Brome, B1077, Oakmere Entrance	0658	0738	1038	1238	1438	—	1638
Eye, Lambeth Street, opp Town Hall	0703	0743	1043	1243	1443	—	1643
Guaranteed connection to 113/114 with no need to change buses							
Service :	114	113	114	113	114	114	113
Eye, Lambeth Street, opp Town Hall	0703	0743	1043	1243	1443	—	1643
Occold, The Street, School	0708	0748	1048	1248	1448	—	1648
Thorndon, B1077, The Wash	0713	0753	1053	1253	1453	—	1653
Thorndon, Black Horse PH	0715	0755	1055	1255	1455	—	1655
Stoke Ash, A140, opp White Horse PH	—	0800	—	1300	—	—	1700
Thwaite, A140, Bucks Head PH	—	0804	—	1304	—	—	1704
Brockford Street, A140, Wetheringsett Turn Bus Shelter	—	0808	—	1308	—	—	1708
Mendlesham, Kings Head PH	—	0811	—	1311	—	—	1711
Mendlesham Green, Green Man Corner	—	0815	—	1315	—	—	1715
Forward Green, Blacksmiths La, Weylands Farm	—	0818	—	1318	—	—	1718
Rishangles, B1077, Baptist Church	0720	—	1100	—	1500	—	—
Aspall, B1077, opp Valley Cottage	0724	—	1104	—	1504	—	—
Debenham, High Street, Bus Shelter	0728	—	1108	—	1508	—	—
Debenham, Leisure Centre	0730	—	1110	—	1510	—	—
Mickfield, Debenham Road, Crossroads	0735	—	1115	—	1515	—	—
Stonham Aspall, Stowmarket Road, Pound Corner	0738	—	1118	—	1518	—	—
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
Ipswich, Whitehouse, Goddard Road, Asda	0800R	0838R	1140R	1338R	1540R	1638R	1738R
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

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Service No:

112 113 114**Stonham Countrylink****Ipswich — Eye — Diss****Saturday Only**

112 via Stuston

(No Service on Public or Bank Holidays)

113 via Claydon and Mendlesham 114 via Claydon and Debenham

Service:	112	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, Serrail Horse PH	0840	0940	1230	1520	—	1805	1830
Little Stonham, Stowmarket Road, Valley Farm	—	0948	—	1528	—	—	R
Forward Green, Blacksmiths La, opp Weylands Farm	—	0952	—	1532	—	—	R
Mendlesham Green, Green Man Corner	—	0956	—	1536	—	—	R
Mendlesham, Kings Head PH	—	1000	—	1540	—	—	R
Brockford Street, A140, opp Wetheringsett Turn Bus Shelter	—	1003	—	1543	—	—	1845
Thwaite, A140, opp Bucks Head PH	—	1005	—	1545	—	—	1847
Stoke Ash, A140, White Horse PH	—	1009	—	1549	—	—	1851
Mickfield, Stonham Road, Crossroads	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Little Stonham, Valley Farm	0848	—	1238	—	—	1813	—
Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Road, Pound Corner	0851	—	1241	—	—	1816	—
Mickfield, Stonham Road, Crossroads	0855	—	1245	—	—	1820	—
Debenham, High School / Leisure Centre	0859	—	1249	—	—	1824	—
Debenham, High Street, opp Bus Shelter	0902	—	1252	—	—	1827	—
Aspal, B1077, Valley Cottage	0905	—	1255	—	—	1830	—
Richangles, B1077, opp Baptist Church	0909	—	1259	—	—	1834	—
Thorndon, Black Horse PH	0913	1013	1303	1553	—	R	R
Thorndon, B1077, The Wash	0915	1015	1305	1555	—	R	R
Occold, The Street, opp School	0918	1018	1308	1558	—	R	R
Eye, Lambeth Street, Town Hall Bus Shelter	0923	1023	1313	1603	—	1840	1856
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Service:	112	112	112	112	112	112	112
Eye, Lambeth Street, Town Hall Bus Shelter	0923	1023	1313	1603	—	1840	1856
Brome, B1077, Opp Oaksmere Entrance	0926	1026	1316	1606	—	1843	1859
Stuston, Stuston Road, Roundabout	0929	1029	1319	1609	—	1846	1902
Diss, Victoria Road/Rose Lane Bus Stop	0932	1032	1322	1612	—	1849	1905
Diss, Bus Station Park Road	0935	1035	1325	1615	—	1852	1908

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March 2025

wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	PC meeting Village Hall 7.30pm		Over 60's Village hall 2pm				St Mary's Service 11 am
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Quiz Village Hall 7.30				Library Van Village Hall Car Park 12.20pm Supper evening Village Hall 7pm		
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		WI Firefighting & writing Village Hall 7.30pm			Coffee & Cake Village Hall 10.30		St Mary's Service 11 am
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Mahjong Village Hall 2-4.30			St Mary's Mothering Sunday 11 am

May 2025

wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3	4
						Village Walk 2.00pm Village Hall	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Over 60's BSE Tower Talk Village hall 2pm	VE Day Beacon Lighting 8.45/9.30pm	Library Van Village Hall Car Park 12.20pm	VE Day Supper Village Hall 7pm	St Mary's VE Day Service 11am
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	PC Annual meeting 7pm Quiz Village Hall 7.30				Coffee & Cake Village Hall 10.30		
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		WI Resolutions/Social Village Hall 7.30		Mahjong Village Hall 2-4.30			Stonham Parva Rogation Service 3.30pm
	26	27	28	29	30	31	
					Library Van Village Hall Car Park 12.20pm		

June 2025

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
							1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Over 60's Outing to Blickling Hall		Library Van Village Hall Car Park 12.20pm		St Mary's Service tbc 11am
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Quiz Village Hall 7.30				Supper Evening Village Hall 7pm		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		W1 Beekeeping Village Hall 7.30pm			Coffee & Cake Village Hall 10.30		St Mary's Service tbc 11am
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Mahjong Village Hall 2-4.30	REORDER DEADLINE		Stonham Parva Benefice Service 10am

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 Emergencies)	105 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

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Earl Stonham Trust (Donna Taylor)	07859 896640
Earl Stonham Website (Mark Gillett)	07984 518959
Parish Clerk	07984 518959
WI (Lindsey Stone)	711602
Over 60's (Joan & Vera)	711294/710128
Village Hall Bookings (Deb Turner)	711461
Theatre Guild (Tony Turner)	711461
Cricket Club (Simon Edgar)	711572
Parish Room (John Jones)	07776 145689