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## Vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors (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 7 Councillors, with 2 vacancies. We are now seeking expressions of interest from people who are over 18 years of age who live or work in Earl Stonham. **We are keen to have interest from individuals of all ages and backgrounds.**

If you would like to find out more about the role of a parish councillor, you could come along to our next meeting at the Village Hall on Monday 3 November 2025 at 7.30pm or speak to the Parish Clerk or any of the 7 current Parish Councillors – contact details can be found on the Parish Council pages on the Earl Stonham website - <https://www.earlstonham.org.uk/parish-council/>

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 – [parishclerk@earlstonham.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@earlstonham.org.uk)

Why not play a part?

Mark Gillett  
Chair – Earl Stonham Parish Council

# EARL STONHAM RECORDER

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## EARL STONHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Welcome to the Winter edition of the Recorder, which is appearing in both print and online (colour) versions.

We have two vacancies for a Parish Councillor. We would like to hear from Residents who wish to apply to become a Parish Councillor - if you wish to know more please speak to one of the existing Councillors or contact the Parish Clerk by email [parishclerk@earlstonham.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@earlstonham.org.uk)

### Updates:

- In August, Low Carbon's application for a Solar Farm Development on land adjacent to Blacksmiths Lane was granted. As part of the grant of the application a number of conditions were attached. The scheme requires a Parish Liaison Scheme be established so that we can be kept up to date with the progress of construction and provide a line of communication with the developers. This group will involve a small number of local residents and we anticipate that this will be established during 2026. We understand the development, construction and commissioning of the Solar Farm will take up to 3 years.
- There will also be a Community Benefit Fund to be managed by the Parish Council and we will have the option of a one-off lump sum, an annual payment at a flat rate or an annual payment which will be index linked - we await further details. This will become available when the site becomes operational.
- 2 Speed Indicator Devices have been erected and are now fully operational. As well as flashing oncoming traffic with their speed, the devices record data of the speed coming towards the sign and as it departs the sign in the other direction. Initial data is encouraging. Of traffic coming towards the devices, 95.38% are travelling at below 34 mph, and as they leave 88.91% are travelling at 34 mph or less.
- National Grid has submitted its application for a Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate which has decided to accept it. The Parish Council will be registering as an Interested Party so that we can participate fully in the examination of the application and attempt to minimise and mitigate any adverse impacts. We are a Statutory Consultee in the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Processes.
- We plan to launch a new website during the first quarter of 2026. This will link to the Parish Council's move to a 'gov.uk' website domain and associated email

addresses. This is a recommendation identified in our recent audit and is being encouraged by National Government.

- We commissioned a survey of all the trees surrounding the Village Green and Allotments. This has highlighted a range of works that we will need to undertake. You will have noticed that the tree adjacent to the Village Sign on the Village Green has been taped off. The central stem of this tree has partially failed and is hung up in the canopy about 5m above ground. The tree is at risk of further failure and has been recommended for removal. This work will be carried out as soon as the tree surgeons have availability. The neighbouring tree has also been recommended for removal as, once the first tree has been removed, this tree will be subject to additional wind forces which will increase stress on the tree. The removal of the second tree will be undertaken during 2026 and the Parish Council will be discussing planting new trees at the November meeting.
- We currently have three allotments at Broad Green that are available to rent. In the absence of any expressions of interests from residents within the Parish, we have contacted neighbouring Parish Councils to advise them of the availability of these allotments – we would rather see them in productive use than allow them to become overgrown. Priority will be given to residents of the Parish so if you have always wanted an allotment, please seize the opportunity and contact the Parish Clerk.

### Village Events

- On Saturday 30 August, the Stonham Theatre Guild put on their “Summer Madness” show with accompanying barbecue which was very successful and raised much needed funds for the Theatre Guild. Thanks to all who supported it.
- Christmas is fast approaching, and we have 2 dates for your diary:
  - Carols on the Green will be on **Thursday 18 December at 19.00**, followed by refreshments provided by the WI. **Please bring spare pennies (pounds!) as there will be a collection that evening for charity.**
  - The Stonham Theatre Guild Pantomime will be ***Jack and the Beanstalk***. This will take place in January on **Friday 30 and Saturday 31** with evening performances commencing at 7.00pm on both evenings and a matinee performance at 2.30pm on the Saturday afternoon. For those would be thespians there is still an opportunity to join the cast.

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.

We rely heavily on volunteer effort, without which we would not be able to run many of the events or activities that we do and there is real risk that some our activities will not be able to continue. We have asked for volunteers to come forward previously with very limited response. I know everyone is very busy but

so are our existing volunteers who have day jobs, other volunteering activities or family commitments.

The only paid role we have is that of the Parish Clerk – everything else that happens in the Parish is only possible because someone volunteers to lead or be involved in a project or activity. If you do have a little time to spare, please consider helping and supporting one of our projects – these can be regular activities or even one-off projects such as helping with the annual clean of the Village Hall, or annual maintenance of the Church graveyard. If you think you could commit some time, please email the Parish Clerk.

Perfect Perennials has closed for 2026 whilst Karl & Darren take a very well-deserved break and we wish them all the best for their new adventures.

This just leaves me to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year and I hope to see you at Carols on the Green.

Mark Gillett  
Chair, Earl Stonham Parish Council



## **LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE NORWICH TO TILBURY PYLONS !!!**

Tell Government what you think. Register with the Planning Inspectorate before 27<sup>th</sup> November. If the Inspectors don't hear from people, they will feel that no-one cares about Norwich to Tilbury. To do that: Google 'planning inspectorate Norwich to Tilbury' (or visit [www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk](http://www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk))

Say "I support Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons action group", then list specific **harms** caused by the project in your area and any issues you have faced dealing with National Grid since 2022.

# ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE EARL STONHAM



There are currently allotments available so if you would be interested in one or know someone who would like to rent one, please contact Susan Edgar (Parish Clerk) on **07833 242561** or by email at [parishclerk@earlstonham.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@earlstonham.org.uk)

A vibrant illustration of a young boy with brown hair and a straw hat climbing a massive green beanstalk. He is wearing a simple brown tunic and breeches. The beanstalk is covered in large, shiny green leaves and beans. In the background, there's a small village with houses and rolling green hills under a blue sky with white clouds.

Stonham Theatre Guild

# JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Earl Stonham Village Hall

Friday 30 January 7pm

Saturday 31 January 2.30pm & 7pm

Tickets

£10 Adults

Child (under 16) £5

Box office : [boxofficestg@gmail.com](mailto:boxofficestg@gmail.com)

or

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Written by James Barry

By Arrangement with Lazy Bee Scripts



# PERFECT PERENNIALS

Year 21 has finished and what a year it has been.

Without a doubt it was the driest, with me having to water everything by hand virtually every day since March.

Thankfully the customers came in to the nursery in record numbers from day 1 and helped me sell out a month early.

At some point during the year we sold our 100,000<sup>th</sup> plant since we first opened the gates in 2005. I never expected anything like that when we started selling plants on a little trolley at the end of the driveway.

The last 21 years have been great fun. It has been a massive learning curve, turning a hobby into a business, and I have to thank my father Barry for allowing me use part of his field to create my dream. I am extremely grateful to everyone who bought plants from me over the years and I hope you will enjoy them for many more years to come.

As for me, well its time for a break.

So Perfect Perennials will be CLOSED for 2026.

Fighting the weather through the last few years has been draining, 40 degree heat in 2022, the constant rains from Autumn 2023 thru 2024, and this years drought means I need a break to recharge my batteries.

One final word from me, a small local business is only as good as the community it serves and I can honestly say the people in Suffolk are great at giving support. Please remember to support any small business if one pops up near you, you just never know what you might find inside.

## ~ VILLAGE INFORMATION ~



**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](mailto:editor@earlstonham.org.uk)

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 directly 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 Nov, 19 Dec, 16 Jan 2026, 20 Feb & 20 Mar** at the Village Hall starting at 10.30am until 12 noon. The Mobile Library Van will be there on **21 Nov, 19 Dec, 16 Jan 2026, 13 Feb & 13 Mar** at 12.20pm.

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

## WEEKLY PICKLEBALL SESSIONS



Where: Earl Stonham Village Hall

When: Monday 12pm -1:30pm

Cost: £8 per session (to be booked in advance)

What: Pickle ball is a fun and accessible low impact sport that is a combination between different racket sports! These sessions are suitable for all abilities so whether you have never played a sport before, played other racket sports or even played pickleball before you are welcome!

These sessions are run on a pay and play basis. These are run by a trained pickleball leader from Everyone Active who is there to guide the group on the rules and how to play, as well as giving helpful tips and tricks if this is something you would like. The most important thing in these sessions is to have fun and get moving more!

For more information or to find out how to book a place please contact [Trinityrose@everyoneactive.com](mailto:Trinityrose@everyoneactive.com)

# Stonham Theatre Guild



After many years as the lynch pin of the Theatre Group, Kathryn Burston has decided to take a well-earned break this year. She has directed most of the group's pantomimes and other productions since taking over from Penny Bassett as well as making the occasional appearance on stage – albeit usually in disguise! Everyone in the Theatre Group would like to thank her for her creative contribution as well as the huge amount of time she has dedicated to the group for many years.

Kathryn will obviously be a hard act to follow but Amy and Linda are stepping up to share directing credits for this years' pantomime production of Jack & the Beanstalk, so we all wish them well.

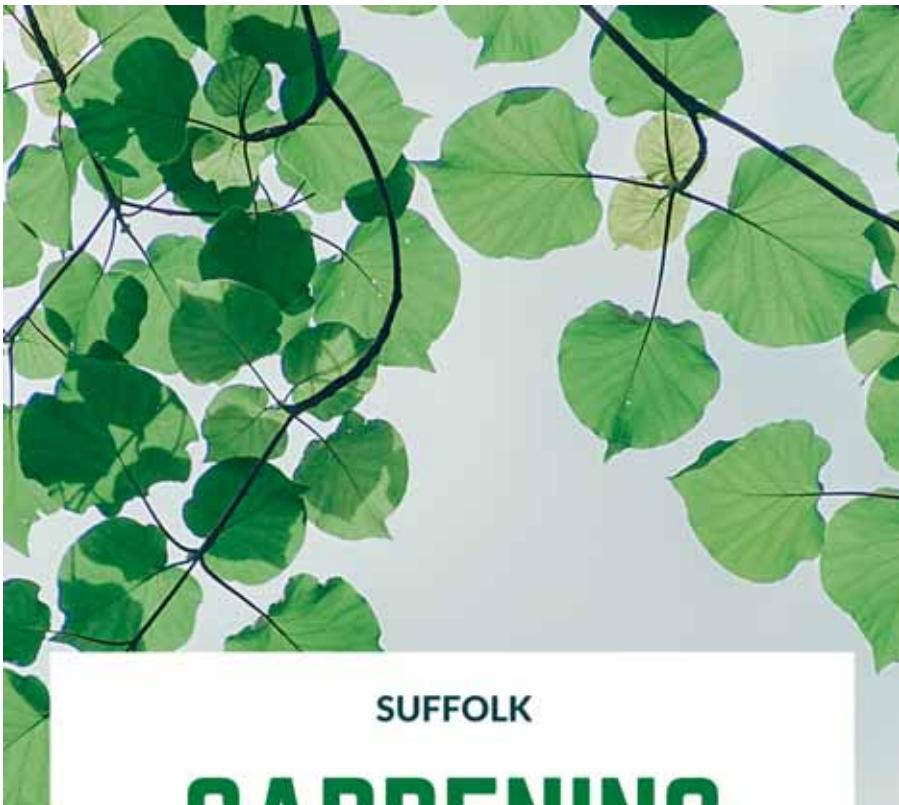
In September the group put on a show at the village hall entitled Summer Madness. Members performed a varied selection of songs from the musicals as well running a BBQ, Bar and Raffle. This was very well attended so thank you to everyone who came along and helped to raise much needed funds for the Theatre Group.

Returning to the Pantomime, with Kathryn's departure we have had to make some changes to the planned cast as well as reassess the performance dates. In consequence we do still have opportunities for anyone who would like to take part in the show this year both on and off stage. We have also decided to move the performance dates 3 weeks earlier than previously advertised and the new dates and times are:

**Friday 30 January 2026 at 7pm  
Saturday 31 January 2026 at 2:30  
Saturday 31 January 2026 at 7pm**

Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s so please do put the date in your diary and come along. Tickets can be obtained by emailing [boxofficestg@gmail.com](mailto:boxofficestg@gmail.com) or by calling Deb on 01449 711461.

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## **Earl Stonham Village Hall 2025/6**

*'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*

21<sup>st</sup> November  
Coffee & Cake Friday  
10:30 – 12 noon



19<sup>th</sup> December  
Coffee & Cake Friday  
10:30 – 12 noon

2026

16<sup>th</sup> January  
Coffee & Cake Friday  
10:30 – 12 noon

20<sup>th</sup> February  
Coffee & Cake Friday  
10:30 – 12 noon



20<sup>th</sup> March  
Coffee & Cake Friday  
10:30 – 12 noon

17<sup>th</sup> April  
Coffee & Cake Friday  
10:30 – 12 noon



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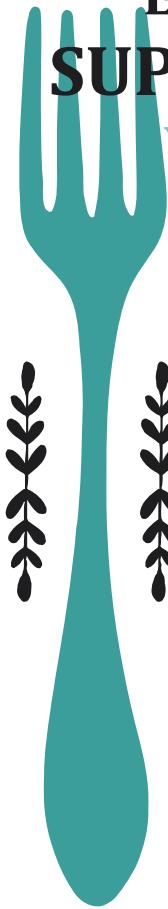


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SAT 15<sup>TH</sup> NOV



FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> DEC



SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> JAN



FRI 13<sup>TH</sup> FEB



SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> MAR

*Chicken or Pheasant au vin*

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10<sup>th</sup> Nov

8<sup>th</sup> Dec

12<sup>th</sup> Jan

9<sup>th</sup> Feb

9<sup>th</sup> Mar

13<sup>th</sup> Apr

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The SCC mobile library visits  
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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov  
12.20 – 12.50



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
12.20 – 12.50

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
12.20 – 12.50



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
12.20 – 12.50

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
12.20-12.50



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
12.20-12.50



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## October 2025 report for the Thredling Division from Cllr Matthew Hicks



### Window now open to apply for primary and secondary school places

The deadline for applications to secure a place at a secondary school is Friday 31 October 2025 and for primary school places, including infant and junior schools, the deadline is Thursday 15 January 2026. All applications received by the relevant closing date are processed at the same time using the schools' oversubscription criteria to prioritise applications when necessary. Late applications are processed after all of those received on time. Last year, Suffolk County Council received over 14,700 on time applications for pupils wishing to start at a primary or infant school, or to transfer to a junior school, or into Year 7 at a secondary school from September 2025. 94% of applicants received offers for their first preference school and 98.4% of applicants received an offer for one of their top three preferred schools. Parents and carers need to carefully consider which schools to apply for on behalf of their child. They need to make sure they complete and submit their application by the closing date to give them the best chance of getting a place at one of their preferred schools. We recommend that parents and carers apply for more than one school, and they can list up to three schools on their application. I would strongly advise that parents and carers think about how their child will travel to school before they apply for a school place. It is important that parents and carers check which is their child's nearest suitable school on our Nearest School Checker because this might not be their catchment area school. This can be found at <http://nearestschool.suffolk.gov.uk/>. Further information on SCC's School Travel Policy can be found at [www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel](http://www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel).

Parents and carers should apply online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) as they will receive confirmation that their application has been received. If for any reason they are unable to apply online they should apply on a paper application (CAF1). Suffolk County Council is unable to acknowledge receipt of paper applications and therefore suggest that proof of posting is obtained.

If families are planning to move house or think their circumstances may change before next September, it is still important to make an application on time using the current address. It is recommended to apply for schools based on the current address in case the proposed move falls through. Advice and guidance about this process is available at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions).

Families who apply online will be able to log on to the Online Service on National Offer Day, which is Monday 2 March 2026 for secondary school places and Thursday 16 April 2026 for primary school places, to see their offer of a school place, and they will receive an email to

confirm this offer on the same day. Offer letters will be sent by second class post to applicants who made a paper application. Information to help parents and carers make their application is available at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions).

### **Second year of £500,000 Culture Project Fund launched**

Suffolk County Council is pleased to announce the second year of its £500,000 Culture Project Fund. This initiative is aimed at strengthening and supporting local arts and museum projects in our local communities across the county. This fund's goal is to improve the cultural landscape in Suffolk, benefiting communities through diverse and impactful initiatives that align with the council's key priorities: health and wellbeing, economic development, environmental protection, and value for money. The fund offers three tiers of grants:

Small grants up to £1,500

Medium grants up to £10,000

Large grants up to £20,000

This inclusive approach ensures that both grassroots ventures and larger, more established organisations have equal opportunities to access funding. Eligible applicants include Arts and Museum organisations which operate as skilled freelancers, registered charities, community interest companies, non-profits, and social enterprises based in Suffolk. The fund supports both capital and revenue projects, with a maximum of £10,000 available for capital expenditure. The second year of the Culture Project Fund marks a significant investment in the future of Suffolk's cultural sector and underlines our commitment to investment in Arts and Museums . By supporting projects that focus on our key priorities, we aim to create happier, healthier, and more united communities. This fund is about more than just arts and culture, it's about building resilience, fostering inclusion, and boosting the wellbeing of our residents. We're excited to see the positive impact these projects will have on our county. The culture project fund will support projects that have been designed to reach, engage and inspire people and communities to take part in and enjoy arts and museums. The fund is particularly to support projects that reach some of our most vulnerable people and communities with an application process that is streamlined and accessible. This includes activities designed for those on low incomes, isolated individuals, and marginalised groups, the fund aims to support projects that enhance both mental and physical health, creating resilience and improving overall wellbeing through inclusive and accessible activities. Furthermore, the fund aims to strengthen Suffolk's economy by supporting projects that enhance skills development, promote social enterprises, and attract visitors. By focusing on these areas, the Council seeks to foster a thriving cultural sector that contributes to the county's growth. For information on what was funded in 2025.26 see **Culture project fund - Suffolk County Council**

#### **Key Dates:**

Fund opens for applications: 15 September 2025

Medium and Large grant applications deadline: 28 November 2025

Medium and Large grants awarded by: End February 2026

Small grant presentations: Announced end of March 2026

Suffolk County Council encourages all eligible organisations to apply. For more information or to apply, please visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/cultureprojectfund](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/cultureprojectfund) or contact the Arts & Museum Team at PH&C Culture Project Fund [cultureprojectfund@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:cultureprojectfund@suffolk.gov.uk)

### **Saving Suffolk £39.4 million a year & enhancing local services – One Suffolk plan revealed**

Millions of pounds of public money would be saved and reinvested in frontline services and benefits for the whole of Suffolk, if the Government backs a new plan published on Monday 8 September. The ambitious proposal will see all of Suffolk's six councils abolished and replaced with one new unitary council - which would deliver both local and county-wide services. The One Suffolk business case demonstrates that a single unitary for Suffolk will save £78.2 million after the first five years, while three councils would cost an eye-watering £145.3 million more than the current two-tier system. After the first five years, one council would save £39.4 million a year, whereas three would cost £13.1 million more than the current model. The business case is built on rigorous financial analysis of Suffolk-based data conducted by global advisory firm Grant Thornton, rather than generic national modelling. One Suffolk would have the capacity to create real improvements to council services which would benefit everyone, including:

- Improved financial resilience, enabling the unitary council to free up resources for frontline services and keep council tax as low as possible.
- Harmonising Council Tax to the lowest level across Suffolk. Based on current levels this would result in Band D properties seeing a reduction of £245 in Ipswich, £17 in East Suffolk, £29 in West Suffolk, £19 in Babergh and a freeze in Mid Suffolk.
- A new deal for market towns, including Ipswich, backed by a £40m capital investment fund, and a review of car parking charges and markets conducted in consultation with traders, businesses and representative bodies.
- Empowering communities by offering powers and funding to town and parish councils where these councils express a desire for additional responsibilities. Creating a new town council for Ipswich to enhance democratic representation.
- A proactive and revitalised highways service that says 'yes' more - acting swiftly, communicating clearly and delivering more.
- Creating a unified planning framework that delivers greater consistency, efficiency, and strategic alignment across Suffolk, paired with local planning committees so decisions are made close to home.
- Leveraging technology and innovation to create a modern council prepared for future challenges.
- Building a strong, flourishing, and resilient local economy that serves all residents, businesses, and communities.
- A stronger voice for Suffolk through effective collaboration with the new mayor, focusing on clear investment priorities that maximise benefits.

I am certain that One Suffolk will deliver the greatest possible savings and the greatest improvement to services of any of the proposals put to government. It will save a net £39.4m each year, which, amongst other things, will enable the new council to establish a new locality model backed by 16 locality teams, empower towns and parish councils that want to do more to take on funding and responsibilities, and deliver initiatives like a new deal for Market Towns and Ipswich which is backed by a £40m capital investment pot and a full review of car

parking and markets conducted hand-in-hand with business. When we go through a process like this and tell residents it will save money, it is only fair they feel that benefit on day one of the new council. That is why we back harmonising Council Tax to the lowest level in Suffolk. Currently this would see everyone in Suffolk have their bills reduced, apart from in Mid Suffolk where bills would be frozen at the same level. We are very clear that this would be a brand-new council with a new culture and a new relationship with residents, businesses, community and voluntary organisations and town and parish councils. Too often our existing councils, both county and district or borough, start from a position of no. We've heard this loud and clear and have built the One Suffolk proposal around enabling what people want to see locally and giving them access to their local council.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their engagement with the One Suffolk campaign. We spoke directly to residents, members of the business community, voluntary, community, faith and social enterprises, parish and town councils, and political stakeholders and other key influencers. Together we have created a plan for Suffolk that we can all proudly stand behind. One Suffolk was developed by Suffolk County Council in response to Government's call to reorganise local government across the country and move away from the current two-tier system that has been in place since 1974. Under the One Suffolk proposal is the creation of a brand-new organisation with new councillors, innovative service delivery methods, and streamlined local communications and accountability. This isn't just a continuation or expansion of the existing structure. One Suffolk will forge new relationships with town and parish councils, businesses, voluntary groups, and public sector organisations. The alternative proposal from the districts and borough councils, to split Suffolk into three arbitrary council areas, could put key services such as social care at serious risk. It would also cost many millions to set up. By creating three new areas across Suffolk, essential county-wide services like adult social care and children's services must be disaggregated - resulting in higher costs and a postcode lottery for the county's most vulnerable residents. The One Suffolk campaign engaged communities from across Suffolk, with 8,189 responses to our Residents' Survey. This made it the largest survey response rate for the county council in the past decade.

### **300th No Cold Calling Zone launched during Trusted Trader Week**

The new zone was created following an incident where a doorstep caller approached a resident offering to clean her driveway for £400. The men then pressured her into making cash withdrawals, escorting her to a local bank where they helped her withdraw two sums of money totalling £400. The driveway was only partially cleaned and dirt was deliberately sprayed over her property and vehicles. The launch of this milestone zone takes place during Trusted Trader Week, which highlights the work Suffolk Trading Standards does to protect residents from rogue traders and promote vetted, reliable businesses through the Suffolk Trusted Trader scheme. Doorstep cold callers can often turn out to be unscrupulous people who prey on the elderly and vulnerable in their homes, the very place where they should feel safest. No Cold Calling Zones help deter such behaviour by making it clear that residents in that zone will not deal with traders who knock at their door uninvited. I applaud the hard work of the community, councillors, police and Trading Standards in bringing this milestone zone into place. These schemes are proven to have a deterrent effect, and I am proud that Suffolk now has 300 in operation. I urge residents that are looking to have work undertaken in their home to get quotes from two or three traders. Ask friends and family for

recommendations of traders who have carried out work for them. You can also check Suffolk Trusted Trader for traders that have been vetted and approved by us. A 'No Cold Calling Zone' is a nominated area where residents collectively state they do not want uninvited traders calling at their homes. Zones are established in response to incidents of doorstep crime, distraction burglary, or where there is a community more vulnerable to such practices. Residents in a nominated area are consulted and, with their agreement, receive an information pack, door sticker, and street signage to reinforce the message. Since the first zone was launched in Ipswich in 2009, more than 14,300 properties across Suffolk are now covered. Anyone wishing to nominate their road can visit the 'No Cold Calling' page on the [Suffolk County Council website](#).

#### **Don't Go It Alone: Join Your Local Stop Smoking Group This Stoptober**

Feel Good Suffolk is running a series of local support groups to help people stop smoking with expert guidance and, most importantly, the encouragement of others on the same journey. We all know quitting smoking is tough. But it doesn't have to be something you do on your own. Sharing the experience with others, talking honestly about the challenges, and celebrating milestones together can make all the difference. Research shows that staying smoke-free for 28 days ensures you are up to five times more likely to quit for good. Stopping smoking means more energy, fresher skin, easier breathing – and more money in your pocket for the things you enjoy. Each group, led by trained stop smoking advisors, runs for six weeks and offers:

- Free stop smoking products such as Nicotine Replacement Therapies and vapes.
- Practical tips and strategies to beat cravings
- Help with stress and coping mechanisms
- Advice on stop smoking products and treatments
- A supportive space to share experiences and keep each other motivated

On top of the group sessions, one-to-one support is also available for those who prefer a more personalised approach. Feel Good Suffolk is committed to helping everyone find a method that works for them, ensuring that quitting smoking is a positive and successful experience. [Feel Good Suffolk website](#).

For more information and to sign up for a group stop smoking programme, visit [www.feelgoodsuffolk.co.uk/Stoptober](http://www.feelgoodsuffolk.co.uk/Stoptober)

**Matthew Hicks - County Councillor for the Thredling Division**

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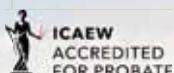
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## ***FROM YOUR LOCAL RECORDER***



This is one of my favourite photographs from [Earl Stonham: A look back at the village](#), published by the Parish Council in 2001. Taken in 1937, it shows one of four sets of threshing tackle owned by the Chappell family, providing a service to farmers in the district, as far afield as Debenham. All four engines, including this Burrell, were scrapped in the 1950s. I have driven a similar engine a short distance. They are unwieldy beasts: negotiating narrow country lanes and congested farmyards with a threshing drum and straw elevator behind must have required a great deal of skill.

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## EARL STONHAM PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**The following have been submitted for consideration by  
the Parish Council**

- Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed use or development – Siting of Mobile Accommodation – April Meadow, Stearns Lane, Earl Stonham – Application DC/25/02810
- Householder Application – Construction of detached single-storey 3-bay oak-framed cartlodge – Willow Vale Farm, Fen Lane, Earl Stonham – Application DC/25/03917

**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  
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**If you send a comment to the Planning Department,  
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## EARL STONHAM VILLAGE HALL



Over the last few months there have been a number of personnel changes at the hall. After many years as Treasurer, Anne Perkins has decided to hand this on and Ruth Mann has agreed to be co-opted onto the committee and take over this role. This change will be happening over the next month and I would like to pass on a huge thank you to Annie for the work she has put in to keep our finances on the straight and narrow and also a big welcome to Ruth as she takes on her new role.

Another change is that Anne Stanford has agreed to join the committee as the representative for the church so a big welcome to her as well.

A further change is that Jeff, our long standing cleaner has decided to hang up his mop and enjoy a much deserved retirement, so a very big thank you to him for helping keep the hall spick and span for so long. I would also like to welcome Collette, our new cleaner, to the team. She will be doing the weekly cleaning on Wednesday mornings.

We have also had a number of new fitness classes start at the hall recently. An initiative by ActiveSuffolk to improve fitness led to funded sessions for Pickleball (which is an indoor ball game with elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis) and Chair Fit classes for the less mobile. These have been well received and are now continuing. Sessions are held on Mondays and Fridays and if you would like to take part, please contact Deb for more details at **recorder@btinternet.com**.

A Yoga class has also returned to the hall with sessions on Monday mornings. Please contact Victoria on 07921 802365 if you would like to take part in this.

We have made further progress on improving the former Bowls Club (aka Garden Room) site. The cladding of the clubhouse building has been completed making it properly weather tight and the portacabin has been removed, which together have greatly improved the look of the area. The old kitchen in the clubhouse has been stripped out and converted to a storeroom and the old toilet block is also being stripped out to store

gardening equipment. In order to provide kitchen and toilet facilities for Garden Room users, the rear fire escape door on the hall has been modified so that it can be opened with a key from outside so giving direct access to the main hall kitchen and toilets. An audio/visual system has also been installed in the clubhouse and new blinds will be installed in the coming weeks.

With Christmas approaching it must be time for the annual Stonham Theatre Guild pantomime! This year it is ***Jack & the Beanstalk*** and the performances will be on **30 & 31 January 2026**. Please do put these dates in your diary and come along and support our local theatre group. A poster with more information appears in this edition of the Recorder.

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



## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL?**

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### **Charges for the hire of the Village Hall from April 2024:**

#### **For Earl Stonham Residents**

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Club Room              | £ 8.00ph |
| Hall                   | £10.00ph |
| Hall & Club Room       | £16.00ph |
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| £150.00<br>(All Areas) |          |
| Over 6 Hours           | £50.00   |
| £70.00<br>(Club Room)  |          |
| Over 6 Hours           | £65.00   |
| £90.00<br>(Hall only)  |          |

#### **For Non-Residents**

(Minimum hire is two hours)

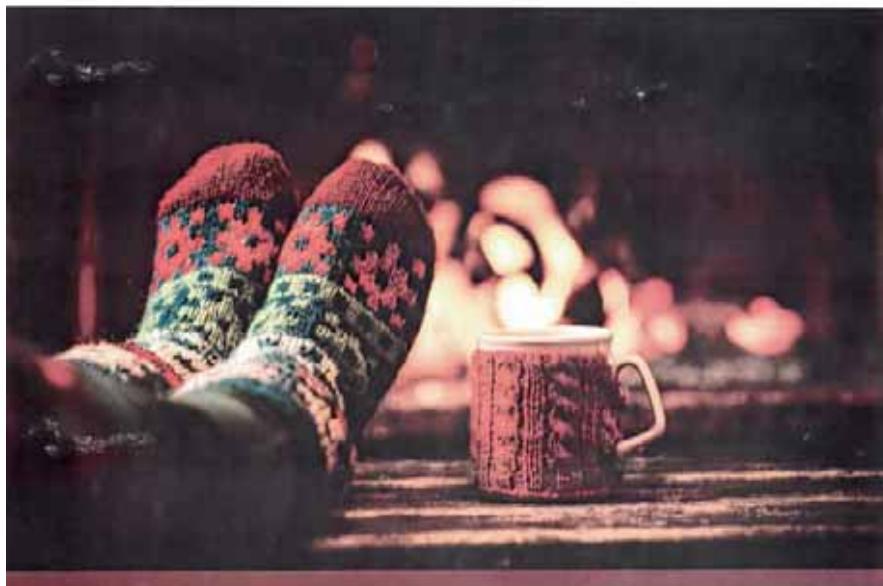
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| Club Room        | £11.00ph    |
| Hall             | £14.00ph    |
| Hall & Club Room | £23.00ph    |
| Over 6 Hours     |             |
| Over 6 Hours     | (All Areas) |
| Over 6 Hours     |             |
| Over 6 Hours     | (Club Room) |
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## Prayer Meeting

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So, 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. There is also ongoing prayer between meetings.

Meetings will normally be held at 2.30pm on the third Monday of the month in the Parish Room. 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 Henry Stanford (01449 711742).

Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing:  
Glory to the new-born King

by Charles Wesley

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# EARL STONHAM WI



At our Annual Meeting our current President Andrea stood down and her place has been taken by two former Presidents Diane Hurt and Christine Double. Our current year concludes with a Christmas meal at Thornham Four Horseshoes on **December 16th**.

We will be serving our usual coffee and mince pies after the Carols on the Green service on **December 18th**. We have yet to decide which charity we will be collecting for but please bring some coins/notes along with you to support whichever worthwhile cause we decide on.

The Programme for 2026 is complete and begins in January with a Zoom meeting when Dr Ian Bedford will be talking on A Butterfly Garden in a Changing Environment.

Further meetings are all in the Clubroom at the Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. We now tend to have the speaker first before a break for refreshments followed by the business.

We welcome visitors to any meeting. So if you fancy any of the following do please come along:-

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**    Laura Parsons talking (with samples) on Hand Cranked Sewing Machines

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**    Mary Merheim talking on Nutrition in Later Life

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**    Andrew Bingham talking on the Role of a Funeral Director

Our Mahjong Group still meets on the 4th Thursday of every month in the Clubroom from 2pm to 4.30pm. We have around 12 attendees now, 4 of whom are not WI members, so anyone is welcome to join us and beginners are especially welcome.

For any further details please contact Lindsey on 07929 869925 or email [lindseystone55@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindseystone55@yahoo.co.uk)



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# **EARL STONHAM TRUST REPORT**



With the clocks having changed this weekend just gone and the leaves and weather also changing, this seems to be an ideal time to note a couple of changes in respect of the Trust.

## **CHANGES IN THE TRUST**

As many of you know Karl Wilkinson has chaired the Trust for a number of years but at the October meeting he stepped down and I, Donna Taylor, am now the Chair. We hope that Karl and Darren have a wonderful year of adventure together!

Stepping into my shoes as Secretary (which will be very easy to fill!) is the lovely Caroline Shield and any correspondence in relation to Trust matters should now be directed to her and her contact details are below.

We will also be welcoming a representative of the PCC and I look forward to the next era of the Trust working for those in the village.

## **PURPOSE OF TRUST**

The Trust is here to support members of the village at all times of the year but this time of year I think, with the cost of heating and the welfare of those living alone, the availability of the Trust becomes more important.

Just as a reminder the Trust was set up for the needs of those in our village. The Trust can help with grants towards hardship, education purposes or some other matters. The Trust is a registered charity, and we continue to build reserves for ongoing maintenance of the assets

If you are struggling or know anyone in the village who is, please contact us either by email to Caroline (or any of the Trustees) or by completing the form on the website.

All enquiries to the Trust are confidential and advice can be obtained from any of the Trustees.

If you would like to understand more about the Trust or how we can support you or others in the parish, please contact us and we will be happy to chat with you.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Donna Taylor (Chair)</b>        | <b>07725 736833 (donna@jermyntaylorpcs.co.uk)</b> |
| <b>Phil Hurt (Treasurer)</b>       | <b>01449 711879</b>                               |
| <b>Caroline Shield (Secretary)</b> | <b>07776 141837 (shieldbroad@gmail.com)</b>       |
| <b>Sharon Budd</b>                 | <b>01449 711243</b>                               |
| <b>Mark Gillett</b>                | <b>07984 518959</b>                               |
| <b>Tony Turner</b>                 | <b>07710 018743</b>                               |
| <b>PCC rep</b>                     | <b>TBC</b>  |



## EARL STONHAM GOLDEN CIRCLE

In March Chris Parfitt gave his illustrated talk titled ‘On the Trail of St Edmund’. Edmund the Martyr, also known as St Edmund, was king of East Anglia and the patron saint of England for 500 years. He died in November 869 after being captured by the Vikings. Following on from the life of Edmund, in May Horry Parsons gave us a very interesting talk on the building of St Edmundsbury Cathedral Tower.

Horry was the project manager during the build which started in 2000, part of the Millennium Project. Prince Charles was the patron and laid the first brick of the total 600,000 bricks used in the construction. The tower was built without the use of steel, in the medieval way using bricks faced with stone. It was designed to last 1000 years. The tower was officially opened in 2005.

On a fine sunny day in June, for our first and only coach trip of the year, we visited the Jacobean Blickling Hall, a National Trust property near Aylsham in Norfolk. Built from 1616, Anne Boleyn was born in the Hall. When we arrived at the entrance gate, we were welcomed by a nice young lady from the National Trust who directed us to the shops, cafe and toilets. We were then free to view the house, garden and shops at our leisure.

In July we celebrated the Club’s birthday with lunch at the Stowmarket Golf Club, and in August 23 of our members enjoyed an informal barbecue lunch in the Club Room of the Village Hall. The last outing of the year, in September, was another visit to ‘The Hut’ on the sea front in Felixstowe.

The speaker at our Harvest Festival in October was Mike Smith from the Stowmarket Foodbank. Launched in 2012 to give emergency temporary support for those in need, the foodbank operates a pop-up shop where anybody can fill a carrier bag for a small donation. The volunteers help with small jobs like grass cutting.

Our annual meeting is in November. The Christmas meal in December will

be in the Village Hall, catering by Jenny Johnson and her team.

Our programme for 2026 is as follows:

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 7 January   | Ups and Downs: Barnardo's Foster Children in Suffolk 1890-1950 |
| 4 February  | Confessions of a Driving Instructor                            |
| 4 March     | My year as a Mayor by Lynne Mortimer                           |
| 1 April     | More stories from the Tower by Horry Parsons                   |
| 6 May       | Visit to Anglesey Abbey. Coach leaves at 9.30                  |
| 3 June      | Suffolk Women in two World Wars                                |
| 1 July      | Birthday Party   |
| 5 August    | Barbecue at 1pm  |
| 2 September | Ukulele Band   |
| 7 October   | Harvest Festival   |
| 4 November  | AGM and games afternoon  |
| 2 December  | Christmas Party  |

If you would like to join us at a meeting or an outing, or if you would like more information about the Golden Circle, please ring Joan on 01449 711294 or by mobile 07779 928605. The meetings are held in Earl Stonham Village Hall at 2pm, all events take place on the first Wednesday of the month

We send our condolences to the family and friends of Bob Warnes, a past member of the Golden circle.

Vera Ivory



## EARL STONHAM CRICKET CLUB



Unlike at the end of last year, I can report good news for both our cricket teams.

Our Saturday XI secured promotion back to division six, after winning thirteen matches and losing only six - three games were abandoned due to rain. Some new players and much improved availability were key to our success.

After two consecutive relegations, our Sunday team were able to maintain their position in division 4 and again I would put this down to much improved availability and a few new players.  
Amazing what a few wins can do for a club !

I would like to thank Luke Edgar and Stephen Lewis, our two captains, who were instrumental in our on field success. If anyone is interested in playing next year, or just fancy giving cricket a go, then please get in touch with either Luke (07794 599402) or Stephen (07793 555235). We will be holding indoor net sessions in the new year and I will publish the dates in the next Recorder issue.

I can also report good news off the pitch and I am really pleased to say we have reached our fundraising target for the new electronic scoreboard, that will arrive in time for next season. This project took a lot longer than hoped due to some other unforeseen costs along the way. We are extremely thankful to all the VP's and sponsors who continue to support the club, as all their donations have gone to this project. I would finally like to give a big thank you to Nick Hardingham, our Mid Suffolk District Councillor, who kindly supported us through his locality budget to get us over the line.

We will be holding our annual awards dinner at Town Farm Barn on Saturday 15th November and I would like to thank David, our President, and Daniela Porch for allowing us to use this fantastic facility, it is much appreciated. Having had such a successful season there is a lot of celebrate and many individuals to be acknowledged for their contributions on and off the pitch.

The ground has been renovated and put to bed in readiness for next season, but international cricket continues over the winter and like many of you, I am sure you will be hoping the England women's team can bring home the 50 over World Cup and the England men's team can win the Ashes down under.  
C'mon England !

Simon Edgar  
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### **Celebrating Christmas**

#### **Christingle - Sunday 7th December at 3:30 p.m.**

A special service in aid of the Children's Society; all funds raised will go to them. Oranges, sweets and candles for everyone. It is a very special moment when all is quiet, and we stand in just the light of the candles.

#### **Stonham Parva Carols by Candlelight - Saturday 13th December at 4:00 p.m.**

This really is Carols by candlelight (plus a torch may be helpful!) as there is very little electricity. Wrap up warm and come and enjoy.

#### **Toy and gift service - Sunday 14th December at 11:00 a.m.**

This is an opportunity to bring gifts for people in the Family Refuge in Ipswich. Please do not wrap the gifts; they can then be sorted for the appropriate people. However, gift wrap is appreciated.

#### **Carols on the Green – Thursday 18th December at 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24th December:**

**6:30 p.m.    Carol Service at Earl Stonham**

**11:30 p.m.    Holy Communion at Stonham Aspal**

#### **Christmas Day Holy Communion - Thursday 25th December at 11.00 a.m.**

## **Usual Services**

Usually, we have services at 11 a.m. on the 2nd (Holy Communion/Morning Worship in alternate months) and 4th (Morning Worship) Sundays each month. When there is a 5th Sunday in a month we have one service shared across the 8 parishes, normally at 10 a.m. 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](mailto: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.

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Henry Stanford, Reader, 01449 711742  
Mark Parry, Churchwarden & Lay Elder, 01449 711816

## **DEATHS**

**Tessa Barnard**

**20 June 2025**

**Bob Warnes**

***Thanksgiving Service held on 29 September 2025***

# VILLAGE INFORMATION PACK

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# RECYCLING BINS TELEPHONE NUMBERS



Please continue to bring your empty bottles, textiles, newspaper & card (but not cardboard) to the village recycling banks as this helps to raise funds for the village – thank you!

If you see that the Recycling Bins at the Village Hall are nearly full, please call the following numbers:



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# November 2025

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|    | Pickleball<br>Village Hall 12-1.30<br>PC meeting<br>Village Hall 7.30pm |         | Over 60's<br>AGM & Bingo 2pm |          | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall   |          | St Mary's<br>Service 11am |
| 10 |   | 11      | 12                           | 13       | 14   | 15       | 16                        |
|    | Pickleball<br>Village Hall 12-1.30<br>Quiz<br>Village Hall 7.30         |         |                              |          | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall   |          |                           |
| 17 |   | 18      | 19                           | 20       | 21   | 22       | 23                        |
|    | Pickleball<br>Village Hall 12-1.30                                      |         |                              |          | Coffee & Cake<br>Village Hall 10.30<br>Library Van<br>Village Hall Car Park<br>12.20pm |          | St Mary's<br>Service 11am |
| 24 |   | 25      | 26                           | 27       |  |          |                           |
|    | Pickleball<br>Village Hall 12-1.30                                      |         |                              |          | Mahjong<br>Village Hall 2-4.30   |          | Benefice Service tbc      |

# December 2025

| Wk | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday                    | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday  | Sunday                                  |
|----|---|---------|------------------------------|----------|--|---|---|
| 1  | Pickleball<br>Village Hall 12-1.30                              |         | 3                            | 4        | 5  | 6   | 7                                       |
| 8  | Pickleball<br>Village Hall 12-1.30<br>Quiz<br>Village Hall 7.30 |         | Over 60's<br>Christmas Party |          | Chair Exercise<br>Village hall<br>Supper Evening<br>Village Hall 7pm |   | St Mary's<br>Christingle 3.30pm         |
| 15 |   | 9       | 10                           | 11       | 12   | 13  | 14                                      |
| 22 | Pickleball<br>Village Hall 12-1.30                              |         |                              |          | Chair Exercise<br>Village hall<br>Carols by Candlelight<br>4pm       | Stonham Parva<br>Carols by Candlelight<br>4pm   | St Mary's<br>Toy & Gift Service<br>11am |
| 29 |   | 16      | 17                           | 18       | 19   | 20  | 21                                      |
|    | Pickleball<br>Village Hall 12-1.30                              |         | WI Christmas meal            |          | Mahjong 2-4.30<br>Village hall<br>Carols on the Green<br>7pm         | Coffee & Cake<br>Village Hall 10.30<br>Library Van<br>Village Hall Or Park<br>12.20pm |   |
|    |   | 23      | 24                           | 25       | 26   | 27  | 28                                      |
|    | Pickleball<br>Village Hall 12-1.30                              |         |                              |          | Chair Exercise<br>Village hall                                       |   | St Mary's<br>Service 11am tbc           |
|    |   | 30      |                              | 31       |  |   |   |
|    | Pickleball<br>Village Hall 12-1.30                              |         |                              |          |  |   |   |

# January 2026

| Wk | Monday                             | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday                         | Saturday | Sunday                    |
|----|------------------------------------|---|-----------|--|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
|    |                                    |   |           |  | 2                              | 3        | 4                         |
|    |                                    |   |           |  | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall |          |                           |
| 5  | 6                                  | 7   | 8         | 9  | 10                             | 11       | St Mary's<br>Service 11am |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30<br>Village Hall | Over 60's<br>Barnardo's 1890-1950<br>Village hall 2pm |           | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall   |                                |          |                           |
| 12 | 13                                 | 14  | 15        | 16   | 17                             | 18       |                           |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30<br>Village Hall | Quiz<br>Village Hall 7.30                             |           | Coffee & Cake<br>Village Hall 10.30<br>Library Van<br>Village Hall Car Park<br>12.20pm |                                |          |                           |
| 19 | 20                                 | 21  | 22        | 23   | 24                             | 25       | St Mary's<br>Service 11am |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30<br>Village Hall | WI<br>Butterflies ZOOM<br>Village Hall 7.30           |           | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall   |                                |          |                           |
| 26 | 27                                 | 28  | 29        | 30   | 31                             |          |                           |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30<br>Village Hall |   |           | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall   |                                |          |                           |
|    |                                    |   |           | Panto<br>Village Hall 7pm  |                                |          |                           |
|    |                                    |   |           | Panto<br>Village Hall 2.30pm & 7pm   |                                |          |                           |

# February 2026

| Wk | Monday                             | Tuesday | Wednesday                              | Thursday  | Friday                         | Saturday                      | Sunday |
|----|------------------------------------|---------|--|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
|    |                                    |         |  |   |                                |                               | 1      |
| 2  | 3                                  | 4       | 5                                      | 6   | 7                              | 8                             |        |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30<br>Village Hall |         | Over 60's<br>Driving Instructor<br>2pm | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall                  |                                | St Mary's<br>Service tbc 11am |        |
| 9  | 10                                 | 11      | 12                                     | 13  | 14                             | 15                            |        |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30<br>Village Hall |         |  | Library Van<br>Village Hall Car Park<br>12.20pm |                                |                               |        |
| 16 | 17                                 | 18      | 19                                     | 20  | 21                             | 22                            |        |
|    | Quiz<br>Village Hall 7.30          |         |  | Supper Evening<br>Village Hall 7pm              | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall | St Mary's<br>Service tbc 11am |        |
| 23 | 24                                 | 25      | 26                                     | 27  | 28                             |                               |        |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30<br>Village Hall |         |  | Mahjong<br>Village Hall 2-4.30                  | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall |                               |        |
|    |                                    |         |  |   | RECODER<br>DEADLINE            |                               |        |

# March 2026

| Wk | Monday                             | Tuesday                                | Wednesday                       | Thursday                            | Friday              | Saturday                      | Sunday |
|----|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
|    |                                    |  |                                 |                                     |                     |                               | 1      |
| 2  | 3                                  | 4                                      | 5                               | 6                                   | 7                   | 8                             |        |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30<br>Village Hall | Over 60's<br>Lynn Mortimer<br>2pm      | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall  |                                     |                     | St Mary's<br>Service tbc 11am |        |
| 9  | 10                                 | 11                                     | 12                              | 13                                  | 14                  | 15                            |        |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30<br>Village Hall | Village Hall Car Park<br>12.20pm       | Library Van<br>Village Hall 7pm |                                     |                     |                               |        |
| 16 | 17                                 | 18                                     | 19                              | 20                                  | 21                  | 22                            |        |
|    | Quiz<br>Village Hall 7.30          | WI<br>Nutrition<br>Village Hall 7.30pm | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall  | Coffee & Cake<br>Village Hall 10.30 |                     | St Mary's<br>Service tbc 11am |        |
| 23 | 24                                 | 25                                     | 26                              | 27                                  | 28                  |                               |        |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30<br>Village Hall |  | Mahjong<br>Village Hall 2-4.30  | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall      | RECODER<br>DEADLINE |                               |        |

# April 2026

| Wk | Monday                               | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday                         | Saturday | Sunday                        |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|---|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
|    |                                      | 1   | 2         | 3   | 4                              | 5        |                               |
|    |                                      | Over 60's<br>Stories from the Tower<br>2pm                      |           | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall  |                                |          |                               |
| 6  | 7                                    | 8   | 9         | 10  | 11                             | 12       |                               |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30pm<br>Village Hall |   |           | Chair Exercise<br>Library Van<br>Village Hall Car Park<br>12.20pm<br>Supper Evening<br>Village Hall 7pm |                                |          | St Mary's<br>Service 11am tbc |
| 13 | 14                                   | 15  | 16        | 17  | 18                             | 19       |                               |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30pm<br>Village Hall |   |           | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall<br>Coffee & Cake<br>Village Hall 10.30                                   |                                |          |                               |
| 20 | 21                                   | 22  | 23        | 24  | 25                             | 26       |                               |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30pm<br>Village Hall | Quiz<br>Village Hall 7.30                                       |           |   | Chair Exercise<br>Village Hall |          | St Mary's<br>Service 11am tbc |
| 27 |                                      | Wi<br>Andrew Bingham<br>Funeral Director<br>Village Hall 7.30pm |           | Mahjong<br>Village Hall 2-4.30  |                                |          |                               |
|    | Pickleball 12-1.30pm<br>Village Hall |   |           |   | 30                             |          |                               |