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February & March  
Newsletter  
2020

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# Editors Ramblings



Dear Reader / Resident

A personal note to thank you all for assisting in our Christmas edition due to my accident a fall which did more damage than visible to one's eye.

Well I'm back but struggling to walk (I have to undergo a total knee replacement) date & time unknown, Village news rather thin so please send me any scandal.

I understand the old telephone box is still looking for assistants?

Some of our ditches need a shovel in them to assist the escape of water.

The A140 our main road gave rise to concerns with a serious accident just before xmas were water & speed appeared to be the culprits?? Your editor writes with concerns it can be very dangerous to exit his property due to speeding witnessed daily.

Please support our village lottery as run via the local post office I'd like to say a little late but thank you all for supporting all our Newsletter advertisers.

You will have noticed we have spaces for you to take part from one small step a giant tree may grow we can do it together.

Stories Local History all welcome as is a design or build of a new Village sign. Reply via the parish councillors as well as the Post Office.

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# Happy New Year to you all

Can I just remind you all that the Community meals carry on as 'free' for January, February and March as we use up the last amount of the Pargitar Trust Fund Grant.

As the invite says 'We invite all those early retired, maybe over 65 to the meal to meet up with those who may be living alone and would like to have a meal and a friendly chat in the warmth of the New Hall at the Baptist Church.'

Can I also take this opportunity to thank all those who help us to provide the meal and give of their time and energy to cook, serve, wash and clear up after every meeting.

**Can I also welcome all those who have recently moved into the village to maybe give us a look to introduce yourselves to us so that we can all get to know you.**

We are a friendly community and we want to look out for each other and as we said in the previous Christmas edition, if anybody needs the assistance of the parish counselors please get in contact with us and we will do what we can to help.

Details are on the inside back cover of the magazine

*Cllr Leggett*

## Stoke Ash Church All Saints Church, Stoke Ash with Thwaite SERVICES

### FEBRUARY

Sunday 9th 9:00am Holy Communion BCP

### MARCH

Sunday 8th 9:00am Holy Communion BCP

Please remember to look at the church notice board for services.  
These alternate which means there is a service every week at one  
of the other lovely churches within our benefice.

## Thwaite Lottery Club

Subscription is by membership which is £5 a month or £60 per year  
(at the moment we have 26 members)

We have a monthly draw with prizes of £25, £20 and £10  
We end the year with a Grand Christmas Draw in November.

**For more details: Christine Maisey 01449 766286**

# JUMBLE SALE

A Jumble Sale will be held at All Saints Church Stoke Ash on Saturday March 28th from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. (Put it in your diaries and on your calendars)

Black sacks will be dropped off around the village on March 14th for you to use and any jumble that you may have will be collected from outside of your house on Saturday March 21st between 1:00PM and 3:00PM.

All items donated are very much appreciated and all funds raised help keep our church open.

## Stoke Ash Social Club

4th Tuesday in the month from 2.00 - 4.00pm

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**For more details: Lionel Coe 01379 678463**

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I would like to thank our out-going syndicate organiser, Brian Message, for all his help in steering me through my first order.

The next order for oil will be placed on Monday 2nd March 2020.

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There is no charge to be a member of our syndicate and make these savings. We exist as a free service to all in our parish.

# **Thwaite Gardening Club**

**(including Veggie Plotters)**

2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised. For visits please check with George

Come and join us for friendly advice,  
encouragement and ideas.

**For more details: George Parnell 01449 768686**

## **Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council -**

**report on the meeting held Thursday 21 November 2019**

**at the Old School Room, Thwaite**

The meeting was attended by Mr Ben Locksmith from Suffolk County Council's Flood & Water Management Team to give a presentation on the 'Our Water' Project. This is a community based Mapping project to assist the County Council with its legal requirement to formally update all maps relating to drainage of water courses. The project is twofold in that it helps communities to understand their riparian responsibilities not to prevent the natural course of water through their own land or through others land. This is a community role carried out with help from the Flood & Water Management team. Following the presentation six parish councillors expressed an interest in progressing the project and will meet with members of the County Council project team in the New Year.

Setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was discussed. This had been tried in the past without success. It was suggested however that many residents were now part of a Facebook or Whats App group and that would be a more effective way of promoting a scheme. This method will be looked into further and details publicized.

Parish Council members were very pleased to receive so many designs for a Stoke Ash village Sign and recorded their appreciation of the hard work that had gone into producing the designs by parishioners. After careful consideration the unanimous winning design was that submitted by Mr Steve Damant. It is intended the design will be used as a basis for the Stoke Ash village sign in consultation with the designer.

Parish council members were pleased to hear that the fitness/play equipment installed on the Stoke Ash village hall green was well used but it was reported there now being in excess of 30 children living in Stoke Ash a more traditional piece of childrens' play equipment would be really welcomed. Investigations will be made into funding the equipment and play surface.

### **Date of next meetings:**

**Thursday 16 January 2020, 7.30pm at Stoke Ash Village Hall**

**Thursday 19 March 2020, 7.30pm at the Old School Room, Thwaite**

**Meetings are open to the public and parishioners are welcome to take part during the public session.**

# 2019 Christmas Tree Festival

Everyone at All Saints Church would like say a big thank you and well done to all who helped over the two weekends, to everyone who supplied and decorated their trees, to the individuals and local businesses who donated prizes, to Jenni Keer who organised her book signing day and also everyone who turned up from far and wide to support our church.



"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either.

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right.

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# Stoke Ash Gardening Club

At our AGM in November we retained our normal annual subscription at £12, and the Hall Meeting charges to £2 for members and £3 for Guests. Charges on visits is paid individually at the venue's price. A big thank you to our Event Programmer Rose Whisson for her excellent work over the last 11 years as she has now retired from the post. We are looking for a new Programmer, Rose closed with the programme for 2020 all arranged. Thank you too to Diane Poppy, who agreed to continue as Treasurer. Jasmine Langan too who will continue to collect raffle monies at meetings in the Hall and on visits. Financially we made a small loss on the year of £12.75.

On January 27th we open our new year with a talk in the Hall by Chris Parfitt on “ Bhutan and its flowers”, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Hope to see you all in 2020.

## Stoke Ash Gardening Club

4th Monday in the month at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised

For visits, meet at the Hall at 6.30pm

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plus visiting Hall talks @ £2 per person. Refreshments

**For more details: Lionel Coe 01379 678463**

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It maketh me to wake in green pastures,  
It leadeth me beyond the sleeping masses.

It restoreth my buzz,  
It leadeth me in the paths of consciousness  
for it's name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of addiction,

I will fear no Equal  
for thou art with me;  
Thy cream and thy sugar  
they comfort me.

Thou preparest a carafe before me  
in the presence of Thy Starbucks,  
Thou anointest my day with pep;

My cup runneth over.  
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Amen! Amen! Amen!

- *Author Unknown*

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# News from The Rectory

It seems that as soon as Christmas Day is over the shops and supermarkets are gearing up for the next round of celebrations! It was possible to buy Cadbury's cream eggs on Boxing Day, and it won't be long before red roses, heart shaped chocolates and Valentines cards will be filling the shelves in readiness for **Valentine's Day**.

These are quickly replaced by flour, eggs, lemons and pancake syrup to remind us that **Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)** will soon be upon us. In March there will be a profusion of flowers, cards and gifts for **Mother's Day**, also known as **Mothering Sunday**. Then it's hot cross buns and Easter eggs!

I am always struck by how closely these important and familiar celebrations are linked to the church seasons, festivals and Saints days, and the common theme that runs through all of them is love. These special days that make up the cycle of the seasons are part of an ongoing story of God's love for us. In the months ahead, come with us and journey beyond the stable to find out more about what that might mean for you. You can find out about special events and services from the village magazines, A Church Near You, and our Facebook page:

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Blessings, *Julia*

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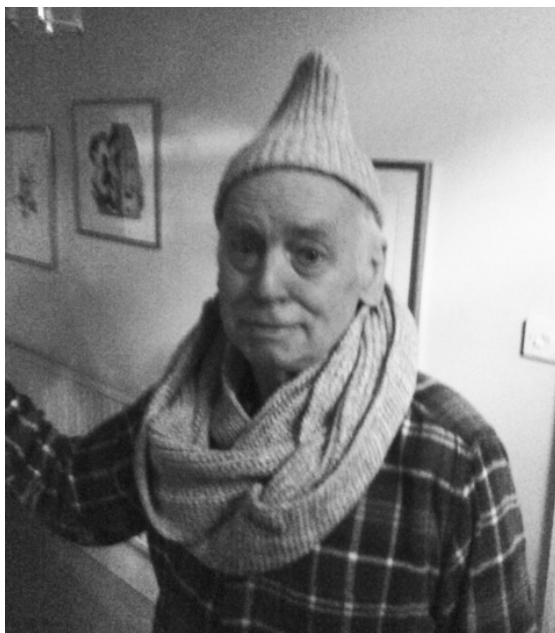
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Nov 23rd	M.Fleming.	£25
Nov 30th	Roll Over	
Dec 7th	Roll Over.	
Dec 14th	Roll Over	
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Dec 28th	V.Lane	£25
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<b>Tuesday</b>	7.30-9.00pm	<b>Prayer, Share &amp; Bible focus</b> (in new hall)
<b>2nd Tue</b>	7.30-9.00pm	<b>Young Adults Study</b> (venue subject to change)
<b>Friday</b>	6.30-7.30pm	<b>JunXion Club</b> for children aged 5-11yrs (term-time)

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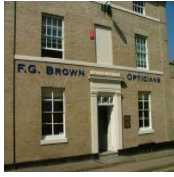
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- Well done Parish Council for fixing some pot holes in Deadmans Lane + ditch clearing. Still pot holes there plus in the street.....
- Is there a saturation point for holiday rental properties in the village?
- Does a domestic property changed to a holiday rental mean a ‘change of use’ application?
- Grit bin required at Chapel Lane, clear drains, potholes at IP23 7EU!!
- Highway signs on A140 a mess, need repairing.
- Every year potholes are repaired in Chapel Lane IP23 7EU. The lane is a mess and is in need of a total resurfacing, long term this would save money!
- Grit Bin for Chapel Lane.
- The Village Hall is wasting money – it needs to be replaced! Throwing good money after bad.....
- Need more parking at Village Hall.
- Please stop parking on the verges and gardens in Roman Way, also opposite the garages. Tree roots are being parked on, gardens churned up. The path is permanently a mess, looks like Romany Way!
- The drainage ditch that runs from the A140 down to the church (Roman Way) has not been cleared for over 10 years. During the heavy rain the road is flooded and it keeps up. This has been reported to Parish Council twice but no one takes responsibility. Please find out who should do it and sort it out.
- Chapel Lane IP23 7EU has not got a winter grit bin. All of the salt/grit just soaks away into the grass. Thank You
- A New Village Hall !!
- Drain that goes under the road near All Saints Church must be blocked as ditch is always full of water when it rains.
- Pot holes to be done particularly on Deadmans Lane
- Clean and clear the mud off all the roads

The above items will be presented at our next Parish Council meeting

*Cllr Leggett*

# STOKE ASH WI

November was our AGM and it gave us a chance to look back at what we'd been doing over the past year. Apart from some very inspiring talks about such diverse subjects at the Malawi Book Bus, WW2 Suffolk, The Work of Marie Curie and a chance to have a go at card making using some stamping techniques, there had been several extra outings to gardens, grand houses and a factory outlet that were enjoyed by many of the members.

In December the Christmas Dinner meeting was held on the first Wednesday of the month instead of the second Wednesday and we met at the Four Horseshoes at Thornham. The food and service were very good, as always, with one of the waiters in particular having the patience of the proverbial saint (and a very good sense of humour) while dealing with some 'ladies of a certain age'. You know who you are! Secret Santa brought us some tasty, fashionable, scented, useful and decorative gifts and judging from the amount of laughter and noise from our direction, it seems everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

Although we have a small group of members, it doesn't mean there's any lack of enthusiasm for making the most of the companionship and shared interests we have. Some members, partners and friends meet up once a month for lunch at the White Horse and there's a crafting get-together once a month too. Please join us if you can for our meetings (it's only one evening a month) and there may be something else going on that you'll be happy to join in as well. Contact details are in the newsletter and we will be happy for you to come along with one of the current members, as a guest if you'd prefer initially, to find out if it's something you'll enjoy. We really hope to see some new faces this year.

Our programme for meetings is published on the village website and on our dedicated WI page (<http://sefwi.org.uk/institutes/stoke-ash>).

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the village hall, starting at 7.30pm.

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A man was driving along the highway, and saw a rabbit hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the rabbit, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of the car and was hit. The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the rabbit:

Much to his dismay, the rabbit was dead. The driver felt so awful, he began to cry. A woman driving down the highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong.

"I feel terrible." Explained. "I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it."

The woman told the man not to worry. She knew what to do. She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, dead rabbit, and sprayed the contents of the can onto the rabbit.

Miraculously the rabbit came to life, jumped up, waved it's paw at the two humans and hopped down the road. 50 meters away the rabbit stopped, turned

around, waved and hopped down the road, another 50 meters, turned, waved and hopped another 50 meters. The man was astonished. He couldn't figure out what substance could be in the woman's spray can!

He ran over to the woman and demanded. "What is in your spray can? What did you spray on that rabbit?"

The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said. "Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave."

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## The Old Dog...

My knees ach, my back, is stiff and my bounce has gone away  
My whiskers are grey, my eyes are cloudy  
I'm taken short far too often

You see me lying in my basket twitching and moaning,  
I see myself chasing seagulls on Tywyn beach  
Just as I get close they take to the sky  
That twitch and moan is me making one last effort to  
reach them - though of course I never do

I'm a puppy playing ball with you  
You throw and I fetch  
I loved my balls and if I found one in a corner of a room  
I would drop it at our feet and sit in expectation of a chase

I remember waiting until you were fast asleep  
and sneaking up onto your big bed  
I was always awake when you opened your eyes  
I was guarding you my precious

I am fighting with a pillow that's a dragon  
There are feathers and down flying everywhere  
I remember;  
you smiled at me - as if you knew

I loved you for that  
Now;  
I am dozing in my basket  
I can hear your car pull onto the drive  
I can no longer run to greet you  
Now;

I wait for you to run to me

The love I feel for you has grown so big over the years  
So big that I cannot always contain it  
I can't imagine my life with you  
And;  
I worry how you will cope without me?

*Bob*

# Searching my Mind

'I used to search for happiness,  
And I used to follow pleasure,  
But I found a door behind my mind,  
And that's the greatest treasure.  
For rulers like to lay down laws,  
And rebels like to break them,  
And the poor priests like to walk in chains,  
And God likes to forsake them.  
I met a man whose name was Time,  
And he said, "I must be going, "  
But just how long ago that was,  
I have no way of knowing.  
Sometimes I want to murder time,  
Sometimes when my heart's aching,  
But mostly I just stroll along,  
The path that he is taking.'

*The Editor Walking !!*



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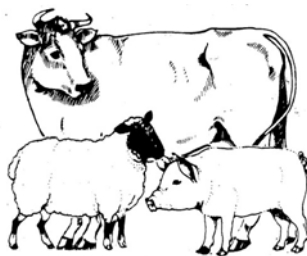
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I have been deeply troubled this past week, probably more so than in the last couple of years.

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I do not consider myself connected to a particular political party. This is so much bigger than being a conservative, labor or a liberal, race, or religion.

This is about being a human being and having respect and value for another humans wellbeing.

They do not classify that as an affiliation it is actually called being a humanitarian.

So, rather than laughing, verbally assaulting or having issue with someone's belief. Maybe we need to wear the label of a humanitarian....long before having issue with another.

If you had a cure for cancer would you keep it to yourself? So, there is a cure for the malignancy of the soul.... I know and believe in what it is.

So before you make fun of someone and heaven forbid, judge someone.... try to believe in someone else's wellbeing.

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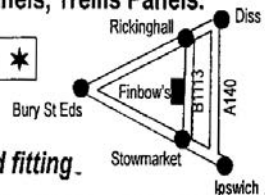
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