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Editors Ramblings



Welcome to the start of another Covid period in our lives! Just what an why am I saying this? Like you rather sick of a government that's unable to make sensible decisions. I'm one who looks towards the week or months ahead not yesterday. Ok shoot me - have a go - but the handling of this issue appears in full to be by a Kindergarten school of two year olds. Not fit for purpose! Politics over ok, I've said it - but guess 90% of you agree.

I do thank again all those who support this newsletter - your help is invaluable.

I note the gardening club possibly like other clubs are seriously looking at how they can continue. I ask if you're a member can't you set up a Zoom meeting? One member can run it and as a small group it will not cost you any money.

I put this across to any club within our villages. Advice is available, I'm sure, within our villages to assist you so please contact me via stokeash@supanet.com

I'd love the WI to take part in the Stoke Ash and Thwaite newsletter by submitting recipes. We would only require six per year and I've found one for this issue to get us started.

URGENT COVID VACCINATION UPDATE

The link below is useful for patients to access up to date vaccination information.

The Suffolk and North East Essex ICS has today launched a brand-new website - www.sneevaccine.org.uk - which aims to offer residents a single, comprehensive and accurate source of information about Covid-19 and vaccinations.

This new website will be updated regularly and contain the very latest information on the ongoing vaccination programme in order to give people clarity.

All Saints Church Stoke Ash

Many Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways with our 2020 Christmas Grand Draw & Stalls. (This should have been our Christmas Tree Festival)

The people who sold the draw tickets. The individuals and local businesses who donated prizes and of course everyone who attended and stood in the cold churchyard. Due to everybody's kind efforts we raised **£702.00** which will help pay the bills and keep the church running for a few more months this year.

Looking forward to the Spring.

I am hoping to have another tidy up in the churchyard this year. This will happen if Covid19 rules allow us at the time.

Please look on the village Facebook page for dates and times. I will be looking for some help from kind volunteers again.

Books

Books are always on sale in the church porch. The front door is always open. The minimum donation for each book is 50 pence.

Worship

As this newsletter goes to print All Saints Church Stoke Ash is closed for all worship due to the latest Covid19 rules/fast rising infection rates.

If anyone wishes to follow a church service online you can find us at [https//www.facebook.com/groups/southhartismerechurches](https://www.facebook.com/groups/southhartismerechurches) or revjulialall@gmail.com.

A Very Big Thank You to Sue & Keith Marlow for all of their time and hard work they have so freely given to our church over the past 10 years. Without Sues knowledge of filling in forms the church would not have received two Lottery Grants for £10K each. These were used for the rewiring of the church including under pew heating. Following the purchase of the land next to our church the second grant was used to turn the farmland into our car park.

On behalf of the church I wish them both all the health & happiness as they prepare to move out of the village.

God Bless You Both.

Love June

P.S (The village will miss all of Sues lovely cakes and goodies)

Jumble Sale

As soon as Covid19 rules permit we will have a jumble sale at the church. Please start saving all of your unwanted items.

Many thanks to you all.

Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council – report on meetings held 19 November and 17 December 2020

Home But Not Alone Relaunched – Following tighter coronavirus restrictions and the current lockdown Suffolk County Council has relaunched its phonenumber service for anyone suffering worry or stress, unable to access shopping or prescriptions during this difficult time. For any parishioner in need please do use the freephone service 0800 876 6926 where you will be put in touch with a local volunteer or service tailored to individual needs. The phonenumber is manned 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Christmas Tree Festival - council members had been informed the festival had unfortunately been cancelled due to coronavirus. The parish council had hoped to take part and include another community Wish List for both parishes on its designated tree. Items chosen from the list would be funded from the Cil (Community Infrastructure Levy) grant received from MSDC – a charge levied by local authorities on new developments in parishes with the aim of supporting local infrastructure. In the absence of the Christmas tree festival any suggestions from parishioners for community improvements sent to the Clerk or Chairman via email would be very welcome (contact list in parish magazine for email address).

K9 former telephone kiosk, Stoke Ash – it has been decided not to move or house a defibrillator in the former telephone kiosk and agreed it remains at its current location. Cllr Tancred has kindly offered to carry out a maintenance and repainting programme in the Spring.

Pre-submission of the MSDC joint Local Plan consultation – District Cllr David Burn very kindly went through the document with members and provided a very helpful summary of the proposed changes involving new tiers of settlement hierarchy via a points system for both villages, Thwaite has been classified a Hinterland and Stoke Ash a Hamlet. Small changes had been made to the settlement boundary in both villages and sites for possible development identified: in Thwaite land west of the A140 on Wickham Rd and on the western boundary on Church Lane. In Stoke Ash land to the west of Roman Way opposite the Village Hall.

Parish Council Vacancy – Stoke Ash: Members would be very pleased to hear from any Stoke Ash parishioner, 18 years and over, who may be interested in joining the council. Meetings are held monthly, third Thursday evening of the month, currently via Zoom. Please do speak to a councillor or contact the clerk if interested – we would be pleased to hear from you.

Date of next Zoom meetings: Thursday 21 January 2021 and Thursday 18 February 2021 both at 7.30pm. See parish council agenda for zoom link.

STOKE ASH VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

Winners since last publication were:-

Nov 7th	K.Bidile	£25
Nov 14th	Ellen Stannard	£25
Nov 21st	Ellen Stannard	£25
Nov 28th	T. Sheldrake	£25
Dec 5th	Roll Over	
Dec 12th	Roll Over	
Dec 19th	S Johnson	£75
Dec 26th	C Damant	£25
Jan 2nd	Roll Over	

Notes;- The Village Hall is still closed.

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Garden waste (brown bin) collections have been suspended from Monday 11 January 2021 until further notice.

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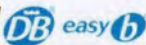
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Hi Readers

Trust you all had a safe Christmas and have kept yourself away from the dreaded Covid 19. I think we say, tongue in cheek 'Happy New Year' but underneath it all it looks that we are just carrying on from the problems of 2020.

Can I just say a big **THANK YOU to Geoff Tancred** who inspired the Parish Councilors to support him in the 'Christmas Sing a long' (see page ??) before Christmas through Stoke Ash and Thwaite. It takes somebody to drive these suggestions forward and Geoff was the man supported by his good lady Val to encourage us all to take part in some way or other.

Getting back to this year again, can we say **if anybody has any needs that Parish Council can help them with** please treat the councilors as your first point of call and we will endeavor to help in any way that we can. I know that our clerk Lynne has put a note in the Parish Council update about County Council opening their help line again but we are 'on the ground' and hopefully can respond quickly. Please look out for your neighbours and those who are living alone without family at this time.

Contact details for Stoke Ash:

Mr Geoff Tancred 01379 678568

Mr Gordon Leggett 01379 678450

Contact details for Thwaite:

Chrissy & Dick Maisey 07748 844019

Thank you

Cllr Leggett

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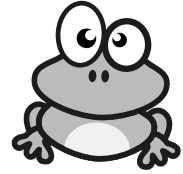
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Community Lunch Update

To all those who came to the Community meal that was held in the Baptist Church Hall last year, we trust you are all keeping well. We have missed seeing you all for a good chat and some nice food. Rest assured, as soon as we get over these problems with the Covid 19 virus we will arrange more meals and get together. Stay safe and stay well!

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch helps to protect ourselves and our neighbours from crime and antisocial behaviour. Crime prevention advice will be featured in future newsletters and on the Facebook Community page.

This will include:

- The signs of crime to look out for
- Improving the security of your home, your vehicle and yourself
- Helping you stay safe when using the internet, mobile phones, social media
- What to do if you see something suspicious

Neighbourhood Watch signs are being erected in the parish and stickers have been ordered for display by your front door.

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- Note their description and the details of any vehicle
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Let's stay safe and look after ourselves and each other.

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Christmas ‘Singalong’ Stoke Ash & Thwaite 18 &19 Dec 2020

Being somewhat limited by The Covid 19 rules – social distancing, no carol singing in church, no village Christmas party for the children – lots of ‘no you can’t’, and restrictions, the Parish council resolved to celebrate Christmas in a way which would appeal to grown ups and children whilst adhering to the rules.

With a vehicle and trailer supplied by Tony Pulham, and generator from Paul Morris, we had the basis for a mobile Christmas disco, complete with decorative lights. With a lit up tree and Gordon Leggett as Santa, Keith Marlow as a Snowman to dance around the trailer inside the straw bales, the remaining councillors were dressed as elves with suitable hats and festive necklace lights.

Goodies in the form of gingerbread men (and women) made by Sue Marlow and shortbread made by Chris Maisey, together with hot mulled wine brewed by Val Lane, were plated up and served with chocolates and sweets by the elves visiting each house along the way.

Before the event, a Christmas card from the Parish Council was delivered with the Parish Magazine, in which dates and timings were detailed.

On the evening of Friday Dec 18th, Santa and his helpers gathered in the barn of Lime Tree Farm, courtesy of Diane Poppy, before setting off in Stoke Ash.



Chris and Dick Maisey organised the dispensing of the 'goodies' onto trays for delivery by the elves to households en route. Music, courtesy of an amplifier from Gordon was selected and controlled by Val. Most villagers came out along the route, primarily Deadmans Lane, The Street, Roman Way and Church Lane. Tony Pulham's mastery of trailer reversing in the dark was much commented on.

Never to be forgotten were the wide eyed excitement of young children on seeing Santa and the less wide eyed but pleasing effect of Val's mulled wine on the adults.



For Thwaite we gathered at the Walnut Tree, where we gladly roped in suitably dressed Abi and Jamie as extra elves. The procession wended its way along Wickham Road and Chapel Lane, with the elves knocking on doors. We met with a general sense of fun and pleasure, such that we collected a significant following along the route and the mulled wine only just lasted the evening.

Judging by the following days' Facebook comments, the 'singalong' was a great success. We thoroughly enjoyed it too!



Stoke Ash WI Tree Planting

The sun shone and the birds were singing when Stoke Ash village green acquired a new flowering cherry tree in December. This beautiful sapling (supplied by Swann's Nurseries of Bromeswell) was given to Stoke Ash WI by the South East Federation of Women's Institutes to commemorate the start of the WI's next centenary and as part of a drive to encourage communities to help the environment and biodiversity by planting trees. WI President, Sue Marlow, planted the tree ably assisted by Keith Marlow and Geoff Tancred who prepared the ground and did the hard work. A commemorative plaque will be placed by the tree in due course and we look forward to watching the tree grow and blossom over the coming years.





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
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Preparation time:10 minutes

Cooking time:45 minutes

Total time:55 minutes

Serves: 4

Ingredients

2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to serve

40g salted butter

2 garlic bulbs, cloves roughly chopped

1 onion, finely chopped

600g King Edward or Maris Piper potatoes, peeled and roughly chopped

1 litre Cook's Ingredients fresh chicken stock

50g natural or Greek yogurt

20g roasted almonds, cut into slivers

1 sprig thyme, leaves picked



Method

1. Put the oil and 20g butter in a large pan set over a medium-low heat. Add the garlic, onion and a pinch of salt then sauté gently for 10-15 minutes until soft and translucent, taking care not to let them brown.
2. Add the potatoes and stock to the pan, increase the heat to high and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for 30 minutes until the potato is completely tender. Stir in the yogurt and leave to cool slightly, then blend with a stick or jug blender until completely smooth; season.
3. While the soup is cooking, put the remaining 20g butter in a pan and set over a medium-high heat. Add the almonds and thyme leaves, then fry for 2-3 minutes until golden and aromatic; season. Serve the soup in bowls with the almond and thyme mixture on top, plus a little drizzle of extra virgin olive oil.

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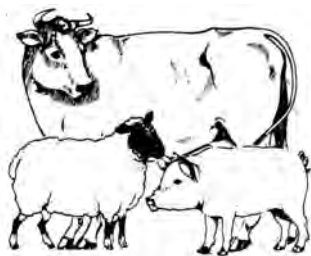
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It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

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What a year 2020 has been, we have all been chopping and changing day-by-day and month-by-month. As far as I know we have not had the problem of the Covid 19 in our villages but that is not to say that we have not been affected by it. Our poor teachers are trying to do an impossible task of planning their lessons not knowing if children will be at school or learning from home.

I am thankful for our Eye health Centre who looks after our family so well and I trust that the Mendlesham health Centre is doing the same for those who are under their care.

When we have situations where we have to change and our plans are disrupted we sometimes get really upset. I think it is at those times we need to be firm with ourselves and sit down and take stock of the situation.

We hear so much nowadays of our rights for certain things but not about our responsibilities. Much of what we have, has been handed down to us from our forefathers who had to fight in wars, work hard for peanuts, did not have running water in the taps and electricity to give light and warmth in our homes.

Some of our mothers had to chop out beet, pull rhubarb, milk the cows and still look after us. To be honest, when I look back I don't know how my parents did it with seven of us children but we all survived.

As a church there is a message that gets lost in the running of church life and the expenses of buildings. The message is quite simple, we believe in a God who cares for His creation and we should take care of it as well. The old expression is quite true 'You reap what you sow'. I will need to talk to my friend Tony about that as the problem is, you sow wheat but loads of other weeds grow that you did not sow! This might be a controversial thing that we then put things down to kill the weeds but then they come back next year!

What about ourselves, our lives are littered with things that we wish we had never done that had 'cause and effect' and some of these things we are living with today because they have scarred our lives. We cannot change the past but the wonderful news that the church should be telling us all that we can find forgiveness. This might be hard in family life but if we do not seek it then it will be like a 'chip on our shoulders' eating us up.

The message from the church is that we believe in a God that cares for us so much He was willing to suffer Himself so that if we trust Jesus for forgiveness Father God is willing to forgive us. It's not a case of church buildings (church in the bible was a group of Christians believing in God) but the message of forgiveness and hope in the future because of our trust in Jesus.

On reading the Magna Carta the church was given its freedom to remain free so that people might have the freedom to worship God at all times. Sadly we have lost the belief of believing in God and therefore our hope is just in ourselves.

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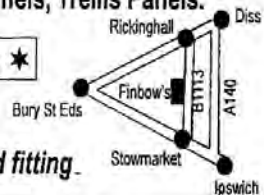
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