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Editors Ramblings



Welcome to 2020. Yes I am a resident but many are not ?

Well friends, since I put pen to paper this last two months have proved to be very demanding on us all.

Firstly, on behalf of possibly many of you, I offer a big BIG thank you to all the shopping volunteers and to our village organisers who quickly put together a list of willing volunteers to get our shopping or prescriptions from the doctors. You I hope have been able to get your help from this service IF NOT then please contact our parish councillor's:

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On a personal note since my minor accident it's now been six months I appear to have been in a lock down, and no one has a key to release any of us, but Hay Ho keep smiling remain positive!

We can all come through this hic up in our lives and thanks again to all who have and are helping each one of us.

This issue contains all sorts of ramblings - where possible please support our advertisers and thanks to all our posties who push this newsletter through your letter box, and the Dustbin lads.

I'd like to put a thank you in this newsletter to a Stuart Biddle who spotted the smoke at the thatched cottage and reported to his dad Kelvin Biddle.

I'm at the old manse and never knew we had a fire in the village, or that twelve fire engines attended, so if any thank you's are missing for help given on that day just take it from all that help was gratefully received.

If you're not happy with my comments then please write in. I promise not to publish your name if so requested.

I can do with your tails of woe, wow or other.

All welcome, *your editor*.

Stoke Ash Church

News from The Rectory

Dear Friends

I am writing this month's article on the 7th anniversary of my licensing as Priest in Charge of the South Hartismere Benefice on Thursday 16th April 2013 at Thorndon Church. It was a wonderful, joy- filled occasion surrounded by family, friends old and new, and representatives from the local communities. It has been an amazing journey and a real privilege to serve you in these parishes, to make connections through weddings, baptisms and funerals, to go into the schools regularly, and pop into coffee mornings, fundraisers and village events.

However, I could never have imagined on that evening that we would one day be in the grip of a global pandemic, that our churches would be closed and I would become a virtual Vicar live streaming worship on Facebook and recording it on YouTube.

In any job there will inevitably be ups and downs, joys and challenges, - and this one of the greatest challenges that any of us have encountered, but I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the support and commitment that you have given me over the last 7 years.

Our churches may be closed but our ministry is still happening. Please contact me if you are finding things difficult at this time:

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VE Day Celebrations

Plans had been made for the VE celebration day in the village but due to the lock down the street party could not happen. This did not stop many from celebrating in their individual houses by putting up bunting and flags.

Look at the Stoke Ash Face Book page and you can see them somewhere in Roman way.

Thanks to Sarah & Kevin from Purple Star as they played War time music and streamed it live to the internet, judging from the Face Book posts most people enjoyed it.

Thanks Sarah & Kev you're a Star!



Village Hall

As you are all aware due to the current situation with lock down all the Village Hall events have either been cancelled or postponed for the foreseeable.

Once the world is back to some sort of normality we will reschedule some of the events for the village.

The lottery which helps raise money for the hall is running as usual a big thank you to Everyone who is still contributing whist social distancing.

The Village Hall Committee hope that everyone is staying safe and sane and look forward to seeing you at events later in the year.

Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council -

Report on meeting held 19 March 2020 and future meetings during lockdown

Due to the coronavirus restrictions on social distancing the meeting, originally due to be held at the Old School Room, Thwaite, was held at Stoke Ash Village Hall, being larger enabling those attending to sit further apart.

Parish Council meetings have currently been cancelled pending further advice on lockdown restrictions. The Annual Parish Meetings had also been cancelled.

The governing body for parish councils, the National Association of Local Councils, has confirmed that video conferencing meetings can be held until the restrictions are lifted. The first Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council video meeting will be held on Thursday 21 May 2020 – agenda will be available to view on parish council notice boards and website together with a link for parishioners during the Open Session. If any parishioner has any queries they wish to raise it would be appreciated if these could be emailed or telephoned to the Chairman or Clerk prior to the meeting – contact details available in the parish magazine.

Parish Council meetings will continue via video link until further guidance from the Government.

Parish Council Members are anxious that there are no parishioners feeling in need of anything in the way of food deliveries, medication or help of any kind during the lockdown. Cllrs Michael Fleming and Gordon Leggett have a list of volunteers able to help anyone in either village – please contact them if you need assistance with anything – contact details in the parish magazine.

A local partnership lead by Suffolk CC has also been set up to address the community challenges of coronavirus, the main aim being to connect volunteers in the community with their neighbours. This is available through a

Home But Not Alone Phone line – Freephone 0800 876 6926 – staffed 9am – 5pm everyday – please do use this number if you have been unable to make contact with a voluntary helper in either village – the phone line will be able to put callers in contact with their local voluntary group.

Items progressed at the 19 March meeting included a Village Sign for Stoke Ash, removal of the large unstable pine tree on the green next the Old School Room, Thwaite and a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for both villages – joining details to be published shortly.

Next meeting via video link – Thursday 21 May 2020 at 7.30pm – link published on Agenda.

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May 9 th	Roll Over	

Note: There are no meetings or hiring of the Village Hall in the “Lockdown” Rules. This means all meetings for Clubs, the Parish Council (was to have been 21st May), the Church and any Private hirers are cancelled. (The Clubs are: The Garden Club, The Social Club and the WI.)

Thwaite 50 Lottery

Subscription is by membership, which is either £5 a month or £60 per year, join any time. (We now have 30 members)
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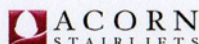
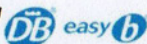
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Stoke Ash Gardening Club

Unfortunately we had to cancel our April talk due to the “Lockdown”. This has also made us cancel our visits in May and June. Bob is trying hard to fit them in during 2021.

We have not as yet cancelled our July visit, we await the “Lockdown” news, it is not until July 27th so the programme is still on at the moment. We will be in touch if this has to be cancelled.

Sorry about this but our usual number of approx. 15 does exceed the current limit at events.

Hoping to see you in July, keep well, keep happy and keep gardening.

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"Certainly madam." He replied courteously.

"Is the restaurant open still?" Inquired Mary.

"Sorry, no." Came the reply. "But room service is available all night. Would you care to select something from this menu?"

Mary smiled and took the menu and perused it. "Hmm, I would like cauliflower cheese please." Said Mary.

"Certainly madam." He replied.

"And can I have breakfast in bed?" Asked Mary politely.

The receptionist nodded and smiled.

"In that case, I would love a couple of poached eggs please." Mary mused. After confirming the order, Mary signed in and went up to her room for the night.

The night passed uneventfully and next morning Mary came down early to check out. The same guy was still on the desk.

"Morning madam...sleep well?"

"Yes, thank you." Mary replied.

"Food to your liking?"

"Well, I have to say the cauliflower cheese was exceptional, I don't think I have had better. Shame about the eggs though they really weren't that nice at all." Replied Mary truthfully.

"Oh...well, perhaps you could contribute these thoughts to our Guest Comments Book. We are always looking to improve our service and would value your opinion." Said the receptionist.

"OK, I will...thanks!" replied Mary...who checked out, then scribbled a comment into the book. Waving, she left to continue her journey.

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For some, quarantine is optimal. A moment of reflection, of re-connection, easy in flip flops, with a cocktail or coffee. For others, this is a desperate financial & family crisis.

For some that live alone they're facing endless loneliness. While for others it is peace, rest & time with their mother, father, sons & daughters.

With the weekly increase in unemployment some are bringing in more money to their households than they were working. Others are working more hours for less money due to pay cuts or loss in sales.

For some not getting on with Family domestic abuse is rife...we never know what goes on behind closed doors.

Some were concerned about getting a certain candy for Easter while others were concerned if there would be enough bread, milk and eggs for the weekend.

Some want to go back to work because they don't qualify for unemployment and are running out of money. Others want to kill those who break the quarantine.

Some are home spending 2-3 hours/day helping their child with online schooling while others are spending 2-3 hours/day to educate their children on top of a 10-12 hour workday.

Some have experienced the near death of the virus, some have already lost someone from it and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Others don't believe this is a big deal.

Some have faith in God and expect miracles during this 2020. Others say the worst is yet to come.

So, friends, we are not in the same boat. We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.

Each of us will emerge, in our own way, from this storm. It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance. Not just looking, actually seeing.

We are all on different ships during this storm experiencing a very different journey.

Realize that and be kind.

Unknown author

STOKE ASH BAPTIST CHURCH

Community Lunch

Due to the continued lock down, the Community lunch will resume once we are allowed to meet up together again. In the meantime can we encourage you to use the phone to talk to those who are living on their own and please contact us at Parish Council if we can be of any help, our details have already been given to you on the cards that were placed in your letter boxes and are also on the inside back cover of the magazine.

Stoke Ash Baptist Church Zoom Services

Due to the lock down we are not able to hold services in the church but we are continuing to hold services online using the zoom app on Sunday mornings at 10.30am. If any would like to join us please contact me with your email address and I will be willing to include you in our mailing details to link up.

Building Repairs

On another point due to the chapel not being used at the moment we have taken the opportunity to repair the inside south wall of the chapel in

stripping off loose plaster and then to batten and line with foil plaster board and then skim ready for decoration. This has been a project waiting to be done since our last surveyors report for the last 5 years so we have taken a positive approach and used the time wisely during this lock down.



A time of reflection

How are we all coping with this lock down?

How has it affected us in being at home more?

How are we getting on with those that we live with?

I hope that we have all controlled our emotions and have been able to learn the lessons of patience and being able have some quiet times of thoughts and reflection.

WE have just been reminded of VE day and the cost of our freedom.

In thinking about ourselves in Great Britain our thoughts go out to the Commonwealth and those from other countries who were drawn into the war to help us, we thank them all for their support in our countries great need for help. We need to also give some understanding to those on the opposite side, many of which were just obeying orders.

My father-in-law, the late Alfred Mowle was in the army and stationed in Egypt looking after German prisoners of war. I can remember him telling me that he built up a wonderful relationship with those prisoners, so much so that they made him a roll case wooden cigarette holder along with a highly polished engraved hardwood container. Underneath the container it reads 1280.A.W.Coy German P.W. Egypt 1946. Whilst we were celebrating the other side were licking their wounds. Throughout history we see that so often we do not learn lessons but follow a pattern of wanting and having the need to have more.

Hopefully during these last few months we have all learnt how we should help and love our neighbour as ourselves and that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We have been able to have our walks and our bike rides, been able to smell the blossom and listen to the birds singing in the trees and hedgerows. We are blessed to live in the area of Stoke Ash and Thwaite so let's count our blessings and thank God for the good measure of health and strength that we have. Hopefully when we are able to meet up again together we will be better and more loving people and the good neighbours that we are called to be so that other villages can see that we do love and care for each other in Stoke Ash & Thwaite.

Gordon Leggett

What do you know about your village?

1. What is the email address of 'our' District Councillor?
2. How much was the award made to our Parish Council to fund the celebrate event in May 2019?
3. What month was the water main burst in Stoke Ash Street in 2019?
4. What is the relevant date for the Thwaite definitive footpath map?
5. What time does the last bus (no. 113) leave Ipswich, going via Thwaite & Stoke Ash to Eye?
6. When does the Thwaite Gardening Club meet (including Veggie Plotters)?
7. What types of farming were practised in Thwaite in the years 1500 – 1640?
8. What was the population of Stoke Ash in 1676 ?
9. What annual market was held in Stoke Ash until 1891?
10. Where does the parish boundary go in relation to the White Horse pub?
11. What happened to the Queens Head pub in Thwaite?
12. How did Victor L..... get off lightly with only 2 strokes of the cane when being punished at Stoke Ash school on 26 June 1921?

The answers will be easily found in your Parish website. Do have a look; there is immense variety and much to learn about what's going on now, and what happened in the past.

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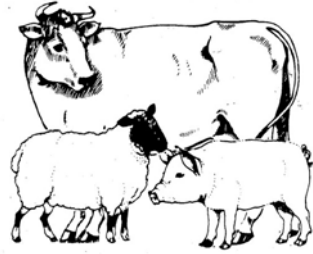
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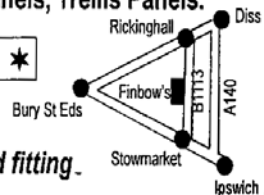
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