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October & November
Newsletter
2022

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Stoke Ash & Thwaite has 8 Parish Councillors.

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Editors Report



October/November Issue of the news regretfully includes my resignation as editor.

Due to the circumstances of recent days I have amended my editorial for this issue. The sad loss of our Queen has shocked us all after so many years of loyal service to our country. May she rest in peace and may the royal family know peace and support at this time and our new King Charles III follow in our late Queens example of service and loyalty.

As editor the last few months have been very frustrating. With the resignation of our treasurer in April and our advert controller Lionel Coe expressing that he would like somebody else to take over, a lot has rested on my shoulders and it has not been easy. The bank, with trying to change mandates is usually a very straight forward affair but with fingers pointing at the Covid illnesses, loss of paperwork and bank shortages of staff, bank systems being updated due to scams and then statements going to the wrong address I really felt that somebody younger needed to take over as my health was not getting any better and nobody has offered to take over the treasurers or advertising jobs.

I'd like to thank all those who have supported the newsletter over many years during the time of my editorship, the printers and advertisers and trust all will continue to support the magazine and that younger ones will come on-stream to take up the baton. Keep well and safe in these troubled times.

Ken Smith.

The copy deadline for ALL issues this year will be the 10th of alternative months and for advertisers the 12th

This edition of the newsletter has been produced in good faith but errors and omissions may occur during the process of production. Please let us know if this is the case so that they may be corrected.

Please note that the views expressed in readers letters are not necessarily those of the editors. We cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of material submitted for publication; however we reserve the right to include, edit or omit letters as we think appropriate.

News from The Rectory

As October dawns the focus of our churches turns to giving and thanksgiving.

We celebrate our harvest festivals, that time we set aside to remember God's gift of provision for us. It is also a time when we recognise the giving of our time and talents in our service of others -our families, our work and our communities.

I am writing this letter to you on the day after we heard the news of the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II – our Queen. Hers was a life of giving and self-giving for our nation and the wider world. As we have started to come to terms with the news that shocked a nation, we are beginning to see messages of love and thanks pouring in – on the news, on social media and in the Books of Condolences that have been set up across the country, and in each of our churches.

The Queen drew strength and inspiration from her Christian faith and let the Bible be her guide. In the early Christian church, the apostle Peter wrote a letter to a small and scattered Christian community around the Mediterranean, urging them to use what gifts God had given them to serve others. He encouraged them to live their lives in the best way they could and in doing so that “ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...’ 1 Peter 4:10

In the days following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as we reflected on her truly remarkable life, I was reminded over and over again of what a life lived in the service of others can look like. I was humbled to watch His Majesty King Charles III, less than a day after grieving the loss of his mother, walking out to be among the people – his people, - to be with them in their grief. Then to hear his address to the nation, promising that same commitment to dedicated service.

Our servant Queen and the King she served, (Jesus) is a strong example to all of us to give of ourselves in the service of others. Whether we volunteer with an organization, shop for an elderly neighbour, listen to someone in pain and distress or the many, many other ways we give of ourselves there are opportunities for service everywhere. We too, are called to serve God, who gave of Himself through Jesus, a God who knows what it is to serve, and pours out that love and service on each of us.

God is with us every step of the way as we reach out to help those around us.

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Blessings, Julia

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Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council - report on meetings held 21 July 2022 and Extraordinary Meeting 15 August 2022

Meeting 21 July 2022:

Hill Farm, Huggins Lane, Stoke Ash – notification of appeal against Mid Suffolk District Council’s refusal to grant (Prior Approval) change of use of agricultural buildings to a dance hall (DC/21/06054). Members agreed the Parish Council would submit its original recommendation of refusal to the Planning Appeal Inspector together with additional comments arising since the application was made last year.

Holiday Lets, Stoke Ash – members were pleased to note no further nuisance reports had been received from parishioners. It was however recommended the lettings were monitored and any incidents reported to the parish council or MSDC Environmental Health.

Stoke Ash Village Hall Play Equipment – the Village Hall Committee had agreed to purchase play equipment items for use by younger children. The cost of the equipment was estimated at £10,400. It was hoped some grant funding could be obtained from the District Councillor’s locality budget. Pending confirmation or not of that funding a request was made to the Parish Council for a contribution towards the cost. Members were informed the number of young children in the village had increased and there was a need for suitable play equipment for them. Following consideration a contribution of £5,000 from the Parish Council towards the cost was agreed. It was reported the Village Hall itself would also make a similar contribution.

Meeting 15 August 2022:

Hill Farm, Huggins Lane, Stoke Ash - An extraordinary meeting had been called regarding re-submission of the application for (Prior Approval) change of use of agricultural buildings to a dance hall (DC/22/03621) and to consider whether the parish council should engage planning/legal advice on its response to the application and the cost involved – the meeting was attended by 10 parishioners.

Councillors were of the view expert advice to ensure all aspects of planning law was covered in the Parish Council response on behalf of the community should be obtained. A quotation of £1500-£2000 had been obtained for preparation of a response from local solicitors specialising in planning law. It was reported four households in Stoke Ash had offered to contribute to the fee. The Parish Council Finance Working Group had considered the quote and recommended a maximum spend of £500 from the parish council. On the basis of the above contributions to the fee it was agreed expert advice on a response be obtained.

Date of next meetings: Thursday 29 September 2022 and Thursday 17 November 2022. 7.30pm at Stoke Ash Village Hall.

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May 21st	Mrs Roth	£25.00	June 18th	B. Lock	£25.00
May 28th	Mark woodhouse	£25.00	June 25th	c. Damant	£25.00
June 4th	M. Humphries	£25.00	July 2nd	A. Warwood	£25.00

Stoke Ash Village Hall Lottery

£1 per week with weekly prize money of £25
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For more details: Sheila Coe 01379 678463

**The Grand Draw of the Thwaite 50 Lottery will take place on
Saturday 19th November in the Old School Room.**

Light Refreshments served from 11am Draw at Noon.

Everybody welcome for an informal Parish get together. Chris & Dick Maisey.

Orlando Whistlecraft

Wickham Skeith History Group invite anyone from Thwaite & Stoke Ash to a presentation about Orlando Whistlecraft who was a Weather Forecaster & lived in Thwaite, a fascinating character. Wednesday 19th October@19.45. £3.00 to include tea & biscuits.

Chrissy & Dick Maisey

Thwaite 50 Lottery

Thwaite 50 Lottery entry, to :- Please become a member at £5.00 per month or £60 per year, join at any time. (we now have 31 members). Prizes every month of £25, £20, & £15. We end the year with a Grand Christmas Draw in November.

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lead us thru' the paths of peace onto perfect holiness.

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divers gifts to each divide:
placed according to Thy will,
let us all our work fulfill;
Never from our office move;
needful to each other prove;
use the grace on each bestowed,
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Sweetly may we all agree,
touched with softest sympathy;
there is neither bond or free,
great nor servile, Lord, in Thee:
Love, like death, hath all destroyed,
rendered all distinctions void:
names, and sects, and parties fall,
Thou, O Christ, art All in all.

Ken

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September 28th and November 23rd which is a Christmas meal

The meal is primarily for those over 65 in the Stoke Ash & Thwaite area who would like to meet up with others who may be living alone and would like to have a meal and chat

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If you require transport please ask. We meet the 4th Wednesday in the month

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

All members of Stoke Ash Village Hall Committee are automatically Trustees of the Village Hall Charity, and equal in voice and influence. Our meetings every other month (with the next due on November 7) are friendly and inclusive, with individuals encouraged to comment as well as instigate actions which will benefit the village.

Our Charity Governing Document states that ‘the object of the charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of (the Parish) of Stoke Ash without distinction of political, religious or other opinions,with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants’.



To this end, there has long been a demand for children’s play equipment on the village green, and we are currently seeking external finance to make this happen. We hope to have good news this year.

After a professional survey of the damp in the Hall, particularly in the kitchen, but also in the hall itself, we are looking for quotes to effect the repairs necessary.

Fresh ideas or even old ones which will keep the Charity buzzing will be welcome. There are rules and regulations with which we must conform, but the bureaucracy is not overly formal, and the meetings can even be fun. Now, we are seeking new members to help drive the operation forward. Please do contact any of the current members for more information.

STOKE ASH WI DEDICATION TO HM THE QUEEN

It was with the greatest sadness that we all heard of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022. On behalf of all members of Stoke Ash Women’s Institute, I should like to take this opportunity to recognise her long life of devotion to duty and public service. Aged only 21 she declared that her whole life, “whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service” and she kept that promise. However, she was additionally a Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, and a member of the WI!

We are exceptionally proud that The Queen had been a member of the WI for almost 80 years, having joined when she was still Princess Elizabeth in 1943. The Queen followed in her mother’s and grandmother’s footsteps, who were both members of Sandringham WI from its earliest days; and until her death yesterday she was President of Sandringham WI and attended their January meeting each year, including this year.

I was very lucky to attend the Centenary Annual Meeting of the WI in 2015 at The Royal Albert Hall, which was also attended by Her Majesty the Queen, The Princess Royal, and the Countess of Wessex. It was a joy to hear Her Majesty speak of her admiration and pride at the achievements of the WI at that meeting, (and the press took great delight in showing on national television news the fact that when the Queen attempted to cut the obligatory celebratory cake, the knife refused to even crack the cake’s icing!)

Hers was a life of service which will echo through the ages. We will be forever grateful. Rest in Peace Your Majesty.

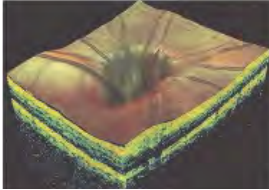
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If anybody has any anecdotes or memories of Dr Barbara to be included in the service please contact : 07764155783

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH

Although we had been somewhat prepared by the Palace publishing that our beloved Queen was in need of continuous medical supervision, it still came as a great shock when her passing was announced.

After all, only two days previously she had been pictured asking Liz Truss to form her new government, with her usual smile and attention to the job at hand.

As many have said before, for most of us she was the only monarch we had ever known, and the thought of being without her just didn't seem possible. Of course, this is a reflection of just what a wonderful person she was, that the whole country was feeling that she was an integral and constant part of Great Britain, and representing all that is best about being British.

We were, and always will be, very proud indeed to have had Elizabeth as our Queen, and I know that for many of us the feelings of certainty and stability she brought to our country and ourselves will be replaced by some uncertainty and initially, bewilderment. I do not propose to make a great list of her wonderful qualities and contributions to our country, as many others have done that already. Suffice to endorse and echo everything, which has been said over the past few days.

Queen Elizabeth was a wonderful example to us all in her deeds and thoughts, but most of all in the way in which she was absolutely committed to the service of her fellows, and in particular her subjects in Great Britain. It is no surprise to learn that in many parts of the world she was referred to as just "the Queen", with no further explanation being necessary.

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Cllr Morris

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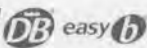
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Please refer to leaflets in the village and on the church notice board for details of all the other services around the benefice and online.

If anyone wishes to take part in an online church service you can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/southhartismerechurch> or at rev.julialall@gmail.com Phone: 01379 678064.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

In All Saints Church, Stoke Ash, IP23 7ET:

Saturday 3 December – 11am-4pm

Sunday 4 December – 11am-4pm

Wednesday 7 December – 1pm-4pm + The Grand Draw will be held at 3pm in the Church.

If any family, organisation or business wishes to decorate a tree, please phone June (01379 678926). More details in next newsletter.

ORGANIST WANTED

Please can anyone in the village play the organ? We do not have anyone at this time to play our organ in the church. For more information, please phone June 01379 678926.

SECRETARIAL HELP

We are still looking for someone to help with our Church secretarial work. If anyone can spare a few hours, we have a meeting about every 3 months where brief minutes are taken, and a few items of correspondence need attending to. Please phone June 01379 678926, or email rev.julialall@gmail.com or 01379 678064 either of whom can give you some more information about what is needed.

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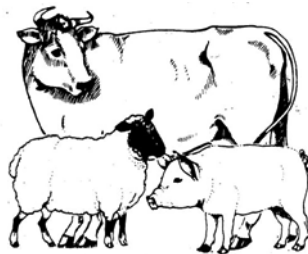
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STOKE ASH WI

In July our speaker was Shara Halls and the title of her talk was 'Our Simple But Different Life On The Moors'. I expected to hear about nature and wildlife and the environment on this particular evening. It just goes to prove you shouldn't ever judge a talk by its title!

Shara was there to tell us about her life on the moors in the 1980's, as one of 21 children split between 2 families, who lived just a couple of miles apart. She was born in Putney, her parents first child. After a few more children were born, her parents decided to move the growing family to Bodmin Moor and they bought a quite dilapidated cottage, with no electricity, indoor wc or running hot water. Eventually they also bought a caravan to use as extra bedrooms, which made a little more living space. She told of a life of freedom at home where her parents encouraged all the children to embrace music, art, sports and poetry and to enjoy the outdoor life on the moor.

As she got older, she became aware that when her father was 'away' sometimes, he was actually spending time with another 'wife' (common law), by whom he had also had several children over several years. Their way of life eventually became known to local and national newspapers and television, who swooped onto the moor and wanted to know every detail of the lives of the parents and children. The story was broadcast and reported as far away as Australia and Thailand.

This was a most interesting insight into the background of a family who lived a very different and bohemian lifestyle and how they were on show for the world. It must have been very difficult to live a life in the spotlight for so long, but Shara seems to have come through it and it has certainly given her some interesting tales to tell.

In August Ken Stone came to speak to us and show slides of 'A Royal Year' to coincide with the Queen's Jubilee year. His slides were all from pictures he had taken himself as he went around the country and saw many of the royals at different functions. His knowledge of the hierarchy of the royal family was amazing as he seemed to know where everyone was placed within it, not just the immediate family, but to many levels down. The pictures, not being staged or posed, had captured some lovely informal moments. Many of the pictures were from 2019, the pre-pandemic year, as there were obviously far less opportunities for taking photographs during the lockdowns and social distancing periods.

We were also shown pictures of the queen during her early years, one showing her riding a fell pony, which must have started her lifelong love of horses, which was also evident in some of the later pictures Ken showed us.

At the time of writing this, we have just been told of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, so it is particularly poignant that we so recently had this opportunity to look back on some of the work she carried out and to also see her in more informal times, with her husband and family.

The queen was herself a member of the WI and attended the Sandringham meetings every January, apparently missing only about six meetings over her whole adult life. The principles of the WI were obviously very close to her own, as she was a strong and independent woman who championed fairness and wanted the best for all.

Our programme for meetings is published on the village website and on our dedicated WI page (<http://sefwi.org.uk/institutes/stoke-ash>). Please check it out and do get in touch, or just come along on the night. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the village hall, starting at 7.30pm. You'll get a warm welcome.

Stoke Ash Women's Institute - 50th Birthday



On Saturday 14 August the Committee of Stoke Ash WI had arranged a tea party to celebrate the founding of the present WI 50 years ago.

Members, former members, family, friends and officials from the broader WI organisation enjoyed delicious refreshments in the Village Hall and a lot of memories were shared during the afternoon!

A raffle was held and a tree, which had been planted earlier on the village green, was dedicated to mark both the 50th anniversary of the founding of the WI and also in memory of one of the founding members, Dr Barbara Vaudrey, who had passed away in the last year.



Despite the original plan to spread the party around the village green, the extreme heat on the afternoon and the range of savouries and sweet treats in the Village Hall meant that no-one moved far from the hall itself!



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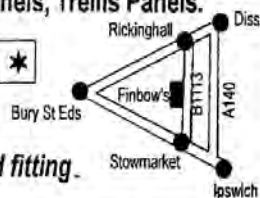
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