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greatashfield.onesuffolk.net/**

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Parish Council Summary Autumn 2024

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on May 23rd, followed by a Parish Council Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting we said farewell to Councillors Arthur Peake, Ian Sadler and Richard Dewhurst.

Arthur was thanked for his dedication and hard work as Chairman, having held this position for nine years and reports were given by the Parish Council, All Saints Church, The Lord Thurlow Hall, and the WI.

This was followed by the Parish council meeting which was chaired by Mark Taylor as acting Chairman, it was decided that an acting Chairman would be elected for each meeting for a while. The meeting was not as normal as we had no Clerk, but hopefully by the time this goes to print the situation will be resolved.

Obviously with the retirement of Councillors and Mark Taylor's imminent departure, there was space for new councillors. We are delighted that three people have put their names forward, with only one being present at the meeting. James Harding was co-opted and since then at a short meeting was held in July.

Brian Barker and Jonathan Myers were both co-opted onto the Parish council.

Traffic issues were discussed, in particular the closure of the A1088 at Stowlangtoft and the results of the traffic survey.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to Carol White who has stepped in to deal with pressing council matters.

Mandie Beckley has given notice that she wants to retire as Editor of The Parish newsletter by the end of the year. She has done a fantastic job for many years.

Hence we are looking for someone to take on this role, as without an editor there will be no Parish news. Please contact me (259283) or Mandie (259734) if you are interested in this role.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Stephen Miles, Acting Chairman

Emergency kit for severe bleeding

We are extremely grateful to have been gifted an Emergency Bleed Kit for our village. Many thanks to Di and Roy Barker.

The box is situated at the front of The Lord Thurlow Village Hall, near the defibrillator. It is there for the public to use in case of catastrophic bleeding, as this is time-dependent and life-threatening. ALWAYS call 999 first and send someone else to collect the kit, NEVER leave the injured person alone.

The 999 responder will explain how to use it, but instructions are inside. There is a tourniquet for limbs, as well as a trauma dressing for wounds.

Collect everything from the cabinet and take it to the patient. Take the defibrillator too as this will be an emergency. You can use it without any training, so don't forget these life-saving bits of kit are there for us to use.

Lisa Boyle



Great Ashfield and Badwell Ash WI

2024 is our Centenary year and we celebrated the month we were formed with a Celebration Afternoon Tea in June. We were joined by a representative from the Suffolk West WI Head Office, various past presidents of our WI and representatives from the other WIs in the Blackbourne group.

After a group photo and a toast, we sang Jerusalem, then sat down to a delicious afternoon tea which we had arranged so that all our members had the afternoon off from baking.



We were entertained throughout the afternoon by Wayne Goodman, an incredible magician, and everyone went home with a lavender plant as a memento of our centenary afternoon.

September 12th at 7.30pm

Open Meeting
'Kitchen Chemistry' with Stephen Ashworth

October 10th at 7.30pm

'How to help our hedgehogs' with Jonathan Housego

November 7th at 7.30pm

'Brownie and the Bean' with Charlotte Giddings.

November 9th 11.00am-3.00pm

Great Ashfield & Badwell Ash WI Christmas Fayre in Badwell Ash Village Hall

December 12th at 1.30pm

Members Christmas Lunch

If you are interested in joining our WI, your first visit is free and the following two meetings are £3 per head, which includes a raffle ticket and refreshments.

If you are interested in attending any of the above meetings or need further information, please contact either Midge on 259399 or Kate Sadler on 242570 or email kateasadler01@gmail.com

Dear Residents

Mid Suffolk needs a Local Plan in place to ensure that residents have a greater say in planning decisions.

Our planning system

A lot of residents ask why planning permission has been granted for a new estate or why particular elements in a development are missing. There is a mistaken belief that your local Council has all the decision-making power.

The government's National Planning Policy Framework controls much of planning policy and Councils must work within this framework.

Local voices are not always represented strongly enough in the planning process. In order to rectify this Mid Suffolk has been working on a Local Plan that gives more control over development in the District. The first part of this plan was signed off last year.

Site submissions for future development

The next part of the Plan requires Mid Suffolk to request any residential site submissions for future development. The initial submissions are currently being reviewed and can be found at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/w/call-for-sites>

This exercise flushes out all possible sites – it doesn't mean that a proposed site is acceptable.

Supplementary Planning Documents

Mid Suffolk District Council is also creating Supplementary Planning Documents on subjects such as Biodiversity and Trees and Affordable Housing. These are designed to provide best practice to developers.

Local listed building consent

On a slightly different but related topic, Mid Suffolk are working with Historic England on the adoption of a local listed building consent order. If approved this will enable owners of listed buildings to apply specific energy efficiency measures to their homes without onerous planning requirements.

Richard Winch – richard.winch@midsuffolk.gov.uk



Village Hall Draw results

MAY

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|-----|-----|-----------|---------|
| 1st | £25 | C Charie | No: 218 |
| 2nd | £15 | C Seaton | No: 233 |
| 3rd | £10 | G Spreull | No: 41 |
| 4th | £5 | P Nye | No: 194 |

JUNE

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| 1st | £25 | Mrs Halls | No: 107 |
| 2nd | £15 | M Browns | No: 54 |
| 3rd | £10 | R Emerick | No: 225 |
| 4th | £5 | C White | No: 188 |

JULY

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|-----|-----|------------|---------|
| 1st | £25 | R Mayhew | No: 13 |
| 2nd | £15 | S & B Ager | No: 192 |
| 3rd | £10 | R Emerick | No: 225 |
| 4th | £5 | L Elvin | No: 168 |

Subscriptions

We are happy to collect cash or cheques for your annual payment (£12), but if you prefer to pay online please contact me at blyton2209@gmail.com or phone 01359 259113. Thank you for your support of Lord Thurlow Hall.

Margaret Barrett

Village Hall News

In June, the village was invaded again by some fantastic scarecrows! The Great Ashfield Scarecrow Festival was a great success again: great fun, great prizes and it raised valuable funds to keep our village hall going!

Our judging this year was kindly undertaken by Keith Shiels (CAS Community Buildings Development Officer) who thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the great scarecrows.

Winners this year were: First prize: Zoe, Graham, Karla and Molly at Westside Cottage with 'Edward Scissor Hands', Second prize: Anna at Nebbitts Farm with 'Margot & Jerry', Third prize: Lisa and Nick Boyle at The Old Post Office with 'Tea & Tweets', and Fourth place was Tim Barrow at The Glen with 'Robert'. Well done all and thanks to everyone who took part.

I am also delighted to say that Arthur Peake has stepped in to take on the village hall treasurer role. We are grateful to Roy for his long support to the committee and for staying on to ensure a smooth handover of responsibilities.

Simon Laidler, Chairman



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Keith Shiels, having a great time judging the many excellent entries

Joint fundraising events for the church and the village hall

'THE 385th BOMBARDMENT GROUP' by Ian Maclachlan



September 21st from 7.00pm at the Lord Thurlow Village Hall
Tickets are strictly limited so please reserve your places for this very popular event.

Donations would be welcomed on the night. The bar will be open

Tickets are FOC and can be obtained from Stephen Miles and Simon Laidler

Da BLUZ BROTHERS



September 28th at 7.30pm at the Lord Thurlow Hall

A fantastic night of music, songs and dance from the iconic duo!

Tickets: £20 to include entry and two course meal, with a vegetarian option.

Tickets are strictly limited and are now available from Simon Laidler and Stephen Miles.

Stephen Miles – 07739 987695

Simon Laidler – 07949 845727

Other village hall dates

September 6th – Pub Night

October 4th – Pub Night

October 8th – AGM

(Open Meeting)

October 26th – Pumpkin Night

December 6th – Christmas

Wreath Workshop

We are always looking for new ideas and help, particularly bar duty!

If you want to make any bookings, please contact Carol White by email at carolwhite31@hotmail.com or mobile: 07949 262005.

VILLAGE WHATSAPP

To anyone who is not already a member or if you are new to the village and wish to join the Village WhatsApp Group, please message me, Carol White, or phone me on 07949 262005.

It's a great way to keep in touch with what is going on in the village.

All Saints' Church

Rector – Revd Katharine Valentine 01359 235095

Monthly pattern of Worship

First Sunday – 10am Benefice Family@Church
St Mary's Church, Pakenham,
breakfast available from 9.30am

Second Sunday – 9.30am Morning Worship

Third Sunday – 11am Family Communion

Fourth Sunday – 9.30-11am Community Breakfast TOAST. Held in the church.

Open Garden – 28th July



On a beautiful summer's day, many people enjoyed a visit to Stephen and Petrina Miles' garden where members of Stowmarket & District Flower Club had created over 20 floral arrangements in and around the garden, which were an added spectacle.

Thank you to all our visitors for helping to raise over £1,600, to be divided between All Saints Church and The Lord Thurlow Village Hall. Also many thanks to the volunteers who helped provide the refreshments.

Saturday 21st September at 7.00pm

The next fundraising event is a talk about 385th Bombardment Group, who were based on Great Ashfield Airfield. This will be held in The Lord Thurlow Village Hall. Contact Stephen Miles or Simon Laidler to book your place.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 8th September at 10.30am

We will be decorating the church for harvest on Saturday, 7th September. Anyone interested in helping please contact Petrina Miles on 259283.

Donations of homegrown flowers and produce as well as tins and packaged provisions would be gratefully received. These will, as in previous years, be given to Tayfen House in Bury St Edmunds. This organisation helps single homeless people with various forms of accommodation and support.

They are very appreciative of our support.

Macmillan Tea – Sunday 8th September, 3-4pm

In the afternoon of the Harvest Festival we will be hosting a charity tea in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care.

Tea and a selection of delicious cakes will be available between 3pm and 4pm, along with a raffle. Please do join us to raise funds for their work supporting people living with cancer.

Tuesday, 10th December – Norton Salvation Army Band

Coming to All Saints church for an evening of Carols and Christmas music followed by refreshments. All very welcome. More details to follow.

Petrina Miles



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