

Tunstall Reflections

from Mr Stephen Caulfield

Tunstall has been my home and work place since the early seventies. I left school in 1957 and went to Fairhead and Sawyer in Melton as an apprentice mechanic, did my 5 year apprenticeship with not too good a result. I spent a couple of years on the petrol pumps then moved to car salesman eventually to want 'a little garage in the country', I did a deal with Geoff Abbott (G N Abbott) and so, terrified of what I had done I began to run the garage. I had known Geoff from our jack the lad days, nights out in Hollesley, Woodbridge and beyond, but in truth the less said about those days the better.

The garage was situated in a field on the side of the road completely on its own, no village hall behind it and no buildings from the Green Man to Hocket Crescent. At first two houses were built on the corner Near the Hocket, then The Fields followed by Green Man Place and the village Hall, recently Street Farm Close. I noted these things for the benefit of the many new faces we have in Tunstall. I'm not certain but I think there are about 100 new homes built since I first came here.

I recall the heavy snow year (1976 or 77). The Ashe road was blocked for some days, cars couldn't get to my garage so I spent those days in the pub, leaving a note on the door telling people where I was if they needed a gas bottle. Opposite the garage is a large square road sign 8-10 ft high, the

snowploughs had been a couple of times so that the sign was completely covered like a huge bank that people walked along over the top of it!

The Americans were around then of course, most of my customers came from the twin bases, I made so many friends, spent several late evenings in the clubs there, met some of the stars that headed the floor shows, loved their burgers, hot dogs and great steaks.

Rumour has it that there was a second currency all round this area, namely

American cigarettes and alcohol, I cannot imagine where that came from. Heady days indeed. In the finale years of Bentwaters I was an honorary member of the officers club. I did miss them a great deal when they left, not just as customers but as good friends. It was a most difficult time when it finally closed, it took a massive amount of hard work to replace them as customers but fortunately we survived with a lot of input from my son Martin who now runs the garage in my retirement.



Tunstall Trail Entry Form

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Two openings this month which should, between them, offer opportunities for most ages

The Play Park and The Green Man

The Play Park is OPEN

We are delighted to announce that with effect from 4 July 2020 the play equipment on the Recreation Ground is now open again. However, access to this equipment is not 'controlled' so we strongly advise users (under the supervision of parents and guardians) follow these guidelines to help protect everyone from Covid-19:

- Try to stay at least 2 metres apart from anyone who is not in your household
- Bring your own hand sanitiser and ensure you use it when you enter and leave the park
- Bring wipes to wipe down the equipment you use, especially areas that you touch, for example handles
- Encourage everyone not to touch their face and to cough or sneeze into a tissue, or arm when a tissue is not available
- The consumption of food and drink in the Play Area is not permitted
- All litter must be placed in the litter bin (beside the Car Park) or taken home

Let's keep everyone safe.

PC Meetings

Don't forget, TPC are still meeting. Meetings take place via Zoom, but you don't have to have a computer to join in. All meetings are also available to anyone to join via a telephone (either a landline or mobile). If you would like to join us please telephone the Clerk on 01394 411405 or e-mail at pcclerk@tunstall.gov.uk.

In addition, we have also decided to move to monthly meetings for the next year. The agreed meeting dates for the rest of 2020 are:

29 July, 19 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December

All meetings start at 7.00pm and there is always a section for Public Comment. If you can't join us but would like a question raised please get in touch.

We have a new Vice-Chairman

At the June meeting of TPC Cllr Katherine Barton volunteered to step up to the position as Vice-Chair of the Council. This is not a statutory position, but it does mean that Katherine is prepared to step up to the Chair's role if for any reason Cllr Smith is unavailable. Thank you, Katherine.

Tunstall Grapevine – let us know your e-mail address and we will keep you informed of the latest news

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I am sure we would all like to wish the team at the Green Man the very best on opening, we are all looking forward to some delicious food and a drink or two!

Polite Notice

Please could we remind all dog owners to keep their dogs out of the children's play area, this is a designated area where dogs are not permitted.

Thank you

Diary date

Next Parish Council Meeting via Zoom video conferencing, Wednesday 19 August at 7.00pm, if you wish to join please contact the Parish Clerk – Judi Hallett pcclerk@tunstall.gov.uk

Church services

St Michael & All Angels Tunstall

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we are delighted to be opening the church building for private prayer as detailed below:

Every Sunday from 5 July
10.00am to 4.00pm

Guidance on Keeping Safe in Church:

- Hand sanitisers for your use are available inside the entrance to the church. Please replace them afterwards.
- It's important to respect other people's space by keeping a 2m distance and please note that not all areas of the church may be accessible.

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Worship:

We look forward to welcoming you to an act of worship in Church.

If you would like to attend the Zoom services, please contact The Team Rector, Rvd Giles Tulk: Telephone: 01394 450604 or email: revgilestr@gmail.com

We have a service planned on Sunday 30 August at 9.00am. Holy Communion.

Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Services From 10.30 on

Website

www.stbaptist.co.uk

Facebook

www.facebook.com/sudbournetunstallbaptist/

You Tube

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From the Rector

Dear friends

Living out our faith

In the month of August, the Church of England remembers the lives of three people whose Christian faith inspired them to work for the good of others

Octavia Hill was born in 1838. As a teacher she was horrified at the conditions in which most of her pupils lived. Strongly motivated by her faith, Octavia managed to secure some finance with which she purchased some slum properties. These were then improved and rented out in a way that combined financial viability with a genuine concern for the people renting them. The success of this approach led to more properties being built and Octavia became a key driving force of housing reform.

William Booth and Catherine Mumford were born in 1829 and married in 1855. They both had a deep concern for the plight of the poor, which led to them founding a Christian mission in Whitechapel, London in 1865. This mission was to become the Salvation Army in 1878, which became a worldwide movement with a strong commitment to caring for the poor.

We live in a country in which the economic fallout of the Corona virus epidemic has fallen most heavily on those who often have the least. Those without savings to fall back on, or whose employment is low paid and precarious. Our Christian faith should cause us to be concerned about people in this situation. We may not be able ourselves to undertake major initiatives such as Octavia Hill and the Booths did, but as individuals we can support those organisations who are supporting the lives of those who are struggling through no fault of their own. Mother Teresa of Calcutta summed it up as follows: 'It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts.' Maybe as our country moves into a post Corona Virus world, maybe we will see our love for all members of society, particularly the least well off and vulnerable, grow stronger.

God Bless

REVEREND GILES

Team Rector

Tunstall Trail

raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support

To coincide with the Scarecrow Festival, everyone is invited to take part in the Tunstall Trail between 27 – 30 August, using the clues below follow the trail to collect a letter from each clue.

When re-arranged these letters will spell out a word, once you have the word, please write it down along with your name, contact details and £2.00 entry and place into the competition box inside The Green Man before closing on Sunday 30th August for your chance to win a family hamper!

Please adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times, all money raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Good Luck!

As a helping hand we are giving away our first location as Tunstall Community Hall.

- Boys and Girls come out to play.
- Lots of ducking and diving going on.
- You used to buy stamps from here, but now you can buy some art.
- Take a trip down a long lane and find the nautical symbol.
- Go through the tunnel of trees, some say fairies reside here.
- A cottage at right angles.
- Robert Debney and William Cooper came to an untimely end as Smugglers, find the next clue at their grave stone.
- Where the kissing gate once stood, take ten strides.
- Tudor Cady died fighting for his country, find where he how rests.
- The large impressive house.
- Where circles collide.
- How many rings to wake up CountryLife.
- When the bell rings, boys to the left and girls to the right.
- Times past behind a counter.
- You know when you're in Tunstall when you find five iron trees set amongst real trees.
- Time to fill up.
- Go to the man, but he isn't yellow, red or blue.

An EntryForm can be cut out from page 4.

Community Help

As we are still working at launching Tunstall and Blaxhall Good Neighbour Scheme, we realise that amidst the current virus outbreak there may be residents in our village who are self isolating and need some help or support.

Therefore we would like to say that we are here to help, if you need a friendly chat over the phone, a prescription collected or some essentials collected from the shop and delivered to your doorstep.

Please call or text us 07907806016

This service is offered free of charge but you would need to pay for any essentials purchased on your behalf, items will be left on your doorstep.

Dog Thefts

Suffolk Constabulary is conscious of dog owners being concerned following four dog theft incidents. Owners should be reassured that enquiries are ongoing to locate the offenders. The loss of any pet can be devastating and we advise all owners to be vigilant and take crime prevention measures. In particular, we would advise working dog owners and breeders to review security of any outdoor kennels.

It is also important you know the law and what to look out for when purchasing a pet and in particular a puppy. For more information please visit the RSPCA website.

These incidents are happening in daylight. If owners, breeders or kennel owners receive unexpected visitors that cause suspicion, officers would be grateful if descriptions, footage or images of the individuals and/or their vehicles could be reported.

Anyone with information, including on any previous incidents, is asked to contact police by calling 101 or by reporting online at <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/existing-report-update>

You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111, or via their online form: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Tunstall Events Team

Tunstall's First Scarecrow Festival and Competition

From week commencing Monday 24 August we are asking all residents in Tunstall to make and display scarecrows throughout the village, this is open to all ages and abilities!

Please make sure they are looking their best on Sunday 30 August when our new Landlord and Landlady Simon and Lucia of The Green Man and Reverend Giles Tulk, will be judging them. Prizes will be up for grabs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Entries are £2 per household, with all proceeds going to support St Michael's Church, to enter the competition please send you name and address to tiffpollock@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01728 688816.

There are many sources of inspiration online, but here are a couple of links to help <https://www.amusingplanet.com/2015/07/scarecrow-festivals-in-uk.html> <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/suirma/scarecrow-ideas/>

This has been supported by Tunstall Parish Council.

Forest Bathing in Tunstall Forest

Thursday 13 August
10.30am – 12noon

For nature lovers who love relaxation.

I live in Tunstall and am a trained Forest Guide with the Association of Nature & Forest Therapy (ANFT). I'd like to invite you on a walk to enjoy our local environment through this gentle connective practise. Forest Bathing or *Shinrin Yoku* comes from Japan and means to immerse in nature. There is no taking off of clothes or swimming involved! Just a wonderful way to enhance well being.

To book a place drop £5 through my door at No/2 Corner House leaving your name and email so I can send you confirmation and more details, or email me for bacs info.

A 20% donation will be made to church funds; spaces are limited due to social distancing guidelines.

Treat yourself to some forest loving this Summer.

LAURA

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Support for those with financial worries

East Suffolk Council and its three local Citizens Advice services have launched a new campaign to remind residents with financial worries that free support and advice is available.

To encourage people to talk about any money worries they have to avoid financial problems building up over time, East Suffolk Council and East Suffolk's Citizens Advice services (CAs) have joined forces and launched a new campaign, titled 'Money Matters – Managing Debt Together.'

The aim of the campaign is to direct people to the CAs, which provides free, independent, impartial and confidential quality assured advice to those with money worried. The team can talk about any financial issues people may have – whether this is advice on debts, or if you're worried about going into debt in the current climate – and explain the options and solutions available to address the issue.

To talk to someone from one of the CAs teams, call 0330 107 5627 or email moneymatters@nescab.cabnet.org.uk

Stride and Ride

A date for your diary SHCT Ride and Stride 12 September 2020 Our annual sponsored event to support Suffolk Historic Churches will take place as usual. It will be a great opportunity to have an expedition (long or short) to visit some of our churches and chapels in Suffolk which have been closed for so long, and enjoy the great outdoors. Sponsorship forms and more information will be available to pick up from St Michael's church porch later in August and there will be more information in September's *Bulletin*.

Age UK Suffolk closure

The charity Age UK Suffolk closed on Friday 24 July. To find out how you can access alternative support from other organisations, please take a look at the link below.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/age-uk-suffolk/>