

Tunstall Bowls Club

Short Mat Bowls

Bathing in the successes of our bowls teams this season, sadly we now must wait until next April to get outside again.

However, just to keep our "hand in" we are playing short mat bowls in Tunstall Community Hall every Thursday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00pm.

This is great fun and although not physically demanding, requires skill and tactics.

If you fancy giving it a try, do please come along, everyone is welcome and your first session is free (along with the tea and biscuits), after that it's just £4.00 per session.

Christmas Craft and Gift Fair

The Annual Christmas Craft and Gift Fair will be taking place on Sunday 8th December

10am – 3pm

Limited spaces for stalls are available. For further information please email tunstallcraftfair@gmail.com.



Tunstall Foodbank Collection

We're collecting for the Salvation Army food bank and the BASIC life charity Top up Shop at Rendlesham church from 1-8th December.

You can bring food essentials (non-perishable, toiletries or small luxuries to make Christmas brighter for those in need) to Tunstall church or to North House on Woodbridge Road.

To make it easier to donate, we'd love to hear from a couple of villagers from other parts of Tunstall who would be willing to put a box outside their house to collect donations.

If you can help, please call or text Sarah on 07900 657780.

Save the Date! Songs around the piano

Back by no popular demand whatsoever, we'll be holding our Christmas songs around the piano at the Green Man for the third year running.

Please join us dressed in your Christmas hats and jumpers to celebrate a village Christmas at the pub on Sunday 22 December at 5pm.

There will be a few of the usual old favourites like the Twelve Days of Christmas and Fairy Tale of New York, but if you have any requests on the day, as long as it's not the Christmas Oratorio or anything at all by Cliff Richard, we will try to fulfil them.

Please, if you can, bring your loose change for our collection for the church and the British Red Cross work in the Middle East.

The Mobile Library

Wednesday 13 November 2024

Tunstall Green 10.10–10.25am

Tunstall Common 10.30–10.50am

Tunstall Community Hall

Jefferson County 70's & Country Music Band

Saturday 23rd November at Tunstall Community Hall

Doors open 7.30pm.

Start at 8.00pm.

£5.00 a ticket.

Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Please email

tunstall.communityhall@gmail.com to secure your ticket.

Tunstall Community Hall Trustees look forward to your support!

Father Christmas is coming to Tunstall

To register your child for a gift, or to nominate a neighbour for a gift, please email names, address and age (if a child) to replytunstall@gmail.com, or post the details through the door of 17 Street Farm Close. Don't forget to let us know if there are any food allergies as well.

Registration closes at 5.00pm on Friday 12 December 2024.

Live Music at the Green Man Inn

The Green Man Inn presents a night of live music featuring the band, Summer Breeze.

Please join us on Saturday 9 November from 8pm to 11pm.

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Tunstall Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan

Tunstall is considering drawing up a neighbourhood plan. The idea of a neighbourhood plan is to decide how the village would like to evolve over the coming years.

The views of everyone who lives here are central to the whole process – in the village itself, the common and at Snape Bridge, and all those who live between – because reflecting how you want your community to develop is the reason for doing the plan in the first place.

A neighbourhood plan is a formal document that gives the community a direct say in its future. It would work alongside the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan when decisions are being made on planning applications. The main purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan is to create planning policies that are used alongside the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan to help determine planning applications. These can address a wide range of topics, including flooding, climate change, landscape, and heritage.

The process of developing a plan is quite long; on average it takes three years to complete. There will be meetings and information sessions so you can make your voices and opinions heard. There will also be opportunities to take part

Flooding Update

Tunstall Parish Council, with help from a local resident have been working hard to get the drainage issues resolved in Tunstall Village and the Common area to prevent further flooding.

Meetings have been held with the local land owners looking at how they can assist with better water management on their land, Tunstall Parish Council Flood team hosted Suffolk Highways on two occasions, one in the village for a survey of the current system, the other at the Common to look at an unmaintained soakaway that would assist in taking water running down Walk Farm Road away from the houses. The survey will allow Suffolk Highways to find the best route for the new drain that will ensure the Green Man pond will drain, rather than flood.

Highways have been slow in committing to a final solution and are yet to provide a work start date, but the Tunstall Parish Council Flood team have elevated this and are chasing to ensure the work happens as promised, which was supposed to be before 31 March 2025. Highways have also agreed to re maintain the Common soakaway. Again we are waiting for a confirmed work date here, but again we are chasing. Their original date was August of this year.

online so you do not have to attend a physical event to participate.

At the moment the process is only just starting and official confirmation of our registration for a plan area has yet to be received. Once a decision has been published by East Suffolk Council it will be announced on the Grapevine and in the bulletin as will all key future developments.

If you would like to become involved in working on the plan or have any questions about it, please contact the Clerk via email pcclerktunstall@gmail.com

Road Safety

At the previous Parish Council meeting residents highlighted concerns of road safety throughout the village, Tunstall Parish Council have contacted local farms and have requested that this is brought to the attention of their drivers.

Tunstall Grapevine

Let us know your email address and we will keep you informed of the latest news.

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Our County Councillor Andrew Reid and District Councillor Tim Wilson have now been contacted to ensure Suffolk Highways get this work done sooner rather than later.

Sarah and Andy have set up the Tunstall Emergency Flood Response Group on WhatsApp to ensure any issues are communicated quickly and clearly. They have trained numerous local residents on the use of the pump, should we see any flooding again. You may have also seen the yellow card, created by Tunstall Emergency Flood Response Team, in the last Bulletin giving residents clear instructions on what to do in the event of a flood. Tunstall Parish Council Flood team have ensured the drain and gully cleaning is now twice per year and you will see activity around the Village and the Common over the next few weeks jetting and ensuring the system is clear.

The local landowners, now the harvest is nearing the end, have agreed to create some new ditches and soakaways to assist water retention, which is good news and will help reduce the water levels. Some of this planned work has already begun which is a step in the right direction.

Diary dates

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 6 November 2024
at 6pm in the Community Hall.





Remember!

I know it is because I am so old, but it hardly seems 5 minutes since Remembrance Day 2023.

Only of course we could never fit all the news stories of war and bloodshed over the last year into 5 minutes! If only it was a case of just remembering a war that finished 116 years ago!

So we meet to Remember again.

Remember the awfulness of war

Remember those who gave so much

Remember those who still risk so much

Whilst there should be an element of gratitude as we remember the cost to others of our freedom, our “remembering” should also make us value those who work for peace and the need for us to be committed to working for peace in our lives, in our villages, in our workplaces and in our relationships.

These are things that we are going to be remembering as we at Grace Church meet by the temporary War Memorial in Jubilee Park, Rendlesham for our Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10th November.

The short service will start at 10:45am with a time of reflection on the cost of war.

At 11am we will be observing a 2 minute silence together.

Then we will spend a few minutes thinking about the verse in the Bible that says “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they will be called Children of God”

We would love it if you joined with us for this special time, and then with us for coffee and cake kindly served by the Rendlesham Coffee Shop which will be open after the service (we will have a tab so it is all on us!).

Please join us to Remember! The service will hopefully be on our Youtube Channel, after the event, along with all our Sunday Morning services.

May God bless us all!

DAVE RUSHBROOK

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Activities

Coffee Cake and Chat

For all, including Toddlers
Every Wednesday during School term time at Tunstall Chapel
9:30am -11:30 am

Friday Club

For Primary School Children
Every Friday during School term time at Tunstall Chapel
6:30pm-7:30pm

Youth Group

Secondary School Young People
Every Friday during School term time at Tunstall Chapel
7:45pm-9:00pm

Women’s Fellowship

For all women
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at Tunstall Chapel 1:45pm

Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service

Rendlesham War Memorial
Jubilee Park Pavilion
Sunday 10 November 10:45am

Men’s Breakfast

Sudbourne Baptist Chapel
Saturday 23 November 8:45am

St Michaels and All Angels Church

The Vicar’s Voice

The nights are drawing in, the days are shorter, the weather is much colder, summer is beginning to be a distant memory, and all the shops and adverts are full of, yes....Christmas is on the horizon. But, this month of November has two significant dates early on, “Remember, Remember, the 5th of November, Gunpowder, Treason and Plot” as we used to sing when I was a little girl getting ready for Bonfire Night. I fondly remember getting together with friends at our local church for fireworks, sparklers and sizzling sausages hot from the oven. I vividly remember the sounds of everyone’s “oohhhs” and ahhs” as the pretty colours exploded in the skies and rained down in pretty patterns.

This would be followed a week or so later by the solemnity of Remembrance Sunday paying honour and tribute to all those past who gave their lives in conflicts to protect our country, it’s way of life and it’s freedom to look forward to a future for the generations who would come after. We hear and pay respect to peoples memories of sadness for the past, for the tragedy of conflict and the lives lost, damaged or traumatised by the horrors of oppression, but we also hear of precious memories of times of pulling together, of friendships made, of courage and of joy.

Today, for many however, these are not memories but sadly the reality of the present, as we see the horrors of conflict continuing to be fought in such places as the Middle East and Ukraine. The colours exploding in the skies over places such as Kiev, Tel Aviv, Gaza and Lebanon are not the pretty colours of exploding fireworks, but explosions of bombs and missiles, and there are no “oohhhs” and “aarrhs” in pleasure or joy, just the cries of fear, destruction and hurt.

But, what can we do to change these awful situations in places far removed from our small corner of the world here in the beautiful surroundings of natural beauty of the countryside and coast Suffolk. You feel the helplessness and hopelessness of the situation but, really, what can we do in practical terms? We all no doubt feel somewhat inadequate in what little difference we can make on the global acts of conflict which mar the lives of so many today.

But we do have an influence and we can bring about change, however small and insignificant it might seem in the grand scheme of things. Even small changes can greatly influence the lives of people around us. Have you ever

noticed how a smile can be infectious? Smile at someone you don’t know and it brightens their day, and it might just prompt them to smile at someone they go onto meet, which will brighten up their day, and their response will be to share that smile with another person along the way, so it goes on. Or have you shared a lighter moment when something funny happens and you catch the eye of someone standing near you and share the joke, simply by laughing together? When we share God’s love with a stranger, it has the opportunity to change their life, and give them a memory which may be incredibly precious amidst other events in their lives at that time.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells us that God comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and then often without realising it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was for us.

The comfort which comes from God, either directly or indirectly through others, those we call “godsend”, can be used to strengthen us to help other people in their difficulties too.

Jesus promised that He would be with us always, until the end of time, especially when times get rough and difficult, and when we have trouble seeing that light at the end of long and difficult tunnels, but if we can just take a moment long that tunnel to offer someone else God’s love to everyone with an open heart, who knows what we can change little by little.

As we are told in Psalm 46, ‘God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble’, Let’s try and remember that promise, today and every day.

With Love and Blessings,

Rev Mandy xx
THE REVEREND MANDY REYNOLDS

Next Service

The next service at St Michaels and All Angels Church will be on Sunday 24th November, 11am, Holy Communion with Reverend Mandy Reynolds

Tunstall Common Sewage pumping system

Please can all residents help the prevention of the Tunstall Common Sewage pumping system.

The foul water or Sewage from all the households in Tunstall heads down to the Common before it is pumped away.

It has blocked previously and so we would like people to be aware of the issues certain items can cause to the sewage system around Tunstall.

During last year’s floods, some of these items were responsible for the pumping system not coping with the water coming through the system. **Please can you not put the following items down the toilet:**

Wipes: Baby wipes, cleaning wipes, makeup wipes, and flushable wipes can clog pipes

Paper products: Paper towels, facial tissues, and napkins.

Feminine care products: Tampons and sanitary towels.

Hair: Hair can catch other waste and create blockages.

Coffee grounds: Coffee grounds can harden and congeal, blocking drains.

Band-aids: Plasters are made of many materials that don't dissolve in water, such as rubber and wax.

Contact lenses: Contact lenses are made of polymers that don't decompose for many years.

Cotton wool and cotton buds: These should not be flushed down the toilet.

Cooking fat: hardens and congeals, blocking drains.

Launch of 2024 rural transport survey

Suffolk County Council invites you to take part in our rural transport survey <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/8B1YI2/>. The survey **is open to 30 November**. Your feedback will help us shape the requirements for future rural transport services.

Connecting Communities is Suffolk’s rural transport solution for people who want to travel around our county but don’t have access to a regular bus service.