

Tunstall Parish Council

Footpath Warden Activity Update

Since our last bulletin a number of concerns were raised by residents about footpaths being overgrown and not allowing ease of passage for users. The level of information provided to the warden has been very helpful, including photographic evidence and a description of the precise location. The protocol for reporting these obstructions requires the warden to inform East Suffolk Council of the whereabouts and the nature of the blockage. East Suffolk Council provide the services to have the footpaths cleared within a set timetable. However, their obligations to carry out hedge cutting are governed by a set number of visits and only during defined periods each year. This year is an exceptional growth year, and the Parish Council are hoping to persuade the Services Department at ES Council to undertake some additional visits.

Residents should be made aware that if tempted to self-clear, it becomes harder to get the authority to take responsibility next time. Therefore, residents are asked to report through the appropriate channels to either the warden or via the Clerk to the Parish at pcclerk@tunstall.gov.uk.

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor?

We have vacancy for a Councillor, if you are over 18, a UK resident and have your name on the electoral role (other circumstances do apply) perhaps you would consider joining us. The Council meets 6 times a year and most other correspondence is via e-mail. Training is offered, and we are a very friendly bunch of people. If you are interested, please call Tiffany on 01728 688816 for more details.

Grants

Is your village organisation in need of a grant? Through various pieces of legislation, Tunstall Parish Council is permitted to give small grants to village organisations for the benefit of all or a substantial number of residents.

If you would like to request a grant, please contact the Parish Clerk. Applications must be in before 31st October and grants will be paid in May 2025.

Who do I contact with a Highways or Flooding Issue?

The relevant authority that deals with highways and flooding issues is Suffolk County Council (SCC) Highways.

If you see an issue on the highway or fear flooding may happen when a ditch or pond is very high, the different ways you can get hold of SCC Highways are to:

- Call SCC on 0345 606 6171 – don't leave it until the ditch/pond has overflowed, best to report it very high.
- Use the online reporting tool at <http://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

There is no charge for reporting an issue and SCC would rather hear about it ten times than not at all.

Residents' Flood Committee Latest Update

Some members of our village have just completed pump training with David Lowne so that they are able to start pumping water off the roads should we have another catastrophe like Storm Babet.

The number to call in an emergency if you are in need of immediate support with the pump (or anything else village residents can help with) is Sarah on 07900 657780. This is not the number to call to report flooding to the authorities, and you need to follow the procedure outlined in previous bulletins.

Diary dates

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 6pm in the Community Hall.

The Mobile Library

Wednesday 18 September 2024
Tunstall Green 10.10–10.25am
Tunstall Common 10.30–10.50am

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Tunstall Grapevine

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

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Tunstall BULLETIN

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Travel information for the Tour of Britain Men on Sunday 8 September

Residents and businesses along the route of a major cycling event coming to East Suffolk on Sunday 8 September are advised to be aware of temporary road closures and parking suspensions in their area.

Stage Six of the Lloyd's Bank Tour of Britain Men takes place in East Suffolk on Sunday 8 September, starting in Lowestoft and finishing in Felixstowe.

To ensure race safety, it will be necessary to close some roads, and to suspend parking in some of the towns and villages on the route.

Letters have been delivered to all houses and businesses along the route which may be affected by road closures or parking suspensions. Signs are also in place in areas where on-street parking restrictions will apply for the event and 'no waiting' cones will be put in position on Saturday 7 September. Residents and visitors are asked to remove their vehicles from these areas before restrictions apply.

Cllr Seamus Bennett, East Suffolk's assistant cabinet member and Felixstowe ward councillor, said: "The Tour of Britain Men is the biggest professional cycling race in the country, and we have worked hard to secure the return of the race to East Suffolk. We understand the temporary road closures and parking suspensions may be inconvenient to residents for a short time however these restrictions are essential to ensure the safety of the riders, and of all those who come out to enjoy this major sporting event. I would like to thank residents in advance for their support."

To minimise inconvenience, cones will be removed, and restrictions will be lifted as soon as possible after the race has passed through.

There will also be a rolling road closure in operation across the route for around 15 minutes before the estimated time of arrival until approximately 10 minutes after the last rider has passed.

For full details of the route, a detailed map, expected timings in each location and details of the road closures, including copies of the letters sent to residents, please visit www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/tour-of-britain

In Tunstall

Parking will be suspended on Ashe Road/B1078 between 9am and 2.30pm on Sunday 8 September.

Ride and Stride 2024

This popular sponsored fundraising event will take place on Saturday 14 September between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

The objective is to raise funds for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust which makes grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repairs and restoration with half of the money you raise being donated to the Church or Chapel of your choice. Last year we raised a total of over £400.

The event is open to all ages and abilities. It is not a race, and you plan your route to the churches by bike or walking, although you will then need to find sponsors. On the actual day remember to take your completed sponsorship form with you since your route needs to be marked up at each church which you visit.

A sponsorship form with full instructions and details are available in St Michael's Church, where there will be some forms which you will need, or contact your local organiser, John Calver, j.calver@btinternet.com

Tunstall MUGA

The Trustees of the Tunstall Community Hall are responsible for managing the booking & maintenance of the MUGA.

It's completely FREE for Tunstall Residents to use for personal use.

Everyone who uses the court is asked to **book online first** using the link below so that we know who is using the court and to ensure it's available when you arrive:

Link below:

[/https://tunstall.suffolk.cloud/amenities/multi-use-games-area/](https://tunstall.suffolk.cloud/amenities/multi-use-games-area/)

Once booked, you will receive a confirmation email, which also provides the MUGA entry code. This is changed on a weekly basis.

If you are registered and have forgotten your **user code** or would like to register please let us know by email to: tunstall.communityhall@gmail.com





Back to the grind...

For many of us, September brings a return to work, a return to school, a return to routine.

We may have had a wonderful Summer and really enjoyed the holiday, the time with friends and family, the rest, the busy sporting Summer – the Euros & Olympics to name just two.

However, as September draws near and now arrives - we may feel that sense of 'back to the grind we go...!' The freedom and joy of the Summer can quickly fade and be replaced by the monotony of daily life...

If you're feeling that way or know that you will feel that way at times (whether working or retired) – I would love to point you to the One who came to bring "life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). The One who brings perfect fulfilment and satisfaction – The Lord Jesus Christ.

We may be going through the highest of heights (e.g. the peak of Summer) or the deepest of depths (e.g. the bleakness of Winter) and yet Jesus promises to be with us through it all.

All He asks of us is that we trust Him, we turn away from looking inwards and look to Him.

I know that life is hard – for many of us, it is full of pain and suffering. And when we look around at our World and our Nation – things only appear worse... What hope can there possibly be?

Jesus! Jesus is the hope of the World. Jesus is the hope of humanity. But is He your hope? If He is, we can face whatever lies ahead – even the monotony of daily life and do it all in His strength and for His glory.

So – where is your heart at as we go 'back to the grind' this September?

We would love you to join us as we look to Jesus and experience life in all its fullness through Him. Please come along to one of our services at Rendlesham School, 10:30am on Sunday mornings.

DAVID BRICE

Assistant Pastor

Grace Church Rendlesham

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The Vicar's Voice

As I write this, the weather has been glorious, which has been good news for all those on school holidays, if not such good news for the gardens and such as the hedgehogs, who need water put out for them regularly. But, as preparations are made for children to return to school, or start a new school, or even start their new school life, there will be new uniforms to buy, stationery, backpacks and lunch boxes to be readied. However, it's not just the children who face new challenges.

In many of our churches, we are facing the challenges of increasingly dwindling congregations. With Sundays' being seen as just another day of the week, there's shopping to be done, outside school activities and clubs to go to, families to be caught up with. Life is busy, and church just doesn't seem to be a priority for anyone anymore. Unless of course, there is a baptism, a wedding or a funeral to attend. But Sunday mornings... well, it seems it's just not that important anymore!!

And so our churches, especially the rural churches, some here on the Wilford Peninsula, and even our own village, are in danger. They are in danger of being closed or, only used for major festivals such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance. as it costs to heat and light a church, even in summer months, especially for a small congregation.

Within the Rendlesham Cluster of churches, we have taken the decision to omit some services, hopefully offering quality of worship rather than quantity. But we need your help. What can we offer to encourage and entice people, YOU, back to church?

What kind of worship would you like to see? How about worship such as "Café Church", (an informal style worship over coffee and croissants) "Wild Church", outdoor worship helping to care for God's green acre, a service such as "Hymns and Pimms". And how about letting our children lead worship, with readings, hymns and prayers as they would want to do them?

However interesting and different these and other ideas are, without people coming to worship, they mean nothing. We need your help. Tell us how and when you want to worship (so let's be radical - it doesn't just have to be on a Sunday morning!!) and we will find a way to do it.

In the meantime, we have reduced the number of services in St Edmund's and St Gregory's. At St Edmund's there will be no service on the 2nd Sunday of the month, and the 4th Sunday will now be at 9.30am rather than 11am, giving people the chance to come and worship but still have the rest of the day for catching up with other things.

At St Gregory's church there will be no 4th Sunday morning service, but they will still have the evening Taize service on that day. These services will be reviewed in 6 months time to see if we are able to re-instate them.

As your vicar, whose service it is to further the kingdom of God in these place, it is troubling that I might not be serving your community, your village, your church well, and I need to know how better I can serve you. Please let me know what I can do to encourage you to come and hear the good news of Jesus Christ and how He can make a difference in your life, in whatever style of worship you choose.

With love and blessings as always, Rev Mandy xx

THE REVEREND MANDY REYNOLDS

News from St Michael & All Angels Church

St Michael's Church PCC is pleased to announce that monthly family services will resume on 22nd September and regularly on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11am, the services taken by our new vicar, Revd Mandy Reynolds. It is hoped that by having a monthly service, it will help build up a regular worship congregation.

Help in cleaning the church on Saturday 21st September at 9am would be appreciated. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Any help in dusting, vacuuming and polishing would be welcome.

If one service in September was not enough, the following Sunday we will be hosting the Rendlesham Cluster Benefice service on the 5th Sunday, (29th September), celebrating Michaelmas, in honour of the Saint from whom our church gets its name, again at 11am with our vicar, Revd Mandy Reynolds; everybody is welcome.

An Evening with Author of 'Notes from The Green Man' Chuck Dalldorf

Saturday 12th October starting at 6pm in Tunstall Community Hall.

Tickets are £5 each paid in advance, with all proceeds raised going towards improvements in the Children's play area, please email Tunstall.communityhall@gmail.com to secure your ticket.

There will be light refreshments available and a raffle, we look forward to seeing you there.

Digital Life Skills – A Beginners Course Sponsored by Friends of Woodbridge Library

The world is moving online and we want to help people keep up. Universal credit can only be applied for online and applying for jobs increasingly requires online form filling and emails. To say nothing of banking!

We have developed a course which will teach you how to: send emails, complete online forms such as universal credit, pensions and job applications as well as how to find information on the internet.

This course is FREE to individuals who are 18+ years old and*

Need training to claim government pension
Are on Universal Credit or Pension Credit
Are unemployed and looking for work
Have a long-term health condition
have Autism or a Learning Disability

Class size limited to 10

When: Fridays 4pm-6 pm
4 weeks starting Friday September 27th
Where: Meeting Room, Woodbridge Library

Contact Woodbridge Library on 01394 3308855 or come to the library desk to sign up.

The Rural Coffee Caravan hosts a 'ways to wellness' walk-in

All are welcome to an informal coffee morning/afternoon

Free refreshments and a chance to chat with representatives from a whole range of services dedicated to your overall wellbeing.

They can help with:

- Financial challenges
- Memory & mobility
- Physical & mental health & wellbeing
- Caring for loved ones
- Winter warmth & home safety

Friday 27th September, 10am – 12pm
Wickham Market Village Hall, IP13 0HE

Anyone for Table Tennis?

If you are looking to join a new local Table Tennis Club, then look no further!

We hope to create a new club in Tunstall Community Hall

Please call John if you are interested in joining us on 07802 935375

