Community not Conflict

Remembrance Day is a very poignant annual reminder of the human cost paid on all sides when anger, division and difference lead on to war.

Let’s bring the village together to remind ourselves of the importance of friends, neighbours, family and home - of community - and the strength and support that we can all give each other, in good and difficult times.

This year Tunstall will mark Remembrance with a family-friendly POP UP PUB in the back of St Michael’s Church. Opening hours 2 – 4.30pm and 6 – 9.30pm on Sunday 10 November.

During the afternoon there will be tea and cakes, (beer and wine) with a few tables of activities - suitable for all ages (card making, board games, Jenga etc)

The evening will be a more traditional ‘Pub’ environment, where Tunstall residents can just get to know each other over a drink - and we plan to have some music too.

There will be no service, or presentation - this is a community social occasion, not a religious one.

The 18 Tommy There But Not There Silhouettes will be on display from 2 November, as a tribute to the men of Tunstall lost in WW1, and indeed since.

Please come along and have a ‘beer with the boys’ as might have happened when the friends of those 18 soldiers returned home - or just quietly raise a glass to toast their memory.

This is a self-financing event, so we will have a self-serve ‘BAR TABLE’.

Please bring a bottle or two to share, or a homebake.

Everyone is welcome, especially those who are new to the village, live alone or who rarely go out.

Donations of drink, promises of cakes, or help are greatly appreciated, - supplies can be delivered in advance if necessary to Lucy Silovsky at Church Farm. 07710 446175. Lucy@silovsky.co.uk

If this event is well supported and enjoyed, then over the winter months we will aim to open regularly, perhaps once a month - creating Tunstalls own ‘POP UP PUB’.

The Parish Council

What is the latest news on the MUGA?

The fantastic news is that the majority of the funding for the MUGA is now in place. On top of the £30,219 allocated from the S106 Pot, Sport England have granted £43,000 and East Suffolk District Council have granted a further £11,500. This means that almost £85,000 is now in place for this project. There are still 3 or 4 smaller grant applications pending but, looking at the quotes we have had so far, funding should not be a problem.

However, what might be a problem for the project is deciding on all the options available to us.

One of the stipulations of the Sport England grant is that the MUGA is available for use all year round (as currently specified it will provide a playing surface for netball, basketball and 5-a-side football). In practical terms this means having lighting around it. We have engaged with local and national lighting companies and a number of options are on the table. However, Tunstall is praised for having very low light pollution and the project team must ensure that the lighting lights only the court, is on only when the court is being used and is not on after a certain time in the evening (possibly not after 9.00pm).

Our second challenge is access to the MUGA. This has to be a balance between being easy for users to enter and exit (including those who may be in a wheelchair or have accessibility aids) and being securable, to ensure it is not accessed at inappropriate times.

Our third challenge is the exact location. The MUGA will be on the Recreation Ground and we had no adverse comments regarding the proposed location next to the current Play Park. However, we must ensure the gap in between is appropriate. It mustn’t be too narrow to be uninviting and unusable but at the same time it mustn’t be ‘dead space’.

Our fourth challenge is ensuring the MUGA is cost neutral. There will be ongoing maintenance costs and charges for the lighting. These costs will need to be met through small charges for the court booking and the lighting, although we will endeavour to ensure there are as many times as possible where there is no charge, especially for local children.

Finally, there has to be a ‘booking’ system that allows for clubs and small groups to book the MUGA but also allows local residents to use the court freely.

For all these challenges many different options are being explored and examples visited. If you have any ideas or would like to be more involved in the project, please contact the Clerk.

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Church services

St Michael’s Tunstall

Sun 3 Nov No service at Tunstall Eucharist at Iken 9.30am
Sun 10 Nov Cluster Remembrance at Orford 10.45am
Sun 17 Nov Morning Praise 11.00am
Sun 24 Nov Eucharist 11.00am

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Design and production John Miles

Tunstall Event Team present;
The Family Pantomime ‘A Christmas Carol’
Performed by The Keepers Daughter Theatre Company

Sunday 8 December
Time 6.00pm
Mulled wine & mince pies, sweet bags, popcorn & soft drinks available
Christmas Raffle!
£3.00 per adult & £1.50 per child in advance or £4.00 per adult & £2.00 per child on the door.

Tickets available from Tiffany on 01728 688816 or between 3.30pm & 5.30pm in the Community Hall on 26 November.

All money raised will be divided between MUGA and future community events.

To find out more about The Tunstall Event Team, contact Karen on 01728 687484.

Psychic Night
Thank you to all who attended the Psychic night, we raised an amazing £404 for MUGA.
A big thank you to Tunstall events team for advertising and helping out on the evening.

Tiffany

Diary dates

Mobile Library
Wednesday 20 November 2019
Tunstall Green 10.10 – 10.25am
Tunstall Common 10.30 – 10.50am

Next Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 13 November 7.00pm

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The Vicar’s voice

I wonder how often we take for granted the unconditional love we receive? In life’s everyday hustle and bustle, it’s easily done. I’d like to share with you two examples of unconditional love for which I count my blessings.

I can often be seen walking my dog, Buttons, (yes...he’s named after a certain variety of chocolate:) in the park. He is 4 years old, comes to morning prayer with me and is so very cute - but of course I am completely biased. He spends as much time as he can by my side or curled up on my lap, as he is now whilst I write this. When I come home having been out and about at church or visiting parishioners, he welcomes me enthusiastically with a wagging tail and a greeting which is loving and unconditional. A blessing indeed.

My blessings also extend to the fact that this month, I will once again be officiating on Remembrance Sunday, giving thanks for the unconditional sacrifices made during various conflicts down the years. Over the last nine years I have had the privilege of leading commemoration services in Normandy, France, as Chaplain to Normandy Veterans, as those who are able, come together on the beaches where they landed 75 years ago,(my own father having landed on Sword Beach) who will also gather in various churches and cemeteries, to pay tribute to their mates, who weren’t so fortunate as to come home. These men, now well into their late 90s, wearing their medals with pride and yet often with such humility, always have a smile for the ladies, and, when no one is looking, a tear in their eyes as they remember their comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice. Their proud salutes to those mates are who, lay ‘in a corner of a foreign field that will be forever England’* is a poignant sight to witness. These are the men who fought for our freedom, that we might enjoy our lives, despite the chaos we seem to be in politically and socially. Their youth was given in unconditional service to their Sovereign and country, through love and loyalty to both.

This Remembrance-tide, may you, and all those whom you love, receive an abundance of blessings and love. Amen

*from Rupert Brooke’s poem ‘The Soldier.

REV MANDY

St Michael’s Church

After the quiet summer months, autumn has brought a burst of activity at St Michael’s. Michaelmas daisies in abundance decorated the church for our patronal feast day, 29 September, which was celebrated by the annual Whole Team service for all 17 Parishes. Bishop Mike led the service, a joyful occasion with a good congregation. Thanks to Hollesley bellringers, the choir and the organist from Orford.

Continuing the festivities in the afternoon, we soaked up the soaring notes of Zephyr Baroque Trio. Afterwards the audience stayed to enjoy tea, an abundance of donated cakes, and good company. Thanks to all who came, and those who donated cakes and contributions to the church fund.

PHILIPPA GODWIN