September highlights

Concert with tea & cakes • BBQ & Rounders
Quiz night with bar & raffle • Ride & Stride

The Parish Council

End of summer BBQ and rounder’s match in the park
Sunday 15 September
12 noon till 4-ish. Bring your own drinks and veggies/meat for the BBQ, and something for the table. Everyone welcome

KIRSTY WATSON

Annual Village Race

The annual Village Race took place on 11 August. There was an excellent turn out from the village with over twenty competitors plus a band of volunteers and supporters involved in the event. After one false attempt, Piper the labrador managed a high-five to get the race off to a flying start and the field of men, women, children and dogs (mostly) tore off like rockets, only stopping when the lure of Marji’s drinks station proved too much – and no surprise when this year it was not only stocked with wine and water but also olives and watermelon.

Congratulations to the winners: First man, Luke Taylor, First woman, Rebecca O’Neil, First senior youth – Ryan Gray and junior youth Manni Watson and first beast, Piper. There were refreshments for everyone at the race finish and it was great to see new faces and make new acquaintances hopefully to become friendships. Finally, a huge thanks to all the marshalls and other helpers who ensured that the race was a success and the tradition can continue.

SARAH, CAROLE, MARJI & DI

Number 62 and 65 Buses

Very sadly we report that funding for the number 62 bus (from Blaxhall, through Tunstall and on to Wickham Market and Woodbridge) has been withdrawn by the County Council and the last bus will operate on 2 November.

At the time of writing the Parish Council are speaking to the current operator (PF Travel) and the Coastal Accessible Transport Service (CATS) team to see what options there are. In the meantime, please let the Parish Council know if you need assistance with travel and we will see if we can coordinate the needs of residents in order that sharing of facilities can be explored or perhaps a local authorised volunteer driver can be contacted for assistance.

As for the 65, at present Tunstall is served by one bus to Ipswich departing the village at 7.20am and two return journeys that arrive at about 6.30pm and 7.30pm. From 1 September the morning bus will depart Tunstall a few minutes earlier at about 7.10am (this is the 6.20am departure from Aldeburgh). However, there will be no way to get back to Tunstall as the present 5.20pm departure from Ipswich (that arrives at Tunstall 6.30pm) will instead terminate at Rendlesham at 6.25pm; the present 6.20pm departure from Ipswich (that arrives at Tunstall 7.30pm) will no longer run.

If you are affected by either of these changes, or you know someone who will be, we desperately need to know. Please contact the Parish Clerk and we will ask the CATS service if they can assist you.

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Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Saturday 14 September. This annual sponsored event is a great opportunity to go out for a walk or cycle ride and visit some of our historic Suffolk churches. A full list of locations plus sponsorship forms are available to pick up from St Michael’s, Tunstall’s parish church, which is open every day. You can also be sponsored to take a turn welcoming participants to our church.

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Church services

St Michael’s Tunstall

Sun  1 Sept  No service at Tunstall Holy Eucharist at Iken  9.30am
Sun  8 Sept  Holy Eucharist  11.00am
Sun 15 Sept  Morning Praise  11.00am
Sun 22 Sept  Harvest Eucharist  11.00am
Sun 29 Sept  Whole Peninsular Team Eucharist with Bishop Mike
this is the annual service for all 17 parishes at Tunstall  11.00am

To arrange a Baptism, Marriage or Funeral
Rev Judith Andrews (01394 411642)

Anything else needing a priest one of the
Team Vicars – Rev Mandy Reynolds (01394 420129) or Rev Ruth Hatchett (01394 412052)

For administrative matters contact one of
the elders, John Calver (01728 689019) or
Richard Wilson (01728 688546).

Tunstall & Sudbourne Baptist Chapels

Sun  1 Sept  10.30am Sudbourne  2.00pm Sudbourne
Sun  8 Sept  10.30am Rendlesham School 6.30pm Tunstall
Sun 15 Sept  10.30am Sudbourne  6.30pm Tunstall
Sun 22 Sept  10.30am Rendlesham School 6.30pm Tunstall

Coffee, Craft & Chat/Tots and Toddlers
(for pre-school children) 9.30 -11.30am at Tunstall every Wednesday during term time.

Coffee, Craft & Chat Evening Group
7.30 -9.00pm at Tunstall – Thursday 26 September.

Ladies Fellowship Group 2.00pm at Tunstall – Tuesday 17 September.

David Rushbrook 01394 809691
www.stbaptist.co.uk

The Vicar’s voice

A man arrives at the gates of heaven.
Peter, waiting at the gates asks: Who wishes to enter through these gates?
‘I’, the man replied. ‘Charlemagne, King of the Franks, Ruler of Aquitaine, King of Italy, Holy Roman Emperor wish to enter’.
Peter replies: ‘I’m sorry, we know of no such man’. And the gates remained closed.
Charlemagne, turns to walk away, but being deeply offended and astounded turns back to the gates where Peter is still standing.
‘Who wishes to pass through these gates?’ asks Peter once more.
‘I’, replied Charlemagne again, ‘Father of the most powerful empire in the modern world, created by divine providence’.
Peter again replies: ‘I’m sorry, we know of no such man’ and the gates remained closed.
Charlemagne once again turns, and reflects on what he has said. Suddenly he realises why the gates are closed to him. So he returns to stand before Peter once more.
‘Who wishes to pass through these gates’, asks Peter for a third time.
Society today seems to rate a person’s success and status as the signs of achievement. People tend to think of success in terms of wealth, qualifications, power, influence, the bigger the car, house, possessions, then the more successful a person must be. And so on and so on.
But, as Charlemagne discovered, God isn’t interested in our status, power or wealth.
Just our hearts. Hearts that trust in him. Just as children trust in their parents to open their arms to them, give them love, provide for them and keep them safe, so God asks us to trust Him to do the same for all of us, no matter what age, colour or creed we are.
We can learn a lot from children, the way they see the world, with a logic that often we tend to lose as we get older and life gets complicated.
Jesus asks us to come to him with the simplicity of faith that a child looks to its mother and father. His arms are open, waiting to embrace us and enfold us.
Are you ready to enter His embrace? With every blessing, REV MANDY

Readers needed

Orford Primary School are looking for volunteers to read with students on a 1:1 basis. I have 2 children at the school and help by going in for an hour every three weeks. It can therefore be a small commitment but is very rewarding. You do not need any experience, the receptionist will help you fill out the DBS form and submit it for you. If you think you can help please contact the school reception on 01394 450281. REBECCA DARCY

Carpet Bowls

Orford club recommences Tuesday 3 September at 7.00pm in the Town Hall.
DAVID EMENY - 01394 450687

Sudbourne club recommences Wednesday 4 September at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
Terry Bugg Telephone: 01394 450543
Email: gwenandterry@btinternet.com
We welcome players of any age or ability to either or both clubs. TERRY BUGG

Jam jars

If anybody has any clean jam jars they no longer need I would be very grateful of them. Please contact MAUREEN BURMAN 688 212

Retiring Editor

Di Pickard was a joy to work with. Her skill in getting all the material together each month, edited to a manageable length has made everyone else’s task that much easier. In spite of wrestling with a, sometimes temperamental, photo copier she has ensured that the delivery volunteers were able to get a copy of the Bulletin to every house in the Parish in good time.
The Bulletin team welcomes Tiffany and will do all they can to help her find her way into a task which is sometimes not as easy as Di made it seem. JOHN MILES

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Design and production John Miles

Diary dates

Mobile Library
Wednesday 25 September 2019
Tunstall Green  10.10 - 10.25am
Tunstall Common 10.30 - 10.50am

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 11 September 7.00pm