

Tunstall Parish Council

Traffic Concerns

Unfortunately speeding and increasing traffic volumes are a concern in the village, Tunstall Parish Council would like to thank residents who have been in touch and to offer assurance that the concerns have been reported to Suffolk County Council Highways..

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Consideration is being given to join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. This will require participation by all residents to help report any suspicious activity within and around the Parish. Cllr. Gilbert has attended a recent presentation; there is a good case for joining with improved communications with our local officers.

Dog Poo

Sadly, the issue of piles of dog poo being left on our pavements and footpaths has reared its ugly head again. It is your responsibility to pick up any faeces. There are many dog bins in the village, please use them.

Attending a Parish Council Meeting

Did you know you would be most welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council? Our meetings are held in the Committee Room of the Community Hall, our next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th April at 6pm.

Each meeting contains a section at the start where members of the public are encouraged to raise items with the Councillors or speak about items on the agenda. On many occasions our District and County Councillors are also in attendance and are happy to take questions.

Tunstall Grapevine

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

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Diary dates

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Thursday 9 April at Tunstall Community Hall.

The Mobile Library

Tunstall Green:

Wednesday 1 April 10.25–10.50

Wednesday 29 April 10.25–10.50

Tunstall Common:

Friday 1 May 15:50-16:05

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Tunstall Bowls Club

Its almost that time when we can at last get out on the green and start bowling! Winter seems to have been much longer and wetter this year and we are all now champing at the bit.

The revitalised green is looking really good now, after months of preparation by our team of stalwart volunteers.

The green opens on 11th April, with our first Fynn League match at home to Yoxford on Thursday 23rd April, why not come along and watch?

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our open weekend on 25th and 26th April, when hopefully we will have good weather and visitors can enjoy free light refreshments and perhaps have a go at bowls. Everything will be provided and newcomers will be shown how we do things.

In the meantime, why not take a look at our website www.tunstallbowlsclub.com or our Facebook page (Tunstall and District Bowls Club) to find out a bit more.

Yoga Birds

Tunstall has its very own mixed gender, mixed ability yoga class every Thursday evening with Rachel Griffin of Yoga Birds. The classes are inclusive and welcoming, designed to effectively soften and strengthen the body, whilst significantly easing mental stress.

You don't have to be flexible in order to practise yoga. All postures are adapted and modified to suit a range of abilities, and everyone is sufficiently challenged, regardless of experience.

Try before you buy, pay as you go and block booking options are available.

Hatha Yoga mixed ability class, Thursdays 7pm Tunstall Community Hall. £63 per block of 6 or £12 pay as you go, hello@yogabirds.co.uk www.yogabirds.co.uk

Public invited to share views on their local area

East Suffolk Council is encouraging people to get involved in a new project designed to capture local opinions about the district. The new East Suffolk Placeshaping project aims to enhance the quality of places in the district by creating new or improving existing planning policy.

An interactive map is available on the project website, allowing participants to pinpoint places in East Suffolk they like, dislike, or believe should be improved. Participants are also invited to complete a short survey to provide further detail about their views.

Anyone who lives, works or visits East Suffolk is invited to participate in the project, which will help to inform planning guidance throughout the district.

A series of walking tours through Woodbridge, Framlingham and Leiston have also been organised as part of the project. These will give local people the opportunity to share their views with the project team in real time. Walks to will last 90 minutes and several times are available for booking.

Cllr Mark Packard, East Suffolk Council's cabinet member for Planning and Coastal Management, said:

"We invite anyone who has a connection to East Suffolk to take part in this project. Gathering public views on the buildings, streets and places that shape daily life across East Suffolk will help shape the future of the district and inform planning policy going forward."

The consultation is open until Friday 24 April, and an insights report will be published once all responses have been gathered.

Responses can be submitted via the East Suffolk Placeshaping website

(<https://www.eastsuffolkplaceshaping.com/index.php>)

where you can also book a place on one of the walking tours at:

Woodbridge: Tuesday 21 April at 10am, 1pm or 4pm.

Framlingham: Wednesday 22 April at 10am, 1pm or 4pm.

Leiston: Thursday 23 April at 10am, 1pm or 4pm.

News from St Michael's

The church grounds are springing back into life, much like our church itself which has weathered the winter with great spirit (lots of it brought in by the community). The bulbs planted in October are now in full bloom and we are indebted to the churchyard army who quietly come in and mow, tidy and clear. Our congregation has increased by an average of 1000% per service which is something magical to see. But now the real work to save the building begins. One of our team will soon be applying for grants to help repair the crumbling East wall, but this work which is so desperately needed is a substantial, five figure, sum. As well as being grateful for any financial contributions in the collection at our services, we're reaching out to see if any villagers who are interested in preserving our village history would be happy to donate £1 or £2 a month via our parish giving scheme. You can nominate which church you want to receive your donation (and will hopefully nominate Tunstall!) and for each pound you give, we get to claim 25p in gift aid. And of course, you can cancel at any time, but will always know that you've played a part in history, and in keeping the place from ruin.

Please contact Sarah, the church secretary (details below) or you can also find Parish Giving forms in the church itself.

In coming months, we have our pet service on Sunday 7th June. This is always a hoot as we come together with our animals for a special service of thanksgiving for what they



bring to us (in the case of our dog Rumpus, a frozen shoulder, three ruined pairs of glasses and an apology for her behaviour always on our lips). There will be refreshments for humans and pets afterwards in our cafe set up at the back of the church. We're also planning a picnic or barbecue in the summer.

The church now has a great social space as well as brilliant acoustics. Please let us know if you would like to borrow it for your event or club for a small contribution to the repair fund. And we'd also love to hear from you if you'd be happy to use your skills in a fundraiser. To get involved or pitch in with ideas, please contact us st.michaels.tunstall@gmail.com or 07900 657780.





Don't you just love this time of year?

I do. We've survived the winter and start to enjoy the spring. Why not, hey? Time to get outside and enjoy this beautiful area! Longer daylight hours. Warmer weather. Walks in the countryside, perhaps even in shorts and t-shirt. Fish and chips by the sea. Those summer holidays are not far away.

Another reason I love this time of year? Our son was born in April. He's just turned two. It's great being two years old – everything is just so exciting. The springtime is only going to increase the joy in his little heart. Smiles and giggles and wide-eyed wonder.

And I love this time of year because it's Easter. The spotlight falls once again on Jesus of Nazareth. Whatever you think of Jesus, you have to admit: there is something special about Jesus! Jesus continues to extend his hands out to each one of us: offering his rescue, his love, his peace, his way of life, and even life itself.

As Jesus himself said: *"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."* John 11v25

Where do you stand with Jesus this Easter? Would you like to hear more about his way of life?

We'll be exploring some important life questions across our Easter services, at Grace Church Rendlesham. Namely:

3rd April. Good Friday: How can I make it to the top?

5th April. Easter Sunday: Death: Then what?

You'd be most welcome to join us in exploring these questions. We meet at 10.30am in Rendlesham Primary School.

For more information, please see our website or get in touch with me. I'll try and answer your questions.

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P.S. If Easter and Spring weren't exciting enough, there is also our Holiday Bible Club for Primary School children in the School Holidays.

8th - 10th April, 2pm-4:30pm in Rendlesham School.

This year's circus-themed programme will explore the miracles of Jesus through loads of fun activities, crafts, drama, games and snacks.

It's Fun. It's Free. And you can book places on our website.

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

Weekly Morning Service

We meet every Sunday at 10.30am in Rendlesham Primary School.

The Vicar's Voice

The Easter Message 2026 *"He has swallowed up death in victory"*

Dear All,

The Easter message is a 'dawning' in our hearts and the hearts of all that "He has swallowed up death in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54), which proclaims that Jesus Christ's resurrection has conquered death. This promises freedom from the fear of death, transforming it from a final defeat into eternal life, where mortality is replaced by immortality. The "sting" of death, sin, is defeated through Christ's sacrifice. A message of hope, assuring us that death is not final. Isaiah (25:8), prophesies a future where God "will swallow up death forever". Christ's resurrection guarantees that those who follow Him will also be raised to eternal life.

This central message of Easter, focuses on the triumph of life over the grave. 'For God so loved the world that he gives His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3.16)

Easter marks the most hopeful and powerful moment in history : the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is the celebration of God's promise fulfilled and the victory of life over death, sorrow turns to joy and death gives way to life.

He willingly gave His life so that we could be forgiven and restored to the realisation that, 'I and my Father are One', the true relationship with God in the heart of All. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." His resurrection was physical and real.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day so that through Him we can be made new, and given eternal life.

The paradox of human life runs through the Easter story and in the scenes that daily come before our eyes – at one moment, terrible images of human suffering and, in another, heroic acts in war-torn countries, where humanitarians of every kind risk their own lives to protect the lives of others. The abiding message of Easter is that God so loved the world that He sent His son to show us how to love one another, and to lay down His own life for others in a love stronger than death. There are three virtues that the world still needs – faith, hope and love. "And the greatest of these is love". It is with this truth in mind, and heart, that I wish you all a blessed and peaceful Easter.

Love and blessings

REVD DR STEPHEN PETER THOMPSON

Update from Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP

I recently convened a Westminster Hall debate on the merits of an energy developers levy, I made the case that communities like ours are being asked to deal with the cumulative impact of multiple major infrastructure projects, all coming forward separately, but all placing pressure on the same communities.

That is at the heart of the concern I hear time and again across our area. The problem is not simply one individual development. It is the lack of coordination between them, and the fact that local people are expected to absorb the combined and repeated impact

On paper, projects may be assessed separately. But that is not how they are experienced in practice. Residents see the whole picture. They see repeated disruption, pressure on local roads, uncertainty for villages and the cumulative effect on the places they call home. That is why I have been clear that developers need to take a far more joined-up approach.

My debate was an opportunity to press that case directly to government. I argued that where developers are bringing forward very large infrastructure schemes, they should

contribute to the cost of better coordination in the communities affected.

This issue is about fairness: those creating the disruption and generating the return should fund the systems to manage the cumulative impact. What I am suggesting would not lead to higher bills. Proper co-ordination would reduce bills: reduce the duplication, prevent redesign and avoid the need for repeated construction and legal conflict. Proper coordination saves money.

That same principle has guided my contribution to the LionLink consultation. I have continued to make the case that local concerns must be looked at in the round, not in isolation, and that the cumulative effect of multiple projects on our communities must be taken seriously from the outset.

My message has been consistent throughout: our area cannot be treated as a series of separate planning applications on a map. People live with the combined impact in real life, and they deserve a system that recognises that.

JENNY RIDDELL-CARPENTER MP