



What's On

in Monks Leigh August - September 2018

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No. 21

History Group



Community Shop

THANK YOU STEVE THE POSTMAN Please come along to the shop on **Friday Aug 3rd** at 11.30am to say a big thank you to Steve and to present him with a gift and card as an appreciation of his 20 years of service to our village. *Patti Derry*

SUMMER BARBECUE at the SOUNDS OF THE PAST MUSEUM Sun. 5th August with live music and silent movies 10:30 - 4:00 at the URC Hall. Proceeds to Prostate Cancer Research. Next opening is: Sunday 2nd September.

Contact: Paul Goodchild: 01787 372478

OPEN MIKE, DRINKS AND FOOD

Please join us for a fundraising event in aid of the new village hall held by Chris and Jenny Pooley at The Hall in Monks Leigh on Sunday 19th August from 2pm, everyone welcome. Tickets £5, music, drinks and food to compliment a selection of open mic entertainment. Flyer with full details to follow.

HISTORY GROUP SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT

Join the Committee at St Peter's Church on 23rd August at 6.30pm to listen to Roy Tricker talk about our lovely church and other churches in our benefice. After Roy's talk, fizz and canapés will be served. You will also have a chance to preview our list of speakers for 2018-2019 and to pay your subscription, or join if you are not a current member. This is a free event for current members or £5.00 for guests. To book a place, **Contact:** Jan 744162

COMMUNITY BRING AND SHARE PICNIC

St Peter's Church and the United Reformed Chapel warmly invite you to a Community Bring & Share Picnic & Afternoon of Nature Activities on Monday 27th August 12.30 - 4.30pm. It will take place in the garden and the 5-acre nature reserve at Arisaig, Back Lane. Children's activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Nature Trail. **Contact:** Maureen on 741644 or at maureen@arisaig.net

OTHER BENEFICE EVENTS

Saturday 8 September at 7.00pm Gin and Jazz concert, St Mary's, Kettlebaston. Sunday afternoon on 19 August, and 16 September between 3.00-5.00pm Cream teas served in St Mary's Church, Brent Eleigh. Everyone is welcome.

VILLAGE GARAGE AND YARD SALE (for new Village Hall)

On Saturday 8 September we are having a Village Garage and Yard sale from 10-4pm. There will be limited space on the village green if you don't have a yard/garage/driveway but they are running out fast. It's £10 to take part. Every little helps...

Contact: alison.monkseleigh@gmail.com or chrissy.nichols@tiscali.co.uk

WILDLIFE GROUP

Tiger Hill trip. Eight of us enjoyed being led round Tiger Hill reserve with explanations about the trees and grasses and the effect the sheep have on the meadows. It was a hot day but thankfully we were in the shade of woods a lot of the time ending in the lovely garden of our excellent guide, Nick, with drinks. The trip to Foxearth Meadows was postponed and will now take place on Wednesday 8th August at 11am, guided by Mark Prina, the reserve manager. Only reserve in the UK managed for dragonflies and damselflies, owned by A Rocha UK. Bring a

packed lunch if you wish. **Contact:** Maureen 741644 or maureen@arisaig.net for directions.

Friday 7th September - a large group of us is booked on an RSPB guided river trip on the Alde-Ore Estuary and Butley River with a 40 minute stop on Havergate Island. RSPB members £19, non-members £24. There may be a few places left. If you wish to join us: **Contact:** Jenny M 740465

BENEFICE WALKING GROUP

1st Wednesday of each month. 9.30am outside the Swan. In June we walked across the fields from Chelsworth to Bildeston Church and were interested to see the new housing development nearby, including 2 silos! **Contact:** Maureen 741644 or Jenny H 741475

MILLENNIUM GREEN

It is lovely to see more and more villagers enjoying this quite open space. A short sit on one of the benches allows you to enjoy the bird song and generally to see several butterflies. Due to the dry weather the Trustees have hardly needed to use the new mower this Summer but we are grateful for the volunteers who have undertaken any mowing. The 10 Buckthorn whips planted in the spring had all taken. Whether they have survived the drought is another question.

Please remember the Autumn work parties arranged for October 20th and 27th (9am-11am) **Contact:** Jaques 740414

ST PETER'S CHURCH AND UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Services at St Peter's, Monks Eleigh:

Sunday 2 September 10.15am Benefice Communion.

Wednesday August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and September 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10.00am short communion service.

Everyone is welcome.

Contact: Carol Mansell 744484

MONKS ELEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

Our shop is moving into the 21st century by now taking card payments! Shop and TAP! Is your garden dry and boring at the moment? How about some beautiful Katie's plants to cheer it up? We still need Saturday afternoon volunteers and shelf-stockers. Spend some time in our lovely cool shop in this heat!

Contact: Janet at The Shop 01449 744908.

OUR LOCAL POST OFFICE

All the new equipment has been installed and seems to be working ok. Holiday season is now upon us so don't forget euros and dollars on demand, and lots more currencies on pre-order. As you will see, the card reader has arrived on the shop counter, but don't forget you can get cash at the post office. It's so important as all transactions are vital to keep the post office a viable business.

Thankyou to all my customers. **Contact:** Mandy: 741630

BELL RINGING

We have a wedding on the 4th August, so listen out for the bells. What with it being too hot in the tower and people on holiday, we haven't been ringing much, but hope to back in the swing of things soon. We welcome visitors so if you hear the bells, then pop up and have a look. **Contact:** Mandy: 741630

MUSIC AND MEMORIES

Poppies: It would be appreciated if all the knitted poppies could be left in the box under the tower in St Peter's or let me know and I

will collect them. I would like to have all poppies by the end of September so that they can be assembled.

An evening of music and verse will be held in St Peter's, Monks Eleigh on Sunday 11th November, commencing at 7.30 to commemorate the end of World War 1 and subsequent conflicts. Please let us know if you have any letters, poems etc. you would like to read or have read.

Contact: Carol Bines 740253 or Pat Braithwaite 740813

BOOK CLUB

This month we are reading 'Skeleton Man' by Tony Hillerman. This is the seventeenth crime fiction novel in the Joe Leaphorn / Jim Chee Navajo Tribal Police series by Tony Hillerman, first published in 2004. It was a New York Times best-seller.

We are small group who meet in the house of the person who's chosen book is read. We would welcome new members.

Contact: Angela Forrest 740414

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

Visiting Monks Eleigh Green on Weds, 1st and 29th August and 26th September from 10.25am to 10.50am. You can call our customer service team for more information on: 01473 263838.

MONKS ELEIGH FETE & DOG SHOW

(For those who don't already know:) A big thank you to everyone who made the Fete and Dog Show so successful again. The event managed to generate £5,207 which is marvellous. We were blessed with perfect weather for everyone to bring their families and dogs for an enjoyable day out. The proceeds will be used on the Church project, to build a WC and social area at the back of the Church. Our sincere thanks go to all those who contributed, participated and helped in so many ways in making the Fete happen and making it a very happy and successful day. We must also thank the pilot who did a flying display. Who was he?! Pat Braithwaite on behalf of the Fete Committee and St Peters PCC

TEA AND JAZZ IN THE GARDEN

We had a very hot and only slightly breezy afternoon, for our tea in the garden, but everyone braved the rather scorching temperatures and enjoyed the soft sounds of jazz, to the clink of Pimms glasses, and huge quantities of sandwiches, scones, cakes and teas.

We raised an amazing £794.00 for the village hall, and I have to thank so many people. Thankyou to everyone who supported the event, and who bought raffle tickets and made donations.

Thankyou to Corncraft for the loan of the chairs, to the Village Hall and the Church for the use of equipment, and to everyone who lent their gazebos. Thankyou to the team who ran it on the day, you were all amazing and worked so hard, and to all the cake makers, and caterers. Finally thankyou to all those who turned up on Sunday to help take it all down again, and to anyone else I have forgotten to mention. These events don't happen without a lot of work from a lot of enthusiastic people, well done all! I have a black and white spotty cake tin here, if it belongs to you do call me and I'll drop it off to you. Erica Bolam

BRIDGE FARM BARN

Ladies clothing now at Corn Craft!

Did you know that the Corn Craft Gift Shop has introduced some ladies clothing? The Summer ranges have been selling really well and we are expanding our offerings for Autumn. Come on over and take a look! Autumn will be coming into the shop in early September. We are also stocking some rather lovely Eau de Parfum perfumes and aftershaves! Next time you're in have a sniff and see what you think!

Ooh la la!

Sarah's Attic have just returned from a buying trip to France where they have sourced a fantastic selection of unusual vintage French wares. Do call in to take a peek at what they have found. Don't forget they also sell Autentico brand chalk paints if you like to have a go at painting your own furniture or they can paint it for you!

I would just like to say a personal thank you to all of you who come and support our businesses at Bridge Farm Barns. Running a business in our modern times is forever challenging and we all really do appreciate our local support. So "thank you" from Caroline Gage x

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The AGM of the Village Hall Trust heard that apart from the proceeds of the sale of the old hall site, efforts had been made to secure further funding in the way of Grants and donations from various bodies. A local funding effort had seen contributions from £5 to £25,000 which now totalled over £50,000 with a further £5,000 coming from the Government as part of the Gift Aid scheme.

Whilst the building and essential fitting out of the new Hall was covered financially there were many other things that would be needed and further fund raising events have been arranged (see above). The opening of the new Village Hall is not expected before the end of October.

After a vote the elected Trustees are Mandy Coll; Diana Swansborough-Reynolds; Christine Nichols; Richard Warner; Gill Buchanan (Secretary); Mike Evans. In additions the following are Trustees by Nomination from active Village Groups: Patti Derry (Chair); Angela Forrest; Richard Bines (Treasurer); Ray Hayler. If you have any ideas for or want to run classes or events in the new Hall please contact one of the Trustees. Richard Bines

PARISH COUNCIL

Your Councillors are:

Don Reynolds (new Chairman), Patti Derry (Vice-Chairman), Angela Forrest, Peter Day and Chris Eames. There is a space for another to join - If anyone would like to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor or wants to join, they can contact me. Next Parish Council Meeting: Mon 24th September in the URC Hall.

Contact: Lucinda Rogers clerk.monkseleigh@gmail.com 677882

THE SWAN INN AND SHOP

The owner was asked on 5th July about progress with the new shop lease and he said that it was in hand. We had hoped that the sale of the pub would be done and dusted by now.

Arthur Grosset

MONKS ELEIGH SCHOOL SITE

We are in the process of negotiating the sale of the site but at this stage are not able to provide information on the potential purchaser. As soon as this has been finalised, I can let you know. Joy Stoddart, Schools Commissioning Manager, Suffolk County Council

For information about latest amendments to the plans for development of the school site, go to Babergh and Mid Suffolk planning application search web page and enter the application number B/16/01718.

To get a local event, charity or club included in the newsletter, please contact one of the following:

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