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Big thanks to all in help given for the Kings Coronation.

First and foremost can I express a big gratitude of thanks to all those who helped to put on the Stoke Ash & Thwaite Coronation event. I personally have received many emails asking for thanks to be given to all concerned so I feel that I must discharge my duties as a contact point to do just that. Can I personally thank the team, headed up by our Commander in Chief 'Geoff,' who pushed us all along to make it happen.

We had no idea of what the turnout was to be and was concerned in the early stages of planning, as there was not much response. Needless to say, after the team did a door-to-door 'recce', we then had some idea and were able to plan the materials that needed to be purchased.

On a second note, the original team that headed up the magazine, due to age, commitments and ill health, had to meet to confirm a changeover of responsibilities. Peter & Ann Gammage had moved out of the village some time ago and Ann as the treasurer asked to resign her position in April 2022 but confirmed that she would carry on as signature to the bank until such time as somebody took over the role. Ken Smith, due to health issues, also resigned this year as editor and Lionel Coe (Mr. Stoke Ash) as advertising coordinator felt that somebody else younger should take on the job. To this end I have agreed to take on the job as editor having helped Ken over the last few months as being a second pair of eyes, Tony Pulman, as the new chair of Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council, has agreed to be the new treasurer and Ken has agreed for the time being of continuing the work of Advertising coordinator.

This current issue has come out a little more expensive for us as we have extra colour pages but this was a special event in our lifetime and it deserved the extra attention as King Charles III has promised to serve his subjects and we too, as the magazine team and the Parish Council commit ourselves to do the same for the good of everybody who lives in our villages.

Once again, we say as parish councillors that we are here to help so please, if there is a need, let us know and we will endeavour to help where we can.

Cover picture of King Charles III courtesy of the Official Pictures from Coronation released for Charities and non profit organisations

The copy deadline for ALL issues this year will be the 10th of alternate months and for advertisers the 12th

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report on meetings March & April 2023

Cllr Tony Pulham chaired the March meeting pending election of a new chairperson at the annual parish council meeting on 18 May.

Play Equipment Stoke Ash – members were pleased to hear that the new play equipment on the green at Stoke Ash village hall would be installed by the end of March. The equipment has been funded by the Village Hall and Parish Council. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Geoff Tancred for sourcing and overseeing the installation of the equipment – our members are hopeful it will bring great enjoyment to the younger people in the village.

CPR – a further training session was held on 21 March attended by some 11 parishioners from both parishes. Members were grateful to Mr Mike Favager for leading the sessions.

Request for mobile Post Office visit to Stoke Ash – unfortunately there has been no progress to report with regard to a possible visit by a mobile Post Office. The current routes are all full. The nearest Post Offices for Stoke Ash are Mendlesham and the mobile visit to Thorndon Black Horse on the Friday morning. Should there be any change this will be reported in the newsletter.

Footpath 14 - obstruction at Hill Farm, Huggins Lane – the Parish Council was informed this footpath was again blocked at Hill Farm preventing access for pedestrians and dog walkers and there had been difficulty in getting the path cleared by Suffolk CC, the authority responsible. Cllr Tancred stated he would walk the path and would report the location of the obstruction to Suffolk CC Public Rights of Way via the website reporting tool.

Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held Thursday 27 April 2023 – an extraordinary meeting was called to agree a response to a planning application at Hill Farm for change of use of agricultural land to form a landscaped car park for the existing Glamping facility. Members heard from two parishioners that the site was a known habitat for Great Crested Newts and any disturbance of their habitat would be illegal. Following consideration of the application the Parish Council agreed a recommendation of refusal, this can be viewed on the MSDC Planning website at www.midsuffolk.gov.uk go to planning applications, ref DC/23/01370 to view the Parish Council response.

The extraordinary meeting was followed by the Stoke Ash and then Thwaite annual parish meetings. Reports were gratefully received from community groups.

Dates of meetings for remainder of the year:

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I am writing to you in the aftermath of a joyous weekend of Coronation celebrations, when I enjoyed being part of some of our wonderful community lunches and teas. This month I am reflecting on the theme of the Coronation Service, ‘Called to Serve’.



Almost a year ago we were celebrating together in our communities for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, and reflecting on her extraordinary service during the 70 years of her reign. King Charles has a hard act to follow, and his Coronation has raised questions about the role of the monarchy in modern day Britain; but whatever our personal views may be, he has been called to serve the nation, whether we are of various faiths or none, and he is there to represent us in all of our diversity.

We don’t yet know what sort of king Charles will be, but we do know about his care for the environment, and concern for young people, giving them hope and purpose.

As Prince of Wales, he has engaged in a number of initiatives to protect the planet, most recently standing as a key figure during COP26. In 1976 he used his Navy severance pay of £7,400 to set up the Prince’s Trust, which has helped 1,000,000 young people to date and supports more and more each day.

A special moment for me in the Coronation Service was when the king, dressed in plain shirt and trousers, knelt at the altar after being anointed – a humble acknowledgement of his call to serve, based on the example of Jesus, and his declaration at the start of the service:

In his name, and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve’

Our churches are called to serve one another and our communities with humility, compassion and kindness, and we strive to respond to human need by loving service. The greatest impact comes when we see church and community organisations working together to help others. Every time we seek to do something good, every time we help someone find dignity, purpose, and hope for the future, we too, are following the example of Jesus, the King of Kings, and those monarchs through the ages, like our Queen, and now King Charles, who take seriously their call to serve. In our churches, we give thanks for all those who volunteer in many different ways for the benefit of our communities, and this is our prayer for you today:

Living God, you bring us together in community, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. May we be beacons of your light in the communities in which we are set, that through truth, justice and action we may see your kingdom come upon the earth, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings, Julia

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June 28th, July 26th and August 23rd

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All are welcome – refreshments and chat afterwards.

WORSHIP for July

Sunday 9 July – **Holy Communion** at 10.30am

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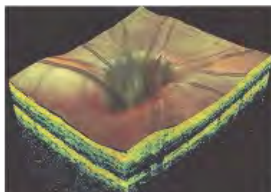
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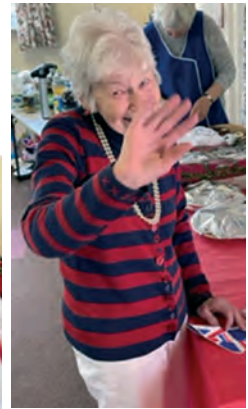


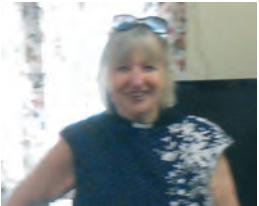
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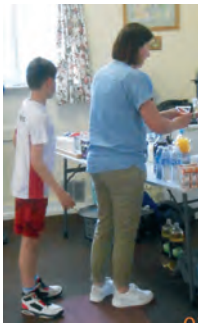
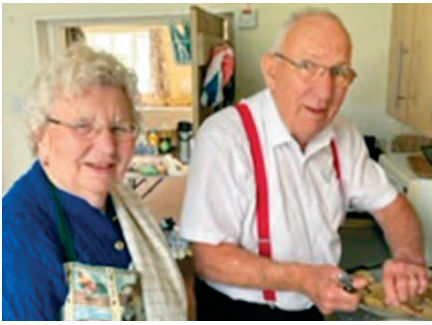
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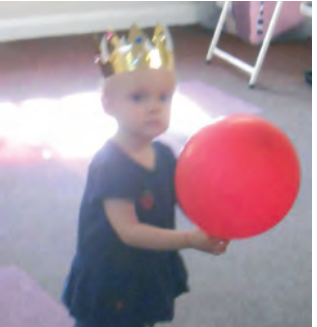


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The 16 themed flower arrangements were based on 'Famous Georges' and included not only the historically famous such as George Frederic Handel, George Eliot, George Bernard Shaw, St George, the King Georges, but also Boy George, George Best, George Gershwin, George Harrison and Georgie Porgie.

The idea of a flower festival came initially from the Craft, Knit and Natter group in the village, as a way of bringing the community together. Some of the flower arrangers were from Thwaite, but as we are such a small community, others were drafted in from Stoke Ash, and from further afield.

As well as the flower displays there was a tombola, craft stalls selling handmade cards and wood turned items. The other big attraction was the refreshments, organised and served by Chris and Dick Maisey and their daughter Fiona. Soup, hot drinks, savouries and cakes were available and were much appreciated by everyone.

The flower festival has helped bring the community together, not only through the flower arranging and the catering, but through all those who contributed in so many different ways to make the event successful. This includes cleaning the church, mowing the churchyard, car parking on the community field, supplying home-made cakes, sausages, bacon, rolls, and other snacks, designing and producing posters and leaflets, qualified first-aid cover, and setting up.

Although not primarily a fundraiser, the generosity of the village, the 130+ visitors, and participants, raised £708 over the two days. None of the contributors have asked for expenses, so all that money will be used for the maintenance and development of St. Georges Hall and the Old School Room.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the event and to all our visitors who attended. We hope they enjoyed our Thwaite Flower Festival. We certainly did!





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
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If you would like to join this important scheme and receive regular NW newsletters and alerts, please contact Roger. There is also available a number of NW stickers to put on windows or doors. Roger's details are under the Parish Councillor's details on page 3 of this newsletter. I would also like to thank everyone for their support over the years.

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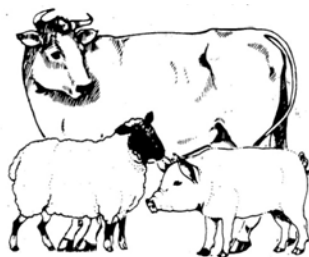
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Sarah Holmes from Home Start in Suffolk came to our meeting in March to speak to us about the work of this charity that was set up to support families in Suffolk. It is part of an international group that carries out this type of support work in 22 countries, on 5 continents. There is also a group that helps RAF families posted to Cyprus. The organisation was founded about 50 years ago, in Leicester, by Margaret Harrison with the purpose of supporting families in their own homes.

The Suffolk branch has 25 staff and 280 volunteers. After volunteering herself since 2008, Sarah became an administration manager.

The reasons that families may need their help are varied and include financial hardship, addiction problems, physical and mental health issues, family breakdown etc. They can be referred to Home Start by professionals, such as doctors or social workers, or they can self-refer. In general, once someone has been referred, there will be an initial home visit, then a volunteer will be matched with the family and assigned to them for weekly visits for up to 6 months, although this can be extended in certain cases.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, the way families were helped had to be adapted because home visits weren't possible, so phone and Zoom contacts were set up. In some cases, this has worked better for some people and they have been happy to carry on with this type of meeting.

Numbers of families needing help has grown steadily, unsurprisingly, from 195 in 2016/17 to 1548 in 2021/22.

Funding to cover these services comes from many sources, including local government, district councils, Children in Need, Comic Relief, occasional private donations and as many fundraisers as they can manage. They also get donations from organisations such as The Round Table, The Masons and The Rotary Club.

Their website, homestartinsuffolk.org is really easy to navigate and well worth a look as it has a wealth of information about the organisation and how they can help parents and families. It also tells you how you can become a volunteer or help to fundraise. There are even pages such as 'Tips for Parents and Carers', which gives ideas for taking care of yourself when you have a young child, taking care of their welfare, tips on babies sleep patterns and how to deal with toddler tantrums. You can also contact them to self-refer if you are struggling and would like some help.

Just a note: the charity shop in Eye that we assumed was part of Home Start, is in fact now under the umbrella of Families Together Suffolk, an organisation carrying out similar work, but not part of the national group.

April's speaker was Adrian Knowles who came to enlighten us about Bees and Wasps of Suffolk. Adrian is the County Hymenoptera Recorder for the Suffolk Naturalists Society (he keeps track of the insects in the county).

Apparently, there are 270 bee species (of these, there are 24 different types of bumblebee) and about 6,000 different species of wasps in the UK. They both have 2 pairs of membranous wings and long antennae, narrow waists separating their thorax from the abdomen and only the females sting, not the males. They are known as aculeates, which means they sting!

Most species live in social groups, with a queen in charge. The sisters of the queen are sterile and do the work, whilst the males, known as drones, only job is to mate with the queen.

We were shown so many pictures of different bees and wasps, and told about the different ways they live. The cuckoo bumblebee gets into the nest of another species, kills the queen and allows the workers to raise her young. There are mining bees, who are generally solitary and live alone and raise their own young. The reason they're known as mining bees is because they usually make their home in an underground burrow. There was a hairy-footed flower bee, and leaf cutter bees that bite off pieces of plants to 'wallpaper' their tunnels.

One particular bee, *Lasioglossum sexnotatum*, was thought to be extinct in the UK in the 1980's but suddenly, in the early 2000's it appeared in various locations in north Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk, with only very few sightings anywhere else in the country. The numbers have now grown, but it still seems to favour East Anglia as its home.

We heard so many different wasp names: Ruby-tailed wasps (cuckoo), Spider hunting wasps, Potter and Mason wasps and Digger wasps, but I think my favourite of all was *Astata Boops* – not much to look at (see picture), but what a name!



ASTATA BOOPS

Who knew there was such a huge range of bees and wasps, just on our own little island? Maybe you're not a fan – especially when they're trying to drown in your beer or pinch the jam out of your cream tea, but it has to be said, they're fairly impressive when it comes to diversity of type and lifestyle.

Our programme for meetings is published on the village website and on our dedicated WI page (<http://sefwi.org.uk/institutes/stoke-ash>). Please check it out and do get in touch, or just come along on the night. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the village hall, starting at 7.30pm. You'll get a warm welcome.

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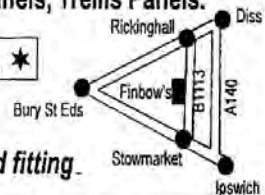
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