

NEWS FROM THE GREAT LIVERMERE PARISH COUNCIL

We wish to inform you of the Parish Council Meetings that are due to take place for the year 2014, all of which take place in the Village Hall on Troston Road:

Tuesday 7th January starting at 7.30pm

Tuesday 11th March starting at 7.30pm

Tuesday 13th May starts at 7.00pm for the Annual Parish Council Meeting and 8.00pm for the Annual Parish Meeting

Please find below a brief resume from the Parish Council Meetings of 1st October and 26th November 2013. It gives a flavour of some of the issues which are brought before the Parish Council and the action that it has taken on your behalf:

- Agreement given that quotations should be sourced for the refurbishment of the Bus Shelter along with a new Noticeboard.
- Agreement given that the Parish Council, as per RoSPA guidelines, would install information notices on the play area with emergency contact details
- Agreement given to look at installing Dog Bins by the footpath north of The Birches and close to the Village Hall
- Agreement given to arrange for Suffolk County Council to ensure that all the drains were unblocked prior to the winter months
- Requests sent out asking that the overhanging trees on The Street and the corner of Troston Road are cut back
- Arranged for speed checks to be conducted by the local Saferneighbourhood Team on both The Street and Troston Road
- Arranged, with the help of County Councillor Hopfensperger, for a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign to be displayed within the village on a rota system with neighbouring villages.

Points that might be of interest:

- Free School Meals - are you claiming? are you eligible? Please phone 01284 758883 for further information
- Knock, Knock - Don't become a victim of a bogus caller! Suffolk Police are making all residents aware of bogus callers. The most common tricks they use to get into people's homes and steal money or valuables are:
 - claiming to be from the waterboard
 - asking to use the toilet or telephone
 - claiming to have lost a ball in the garden
 - offering to do work on the house or garden
 - claiming to be from a charity, the local council or the police

If you are concerned about a caller at your door call the Police on 999

- Don't be cold this winter - call Suffolk County Council on 08456 037 686 (local call rate telephone) for free advice if you need help with:
 - an emergency fuel payment*
 - making your home warmer as well as more efficient*
 - emergency boiler and heating repairs*

- loan of temporary heaters in an emergency*
- cheaper oil prices

*Eligibility criteria applies

Bottle Bank Survey Results

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who responded to the Bottle Bank Survey posted through your doors during the Summer. We had 47 responses (48%). Of those 47: 35 wished the bottle banks to stay where they were, 12 wanted them to be moved (4 to the area behind The Old Forge and 8 to the Village Hall) and 1 was undecided. This was put to the Parish Council who agreed at the October Meeting to leave the bottle banks where they were and to set up a working party to clean the area on a regular basis. Please report any issues with the bottle banks to any of the Parish Councillors and we will do our best to deal with the situation.

In the event of an emergency are you prepared?

Please see the final sheet of this newsletter for a couple of hints that will hopefully keep you prepared for the winter and any unforeseen situations.

Also

The Parish Council would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Anne-Marie Storey whose contribution not only as a Parish Councillor but as the Chairman over the years has been deeply appreciated. The Parish Council will miss her sensible approach, her energy and her dedication to the village. If you wish to join the PC please talk to one of your councillors whose names and addresses are on the notice board at the Bus shelter.

Vacancy for a Councillor

With the resignation of Anne-Marie Storey from the Parish Council following her move from the village, there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the Clerk (details at the end of the newsletter) for further details.

New to the Village

If you are new to the village you might like a copy of the 'Village Welcome Pack'. Please contact one of the Councillors or the Clerk to the Council for a copy.

Lastly

With Christmas only a number of weeks away, on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish you the very best for the festive season and for the New Year.

Victoria Waples
Clerk to the Parish Council

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In the event of an emergency are you prepared?

Are you prepared for power failures, telephone failures and (possibly) blocked roads in the event of loss of power from essential services?

If the power and telephone lines were down, and the roads are blocked, for how long could you survive?

Do you have alternative heating and lighting? (*gas heaters, candles, gas lamps, torches, lighters or matches, even a 12v lead from your car*)?

Do you have adequate fuel for open fires or solid fuel stoves?

Do you have bottled gas to cook and bottled water to boil a kettle? (*even to fill up your hot water bottles!*).

Do you have a hard-wired phone (*as the portable ones will not work without power*)?

If you have a mobile phone do you have an alternative means of charging it? (*Your car perhaps or even one of those 'gadgets'. Remember that the receiving stations may cease working if they are without power for very long*).

Do you have a suitable supply of food to keep you going for several days (*a few tins, some dried milk, as well as what you may have in your fridge or freezer – which you should wrap up to keep the cold in!*).

Do you have warm clothes if the loss of power is during the winter?

Do you have medication for at least a week?

Do you have a battery (*or wind up*) radio so that you have some idea of what is happening from Local Radio Stations (*also spare batteries for that and your torches*).

Do you have the mobile phone and land-line numbers, of your immediate neighbours, as well as your local parish councillor?

Is your water supply safe from frost (*lagged where exposed or close to an outside wall?*). *Don't forget to turn off the outside tap if loss of supply is during winter!*.

Do you have notebook and pens or pencils for noting down details?

Do you have something to occupy you (*especially if you have young children*)?

In an emergency: remember to Go Indoors, Stay Indoors and Tune Into:

- **BBC Radio Suffolk 95.5, 95.9, 103.9 and 104.6 FM**
- **BBC Radio Norfolk 95.1 and 104.4 FM**
- **Heart FM 96.4 and 97.1 FM**
- **Vibe FM 105-108 FM**

Contact numbers for your Local Parish Councillors in the event of an emergency (and only if you have access to a working phone) :

Jim Hartley	01359 269487	Frank Benson	01359 268156
Jackie Coates	01359 268186	Philip Johnson	01359 268292
Joan Williams	01359 269279	Phil King	01359 269099