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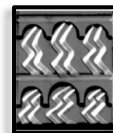
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What's On

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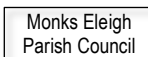
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THE LAST WHAT'S ON

This will be the last What's On as the first issue of Roundabout Community Magazine will be delivered to all households this month, so it would not seem sensible to duplicate information. If you wish items to be included in the new Roundabout, contact the new magazine. Best wishes to 'Roundabout Revived'! We would like to thank the contributors and all the village organisations, which have sponsored us over the past 4 years. In the future we may reconsider with residents if a village newsletter would still be useful.

MONKS ELEIGH VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is up and running with regular clubs and activities, including yoga, tai chi, Pilates, burlesque, zumba, table tennis, knit and stitch, whist, history and poetry. There are also bookings for one off and private events from both villagers and people outside the village. A monthly Calendar of bookings is displayed in the notice box outside the shop and updated as and when necessary. To book the hall please contact the booking secretary directly using the website www.villagehall.me. If you wish to join one of the clubs please contact the individual running that club. Details for all contacts are on the notice board as are the charges for hiring the hall and meeting room. Classes as follows:

TUESDAY

Tai Chi 11:00-12:00 £8 **Contact** Richard Napper
r_napper@btinternet.com or 07879 437877

Knit and Stitch 13:30-16:30 £3 First Tuesday each month
Contact Jean Gatewood 01449 257148
jeangatewood.39@gmail.com

Table Tennis 19:00-21:00 See individual advert below.

WEDNESDAY

Beginners Pilates classes: Discover the benefits Pilates can provide for your posture, back pain and core strength! Wednesdays 11am 1st session free then £11 when paying for a course. **Contact** info@pilatesworks4u.com 01473 823500

Viva L'Amour School of Burlesque From 3rd April 7.30pm until 8.30pm. Taster session just £1 followed by 6 week course at £5 per week - registration required for course and other payment options available. Strictly for ladies over 18. **Contact** 07747411569 or vivalamourschoolofburlesque@gmail.com

THURSDAY

Beginners Pilates classes 10:30. Details as above.

Zumba 18:00-19:00. £5. Zumba is a dance, fitness class and is open to all ages and abilities. **Contact** Lucy Brinkley brinkleylk@gmail.com

FRIDAY

Karen Ann Yoga 10.30-11.30 £9 per session. **Contact:** Karen Ann Franklin ITECdip. Yoga Alliance qualified Instructor
T: 07772 286106 E: karenann.kf@gmail.com

Poetry Circle: David Mills is starting a poetry circle on 28-March 7-9pm followed by 25-April then hopefully meeting every fourth Thursday in each month. **Contact** 744918 a.d.mills@btinternet.com

Table Tennis: Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9pm. No experience necessary, just come along and participate, everyone is welcome. Benefits of regularly playing are varied, from helping towards keeping you fit and active, to possible improvements in coordination, balance and much more! The fee is £3 per week. Refreshments are available and all equipment is provided. **Please email** Deborah: dvdwyer05@gmail.com for further information.

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

A lunch club is starting in the village hall on Monday April 15th, we hope to provide a two course meal, with a vegetarian option, and a drink for a reasonable cost, under £8.00. The club is open to all, if you hope to come could you either ring 740414, e-mail forra3@yahoo.com or leave your name in the shop please. This is so we have an idea of numbers to cater for. If you would like to come but need some help with transport please let us know. (Angela Forrest, Vicky Stanton, Margaret Lenton and John Thacker). The lunch club plans to happen monthly, starting at 12.30 pm on Monday 15th April.

ROCK 'n ROLL THE NIGHT AWAY

Dance to the music of The Shadows, Elvis, Cliff and Bill Hayley and The Comets and more, with Mel Stevens and the Classics! Village Hall Saturday 11-May 8-11:30pm, tickets £5, burgers and hot dogs £2.50, licensed bar. Come and let your hair down! All profits to Cancer Research UK.

Contact: Paul Goodchild: 01787 372478

VILLAGE THEATRE OUTING (adults/teens only)

Be quick! A limited number of tickets available for this year's rock n roll panto, Aladdin, at the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich on Friday, 29th November @ 7.30pm...prime seats secured at just £10 each (normally £28) plus a small donation of £1 added to each ticket which will be donated to the village hall; so a donation of £52 will be made. This is a great evening out and the best panto around! A talented adult cast of musicians play live on stage with a sensational playlist. Not many tickets left - book now! For more info/to book email monkseleighevents@hotmail.com.

HISTORY GROUP SOCIAL

Annual History Group Social will be on 11th April at 6pm at the Village Hall. 2 course dinner and wine with a History group Quiz to follow courtesy of Mike Nunn. Tickets are £10 for members, £12.00 for non-members. Tickets are available from Jan at simonkellsall66@gmail.com.

AFTERNOON TEA IN AID OF MEDICAL AID FOR SYRIA

Wednesday 8th May 2.30 - 4.30. Because hospitals have been attacked in Syria, around 60% have been destroyed, closed, damaged, or are functioning at a reduced capacity. The Syrian people desperately need medical care. The UNHCR state that 11.3 million people need of healthcare provision. A small field hospital is operating providing emergency care and planning permission has been granted to build a 9,000m2 hospital but each square metre will cost approx. £2000. Your support will be much appreciated. See www.samarasaidappeal.org

Contact: Maureen 741644 maureengmorris@gmail.com

URC/H.O.M.E. RETREAT CENTRE

Everyone is very welcome to our monthly services.

Sunday 28 April 3pm to be led by Revd. Bryn Rickards

Sunday 26 May 3pm to be led by Ronnie Howson

Hadleigh URC - a Healing & Wholeness Service Sunday 28 April 6.30pm

Contact: Maureen 741644 maureengmorris@gmail.com

YOUR SHOP NEEDS YOU!

Could you spare a little time to help out? An occasional Saturday, Monday or Thursday afternoon would be particularly useful but any support at any time would be helpful. **Why go anywhere**

else? We stock an amazing range of items including meat and fish in the freezer, vegetables and fruit, bread and cakes and magazines and papers. We have plants and cards for Mother's Day and Easter. **Please keep supporting your local shop!**

Contact: Janet 744908.

POST OFFICE

Price increase for postage as of 25th March - 1st class now 70p and second class 61p. Pick up a new price leaflet from the counter. Don't forget all your banking needs are right here - deposits, withdrawals, personal and business, cash and cheques. Euros and U.S. Dollars on demand and all other currencies by pre-order I. Letters, parcels, mail order returns, internet shopping returns, electricity key top ups and phone top ups, it's all here so why go anywhere else. **See you soon**, Mandy.

Contact: Mandy: 741630

WILDLIFE GROUP

On a blustery but dry Saturday in March we had a three-hour guided tour of Minsmere RSPB reserve. "Star birds for me were the Smew, Mediterranean Gulls, Whooper Swans, and Water Pipit" (Tony).

On **26th April** we will be visiting Captains Wood, School Lane, Sudbourne IP12 2BE. It is an SWT reserve of 63 hectares comprising mainly Oak & Birch woodland with many veteran pollarded Oaks. We should see great expanses of bluebells & if lucky Fallow deer & Brown Hare. Circular 3km trail. Meet at Reserve car park at 10.30am. **Contact** Ros 01449 741837 if you need a lift or can offer a lift.

On **10-May** at 1pm, an RSPB guide will show us around Simpson's Saltings and Hollesley Reserve for a 2 hour tour £5 each.

Contact: Jenny jennymaynard@btinternet.com.

Our outings this year will include: a Deben boat trip, Devil's Dyke, Market Weston Fenn and Dunwich Heath. If you are interested in the natural world and would like details, we can add you to our email list.

Contact: Ros 741837, Maureen maurengmorris@gmail.com or Jenny.

BELL RINGING

A huge 'thank you' to all of you who attended the quiz at The Swan. The raffle raised £100, and Julie and Steve kindly donated the entrance fee which was £62 - we have now raised over £200 and we are well on the way to having our peal board! If anyone wants to make a donation drop it into Mandy. Thanks, Jan.

We now have nine ringers which means we should be able to ring at all church services. Practice night is Fridays 8 'til 9 why not pop up and watch sometime. Nothing much on at the moment although St Peter are hosting the Guild A.G.M. in October, more about that later.

Contact: Mandy: 741630

BENEFICE WALKING GROUP

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month 9.30 at The Swan. February saw the walking group in Hadleigh completing a 4 ½ mile circular walk. The route started in George Street passing very old buildings of interest and along to Tower Hill Lane, then across open farmland, passing Durrant's Farm, Valley Farm and Pond Hall. This was muddy in places but this intrepid group plodded on, completing the circuit by walking along the Old Railway Line to Station Road and George Street. In March a more local route was walked, starting from The Swan Inn, up Swingleton Hill then across Stackyard Green and on to Lindsey. We returned along the road and passed Boyton Hall. Approximately 5 miles. If you would like to join us,

Contact: Maureen maurengmorris@gmail.com or Jenny hoodjenny@btinternet.com

THE SWAN INN

Visit The Swan Inn, Monks Eleigh, home of outstanding beer, great wines, mouth-watering fresh food and exceptional service. We have welcomed a new chef at the Swan this Month. Mark Pates has 20+ years experience ranging from Hotels (Tatlers in Norwich where Mark gained Rosettes), to Restaurants & Pubs, schools & Care homes.

Upcoming Events: Our New menu launch is on the 30th March from 6pm; **Mother Day Lunch** on 31st March from 12-3pm; **Quiz Night** on April 14th at 6:30pm; **Easter Sunday Special Menu** on 21st April from Midday; **Comedy & Curry Night** May 9th at 7pm (tickets selling Fast); **Gourmet Night** on May 24th from 6pm.

Look out for other Theme evenings coming soon.

Contact: 744 544 for bookings info@swaninnmonkseleigh.co.uk

BRIDGE FARM BARN- time for colour!

Colour is returning to our site as **Bridge Farm Plants** is filling up with plants a plenty to make your garden look beautiful this Summer. It's time to get planting and potting up so come on over and take a look at what they have to offer. Helpful advice always on hand if you need it! In February we welcomed a new business to the site, **Polka Dots & Petticoats**. This unique business offers an amazing range of brightly coloured vintage style dresses and accessories. If you like 'the 1950's look' then come and meet Jackie who will guide you through her array of amazing styles!

The Spring/Summer range of ladies clothing and accessories have also arrived at the **Corn Craft Gift Shop**. We can now start to look towards warmer days and there are some gorgeous designs and prints in from **Lily & Me, Brakeburn** and now introducing **Pomodoro**, as well as a great selection of easy wear one size 'Made in Italy' tops and dress. Perfect for Summer holidays!

Easter Weekend: We are open all over the Easter weekend! Come and join us for a leisurely breakfast, or Easter Sunday lunch! Booking advisable. 740456

Vintage Fair - Saturday 8th June

We shall be holding our second annual "Vintage Fair" in aid of the St Elizabeth Hospice, on Saturday 8th June on our front meadow. We have 1940s/50s style dancing and entertainment for your pleasure as well as an array of stalls and displays. If you have a vintage vehicle you wish to exhibit or you wish to have a stall, please give us a call to book a space. 740456

ST PETER'S CHURCH AND BENEFICE:

Easter Egg Hunt: The popular Easter Egg hunt will take place at 3pm on Easter Sunday 21-April at St Peter's Church. All families are very welcome.

Contact: Jenny Hood hoodjenny@btinternet.com

The Annual Jigsaw & Scrabble Fest was held in the Village Hall on 9th March. An enjoyable afternoon spent with friends completing jigsaws, playing Scrabble and Chess and of course eating cake. £212 was raised towards repair costs for the Victorian organ in the Church. Thanks to all involved.

Our **Charity Lent Lunch** is on Monday 1-April at the new Village Hall from 12:30-2pm in aid of Brain Tumour Research.

Thank you to all those who have returned their Church Electoral Roll. St Peter's APCM is at St Peter's Church at Wednesday 10-April.

Two new websites have been set up. The first is with One Suffolk monkseleighchurch.onesuffolk.net **Pat Braithwaite**

MONKS ELEIGH FETE AND DOG SHOW – SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 2019. 1.00 TILL 5.00 PM on the Recreation Ground

Enjoy an afternoon of fun with the family and your pet dog too and experience the beautifully cooked BBQ food, well supplied Bar, afternoon tea with homemade cakes and a wonderful range of stalls. Plus live music from a local guitar group, the Remnants. For the first time we welcome Alpacas from Wattisham. We have many other attractions - Grey Hound Trust, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Essex Small Animal Welfare (SESAN) and the Owl Sanctuary. There will be a Bouncy Castle, Face painting and Children's area with games and a competition for the youngsters together with an array of stalls for the rest of the family. These range from Archery, Bric a Brac, Books, Cakes, Chutney and Jam stalls to Nearly New Clothes /Preloved Clothes. Plus many more stalls for you to visit and enjoy. The much enjoyed Dog show will have 5 classes this year – Handsomest Dog, Prettiest Bitch, Fancy Dress, Waggiest Tail, and Best Rescue. We will also be running the popular Doggie Dash over straw bales. All funds raised will go towards renovating and repairing the Victorian piped organ. Looking forward to seeing you there.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

The Trustees held their AGM at the Village Hall on February 25th to report on last years progress and to plan the year ahead. Chrissy Nicols has stepped down as Chairman after being a trustee for a several years. She was thanked for all her hard work. The Trustees do not have a replacement Chairman at present.

After the review of the Green by the original designer (Juliet Hawkins) the Trustees have been putting into action some of the suggested work. This is mostly layering of the bushes, leaving areas of long grass on a rotational basis and clearing, and thinning some trees to allow more light into some areas. There have recently been 2 work parties for this to be carried out and the Trustees are very grateful for the hard work put in by those who attended. We have the addition of a pic-nic table and are planning to hold a community pic-nic in August to celebrate the Green. If you have any interest in becoming a Trustee of this wonderful space please contact the secretary, Jacques.

Contact: Jaques 740414

BOOK CLUB

We are reading the Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry for the March meeting. Good reads say the following 'The Essex Serpent is a magnificent work that uses the form of the Gothic novel to explore real-world and very human concerns. It may be set in the late 19th century, but it resonates with issues just as compelling as those of the 21st'. So I think there will be a lot of debate at our next meeting.

If you would like to join the book club please

Contact: Angela Forrest 740414

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

Visiting Monks Eleigh Green on Weds, 10th April and 8th May from 10.25am to 10.50am. You can call our customer service team for more information on: 01473 263838.

SOUNDS OF THE PAST MUSEUM

Next openings are: Sunday 7th April and 5th May 10:30 – 4:00 at the URC Hall. There will be live music, refreshments, silent movies and an Easter raffle. Proceeds to Prostate Cancer Research.

Contact: Paul Goodchild: 01787 372478

WHIST DRIVES

The last Whist Drive of the winter season took place on March 18th, many thanks to all who have come to the evenings this season, we continue to grow in popularity so I look forward to seeing you all in October. Though we have a small participation

fee we have raised around £100 for charity so many thanks to all those who provide raffle prizes and refreshments that makes this possible. The Hall is booked for Monday October 21st, 7.30 pm.

Contact: Angela Forrest 740414

PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Ground: The Parish Council are making a bid to Babergh District Council through the Community Infrastructure Levy Grant to upgrade the Children's Play Area on the Recreation Ground and to add some Outdoor Adult Gym Equipment as a trim trail on the edge of the Ground. If you feel you would like to support this bid as an advantage to the population of Monks Eleigh, or have any comments about the plan please e-mail Councillor Forrest on forra3@yahoo.com

The Annual Parish Council Meeting is on Mon 20-May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

[We would like to thank the Parish Council for their donation which has covered the cost of this edition of What's On].

JAZZ EVENING A date for your diary

Wednesday November 27th 2019 – Monks Eleigh Village Hall - An evening of music from the Tim Kliphuis Trio. As part of their Autumn UK tour the Tim Kliphuis trio will be playing in our village hall. Tim is a master of the violin and a wizard of sound using classical, gypsy jazz and Celtic folk. The music is inspired by the music of Stéphane Grappelli to whom the trio dedicated their 2013 album "The Grappelli Album". For more information on the work of the trio go to the website www.timkliphuis.com

Watch this space for further details of this exciting event which will also give details of where and when tickets will be on sale.

Contact: Patti 741447

MONKS ELEIGH SCHOOL SITE

There is no meaningful update at the moment, I am hopeful of things progressing in the next month following a number of recent meetings and communications. pete.mumford@suffolk.gov.uk

A BIG THANK YOU

Solvejg Bang Mills would like to thank all her lovely friends and neighbours for their good wishes, cards and flowers for her 80th birthday. Their generous donations also raised over £250 for the Village Hall fund. *David Mills*

THANK YOU FROM DUNCAN EYRE

Monks Eleigh is a typical village in that a vast amount of information travels round the village at a great speed. For some time it was generally known that I would be 90 years old. It is difficult to know what to expect in these circumstances but nothing led me to expect what actually happened. At about 10:30AM there was a knock on the front door. I opened it to find a group of some 30 members of the village arranged in front of the house to wish me a happy birthday by singing a specially composed song finishing with Happy Birthday. What an amazing and wonderful surprise, it was unbelievable, so many cards and presents. Many thanks to everyone involved. I knew Monks Eleigh was the most kind and friendly village, but this was something different. Thank you. *Duncan*