



Fressingfield

Annual Parish Meeting

April 2023

Highlights from annual reports

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- Celebrated its centenary in 2022
- Commemorative bench placed outside Sancroft Hall
- Talks have included Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue, Waveney Foodbank and Prickles Hedgehog Sanctuary

Village Recorder

- Andrew Vessey is the 'newish' village recorder
- He writes about the goings-on in the parish, month by month
- A fascinating insight into life today in our part of High Suffolk

Tennis Club

- Membership of 45 - always looking for new members for tennis at all levels
- Competitive matches and also a club for all ages and levels
- Coaching for all ages - Saturday morning junior coaching throughout the year

Scouts

- Enthusiastic return to all activities after Covid – 15% increase in membership
- New headquarters site continues to be developed
- Nine camping trips during the year – everyone gets an opportunity

SAFE

- New policy to comment on any planning application
- Knows that the NDP is under pressure from district council and central government
- Acts as a lobbying group on all planning matters in the parish

Royal British Legion

- Many events during the year including car boot and garage sale trail – one garage clear out raised £540!
- 2022 £4,000+ raised for the Poppy Appeal
- Continued support for the RBL care home in Cromer - £1,250 raised

Parish Council

- Annual grants help keep parish groups vibrant plus donations to area organisations like EAAA and Waveney Foodbank
- Working to control speeding traffic and improve road signs
- Worked closely with Suffolk Highways and Anglian Water to reduce flooding

Parish Church

- Serves the parish both in the church and in the community
- The ancient building is a centre for community activities throughout the year
- A dedicated team to welcome, support and encourage all aspects of parish life

Mothers' Union

- Full programme of meetings after covid
- Talks on 'Modern Slavery in Suffolk', 'Life and Culture in the Philippines' and 'What is a family?'
- Part of the largest Christian organisation in the world

FLHAG

Fressingfield Local History and Archive Group

- 60 members enjoyed full programme of meetings after covid
- Aim to preserve archives of Fressingfield history
- Arrange talk and visits to entertain and inform about local history

Croquet Club

- Keen to increase membership – young and old(er!), novice or experienced
- Work in autumn and winter prepared an excellent lawn for this year
- Coaching and equipment for newcomers on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons 2pm at Sancroft Hall Green

Craft Group

- Currently 30 members, experts with many different skills
- ‘Memories and More’ Exhibition in April- vintage sewing and embroidery plus a display of wedding dresses spanning the decades
- Summer lunch at Fire and Feast in Cratfield

Community Gardeners

- Monthly meetings and regular visits: new members always welcome
- Talks on all things gardening in friendly atmosphere of Sports and Social Club
- Garden Festival June 17th/18th this year

Bowls Club

- For over 100 years the club has welcomed bowlers - all levels of skill and experience
- Thriving after the pandemic and keen for you to join
- Social and competitive sessions – on the green and in the Sports and Social Club!

Bell Ringers

- The joy and sadness of ringing for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and then her funeral.
- The pleasure of ringing for the proclamation of King Charles III
- Always looking for new ringers – training sympathetically given

Baptist Church

- Aim to share the good news of Jesus with everyone
- Chapel is a hub of activity throughout the week for all ages
- Pleased to host events for the school, the parish council and to share services with the parish church.

Art Club

- Growing number of artists using variety of media: different levels of experience
- Exhibitions in Weybread and Earsham – an opportunity to view and buy local art
- Help and encouragement for beginners