

Earsham Parish Council

Minutes

**of the Annual Parish Meeting of held at
Earsham Church Room on Tuesday 3rd April 2012**

1. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mrs. Lynda Hamps was present and welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was attended by sixteen parishioners including those that gave reports
2. The Chairman signed the minutes of the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting as a correct record
3. **Annual reports and accounts:-**
 - a) **Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council** – Due to the parish meetings now taking place on the first Tuesday of the month, this has meant that the parish accounts are not as yet completed and will be presented to the council at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman read out her report - please see report 3a
 - b) **Report from County Councillor Tony Tomkinson** – Councillor Tomkinson reported the following:-
 - Zero percentage on council tax this year and next year
 - Norfolk County Council was reported in the EDP as being a successful council and was congratulated by the leader of the labour party
 - Apprenticeships – 81 apprenticeships will be created by Norse with the support of £891,000 from Norfolk County Council and a further £4 million from companies wishing to support the scheme
 - The number of telephone numbers to Norfolk County Council services is being reduced. Many of the 0344 numbers are being dropped, and the main number to call is 0344 800 8020 (see attached sheet for full list – 3b)
 - £4.2 million has been spent on road improvements
 - The northern distributor road has been approved by government which is costing £89 million with a further £10 million contribution by Norfolk County Council
 - c) **Report from District Councillor Murray Gray** – Councillor Gray was not in attendance due to holiday, so his report was read out by the Chairman – see report 3c
 - d) **Report from the Police** – The Police did not have a representative present so the report was read out by the Chairman – see report 3d
 - e) **Report from Earsham Football Club** – see report 3e
 - f) **Report from Earsham Bowls Club** – The Chairman read out the report on behalf of the Bowls Club – see report 3f
 - g) **Report from Mettingham Football Club** – see report 3g

- h) **Report from Earsham Trust** – see report 3h
 - i) **Report from the Village Hall Management Committee** – see report 3i
 - j) **Report from Earsham Scouts** – see report 3j
 - k) **Report from Earsham Village Magazine** – see report 3k
 - l) **Report from Parochial Church Council** – None
 - m) **Report from Earsham Primary School** – see report 3m
4. **Parishioner's Forum** – Sue Cramp, Chair of the Festival Committee gave an overview of the events which are planned in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics this year (see report 4). The Chairman of the Parish Council was asked by Sue Cramp if the parish council would be prepared to apply for £500 in funding on behalf of the festival, the funding pot which the festival committee were interested in came from Norfolk County Council. The Chairman agreed to consider this request at the next parish meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.39pm

A number of parishioners stayed behind to enjoy a glass of wine and socialise.

Signed 

Date 9/4/13

Earsham Parish Council Chairman's Report 2012

This last ten months since being elected chairman started off being a little daunting with the departure of both Jane Pearce who had been clerk for over 30 years and the previous chairman Gordon Wrigley who was always a font of knowledge on parish council matters. The appointment of our current clerk Linda Lyng has proved to be a bonus for the council as she has modernised our procedures and has provided advice when needed to help me fulfil my role as chairman.

The parish council has this year been discussing the provision of affordable housing in Earsham with Saffron housing who will hopefully be providing four new dwellings that will be in keeping with the character of the village in the not too distant future. We are also looking into the possibility of providing a new village hall with better facilities for residents but this is still a long way from being a certainty.

For the Queens Diamond jubilee we are planning to provide a seating area adjacent to the river which will hopefully be completed by June 2nd. Now that the travellers have been moved the underpass has been cleared to enable walkers to take advantage Five Acre Lane. We have also opened negotiations to reinstate a footpath on land behind the new school as this facility has been sorely missed by several residents.

In light of the current financial situation the Parish Council has tried where possible to ease matters for residents by keeping the precept static and not increasing rents for the playing field and bowls club. Hopefully we can continue to improve Earsham for its' residents and are always willing to listen to new proposals to enable us to do this.



One number for Norfolk

For more details, contact Andrew McAl

To make it easier for customers to contact Norfolk County Council, we are reducing the number of telephone numbers we advertise for customers to call.

With effect from 1st April 2012 we will only be advertising the following main 0344 numbers:-

- Our main number (no longer called General Enquiries) 0344 800 8020, this is now the main contact number for customers to call.
- Libraries 0344 800 8006 (answered by automated service)
- Street Lighting 0344 800 8008 (answered by 3rd party provider)
- Text phone 0344 800 8011
- Fax 0344 800 8012
- Emergency 0344 800 8019



When customers call the main number 0344 800 8020, they will be given a choice of options to select using their telephone key pad, press 1 for Social Care, press 2 for Highways and hold for all other enquiries.

Calls will be answered by the Customer Service Centre as normal during office hours 9am - 5pm

The following numbers are no longer to be advertised

- 0344 800 8001 (old Children Services number)
- 0344 800 8002 (old Adult Education number)
- 0344 800 8003 (old Travel and Transport number)
- 0344 800 8004 (old Waste Management number)
- 0344 800 8005 & 8013 (old Trading Standards numbers)
- 0344 800 8007 (old Recruitment number)
- 0344 800 8009 (old Highways number)
- 0344 800 8014 (old Social Care number)
- 0344 800 8015 (old Blue Badge number)

Old 0844 numbers

Old 0844 numbers (old) are being switched off 31st March 2012

Old 0344 numbers

Old 0344 numbers are being switched off 31st March 2013

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From:
Date:
To:
Subject: Re: Earsham Parish Meeting

Regards,

Murray

District Councillor Report, 2011-12

Earsham

The Joint Core Strategy for the Greater Norwich area (South Norfolk, Norwich & Broadland) identifies Earsham as a "service village", i.e. one suitable for some additional housing, typically 10-20 houses. The Parish Council has been consulted twice on both the development boundary and the sites within the parish proposed for development by landowners. The following proposals for Earsham have now been agreed by SNC but consultation on this will take place in June/July so is by no means finalized. It will all be subject to further consideration by SNC in the light of the consultation responses. It will then have to be examined by an independent inspector, and finally the sites proposed will still require planning consent:

1. A site on the west side of School Road, south of Queensway has been selected for c. 20 houses;
2. The development boundary has been drawn to exclude most of Temple Bar area as this is shown to be within the Environment Agency's flood zone;
3. A plot of land adjacent to "Sunrise" in Church Road has been included within the development boundary.

As regards the possible plan for relocation of village hall and playing field to the western end of the village, the view of officers is that this could still be considered, but outside this current process once the Parish Council's plans are more advanced. If the Parish Council still wishes to pursue this, I suggest that when rough proposals are available, agreed with the landowner, I will arrange a meeting with the Planning officers at SNC to discuss the possible way forward. I can say more about this at your May Parish Council meeting.

During the year, I have also been pleased to support the plan for a few affordable houses to be built in Church Road and I am told that an application for planning consent is imminent.

The Council has frozen it's share of the Council Tax for the coming year and I supported that after my proposal for a 2% cut in Council Tax was rejected.

During the year, I have continued to be a member of the Planning Committee, the Local Plan Steering Group, the Environment and Development Scrutiny Committee, and the Waveney Valley Neighbourhood Board.

Finally, may I thank the Parish Council and Clerk for their support during the year.

Murray Gray
District Councillor
30 March 2012

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From: [redacted]
Date: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] 31/03/2012

Dear Mrs Ling

Please accept our apologies as I'm afraid we are unable to send a representative for the above meeting.
Please be advised of the following crime statistics for the last 6 months in Earsham which are of public note:-

1 x theft
3 x criminal damage to motor vehicles
3 x Burglaries , non-dwelling.
1 x theft fro a motor vehicle.

Whilst enquiries and investigations were carried out these crimes are undetected to date.

Please contact me if there are any questions to be answered, either before or after the meeting.

Kind Regards

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Beat Manager

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31/03/2012

Earsham F.C.

www.clubwebsite.co.uk/earshamfc

Since I was here 12 months ago it would be fair to say that the 2011/12 season has been the most successful for Earsham Football Club in many years. We formed our Reserve Team at the start of the season, which has been managed by Matthew (Skinny) Hall, who has lived most of his life in Earsham. To be totally honest we were not sure how successful they would be. The Reserves are comfortably in 7th place in Division 3 of the Lowestoft League. They have won 10 drawn 4 and lost 8 with 2 games left to play. Considering this is only their first season together, they have done the Club proud. What has also been very pleasing this season is that we have a number of players playing for the Reserves who have now started to break into the first team as well!

Our First Team, managed by Dave Todd, who lives in Earsham, have just won, at the weekend, Div 2 of the Lowestoft League with 2 games still to go. We have played 24 games, won 20, drawn 2 and lost only 2 with a goal difference of +51. As you can imagine this was cause for great excitement and celebration on Saturday and we will continue to enjoy it over the coming weeks!

The Club itself has expanded this season and continues to thrive with much support from the village itself. A good number of our players live in Earsham, or very near by but we are always on the lookout for more, so I would also say that if any of you know of any talented footballers that live in the village or near by, please put them in touch with us. It has been quite touching at times to speak to people from Earsham, people who I have not met or spoken to before, telling me how proud they are of their village football team and putting Earsham back on the map. We certainly get plenty of supporters turn up to watch our matches, home and away. The Club have had several very successful fund raising events in the last 12 months, in particular a large raffle, a horse racing night and a quiz night, all held within the village. It has also been pleasing to see a good number of the players and supporters from both the First Team and Reserves after every match, home or away coming back to the Queens Head and socialising together. Whilst talking about support and without wishing to embarrass your lady chairman too much, I would publicly like to say a big thank you to Lynda and John at the Queens Head for all the support they give us.

Last week I was informed by the Norfolk FA that Earsham FC have been awarded the FA Charter Standard, which has taken us almost 2 years to achieve. Basically we have been vetted by the FA and proved that we are a well run, financially stable and fair playing football club. As a Club we do have a good disciplinary record. This is a prestigious award of which we are very proud. I am aware that other clubs have applied for the Charter Standard and not been successful.

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From: "sally Walker" <sallywalkerelms@btinternet.com>
Date: 02 April 2012 21:18
To: <earshampc@btinternet.com>
Attach: parish meeting report.wps
Subject: Earsham Parish Meeting Report from the Bowls Club
Dear Mrs Ling

I have attached the report for the Parish Meeting tomorrow night from the Bowls Club.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend. Les Merridale does the Accounts so I would think he will be reporting those.

Sally Walker

EARSHAM BOWLS CLUB REPORT

The season closed with a membership of 31.

Both the Benacre and Beccles League Teams enjoyed a good season of bowls. The Benacre League Team done very well last season and finished top of their League and were promoted to Division 1. The Beccles League finished second in their League.

We have entered into another League this year. The Sunshine League which is played on a Thursday afternoon.

A Club Dinner and Presentation evening was held in October at Bungay Golf Club which was enjoyed by all.

A Charity Match is taking place against Bungay, Mettingham and ourselves on Saturday 28 April. Mettingham will be nominating the Charity this year.

It is hoped to open the Bowling Green for the first time this season on Saturday 21 April from 2pm weather permitting. New members are always welcome.

Unfortunately we have had to increase our membership fees this year to £17. This was decided at the AGM in December.

Our first match this year will be on Monday 7th May away to Halesworth.

Sally Walker

Earsham Bowls Club
Finance Report to Parish Meeting
Year Ended 31 - 10 - 11

The Bowls Club enjoyed a successful year on the bowling green but not a successful financial one due to making a small loss of £172 due to high increase costs of soil etc.

Total Income for the year of £2,653 was £740 lower than the previous year. The Race Night and Funday were again our two major fundraising events. At £419, the Race Night was £330 lower than last year but it is now a shared event with the playing field committee, the Funday, at £360, showed a reduction of £389 due to the event being cancelled and re-run at a later date.

Total expenditure of £2,825 was higher than the previous year by £132. The main increase was in green maintenance costs from £955 to £1,447 an increase of £492 which was partly offset by saving on insurance of £300.

The deficit decreased our bank balances carried forward at the year end to a £3,778.

It was voted at the AGM to increase yearly subscriptions from £14 to £ 17 for the new season

Les Merridale
Temp. Treasurer
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Earsham Bowls Club

Statement of account : Year Ended Oct. 31st 2011

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
£	£	£	£
420 Subscriptions	434	955 Green Maintenance	1,447
174 Raffles	206	120 Rent	120
0 Fundraising	0	240 Water Rates	199
988 Match Fees	1,004	68 Electricity	68
Surplus on Events :		753 Insurance	403
141 Earsham Gravels Cup	100	258 Trophies	250
749 FunDay	360	134 League Fees	228
749 Race Night	419	20 Donation	20
113 Quiz Night	0	20 Catering	35
2 Bank Interest	1	62 Coach Hire (net)	55
5 Annual Dinner (net)	24	30 Gift Vouchers	0
52 Sale of Polo Shirts	0	0 Polo shirts (net)	0
Winning Benacre Division 2	75	20 Benacre League Tickets	0
Donation from Presidents	30	13 Printed Stickers	0
<u>£3,393</u> Total Income	<u>£2,653</u>	<u>£2,693</u> Total Expenditure	<u>£2,825</u>
		700 Surplus for Year	-172
		3,250 Surplus b/forward	3,950
		<u>£3,950</u> Surplus c/forward	<u>£3,778</u>

Surplus represented by :

<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
£	£
393 Barclays Current Account	1,766
3,817 Barclays Savings Account	2,318
10 Norwich & P'borough B/S	10
0 Outstanding Banking Nov10	71
-270 Less : Expenses owing	-387
<u>£3,950</u>	<u>£3,778</u>

Prepared by : AND SIGNED BY

L.A. Merridale

L.A. Merridale on BEHALF OF
GORDON WRIGLEY
 Gordon Wrigley - Treasurer

Date : 6-11-11

Audited & found correct :

L.A. Merridale

Les Merridale - Auditor

Date : 6-11-11

METTINGHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Report for Season 2011 - 2012

Following the reconstruction of the league to only one division of thirteen teams the club started preseason training with anticipation of having a much better season as eight of the teams would be from last years second division. However before a ball was kicked top side Wortham were to withdraw from the league leaving twelve sides , this would still give us eight more league games than the previous two years. The season started well with only one defeat in the first six games , results then turned bad with only three victories in the next eleven before evening out again. With two games left to play in the league our present position is eighth , only one point behind the two teams just above us.

In the Suffolk County Cup we were drawn away to a very strong Yourshirts F C side from Ipswich the game finished 1 - 1 after extra time but we lost a penalty shoot out 3 - 2, this was probably our best performance of the season.

We then beat Harleston Cherry Tree who were top of the league 1 - 0 away in the Players Aid Cup before losing 3 - 2 to Scole United who scored a last minute winner.

LEAGUE RECORDS

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points
20	8	1	11	51	70	25

CUP RECORDS

Suffolk County Cup:-

Yourshirts F C 1 Mettingham 1 After Extra- Time
Lost on penalties 3 - 2

Players Aid Cup :-

Harleston Cherry Tree 0 Mettingham 1
Mettingham 2 Scole United 3

Treasurers Report

Income of £1136 - 02 was slightly down on last year due to the fall in revenue from match fees as there was less games played only seventeen this was the lowest number ever. This should be increased next season with more teams in the division.

Expenditure of £1147 - 53 was slightly up this meant a small loss of £11 - 53 over the season which left us with a balance of £854 - 57.

Although finance would need to be watched throughout the season it was felt that due to the possibility of at least eight more games being played this would be ok with income from match fees increasing.

INCOME

2010-2011 Balance Sheet

EXPENDITURE

ERRAND FEE
MATCH FEES
CANS OF DRINK
INTEREST A/C

197 00
908 50
30 00
52

DEFICIT

1136 02
11 53
1147 55

BAL C/F from 2009-10

866 10

Loss on Year

11 53

854 57

CASH IN HAND ON MAY 31ST 2011

TSB F.S. A/C
Cheq Bk
Cash

740 08
13 39
101 10

54 57

COUNTY FID
LEAGUE FEES ect
LAUNDRY
REFEREE FEES
HIRE OF GROUND
INSURANCE
TEL STATIONARY
FEMALE SPORTS TROPHIES

71 00
150 00
160 00
301 00
290 00
99 00
45 00
31 55

1147 55

THE EARSHAM CHARITY

Registered Charity No. 212737

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011

Opening Bank Balances	£7096.94
Income from land	£784.20
Income from investments	<u>£377.03</u>
	£8258.17
Less payment made for poverty relief	<u>£361.04</u>
Closing Bank Balances	£7897.13

As well as the bank balances shown there is a holding valued at £7953.63 as at 31.03.2011 in COIF Charities Investment Fund Income Units.

The 2 grazing marshes held have received up to this year a DEFRA grant under the ESA Scheme. This scheme has now been closed and the only scheme now available for the land is the Entry Level Stewardship Scheme from Natural England (which will pay less than the ESA Scheme). The application for transfer to the new scheme is being processed at the moment.



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Earsham Village Hall Management Committee

Annual Report 2011/12

As reported at last years annual meeting it comes as no surprise that the Village Hall has lost a substantial amount of money at the end of the current financial year.

The financial results for the year to the end of February reflects the declining usage of the hall with a deficit of £1,087, which compared to last years deficit of £966 which also included a reduced bingo income. Total income for year without any bingo income was actually up by £226 and expenditure was also lower than the previous year by approx £200 which has helped to keep the loss from getting any bigger. The last year has also seen the cost of playing music in village halls go up from £49 to £102. As a result of the deficit the funds carried forward have reduced to £3,447 and as was said in last years report this could be extinguished in three years time unless another regular booking of the hall can be found.

Les Merridale

Treasurer

02-04-12

EARSHAM VILLAGE HALL
Annual Accounts for the year ended February 19 28th 2012

<u>2011</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2012</u>
	<u>HIRE OF HALL</u>				
400	WHIST DRIVE	408	1,994	CLEANER/CLERK	1,980
492	SHORT MAT BOWLS	565	731	INSURANCE	646
0	EARSHAM SCHOOL	0	383	ANGLIAN WATER	437
174	BROWNIES	168	673	ELECTRICITY	468
88	SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL	88	38	FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION	42
0	EARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL	0	131	HALL UPKEEP	16
1,294	MISCELLANEOUS LETTINGS	1,447	49	PERFORMING RIGHTS SOCIETY	102
<u>2,448</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	<u>2,676</u>	10	NORFOLK ASSN of V. HALLS	10
1,151	BINGO	0	171	GARDENER	170
219	ELECTRICITY	167	0	CONSUMABLES	50
9	BANK INTEREST	6	15	NORFOLK RURAL COMMUNITY C	15
			598	Replacement Fire Door	0

<u>3,827</u>	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>£4,793</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£3,936</u>
		(-966)	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	(-1087)
		5,500	SURPLUS B/Forward	4,534
		<u>£4,534</u>	SURPLUS C/Forward	<u>£3,447</u>

SURPLUS REPRESENTED BY :

<u>2011</u>	
1,071	LLOYDS CURRENT ACCOUNT
48	LLOYDS FLEXIBLE ACCOUNT
3,464	CAFBANK GOLD ACCOUNT
<u>4,583</u>	
(49)	OUTSTANDING INVOICES
<u>£4,534</u>	

Prepared by : L.M. Mendel 31/3/12
Hon. Treasurer

Examined by : _____
Hon. Examiner

To Earsham Parish Council

Report 2012

The Earsham Scout Group provides Scouting activities for 35 young people from Earsham and the surrounding area.

Our aim is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

We do this through a balanced programme tailored to each sections age and abilities.

Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 years) are the youngest section of the Scouting family. Their activities are based around making things, outdoor activities, singing, playing games, going out on visits, investigating nature, listening to stories, learning how to be safe and most importantly, making new friends.

Cub Scouts (aged 8 to 10½ years) continue to develop these themes through Badges and Challenge Award schemes. Cub Scouts will get a chance to try lots of different activities like swimming, music, exploring, nature and collecting. There are a range of badges available which Cub Scouts can wear on their uniforms to show everyone how well they're doing. Cub Scouts also get to go on trips and days out, to places like the zoo, theme parks or a farm. Our cubs take part in a District camp with cubs from other Packs.

Scouts (aged 10½ to 14 years) take part in a wide range of activities as part of their programme. Participation rather than meeting set standards is the key approach, and for the Scout who wants to be recognised for their achievements there are a number of Challenge Awards and Activity Badges. Scouts take part in a Balanced Programme that helps them to find out about the world in which they live, encourages them to know their own abilities and the importance of keeping fit, and helps develop their creative talents. Being outdoors is important, and half the programme is given over to taking part in traditional Scouting skills, such as camping, survival and cooking, as well as a wider spectrum of adventurous activities. This year our scouts have taken part in camping, hiking and cooking competitions. In January they took part in a District night hike through Dunwich forest in very cold conditions having to undertake various tasks at set bases such as tent pitching, compass and navigation, semaphore signalling, emergency stretcher and First-aid.

Explorer Scouts (16 to 18 years) although we do not operate an Explorer Unit at the moment as we have no Leader, members can join other units within the Waveney Valley District. Explorers are very much self-programming but are encouraged to develop activities that are more adventurous and also give service to the community.

As a Group we have taken part in various District Activities including St Georges Day Parade which we organised last year on behalf of all groups in the Waveney Valley. We were grateful for help that we received from the local community with this. We also had a stall at the Annual Village Fête.

In order to move the group forward a new Group Executive has been formed with the help of parent representatives, and has prioritised the following needs of the group:

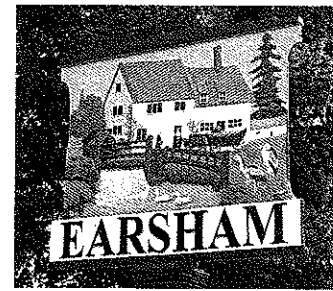
- a) to improve the finances of the Group, including better fund raising
- b) to develop leadership resources (at present we do not have a Beaver Leader, currently the Beavers are being run by the Cub Scout Leader with parent help). We are actively seeking a new Beaver Leader and hope to have someone in place during this summer term.
- c) to repair and make improvements to the Headquarters. At present we need to renew and make secure a rear safety exit door that has been damaged and repair flooring. Future plans include improvement to toilet facilities. We would like to apply to the Parish Council for any help with this.

For many years we have operated a Waste paper scheme by use of a skip provided by M White and funded by Norfolk County Council. Unfortunately due to our landowner insisting on a weight limit on the bridge leading to our H.Q., this has been suspended. We are now looking at the possibility of re-siting this Skip, as we wish to respect the landowners wishes.

As part of our commitment to encourage our members to help in the community we would like to offer our services for any appropriate project that the council may wish, (e.g. work party to tidy up an area such as village hall or playground or general litter pick etc.

Haydn Farr (Acting Group Chairman)

Earsham Village Magazine



Please address replies to:-

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Annual Report to the Parish Meeting of Earsham Parish Council

Tuesday 3rd April 2012

Since taking over the editorship in June last year I have tried to keep to the successful format that that my predecessor Peter Hayes had used.

The format will not change in the coming year but it may look different as I have a few ideas, one of which you will see on the front page of the May Issue.

One thing that will not change is the policy that the Village Magazine is an outlet for the residents of Earsham to use to add small items and to publicize events which are happening in or around the village.

The regular contributors are still:- the Parish Council, All Saints Church, the Bowls Club, the Brownies, Earsham Primary School and after talking to Peter Goodfellow at the Annual Meeting last year we have added the Football Club. I have recently managed to persuade the Fisher Theatre to put details of their happenings in every month, so although we are the Village Magazine we try to include details which may be of interest to villagers.

The centre pages are occupied by the Revd. Linda Butler's monthly letter and details of services at All Saints Church. In the June or July issue we try to insert an A4 book fold flier for the Earsham Festival. I have tried to encourage items from residents with photographs if possible but the only takers so far have been the school.

Our treasurer, Mrs Yvonne Denham, ensures we have sufficient funds to cover the cost of printing. Mrs Beryl Thompson allows us to use her home once a month where the magazine is bagged up for distribution around the village by our team of willing distributors

The time that I have been editor has been interesting and nail biting especially when, come the 15th of the month there are still the odd contributors who have senior moments and have forgotten the date. After the double issues I have emailed out a reminder.

This concludes is my report for the village magazine - looking forward to another year bringing news and items of interest to the village.

Andy Harvey

Editor

4th April 2012

Report to Parish Council from Mrs Sue Armstrong, Head Teacher, Earsham C.E.V.A. Primary School

I am delighted to be sending you this report as head teacher having been appointed as from 1st April 2012. We have also welcomed three new members of teaching staff, an additional mid day supervisor and two new learning support workers to the school team this year

It has been a busy year for the school. The transition from First school to Primary status was completed in September and our year 5 children have been a credit to the school. They have acted as excellent role models to the younger children and have enhanced the outside learning environment by planting and caring for seven fruit trees. We are working alongside other Primary schools to ensure that our youngsters will be confident and ready when they leave us in 2013 to flourish at their chosen High school.

The outside area of the school has continued to be developed over the year and we are presently waiting for our field to be marked with a 200m running track, ready for the Olympics. There will also be two rounders pitches so that we can invite other Primary schools to come and enjoy our facilities. In the Autumn term we will have a football pitch that can be used for 5 a side competitions.

The children will also be benefiting from a Wildlife area, complete with pond and a cordwood hide with a green roof. The area will be completely fenced off and accessed at the bottom of the school field. A working party of dedicated parents have drawn up the plans and are eagerly awaiting the installation of the fencing so that work can begin. The children will be able to be part of the project and will be able to see firsthand how much work goes into developing the environment around them. They have already started to take a huge interest in the school environment and show great respect and care for it.

During the summer term the following afterschool clubs will be offered to the children, gardening, computer, street dance and music. We are always on the lookout for good quality after school clubs and would be interested to hear from any organisations that may be able to offer extracurricular activities. We also now have our outside display board and would be very happy to advertise any news or activities that would benefit the village.

We have continued to enjoy our partnership with the church and the community and look forward to building on these relationships in the future months. The Christmas Fayre at the school was a huge success and we were so grateful for the support we received. The school is looking forward to being part of The Earsham Festival celebrations.

Over the year the children have raised money for the following charities, Help for Heroes, Children in Need, Smile, Christian Aid and Sports Relief. We as a staff have been very proud of how compassionate, sharing and caring the children are. They are presently hoping that their bid for money raised last year by Bungay/Halesworth pyramid primary schools will secure some money for Water Aid and NSPCC. The year 5 children have produced a very powerful and persuasive power point presentation to deliver to the High school on 23rd April.

Earsham CEVA Primary school continues to be a vibrant, happy learning environment with a clear simple school vision. Learning and development for all, through, challenge, nurture and enjoyment.

Information about the school is available on our website www.earsham.norfolk.sch.uk

Report from Sue Cramp, Chair of Festival Committee, to Parish Council, April 2012

National events in 2012 such as the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics provide many opportunities for building community here in Earsham. We have taken the opportunity to combine events under one umbrella for advertising. Some events are specific to this year, others normally take place annually. The result is:

Earsham Festival 2012

Big Lunch

Sunday 3rd June

Bring a Picnic and Celebrate together on The Green

10:45 am Jubilee Thanksgiving Service on The Green

11:30 am Parade of Crowns - a prize for every entry

12 noon Jubilee Grace + Picnic + Big Thank You

Open Gardens and Open Church

Sunday 24th June

2 pm to 4.30 pm

View the Garden Flower arrangements at the church, where Tea and Homemade cakes are being served.

Includes the Rectory and School Gardens plus a bug hunt for the children.

Maps and Tickets from All Saints Church: Adult £2.00, Bug Hunt 50p

Family Fun Afternoon

Saturday 7th July

Family Fun Afternoon from 1pm – 5pm on The Green

Enjoy a traditional English Fete

Stalls, games, competitions, raffle, displays

Beer Festival

Friday 6th till Sunday 8th

At the Queen's Head

With food and live music

BBQ at the School

Thursday 19th July

Come and enjoy a burger with friends and family from Earsham Primary School.

Early evening, pre-booked tickets only. To register interest please email

earsham.festival@gmail.com and Earsham School PTA will contact you with further details

Holiday Club – Sports Academy

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th July

Mornings only for primary age children

For children of primary school age in our villages.

Further information from sarahquantrill@talktalk.net or see application forms in

June/July magazines

Opening Ceremony at The Queen's Head

Friday 27th July

Come and view the Opening Ceremony of the Games

Car Boot and Garage Sale

Sat 11th August

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Begins at Earsham Village Hall. Refreshments on The Green

Hosted by Earsham Playing Field Committee raising funds for Earsham Park

Orienteering around the village

Saturday 15th September

Have fun wandering around our lovely village. Start at Earsham CE VA Primary School in the morning.

Refreshments and small prize the winning team.

Quiz and Food

Saturday 20th October

Enjoy tasty food and a great quiz

For further details see facebook.com/EarshamFestival.

For queries or to book a stall at the Family Fun Afternoon or obtain tickets for the BBQ or

Quiz and Food please email earsham.festival@gmail.com or telephone Sue Cramp on

01986 895535

Details of events at The Queen's Head are also available from John and Lynda Hamps

01986 892623 and the Earsham Queen's Head Facebook page