



Village Newsletter

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If you have any updates for the February newsletter, please send to me by the 25th January. Happy New Year and warm wishes, Natalie
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Red sky at night, December 2023

Councillor James Mallinder 2024 Message

In 2019, the conservatives were given the incredible honour to establish East Suffolk resulting out of the merger of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils. It was the newest and largest (by population) non-metropolitan district council in the country.

The environment is one of the principle foundations of the council's first administration, led by Cllr Steve Gallant. We should not underestimate the importance of this emphasis and it is crucial those with authority must engage with all political parties and all stakeholders. The environment is not a political issue but belongs to all of us.

We declared a climate emergency and we knew we had to lead by actions not just words, to question the status quo and to make bold changes in how the council functions. The environment is about jobs, employment, houses, consumption, and waste not just about the trees. Our environmental policy, which I led, evolved so it worked alongside business, not acting as a separate pressure. Development can be and should be positive if it uses fewer resources more efficiently leaving a smaller

carbon footprint. One of our important legacies is the Deben School project in Felixstowe which is being built to Passive Haus standard and is exemplary in its

engagement with biodiversity. And I am working hard to make sure any new projects are held to this standard. It is crucial in local government that themes and visions thread across all divisions. We must continue to make sure environmental considerations are embedded in all policy formation and council decisions.

In East Suffolk, we have proposed clean-energy projects, but these national infrastructure works can also have an impact on the environment, such as on biodiversity or a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We must look at the full picture. It's perverse to solve one aspect of the environmental conundrum while destroying something else you want to preserve and nurture. However, such projects provide much needed local employment and secondary economic benefits from the necessary services industries. So, we need to see better implementation and engagement with Westminster decision makers.

District councils have an important role to play in leading by example and empowering local communities to do something no matter how small making a real and lasting difference.

Moving into 2024, I want to reassure all residents that although in opposition, I continue to push hard for environmental issues, also looking at how to effect a change in long-term behaviour, buying and wasting less or adopting more sustainable forms of travel. I will continue to try to ensure delivery of environmental, realistic and financially prudent policy. And of course, I defend, protect and champion our communities and wonderful biodiversity.

Wishing you all a very happy new year and peaceful 2024

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Message from Reverend Giles

The Epiphany – a message for our time

Dear Friends

On Sunday 7 th January, we celebrate the Epiphany in our churches. This is when we recall the journey of the three Wise Men from the East following the star to Jesus' birthplace, and presenting him with their gifts

of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our understanding of the story is reinforced by the singing each Christmas of the well-known hymn, We Three Kings of Orient Are (as a Leyton Orient football club supporter I always like to mention they are the only football club whose name is mentioned in a Christmas carol!)

However, the problem with our cosy familiarity with the story is that it can prevent us from realising that this story is presenting a very radical message. The message that the love of God, revealed through Jesus Christ, is for people of all nations, and is not just reserved for one nation or race. It is, rather, a generous love without boundaries and definitions of who is worthy enough to receive it. The poet Benjamin Zephaniah, who sadly passed away on 7 th December, reflects this open approach in his moving book 'Refugee Boy:' "This planet is for everyone, borders are for no one. It's all about freedom."

In a world which has seen you much warfare and suffering during 2023 in Ukraine, the worsening conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people, and the increasing number of migrants risking their lives crossing the English Channel looking for a better and safer life, this message of generous love is surely one we all need to hear again and reflect on. To help create a world where we truly see other races and nations as being our brothers and sisters, rather than creating boundaries which exclude some or identify them as different. To learn to see others as Jesus sees them, in an open, loving and unjudgmental way. If only we and the leaders in our world could do this, we might just be able to create the peaceable kingdom on earth which God wants for us.

With all blessings for a peaceful new year.

Giles

Reverend Giles - Team Rector of the Wilford Benefice

What's on

8 Jan East Anglia Three Public Information Day

20 Jan Quiz Night Bromeswell Village Hall Start 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) Fish & Chip Supper (Veg. Option available) Bring your own drinks etc. Teams of up to six. To book your Table (by 14th Jan) £10 per person. To book call Lauren on 01394/460577

Boathouse Café closed

Poppy's Café Rock Barracks – Monday-Thursday 9.15am-2.00pm *Both closed*
Thrift Shop Rock Barracks – 9.00am-4.00pm (close noon on Fridays) *18.12 - 09.01*

Marsh Farm Café RSPB Reserve Hollesley open 10.00am-2.00pm daily

Mobile Post Office Every Thursday, 1.15-3.15pm, Alderton Village Hall

Yoga with Ellie Tuesday, 9.00-10.00am, Village Hall, contact Rawdon 411459

Chair-based Exercise Class Tuesday 10.30am, Village Hall, ring Jane 411373 2-7pm
Bawdsey Village Hall

Suffolk Punch Trust Open every Sunday from 7th Jan 10am-1pm- New Breakfast Menu

Police <http://www.suffolkpolice.uk>, email woodbridge.snt@suffolkpnn.police.uk. Tel;101

Peninsula Practice

Staff training is important for our practice. On the following days, surgery sites are closed from 13:00 until the following day.

The specified site is open for booking future appointments and accessing repeat prescriptions.

- Thursday 8th February 2024 – Alderton
- Wednesday 6th March 2024 - Aldeburgh

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