

# SUFFIELD VILLAGE NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2023

## Parish Council

A PC meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023. The minutes for the meeting can be found on both notice boards and the parish website. The next meeting will be held at the village hall on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome and if you would like something added to the agenda, please let a councillor or the clerk know as soon as possible. Do not forget, the meetings are open to everyone and there is always an opportunity for members of the public to speak.

Please use the bottle bank situated near the church as this raises funds which can be used for village projects.

## The Church

The Suffield Festival of Arts and Crafts was held in the church on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July. The visitors were very impressed by the work on display and the delicious refreshments made by parishioners and friends of the church. The hard work of the big band of volunteers resulted in raising over £1500 which will go towards work on the louvres in the tower, which badly need replacing. Many lovely comments were received from visitors including BBC Radio Norfolk, who included the event in their weekly Treasure Quest programme.

The wilded area of the church yard was increased this year and this has now been cut and raked ready for next spring.

The next date for church cleaning is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am which is followed by a group service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Any help with cleaning is always very much appreciated.

## The If Not Now When Wood

Sam from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust completed a site visit earlier this summer and was pleased with the increased variety of flora in the meadow. Conservation grazing with the ponies is having a positive effect. Graham counted around 400 orchids this year - more than ever. Newt and Terri from Suffield Green have made a magnificent bench, a small barrow which has been planted with wild strawberries and inventive decorations for the shed out of metal salvage that David Hood collected over twenty years ago. The bench, which was delivered by Brian Almey, has been sited to overlook a new planned pond.

## Community Coffee Mornings

Dates for the forthcoming coffee mornings are: 21<sup>st</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> December from 10am until 12 noon at the village hall. Everyone is welcome.

## The Village Hall

The Village Hall trustees are delighted to report that their application to North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund has been successful and they have secured funding to help with the cost of replacing the windows in the Hall with sustainability sourced wooden double glazing units. The current windows are in very poor condition and the new windows will not only improve the look of the hall but also reduce heat loss and make the building more secure. We will be using local contractors to carry out the work and hope any disruption will be minimal.

We will be holding our popular Suffield Christmas Fayre this year so put the date in your diaries and invite your friends as it is always a very enjoyable, festive event perfect to get you in the Christmas spirit!



## Suffield Country Christmas Fayre

Sat, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10 am - 4 pm

Sun, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10 am - 3 pm

Suffield Village Hall

NR11 7EW  this spruced piston  
Field parking

'Handmade in Suffield' and Guest sales

mistletoe, decorations, gifts, cards,  
crafts, preserves -

all in good time for Christmas

raffle, refreshments, tombola

