



The Swift

FRISTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Energy Projects Update

The decision by the Secretary of State for BEIS, Kwarsi Kwarteng is due on 31 March and hangs like a pall over our lives.

You can access the SASES.org.uk website for the latest information which includes SASES submission re flooding at the end of January. The view is that the latest proposals from Scottish Power to address flood risk remain unsatisfactory despite the multiple attempts they have had to resolve this issue and extension of the examination process by six months.

All submissions have been published on the Planning Inspectorate project website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm/> and once again it was heartening to see so many further individual submissions from Friston residents.

Meanwhile the Offshore Transmission Network Review is continuing and its team at BEIS has said that Renewables UK will be conducting a programme concerning greater co-ordination of projects in East Anglia. SASES have asked for further details of this and how this fits in with the timing of the decision on 31 March. Nobody believes that this will be the end of the matter.

Meanwhile, Zero Gravity Films have produced a short film 'Suffolk Under Threat' since they were so appalled at what is being proposed.

You can view the film here <https://vimeo.com/675875579>

Returning Community Events

It is fair to say that the last two years have been a long haul with Covid restrictions coinciding with the examination process. We think it would be good to bring the community together again by bringing back a number of village events. This is quite a challenge since we rely on community help when our energy and spirit levels have rather diminished!

Accordingly, we are sticking with our most popular events which attract friends and visitors from across Suffolk.

Saturday, 7th May - Plant and Cake Stall in the Churchyard.

This was especially well supported last year and we were able to welcome many newcomers to the village.

Thursday, 2nd June - Sunday, 5th June - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As in previous Jubilees we are joining the rest of the nation in lighting our beacon on the night of 2nd June. At the moment, we have no other celebrations so we are open to your ideas!

Sunday, 19th June - Friston Open Gardens.

Increasingly popular over the years the appeal is the diversity of the gardens that you can share with visitors who enjoy discovering the hidden paths of Friston. They are friendly and appreciative so do please offer to open your garden.

Thursday, 14th July - Classics (Cars and Bikes) On The Green.

Tony Morley and his fellow petrol-heads organise the classics on the village green with a pop-up bar and barbecue, whilst others manage the public car park in Grove Road kindly made available by Margaret and William Reeve. This is the 'biggie'!

Saturday, 10th September - Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride.

Following the success of 'Riding for Friston' last year, Mary and Ian Shipman have suggested we invite others to ride together making it a truly village event.

All these are happy means of engaging with each other over the summer months. In all these we rely on helpers baking and serving refreshments and parking.

Please do contact me with any ideas, offers of help and further information.

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Friston Allotment Association.

Now the days are getting longer we can start some early sowings of broad beans, radish & rocket in the garden. A few early potatoes can be planted under fleece to get an earlier crop as the soil warms up. Tomatoes can be sown indoors now for growing in a cold greenhouse in the summer. Strawberry plants & asparagus

crowns can now be planted as the soil warms up & any planting of bare root trees & shrubs should be completed. HT & floribunda roses are due to be pruned now along with a dressing of rose fertiliser.

Dog Walking Request

Friston is a community of dog lovers and dog walkers - all sizes, breeds and temperaments. Some are old and grumpy, some are young and boisterous, others are Rescues with issues and all have varying degrees of training and obedience (And I'm talking about the dogs!) As a dog owner myself, I am shocked at the apparent lack of tolerance some owners seem to display to one another whilst walking the paths of Friston. It's a bit like getting behind the wheel of a car - people suddenly think they have a right to be rude, abusive and self-righteous! My dog may have issues that you don't know about, my dog may be in training, my dog may be barking because she's nervous. Let's be civil to one another and considerate of others who may be having a hard time of it. There are enough troubles in Friston at the moment, so show some love and leave the barking and the growling to the dogs! *Friston Resident*

Farewell to John and Karen Turner

John and his wife Jean moved to Friston 37 years ago. A schoolteacher and a great supporter of the performing arts, John and his wife were instrumental in establishing the Friston Players and he directed six productions over the years, the casts mostly from the residents of Low Road! They gave great pleasure to many. They were also instrumental in mounting amateur art exhibitions within the Church. When Jean died, John was joined by his daughter Karen who helped maintain the tradition, most recently in 2019. They are returning to their northern roots when John and Karen can pursue their passion for music and theatre. Many of us are grateful for their quiet support of the village and wish them well!

Dick Johnson

Long time resident of Hove Cottage, Donkey Lane, sadly died on 11th February after a short illness. Known for his quirky sense of fun, Dick was a keen gardener, golfer, wine taster and a talented horse rider and trainer. He also loved jazz music and often serenaded his wife and friends in the garden on his clarinet! He will be sadly missed by his many friends and by his cherished wife and soulmate, Anita. All are welcome to attend Dick's funeral, to be held in St Mary's church on Wednesday 9th March at 11am, with light refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards. Please keep dress bright and informal. No wreaths but donations if desired, can be made to The Dog's Trust or to Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital League of Friends c/o Tony Brown Funeral Services, Saxmundham IP17 1EH (01728 603108)

Friston Wildlife Watch

As we are battered by storms and struggle through gloomy winter days let me take you back to a balmy August afternoon. Determined to take a dip in the sea, swimsuit on, towel packed, I set off to Sizewell beach. The north sea was actually pleasantly warm, I paddled at the edge of the water and was about to take the plunge when I noticed a large jellyfish, that's ok I thought I can avoid it, but then I noticed another one, then smaller ones, lots of them, everywhere - I got out. They were Moon jellyfish (*Aurelia aurita*), the most common jellyfish found in the UK. They are a round dome shaped jelly, translucent with purple circular markings in the centre, apparently they do have a sting but it is unlikely to penetrate human skin. Then a few weeks ago I had a lovely walk with friends along Dunwich beach, the tide was out leaving a golden sandy pathway along the edge of the sea, the sun was warm and the sea glistening in the sun. I noticed something shiny on the sand "watch out" I warned "don't step on the jellyfish!", we checked our steps, as there were many little jelly globules between 2-10cm in size, along the beach. However, looking closer there were no tentacles or patterns, so were they jellyfish? Maybe some sort of sea slug or an egg of some kind? We weren't sure. After some research I discovered they were Salps (sea squirts or sea grapes). These simple, gelatinous creatures move by contracting and pumping water through their bodies. They feed on phytoplankton and remove billions of tonnes of carbon from the sea every year, they are therefore important climate change heroes! The next time the sun comes out take a walk along our local shoreline and see what curiosities you can find. *Briony Sones*

Your Swift, Your news! Anyone can contribute to the Swift, please contact the Clerk with any articles you may have, please keep them light, factually correct and village orientated. Space is limited but we do try to fit everything in.

The next deadline for articles is Monday 21st March 2022

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