

# EARL SOHAM

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## UPDATES

### Parish Council Website [www.earlsoham.org](http://www.earlsoham.org)

The village website is in the process of being updated. A formal section includes PC meeting Agendas, Minutes and End of Year Financial Reports. A digital archive of PC Newsletters can be viewed in a click. There is interesting information on the history of the village and St Mary's Church (please send in any photos you may have.) **What else would you like to see on your village website? Email content suggestions to:** [peter.beckwith@earlsoham.org](mailto:peter.beckwith@earlsoham.org)

### ES COMMUNITY WHATSAPP GROUP

As a reminder, the group is restricted to villagers and is for passing important information only. Use the QR code to join:



## NEW PATH FOR THE JUBILEE WOOD

With funding from Framlingham Town Council, a group of local volunteers have laid a new, wider and more accessible pathway through a section of the Jubilee Wood. This should prove particularly beneficial through the wet and muddy winter months.

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

Officers: Thomas Johnson (Chair), Tony Carr (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors: Andrew Patterson, Peter Russell, Candida Cook, Alec Edwards, Peter Beckwith,.

Comments, questions or issues can be raised by contacting the Parish Clerk, Guy Harvey:  
[clerk@earlsoham.org](mailto:clerk@earlsoham.org) or indeed by attending a PC meeting  
From September 2025 this will be the first Tuesday evening bi-monthly - agenda posted on the Village Noticeboard and the PC website: [www.earlsoham.org](http://www.earlsoham.org)

### COUNCILLOR VACANCY:

Should you be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk by email at [clerk@earlsoham.org](mailto:clerk@earlsoham.org)



## EARL SOHAM FÊTE

**SATURDAY 2 AUGUST 2-4pm**

Join friends and family at the Village Green for delicious Afternoon Tea with home-made cakes, traditional games and stalls. Proceeds support St. Mary's Church Fabric Fund.

## GREEN SPOT

Meadowsweet or Mead Wort (*Filipendula ulmaria*) is a native perennial wildflower with creamy-white fragrant flowers and preference for damp habitats. See it along ES Bridlepath and Church Lane ditches in June to September. Historically used medicinally, for flavouring mead (also a light and delicate tea) and as a strewing herb: John Gerard said that Queen Elizabeth I "did more desire it than any other herb to strew her chambers withal."

## NEW FINGER POST

The Parish Council has funded a new finger post on the Brandeston Road as the previous one had collapsed.



## EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL 1934-2025

[www.earlsohamvillagehall.org](http://www.earlsohamvillagehall.org)

Update: Splendid new replacement replica external doors crafted by local joiner, Stuart Gooderham have been installed. Many thanks to all café volunteers and those who donated. A long-boarded-up window above the main entrance has also been restored with thanks to Adnams Community Fund.

Renovation work continues with urgent plans for an eco-friendly sustainable heating system to replace the old oil-fired boiler: [DONATE HERE](#)

**PLEASE HELP TO CREATE A WARM AND TOASTY COMMUNITY HUB**

**Café-in-the-Kitchen** remains a popular fundraiser providing refreshments alongside Village Hall events. Join us for fresh coffee, cakes and now also serving light lunches with wine and a fundraising Bar ! Contact [earlsohamvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:earlsohamvillagehall@gmail.com) to join our friendly Café Volunteer Team. Charity No.304743 (ESVH)

## 'ONE SUFFOLK' - HAVE YOUR SAY

**Elaine Bryce Suffolk County Council.**

The County Council Division of Carlford comprises a total of 26 Parishes, including Earl Soham. Whilst I try to report back to the Parish Council on matters specific to Earl Soham, some issues do transcend Parish boundaries and hopefully the following information will be of interest to residents in Earl Soham:

As part of the Government's plan to reshape and streamline local councils, Suffolk County Council believes that replacing our 6 local authorities with a new single council would be smarter, simpler and better for our county. **Please take a moment to have your say in the following survey, which remains open until 4<sup>th</sup> August: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution) email [devolution@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:devolution@suffolk.gov.uk) or call 0345 603 1842**

It feels as though our rural way of life is somewhat under siege at the moment and I am working hard to support communities in the fight against inappropriate development, including a proposed sand and gravel extraction quarry in Westerfield, proposed solar farms in Easton and Letheringham and proposals to revisit an Ipswich Northern Bypass. It is my opinion that all these would leave an irreparable scar on our precious Suffolk countryside, not to mention impacting our rural highways infrastructure.

I will always do my very best to represent residents' views in opposing inappropriate development.