

EARL SOHAM

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

WATER PUMP

Repair works have been completed and the pump is now back in its rightful place on the Village Green, complete with a fresh coat of paint and a new water trough.



ES COMMUNITY WHATSAPP

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



CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES:

The Victoria:

Carol Singing Thursday 19th December 7pm

St. Mary's Church:

December 22nd – Carol Service – 6.30pm

December 24th – Crib Service – 6pm

December 24th – Midnight Mass – 11.30pm

Christmas Day – All-Age Worship – 10am

CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE GREEN with thanks to Walnes Seeds and Mark Rutherford.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Officers: Thomas Johnson (Chair), Tony Carr (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Andrew Patterson, Peter Russell, Candida Cook, Alec Edwards, Charlotte Peacher, Peter Beckwith.

Comments, questions or issues can be raised by contacting Parish Clerk, Guy Harvey: clerk@earlsoham.org or indeed by attending a PC meeting (First Thursday evening bi-monthly - agenda posted on the Village Noticeboard and the PC website: www.earlsoham.org)

COUNCILLOR VACANCY:

Should you be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk by email at clerk@earlsoham.org



FINGERPOST

New Road Sign-Post

A new finger post has been ordered to replace the collapsing signpost at the triangle just outside the village along Brandeston Road. This will be in keeping with the traditional style cast sign-posts already installed on the village green. An investment which should last for many decades.

THE WILDLIFE TRUSTS:

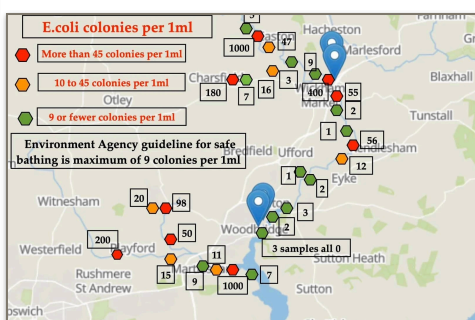
A fun bit of seasonal interest !
The Twelve Birds of Christmas
<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/blog/tom-hibbert/twelve-birds-christmas>

GREEN SPOT -THE DEBEN

Water quality along the river Deben and its' tributaries has been monitored by an independent voluntary organisation (in collaboration with the Environment Agency) since 2022 and this project now includes Earl Soham as a 'sample site'. Findings of concern have already encouraged Anglia Water to take action.

TAKE PART: are you interested in volunteering to participate in local sample collection?
Please contact David Findley
david.findley1@btinternet.com.

See published findings:
www.woodbridgeclimateactioncentre.org/



EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL - 90 YEARS !

UPDATE: £12,000 was raised in 2023/24 for external replica doors crafted by local joiner, Stuart Gooderham. To be fitted in January 2025 as part of ongoing renovations to bring the Hall up to modern standards. Many thanks to all the volunteers, subscribers and everyone attending our fundraising events.

NEXT: raising funds for infrared eco-friendly heating to create a warm and toasty community hub. Target £15,000.

PLEASE DONATE HERE: www.earlsohamvillagehall.org

Earl Soham Village Hall Renovation Fund: please contact earlsohamvillagehall@gmail.com if you would like more information and updates on progress, wish to donate or join our Volunteer Team. Charity No.304743 (ESVH)



FLOOD UPDATE

One year on, with some residents only recently returning to their properties, ES Parish Council and Suffolk County Council continue to address the issues from Storm Babet. Drainage is key, but also complicated, as the PC is only legally responsible for two sections of the village drainage system: The Elms to the junction of Brandeston Road, and the watercourse within the Cemetery. However, the PC has been doing all it can to help reduce the flood risk throughout Earl Soham: watercourses have been de-silted to enable them to operate at full capacity, and the PC has been assisting residents on The Causeway in ongoing discussions with Suffolk Highways to address concerns along that section of watercourse.

Recent flooding due to a build-up of material washed down the watercourse and caught under the bridge was unblocked, with the landowners' permission.

Discussions with Suffolk Highways led to the newly completed work cleaning and improving the drainage system from The Green to Mill Road. And finally the drain outside Foreman's Cottage (Low Road) has been unblocked ! Hopefully these actions will help to reduce the risk to our village from future 'extreme' adverse weather.

