



### John and Teresa McKee

John and Teresa have been part of the Bruisyard Village Hall story since its planning and development got underway. They have lived in the Village since 1972 and both have always been active and involved members of the Village community.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Hall and their personal contribution during these years has been amazing. From their legendary Soup and Pudding lunches, through Musical evenings and Sausage and Mash. So many successful events have been held as a result of their enthusiasm and commitment. As a result, many thousand of pounds have been raised for local charities which have all benefitted from John and Teresa's extraordinary energy and efforts on behalf of the community. John and Teresa have now decided to stand down from the Village Hall Committee and we send them our appreciation and best wishes.

### Editor Deadline

**Friday 22 January 2021**

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### Your Mobile Library

**Tuesday 15 December 2020**

Bruisyard Village Hall. 10.05 - 10.20

One customer at a time. Wearing of face masks requested  
January 2021 date not yet announced



### Parish Council

**Next Meeting scheduled for Monday 18 January 2021  
at 7.30 pm**

(Details will be confirmed closer to the date)

### From the Parish Council

We would like to send best wishes to everyone for this festive period and to wish you all a happy Christmas. Hopefully everyone in Bruisyard is staying well and healthy during such a challenging time for us all.

We wanted to take this opportunity to give everyone an update on the work that the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee have been doing over the past months.

We continue to plan for the future re-opening of the Village Hall next year - the regular Pilates class has re-started again after Lockdown2. These classes have enabled us to successfully test the procedures we put in place. There are rigorous regulations for cleaning, additional risk assessments and social distancing. Hopefully we will be able to gradually put together a wider activities programme in 2021.

We have been able to keep the finances of the Village Hall stable, principally through securing the Government's Coronavirus Business Support Grant.

In 2021 we will have three new local Councillors joining the Parish Council - these are Ray Farrar, James Ingmire and Albert Lain. We welcome these new members and also look forward to new ideas for the Village Hall next year.

The current situation continues to be difficult for everybody and so it is important that we all continue to keep an eye on family, neighbours and friends. With very best wishes for Christmas and lets hope for a brighter 2021.

Paul Church, Chair Bruisyard Parish Council





## From St Peter's Church Bruisyard

Unfortunately there will not be a crib service this year at St Peters but there will be a communion service on the 24th at 4 pm and of course all are very welcome.

The church is always open and please visit to see the coat of arms which has recently been repaired and looks fantastic, likewise the Reredos behind the altar.

Sally and I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and let us all hope and pray for a much better 2021, Rupert.



## Alde Spring Flower Show April 2021

The ACC is planning to hold a Spring Flower Show next April. This will restore the annual flower show after last spring's hiatus. We have traditionally had a splendid display of blooms and arrangements in Sweffling Hut, and hope to repeat this, with an open air display as an alternative. The venue and date will be updated as the situation develops.



## Young Persons Opportunity Awards

The ACC has for some time had a Young Person's Opportunity Award Scheme. This, like the Flower Show, is coming back to life. Two awards have recently been made, to assist the claimants with unforeseen charges that may have thwarted their opportunities in higher education. This is a small discretionary grant and a fuller description of the scheme will be given in a future edition.

## MacMillan Nurses Donation Appeal

Although the coffee morning planned for September could not take place, many thanks to everyone who gave so generously to make the appeal such a success. The total amount raised was £960.00, and together with Gift Aid this totalled £1,120.00. Lynda Newson

## Census 2021

### Sunday 21 March

The decennial census is almost upon us. Households across Bruisyard will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://census.gov.uk)

Tim Buttle, Census Engagement Manager East Suffolk, Office for National Statistics



## Bruisyard Hall

As you can imagine, it has been a very difficult year for Bruisyard Hall. 2020 was looking to be a popular year with one bride having booked the date of 10/10/2020 nearly three years before. Gareth has worked very hard to try to re-arrange dates and we have held a few COVID compliant weddings with restricted numbers. But we are hoping that 2021 will see a return to some degree of normality through vaccination and testing. Whilst most of our team have been on furlough, they are all well and we hope that you all are.

Teresa and I would have looked forward to wishing you all a Happy Christmas at the Hall but obviously this is not possible. So we take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas with the prospect of a more sociable 2021- some time!



From Robert and Teresa with Gareth and the team at Bruisyard Hall

