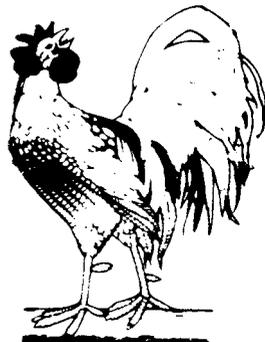


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Veteran of past harvests: a Marshal threshing drum at Hoskins Farm, Fersfield



Editors' Notice Board

*Help protect your
local footpaths*



Free workshop from CPRE NORFOLK

As part of CPRE Norfolk's new 'Protect our Paths' campaign, the charity has organised a workshop aimed at existing or potential Footpath Wardens as well as individuals and parish councils who wish to get involved and take action to improve footpaths in their local area.

Friday October 5th, Leziate Village Hall, Brow of the Hill, King's Lynn, PE32 1EN

The workshop will start at 10am and end at 1pm, and will include sessions on legal aspects concerning Rights of Way, case studies of local action elsewhere in the country and information on CPRE Norfolk's new Footpath Warden scheme. There will be also be a Q&A session with a panel of experts, who will be able to answer specific questions about footpath issues. After a short lunch break, there will then be an optional walk in the local area (approx 2-3 miles) during which problem footpaths will be identified. Tea and coffee will be provided during the morning session. There is no charge for the workshop. Please contact Katy Jones at CPRE NORFOLK katyj@cprenorfolk.org.uk, tel 01603 761660, for further information or to reserve your place.

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Bible Studies in Norwich

Committed to Growth with Acts

Friday 16 November, 9.30am–3.30pm in The Royal British Legion, Aylsham Road, Norwich, NR3 2HF

Get to know St Luke's second book a bit better. Enter the world of the expanding early church with all its joys and challenges: what can we learn about growth in our own churches? And about preaching from those first sermons?

These days are specifically designed for lay and ordained to learn alongside each other, so bring a carload from your parish and enjoy a stimulating day out! *Cost and booking: free.*

A romp through the Old Testament!

Saturday 1 December 9.30am–3.30pm in St Lukes Church, 61 Aylsham Road, Norwich NR3 2HF

Many of us today can feel that our grasp of the Old Testament is not all it might be. In this brilliant and engaging day (which has already run and been much enjoyed elsewhere in the diocese), Sue Woan will give us a bird's eye view of the rich library of books we call the Old Testament, helping us to piece it all together, offering new insights and whetting our appetite for more study. *Cost and booking: FREE Please bring a Bible. Please book in advance.*

Contact information: Tel 01603 729815
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E-mail: caspar.james@norwich.anglican.org
Caspar James Assistant to the Lay Development & Training Co-ordinator, Diocese of Norwich

Diss Library News



October is **Black History Month**, and all Norfolk libraries will be taking part by highlighting Black and African literature and culture. At Diss library we will have a special *Tinga tinga Tales* story time on Monday 29th October at 10.30. All families welcome.

Also in October we celebrate **Older People's Week** and are pleased to be able to offer a session on *Reminiscence and Making a Memory Box* with Norfolk Adult Education. This will take place on Tuesday 9th October 2-4pm and is free, but you will need to book your place in advance.

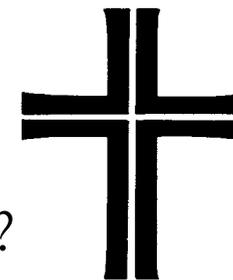
Through October and November we will be running another *Surf's Up* course for people new to using a computer. This free

course consists of six sessions on Tuesday afternoons and covers subjects such as getting online, setting up an email and using the internet securely. If you are interested contact the library to book your place.

The library always welcomes visits to the library by interested groups; currently we are arranging visits from groups ranging in age from the brownies to the U3A. We also offer display space for community groups, please get in touch if you would like to know more.

To find out more about opening times, activities and services, please contact the library on 01379 642609 or look on the website www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

Winfarthing Group Benefice Rector writes...



The meaning of life?

Through the centuries many of the world's greatest philosophers have discussed endlessly the meaning and purpose of life.

What are we all here for? Who am I? What's it all about, Alfie?

My own favourite comes from 'The Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy' when Marvin, the paranoid android, (who is nothing more than an automated express door opener) declares rather sullenly and despairingly 'Life; don't talk to me about Life'.

For many people there is a constant search 'to find themselves' or to seek true happiness in drink, drugs and good old Rock 'n' Roll. But do they truly 'find' themselves, or do they get caught up in some kind of spiral trip downwards to oblivion?

I was part of a generation that was affected by the remarks of USA President John F Kennedy who said to his fellow Americans 'Ask not what your country do for you - ask what you can do for your country'. I actually prefer the statement of Jesus Christ when he said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'. (Try it).

I only 'found' myself when I became a Christian at the age of 18 whilst on holiday on the Norfolk Broads. For me concepts like the meaning of life only become a reality when Jesus is in control of one's own life. As the Apostle Paul puts it 'For me to live is Christ, to die is gain'. The only way that I can experience true joy and happiness is being at one with Him and in Him. The truth that I was seeking was found in Him. The way that I was exploring for was found in Him. The life that I was searching for was found in Him.

Reverend David Mills

St Mary's Church

We were very disappointed to learn that our application to English Heritage for a grant to do major works to the church roof, was turned down. There were many applications for grant-funding, and obviously they felt that other cases were more deserving. The PCC will allocate the small funds we have to the greatest priorities – the first being to replace the church guttering.

By the time of publication, we will have had a working party on a Saturday in September, to spruce up the churchyard. We are conscious that the churchyard at St Mary's is an important place for many to come to, both to visit the final resting place of people they loved, and to enjoy the peace of a country churchyard. If anyone is willing to help in future work, do please get in touch with our churchwarden, David Crowe (01379 741518).

The Friends

The Friends of Burston Church held a very successful Safari Supper on 14th July. It had been planned to have the starter and desserts in people's gardens, only using the church for the main course, but in the end we had to hold all three courses in the church, because the weather was too unreliable. I would, however, like to thank Cyril Bromley and Janet and Richard Whiteside for co-ordinating the starters and puddings. Norma Ajdukiewicz organised the whole event, very ably helped by too many people to mention here – but thank you to you all. We raised close to £750, which was a brilliant outcome.

Our next event is the Fish and Chips Quiz Supper on Friday 19th October – this is always very popular, and usually a sell-out, so do get in touch soon if you would like tickets.

Rachel Hobson 01379 741033



Community Primary School

We welcome Carol Green as our Head Teacher this year. We also welcome Ms Gotto, who will be working part time in Class 2, and Claire Cason who will be working in Class 1.

Class 1 are pleased to welcome 17 new children to our reception class. Reception are going to spend the first half of this term reading and exploring traditional tales and linking this with work about Harvest time. Year 1 children are carrying out a topic on light and dark and we are also going to look at the history of bonfire night and the importance of light in various celebrations. As we approach autumn and winter months we will begin to link this to the idea of staying safe when out in the dark.

This term Class 2 will be learning about islands. We will be looking at what an island is and finding out about some of the different islands in the world. We will begin with the British Isles and hope to visit the Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth. In English we will be reading island stories and legends. In History we will be finding out how roman invaders and settlers influenced this country. Our Spanish lessons will include greetings and counting to 10. Year 3 will begin their clarinet lessons while Year 2 are investigating long and short sounds in music and enjoying playing a variety of percussion instruments.

It's the start of a new academic year with many changes going on. Class 3 now consists of years 4, 5 and 6 in the mornings. In the afternoon the class increases consisting of year 3, 4, 5 and 6. This term we will be investigating the Egyptians plus looking at rivers. English work will include fiction non-fiction and poetry. Maths is a never ending circle with topics being revisited and extended. In Science year 5 and 6 are investigating the Sun, Earth and moon, while years 3 and 4 are looking at friction. We intend to look at Egyptian arts and hope to make paper as well as an Archimedes screw. Year 5 and 6 will begin their cycling proficiency training this term, while years 1 to 6 will enjoy swimming lessons at Diss swimming pool every week.

Norfolk Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride

I took to my bike early on 8th September, visiting 43 churches and covering over 60 miles. My route was in the form of an extended circle: from Gissing, east to the Tivetshalls and then north to the Fornetts and Carleton Rode, before heading south-west to Quidenham and Kenninghall and the Lophams, going on to Hopton and Rickinghall and finally finishing at 5pm in Diss.

Thank you, all those who supported me and made donations, helping me to raise approximately £200. Half of that sum goes to the Norfolk Churches Trust who organise and sponsor the event, and the other half goes to Gissing Church. I also thank everyone who gave up their time to man all the churches and who signed cyclists in and out of the churches visited for, without them, there would be no sponsored ride.

One of the highlights of my day was a tasty lunch provided by the ladies of Market Weston WI. I had counted 27 churches before lunch and perhaps it was the boozy sherry trifle that slowed me down a little in the afternoon. I was a bit disappointed I didn't reach my target of 46 churches, but as someone pointed out to me on the ride, perhaps I should be lowering my target as the years go by.

It was a very hot day and I was quite tired when I reached home, but it was, as always, enjoyable and I met lots of lovely people. Oh the pleasures of a nice hot soak in the bath after finishing!

George Hammond

The Heart of Gissing

The Heart of Gissing is a charity made up of local people with an interest in securing the future and the regeneration of the centre of Gissing including the proposed refurbishment and extension of the Old School building and site. The Trustees are keen to develop the potential of the site as a meeting place for local organisations, community and interest groups of all ages and as a venue for small scale

'one off' events of social, cultural and educational kinds. They see it as one of their main roles to promote and foster such 'sharing' activities. The Heart of Gissing very much works with Gissing Children's Centre which is, and will remain, the primary user of the site. Fundraising events are organised jointly to maximise effort and ensure the sustainability of both groups. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 or email admin@heartofgissing.org.uk

Please visit the new Heart of Gissing website at www.heartofgissing.org.uk for up to date information about groups, events and what is happening in the centre of the village.

Ploughman's Supper

The Heart of Gissing will host a ploughman's supper at the Old School in Gissing on Friday, 19th October. Featured guest speaker and entertainer will be Ray Hubbard, who will talk about his amazing life and work with Suffolk horses, followed by a selection of Norfolk dialect songs and stories. Ticket price for the evening is £6, and people should arrive at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Coffee and tea will be served with the meal, but please bring your own wine or beer. Information and tickets are available from Kelly Pitcher on 01379 674511, and booking is essential as the number of tickets is limited.



Gissing Summer Fete

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's 50s themed fete such a success; a sunny day, a lively atmosphere and great music all made for a lovely, typically English event with a real 'feel-good' factor.

Gissing's St Nicholas Fayre

Saturday 1st December from 4–7pm at and around the Old School (Gissing Children's Centre). This event provides a great opportunity to buy interesting Christmas gifts and homemade produce in a lovely setting. There will be an even wider range of stalls to choose from than last year, with entertainment and refreshments available. Father Christmas and his helpers will be there to receive Christmas wish lists. If you would like to book a stall please contact Kelly Pitcher Tel 01379 674511 or email kelpitcher@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you there.



Groups in Gissing at present include:

Gissing Baby and Toddler Group runs in Gissing Village Hall, Rectory Road, Gissing every Monday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am. All parents, carers and their children (under school age) are welcome to come and have a chat while the children have fun. The group includes a designated safe 'baby area' within the main play area. Studio Norwich Photographers Ltd., are booked to hold two photo sessions at Gissing Village Hall, to raise funds for the Toddler Group. The final session will be held on Monday 29th October from 10.30am to 4pm (half-term). For general information about the group, or to book a slot for the final photo session, please contact Vicky on 01379 674437 or 07946 212779 or email at vhcullum@hotmail.com.

Gissing Youth Club for 8–13 year olds, every Tuesday 6.30–8.30pm during term at Gissing Children's Centre. Anyone interested in helping or who has ideas or skills to share, contact Bernie 07796 545929 or 01379 677254, email berniecalton@talktalk.net.

Gissing Reading Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 pm at the Old School. Forthcoming books include: September, *Tulip Fever* by Deborah Moggach; October, *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett; November, *The Spire* by William Golding; December, poems about journeys;

January 2013, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Schaffer; February, *The Master and Margarita* by N Bulgakov. For further information about the group, please contact Jim Philip on 01379 677352 or just come along.

Gissing Gardening Group generally meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month at the Old School. For enquiries about the group, contact Joe Cromley on 01379 677817.

Gissing Singers meet every Monday at 7.30pm in Gissing Village Hall. Further information available from Andrew Pierssené on 01379 674518.

Pilates continues to run every Wednesday evening at the Children's Centre (the Old School). Call Sharon Calton on 07979 411644 or email at sharon@scalton.orangehome.co.uk

The Hegarty School of Dance offers ballet, tap, street dance and contemporary dance classes to children (from 3 years of age) and adults and runs from both the Children's Centre (the Old School) and from Gissing village hall. Contact Sam on 07825 325100, email at samiwatt@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.hegartyschoolofdance.co.uk.

Weekly Musical Theatre Class runs every Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm at Gissing Village Hall for anyone over 7 years of age. The class includes singing, dancing and acting, working on scripts from popular musicals. The group will then do recitals for family at the end of term. The cost will be £28 for the term. For further details, please contact Sam as above.

Heart of Gissing Community Dance and Theatre Project (Formerly Dance 2000 Plus) The group's summer production of the musical 'Annie' performed over two evenings at the Fisher Theatre, Bungay was a sell-out. Children aged 8–18 years spent almost two weeks learning 'the ropes' of putting on a theatrical production, including two days at the theatre. The project was subsidised by grant-aid and was spectacularly delivered by Sami Watt. Thank you to everyone who helped and who took part.

Stage HOGers This local theatre group starts from September working on an annual pantomime, staged in January each year. This year's production will be 'Robin Hood'. Anyone interested in treading the boards, please contact Sam as above.

Friends of Gissing Church contact Fiona Turton on 01379 677811 or email at fionaturton@btinternet.com.

Over 60s Group contact Rose Eddington on 01379 677790 or email at rose@roseeddington.co.uk.

Gissing Carpet Bowls contact Derek Dewey on 01379 677162.

Gissing Bowls Club contact Kevin Lake on 01379 677525.

Bookings to use Gissing Village Hall contact Helen Vallier on 07712 171187.

Gissing Children's Centre

A big welcome back to the Pre-school children returning after the summer break and also to the many new families whose children who are joining us between now and Christmas. We will be delivering the revised Early Years Foundation Stage (from September 2012) and during the autumn term, as well as settling children in, we will be looking at ourselves, exploring similarities, differences and acceptance. We will be linking up with our key person at Pre-school and we will be decorating the font in the Church for harvest time.

Our popular and successful Pre-School runs during term time, and children can attend from 9.30am to 12 (standard session), to 1.15pm (extended session) or to 2.30pm every Monday to Friday inclusive. Early years funding for 3 and 4 year olds can be used for both morning and afternoon sessions. We take children unaccompanied from 2½ years to 5 years old. Any families who wish to come and take a look are welcome to contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 (9am–3pm during term time) or 07531 810704 (out of hours) or to send enquiries to email@

gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk to arrange a visit at a time of your choice. Spaces are filling up quickly for this school year, but we do operate a working waiting list so we will aim to meet your requirements, and reserve places, wherever possible.

We will be running an Autumn Playscheme on Monday 29th October (half-term) from 9.30am to 3pm for children of primary school age. The cost is £10 per child, bookable and payable in advance. Children will need to bring a packed lunch and a small amount of money for tuck.

General enquiries to 07531 810704 or email: enquiries@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk. Flyers will be distributed to local schools in early October. We will offer a lovely range of autumn-themed craft-making activities, cookery and other workshops, construction, sand platform and plenty of play opportunities both indoors and outside, including Ian Constance Coaching multi-skills.

Bookings to use Gissing Children's Centre: contact Linda Nash as above.



Friends of Gissing Church

On the morning of the Olympic opening, the 'Friends' took part in the "Cultural Olympiad's" national bell ringing. Some 30 people showed up to ring bells of every description, (including a 'cat bell'), along with the church bells for three minutes. Afterwards, the Friends provided a free breakfast of bacon (and 'facon' for the vegetarians in the group) butties, juice, tea and coffee. You can see this grand village event on you tube. Simply go to youtube and type in Gissing Bells, or, for the more computer literate, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTnAQW_OLAE&feature=youtu

The 'Friends' also had a stall at the summer Fete

in Gissing, selling pottery, cards and 'pre-loved' jewellery to raise funds for the preservation of the fabric of the church building.

The 'Friends' membership continues to grow and we're grateful for the support of those who've joined recently. The membership, donations and activities of the 'Friends' are essential if our beautiful country church and its surroundings are to be maintained. The membership campaign has been renewed recently, so if anyone who is not yet a member would like to find out more, please contact Fiona Turton on 01379-677811. We'd love to hear from you.

Finally, please don't forget to come and see us at the St Nicholas Christmas Fayre in December.

Gissing Church PCC

Remembrance Sunday, which will actually fall on the 11th of November this year, will be commemorated at St Mary's, Gissing, with the traditional wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial at 10.50am, followed by a service of remembrance in the church. We would like to encourage everyone to attend this memorial to those from this village and beyond who have fought, and often died, for their country and its values.



On Sunday, 16th December, the church will hold its annual festival of carols and lessons at 11am. As in recent past years, the Gissing Singers will be present and will perform a selection of special numbers, as well as adding their voices to those of the congregation for the familiar carols. Refreshments will be served after the service, and we invite everyone to share this special morning with us.

SHELFANGER NEWS

All Saints' Church

There are changes at your church of All Saints as Frank and Sue Paice prepare for their move to Norwich (nearer to Carrow Road, hey?), after 30 years of faithful and arduous work in the five parishes

'Who Does What' at All Saints' now:

Church Wardens Peter Harries 01379 651524, Roger Challoner 01379 642286

Hon. Secretary Denise Smith of Church Walk, Shelfanger has kindly agreed to join our team.

Hon. Treasurer Jean Challoner

Lay Chairman Roger Challoner

All Saints' School Governor Representative Joyce Yates of Rectory Road, Shelfanger

Full lists of services and rotas for Reading, Flower Arranging, Cleaning etc are displayed in the porch.

At the time of writing, there is still no Cock Crow correspondent. *Any offers for this important job?*

Frank and Sue will still be involved for some months to come (thank goodness!).

Harvest Festival this year will be held on Sunday 7th October at 11am. This service is always a rich, lively and jolly occasion – please come if you can.

The Monday following (8th October) sees the sale of fresh produce at the bus shelter from 2pm.

Gift Day this year will be held on Saturday 3rd November when the church will be manned from 9–1 for collection of envelopes.

The Fete

It was a cracker! After a grey and miserable week, the sun broke through and the crowds turned up in large numbers. The fete was opened by Frank and Sue Paice, after which wellies were wanged, goals kicked, bean bags cast, coconuts shied, bowls bowled, skittles skedaddled, burgers munched, cakes eaten, teas drunk, bitter knocked back, the draw was drawn, the tombola was ticketed out and a fantastic display by the South Norfolk Model Aircraft group and the Roydon Model Railway group

completed a really lively picture – a buzz of activity.

Special thanks go to all the fete team of helpers and stall/sideshow operators led this year by Tig and Jane Ross who did a fantastic job. Oh, and the money raised? A record-breaking £2060!

The Flower Show

The difficult gardening year was reflected in fewer entries at the Flower, Vegetable & Handicraft Exhibition on Bank Holiday Saturday. However, the hall still looked magnificent and competition was fierce.

Winner of the Chiles cup for the highest number of points scored in the fruit and vegetable section was that gardening guru, Tom Blake, with Raymond Leeder running him a close second.

Colin Mobbs' cup for the best single fruit or vegetable exhibit was won by Alan Hines.

The Hammond Family Cup for the highest number of points in the flower section was won by – guess who? – Tom Blake, who later went on to take his own shield for the highest total points overall.

Edith Limmer's Cup for the best single exhibit in the flower section went to Graham Lanchester.

Sonia Elvin won the Olive Chinnery Cup for the highest points in the Homecraft section, while Gwen Mobbs won the Freda Stevenson cup for the best single exhibit in that section.

The best single exhibit in the show was won by that real Dahlia expert, Graham Lanchester.

Congratulations to all, and particular thanks to Colin Mobbs and John Kemp for their superb organisation and to Chairman of the Village Hall, Malcolm Barnard, for his support.

A feature of the show this year was the formal presentation of the Minnie Peacock cup for Citizen of the Year to Mr David Lond of Church Farm. David has been responsible for winding the parish war memorial clock in the church tower for 25 years, before that helping the late Fred Roper and before that, assisting David's own father!

Marion Paines (Chairman of the Parish Council) presented the cup and thanked David for carrying out this labour-intensive task for so long.

Mr Lond, in reply, told of personalities involved with the clock in the war – clashes which led to his father and David himself taking the job on. Well done, David!

TIVETSHALL NEWS

St Margaret's Church

Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 14th October at 11am. Anyone wishing to give produce for the celebration can do so by leaving their donations at the Church on Friday 12th or Saturday 13th.

There is also the opportunity to decorate a church window. Please do get in touch with Maggie Rowan on 01379 674116 if you would be interested.

Produce will be available for purchase at the end of the service and all monies raised will be sent to a third world food charity. A worthy cause and one we hope you can support.

St Mary's Church

It has been lovely to see so many visitors to the church over the recent months. Horry Self continues to provide a sterling service in cutting the grass.

A small reminder – those visiting this fascinating Christian place of worship should be careful when



exploring as the building continues to live up to its name of the Ruined Church. We hope that everyone can continue to enjoy its beauty in a safe and respectful manner.

Community Primary School

We had a busy week at the beginning of July as we went to Norwich to see the Olympic torch relay followed the next day by our own torch relay to our partnership school in Burston. The children enjoyed handing on our own torch. Congratulations to Amy, Jess and Thomas as well as many parents and staff who walked all four miles.

We also shared an Olympic themed Sports Day with Burston, beginning the event with a dance and a presentation on the Olympic values, which we pledged to remember at our own Games.

At the end of term we enjoyed our Activity Week. This year the children chose the topic of Films. Activities included a visit from Film Club's Cinema in a Van with the hall set up as a cinema complete with giant cushions and popcorn where we watched Bambi; a visit to Cinema City to watch The Muppets including the opportunity, not offered to many, to view the projection room; a visit to The Forum to study film-related books; making film promotion posters; using i-pads to make i-movies; a very realistic Oscars ceremony; art and craft activities; making our own animated films; blogging; and a day long film workshop – again courtesy of Film Club.

We rounded off the week with our annual overnight camp. More families attended this year, including many children who have not officially started. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time and we were lucky with the weather, thank goodness.

As we end the school year we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 children – Mia and Tom – and thank all of the parents and friends in the community who have done so much to support us.

Looking ahead we invite you to our McMillan Coffee Morning and Harvest Festival Assembly on September 28th. Please contact the school on 01379 677350 for details. We look forward to seeing you.

WINFARTHING NEWS

Centenary Peal

The bells at Winfarthing church will be ringing on Saturday 6th October in an attempted peal to commemorate the first peal that was rung at this tower on 5th October 1912. This peal was rung on 6 bells. In that year the sixth bell was added to the original five bells in the tower.

The conductor of the commemorative peal will be Mr Richard Carter from South Walsham. We wish them all the best with their attempt.

Winfarthing Village Hall
**Quiz & Casserole
Evening**
Friday 23rd November at 7pm



£6.50 includes the food
Please bring your own drinks

Harvest Lunch

Due to a sell-out last year, Winfarthing PCC is hosting another Harvest Lunch on Sunday 7th October 12.30 for 1pm, at the village hall.

There will be a choice of two roast meats [vegetarian option on request, order before the day, please] and vegetables, followed by a selection of desserts, tea and coffee.

A secret auction will be held after lunch and you are kindly requested to bring your prizes wrapped ready for the fun.

Tickets are £10 [under 12s £5]; available from Vicky 01379 642830 or Yvonne 01379 640440

Village Church Service

We have now held two fun, interactive informal gatherings for everyone in the village who would like to join us.

At the first of our hour long celebrations, including coffee, cake and chatting with our neighbours, we reflected on the significance of the Olympic Torch, and considered when our 'moments to shine' may be. Thanks to Andy Leitch on technical support, we watched a video animation of the torch relay and we learnt some sign language from Georgia Doman.

In August we considered how holidays can provide us with a time for reflection on what really matters in life, and the importance of taking the time to reflect. Again, there were lots of creative activities including a quiz and drama to put an everyday perspective on what Jesus has to say about living in God's world, God's way.

If you have never been to Church before or would like to find out more, do join us at 10am on the third Sunday of the month or contact Jane Marchant on 01379 640502 or Ann Leitch on 077647758308.

The theme for 16th September was 'New Beginnings': 'Community' is the topic for 21st October.

We look forward to welcoming you to your village service.



Sponsored cycle ride

On the 8th September the weather was fantastic; I cycled 48 miles for Norfolk Churches Trust, visiting 33 wonderful historic churches with lovely views of the Norfolk countryside.

Many thanks to the parishioners who manned the church and sponsored me.

Total raised £900 for Winfarthing St Mary's church.

Emma Hall

All Saints' Primary School

Pupils and staff are delighted to back after their six week break and are already enjoying the autumn term. After saying goodbye to last years year six pupils in a service at St Mary's Church, Winfarthing in July with songs, poems, recorder performances and shared art, All Saints' now welcomes eight new pupils into its Reception Class and an additional year 3 pupil into the year three/four class.

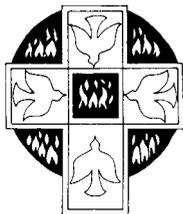
All Saints' reflects on its success of the summer term. Pupils exceeded the government's targets at the end of Key Stage Two in their national tests; the netball team won the small school league, and two pupils danced with the English Youth Ballet in



Norwich. All Saints' now looks forward to exciting opportunities in the term ahead. These include Harvest Festival at the beginning of October, book week, European Languages Day, Anti bullying week and a Christmas Production and service.

If you would like further information about All Saints' Primary, or wish to bring your child to visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01379 642767, e-mail head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk We would love to hear from you!

Louise Norgate, Executive Head Teacher for All Saints' and St Andrew's Partnership



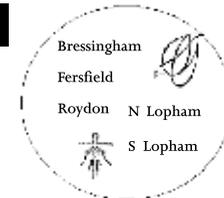
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| Sun 14th Oct Trinity 19 | 9.30am HC | No Service | 11am 6.30pm Harv FS Harv ES | No Service | 10am HC |
| Sun 21st Oct Trinity 20 | 2.30pm Harv - Barn The Oaks | No Service | 11.00am FS | 9.30am HC | 8am 10am HC MP |
| Sun 28th Oct Trinity 21 | 10.30am with Meth | 9.30am HC | 11am FS | 6.30pm ES | 10am HC |
| Sun 4th Nov All Saints | No Service | 6.30pm EP | 9.30am 11am HC FS | No Service | 8am 10am HC FS |
| Sun 11th Nov 3 before Advent | 9.30am HC 11.55 WarMem | 3pm Remembrance | 11am 6.30pm FS ES + Rem | No Service | 10am HC |
| Sun 18th Nov 2 before Advent | 6.30pm EP | No Service | 11am FS | 9.30am HC | 8am 10am HC MP |
| Sun 25th Nov Christ King | 10.30am with Meth | 9.30am HC | 11am FS | 6.30pm ES | 10am HC |
| Sun 2nd Dec Advent Sunday | No Service | 6.30pm ES | 9.30am 11am HC FS | No Service | 8am 10am HC FS |

MP Morning Prayer | FS Family Service | HC Holy Communion | FHC Family Communion | ES Evensong | EP Evening Prayer
with hymns | H&R Service of Healing & Reconciliation | MPW Non Denominational All Age Music Praise & Worship

Morning Prayer: at present is at 8.30am on Monday and Tuesday at North Lopham; Wednesday and Friday at
Roydon and Thursday at South Lopham.

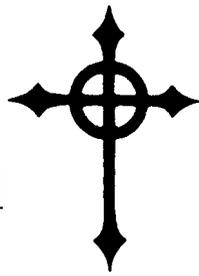
Wednesday Communions: is at 9.30am usually in Roydon Church, but at North Lopham on the fourth
Wednesday each month.

Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30pm contact Jennie (01379 687679) for location.

Holy Bingo: meets on the first Monday of each month in Lophams' Village Hall at 2pm. It's a fun event, not for
serious bingo enthusiasts. Do come, for happy socialising.

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A Message from Bishop Alan of Thetford



It is good to have an opportunity to write about the Upper Waveney benefice in your church magazine, as it gives me a chance to thank all who are taking on extra responsibilities during the vacancy following the retirement of the Revd. Rob Mellowship. The churchwardens, working with the Rural Dean, take on particular new duties and responsibilities, as do those clergy and Readers who are able to help with services and pastoral care. I am sure that there are others who are working hard through these months to ensure that the worship and witness of the churches continues in the Upper Waveney benefice, and I am very grateful to all.

I have met with the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean, the Lay Vice Chair of the Deanery Synod and the churchwardens to discuss the future of the benefice. As many of you will know, the Church of England faces considerable challenges in terms of resources available, both financial and human, and we have to review the pastoral provision for our parishes when vacancies occur.

Further consultations do need to take place and further decisions will need to be taken, but a consensus has begun to emerge that the future for the benefice lies in a closer, formal collaboration with the parish of Diss, perhaps through the creation of a team ministry.

The Redenhall deanery has an excellent record of collaboration between churches and an excellent Rural Dean in Canon Tony Billett who works hard to know and to support the churches of the deanery.

In the coming weeks we will be considering what model for a closer link between the Upper Waveney benefice and the parish of Diss would best suit the needs of both communities. More information will be available in due course, but I would ask for your prayers as we seek the best way forward.

+ Alan Thetford

Benefice News

Rob and Jan Mellowship have now moved out of the Rectory to their new home in Watton.

Their address is 51, Sharman Avenue, Watton, Thetford, IP25 6EG Telephone number is 01953 889 917 and e-mail is robmellowship@msn.com

Sponsored Bike Ride

Many thanks to those who manned the churches on 8th September to sign in visiting riders. For most of our parishes, the numbers riding were much smaller than in recent years.



Remembrance Sunday

11th November 2012: Remembrance ceremonies and wreath laying will take place as usual led by local leaders. Exact details will be published locally.

Music Praise and Worship

For the last six years parishioners of all ages in the Upper Waveney Benefice have been enjoying a different kind of service. MPW (as it has become known) is an informal, musical event greatly different from a traditional service but with very much the same objective... to thank God for all His blessings, to sing His praise and engage in prayer. We have a fabulous band consisting of accordion, guitar, bass, flute, keyboards and drums, and three ladies (two of whom are from Burston) lead the singing.

If you have not been to church recently or, indeed, have never been to church, why not give MPW a try? No one will put any pressure on you to 'join' anything and hopefully you will leave at the end feeling uplifted. This has certainly been the experience of several non-churchgoers who are now regular attenders. Watch this magazine for venues and dates. Suitable for all ages... we hope to see you there!

Further information from Gill and Tony 01379 688121.

BRESSINGHAM NEWS

Church News

The Bressingham and Fersfield Harvest Supper will be held on Friday 18th October, 7pm for 7.30pm, at The Chequers in Bressingham. We sincerely hope that, unlike three years ago, it will not have to be cancelled on the night!! Tickets are available from Diana on 688291, Rodger 687263 or Richard 687679. The cost is £10 per head and the menu is Beef Pie with vegetables or Vegetarian Lasagne and chips, followed by Apple Crumble and Custard with tea or coffee to finish. We look forward to seeing you.

We would like to congratulate three couples who married in Bressingham church recently. Martin and Mel Cobbald were very unfortunate with the weather on the morning of 25th August and I hope, as I write in early September, that Drew and Dawn Mellowship and Kevin and Helen Moore are blessed with dry weather on the 15th and 22nd September. We pray that God will give you all a long and happy life.

Rob and Jan Mellowship finally managed their move to Watton in early September after several problems not of their own making. We all hope that the next chapter of their lives brings them peace and happiness. They were very pleased with the garden bench that the benefice had collected funds for.

You may remember that following the fire at the Chequers a skeleton was found in the bar area when the building was being renovated. Three years to the day from the fire, on Wednesday 10th October we are planning the reburial in the churchyard. The service will be conducted by Canon Tony Billett and will begin at 10.30 am. I am very pleased to say that Rosedale have very kindly offered to provide a coffin and officiate at the service and Keith Rackham is making and providing a head stone, all free of cost. The only expense we will have is for the DNA analysis which is being done on the bones to try and establish the age of the skeleton. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the service to mark this unusual occasion.

I am sorry to report the death on August 8th of Mrs Elsie Hughes at the wonderful age of 102. Prior to spending the last year of her life in Culrose Nursing Home at Dickleburgh Mrs Hughes had been a resident of Bressingham. We send our deepest sympathy to all her family, especially John and Myrna.

Diana

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

The September meeting was held in Fersfield Church with 8 Councillors attending.

After opening procedures, discussion took place regarding traffic in Fersfield Street – heavy lorries and farm vehicles causing most concern. Signs are to be erected requesting a voluntary speed limit of 25mph but Highways will not introduce further limits due to the low population density. Councillors agreed to keep pushing for speed limits, to back a survey of traffic and fund a noise meter. It was also said that overhanging hedges narrowing the road added to passing difficulties. Solutions put forward by a parishioner included re-routing lorry traffic to the grain store over the Airfield avoiding Fersfield Street and for speed limits in the village to be enforced. A suggested petition was read out to Councillors which will be delivered to residents.

The merger of the three Parish Charities is being completed under the name of Fuel Allotments and new trustees will be appointed.

Under finance, the budget for 2013/14 was considered and it was agreed there should be no increase in the precept this year.

Before the close of the meeting, members were shown a suggested design for the Award Certificate to be presented to a member of the community who has made a special contribution to the parish.

The next meeting will be on 5th November.

Trustees required

Three of the parish charities have recently been combined to serve both Bressingham and Fersfield with the Parish Council as major trustee. The Council wants to appoint three trustees to oversee the day to

day running of the new charity which will be named, The Fuel Allotment Charity.

What does being a Trustee entail? Meeting twice a year or whenever there is a particular need; deciding about the allocation of grants to individuals or organizations within the Parish; managing the assets of the charity in accordance with the rules of the Charities Commission.

If you would like to be considered for becoming a trustee, please contact the Parish Clerk Mike Mortimer, Lime Tree Farmhouse, Common Road, Shelfanger, Norfolk, IP22 2DR; Tel:01379 642763; email: bressingham.pc@tiscali.co.uk before the 5th of November and be prepared to come along to the Parish Council meeting on the 5th of November when the Parish Councillors will make a choice.

Website

Remember to check out the Bressingham/Fersfield website; <http://www.bressinghamandfersfield.org>

Bressingham Steam Museum



Friday 16th November
7.30pm to midnight
The Park Hotel, Diss

The Volunteers' Committee invites readers to participate in this event by joining Trustees, Management and Volunteers, their partners, family and friends

£25 per person includes a 3-course meal (choice of two menus) and the disco

Dress code: formal or informal

You might like to talk to friends and make up a table of 6 or 8. Everyone will be made most welcome

For full details, contact John Kemp, Social Secretary, 01379 687868.

FERSFIELD NEWS

Wedding dress display

This was held on Friday and Saturday 24th and 25th August in St Andrew's Church, Fersfield was very well attended. Admission was free as were the refreshments and homemade cakes, yet we still raised £122 through the generosity of the visitors.

There were nineteen dresses in total dating from the 1950s to date. The oldest (part) wedding dress was a bodice from the Victorian era. Unfortunately, the skirt had been lost over the years. Many photographs were also on display; Edwardian and 1920s sepia photos were particularly interesting.

The church was decorated with cream and white roses to compliment the wedding theme. All in all, they were a very happy two days.

Thank you all; and by all I mean the brides who so willingly loaned their dresses, the 'dressers', flower arrangers, the ladies who loaned their dress-making dummies and the ace carpenter who hand-made the shortfall. Last but not least, a special thank you to the ladies who manned the church during the exhibition and to Richard Vere who closed the two day event with a short service of thanksgiving accompanied by Jennie on the organ. Well done!

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Talking of manning the church, the same ladies came up trumps for the sponsored cycle ride on Saturday 8th September. Unfortunately, St Andrew's is a bit out of the way so the riders were few and far between; but the church was open, the sun was shining and we did our best.

Forthcoming Events

Harvest Festival service 7th October

Harvest Supper 19th October at The Chequers, tickets from Diana Burroughes, telephone 01379 688291

Dance at Lophams' Village Hall 27th October, 7.30pm start, tickets from Brenda Canfer, telephone 01379 650257

Maureen Webb

LOPHAMS NEWS

St Andrew's Primary School

St Andrew's pupils and staff are thrilled to be back after their six week break and are already enjoying the autumn term. After saying goodbye to last year's year six pupils in an assembly in the school hall in July where year 6 were presented with bibles and commemorative mugs, St Andrew's now welcomes four new reception pupils into Discovery class and a year 3 pupil in the new third class, Victory.

St Andrew's reflects on its success of the summer term. Pupils achieved some excellent results in their national tests at the end of Key Stage Two and the footballers won the Fair Play award in the Small School League. St Andrew's now look forward to exciting opportunities in the term ahead. These include Harvest Festival at the beginning of October, book week, European Languages Day, Anti-Bullying Week, Christmas Production and a Christmas Service.

If you would like further information about St Andrew's Primary, or wish to bring your child to visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01379 687253 or by e-mail head@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk We would love to hear from you!

Louise Norgate, Executive Headteacher for All Saints and St Andrew's Partnership

FOSTA

FOSTA would like to thank all parents for their support over the year.

The FOSTA treasure hunt on the 14th July was a great family event. £144 was raised. Thank you to the Kings Head for providing the prize's for the winner and runner up. The Rednall Family won and the Levingbird family were a close second. All families made it back to the mess in time for a family BBQ and games. Thank you to all those who helped with the organisation and helped on the day.

Elaine Aldous, FOSTA Secretary

Lophams' Ladies

Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall; 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Our August meeting was held at the home of Alan and Kate Briggs. Members were able to look around the garden and 'allotment', share in refreshments and enjoy a couple of quizzes. The annual Jumble, Bric-a-Brac and Car Boot Sale at the beginning of September raised over a £100. Our thanks go to all who supported this event. At our September meeting Elizabeth Talbot, Senior Partner and Auctioneer at TW Gaze gave us a most interesting and informative evening. Casting her expert eye over a range of items brought along; she gave great insight into how design and craftsmanship have evolved over the past two hundred years.

On October 2nd we welcome Jason Salisbury from Suffolk Cheese (You will see him at the Farmer's Market) and on November 6th we look forward to hearing Jim Bacon our 'Look East' Weatherman. These are both open meetings and we welcome visitors to join us. The charge of just £2 includes refreshments. Phone 01379 687337 for details.

Lophams' Garden Club

Meets at Blooms Garden Centre, 1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Our eagerly awaited trip to Sandringham Flower Show took place on 25th July. We were blessed with beautiful weather, and with so much to see (and buy!), a good day was had by all.

On 1st August, David Derrick spoke to us about 'Bee Keeping and Products of the Hive'. David gave a really interesting talk and everyone learned a lot about these fascinating insects.

On 5th September, Bob Coutts, the Head Gardener at Somerleyton, spoke about 'Gardening for the Autumn.' He gave us a lot of useful information and some very interesting new ideas.

Yvonne and David Leonard will give a presentation entitled 'Autumn Bounty' on 3rd October and looking further forward to 7th November we welcome Matthew Tanton Brown who will talk about 'Plants for a Dry Garden'.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome to our meetings. Please telephone 01379 687833 for more information.

Lophams' Village Hall

Bonfire & Firework Event

Saturday 3rd November. After many years, our Local Firework team led by Peter and Andy has 'retired.' We all send grateful thanks for the wonderful displays they have produced so many times

This year we are to have a recommended professional team to bring and set up the display, and feel sure you will enjoy the result.

The gates to the playing field will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 6th Oct, between 10am and 2pm for locals to bring along all their burnable garden rubbish and old wood for the giant fire. As in previous years, PLEASE do not bring other materials, which could be a threat to health and safety and risk the banning of the fire by officers from Environmental Health. There will be a token charge this year, of £1 per load, to offset firework costs.

On 3rd November, the gates will open at 6pm, with the firework display at 7.30pm. The charge has been kept at last year's modest level - £6 per adult and £2 per child. There will be pork rolls, soup, hot drinks and a bar available in the hall, plus stalls. The children's competition is a Fireworks picture – the brighter the better. Please bring entries to the hall before 7pm.

The Diamond Jubilee Bench

This has now been installed on the veranda – thanks to the team who gave their time and expertise.

The Lottery

Our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too. In the July draw the 1st prize of £188 was won by S Blyth; 2nd prizes of £47 each were won by J Pursehouse and T Colyer. In August the 1st prize of £184 was won by L Inglis; 2nd prizes of £46 each went to B Thorndyke and R Bell. New members, and those who need to renew are urged to get in touch. Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen, 01379 687608.

from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer, tel; 01379 687718, from other Village Hall Committee members (see the website for details), or at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events.

Farmers' Markets are on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am till 12.30pm, The October one is on 27th, and November's is on 24th. For details, call Mike on 01379 687 235;

Judo is on Mondays & Wednesdays, details from Howard on 1379 688258)

Dog Training is held most Tuesday evenings, trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information.

Lopham Art Group meets on Wednesday mornings, from 9.30am. The cost is £20 each per month, and includes refreshments and a visit from an 'expert' once each month. Contact 01379 687718 for more details.

To book the hall for private functions, please contact 01379 687679. To find out more about the hall, visit the web-site at www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk.

Art Exhibition

St Nicholas Church, North Lopham

Saturday 20th October 10.30am-6pm

Sunday 21st October 11am-4.30pm

18 Artists
displaying a wide
range of work at
reasonable prices



Refreshments, cake stall and a draw

In aid of Church funds. Contact 01379 688121

NORTH LOPHAM NEWS

Olympics 2012: JUDO!

Huge congratulations to Colin Oates and the Kumo Judo Club, for putting North Lopham so firmly on the map. We are very proud to have our own true Olympians based and trained in the Village Hall. Colin was defeated by the eventual gold medal winner in his Judo Class at London 2012, and narrowly missed a bronze in the repechage. He went on to help with the coaching for the Paralympics, and was involved with winners of both silver and bronze medals. Two young members of the Club went to Belgium in September for their first taste of international competition – perhaps their first steps along a similar road to future Olympic involvement?

Parish Council

12th September Meeting

Five councillors and two members of the public were present.

Finance: various items of expenditure were approved subject to cash flow.

An increase in the precept to £3,000 will be sought to offset mounting costs.

Planning: Without consultation, Breckland Council have decided no longer to post planning application site notices. NLPC agreed that this will severely curtail the public awareness of and chance to comment on planning proposals.

Roads and Footpaths: The resurfacing of the Street and The Green were forgotten by the Highways Dept. this year; they say it will be done early next year.

Hedges are still a problem in places.

Councillor Bird will campaign for a 20mph speed limit between Church Corner and the Post Office.

Lopham Road, Kenninghall will be closed south of Heath Road from 19th November for 5 days, diversions will operate.

Village Clean-up 27th October watch for notices.

Village Charity: Students from the village who need help with funding can apply for financial help via Mike Cox, 65, The Street, N. Lopham.

Correspondence: Affordable housing survey will take place shortly.

Community Rangers need more to do, suggestions were sought.

A member of the public drew attention to the Mordaunt military headstone in the burial ground which he thought should be re-set.

Next meeting: Wednesday 14th November 2012 at 7.30pm

Samaritan's Purse

Once again we plan to send a big pile of shoeboxes, decorated and packed with gifts, to children who would otherwise have no treats at all, in Eastern Europe or further afield. If YOU would like to join in, boxes need to be brought to Southlands, North Lopham, by 12th November. For details, and a list of suitable items to use, please telephone Jennie Vere on 01379 687679. Thank you.

St Nicholas' Church

Contributions towards the Summer Coffee Morning have continued to come in – the total is now approaching £640, which is fantastic! Renewed thanks go to everyone who gave so generously.

The Holiday Craft Club for primary age youngsters, in The Mess on Monday mornings in August was well supported. The theme was loosely based on 'The Creation' – Light and Dark, and a world panorama to start; birds and animals in a wide variety of media followed, both sessions guided by Team Briggs; Fish and The Sea came next, after using glue and glitter to make fantasy fish, there was an opportunity to paint with a professional - Tony Osler helped everyone create a masterpiece to take home!



Music making followed; we made our own instruments and then played them alongside Howard and his amazing drum kit, before having a chance to play 'real' instruments as well! Very many thanks go to all those who have helped in any way to ensure all the children were happy and safe during the sessions they took part in.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride was on 8th September. Grateful thanks to those who welcomed riders into the church.

Harvest Thanksgiving at St Nicholas' Church is on Sunday October 14th, with an All Age service at 11am and Festival Evensong at 6.30pm. Flowers, foliage and produce, and help with arranging it all, will be warmly welcomed, on the Friday or Saturday. Gift Day will be on Monday 15th, from 2pm.

Remembrance Sunday is on 11th November this year – Armistice Day. There will be a short ceremony in Church at the 6.30pm Evensong Service. Details of the ceremony at the War Memorial will be included in Lophams' News.

Art Exhibition 2012 All readers are warmly invited to come to a wonderful Exhibition of high quality pictures in North Lopham Church on Saturday and Sunday 20th and 21st October, master-minded once again by Tony and Gill Osler. Refreshments will be available, and there will be a bumper Raffle, so do come along to browse or buy – something to enhance your home, or a present for someone special.

Festival of Cribs Such was the response to our first Cribs Festival, that a second has been arranged – from Friday 23rd to Tuesday 27th November, between 11am and 5pm each day – to allow parents to bring children along after school ends. This will not be a copy of last year's Festival - there will be a greater emphasis on Angels and their place in the Nativity Story, and different activities to share. What will not change will be the wonder the story invokes, the warmth of the welcome and the chance to enjoy refreshments and a chat. There will be cards and seasonal extras too, so do please come along!

Jennie Vere

Events at Redgrave & Lopham Fen

redgrave.education@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

Saturday 6th October, 10.30am–12.30pm

Guided Walk

Volunteer-led seasonal walk to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen.

Adults £3, children £1

Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required

Saturday 13th October, 10.30am–12.30pm

Wildlife Watch

A club for 6–12yr olds, £1

Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508

Sunday 14th October, 11am–3pm

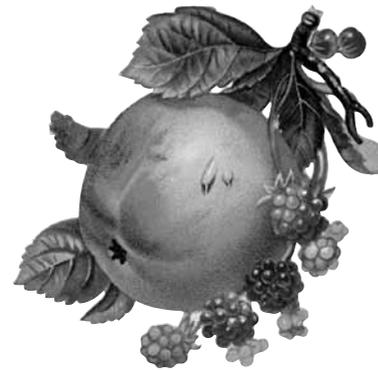
Apple Day & Autumn Plant Sale

Apple identification, fruit trees and garden plants for sale. Plus demonstrations, crafts and free family games. Refreshments available.

Dogs on leads welcome.

Adults £3, children £2

Saturday 20th October, 10am–4pm



Botanical illustration

Join botanical artist, Christine Grey-Wilson on this relaxing and supportive day. Look at a range of illustration techniques with emphasis on botanical accuracy and seasonal plant species. £20, booking essential 01473 890089

Thursday 1st November, 6.30pm–8.30pm

Night Safari

Family evening. Make a jam jar lantern and take it with you to explore the Fen for creatures of the night.

Children £3.50, Adults £1.50

Booking essential 01379 688333



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St Andrew's Church

On Wednesday 28th November there will be a Coffee Morning in the Church from 10am to 12 noon. There will be a Raffle, Bring and Buy, Cake Stall and Tombola. Please come along and join us for coffee and a chat.



Parish Council

1. The Chairman welcomed Steve Reynolds to his first meeting as a new councillor.
2. The Council adopted updated Financial Regulations.
3. The Chairman reported on his attendance at the meeting of SNAP. In particular, he urged the meeting to take some action concerning the speed of heavy lorries coming into the village from Thetford.
4. David Huggins reminded the meeting about the forthcoming firework evening at the Village Hall on 3rd November.
5. Steve Reynolds gave a report on the village



website. It seems to be attracting increased interest. Villagers are urged to keep in touch with events through the website on www.southlopham.co.uk.

6. Granville Horan reported on the activities of the Lophams Society and the Jubilee Committee. The Society is currently low on funds and it is therefore important that as many villagers as possible support its events, e.g. Music and Supper Evening which was on 22nd September and the Quiz Night which will be on the evening of Saturday, 17th November at the Village Hall (meal included). The Jubilee Committee has donated a bench to the Village Hall with a suitable plaque attached. This has used up virtually all of the small surplus of funds held by the committee.

Lophams Ramblers

In September 2003 when I started South Lopham Ramblers I was anxious that anyone would be interested so it was a pleasant surprise when fourteen keen walkers arrived. We now have about twenty five people in the group. Whenever possible we like to use footpaths or quiet lanes in and around the Lophams and have even ventured to other villages. Eventually more people were joining us from North Lopham hence the name change. In fact we now



have several members who come from other villages so our success has expanded. In the New Year Ted Young has kindly agreed to take over from me as organiser, although I still hope to walk with the group. After January 2013 please contact Ted on 01379 687833 for information about the group or details of the 2013 programme.

Jackie Brown

From the Registers

Winfarthing Group

WEDDINGS

Shreeve & Harper 7th July Winfarthing
Nunn & Green 21st July Winfarthing

BAPTISM

Austin & Lawrence Pilch 8th July Gissing

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

'Frankie' and Ronnie Spencer 25th July Winfarthing

FUNERALS

Johnny (Gincla) Gunther Donath

16th July Shelfanger

Paul Vincent 2nd August Tivetshall

Russell Martin 6th August Burston



Bressingham Group

WEDDINGS

Sarah Culley and Raymond Ellis
25th August Roydon

Martin Cobbald and Melanie Page
25th August Bressingham

Phillipa Dakin and Jason Marsh
15th September Roydon

Hannah Crisp & Nicholas Constantinou
15th September South Lopham

Dawn Monrose & Andrew Mellowship
15th September Bressingham

Kevin Moore & Helen Bartrum
22nd September Bressingham

BAPTISMS

Polly Jennifer Perry 9th September North Lopham

Jessica Forder 9th September Roydon

Ralph [sic] West 9th September Roydon

FUNERAL

Joan Pettitt 5th September Roydon

Red Feather Club events

Saturday 13th October

General knowledge quiz night: The event starts at 7.30pm. Contact John Kirkum on 01379 384559 to book team tables of up to four people (£5 per person). Food included. The bar and museum will be open.

Wednesday 17th October

Film night: The event starts at 7.30pm. Admission on the door is £3 for 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association members and £4 for non-members. The bar and museum will be open. The feature is a 90-minute colour WW2 film taken by William E. 'Doc' Furniss of the men and B-17s of the 92nd Bomb Group – known as 'Fame's Favored Few' – who were based at RAF Podington.

Open days 2012 (10am–4pm) still to come:
Sunday 28th October.

The Red Feather Club, run by the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association, is the official UK museum of the 95th Bomb Group. The award-winning museum houses only uniforms and memorabilia relating to the 95th Bomb Group who were based at Horham during WW2. The Red Feather Club is also the home to the 1285th Military Police Company re-enactors. The Red Feather Club, Horham, Suffolk, is four miles south-east of Eye off the B1117 (IP21 5DG).

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