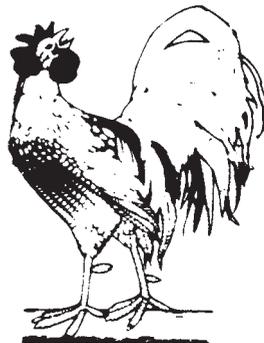


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Ready for summer, yachts at Barton-Turf



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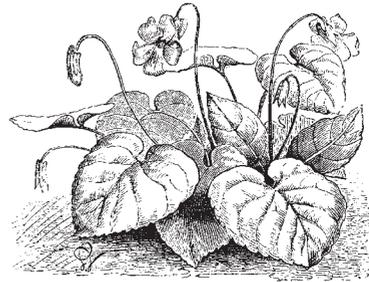
## Murphy's Rambles

Hello there! I'm Murphy – you might have met me in Shelfanger. I'm big, brown and curly; my pedigree is, I have to say, a bit vague. My humans live with me in Church Road and I generally get one of them out on a walk by 6am. We take a stroll in the afternoon, too and all in all we see a great deal of what is going on in the real world of lanes, ditches and footpaths. This has got me thinking about keeping a note of what we've spotted over the last few weeks, in case you've missed out.

At the end of March it was snowing as we headed for Town Meadows. I love it. The barn owl was out hunting and my humans got excited when they found cowslip leaves and a miniature flower. A few days later I wanted to go and play with 3 hares which we saw boxing. There were primroses out, the cherry tree was in flower and we spotted blue and white violets outside Ventura Cottage.

Towards the beginning of April, 4 Roe deer appeared in the beautiful frost and sunshine. We noticed that the hawthorn was finally coming into leaf and there were tiny cowslips everywhere. I noticed 3 squashed toads on the road

and my humans said that meant Spring was really on the way. What a pity the toads don't have a human to look after them.



By the middle of April, the Town Meadows were beautiful in the frost – so good to roll in. Every leaf looked hand-painted and one plant resembled frozen caterpillars. Later we saw 2 cute baby rabbits sunbathing outside their burrow on Rectory Road. My human was busy spotting primroses, violets, wild strawberries and a plant nicknamed 'Shirt Buttons' while I was more interested in a nearby mouse. The next day we noticed the chestnuts at the church had flowers in bud. Yippee. The 'candles' will soon be out.

That's all for now – I'll be back in touch in a couple of months. Bye for now!



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# Royal British Legion

Diss Branch, Grasmere Club, Denmark Hill

## A Thank You

The members of the Legion give a big thank you to all those who have helped in our work over the years.

Another thank you is sent to all the members of the Diss and district community who have helped with and contributed to our Poppy Appeal – your generosity has enabled the RBL to help in the repatriation of many wounded and maimed ex-service personnel. In recent years we have been assisted in our Poppy Appeals by members of the cadet forces, this has been a very valuable gift to the Legion, but most of our collectors are now becoming very aged and wish to retire.

The branch members are becoming fewer and aged; we need more members and persons of the younger age brackets – can/will you help?

Members are not required to have served in the Forces but are required to embrace the concepts of the RBL and to be involved and supportive of the RBL branch.

Many thanks – we value your support.

## Future Events

### Armed Forces Day

Saturday 29th June, 10am–2pm  
Diss Market Place

### Branch BBQ

Saturday 13th July, 12.30 for 1pm start  
Roydon Village Hall  
Tickets £6 each from John Highland  
01379 641978

### RBL Diss Branch Festival of Remembrance

Friday 8th November, 7.30pm–10.30pm  
Diss Corn Hall

Tickets: adults £5, 10–16yrs £3, under 10yrs free

## Diss Library



In June we have a bit of a **local history** theme, with a display of photos from Picture Norfolk all month and a talk by Liz Budds on Sources of Local History. The talk is on Thursday June 13th at 6.30 and is free, refreshments included. Please come along!

If your interest is in **family history** we have a volunteer who is willing to help with your online search. Please get in touch with the library to book a session with her.

### Creepy House Summer Reading Challenge

There's a spine-tingling adventure waiting for children when they take part in the 2013 Summer Reading Challenge – Creepy House. They can join the adventure at any Norfolk library during the summer holidays. Pick up a pack and explore the Creepy house, discover it's secrets and meet some of the hair-raising residents!

Read six books and collect stickers that reveal the creepy residents of the house. All children who read six or more books will be presented with a medal and certificate to celebrate their achievement.

Look out too for the Mungler Top Trumps cards to collect and swap with family and friends. Children can choose any books they like: fact books, stories, joke books or picture books. Audio books and e-books count as well, so long as they borrow them from a library.

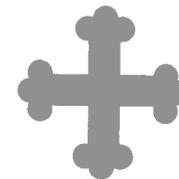
Are Norfolk's children brave enough to explore The Awful Upstairs, The Gruesome Ground Floor and The Spine-tingling Cellar?

Look out for more details in the library, including special Creepy House themed events. For more information visit: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)

### Your mobile library

Visits Winfarthing and Shelfhanger on 24th July and Bressingham on 1st August and you can join the Summer Reading Challenge there as well.

Winfarthing Group Rector writes...



## 'A good book and a mug of coffee'

We live in a mad, hectic and chaotic world; where everyone is dashing from this place to another, from one important appointment to another equally vital appointment. Constantly on the go, rarely stopping to think about what is happening around us. Always ready to jump in and offer our opinion on any and every given subject, whether asked to contribute or not. We have the minutes of one meeting in front of us and we are worrying about something completely different. No wonder in the 1960s there was a show entitled 'Stop the World, I want to get off'. It seems as if we must be seen to be Busy, Busy, Busy; permanently busy, in order to justify our existence.

I admit straight away that I am as guilty of this form of business as everyone else.

In the midst of the business of life it is equally important to learn the lesson of being still. When the Old Testament prophet Elijah was tearing round the countryside, attempting to sort out one political situation from another one, God stopped him. God revealed himself to Elijah not in the strong wind, or in the earthquake, nor in the accompanying fire; but in the sound of sheer silence. (1 Kings 19: 11–15).

There are occasions when I enjoy the silence of worship. One of the great benefits for me is taking what is known as the 'Occasional Offices', especially Morning and Evening Prayer, usually on my own, sometimes with others. Why? Because it forces me to slow down, to be still and silent before God, to admit my sin before Him, to receive from Him, and to be ready to continue living with and for Him. When I am on my own, I may well finish with a Good Book and a mug of coffee. 'Keep Calm & Carry on'.

Rev David F Mills

## BURSTON NEWS

### Free Flight

A Free Flight for the first twenty 11–18 year olds who apply, and who are resident in Burston or Shimpling... this was the invitation from the Burston and Shimpling Community Action Team (CAT). The event was held at Tibenham Airfield, the home base of Norfolk Gliding Club which was the event host.

The invitation was accepted by 22 local parents, children and their friends, with those who did not qualify for a free flight having the opportunity to fly at a subsidised price. Most people opted for a winch launch with some going for an airtow to 2000 feet.

The idea for the event came from Graham Ashworth at Norfolk Gliding Club and CAT were keen to incorporate the activity into its programme of activities aimed at supporting the local community. There were members of the club on hand to give advice and guidance on safety issues and pre-flight checks; this gave added confidence to those who were flying in a glider for the first time.



The visit ended with an excellent barbeque at the Club House and this provided the opportunity to reflect and chat about flying experiences, and perhaps think about a new life-long interest.

The event was a resounding success and an experience that many of the young people will remember for a long time. Thanks were expressed to CAT for organising the event and to everyone at Norfolk Gliding Club for their warm welcome, professional support ...and of course, the barbeque!

Will we do it again? Of course we will!

*Len Hobson, Community Action Team Chairman*

### St Mary's Burston

At the time of writing, St Mary's PCC is waiting to hear whether we've been successful in a bid to the heritage lottery fund, to replace the church roof (and other things). It can be a bit frustrating looking after an old medieval church, and the small regular congregation cannot hope to raise the kind of money needed for a new roof! However, we are always heartened by the fund-raising activities of the Friends of Burston Church, who work tirelessly to organise social and fund-raising events.

A recent knees-up was the Spring Fling – we all enjoyed a delicious main course of shepherd's pie, so generously provided by Linda and Freddie Jones of Frederick's Fine Foods, and dessert created by Lynn Howard. After the meal, we were entertained by Peter Creswell and friends – a group of very talented singers and musicians. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves enormously – and we raised £700!

Another successful evening was a recent talk on Nigerian culture, by Norma and Andrew Ajdukiewicz. Although not as well attended as the Spring Fling, all who went found it very interesting. Thank you so much to everyone who organises and helps at all the Friends' events.

Our next big occasion is Burston Open Village on Sunday 30th June. As previously, people will be generously opening their gardens, there will be a rally of classic vehicles on the green, and ploughman's lunches, or cream teas, in the church. A new attraction this year will be garage sales – for a mere £5 which will go into Friends' funds, your garage sale can be included in our programme.

For further information about Open Village, or any other St Mary's, Burston issue, get in touch.

*Rachel Hobson 01379 741033*

### Burston Community Primary School

This half term Class 1's topic is animals. In Science we are talking about Variation which closely links with this theme and we have set up a jungle in our outdoor area which the children have enjoyed exploring and developing. During design and technology and PE lessons we are focusing upon the importance of exercise and healthy eating. The children have helped to decide which snacks would be healthy choices for their morning break. We have been on a

walk around the village to look closely at the buildings and we are beginning to look at aspects of our area which could be made safer.

This half term Class 2 have started a new topic with a Greek flavour! We are learning about Ancient Greece and its culture. This links beautifully to our literacy work on Myths and legends. We have created profiles for heroes and monsters, as well as settings for quest myths and are working towards creating our own myths, which we intend to post online. We also plan to create our own poems which we will perform in our 'Greek Theatre' dressed in togas and laurel wreaths! In art we have worked on portraying the twelve Olympian Gods. They will live on Mount Olympia in our role-play area. We have also designed our own Grecian vases and platters, which will be displayed around the school. In science we



are learning about variation. We are learning to classify plants and animals according to their features. In PE we are taking part in team games and developing our throwing and catching skills. In Maths we are developing our number skills and practising our times tables. We are looking forward to using our new skills in our outdoor learning.

This term in Class 3 has been very exciting, while Yrs 5 and 6 were away at Kingswood, we did a special project on Dragons. This term we are studying the Second World War. We are going to experience how it was for children who were evacuated. If anyone has memories of that time that they would like to come and share with the children, we would love to hear them. We are also studying the weather as our science topic and are turning eastwards to look at the faith of Buddhism in RE For Art this term we are doing a project about a sense of space, looking at the environment around us. We had a very windy afternoon at the church sketching and painting in watercolours.

For a report on the residential trip to Kingswood, please see the Tivetshall school report.

## GISSING NEWS

### Friends of Gissing Church

This group continues to grow and develop and has already provided significant help to the PCC over the last year. This help is entirely due to the generosity of our members and the committee thanks all of those who have provided support.

In particular we thank those hardy souls who braved the unseasonably cold weather in March to support a tractor run in aid of the friends (profits from this event were shared equally with Greyhound Rescue). We also thank all of you who attended the AGM in April and contributed to the lively debate about fund raising and the latest priorities for the church.

As with any old building there is always more to do and we have two dates for your diaries:

The first is the 'All Sorts of Songs' concert by the Gissing Singers which will take place at the Church on 15 June starting at 7.15pm. We are delighted that the singers are giving their very first full concert to support the Friends. We do hope that you will be able to join us for a medley of songs including British and European folk songs and spirituals as well as a touch of the classical and the popular too. Light refreshments will be available in the interval.

The second is the Gissing Summer Fete where we hope to have a stall similar to last year; if you can help on the day or you have ideas about fundraising in general, contact Fiona Turton at [fionaturton@btinternet.com](mailto:fionaturton@btinternet.com)

### 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. If you are interested

in becoming a member, please contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 or email [admin@heartofgissing.org.uk](mailto:admin@heartofgissing.org.uk) The new Heart of Gissing website at [www.heartofgissing.org.uk](http://www.heartofgissing.org.uk) gives up to date information about groups, events and what is happening in the centre of the village.

Many thanks to all those who came along to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on 29th March; despite the cold weather, the sun shone and families came from far and wide to blow the cobwebs away and support this very popular event.

### **Forthcoming fundraising events include**

The Summer Fayre on Sunday 25th August from 2pm to 5 pm will be a celebration of the countryside. More details will be available in the next issue. Meanwhile, we request that any local craftspeople with skills such as lace-making, basket-weaving, quilt-making or similar and who would be prepared to do a live demonstration of their craft, contact Kelly on 01379 674511.

A three day event is proposed this year with a flower festival, including cake stall, in the Church spanning the long weekend. The church will be open on Saturday 24th August from 11am to 4 pm, on Sunday 25th August from 2pm to 5pm and on the Monday 26th August from 11am to 4pm.

### **Groups running at present include**

*Gissing Children's Centre* (Pre-School and Play-scheme) Contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 (9am–3pm during term time) or 07796 204367 out of hours or email [email@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk](mailto:email@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk)

*Gissing Baby and Toddler Group* Group runs in Gissing Village Hall, Rectory Road, Gissing every Monday morning from 10am to 12 noon (new times). For information about the group, contact Vicky on 01379 674437 or 07946 212779 or email at [vhcullum@hotmail.com](mailto:vhcullum@hotmail.com).

*Gissing Youth Club* for 8–13 year olds, runs every Tuesday 6.30–8pm during term time at Gissing Children's Centre. Anyone interested in helping or who has ideas or skills to share, please contact Bernie on 07796 545929 or 01379 677254 or email [berniecalton@live.co.uk](mailto:berniecalton@live.co.uk)

*Gissing Reading Group* meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm at the Old School. Forthcoming books include: June: Harvest by Jim Crace; July – a theatre trip. 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 [sharon@scalton.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:sharon@scalton.orangehome.co.uk) for further details.

*The Hegarty School of Dance* offers various dance classes to children (from 3yrs of age) and adults at the Children's Centre (the Old School) and from Gissing village hall. Contact Sam on 07825 325100 or email [samiwatt@rocketmail.com](mailto:samiwatt@rocketmail.com) or visit [www.hegartyschoolofdance.co.uk](http://www.hegartyschoolofdance.co.uk)

*Weekly Musical Theatre Class* runs every Wednesday from 5 pm at Gissing Village Hall for anyone over 7 years of age. Contact Sam as above.

*Heart of Gissing Community Arts Group* Any queries regarding this group can be directed to Rose Eddington on 01379 677790 or [rose@roseeddington.co.uk](mailto:rose@roseeddington.co.uk).

*Stage HOGers* This local theatre group puts on performances from time to time. Anyone interested in treading the boards, contact Sam on 07825 325100 or email [samiwatt@rocketmail.com](mailto:samiwatt@rocketmail.com)

*Friends of Gissing Church* contact Fiona Turton 01379 677811 or email [fionaturton@btinternet.com](mailto:fionaturton@btinternet.com).

*Over 60s Group* contact Rose Eddington on 01379 677790 or email [rose@roseeddington.co.uk](mailto: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.

*Bookings to use Gissing Children's Centre* contact Linda Nash 01379 677300 (9am–3pm Monday to Friday term time) or 07796 204367 out of hours.

### **Gissing Children's Centre**

This popular and successful Pre-School runs Monday to Friday during term time as two 3 hour long sessions per day, where children can attend from 9 am to 12 noon and/or from 12 noon to 3 pm each day. Early years funding for 3 and 4 year olds can be used for both sessions and the Pre-school has recently become an accredited setting able to offer a limited number of funded places for 2 year olds. Children can attend unaccompanied from 2½ years to 5 years old. Any families wishing to take a look are welcome to contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 (9am–3pm during term time) or 07796 204367 (out of hours) or email [email@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk](mailto:email@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk) Spaces are filling up quickly for this school year and next, but the Pre-school operates a working waiting list so will aim to meet your requirements, and reserve places, wherever possible.

Please note, owing to major roofing works over the summer, The Children's Centre will not be holding a Summer Playscheme this year for children of primary school age.

The Children's Centre will be holding a Nearly New Sale of children's clothes, toys and other items on Saturday 1st June. Sellers packs are available from Karen on 01379 742996 or on [holmes.karen@rocketmail.com](mailto:holmes.karen@rocketmail.com).

Following the success of the last Bag2Schools collection where the Children's Centre raised £300, we are collecting again up until the 19th June. Any unwanted good quality clothes, belts, bags, fabrics etc will be gratefully received. Bags are available by ringing 01379 677300 and giving details or leaving a message.

### **Carry On at The Crown**

A weekend of fun is planned at the Gissing Crown for the 22nd and 23rd of June. A wide selection of local real ales will be offered all weekend. On Saturday the 22nd, between 2 and 4pm there will be a FREE fun filled afternoon with children's entertainer 'Magical Mark' and face painting by Ruth Noble. Saturday evening from 7.30 to 11.30pm, 'The Muppets' will be providing live music and the chance to dance, and a hog roast will be served. Tickets are £10 for adults, and £5 for under 16s, and can be booked on 01379 677718 or by visiting the pub. To finish the weekend off, a BBQ will be held on Sunday, the 23rd, between 2 and 6pm, and there will be more music from a female vocalist. Please come and help us carry on with the fun.

## **SOUTH NORFOLK ON SHOW**

**Sunday 14 July, 11am–4pm**

South Norfolk Council, Long Stratton NR15 2XE

**A fantastic FREE event showcasing the best of South Norfolk**

Come and enjoy a fun-packed day out for all the family, hosted by South Norfolk Council.

'Britain's Got Talent' fans will enjoy performances by Ronan Parke, and for animal lovers, there will be ponies and ferret racing. There is a Fun Dog Show between 12noon and 2pm so bring your pet pooch along and be in with a chance to win rosettes and prizes in 6 different categories.

With a wide range of children's activities, workshops and local produce stalls on offer, as well as face painters, stilt walkers, Bollywood dancers, outdoor theatre performers and Vintage fairground rides to keep you entertained, there is sure to be something to appeal to all interests and tastes.

The 'Great South Norfolk Cup Cake Bake Off' will be showcasing the artistic skills of school children across the district and delicious food outlets and a bar will cater for all your needs.

Don't miss this great day out – we look forward to seeing you there!

## SHELFANGER NEWS

Greatly encouraging news – both Joyce Yates and Chris Hunt have finished courses of treatment and are doing well. Mrs Betty Chiles of Spa House has settled at All Hallows Nursing Home at Bungay. Our sincere best wishes to them all.

Congratulations to Anne and Derek Lord who have celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary. Well done to you on this terrific milestone. Anne's mum had good judgement as Derek was regarded by her as the best suitor Anne had brought home.

### Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the Shelfanger Village Hall Committee was held on 2nd May. As might be expected, the existing committee was re-elected en bloc. The hall continues to look good, hosting wedding celebrations, children's parties and all the usual weekly activities. The next dance is to 'Shake, Rattle and Roll' on Saturday June 29th – see you later, alligator....

#### SHELFANGER

## Grand Village Fete

Saturday 20th July, 2pm–4.30pm

*A traditional English fete*

#### Free Entry

Lucky programme • Sideshows  
Bric-à-brac • Tombola • Cakes • Bar  
Burgers • Refreshments • Teas  
Displays of model aircraft & model railways

*Come and join in the family fun*

### Parish Council

Well done to Pam Ross, Terry Green, Vicci Day and other Parish Council members for operating the speed reduction camera on the B1077. They were not able to stop and fine any speeders but the flashing indicator was highly effective. As Douglas Bader, the fighter pilot ace, once said about a Henkel bomber 'I couldn't claim him as shot down, but I gave him a nasty fright'

### All Saints' Church

The Church Council have held their first meeting of the year. Elected officers are Denise Smith as Hon Secretary, Jean Challoner as Hon Treasurer, Joyce Yates as All Saints' school governing representative, Pam Harries as Sacristan, Peter Harries as Cock Crow representative, Roger Challoner as Lay Chairman. If you have a church-related query, please contact one of these officers.

Rogation Sunday was observed by the All Saints' congregation in glorious weather on 5th May. God's blessing was asked for (the meaning of rogation) on crops, farms, businesses and homes in the course of a short but cheering perambulation.

### Retirement of Frank and Sue Paice

Sunday 9th June sees our Lay Reader, Frank Paice, taking his last service after over thirty years' service to the churches and parishes of this area.

Frank and Sue have been endlessly generous of their time and money supporting: the church, the school, the Parish Council, the village hall, Boyland Common and pretty well everything else.

No longer will Frank's quizzes enliven family services; nor will his superb playing of organ and keyboard and his rich singing voice be heard. His music will be hugely missed both at services and in concerts. His will no longer be the 'voice of the tannoy' at the village fete. There will certainly be a void where the organisational skills and driving energy of Sue and Frank once were. Sue and Frank – we shall miss you deeply.

Everyone will be most welcome at the final special service at Shelfanger Church at 11am on Sunday 9th June where a presentation will be made. Contributions to Frank and Sue's leaving present may be sent to Church Treasurer, Jean Challoner. Any cheques should be made payable to Shelfanger PCC, please.

Other services in the Benefice are being suspended to allow other congregations to attend.

After the service, there will be a celebration lunch at the Village Hall. This will be an informal carvery lunch: two courses and a glass of wine. Seating will be informal to allow Frank and Sue to circulate. The cover cost is £10; if you have not already been contacted, and would like to attend, please ring Roger Challoner on 01379 642286 urgently.

## TIVETSHALL NEWS

### St Margaret's Church

#### Flower Festival

Preparations are now under way for this event to be held on the weekend of 14/15 September in conjunction with the Harvest Festival. If you feel unable to take part in the flower arranging perhaps you could offer to man the church/refreshments for an hour or two over the weekend? We also need second hand books and nearer the time shall be asking for donations for the refreshments. If you feel you would like to help in any way please contact Maggie Rowan on 01379 674116 or Maureen Drury on 01379 677541.



This is our main fund raising event for the year and we hope that many in the village will take part.

#### Christmas quiz

Please mark Saturday December 7th in your diary. Claire Kirby and Maggie will be organising a Christmas quiz in aid of St Margaret's church and a cancer charity.

### Tivetshall Community Primary School

Mothering Sunday was celebrated two days early at school when family and friends of the pupils were invited to a sit down cafe in the hall. Cakes were baked the day before with this year's theme being based

around a French patisserie. Sweet delights included French fancies and profiteroles. The older children made excellent waiters and waitresses and you may see them in future years serving in local cafes!

The children worked hard to organise lots of fun events for Red Nose Day and everyone came to school wearing red. Lots of fun was had by all and we raised £36.50 for this very good cause.

Class 1 enjoyed a very exciting afternoon of 'Positions and Experiments'. This was a subject that they chose themselves and included activities such as blowing up balloons without using our own breath, making lava lamps, making thick gunk with PVA glue, water and a secret ingredient and exploding plastic bags – we did this one outside! Many thanks to Mrs and Miss Brown.

Years 3 and 4 came a very creditable sixth in the Tag Rugby tournament. They came back tired, muddy and happy – and as usual the adults accompanying them were very proud.

We were joined by Burston school on the Tuesday before the holidays when the children from Key Stage 2 from each school demonstrated their drumming skills. Well done to everyone for trying so hard.

On the last day of term we held our annual Easter garden competition. The children used twigs, moss, stones and flowers along with other natural materials (plus more than one Play Mobil 'Jesus' and lots of chicks and eggs) to reproduce their idea of an Easter garden. Congratulations to winner Adam Oldman-Turner.

Year 2 spent a very tiring morning at Roydon Primary School learning all about programming computers and playing with iPads and bee-bots (programmable robots). They had a great time and learned a lot as well as playing with children from other schools. We hear that Kieran did especially well and staff had to find harder activities for him.

Our netball team have once again made us very proud. They



## WINFARTHING NEWS

came second in the South Norfolk Small Schools final (and remember that small schools are generally much larger than us) in a very close fought final that could have gone either way. They came home exhausted and then had to go to Dickleburgh to play a match which they also won. Well done and thanks again to Mrs Kidd.

Against all the odds, the older children from Tivetshall and Burston schools enjoyed favourable weather conditions during their week long residential trip at Kingswood, West Runton.

Despite getting to sleep late and waking up very early, they were all keen to join in all the activities on offer – possibly the quantity of ‘e-numbers’ consumed between the hearty meals may have been responsible.

Activities were chosen specifically to challenge everyone in different ways; working as a team member, trusting others, problem solving or overcoming a fear such as heights or enclosed spaces. A visit to West Runton beach and a bush-craft activity provided insight into environmental issues and ways to reconnect with nature.

For some, making their own bed was also a challenge! Not all were able to put on a duvet cover and when asked why the cover was inside out, the response was that, ‘It came that way!’

The way the pupils’ sense of self worth and confidence developed over the days was extremely rewarding for the staff to observe. To scale a 10 metre telegraph pole, stand on a small platform and then leap off to a trapeze suspended in mid air is a huge challenge and the smile says it all. Even though all events are conducted using safety equipment, it’s still scary when you are up on the top looking down!

Girls showed that although they were not always the fastest when it came to the orienteering sessions, they did manage to excel in the go-kart sessions with Harriet winning her heat.

All pupils showed their maturity by working cooperatively throughout the whole week.

Children returned to school on Friday afternoon, tired, not quite as clean as they were on Monday and with boosted self esteem and confidence. Adults returned clean and very tired, but knowing that the whole trip had been a positive experience for everyone.

*Carol Green (Head Teacher)*

### Village Church

The informal, all age, interactive monthly celebration continues on the 3rd Sunday of the month, 10–11am with hot & cold drinks and homemade cake and scones at the end of the service. On 16th June, Father’s Day, we will be considering ‘The Father Heart of God’. 21st July is the first anniversary of our monthly gathering, and has the theme ‘Against the Odds’. If you are wondering if God exists and want to know more, please come along or call Jane Marchant on 01379 640502 or Ann Leitch on 07747 758308. We look forward to welcoming you.

### Winfarthing Prayer Group

If you would like to join us to ask for God’s blessing on our village or there are specific situations or people you would like us to pray for, please contact Richard or Mary Livermore on 01379 652951 or email [rdlivermore@btinternet.com](mailto:rdlivermore@btinternet.com). The next meetings are 9–10am Monday 17 June and 9–10am Monday 16 July at High Gables, Hall Road.

### Growing Healthy Churches

As part of the Norwich Diocese ‘Committed to Growth’ initiative, a fun and enjoyable day was held on 20 April in Winfarthing Village Hall. The framework for the review of our local church’s contribution in prayer, service and discipleship is on display in the church notice board. The PCC will be considering the outcomes from the day and developing an action plan, which will be available in August 2013.

### Keep this Date

*Saturday 28 September: Cockney Evening & Auction of Promises.* Pie & mash, pub songs round the piano and an auction of promises awaits you. All proceeds will go towards the maintenance and insurance costs of the church as a historic building in our village. If you would like to offer a ‘promise’ to be auctioned, contact Ann Leitch on 07747 758308.



### Village Hall Update

First, the committee would like to record their gratitude to the late Mrs Ellen Bartlett of Winfarthing who, earlier this year left the Hall a legacy to help us keep going and serving the village.

Work on the hall roof and development is continuing. The Parish Council has agreed to planning and it now rests with South Norfolk. We do not think there will be any problems and we can then get on with sorting out the practicalities of contractors.

We are still seeking more grant aid for the hall, but volunteers are always needed and very welcome whatever they can contribute to the project; if you can help contact Granville Horan on 01379 640355 or Nick Griffiths on 01379 643718.

### Winfarthing PCC

A big thank you to Christine Sidwell, Head Flower Arranger for the Church, for the past 10 years. Christine has resigned from this task, and we can never thank her enough, for all those years of hard work, we wish her well in all she does in the future.

NB The date for the Harvest Festival Service has been changed to Sunday

### Shelwins Ladies Group

We meet on the third Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome. Our June meeting to be held in Shelfanger village hall at 7.30pm is a talk and demo with audience participation by Mark Atkinson of ‘Qigong’, a gentle exercise. On Wednesday July 31st we are having a coach trip to Sandringham, Further details from Vicci on 01379 643945

### Winfarthing Walkers

If you would like to join them for a not too strenuous walk of 5–6 miles on the third Wednesday of the month contact Marion Williams on 01953 860535 or Ken and Di Barrell on 01379 642125.

### ...and Footpaths

In 2028 the final footpaths maps will be created and fixed for ever. Anyone who walks round here will know ours are in a dreadful condition. If you are interested in talking about the state of footpaths, contact Alun Howkins as below. This needs a village effort.

### Contacts

Please let me know of anything happening in our village or parish. I am Alun Howkins, at Holly Farm Barn, The Street. For preference material on e-mail [alun.howkins@btinternet.com](mailto:alun.howkins@btinternet.com), phone 01379 652202 or just drop it round. Copy before 10th July please

### All Saints’ Primary School

Thank you to the Home School Association, a group of parents, staff and friends, who encouraged children to celebrate St David’s and St George’s Days. Children enjoyed wearing green to celebrate St David’s day and then coming to school dressed as Knights, Princesses or Dragons on St George’s Day!

Also thank you to Home School Association who organised a Family Evening of Bingo and an Easter Egg Lottery! The money raised has enabled the school to buy a new stereo and lights for discos.

During March, Miss Mitchell also organised a very exciting Science Week which included the children sharing experiments they had carried out at home! Events were well attended and the profile of Science learning really enhanced!

Four year-6 children proudly represented All Saints’ in the Diss Rotary Club Quiz. They did extremely well and we are very proud of them.

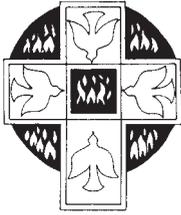
This term children are focusing on a Service worship team. They are being asked to reflect on people who serve them at school, home and in clubs. On Friday we are looking forward to spending the time at St Andrew’s School for a Pentecost Experience.

Finally, All Saints’ have been proud to learn the Diocese have been successful in bidding for LCVAP funding, on their behalf, for a new Sports Hall. The school is busy working with the architect finalising plans and will be soon going out to tender.

The term ahead. Plans to date include a trip to Gressenhall for lower school pupils, year 3 and 4 going to Carrow Road for football and Year 5 and 6 taking part in the Kingswood residential.

If you would like to know more about All Saints’ then please contact the school on 01379 642767 or by e-mail [executivehead@schoolpartnership.org](mailto:executivehead@schoolpartnership.org) and come and look around. We would love to hear from you.

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



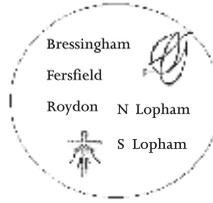
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**Diss Team Ministry**

The four parishes and Roydon are now considered members of the Diss Team Ministry of all SIX parishes, led by **The Rev'd Canon Tony Billett**, Rector of Diss and also Rural Dean. To arrange Weddings or Baptisms, contact **Diss Parish Office 01379 643783**. For other pastoral matters requiring a priest, contact one of the churchwardens, who will put you in touch with the appropriate individual.



	Burston	Gissing	Shelfanger	Tivetshall	Winfarthing
June 2	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 MP	9.30 MP
June 9	8.00 HC	(at Shelfanger)	10.00 FS	(at Shelfanger)	(at Shelfanger)
June 16	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 MP	9.30 HC	10.00 VC
June 23	6.00 4SS	11.00 MP	8.00 HC	(at Gissing)	9.30 HC
June 30					10.30 5/P HC
July 7	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	(at Gissing)	9.30 MP
July 14	8.00 HC	(at Tivetshall)	11.00 MW	11.00 MP	9.30 MP
July 21	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	8.00 HC	9.30 HC	10.0 VC
July 28	6.00 4SS	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	(at Gissing)	9.30 HC
August 4	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP

HC Holy Communion | MW Morning Worship | 5/P Five Parish Service | FS Family Service | FS/Chp Family Service in Chapel | MP Morning Prayer | VC Village Church

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Date	Bressingham St John the Baptist (BCP)	Fersfield St Andrew (BCP &) (C/W Order 2)	N Lopham St Nicholas (BCP &) (C/W Order 1)	S Lopham St Andrew (BCP &) (C/W Order 2)
Sun 2nd June 1 After Trinity	No Service	6pm EP	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service
Sun 9th June 2 After Trinity	9.30am HC	No Service	11am 4pm FS MPW 6pm ES	No Service
Sun 16th June 3 After Trinity	6pm EP	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC
Sun 23rd June 4 After Trinity	10.30am with Meth	9.30am HC	11am FS	6pm ES
Sunday 30th June 5 After Trinity	United Service of Holy Communion at Diss at 10.30am			
Sun 7th July 6 After Trinity	No Service	6pm ES	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service
Sun 14th July 7 After Trinity	9.30am HC	4pm MPW	11am 6pm FS ES	No Service
Sun 21st July 8 After Trinity	6pm ES	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC
Sun 28th July 9 After Trinity	10.30am with Meth	9.30am HC	11am FS	6pm ES
Sun 4th August 10 After Trinity	No Service	6pm ES	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service

MP Morning Prayers | 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 and Thursday at South Lopham in addition to the service held each weekday in St Mary's, Diss at 8.30am.

**Wednesday Communion:** is at 10.45am in St Mary's Church Diss.

**Fellowship/Country Connect 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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## In Praise of Retreating

Dear Readers,

'But what did you actually do?' someone asked me when we returned from the Diss Parcell Hall retreat.

There are understandable misconceptions about 'retreats' and this is a great pity because many people would benefit – and even enjoy the experience.

The secret of success where a 'retreat' is concerned is not to be 'doing' but simply to 'be'.

What is needed is a comfortable venue and good food, with the opportunity for quietness as well as, for those who need it, some direction for their thoughts and spiritual guidance at hand for the asking.

Our retreat was not silent. We worshipped (four times a day), ate and had plenty of fellowship together, with the added pleasure of the opportunity to explore the beautiful Yorkshire Dales countryside, visit Fountains Abbey, and dabble in the craft room (I became hooked on Origami!).

But – oh the joy of it – if you wanted you could do absolutely nothing!

'Retreating' as a group has a bonding effect. The participants really form a community, albeit for a short time, but the hope is that this will continue after the return home.

Why not give it a try? Take time out and don't worry what you'll do, just be.

*The Revd Maggie Swayze*

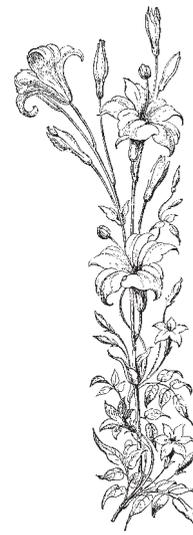
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## BRESSINGHAM NEWS

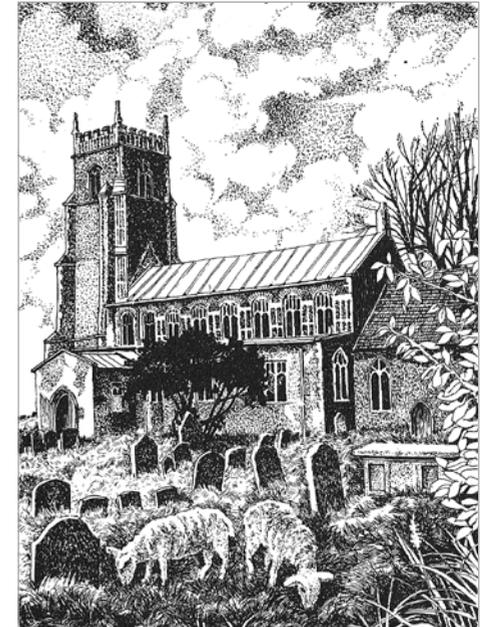
### Church News

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Rodger Aves on 4th May. He died peacefully at The Oaks, the home he was taken to following his birth in Norwich. He was a man for everyone, and always willing to help. He worked tirelessly for this village, as Chairman of the Parish Council, Churchwarden and Trustee of many charities etc, over not just years but decades. He had so much expertise in so many different fields and was far from just being a good farmer and stock man. He had knowledge in abundance and talents he was always willing to share and teach; our village is a far better place as a result. To say he will be sorely missed is an understatement. We all send our deepest sympathy to Millie, Desmond, Tina and Robert and the grandchildren Orran, Ela and Katie. Of Rodger, we can certainly say God's Work Well Done.



Rodger's funeral was held on 14th May in the parish church he worked so hard for. The Rev'd Canon Tony Billett took the service and estimated that over 450 people had attended. Inclement weather did not deter anyone and his coffin entered church through a guard of honour provided by all the churchwardens of the six churches in the Diss Team. Dick Gibson gave a glowing tribute and told the congregation that Rodger had been Chairman and President of Diss Stockman's Club, and Chairman of Norfolk Livestock Clubs and the Norfolk Holstein Breeders Club. Rodger we were told, had also bred a Holstein cow that was one of only four in the whole country to have ever scored an excellent 97 points. Richard Hewitt gave an address on Rodger's work within the villages and also led the prayers.

Millie and the family have asked me to express their thanks for all the cards and letters they have received following Rodger's death and for everyone who managed to attend the funeral a very special thanks. They have been completely overwhelmed by all the kindness and help they were given and would also like to thank everyone who visited Rodger at the Oaks which was a great comfort.



One of Rodger's greatest wishes was to see the church porch repaired. We now have permission from the DAC to replace the lead stolen in July 2011 with zinc, provided South Norfolk Council and English Heritage agree!! We have to raise a lot of money just to repair the roof; to complete Rodger's wishes will take even more. Grants are available and this is where YOU might be able to help. The PCC is now down to three members, we desperately need help from a 'Friends of Bressingham Church Committee' headed by someone able to seek out these grants and fill in the forms. One or two people have shown an interest, but are you the leader they need? If you can help, please contact me on 01379 688291 or Ian Cattermole on 01379 688088. Without repairs, it's only a matter of time before the porch crumbles away.

On a brighter note, we had a wonderful evening

on the 21st April when over 60 people came to an Evensong where all the music was provided by the barrel organ. This had been very kindly serviced and played on the evening by Rodney and Sarah Briscoe. Wine was served after the service which was led by Rev'd Canon Tony Billett, assisted by Rev'd John Pares and the Rev'd Maggie Swayze.

During the service a surprise presentation was made to Brenda Oates who is leaving the village to live near her son Martyn in Devon. Brenda has asked me to include the following; 'Thank you to everyone for the huge bouquet, the brooch and all those tokens. I would like to use some of them to buy a tree or shrub; if the PCC let me know what they think would be suitable, for the churchyard or perhaps the car park. My garden in Brixton is tiny so most of my plants will be in pots. Please can you pass on my thanks to all concerned. Thank you for making it a most memorable evening.'

*Diana*

## Parish Council

Mr Ian Cattermole chaired the May meeting at Fersfield Church with seven Councillors present and one parishioner.

The first item on the agenda was the election of Chairman, voting was unanimous for Mr Cattermole with Mrs J Delasalle as Vice Chairman.

Regarding Highways, Mr Hewitt reported that following the Council meeting in March, a letter was sent to Norfolk County Council detailing the dangerous condition of the roads. He read the reply that had been received which Councillors agreed was unsatisfactory. It was agreed that pressure for improvements must be maintained and a further letter should be sent to NCC when that Council have resolved their positions.

In finance, questions were asked about how the various groups have used the donations they received from the Summer Event and Jubilee, also regarding the Toddler Group finances, bearing in mind the donation from the Parish Council.

Two new Parish Councillors are needed and the positions are now advertised. Applications must be made to the Parish Clerk by June 20th.

One new Trustee for the Elizabeth Barker Charity was also needed and Mrs L Pearce agreed to take on those duties.

A meeting with representatives of the Fuel Allotment Charity and Suffolk Wildlife Trust is to be arranged before a new lease is agreed.

There is a vacancy at Pascoe Place, applications must be made to South Norfolk District Council.

A representative of the Allotment Association presented a letter from one of the tenants reporting abusive language from a tenant of Pipers Piece towards her and her children while she was working on her allotment. It was agreed such behaviour was totally unacceptable and the matter should be dealt with by the police.

Before the meeting closed, tributes were made to Mr Rodger Aves who died earlier this month. He had been Chairman of the Parish Council and a Councillor for many years. He had been involved in most aspects of village life and his loss will be felt by many.

Don't forget, latest news and updates are available at [www.bressinghamandfersfield.org](http://www.bressinghamandfersfield.org)

### BRESSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

#### Two parish councillors needed

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council needs two more Councillors.

Anybody interested should contact the Clerk,  
Mike Mortimer 01379 642763,  
or by email,  
[bressingham.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bressingham.pc@tiscali.co.uk)  
*by the 20th of June*

You can find out more about what being a Councillor means by contacting any of the current Councillors whose contact details are on the Bressingham and Fersfield website, [www.bressinghamandfersfield.org](http://www.bressinghamandfersfield.org)

*You will be asked to attend the meeting on the 1st of July to introduce yourselves*

## FERSFIELD NEWS

### Church News

On the 25th April Bertie Devereaux's funeral took place in St Andrew's church. He was such a well-loved man as was evident from the packed church, the many mourners standing two or three deep so they could pay their last respects to their dear friend. Below, is part of the eulogy given by Bertie's nephew, Simon.

'Bertie was born in Starston 83 years ago. He lived in South Lopham

and went to school there. After leaving school he became a lorry driver's mate. He eventually became a lorry driver and worked for Charlie Wharton for over 20 years. He met Joan when he was nineteen and they were married in St Andrew's, Fersfield, in 1952 and set up home here. Peter and Susan were born and the twins, Lynn and Wendy, arrived in 1961. For a time Bertie worked for Bob Soar of Bressingham as a driver.

Bertie and the family moved to Melton Constable. They lived there for 7 years before returning to make their home in Fersfield. Wendy died in 1963 and it was another huge loss for Joan. Bertie and the family when Susan died of cancer just over 3 years ago.

Bertie was a very practical man who enjoyed using his creative skills and tending his garden. He enjoyed sport and was a great problem-solver. Recently Joan and Bertie moved to Diss and last year celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Bertie endured Parkinson's disease for 20 years. A little while ago he was taken ill and admitted to the N&N.

A true gentleman and family man, Bertie was always ready to help others and give them his time and advice.'

#### Diary Dates

Don't forget – Music, Praise & Worship (MPW) will be on Church Meadow on Sunday, 14th July 4pm as usual. Look forward to seeing you.

*Maureen*

## LOPHAMS NEWS

### St Andrew's Primary School

Pupils at St Andrew's have had a busy two months!

Thank you to the Friends of St Andrew's Association (FOSTA), who encouraged children to celebrate St David's and St Georges Day's. Children enjoyed wearing green, red and white to celebrate St David's day and then coming to school dressed as Knights, Princesses or Dragons on St George's Day!

Also thank you to FOSTA who organised a wonderful Boden event, Family Bingo evening and breakfast for the children! The money raised from these events has enabled the school to purchase outdoor tables and chairs and an additional I-pad.

During the middle of March, Miss Mitchell organised a very exciting Science Week which included the children sharing experiments they had carried out at home! Events were well attended and the profile of Science learning really enhanced!

At the end of March, four year 6 children, proudly represented St Andrew's in the Diss Rotary Club Quiz. They did extremely well and we are very proud of them.

This term children are focusing on a Service worship team. They are currently being asked to reflect on people who serve them at school, home and in clubs. On Friday we are looking forward to taking part in a Pentecost Experience.

Finally, St Andrew's says a goodbye to Mrs Baker, who has retired from her Caretaker post. Mrs Baker has been at St Andrew's for over twenty five years and she will be missed, a special afternoon tea for her has been organised for Friday 24th May at 2 pm.

St Andrew's now looks forward to the term ahead. Plans to date include a trip to Gressenhall for lower school pupils and Year 5 and 6 taking part in the Kingswood residential.

If you would like to know more about All Saints then please contact the school on 01379 687253 or by e-mail [executivehead@schoolpartnership.org](mailto:executivehead@schoolpartnership.org) and come and look around. We would love to hear from you.

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

## St Andrew's Pre School

Finally we can welcome the changes that Spring brings. Warmer weather and longer days, green leaves and yellow daffodils – so fun outside for the children.

But we will also have some other changes at Pre School. Sadly, Laura will be leaving us for pastures new. She will be greatly missed by the children and parents alike, but we wish her the greatest of luck and thank her for all her hard work.

Please do contact Tonya at the Pre School on 07962 219523 if you have any thoughts on the vacancy, would like to offer any practical help, or are interested in your child joining St Andrews Pre School.

We welcome children from their second birthday, (nappies welcome) and are open Mondays 08.45–11.45 and Wednesdays/Thursdays 08.45–15.15.

## Lophams' Ladies

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

At our April meeting, Janet Peachey talked about her 'Peaches Preserves' enterprise and how it had grown from one-off stall at a local Christmas market to a very successful business. In May, David Hannant gave a presentation on 'The Friends of Chernobyl Children'. Apart from the wonderful holiday the charity gives these deprived children from Belarus, we also learnt that the programme of bringing each child over to the UK for a month over a five year period greatly strengthens their immune system as they return to live in such a contaminated and impoverished land.

Our next meeting on June 4th is an afternoon visit to Jason and Katharine Salisbury's Farm (home of Suffolk Cheese); meeting at 1pm in the hall car park. On July 2nd we are invited for an evening in the garden of Sylvia and Peter Coster and looking ahead to August 6th we will have a talk on 'Lopham Linen' by Jennie Vere.

Please think of us if you are having a 'clear out' as our annual Jumble, Bric a Brac, Book and Car Boot Sale is on Saturday June 8th; 1.30pm in the Village Hall.

Please contact the following for details of the two visits and also if you need any items for the Jumble Sale to be collected Tel 01379 687337 or 687679

## Lophams' Garden Club

(Meeting at Blooms) We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm; visitors and new members are always very welcome.

On 1st May we welcomed Ben Potterton of Blacksmiths Cottage Nursery who spoke about 'Backyard Chickens'. Ben gave an amusing and informative talk and also brought along some of his own birds to illustrate their various types, sizes and plumage.

On 5th June we are looking forward to an evening visit to Fullers Mill. We will not now be travelling together by coach but will make our own travel arrangements to arrive at Fullers Mill by 6.30pm. The cost will be £6.



On July 3rd we shall welcome Tina Limmer who will give a presentation entitled, 'Taste the Roses'.

We have another trip planned for Saturday August 10th when we shall spend the day at the Cambridge Botanic Gardens. The charge for this trip is £14.50 and tickets are now on sale.

For further information about either trip, please telephone 01953 681989.

## Village Games

The 'Village Games Roadshow' returned to Lopham on Sunday 19th May, giving all who wished the chance to 'have a go' at any of the games on offer, inside or out. We hope that many of those who took part will be successful members of our team at the 'Best in Breckland Games' at Watton on 23rd June.

Lophams Society Summer Barbeque will take place at Lophams' Village Hall on Saturday 6th July. There will be food, live music, dancing and we hope – good weather! Admission: £5. Doors open at 6.30pm.

## The Lophams Art Group

We are a friendly, mixed ability group which meets at the Village Hall each Wednesday 9.30am –12.30.

Membership costs £20 per 4 weeks which includes one session of tuition each month from a professional artist (currently Tracey Waghorn).

Anyone interested in joining can call in any Wednesday morning or telephone Jennifer on 01379 687882 for more information.



*Exhibition* the group is holding an informal exhibition of its works at the Lophams Village Hall on Wednesday 10th July from 10am to noon (free entry) do come and have a look round, meet the group members and perhaps try your hand at something.

## Lophams' Village Hall

Cruel & Bloody Murder came to the Hall on Friday 10th May!! Well Made Theatre Productions, presented the story of a murder that took place in what is now Louie's Lane, Diss, in May 1829. We were privileged to have the first showing; the play went on to venues along the Waveney valley the following week.

The Car Parking area has had a much needed refurbishment, so there is once again a safer, pothole free surface to drive and walk over. Thanks to Paul Garwood for carrying out this work, and to all whose Lottery tickets contribute to the Development Fund. During the Summer, the kitchen will be the focus of improvements to the insulation and decoration.



Good wishes go with Jim and our Lophams' Team for the Breckland Village Games in Watton in June.

*The Lottery fund* for the next Bonanza draw is growing – if you aren't yet 'in', do consider having a go. It's a fun way to support the hall development

fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. The March 1st prize of £188 was won by J Tate; second prizes of £46.50 each went to G Osler and E Jacob. In April, the winners were: 1st Prize of £186 S Frizzell and 2nd prizes of £46.50 each to C Ward and K & S Southwood.

Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen, tel; 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, Coming Markets are 22nd June & 27th July. (Details from Mike on 01379687235)

*Judo* is on Mondays & Wednesdays (Details from Howard on 01379 688 258)

*Dog Training* is held most Tuesday evenings, trainer Elaine (07845 776 110) will provide information.

*Lopham Art Group* will be exhibiting some of their work on Wed. 10th July 10am to noon at the Village Hall. Do come along, look around and meet some of the members. Admission is Free! Contact 01379 687718 for more details.

*Yoga with P* is a popular addition to the weekly programme. Sessions are on Thursdays 7–8pm. Booking is essential, tel 01379890955; or 07932010720; or e-mail piaternella.jarvie@gmail.com

*To book the hall* for private functions, contact 01379 687 679. To find out about the hall generally, visit the web-site at [www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk)

# NORTH LOPHAM NEWS

## Parish Council 8th May

Heather Potter (Chair); Jan Tate (Vice Chair) were re-elected for further terms.

No applications for the vacancy on the PC received so attempts will be made to co-opt a new member.

Norfolk CC intend to set 20mph speed limits around all schools, St Andrew's is on their list so we await developments.

Affordable Housing and Play Area: No progress.

Letchmere drainage: No progress MC to pursue.

Finance: The audited accounts for the last year were examined, agreed and signed.

Planning: 14A The Street was approved; 73 The Street is pending.

Village Plan: A meeting will take place to investigate the process and costs of producing a 'Village Plan', designating areas where residents do not want housing development to take place.

Roads and Footpaths: the worst pot holes have been repaired. By the end of May, preparations for the resurfacing of roads through the village should have begun and the resurfacing should take place during June. It is not clear how far down Tanns and Kings Head Lanes the works will go.

More complaints about the noise, frequency and speed of HGVs passing through the village have been received.

Tribunal about proposed rights of way will take place on 3rd/4th September.

The War Graves Commission will re-erect/repair the G Morduant headstone.

Federation of St Andrew's, North Lopham and All Saints, Winfarthing schools; no objections were raised.

The recent litter pick was a success – thanks go to Cllr Bird and her team.

Correspondence: Mr J Rednall reported that a deer had been savaged to death on his land, in view of his children, by a walker's uncontrolled dog. He requested that walkers be reminded that, when using footpaths crossing farmland, their dogs must be under close control, preferably on a lead.

Complaints have been received from residents of Kings Head Lane about dog fouling in their gardens.

Councillors were invited to attend the Village Hall Annual Meeting of Trustees at 7.30pm on 24th May at the hall.

Next meeting is on 10th July 2013, 7.30pm at 'The Mess'.

## North Lopham Methodist Church

A Project Group has been formed to preserve and continue to use this important Lopham building - the second oldest Methodist Chapel in Norfolk!

On Wednesday 26th June, at 10.30 am there will be a short service of worship followed by a Coffee Morning from 11am till 12 noon



There will also be items for sale to raise money to support the ongoing activities planned for this building. All are welcome to join us for all or part of the morning.

We look forward to seeing you.

## St Nicholas' Church, North Lopham

The last two months have included some of the most important dates in the Church year, from Easter weekend to Pentecost. All have been celebrated at St Nicholas' Church, and we thank everyone who contributed in any way, either by decorating the building, by leading worship or by coming along to take part. Children thoroughly enjoyed the Egg hunt after Easter Communion led by Revd Chris Davidson; though they weren't able to come to the Rogation Service where we welcomed Jayne Hinds, we hope to see them again, enjoying the birthday party service and fun for Pentecost.

There are fewer special Sundays in the summer months, but we do hope that we will be able to welcome visitors and holiday makers as they explore the beauties of our region.

Following the Vestry Meeting and Annual Church Meeting, we thank Alan Briggs and Richard Vere who agreed to serve a further term as Churchwardens, and the members of the PCC who were re-elected. A special thank you goes to Maurice Philpot, a faithful member for a number of years, who has resigned due to increasing commitments South of the River Waveney. The plans for improving the amenities at the base of the church tower creep slowly forwards – there should be new plans to put before village residents soon!

The Summer social scene is developing quickly; Celebrated local historian Roy Tricker gave a wonderful talk with slide show 'In Praise of Old Churches' on May 15th.

Friday Night is SNYSB Night returns for an evening full of Music and Fun with Mike Booty and the members of the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band on 7th June. Any new residents or folk who have not seen this group are warmly invited to come along to see just how much 'Music is Fun' for them and for their audience. Tickets are just £5, available from church members or on the door, and include refreshments in the interval and a chance to see the instruments and meet the players while they take a break. (For further details, contact Jennie on 01379 687679)

Jean's Grand Summer Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 4th July, at Brecklands, The Green, from 10am until noon. Do come for delicious coffee and eats, a chance to meet friends older and new, and opportunities to find a bargain on stalls including Plants, Fashion items, Bring & Buy, Raffle and Tombola - truly something for everyone!

(For directions or help with transport, just telephone 01379 687679)

One more Hymn Marathon has been requested, and will take place on Saturday 3rd August, between 8.30am and around 5.15pm. Anyone who would like to sponsor a hymn, in memory of a loved one, or just because it's a favourite, is invited to do so – see Jennie in church or around the village – and it will be played at some point during the day. All are welcome to come and sing along, especially in the afternoon, when favourites can be requested. Refreshments will be available throughout the day, thanks to our wonderful local helpers.

## Events at Redgrave & Lopham Fen



Saturday 1 June, 10.30am–1pm  
**Guided fen walk** Enjoy the sights and sounds of the fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill. £3. Meet at the Education Centre, booking not required

Saturday 8 June, 10.30am–12.30pm  
**Wildlife Watch Group** A club for 6–12yr olds, £1. Contact Mike Wright 01379 644508

Sunday 16 June, 10am–3pm  
**Jam Masterclass** Join local master jam-maker, Janet Peachey, of Peachey's Preserves and learn how quick and easy it is to make jam and conserves. £25, £21.50 concessions  
Booking essential 01473 890089

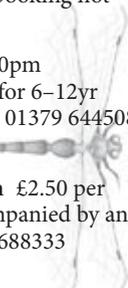
Saturday 6 July, 10am–3pm  
**Botanical Illustration** – all levels. Join professional botanical illustrator, Christine Grey-Wilson looking at a range of techniques using inspiration from the abundance of summer flowers. £25, £21.50 concessions. Booking essential 01473 890089

Saturday 6 July, 10.30am–1pm  
**Guided fen walk** Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill. £3. Meet at the Education Centre, booking not required

Saturday 13 July, 10.30am–12.30pm  
**Wildlife Watch Group** A club for 6–12yr olds, £1. Contact Mike Wright 01379 644508

Tuesday 30 July, 2pm–4pm  
**Pond dipping family afternoon** £2.50 per person, children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential 01379 688333

Wednesday 31 July, 10am–2pm  
**Wildlife Whodunnit!** Activity day for 6–10year olds. £6 each or two siblings for £10  
Booking essential 01379 688333



## St Andrew's Church News

### ST ANDREW'S Craft Fair

Saturday & Sunday  
20th & 21st July, 10am to 4pm

Local crafts include  
wood turning, card making,  
quilting, soft toys,  
jewellery and bags

Plant and homemade cake stalls

Entry is free and refreshments  
will also be served

### Church Cleaning

We have a monthly rota of volunteers who help to clean our lovely church but would appreciate some extra help. If anyone is able to join us do please contact Monica Reeder on 01379 687273 to discuss further.

### Church Gates and church yard

We are pleased to report that the entrance gates to the Church are reinstated. Our thanks go to Kevin Pilmer for his good work.

We would also like to thank Nigel Mutimer, Roger Stevens, Isaac Barker and Michael Richardson, members of Banham New Life Church who came recently to help tidy the Churchyard.

### Music Praise and Worship

On Sunday 14th April we welcomed the musicians and singers for the Music Praise and Worship Service, led by Mr Tony Osler. The Service commenced with a chorus of Happy Birthday as Monica cel-

ebrated a very special birthday and also Peter's birthday. Robert Reeder gave a reading, The Revd. Captain Michael Reeder led the prayers and the address was given by the retired Bishop, The Rt. Revd. David Gillet. After the service we all enjoyed birthday cake and refreshments and toasted Monica and Peter's special day.

A Miscellany of Music for all to enjoy will be presented at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 22nd June at 7.30pm.

## A Miscellany of Music

St Andrew's Church  
Saturday 22nd June at 7.30pm

Thursday Night Ladies Choir  
with soloist Katie Howard  
flautist Alan Howard  
Four Hands in Harmony playing  
piano duets

Refreshments included

Raffle

Tickets £5 from PCC members or  
telephone 01379 688313

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS  
THE CHURCH ORGAN FUND

### South Lopham Parish Council

The South Lopham Parish Council met on Thursday 9th May for the AGM. Reports were given by the Chair, Sarah Martin and Gary Phillips gave a full financial report.

After the AGM a regular meeting of the council took place. Sarah Martin then resigned as temporary chair, with this post now going to Jim Pursehouse for a period of two months before being handed to another member of the council.

Planning for an additional dwelling at Beechcroft was rejected by Breckland Council.

The issue of flooding on Primrose Lane is still to be resolved pending further enquiries.

The Council expressed concern regarding the planned works on the pavement along the A1066 between the Redgrave and Blo Norton Roads, which will entail 4-way traffic control at a busy junction, restricting vehicles over a certain size to include buses and lorries, for a period of three weeks commencing June 17th.

Granville Horan reported a successful quiz night held on behalf of the Village Society on March 15th, raising £245 for the Christmas drop in and £50 was donated to Comic Relief.

Full minutes of meetings are available to view on South Lopham Parish Council website and the notice board at the bus shelter.

We now have over 80 young people in the Scout Group with over 15 leaders/skills/occasional helpers. Various activities have taken place with all sections.

The Beavers (6 to 8 years) have enjoyed activities at the local Tyrrells Wood and District activity weekends with themes of circuses, pirates and even emergency services.

Cubs (8 to 10½ years) recently enjoyed a weekend at the Norfolk County Scout Campsite Eaton Vale enjoying canoeing, rifle range, archery and more.

Scouts (10½ to 14+ years) are now back on the water at our Weybread lake base.

Pictures show Scouts sailing on the River Yare, day trip to London taking the Clipper on the Thames to London Eye and cavers ready to go underground in the Pennines.

Explorer Scouts (14+ to 18 years) are also on the water for the summer period sailing and kayaking. Explorer Scouts won the Big Toe hiking competition in October which is centred around South Norfolk with an overnight camp at Shelton.

Although we are predominantly a water activity group as can be seen from the pictures other activities also are undertaken. Further information telephone 01379 608596 or email: paul.playford@btconnect.com.

## Dickleburgh Sea Scouts



## FATHER'S REMEMBERED

While many celebrate Father's day, there will be a group of people spending this special day without their father and we have commissioned a special book of memories from which people may draw comfort by expressing how they feel or sharing prayers, poems, thoughts and inspirational sayings.

Anyone bereaved of their father can contribute to the book. children and young people are also encouraged. The pages will be kept for many years as a testament to the understanding and acceptance that comes with the passing of seasons. You do not have to be profound! You may wish to include thoughts and feelings about your father's death with any special memories you have. Share how he made you feel and the special things he did for you. Just to say you are remembering someone special is enough. There will be a Father's day book of memories in Rosedale Funeral Home, 63 Victoria Road, Diss.

And in the days surrounding father's day, remember it's OK to grieve for your father in your own way. Many grieve outwardly, through tears and expressed emotions, others inwardly, keeping the hurt they feel to themselves. If talking or writing about the situation makes you feel better, then you should express yourself but remember that in the early days of a loss, you don't have to tell anyone how you feel.

There is no 'right way' to grieve.

# From the Registers

## Winfarthing Group

### FUNERAL

**Barbara Huggins** 19th March, Gissing

**Pat Davison** 9th April, Tivetshall

**Rosemary Sparrow** 7th May, Burston

### CHRISTENING

**Harry Henson** 5th May, Tivetshall

## Bressingham Group

### FUNERALS

**Peter Auger** 11th April, North Lopham  
(burial only)

**Bertie Devereux** 25th April, Fersfield

**Warwick Sayer** 30th April, North Lopham

**Cyril Frost** 1st May, North Lopham

**Rodger Aves** 14th May, Bressingham