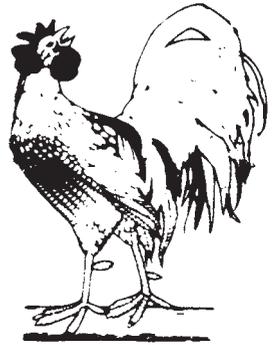


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# Editors' Notice Board

## Murphy's Rambles

Hello again–hope you are enjoying the summer. Our mornings of walking with the hares are long gone. A record 14 over 3 fields one day, but now we just see the odd one or two. We heard the cuckoo that day as well; a welcome sound.

Another morning we found some newly hatched tadpoles but they quickly disappeared over the next few days, especially after a heavy downpour – let's hope some of them make it to frogs. The rain did bring one surprise; Common Road full of the tiniest snails we had ever seen, hundreds of them.

We have spotted an egret investigating the stream on Rectory Road, 10 ladybirds bejewelling a thistle, watched a kestrel hunting over a hay field and marvelled at the swifts' and swallows' acrobatics whilst fly-catching over the wheat fields

My human is counting the wild flowers again, 25 this morning round 2 fields including our favourites the bee and pyramid orchids. We also saw an amazingly vivid fly, black with bright red ovals on its wings, a 5 spot burnet (breakfast late again!)

Everything is so lush and green, not so good if you try to walk the rarely used footpaths. So easy to see the different grasses when they are waist height, my human says she's glad I'm big or else she would lose me!

Take care and keep enjoying the countryside



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you might like  
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## Diss Library

Do you suffer from sight loss or know anyone who does? The Norfolk & Norwich Association for the Blind will bring their helpdesk to the library on Fridays 15th and 29th August 2pm–4pm. They can answer your questions and demonstrate gadgets to help around the home, so do drop in to see them.

Our annual Summer Challenge for children of all ages runs through the holidays and there is still plenty of time to join in; this year the theme is the Mythical Maze and children will have a chance to meet some larger than life characters from myths and legends. Keep track of it all on a fold-up poster and complete the maze with stickers from the library. 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.



Events to keep the children amused at the library include a storycafe for younger children on Wednesday 6th August at 10am. You need to book for this event with Diss Childrens Centre on 01379 651768

We are pleased too to welcome the Dogs Trust for a family event of stories, colouring and crafts on Thursday 7th August at 1pm–2.30pm

For information on all our events and services visit: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries), or call Diss library on 01379 642609. For mobile library dates and details call 01603 222267 or follow the links to mobile libraries on our website

### OPENING HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9–5  
Tuesday, Saturday: 9–1  
Wednesday: 9–1; 2–7.30.

## Harleston & Waveney Festival

Saturday 16th August – Monday 25th August

The headline act this year is a trumpet and organ recital by the world famous Crispian Steele-Perkins and the internationally acclaimed Adrian Lucas

### Something for everyone:

- Music from Sole Bay Strings
- River Art Trail with Waveney & Blyth Arts
- Art Show with Wortwell Art Group
- An evening with Star Wars Sculptor Brian Muir
- Kids Craft Dragon & Fairy Activities with Fiona
  - Illustrated Talks
  - Prior's Croft Open Day
  - Kids Photography Competition
  - Teen Disco
  - Archive Film Show
  - Poetry Afternoon
- The Big Sing at St Johns Church
- A picnic by the river at River Waveney Study Centre, Earsham
- Harleston Museum commemorating WW1
  - Billingford Windmill Talk & Tour
  - Hidden Harleston with Gordon Lascelles
  - Photographic Display by Ian Carstairs
  - University of York Brass Band Concert
  - Open Gardens
- Harleston U3A Ukulele Appreciation Society
  - Busking with Drummy
- Music Weekends at the Swan Hotel with Lee Vasey Band and Eva Black
- Vintage & Classic Cars & Tractors Parade
  - Bank Holiday Family Fun Day
- Companion Dog Show at the recreation ground

For the latest information, times, directions and full Festival Guide

[www.harlestonandwaveneyfestival.co.uk](http://www.harlestonandwaveneyfestival.co.uk)

Box office:  
07769 652340 or 01379 852221

Diss Team Ministry writes...



## Worship, the bedrock of a Christian life...

I once heard two clergymen, who were close to retirement, talking about life after parish work. One said

'I'm not going to church any more – I've had enough. I want to stay in bed on Sundays.' The other was different.

'I am going to go to church, sit in the back pew and criticise the vicar just as people had a go at me'.

Sadly, that conversation actually took place. How sad. To stop worshipping, when that is our Christian duty, or to go to church simply to criticise another person can never be Christian.

The Christian life makes great demands on all of us – lay or ordained. The easy way is not to follow Christ – opt out and do what you want, some would say. I actually believe that to try and live the Christian life is the best way to live. It also means that we must take an active part in worship – a time when Christians all come together to give praise to God and receive His blessing. If we really believe that Jesus really said 'Do this to remember me' then attendance at the Eucharist is never an option but always something we need to do, ought to do, want to do and enjoy doing. We need to keep an open mind as to what God wants to say to us in worship, so if we fail to attend we reduce the chance of Him speaking to us.

So, whether on holiday, nearing or after retirement, whether in full time work, or busy at home – for a Christian, worship is a priority and a time to express our love for other Christians – not a time to criticise them.

In worship we can enjoy being with God and sharing with our fellow Christians – a good idea, not just on Sundays but at other times as well.

Rev John Curtis

## TEAM MINISTRY

### Welcome

Welcome to the Revd Deborah Hamilton-Grey and husband Michael. A coach load of people from Diss Team travelled to the Cathedral on 5th July for the ordination service for Deborah and six other new deacons. It was a wonderful occasion and we were thrilled to hear Deborah's voice at the close of the service announcing the dismissal.

After her first service in Diss on Sunday 6th, Lophams' Village Hall was the setting for a Welcome Lunch. Well over 80 people from all six parishes came along to a very happy gathering, with wonderful food as well as excellent company. It was lovely to see Deborah moving round, aiming to speak to every single person. We send grateful thanks to all who provided savouries or sweets, and who helped make the event so successful.

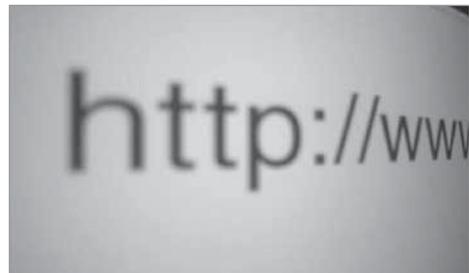
### Annual Meetings

The various meetings for Bressingham, Fersfield and the Lophams have all been completed recently. There was one churchwarden change this time – Richard Vere stood down at Fersfield, and Richard Hewitt was elected to serve. All the churchwardens are listed in the centre of the magazine, so please contact one if you need to be put in touch with members of the Ministry Team.

### Team Ministry Website

The address is printed under the Team logo on the services page; do visit the website to see just what is on offer across 'The Team'.

There is a link there to Cock Crow!



## BRESSINGHAM NEWS

### Church News

Spring has turned to summer and with it changes have come in the church too. On July 6th we welcomed Deborah Hamilton-Grey and her husband Michael into the fold. Deborah has taken up the post of Curate replacing John Pares. We look forward to working with her in our churches.

The process of restoring the church porch continues. The planning permission to change the covering on the porch and south isle from lead to zinc is now with South Norfolk Council. We have included the south isle as lead has been stolen from here previously and one application will cover them both. This is the last hurdle. The architect has also approached some builders for estimates.

Two weddings have taken place recently. The first was Ben Mark of Oak Tree Farm to Joanna Hulme and the second Jamie Pretty to Amy Kempster. Amy is the granddaughter of Mrs Vera Hubbard. They were both really lovely country weddings and the church on both occasions looked delightful.

Sadly, we have also lost two village residents. John Hughes of High Road, husband of Myrna died in June having suffered from motor neurone disease for some time. We would like to send our deepest sympathy to Myrna and her family.

Jackie Kennedy of Wilney Green has also lost her fight against cancer. Having been given six months to live three and a half years ago she really did give it her all to see her sons grow up a little more. Her husband Tom, sons Ben and Alex have been very brave. We send them too our deepest sympathy.

Diana

### Parish Council

The July meeting was held in Fersfield Church with 7 Councillors and 7 parishioners present.

After opening procedures Chairperson Mrs Delasalle said that the position of Vice-Chairman must be filled. Mrs Pearce was nominated and elected.

A discussion followed about what should be included in the Parish Council starter pack and the code of conduct.

Requests for donations; it was agreed to consider different charities before a final decision was taken.

It was agreed that rent for grazing land at Pipers Piece should be reduced for a fixed period and that the tenant will be responsible for weed clearance.

A request was made to allow the Fersfield Meadow to have 5 grass cuts per year.

To improve the way Councillors reach decisions on planning applications it was suggested that monthly meetings be held mainly for this purpose.

Some members of the public then voiced their views on the Council's decision regarding the application for a change of use at the Chequers and objections were expressed at the loss of the pub. Strong opinions were heard and after lengthy discussions the Council voted to reverse their earlier decision and support the proposal that it should remain a pub as an asset to the community.

### Village Hall

Bressingham Drama Group is performing the play 'Madame Blavatsky Lives' at the village hall on Thurs 18th Sept, Fri 19th and Sat 20th September. Bar and doors open 7pm. Performance 7.30pm

The play is about three long term friends and a psychic and the ensuing results. Tickets from the village shop or 01379 688375 £5 on Thursday, £6. Friday and Saturday. Note: There is strong language.

A mini Fete will take place on Saturday 6th Sept in the village hall starting at 2pm. Full details will be available from the Village Shop during July.

There will be a QUIZ held in the village hall during August, for date and details ring: 01379 688452.

Macmillan Coffee Morning with games and a raf-



fle will be held on Saturday 4th October. 10am–1pm at the home of Brenda and Ken Webb, 6, Common Road, Bressingham. All Welcome.

## FERSFIELD NEWS

### Church News

In late July, the Diss Team Ministry welcomed our new curate, Deborah Hamilton-Grey, and her husband Michael, and we look forward to welcoming them to a Fersfield event once Deborah has had some time to settle into her new role.

In our last edition, we told you that Richard Vere was retiring as Churchwarden. I am delighted to say that his replacement is Richard Hewitt, who is already making a significant contribution as a member of our PCC.

*Cock Crow*; Maureen Webb has decided to retire as Fersfield's CC correspondent. Thank you Mo for all the care you have taken in carrying out this role over so many years, it has been much appreciated. Richard Hewitt has kindly agreed to take over with immediate effect.

*The Churches Bike Ride* is on Saturday 13 September, from 9–5, and there are sponsor forms just inside the Church for anyone who would like one.

*Harvest Festival*; our Fersfield Harvest Festival will be at 4pm on Sunday 5th October. Deborah Hamilton-Grey (our new Curate) will lead the service and Richard Hewitt will give the address. There will be refreshments and we hope you will join us.

*Facebook*; we have created a Facebook page for the Church [www.facebook.com/fersfieldchurch](http://www.facebook.com/fersfieldchurch) so that we can keep you up to date with both community and church events and to enable you to follow the progress being made to install the new heating system. By the time you read this, we hope to have received photos from our two summer weddings and a baptism. If you could please 'Like' us, that would be great, thanks!



## Maintenance and progress

The first part of our electrical/heating upgrade was completed on 1st July, when the three-phase power connection was installed. This means that the actual installation of the infra-red heaters, can now proceed. The new power installation involved putting in new cabling from the street power-line in a manner more appropriate to a precious medieval building, and putting in new fuse, metering and consumer unit equipment.

Considerable thanks are due to UK Power Networks and Eon for their advice and outstanding craftsmanship and to the church's electrical contractors, Scole Electrical, for the internal connections and expert project management. Huge gratitude is also due to all those people who have worked so hard to provide the considerable (and more still needed!) funding required for this ambitious project.

We also now have a beautifully internally-decorated South Porch. This has been lovingly cleaned and finished in multiple coats of traditional white lime wash. For this, we are grateful to Amanda and Michael Harper, very recently married in St Andrew's. Those getting married in St Andrew's - or planning other 'personal' services - will choose their flowers and the church's floral team will help plan and then create the floral arrangements for them. For this, a donation is often made towards a current project. Amanda and Michael's wonderful gift was the internal re-decoration of the porch.

We are working steadily towards our goal of updating our facilities, presenting our beautiful church in its full glory, and providing our community with a pleasant and comfortable multi-use resource.

## Other news items

The weather-cock that resides on the pinnacle of our steeple was brought to earth in a storm earlier in the year. We are working with our insurers and contractors to put him back, but the process is lengthy!

Our quinquennial inspection with the Archdeacon and Rector will have occurred on 23 July: we hope to report on this in the next issue.

Work continues to present the Church meadow as a fine recreational resource for people of all ages. We are grateful to the committee who maintain it and the Parish Council for continued support.

# LOPHAMS NEWS

## St Andrew's Primary School

St Andrew's pupils and staff are fast approaching the end of the summer term.

Pupils have continued to extend their sporting skills by taking part in cluster Rounders, Kwick cricket and holding their annual summer sports day. St Andrew's were thrilled to come first in their league at Cluster Rounders showing skill and determination as they won a series of games!

St Andrew's made a valuable contribution to the Chyme Concert in Diss in early June with performances from the choir, recorders and flute soloist.

Clubs this term include Art, Film and Performing Arts.

St Andrew's also entered a team of Year 6's into the Diss Rotary Quiz and were thrilled to come first. They are now busy preparing for the next round.

Curriculum enrichment activities this term have included Reception, Year 1 and 2 having a visit from a palaeontologist and going to the Dinosaur Park, Year 3 and 4 learning Egyptian Dancing and going to Egyptian Workshops at Castle Museum and Year 5 and 6 enjoying their residential at Hill Top!

Following the success of the Pamper Night at Lopham's Village Hall, Friends of St Andrew's School are now planning their summer fair for Saturday 12th July, 3-5pm. Please do come and join us as there will be a range of stalls and games, a BBQ and bar!

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@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk) We would love to hear from you!

*Louise Norgate, Executive Headteacher for All Saints and St Andrew's Federation working in partnership with Hapton*

## St Andrew's Pre School

During the weeks leading up to the end of term, Pre-school children enjoy opportunities to join the 'big' school, so that those joining Reception in September will feel at home when the great day arrives! Any

new residents with children approaching their 2nd birthday, or a bit older, are warmly invited to get in touch with the Pre-school staff to arrange a visit, with a view to joining us next term. We have lots of equipment for use both indoors and out, and offer your child a safe way to make friends with those they may then grow up alongside.

We are running a mobile recycling initiative, so if you have an old mobile languishing in a drawer, let us take it off your hands and turn it into much needed pennies and pounds for the pre-school.

Our sessions are on Mondays 8.45-11.45, and Wed/Thurs 8.45-15.15. Do note that ALL 3 years olds are entitled to 15 hours free sessions each week.

As always, we encourage prospective parents to drop in, view the setting and meet our team. Please note our new contact number is 07854 091257

## Lophams' Ladies

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

At our June meeting, Sarah Rochfort brought along her Celtic Harp and played a selection of Welsh, Irish and Scottish music. As well as telling us some of the history of the instrument, she also gave us the opportunity to 'have a go' as she herself only took up playing the harp in her 'retirement' years.

At our annual Jumble and Bric a Brac Sale we raised over £170 and thanks go to all who contributed in any way.

On July 1st, on a glorious summer's afternoon, we visited Fuller's Mill Garden near West Stow. This beautiful garden by the River Lark, created over 50 years ago by Bernard Tickner and his wife, is well worth a visit. On 5th August, we have invited Peter Dudley to give a talk on the work of the Citizen's Advice Bureau. There will be a 'bring and buy' stall at this meeting.

Looking ahead to September 2nd, we have a talk about family tree research; 'Tears and Laughter' given by Christine Humphries.

Once again newcomers and visitors are always welcome, phone 01379 687337 for details.

*Kate Briggs*



## Lophams' Garden Club

Meets at Blooms of Bressingham Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

On June 11th we enjoyed an evening visit to Furze House Gardens in Rushall. We were warmly welcomed by the owners Phil and Chris Greenacre, and then given a guided tour of their 2 acre garden which is full of informal island beds packed with perennials, shrubs and trees including some unusual and rarely seen varieties.

On July 2nd we welcomed Gabby Reid who talked about 'Growing and Using Seasonal Flowers'. Gabby brought along a variety of flowers she had grown in her 1-acre garden and, whilst telling us about how she grows her plants, she formed them into a beautiful relaxed and natural bouquet. She very kindly donated this to our raffle and one lucky winner was able to take it home to enjoy.

Looking further forward, on 6th August we shall visit Thorncroft Clematis Nursery: the cost of this visit will be £5 and we shall be making our own travel arrangements. For further information please call 01953 681989.

We look forward to welcoming David Bolton to our meeting on 3rd September. David will give a presentation entitled 'Beauty in Norfolk'.

*Pat Young*

## Holy Bingo

It is always good to see new faces - especially in the summer holiday months. Do join us at the Village Hall on 4th August & 1st September at 2pm, for some light hearted fun and banter. Please telephone 01379 687679 if you need help with transport.

## Village Games

Many congratulations to all 45 people who turned out for the Lophams' team in the recent Village Games, held in the North of our District, and managed to retain the Champions' Trophy, making it three in a row. What a Hat-trick!! Our very best wishes go with them for continued success in this summer's County Finals.

An extra 'Thank you' to Jim Pursehouse who does all the chivvying and organising.

## Lophams' Village Hall

It was good to see new faces at the recent Village Hall AGM, especially with offers of practical help!

During the summer, we plan to do some refurbishments to the toilet provision for the less able, and to the storage cupboard area, to make it much more pleasant and user friendly.

## Advance Notice

The Osiligi Troupe of Maasai Warriors have been booked to perform at the hall on the afternoon of 11th October.

The Troupe's music is incredible, mesmerising to hear and certainly fascinating to watch. This is an opportunity to experience and enjoy the diverse culture of the Maasai.

Posters and banners with full details will appear in September, but please book the date NOW!

*The Lottery* is a fun way to support the hall development fund, with three chances each month of winning a prize. Recent winners of the Lottery draw are May: first prize of £178, J Vere; second prizes of £44.50, P Blanchet, J Pursehouse. In June the winners were: first prize £182, K Hatton; second prizes of £46, D Blanchard, D Jury. 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 the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am till 12.30pm. Coming Markets are on 26th July and 23rd August. (Details from Mike on 01379 687235)

*Judo* is on Mondays and Wednesdays. Details from Howard on 1379 688 258

*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 Jennifer on 01379 687882 for more details.

*Yoga with P*: we hope will return in the Autumn – Watch this space!

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

## Events at Redgrave & Lopham Fen



**Guided fen walks** Sats 2 Aug, 6 Sept, 10.30am–1pm. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with naturalist John Hill. £3 Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

**Wildlife Watch Group** Sats 12 July, 9 Aug, 13 Sept, 10.30am–12.30pm. A club for 6–12yr olds, £1. Contact Mike Wraight 01379 644508

**Summer holiday activities** *Family events, £2.50 per person.* Tues 29 July, 2pm–4pm, Pond dipping/Tues 5 Aug, 2pm–4pm, Mini-beast safari/Tues 12 Aug, 10am–12noon, Hedgehogs/Weds 13 Aug, 10am–12noon, 'Where the Wild Things Are'/Tues 19 Aug, 10am–12noon, Reptiles and amphibians/Weds 20 Aug, 10am–12noon, Teddy bears' picnic/Weds 27 Aug, 2pm–4pm, Treasure Hunt *Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential 01379 688333*

**Activity days** £6 per child, £10 for 2 siblings Weds 30 July, 10am–2pm, Investigating invertebrates/Weds 6 Aug, 10am–2pm, Bushcraft Booking essential 01379 688333

**Art Exhibition** Sat 23, Sun 24 & Mon 25 Aug, 10am–4pm. Artwork by local artists inspired by nature. Free entry. Refreshments available.

**Adult courses: Botanical Illustration** Sat 26 July, 20 Sept, 10am–3pm. Illustration techniques with the emphasis on botanical accuracy. With botanical illustrator, Christine Grey-Wilson. £25/£21.50. Booking essential 01473 890089



## NORTH LOPHAM NEWS

### Parish Council

9th July 2014. Apologies: Councillor Bird. Public present: 5

Chair for this meeting and until next meeting: Councillor Hammond

New Councillor: Mrs Loraine Makowski-Heaton was introduced; she fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Mrs Potter.

Solar Farm: Breckland planning committee considered the Whitebreads Farm application at its meeting on 7th July. The unanimous decision was to refuse permission.

Risk Management: Health and safety; the burial ground, mere and trees continue to be monitored.

Flashing Speed Sign: is now in operation. A rota has been established to move it between 3 approved sites at 4 weekly intervals. H&S instruction has been given and Hi Vis waistcoats supplied.

War Memorial Cleaning: Quotations have been obtained from 2 firms; £2780 + VAT includes lettering (£2020 + VAT without lettering) and £895 – decision deferred until the details of this quotation are confirmed.

Highways: Rangers contacted again re clearing grass from pavements. RGM will start cutting grass in Jubilee Lane and continue to cut Primrose Lane. Hedges in both need cutting, council initially to contact adjoining landowners re this.

Parking on Verges: Residents are asked not to obstruct footpaths by parking on grass verges.

Overhanging Trees and Hedges: Residents are reminded that they are financially liable for injuries to pedestrians if caused by their trees or hedges growing across footpaths. The property owner is responsible for preventing their hedges from obstructing footpaths.

Pond Clearance: Thanks to Eric and Leslie Bird, Heather and Gerald Potter, and Simon Blyth for clearing the fallen tree from the pond.

Finance: Funds are available for cleaning the war memorial. If significant surplus funds remain, a village questionnaire will be circulated to identify a suitable use for them.

Federation of Hapton, All Saints Winfarthing and St Andrew's North Lopham primary schools: There were no objections to the proposal.

Open Space: Pond and Village Hall Field are identified as the only public open spaces in the village.

North Lopham Village Charities: There is a vacancy for a trustee, J Crossley volunteered, the clerk to the trustees, M Birchall, will check eligibility.

Next meeting 10th Sept 2014

### North Lopham Methodist Church

It is with very heavy hearts that we must report the decision to close North Lopham Methodist Chapel, with a view to selling the property. The 4th Wednesday informal service in July will be the last one in that venue. However, there are plans to keep the Methodist presence very much alive in the village, with a similar monthly service held in St Nicholas' Church after the Summer holiday – still a Methodist occasion, organised by them, just a different venue.

There will be one last big Service in the Chapel on Saturday 9th August at 3pm, to give thanks for over 200 years of worship and witness in the building, so we hope many local residents will join with Methodists from across the region, for a last special time in this beautiful setting.

### St Nicholas' Church

Pentecost, marking the Birthday of the Christian Church was celebrated with a birthday Service at 11am, at which all the children enjoyed balloons, cake and fun after the worship. Sadly, Bishop David Gillett was unwell so the Healing Service was cancelled. Evensong was led by the home team.



*Annual Meetings*: At the recent meetings, churchwardens Alan Briggs and Richard Vere agreed to continue in office, as did the members of the Church Council. We thank them for all they do for the church; they in turn thank everyone in the community for the greatly valued ongoing support.

## Social Scene

*Friday Night is SNYSB Night* The Band members, though very young at the moment, were in very good form for the annual visit to St Nicholas' (23rd May). The audience was treated to a great range of music, including a 'Disco' item which had some of the audience dancing in the aisle; one churchwarden showed off some Irish dancing steps in the second half! At the end Penny from Fenner's conducted the whole of 'swing the Mood' with great confidence.



A very happy evening raised £263 for our funds and £35 for SNYSB, who were also very pleased to sell 11 copies of their recent CD.

*Ryan Lewis in Concert* St Nicholas' Church was packed for the 'Concert in Memory' (30th May). The choir stalls were used and extra chairs were set up in the tower and every available space. Over 125 people were treated to a wonderful programme of classical music ranging from Beethoven and Brahms to Faure and John Rutter. Ryan was joined by two of the 'Super Six' of several years ago: Jimmy Sunderland on trumpet and Lucy Burbridge on flute, plus newcomer Sophie Bowes with her beautiful Italian harp. Many thanks to all four! Thanks too to the team who provided a delicious light supper in the interval.

With the help of an excellent raffle, the evening raised £1,263 directly; donations to the on-line page set up by Ryan added a further £756 (plus £125 Gift Aid) from friends too far away to attend, so the final total was £2,144, all of it sent to Pancreatic Cancer Action – a truly fantastic result. We can only pray that awareness and research will soon find ways to combat a terrible illness.

Many thanks to all those who made this possible.

*Coffee Morning* Held at Jean & Chris's home, July 2nd, was a wonderful sunny summer day in lovely surroundings. Special thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in any way – by donating goods, helping behind the scenes or coming along to take part, and help to raise £540 for church funds. We are very grateful to Jean and Chris for their welcome and hard work.



August is traditionally quieter in church as the harvest on the land takes place and holidays are the order of the day. We do hope all those who go away travel safely and enjoy the change. We extend a warm welcome to all who will visit the area, and assure them how pleased we would be if they join us for a service, or just come to see the lovely buildings.

September sees a return to busyness:

The Churches Sponsored Bike Ride is on Saturday 13th, from 9am to 5pm. All are invited to have a great day out, getting fit (?), visiting some of the most wonderful buildings and helping to raise funds for their upkeep. This year, for the very first time, driving between churches is allowed as well, but do, please, keep safe. There are sponsor forms and full details in each of the churches.



Lophams' Harvest Luncheon will be on Sunday 21st September, in the Village Hall at 1pm. Tickets and full details will be available throughout August from PCC members, so get yours in good time, and come to a delicious meal in very good company.

## SOUTH LOPHAM NEWS

### St Andrew's Church News

Thank you to all who helped and came to support, St Andrew's Church Coffee morning. A total of £132.00 was raised for Church funds. The PCC would like to congratulate Peter Reeder who recently received a British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, it is so well deserved.

During the weekend of 12th and 13th July, St Andrew's Church had a flower festival to celebrate God's Garden. All the inspirational floral arrangements were created by local people and the festival was most successful. During the weekend a plant stall, tombola and refreshment tent helped to boost funds and the tower was open for anyone able to make the climb. The PCC wishes to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the weekend such a success. The festival raised over £1,000 all of which will go towards running St Andrew's Church.

### Friends of South Lopham Church

The Friends held a Strawberry Tea at South Lopham Hall by kind permission of Mr and Mrs David Burroughes on 29th June. The sun shone and everyone who came enjoyed the beautiful garden, strawberries and cream, scones and tea. Bowls was played and the funds raised will help maintain our Church.



### South Lopham Parish Council

Meeting 10th July at Valley Farm, Low Common.

John Crisp was in the Chair. The clerk, Mrs Phillips gave a brief financial report and various regular payments were ratified or approved.

Mrs Martin, who had given her apologies, provided a written report concerning the refusal by Breckland Council planning committee for planning permission in respect of a solar farm at Whitebreads Farm, South Lopham. It was noted that planning permission for alterations at Pansthorpe Farm had

been granted subject to conditions. A further application for planning permission has recently been received for two agricultural buildings on land at Pooley Street.

Jim Pursehouse drew to the council's attention that the state of the highways, especially filling of potholes, on the majority of highways remains a source of concern and the County Council rangers are to be notified again.

The clerk was in touch with North Lopham Parish Council regarding proposals for cutting and maintenance of Primrose Lane.

The clerk outlined the contents of the open space audit letter received from Breckland Council; the councillors decided that this was inapplicable in the case of South Lopham.

Next meeting Thursday 4th September 2014 Valley Farm

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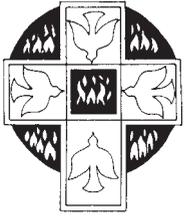
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	Burston	Gissing	Shelfanger	Tivetshall	Winfarthing
August 3	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP
August 10	8.00 HC	(Join Tivetshall)	11.00 MW	11.00 MP	9.30 MP
August 17	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	8.00 HC	9.30 HC	10.00 VC
August 24	11.00 MS	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	(Join Gissing)	9.30 HC
August 31					10.30 5/P HC
September 7	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP
September 14	8.00 HC	(Join Tivetshall)	11.00 MW	11.00 MP	9.30 MP
September 21	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	8.00 HC	9.30 HC	11.00 H
September 28	3.00 H	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	(Join Gissing)	9.30 HC
October 5	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP

FS/Chp Family Service at Chapel | MW Morning Worship | FS Family Service | HC Holy Communion | MP Morning Prayer | 5/P 5 Parish Service | VC Village Church | 4SS Fourth Sunday Service | MS Morning Service | H Harvest

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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 3rd Aug Trinity 7	No Service	4pm ES	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service
Sun 10th Aug Trinity 8	9.30am HC	No Service	11am 4pm FS ES	No Service
Sun 17th Aug Trinity 9	4pm EP	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC
Sun 24th Aug Trinity 10	No Service	9.30am HC	11am FS	4pm ES
Sun 31st Aug Trinity 11	Fifth Sunday: 10.30 HC at Diss for all; MPW at 4pm; ES at 6pm			
Sun 7th Sept Trinity 12	No Service	4pm ES	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service
Sun 14th Sept Trinity 13	9.30am HC	No Service	11am 4pm FS ES	No Service
Sun 21st Sept Trinity 14	4pm ES	No Service	Harvest at Sth Lop	11am Harvest S
Sun 28th Sept Trinity 15	No Service	9.30am HC	11am FS	4pm ES
Sun 5th Oct Trinity 16	No Service	4pm Harvest S	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

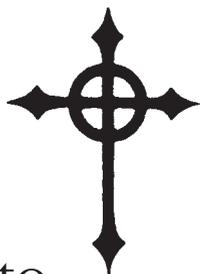
**Morning Prayer:** At present is at 8.30am on Monday and Tuesday at North Lopham and on Thursday at South Lopham in addition to the service held each weekday in St Mary's, Diss at 8.30am.

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

**Fellowship/Country Connect Group:** Meets on some 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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## Who decides on what is to be published?

I was intrigued by a remark that Bishop Graham, Lord Bishop of Norwich, recently made to a group of Local Clergy and Lay Readers; regarding what national newspapers regard as important enough to print! He gave a few examples. Bishop Graham had been on duty at the House of Lords, sitting with the Lord's spiritual; if I remember correctly, he spoke on the topic of homelessness, international affairs, the sorry plight of a young Pakistani girl and another important subject. Each subject was equally important, but what was printed in the papers was his remarks about bats! I suppose the combination of a Bishop and bats may produce a few laughs. What is important in life, values? Or a cheap laugh?

I learnt the lesson about what the media deems to publish in 1971 and the 'Festival of Light' march from Trafalgar Square to Hyde Park Corner in London. The sight of approximately 50,000 young Christians kneeling in prayer in Hyde Park was not news worthy for the evening news; but the fact that 2 stink bombs had been let off by Hells Angels et al (roughly 200 people) was on the evening news. Who decides the news item for the day?

Another comment that the Bishop made was regarding the use of numbers, and how the numbers of members involved with various organisations is dropping alarmingly. I did not appreciate that the membership of the Conservative party has dropped from 2million to 200,000. That the membership of the Labour party has also dropped to around 200,000 and the figures for the Liberal Democrats is around 65,000. Add all these figures together, then double them, and still more Christians take Holy Communion on a Sunday on a cold wet February day.

Rev David F Mills

## BURSTON NEWS

### Burston Church Gift Day

We thank everyone who has donated to our Church costs so far. Without your gifts we would not be able to keep going.

While the Friends of Burston Church work hard at putting on events to raise money to maintain the Church fabric and insurance costs, monies from donations and standing orders go towards paying for the ministry, unless otherwise specified. This includes our yearly contribution of £6,400 to the diocese, our rector's expenses, utilities, church yard maintenance and our PCC costs.



The Church will be open to receive gifts (refreshments provided) on Saturday 16th August from 10–4. The enclosed standing order form and yellow envelope can be brought to the Church on Gift Day so that we may thank you personally, or placed in the letterbox of Crewbeare (corner of Rectory Road and Diss Road).

Thank you for all the ways you support the Church and may you be blessed in your giving.

*Keith Baxter, Treasurer of St Mary's PCC*

### Remembering August 4th 1914

Pausing to remember those who went to war in 1914, (and it was a volunteer army!) is such a small thing to do. The sacrifices made for us demand a life of gratitude and service. We invite you to light a candle of remembrance in Burston Church on Monday 4th August. The Church will be open from 8am-6pm.

### Jazz Barbeque – Saturday 6th September

Tickets are on sale for this event organised by the Community Action Team and to be held on Church Green the day before the Strike School Rally. Music will be by the Norfolk Dixieland Jazz Band, which has been sponsored by BOCM PAULS, Sir Rupert Mann, TWP Designs and Calton Bros. There will be music at this family event from 6pm–10pm.

A beer tent is being provided by the Burston Crown. Ticket price of £5 (children under 12, £3) includes a burger, a banger, a salad stick and sweet.

Contact Nigel 01379 644788, Keith 01379 640405, Lindsey 01379 741278 or Liz 01379 740757

### Obituary

Geoffrey Arthur Cattermole 1926-2014

Geoffrey, the second to last of seven children, was born on 26th July at the Eagle and Child Beer House in Shimpling, where his parents worked for Lacon's Brewery. He went to school in Burston and grew up with the local boys. For the first six months of his working life Geoffrey worked as a butcher's boy in Scotland. Returning home, he worked on Sir Edward Mann's estate and then at Low Farm, Shimpling, before finding employment under his brother-in-law Douglas Searle who was married to Pamela.

He met and became very fond of their young nanny, Anne, from Hertfordshire and they were married three years later. The Eagle and Child became Eagle House, the Cattermole family home, when Geoffrey bought it from the Brewery. However, Douglas then bought Dickleburgh Hall and asked Geoffrey to be farm manager. He and Anne lived there for ten years during which time Roger was born, then Claire followed by Andrew. They moved back to Eagle House and Geoffrey again worked at Shimpling Place until Douglas retired.

He had a number of jobs, but for the seventeen years before retirement he worked at Tuck's Mill in Burston and had a reputation of having excellent punctuality and a very committed work ethic. This ethic marked his whole life, growing vegetables, keeping chickens and rabbits and doing all sorts of things to provide for his family, which had come to include Abi and Nick after losing their mother. Geoffrey and Anne have played a very significant role in their lives too. Keeping a well disciplined budget allowed Geoffrey a few simple pleasures such as the odd trip to Newmarket to watch the horses run and a small dram of whiskey of an evening.

Sadly, Geoffrey passed away at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on 4th May 2014 and will be very much missed by all those who knew and loved him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anne and the family.

## Luncheon Club

Burston St Mary's Luncheon Club is for retired folk from Burston and the surrounding villages. Members meet in the Church on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Any enquiries to Sybil Peck on 01379 741410

## Youth Café

This is in full swing every Thursday during term time. If you are aged 11–14, come and join us for games, free pizza and milkshake from 3.45–5.15 in the Church.

## Church Hire

If you are interested in hiring St Mary's Church for a special event please contact Anne Hyde on 07733 182525. Tables, chairs and tableware are also available for hire. A buffet can also be provided.

## Burston Chapel

Services: Sunday 11am and 6.30pm

Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays 8pm (call 741816 for details)

Jamie's Gang (school age club): Wednesdays 5–6.30pm, in term time only

## Information Please

To inform the village of a special event or item of local interest please contact Liz McEniff on 01379 742583.

## St Mary's Church

Thank you to everybody who continues to give time, energy and money to keep St Mary's going. There are, of course, too many people to thank personally, but we would struggle without the regular financial support of those who contribute every month, the stalwart Friends of Burston Church, the flower arrangers and all involved in Youth Café and Luncheon Club. This month I would like to single out Pauline Leeder for keeping the church so clean, Terri and Sidney Lockton for their work on the church windows, and Anne and Paul Wells who keep the church pathway clear. Thank you to them.

You might like to put Friday 17th October in your diaries for the fish and chips quiz supper – this is always hugely enjoyable and over-subscribed. If

you would like tickets for any of the Friends' events, please contact Anne Hyde on 07733 182525.

*Rachel Hobson*

## Community Primary School

Class 1 have been learning about habitats and the seaside this half term, writing about animals that live in the ocean and working hard to improve this skill. We are looking forward to activity week where we will be covering the topic of the seaside in more depth. It will also include a visit to Southwold, so we are hoping for good weather!

This half term we have been looking at the World Cup, designing t-shirts, learning about the countries and finding their locations.

The Year 6 children made a lovely meal which was enjoyed by their parents and staff. Thanks to Mrs Botwright for organising this with the children. Year 5 and 6 attended a Rounders tournament at Diss High School and managed to come third in their group. Year 3 and 4 also enjoyed an Athletics event at Diss High school. The term is culminating with a fantastic trip to Tyrrels Wood where the children will be enjoying lots of exciting activities and a trip to Southwold where we will be looking at the history before finishing with a play on the sand. We wish Year 6 all the best for High School and look forward to welcoming the new reception children and also Mrs Kerr who will be back from maternity leave.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer.

## School Cleaner required

We are looking for a cleaner at Burston School. Hours 7–8am to open up school, check heating, grit playground in bad weather and then 4–6.30pm to clean the school, Monday to Friday term time only. If you are interested or like to know any other information, please contact the school on 01379 741256.



# GISSING NEWS

## Gardening Group

The Gissing Gardening Group will be holding its annual 'biggest, widest, longest...' contest at its August 20th meeting. This year's contest is for the 'widest Dahlia bloom'. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun, and any dahlia growers are more than welcome to join the competition.

Programmes later in the year will include Gabbi Reid on her commercial flower and vegetable enterprise in September, the annual 'Gardeners' Quiz' in October, and a programme on Victorian Gardening in November.

The Garden Group will also be manning a produce stall at this year's fete on 24th August. Donations will be most welcome, so anyone with extra garden fruit or vegetable can simply bring it along on the morning of the Fete, and a member of the Group will be available to take it.

The Garden Group, which meets at the old school in Gissing on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, welcomes all comers – anyone with an interest in gardening is encouraged to 'just show up'. Subscriptions, (which pay for programmes), are £2.50 a meeting, and coffee, tea, information and conversation are included in the cost!



## Friends of Gissing Church

In the last edition of Cock Crow we told you that we were waiting to hear from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) about the funding bid, submitted in February. The HLF have agreed that the work on the structure (especially the vestry wall which has had to be 'propped') does indeed need to be done and that 'in principle' we have a good case. However, for vari-

ous reasons (not least high demand for their funds) we have been rejected at this first attempt. We are able to re-apply and therefore will be addressing the sections of the bid where HLF were not happy, with the intention of resubmitting in November this year. Falling at the first hurdle seems to be a pattern from other churches' experience in the region and so, although we are inevitably disappointed, we are not downhearted and will be redoubling our efforts to shape a revised bid, as well as planning to put some 'fun' into fund raising this summer and autumn.

We shall be at the Summer Fete on August 24th as usual, so look out for the various Friends' stalls. Come and see, through a local artist's impressions, the vision the Friends and PCC have for the church in the longer term – provided we can keep the building standing up in the first place!

Early notice for a date for your autumn diary is the Friends' Harvest Breakfast which will be held on Saturday, September 27th from 10.30–12.30 at the Village Hall. All are welcome – do come and start your day with breakfast, the newspapers and the company of friends.

Finally, we remind you that our own recently planted Christmas tree needs continuing 'TLC'. Despite the recent rain, it is still vital to keep it watered over the summer months whilst it establishes itself, so if you are passing the church please will you water it – the bucket can be found on the left hand side of the porch by the water butt. Many thanks.

We continue to be delighted with the support that we have had from the local community, but we are always looking for additional involvement and ideas about how we can maintain and make wider use of our lovely church.

If you would like to know more about the Friends, become a member or have an idea about fund raising, contact Fiona Turton, FOGC Chair, at [fionaturton@btinternet.com](mailto:fionaturton@btinternet.com) or Eddie Scoggins, FOGC Secretary at [eddie.scoggins@live.co.uk](mailto:eddie.scoggins@live.co.uk)

## Heart of Gissing

Please visit [www.heartofgissing.org.uk](http://www.heartofgissing.org.uk) for up to date information about groups, events and what is happening in the centre of the village. In addition, you can google 'Gissing Village Life' and find us, and 'like' us on Facebook.

## Forthcoming fundraising events include:

*Gissing Summer Fayre* Sunday 24th August from 2pm–5pm will this year have a Wizard of Oz theme and will see the return of the popular scarecrow competition in the village with, hopefully, the added attraction of the Tinman, Lion & Dorothy along the yellow brick road. There will be competitions, stalls and music, with all the usual fun and games in addition to food and refreshments. For further information, contact Kelly on 01379 674511.



## Groups running at present include:

*South Norfolk Time and Place* a series of talks at Gissing Village Hall. For further information, contact Kate Heath of 01379 677504 or email: admin@heartofgissing.org.uk.

*Heart of Gissing Crafter's Cafe* Do you enjoy crafts? Would you like to learn some new skills? Come and join a new group where you can work on your own project, or join in a tutorial/workshop. Meet in the Village Hall between 10 am and 1pm on the second Tuesday each month. There will be a workshop or tutorial session each month with materials provided. Cost: £3 per session to include coffee, cakes and materials.

Aug 12th: Quilting Basics. Getting started with quilt making.

Sept 9th: Dressmaking for Beginners. Learn how to choose and use a paper pattern.

For further details telephone: Anne Reynolds 01379 674272 or Kate Heath 01379 677504

*Gissing Children's Centre* (Pre-School and Play-scheme) See below.

*Gissing Baby and Toddler Group* runs in Gissing Village Hall every Monday morning from 10–12. For general information about the group, contact Vicky on 01379 674437 or 07946 212779 or email vhcullum@hotmail.com

*Gissing Youth Club* for 8–13 year olds, runs on selected Tuesdays 6.30–8.30pm (summer times) during term time at Gissing Children's Centre. Anyone interested in helping or who has ideas or skills to share, contact Bernie on 07796 545929 or 01379 677254 or email berniecalton@live.co.uk

*Gissing Reading Group* meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 pm at the Old School. For further information about the group, 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 7.30 pm in Gissing Village Hall. Further information available from Andrew Pierssené on 01379 674518.

*Pilates* continues to run every Wednesday evening from 6.30 pm at the Children's Centre (the Old School). Call Sharon Calton on 07979 411644 or email at sharon@scalton.orangehome.co.uk

*Performing Arts East* offers a variety of dance classes to children from 3 years of age and adults. It runs from both the Children's Centre (the Old School) and from the village hall. For further details, contact Sam on 07825 325100 by email at samiwatt@rocketmail.com

*Weekly Musical Theatre Class* runs every Wednesday from 5 pm at the Village Hall for anyone over 7 years of age. For further details, 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 email at rose@roseeddington.co.uk.

*Stage HOGers:* This local theatre group puts on performances from time to time. Anyone interested in treading the boards, please contact Sam as above.

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

*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 Bernie Calton on 07796 545929 or 01379 677254 or email at berniecalton@live.co.uk.

*Bookings to use The Old School:* contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 (9am to 3pm Monday to Friday during term time) or 07796 204367 out of hours or email – lindamarynash@yahoo.co.uk

## Gissing Children's Centre

Our popular and successful Pre-School, runs Monday to Friday during term time in two, 3 hour long, sessions per day. Any families wishing to bring their children to have a look, are welcome to contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 (9am–3pm during term time) or 07796 204367 (out of hours) or send enquiries to preschool@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk. We are currently reserving places from September 2014, but we operate a waiting list so will aim to meet your requirements, and hold places, wherever we can.

Do visit our facebook page to see what we have been up to.

The Children's Centre plans to run Playschemes for primary school children on Thursday 31st July, Friday 1st, Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th August. The cost will be £15 per child and sessions will now run from 9–3.30pm. Places are bookable and payable in advance, by ringing 07531 810704 or by emailing: playscheme@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk Children will need to bring a packed lunch and some money for tuck. A wide range of crafts, cookery and other workshops, construction, sand and various play opportunities, both indoors and outside, will be on offer including multi-skills and sports activities outdoors by Ian Constance Coaching on selected days.



# SHELFANGER NEWS

## All Saints' Church

As a result of meetings held recently, your church council is as follows: Clergy Chairman, Rector David Mills (643646); Mrs Joyce Yates (Lay Chair) (640034); Mrs Sheila Churchyard (651946); Mrs Pam Harries (Sacristan); Mr Peter Harries (Warden) (651524); Mrs Jean Challoner (Hon Treasurer); Mrs Denise Smith (Hon Secretary) (640448); Mr Roger Challoner (Warden) (642286). This Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for the running, maintenance and financing of your church of All Saints'. They need all your prayers and support.

Thank you to all Shelfangarians and others for your continued contribution of metal foil, cans and computer cartridges. These items are collected by Pat and John Webster and turned into a valuable contribution to CORD who organise self-help solutions in health, nutrition and farming across Africa and Asia.

This scheme is an important part of your church's financial help to organisers of voluntary services often locally based. These include Diss Day Centre, Diss Visually Impaired People's Club, Diss & District Gateway Club, Norwich Night Shelter and EACH.

Finally, our belated thanks to both Mrs Anne Lord and Mrs Joyce Yates for organising two excellent Lent Lunches following which we were able to forward £100 to EACH and Age Concern (Diss Day Centre) respectively.

Have you noticed that the church notice board is missing? It has not been vandalised but is undergoing repair and remake after slowly deteriorating over recent months and becoming very 'moderate' as they say in Norfolk. This work is being handled by Mr Ivan Cotton.

## Looking forward

The annual Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride is to be held this year on Saturday 13th September from 9am to 5pm. This is a sponsored ride or walk on a chosen route between chapels and churches in the

area. All churches and chapels in Norfolk and Suffolk will be open. The ride can be an adventure for individuals and families with all monies raised going toward the repair and restoration of these buildings. Interested? Details from Roger on 642286.

Shelfanger's Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 5th October at 11am. Do come to this wonderful, rural and agricultural service, especially if you garden or farm in the parish.

## Church Visitors' Book

There are some fascinating entries in the Visitors' Book. Watch out for details in the next issue.

## Best wishes

We send our very best wishes to all in the parish who are unwell or who are having a difficult time. It's nice to see Paul Bowman getting back on his feet after the sad loss of his wife, Janet. David Lond continues his care in the Depperhaugh, Hoxne and much appreciates the visits made to him by friends from Shelfanger. Mrs Betty Chiles continues her care at the All Hallows Nursing Home in Bungay

## Village Hall

Preparations for the Grand Fete are in progress as this copy is written. A full report follows in the next Cock Crow edition. Refurbishment of the gents toilets and facilities for the disabled is now complete, as is the repair of boundary fencing.

Do you know what activities take place at your hall? Here is a brief summary, you might be interested in one! Monday: dog training (Linda Cooper 01508 536070) Tuesday: Gateway Club for the disabled (Steve Hammond 07776 450091) Wednesday: Diss & District Railway Modelling Club (David Hall 643045) Thursday: Yoga (Jackie Samways 650513) and Pilates (Amanda Cooper 07557 025513) Friday: Short Mat Bowls Kenninghall Club (Richard Lord 640191). In addition, the Social Club is open Friday and Saturday evenings and football played on the pitch during the season on Sunday from 10am to 11.50am. Saturdays and Sundays are popular for private parties and celebrations ensuring that the Hall is in almost constant use.

The hall committee and organiser Mr Colin Mobbs reminds all who are interested that the 2014 Annual Shelfanger Produce Flower and Handicraft Show will be held at the hall on Saturday 23rd August from 2-4pm. Schedules are out now and can be obtained from Colin on 644859.

## Social Club

The weekend of 27th/28th June saw record sales as the real ale flowed for a darts evening and fun quiz night on behalf of Norwich Scope Association. The quiz was organised by Helen and Ashley Christopher and won by the 'Local Yokels' team and raised over £200 for Scope. Thanks to all making the Social Club a renewed success. If you want to know more about the Village Hall or Social Club contact individual organisers or Mr Ivan Cotton on 644006.

## Shelfanger Parish Council

Following the recent Newsletter, the parish council has received offers from two people to help revitalise the parish website [www.shelfanger.com](http://www.shelfanger.com). These kind people are Paul Chambers and Brian Buckle. For the present, if you have any material to go on the parish website or wish to update existing material please email Brian Buckle on [brian@shelfanger.com](mailto:brian@shelfanger.com)



## Friends of Boyland Common

We hope that everyone is noticing how beautiful our regenerating Common is becoming. Spring saw the re-emergence of the Green-winged orchids, keeping alive our hopes that at some time in the future we will once again see the orchids in abundance.

In June, Stella Taylor of Bressingham once again led a wild-flower walk on the Common. Fourteen people were able to enjoy Stella's enthusiasm and wealth of knowledge on a beautiful afternoon. In the space of

just over an hour, 32 different species of flowering plants and grasses were identified. In 2015 we hope to hold a similar event, but this time in May as we will then be able to record the numbers of orchids.

On Saturday September 6th we are holding another of our Family picnic events, starting at 12.30pm. The event is free, although donations are always welcome. People are invited to bring a picnic and spend a little time enjoying the Common together. There will be simple games and activities, and the 'Out on a Wing' falconry will be flying their beautiful birds in what must be an almost perfect setting. We hope that as many people as possible will take time out to enjoy a peaceful hour or two with us.

Further information always available from Pam Ross, Chairman 01379 643563

## Shelfanger Stitchers

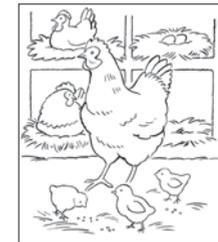
We meet at The Walnuts, Church Road at 2pm on alternate Thursdays and would love to see you. For details please call Helen Green on 652199. If you would like to knit for the group but cannot make the meetings, please ring Helen to see how you can help.



As reported in the last Cock Crow, 1st Dickleburgh Sea Scout Group is still looking to start up another Beaver Section (6 to 8 year olds).

We already have a thriving Beaver Section but it is full to capacity and has a waiting list of 12 youngsters. We also need Cub helpers/assistants (8 to 10+ years) and need someone to help re-start our Scout band with drumming.

If you could help in any way please contact the Group Scout Leader, Paul Playford on 01379 608596 or email: [paul.playford@btconnect.com](mailto:paul.playford@btconnect.com)



## St Mary's Church

A small area around the War Memorial has been cleared and flowers planted in memory of Harry Self, whose ashes were scattered there in April.

## Village News

Over the past year, the area around the Village Hall and the playing field has seen some long overdue maintenance and, although the change has been gradual, the overall effect is a definite improvement. This has now been enhanced by the significant effort made by members of the Tasburgh Football Club, who will be using the field as their Home ground next season. We now have shiny white, and upright, goalposts with bright new nets, and a pitch marked out with white lines. The team would be delighted to have villagers watching their matches, and would love to hear of local youngsters (or adults) interested in going a step further with the game.

More sedentary members of the community may like to know that a fish and chip van now attends the Village Hall car park on Saturday afternoons from around 3.30 'til 7pm.

### Village Hall

Unlike many small villages, the Tivetshall's are lucky to have two large spaces in which activities can take place. We have a wonderful playing field with play area, which is adjoined by the village hall with its large indoor open plan floor area. Many village playing fields have been lost to developers or have been cut from council budgets and a number of halls have fallen into disrepair or now cost too much to bring up to modern standards. Thanks to the historical generosity of local landowners both of these facilities are available to us and indeed are being used more and more. We now have a resident football team who use the playing field and have helped clean up the pavilion and renew the goals and nets and the hall committee will be discussing ways in which we can possibly provide some facilities for home matches.

The play area appears to be a popular destination for youngsters and their families and the hall now plays host to a number of dates for LK's School of Dance with Lynne Bailey teaching classes of all ages from 3 year olds upwards (check out [www.lksschoolofdance.co.uk](http://www.lksschoolofdance.co.uk) to see just how far dance has taken some of her pupils). Our resident indoor bowls club are doing well and have regular matches with other clubs in the area (they are a happy welcoming bunch who enjoy a social occasions with a 'competitive' edge thrown in). The hall also plays host to Pilate's classes and Yoga, and Rainbows still meet regularly during term time. If you are interested in any of the activities that take place in the hall or indeed would like to start a club of your own (the large floor space in the hall would be ideal for a table tennis club for example) please take a look at the details on our web site [www.tivetshallvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.tivetshallvillagehall.org.uk)

I recently went back to the town of Crawley where I grew up, all the open spaces where we used to play as kids and the community centre are gone, and people complain there is nowhere to go, please make the most of what we have here so we never lose it.

*David Evans*

### Tivetshall Primary School

May is traditionally a quiet month as we concentrate on SATs but there was time to hold our annual teddy bears' picnic just before half-term. This event is primarily to welcome our new intake for the following year but is also open to any local under-fives as well as our own children and families. We all had a great time and the weather was very kind. Children (and teddies) took part in many activities, including lots of water play!



Every two years we welcome speakers from The Matthew Project into school to talk about safe choices with drugs, alcohol and smoking. This year was better than ever as Juliet talked to the younger children about a wide variety of safe choices from wearing bicycle helmets to avoiding smoking and only taking medicines given to you by adults. The older children tried on 'beer goggles' and looked at a mock-up of healthy and diseased lungs.

Having previously entered a competition to produce postcards about keeping active and healthy the children won an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of 'messy art'! We are not sure if the playground will ever recover. The postcards were entered into a world record attempt at Newmarket Race Course.

The theme for our Flower Arranging Competition this year was Under the Sea and the standard was higher than ever, especially in Years 4, 5 and 6. The silver cup, which we have been awarding for sixty years (!), was won by Ebony Ayton (who comes from a long line of expert flower arrangers). Well done too, to age group winners Milly and Eden.

Our dance afternoon was a great success; many thanks to Performing Arts East. We hope that they will be able to run a club at the school – Tivetshall's Got Talent! Children in Years 3 and 4 have only just recovered from athletics at Diss High School where everyone tried very hard. Well done to you all.

## WINFARTHING NEWS

### Village Services

These continue on the third Sunday of each month. The September service time is later than usual, 11am, and we will be joined by the choir from All Saints' School.

Contact Jane Marchant on 01379 640502 or Brian Dent on 01953 860535.

Prayer Group contacts are Richard and Mary Livermore on 01379 652951 or [rdlivermore@btinternet.com](mailto:rdlivermore@btinternet.com)

### MoonWalk Success

Anne, together with 4 other ladies 'Walked the Walk' on 10 May in London as Team TASHA. The world-famous event raises funds for the fight against breast cancer, with thousands of participants marching 26.2 miles overnight in wildly-decorated bras!

Even the organisers of this year's event admitted it was the toughest one yet to complete – the weather was freezing and blowing a gale. There were many delays, both starting the event and then making progress along London's streets and across bridges. Anne confesses she was so demoralised for much of the night she very nearly quit! In the end all 5 members of TASHA crossed the finish line at almost the same moment – at 9.32am, after 9½ hours pounding the pavements!

The total raised so far is in excess of £1,500 (£571 from the quizzes) and it's still climbing! Visit <https://moonwalklondon2014.everydayhero.com/uk/team-tasha-2014> to see photos of the team in their costumes and to check on their fundraising progress. The page will continue to accept donations until November. All of Team TASHA say a very, very big Thank You to all who have donated time and/or cash to help make the fundraising so successful. They couldn't have done it without you all.

*Anne Shaw*

### All Saints' Primary School

The school Sports Hall is now completed and was officially opened on Thursday 19th June with a special dedication service in the church.

Thank you to all the friends and parents of the school who supported the Summer Fair. Despite a morning of rain, the fair went ahead and began at noon with the sun shining beautifully from 12.15pm! A selection of family races took place and there was a performance from the school guitar group.

Pupils have continued to extend their sporting skills by taking part in cluster Rounders and Kwick cricket and enjoying their annual sports day.

All Saints' made a valuable contribution to the Chyme Concert in Diss in early June with performances from the choir, hand bell ringers and flute, piano and singing soloists.

Clubs this term include softball, choir, handwriting, guitars, Performing Arts and Boomerang After School club.

Activities this term have included Reception visiting Lopham Fen, Years 1 and 2 having a visit from a palaeontologist and going to the Dinosaur Park, Years 3 and 4 learning Egyptian Dancing and going to Egyptian Workshops at Castle Museum and Years 5 and 6 enjoying their residential trip to Hill Top! Children from Years 1 to 6 have also enjoyed visiting Morrisons as part of their learning about Health Eating.

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 or by e-mail [head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk) We would love to hear from you!

*Louise Norgate, Executive Head Teacher*

*Fancy a Roast Lunch with no Washing Up?*

Join Winfarthing PCC for a  
**Fabulously Cooked Harvest Lunch**

12.30 Sunday 21st September  
Winfarthing Village Hall

after the 11am family service  
at St Mary's Church

Beef or Turkey Lunch & delicious  
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Prizes greatly appreciated.

Contact Vicky 01379 642830 for  
tickets or more information

# *From the Registers*

## **Bressingham Group**

### **BAPTISM**

**Iona Florence Marshall** 29th June,  
Fersfield

### **WEDDINGS**

**Michael Edward Joseph Harper and  
Amanda Jane Thomson** 14th June,  
Fersfield

**Benjamin Perry Mark and Joanna Frances  
Hulme** 21st June, Bressingham

**Jamie Neil Pretty and Amy Dawn  
Kempster** 5th July, Bressingham

**Nicholas Edward Wheatley and Coralie  
Emma Thomson** 19th July, Fersfield

### **FUNERALS**

**Walter Charles Vernon** 9th June, followed  
by burial North Lopham

**Jacqueline Anne Kennedy** 21st July,  
followed by burial Bressingham

**Penelope Podmore** 24th July, followed by  
burial North Lopham

## **Winfarthing Group**

### **CHRISTENINGS**

**Alexander Jordan & Harrison Brown**  
3rd May, Gissing

**Freddy Sosokleous** 4th May, Shelfanger  
**Elliot Leicester** 21st June, Winfarthing  
**Zackery Atkins** 28th June, Tivetshall

### **FUNERALS**

**Neville Jude** 2nd July, Burston

**Roger Rivett** 4th July, Burston

### **INTERNMENT OF ASHES**

**Janet Bowman** 11th July, Shelfanger

### **WEDDING**

**Andrew Barker to Amber Page** 19th July,  
Winfarthing

