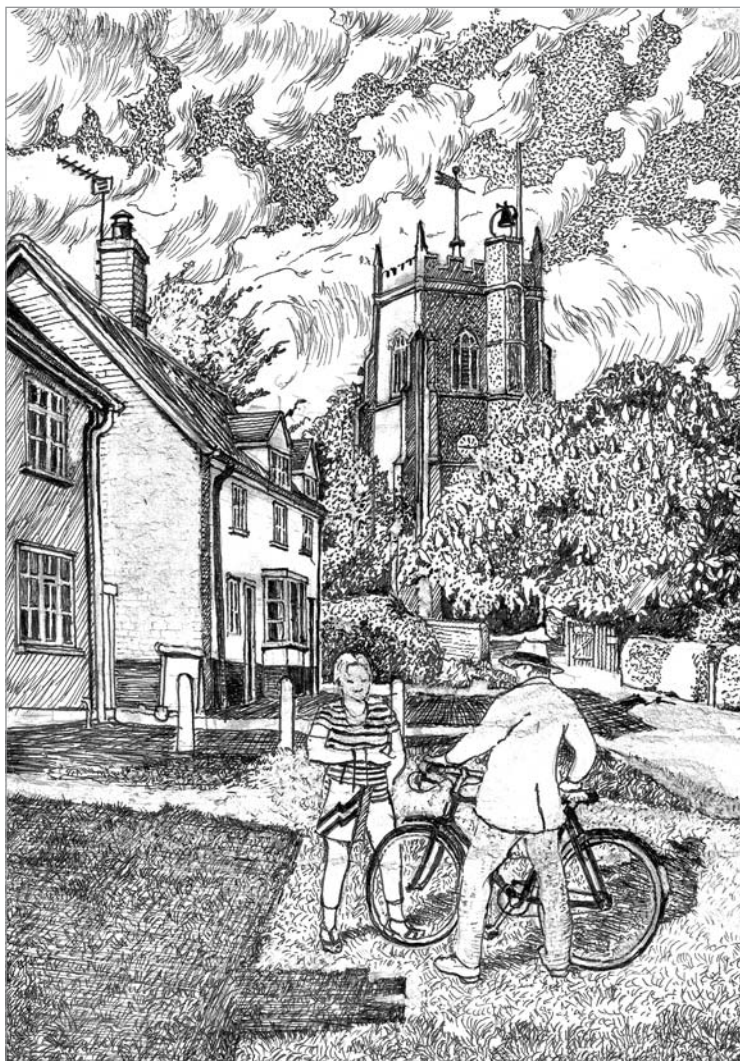
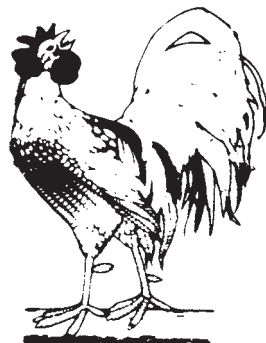


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Spring sunshine at Monks Eleigh, Suffolk



Editors' Notice Board

Campaign to Protect Rural England Norfolk Alliance

CPRE Norfolk is always busy. Among other things, we try to ensure development is appropriate to its location.

CPRE Norfolk is not against all development, more housing is required to meet real need. Affordable homes in villages enable local people to stay near their families and employment; retired residents can downsize.

Across Norfolk, Local Authorities have Local Plans in place which allocate sufficient sites for over 20 more years of construction at current rates. Many more sites are being added into new and emerging plans. CPRE Norfolk wants these new sites to be used only once most of the sites in existing plans are completed. The most appropriate sites will then be built out first, providing homes where they're most needed and saving our countryside's greenfield sites from unnecessary development. Developers, understandably, build to maximise returns,

often preferring attractive rural sites. We urge Councils to ensure that existing sites are built out first, to prevent 'cherry-picking' for profit instead of building for need.

142 Parish and Town Councils across Norfolk have signed a pledge to this effect.

Councils unable to demonstrate a 5 year supply of land for housing are under pressure. New sites are coming on stream in emerging Local Plans. We need more Parish, Town and District Councils to sign our pledge, has yours? To find out visit: <http://www.cprenorfolk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Alliance-Pledge-Signatures.pdf>

No? Please consider asking them to do so.

Contact me at michaelr@cprenorfolk.org.uk

I can also provide advice on other planning issues.

Michael Rayner, CPRE Norfolk Planning Campaigns Consultant

Use It or Lose It – Save our Mobile Library

This monthly service, which has been delivering to our door a good selection of printed and talking books, including Playaways, is under threat. Next year the mobile library budget will be cut by 40%.

Look at your village's pages to check the visit dates and times.

If folk don't use it, the service will go, and those who cannot get to the town will suffer greatly. Please encourage all to make use of this valuable service!

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Hello folks

Well, last time I put paw to paper we were wellie deep in snow – I loved it, went back to puppyhood, poor human not so keen! Since then we have had roads flooded, a heat wave, a massive storm with huge hailstones and now it seems like winter again – what is going on?

However, spring was there all the time; the primroses began to emerge firstly in sheltered spots and then in clumps. The violets didn't want to miss out so they were next, being found where not seen before. Cowslips next, just the odd one or two that seemingly popped up overnight then lots, nodding in the wind and seemingly endless rain.

Now we have a wonderful profusion of celandines, speedwells, purple ground ivy, delicate white stitchwort, red and white dead nettle, hosts of dandelions and, in the allotment 'orchard', a blue carpet of forget-me-not.

The skylarks serenade us on sunny mornings as we cross 'their' patch whilst the yellow hammers show off their acrobatics. We questioned the wisdom of a duck trying out a nest site in tree roots adjacent to a busy lane - wisely abandoned. Watching a barn owl hunting a field two mornings running was magical but beaten by one flying up a track towards us and passing within feet of our heads as we played statues.

Human hated it when we happened upon a crow trying to murder a tiny baby rabbit it had cornered – we charged them down like dervishes – soon put bird to flight but alas rabbit too, just hope it was okay. Loved turning a corner one morning and finding a fox walking towards us; didn't stay to say hello though!

Spring seems to have exploded around us with tree blossom everywhere and leaves unfurling to coat all in green, the verges have goose grass, nettles and cow parsley fighting for space. The fields of oilseed rape seemed to grow overnight into a sea of yellow.

Take care all and enjoy the spring



Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life'

(John 14:6)

I have always been fascinated by this saying of Jesus and especially the Greek translation of the verse; which reads 'I, I am the way, I, I am truth, I, I am the life'. Jesus' absolute confidence in it being the way to God, the truth of God, and the fullness of life in and with God. The verse is even more compelling by saying that no one can go the Father except through him. Not only does Christ make these claims about himself, but by his life, ministry, trial, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension and glorification; HE puts these statements to the test. He talks the talk and walks the walk.

How often in life do people seek meaning and purpose for their life and existence? Whilst here, Jesus is saying HE is the life! Or as St Paul writes 'For me to live is Christ, to die is gain'.

I have a very peculiar view regarding the word truth. The vast majority of people that I know will look at the word 'truth' and immediately think of a concept or an ideal; I apply the word 'truth' to a person, namely Jesus Christ – He who lives out and embodies truth.

In the Gospel of John, we read of Jesus saying 'I have come that they may have life, life everlasting'. The fullness of life is found in union with Him; how the gifts of the Holy Spirit (First Corinthians Chapter 12), faith, healing, wisdom, knowledge and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, (Galatians 5: 22–23) flow through Him – love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, patience and self-control.

How I wish I could live up to these standards; I fail, as many people realise. But I continue to struggle, to ponder, think and act. To God be the glory, great things he has done.

Rev David F Mills
Rector of the Winfarthing Group

BURSTON NEWS

Youth Café

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

Contact number: Stephanie Richardson 01953 887396

Church Hire

If you are interested in hiring St Mary's Church for a special event please contact Rachel Hobson on 07712 670928. Tables, chairs and tableware are 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 5pm–6.30pm, in term time only.

Save our Mobile Library

Visits are every fourth Thursday and the van stops opposite Burston School at around 16.20 for approx 30 minutes (best get there early) before heading back to Norwich. Next visits are 21st June and 19th July.

Burston and Shimpling Parish Council

There is a lot that goes on unseen in Council.

The accounts for last year have been finalised and the audit process is beginning. Dates are being set for the meetings over the next few months. Following the recording of the Council's ownership of the playing field with The Land Registry last year, initial steps are being taken to record ownership of Church Green. There has been a meeting with 'Highways' to discuss repairs and improvements to our roads and with Anglian Water about the progress of the sewerage scheme and their proposals to restore the village to a satisfactory condition when they have finished.

At the Annual Parish Meeting Anglian Water

gave a report, and residents were provided with information about the speedwatch team, the BARN high speed internet that will soon be coming to Burston (we hope), the Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan, the Emergency Plan for Burston and Shimpling, The Community Action Team, and the Oil Group.

The Don Swanton Award, which goes to a person or organisation who have benefitted the residents of the parish of Burston and Shimpling was presented to The Burston Crown. The Crown is not only a very welcoming pub, but Bev and Steve mastermind a lot of charity works. They have raised funds for a powered chair for a mother who lives in the village, who can now take her child to school; they have set up a musical bursary for a youngster to have lessons at a music school in Diss. They received a large number of nominations for the award.

Over the next few weeks it is hoped that the proposed drainage system for the BMX track will be installed. The track tends to flood when the weather is wet, making it unusable. Anglian Water is providing the necessary materials, and grant aid has been secured from The Adnam's Charity, and South Norfolk Council.

The Friends of Burston Church

The 'Friends' is a non-faith organisation which raises funds for the upkeep of the building of St Mary's Church, Burston, which is not only a place of worship but is also Burston's main community space. We are grateful to everyone who contributes to and attends our events to support us in our fundraising activities.

St Georges Day Supper

In April the 'Friends' hosted a very enjoyable evening to celebrate St Georges Day. We had a 'full house' that enjoyed a lovely home cooked meal and were entertained by The Minstrels. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Open Village

It is with regret that we have decided not to hold the open village event this year due to unforeseen circumstances. We are very sorry for any inconvenience or disappointment caused by this decision.

Safari Supper

Tickets are now available at £12 for the Safari Supper which will be held at 7.30pm on Saturday 21st July. We will enjoy a three-course meal where each course is served at a different venue within Burston. This is usually a fantastic evening with good company and superb food and not to be missed. For tickets please contact Christine Stevens Tel 740505 or email c.stevens864@btinternet.com or Norma Ajdukiewicz Tel: 01379 740595 or email normandrew6az@btinternet.com

If you are interested about our events you can now follow us on Facebook by searching for 'The Friends of Burston Church' for updates and information.

Burston School

This half term we have been learning about dinosaurs. The children have been looking for fossils, bringing in discoveries made at home of interesting finds. They have learnt about many different dinosaurs, such as the baryonyx found by William Walker, the older children creating fact files about this discovery. The children have begun to design their own dinosaurs and will begin sculpting these very soon. In science, we have been carrying out an investigation to discover what plants need in order to grow and to be healthy.



This half term, KS2 children have been learning about World War 2. This has included learning about what started the war, who was on which side, what happened during the Blitz and how the war affected the lives of those left behind. In English we have been reading Rose Blanche and The Lion and The Unicorn, both set in WW2 and then used these to help us write our own narrative based in the war. Maths has had a focus back on the four calculations with some children tackling long multiplication and division. We wish the Year 6 children luck for their SATs next week – they have all been working hard and deserve to do well.

GISSING NEWS

Save our mobile library

Please will you do your bit to help to keep the service going for those people who for different reasons are unable to visit their local library? Visits are every fourth Thursday and the van stops at the pull-in on the Burston road between 12.50 and 13.05 approximately. The next visits will be on 21st June and 19th July.

All in an April Evening

On a lovely spring evening we gathered in church to listen to the Pulham Village Orchestra. Before the music even began a rare thing happened. We turned OFF the heating because we were too warm! Then we settled down to enjoy a lively programme of light English and European (guess we're still European for the moment!) classics and a couple of rarities – one a concerto by the little known Italian composer, Sammartini. A very talented 14 year old recorder player, Toby Barnwell, astonished the rapt audience with his nimble fingers and incredible breath control. Claire Duncan and Linda Roy proved perfect duet partners and the gorgeous sound of their flutes shone through the orchestral textures of a piece by Koehler like liquid gold. A good number of people were in church and showed their appreciation in the traditional way, except for two dogs that appeared underwhelmed by it all and slept through the entire concert.

The newly re-positioned roof lights highlighted the detailed craftsmanship of the carved angels beautifully. The hardworking orchestra and audience tucked into a feast after the concert. It was a great success. Thanks to all who were a part of the great team and to Joe for making it happen.

Easter Day

The church was well attended for Easter Eucharist, celebrated by Alma of Tivetshall to whom we are grateful for taking many of our services in recent months. Alma always gives us something to think about in her carefully prepared sermons and we are

fortunate to have her in our team ministry, alongside David and Bryan.

The lovely Easter flowers were arranged by Muriel and Kate – the altar displays in memory of Linda. The Children's Centre's nest basket, with a brood of assorted fledglings from woodpeckers to blue tits preparing for take-off, sat by the pulpit. If any villagers would like to help decorate the church with flowers at any time we'd be pleased to have you on board. You don't need to be an expert, arrangements can be informal and you don't have to use oasis. Flowers can be arranged in your own vase/container for simplicity. Contact Daralyn on 01379 677633 if you'd like to help.

Friends of Gissing Church

Summer Events

We are concentrating on events to celebrate the restoration of the church building which should be completed by 31 July. We are mid-way through the Heritage events programme and everyone who attended the Pulham Orchestra Concert and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust Churchyard Conservation talk in April had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

We have had a talk by Professor Tom Williamson, UEA, on 'The History of Trees and Woods in Norfolk: New Research'; a fascinating insight into the local landscape and the significance of woodlands, beyond their obvious beauty.

Join us for two Heritage events in June, both in Gissing Church:

Friday 8 June: 'Songs for a Summer Evening' – a concert by the Gissing Singers starts at 7.30pm.

Saturday 23 June: A talk by Sarah Cassell, UEA, on 'Angel Roofs – Imagery and Belief', a look at angel roofs, parish church art and religious belief in C15 East Anglia. Sarah will use her research to 'unpack' what these roofs and their symbolism would have meant to Gissing residents, centuries ago. The talk will start at 7pm.

Tickets £5, includes a glass of wine and savoury snacks.

To help our catering volunteers to plan the refreshments, please would you reserve your tickets in

advance, by contacting Fiona Turton, 01379 677811, Mob: 07720 949200 or email her on fionaturton@btinternet.com Tickets can be paid for and collected on the door on the night. Look out for flyers with further details posted locally.

Advanced notices – Save the dates

Don't forget to note Saturday, 7 July 2018 on your calendar and please come and join us for the Friends' Annual Summer BBQ which will be held at Keepers Cottage once again, courtesy of Heidi and Tony Baxter. The evening is always a most enjoyable one, and all are welcome.

The Re-dedication Service is likely to be on the evening of Friday, 3 August and we hope that the Bishop of Thetford will officiate. This is still in the planning stage. It will see the re-dedication of the church and recognition of all the immense support, and help, provided by Gissing residents, family and friends, as well as the grant bodies who helped to cover the majority of the costs for the urgent structural repairs and improvements; come and share in the celebrations.

For further information about any of the above please contact either:

Fiona Turton 01379 677811, email: fionaturton@btinternet.com or

Ed Scoggins 01379 674669, email: edward.scoggins@live.co.uk

Heart of Gissing

(Charity No: 1161599)

Gissing's brunches are becoming a regular event in the Community Building and have been proving extremely popular, both for the food and the social opportunity they offer. Sweet and savoury pancakes were centre stage at the Easter Monday event and a Continental Breakfast was on the menu for the first May Bank Holiday. More to come in the autumn.

Glorious June (we hope) sees the Community Building celebrating its first year with a Midsummer Party on the 16th. Mick the Baker will be providing the music and the banter and there will be a BBQ and full bar. Tickets are £10 in advance from the Gissing Crown or via theheartofgissing@gmail.com. Tickets on the door will be £12.

There's a Strawberry Cream Tea on the 22nd of July and, to round off the summer, there's the famous Gissing Fete, back to its usual date on the August Bank Holiday weekend – the 26th. This year the theme is 'mediaeval', so start looking out the chain mail and wimples now.

The new Heart of Gissing website should be up and running, www.gissingcommunitybuilding.org.uk so check it out. Meanwhile, keep up with events in Gissing on the Facebook page [gissingvillagelife](https://www.facebook.com/gissingvillagelife).

Gissing Children's Centre

Our outdoor area is being improved gradually over the summer to provide more exciting and inspirational play opportunities for the children. Levelling and re-seeding of our grassed area, together with a new defined digging area, a refreshed mud kitchen, and a work bench will be provided while we pursue funding to replace our slightly 'tired' play equipment and we source an all-singing, all-dancing covered sandplay area. In addition, eventually we hope to install a sensory garden/sitting space for those quiet moments.

We now run our extended pre-school opening hours from 8am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday which includes a daily breakfast club (from 8–9). We also offer up to 30 hours free childcare for eligible families, to be used flexibly, and we are registered as a provider for tax-free childcare. We have spaces left for the Autumn Term 2018 for both funded and non-funded children aged from 2 years to 5 years. If you would like to visit, please contact Linda Nash at manager@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk or ring 01379 677300 between 8.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday during term time or leave a message on 07796 204367. Do visit our website (www.gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk) and our facebook page to see the sort of things we do.

We are running a number of Holiday Playscheme days for primary school age children over the summer. The cost will be £16.50 per child and the sessions will run from 9 to 3.30 with the option of a shorter session from 9 to 1pm for £13.50. Children will need to bring a packed lunch and some money for tuck. We will be offering a wide selection of

crafts, cookery, lego, play and exploration, making full use of the adjacent woodland. Places to be booked and paid in advance by emailing: play-scheme@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk Flyers with further details including dates will be distributed to local schools in June and information will appear on our facebook page.

Do you know about Diss Community Farm?

It is, effectively, a shared allotment where members work together in a field and three polytunnels in Winfarthing. We are a community group of around a dozen, mainly retired people who are still active gardeners, growing veggies together.

We are always open to being joined by new members. We obviously welcome experienced gardeners, but novices are equally welcome, as there are always tasks for every level of experience and strength, and people with experience to show you what is needed. The work ranges from heavy digging to light picking.

We meet each Thursday, between 10 and 1 to work and also to enjoy coffee, cake and conversation during our break to organise ourselves.

We share our crops amongst ourselves rather than sell them so, if you like the idea of healthy exercise and also sharing our chemical-free weekly veggie harvests to eat with your families, please check us out at <https://disscommunityfarm.wordpress.com/> and follow 'About us and How to Join' link on the homepage to get in touch.

Join us for
the start of a
new season
growing
together



SHELFANGER NEWS

Boyland Common Wildflower Walk

As in the past, the walk will be led by Stella Taylor, our local expert, and will take place on Boyland Common at 3pm on Sunday 17th June.

It will take around an hour, and Stella will be identifying wild flowers and plants as we take a gentle stroll round the Common. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our local environment, and to have questions answered by a true expert.

Pam Ross, Chairman, Friends of Boyland Common



All Saints' Church

A real thank you to all who attended or assisted in making the Easter programme of worship successful at your church in Shelfanger. From the series of short meditations marking the events leading to our Lord Jesus Christ's crucifixion, through Good Friday and finally to the Easter Communion celebrating our Lord's resurrection, the services were solidly supported. A special thanks to our team of flower arrangers and to the Friday Rotary Club who saw that the church and its surround were in top line order.

Friends of Shelfanger Church

Following the well-attended preliminary meeting of those interested in being a part of a Friends of Shelfanger Church organisation, work is in hand to form a committee and appoint the necessary officers. This meeting was hosted and chaired by Keith Day at Bellrope View. He and Vicci are also planning and hosting the follow-up meeting. Thanks to all who attended and to Keith and Vicci for their hard work and hospitality.

Charity Material Collections Update

Shelfanger Church acts as a collecting centre for metal foil containers and used printer cartridges. Thanks to John and Pat Webster, the foil is turned into funds for the Cord Charity which supports self-help projects in developing countries. This has proved a highly effective fund-raising scheme.

Please note that sadly, due to a drop in cash returns, the collection and recycling of cartridges has had to cease.

Services

Just a reminder that your church holds a service every Sunday and each Friday. Details of times and type of service appear in the centre pages of Cock Crow, on the church noticeboard and in the church porch. You are most welcome.

Village Hall and Social Club News

The 'Classic' quiz held at the Village Hall on 24th March was the latest in the recent quiz series. After rounds which included classical music, and music from the classic shows, Shelfanger's Geoff, Lisa, Anne, Dave and friends emerged triumphant. This happy and successful event raised £350 for hall funds.

Shelfanger Grand Fete 2018

This will be held on Saturday 21st July at 2pm on the playing field. The main theme for this year's event is classic cars and vehicles of any sort which are much loved by their owners. Have you a car, motor cycle or other vehicle which is your pride and joy tucked away in a shed?

Police and fire brigade will again be on parade, the Railway Club will have working displays and the Shelfanger Art Group and Shelfanger Stitchers exhibit their work. On the field will be all the traditional, side-shows and stalls. Among lots of activities, you can shy at a coconut, bowl at skittles, cast a hoop, chance your luck at tombola, browse for a book or enjoy a cup of tea, a pint or a burger. Connecting all will be the grand Shelfanger Raffle.

Offers of help to man stalls are always very welcome - a great way to get to know the village if you've just moved in! Also, if there are any strong persons out there interested in helping the fete team to move

stuff around, we can use your enthusiasm on the field each evening from Tuesday 17th July to Friday 20th July from 7pm

Contact James on 01379 640431

Social Club Extension

The proposed extension to the lounge has obtained planning permission and this project and the task of retiling the north facing roof will now be put out to tender. Funding will be sourced and arranged.

Play Area

Equipment for this development has been selected and the search for funding and grant aid goes on. This is a most frustrating task and our thanks go to Chez for all her continuing work.

Shelfanger Allotments

Allotment holders are a hardy breed. At the time of writing, grey clouds scud across the skies and rain sweeps the landscape. Since November we have had near continuous rain, cold, snow and gales. Work is at least a month behind. To adapt to the present conditions Graham Lanchester has sold his rotovator and purchased two water buffalo, Robbie Trudgill was spotted wearing waders and a life jacket and a moaning and whining noise was traced to Roger Challoner's shed. We hope for better things.

Shelfanger Parish Council

Your parish council contact is Helen (Parish Clerk) on 652199. Meanwhile, don't forget the village website www.shelfanger.com Use the website regularly to check for updates on all village activities.

Shelfanger Stitchers

We meet fortnightly at The Walnuts, Church Road. Knitting remains the group's most popular occupation and some lively pieces are being created. Come to the fete to see our exhibits. New members of all abilities are always welcome. (Telephone Helen for more information on 652199)



The Shelfanger Village Hall Art Group

This is thriving and members continue to produce interesting work in a variety of media.

During April we were fortunate to have a visit from Anthony Osler, a renowned seascape artist, who helped us develop our watercolour techniques - a most interesting and productive afternoon.

Later in the year we are having a return visit from Vivienne Weeks a Shelfanger Artist who produces colourful work in both pastels and oils so we look forward to that workshop.

Everyone works at their own pace and instruction is provided. If you would like to join us on Monday afternoons, please contact Lois 01379 640431

Save the Mobile Library

Visits are every fourth Thursday and the van stops at the village seat at around 14.50 hours for approx 15 minutes. Next visits are on 21 June and 19 July.

Personalia

The winter and what passes for the early spring has not been kind to Shelfanger. We send our condolences to David and Jenny Bennett for their loss in January, to Debbie, Victoria, Greg, Lyndon and Tansley Rolingson upon the death of their Mum, Patricia, and to Rene, Jeremy and Jackie Armour upon the loss of Barry.

TIVETSHALL NEWS

St Margaret and St Mary

The PCC held its AGM on April 8th in the church. Eleanor Henson and Maggie Rowan were re-elected as church wardens and Elizabeth and Harry Henson as sides persons. We shall be undertaking the annual 'spring' clean of the church on Saturday June 30th starting at 9.30am. All volunteers will be much appreciated and refreshments provided.

STOP PRESS

Sadly, at the end of last week, St Mary's church ruins were defaced by hooligans using spray paint and chalk. I would like as many to know so that we can all be vigilant in keeping an eye open for suspicious behaviour.

It has been reported to the police who are investigating and there will be a press release from them.

Maggie Rowan



Save Our Mobile Library

Visits are every fourth Thursday. Next visits: 21 June & 19 July. There are four stopping points, including St Mary's Post Office at around 11.25 for 15 minutes

and Green Lane Bungalows at 12.10. Full details on website: Norfolk County Council – Mobile Library Timetable. The round number is CEN441.

Tivetshall Families & Friends

TFAF are delighted to have Julie Brown join them recently as a new Member.

Our recent two events in April, of an evening of Mediumship with Julia Edge and film screening of Paddington 2 were well attended, thanks to everyone who came along.

Film Nights

Our next film screening is showing South Pacific (U) on Saturday 16th June. Doors open at 5.30pm, with an engaging session to enable our audience to understand more about dementia and that our venue will be a dementia-friendly, this session runs for about 40 mins and will be delivered by South Norfolk Council supported by East of England Co-op. The film starts at 7pm and will include an interval.

Ticket prices are: £5 for adults, £3 for children aged 3-12, under 3's go free. Refreshments, popcorn, sweets and ice cream will be available to purchase. To book your tickets please contact Tabatha on 07816 881317. Payment in advance please.

Quiz Night

We have decided to organise this event another time – watch this space.

Community Lottery

We started the new year for the community lottery in April, a handful of numbers are still available. If you are interested in purchasing one please email thetivetshall@hotmail.com

Dates for your diary

Saturday 10th November: World War One Centenary Event at the Village Hall, details to follow.

TFAF Committee

Should you wish to contact anyone from the TFAF, please see following details:

Tabatha Forbes (Chair) 07816 881317
Robert Alleguen-Porter (Treasurer) 07419 114869 or 01379 674721
Ros Hill (Secretary) 07830 292074
Laura Adam 07923 563881 or 01379 674650
Janine Alleguen-Porter 07903 143840 or 01379 674721
Lisa Thrower 01379 674476
Dean Forbes 07855 468627

Our website is www.thetivetshall.co.uk – you can keep up to date by visiting this site regularly. You can also subscribe to our email newsletter.

Also go to our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tivetshallfamiliesandfriends/>

Or on Twitter – search for: @tfaf_events

Tivetshall Primary School

Everyone enjoyed our annual Mothers' Day café which was very well attended. The following week was very busy as years 3 and 4 attended a tag rugby tournament – the children's impeccable behaviour was commented on – and Class 2 held a Forest School café which was greatly enjoyed by parents and children. The following week also had a sporting theme as years 4, 5 and 6 attended a netball/football day at Diss High School. Although we were the smallest school there we were very proud of the children who won the netball tournament against stiff competition. On the very next day we held our Easter fayre which raised over £700, many thanks to everyone in the community who came and supported us. At the end of March we held our traditional Easter garden competition. Well done to age group winners Aidan Tully, Harry Henson and Katie Harvey. After all of that, we were quite relieved to break up for Easter.

After Easter the whole school enjoyed a Japanese café. It was very well organised by Miss Rawcliffe who was accompanied by our Japanese teacher and two assistants. The hall was packed with children and adults taking part in a wide range of activities including sushi tasting and origami.

Sandra Potter,
Head of School

WINFARTHING NEWS

Coffee mornings: There will be Coffee mornings at the church in June and September. All welcome.

The Ceilidh raised £400 thank you to all who attended, this will go towards the fabric of the church.

Meet & Greet Mornings are June 5th, July 3rd, Aug 7th, Sept 4th. After these dates it will be the first Tuesday of each month.

All Saints' Primary School

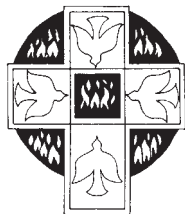
It is hard to believe that we are already in May and hopefully the sunny weather will now take hold so we can enjoy the school grounds. We are fast approaching the SATs season for our Year 2 and Year 6 children. Rhinos class have had some new outdoor equipment to develop their creativity and Year 6 represented the school very positively at a cluster quiz event. Children from Chimps have enjoyed creating their own soup and writing recipes. The disco at the end of term organised by the HSA was a great success and we are very grateful for all who help with the organisation as the children love this event!

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed developing their balance and coordination skills using unicycles, feathers and juggling balls during Circus Day. The day inspired some fantastic art work and creative writing for our classroom displays.



Our collective worship theme this half term is Reverence and Respect and we are exploring different ways this can be shown. We are really looking forward to the federation day on Monday 21st May, when we will be learning all about Pentecost.

If you wish to make an appointment to visit or would like more information about our school, please contact Mrs McGarr on 01379 642767 or by email head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk. We would love to hear from you!



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	Burston	Gissing	Shelfanger	Tivetshall	Winfarthing
June 3	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP
June 10	8.00 HC	Join Tivetshall	11.00 MW	11.00 MP	9.30 MP
June 17	11.00 HC**				
June 24	Join Chapel	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	Join Gissing	9.30 HC
July 1	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP
July 8	8.00 HC	Join Tivetshall	11.00 MW	11.00 MP	9.30 MP
July 15	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	8.00 HC	9.30 HC	10.00 VC
July 22	Join Chapel	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	Join Gissing	9.30 HC
July 29	10.30 HC***				
August 5	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP

** Archdeacon's Visitation to Benefice at Gissing | *** Benefice 5th Sunday Service 5/P HC | MW Morning Worship | FS Family Service | HC Holy Communion | MP Morning Prayer | 5/P HC 5 Parish Service | VC Village Church | P/P Prayer and Praise

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Sun 3rd June Trinity 1	No Service	No Service	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service
Sun 10th June Trinity 2	Archdeacon's visit: All services in Diss; HC at 8am and 10.45am			
Sun 17th June Trinity 3	9.30am MS	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC
Sun 24th June Trinity 4	No Service	9.30am HC	11am FS	9.30am MS
Sun 1st July Trinity 5	No Service	No Service	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service
Sun 8th July Trinity 6	9.30am HC	9.30am MS	11am FS	No Service
Sun 15th July Trinity 7	9.30am MS	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC
Sun 22nd July Trinity 8	No Service	9.30am HC	11am FS	9.30am MS
Sun 29th July Trinity 9	A fifth Sunday: services at Diss: HC at 8am and 10.45am; Evensong at 6pm			
Sun 5th Aug Trinity 10	No Service	No Service	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service

MP Morning Prayers | MS Morning Service | 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.

Connect Group: Meets on some Wednesday afternoons at 2pm in St Mary's Hall, Diss; contact Jennie (01379 687679) for precise dates.

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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Thoughts for Summer



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here is the opening paragraph of one of our Post-Communion prayers.

‘Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.’

A prayer that packs a lot of imagery into a few lines. It is one of my favourites!

‘Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.’

As we leave the Great Fifty Days of Easter in the past for another year and move into ‘Ordered’ Time, counting the Sundays of Trinity, it might make a good ‘Aide Memoire’ for you to take through the Summer days.

Having reminded us of the parable of the Prodigal Son, the writer reminds us about the Easter message of hope and new life filled with God’s grace and glory.

‘May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; ...’

Like the apostles, saints and martyrs we drink his cup.

Given his light at Easter and set on fire with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost we must now fulfil our responsibilities by giving that light back to the world.

‘... we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.’

The prayer finishes with a glance back to the story of God’s people in the Old Testament, being led out of slavery – ‘Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and then forward to the Easter message of hope for the whole world which we celebrate on every Sunday throughout the year! – and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.’

Summer Blessings upon each one of you.

Chris Davidson

Team Ministry Page

Rev’d Wendy Evans

Wendy’s farewell service on 29th April at Diss Church was well attended by people from all six parishes. She was given a book she wanted, a lovely orchid and an envelope full of garden vouchers to use as she and Neal develop their garden at Thetford. We will miss them both, with their ideas, enthusiasm and encouragement, but are very grateful to have known them for the last three years, and hope they will have a long and happy retirement.

An advert for a new Team Vicar has been published, but for the time being we have just Canon Tony as stipendiary priest, and a small support team of Rev’d Maggie, Readers and retired clergy.

A ‘trainee curate’ will join us at the end of June; we look forward to getting to know Samuel Thorp, our new deacon, and his Swedish fiancée.

Following all the annual meetings, there are some changes to note – see the churchwardens’ list on the centre pages. We pass on good wishes and thanks to all those elected to any office in the churches.

Recycling

First, the good news – the paper store on the edge of Fersfield aerodrome was emptied earlier this year, earning £287.86 for the old Upper Waveney Benefice, so each church will receive over £57.50, a welcome boost to funds. The used stamps saved in the churches benefit the Leprosy Mission. Rosemary Boutet, the local organiser asks us to pass on thanks to all those who cut off stamps, with that all important border, and put them in the collection boxes.

Now, the bad news – the Chinese government have stopped the import of soft plastic for recycling, so we no longer have an outlet for bottle tops. Thank you to all those who have collected so faithfully for many years, but for the time being they need to go in the home recycling bin. The Matthew Project in Norwich has received around £2,000 from all the bottle tops collections, so we do hope that some entrepreneur in this country will develop a scheme for recycling them.



BRESSINGHAM NEWS

As I write we are looking forward to our special weekend when we will have Matthew Champion giving a talk, a Flower Festival organised by Hilary Hadingham, and finally the visit of the Bishop of Norwich. I will report on these in the next edition.

It has been a difficult two months for the church with the two funerals, Jessie Lansdell and Liz Handy. Both were extremely well attended and celebrations of two ladies who had spent so many years in this lovely village of ours. On the other hand we also had a wedding. Julie Montagner and Derek Chilvers were married by the Rev’d Wendy Evans on 7th April. Again both have lived in the village for a very long time and it was lovely to see them both so happy on their very special day. It was to be the last wedding that Wendy would take for us, as she retired due to ill health at the end of April. Wendy and Neal have both done a great deal for our church in the three and a half years they have been here. We all wish them a happy future in their home in Thetford.



The next big event in the village will be the Open Gardens Event on 2nd and 3rd June. This is being held to raise money for the Village Hall, and Fersfield and Bressingham villages churches.

Our next fund raising event is on Saturday 29th September when the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band are coming to give a concert. This evening is again very kindly being sponsored by Alison and Leslie Dunbell.

SNYSB+ Concert

At St John the Baptist Church

Bressingham is delighted to welcome back the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band Plus for a concert at the Church on Saturday 29th September at 7.30pm. Make sure you make a note of the date – more details will follow in the Aug/Sept issue. For further information call 01379 687580

Help Needed!

Staying Alive Fun Day and Fete July 8th

For this event to be a success and benefit two worthwhile charities, East Anglian Air Ambulance and Diss First Responders, **we need your help!**

To find out more, please ring:

Allan 688452, Brenda 688375, Kay 688331,
Jane 687940 or Sharon 687871

...and a Thank you!

Teddy Bears and Soft Toys

We cannot thank you all individually so we send a great big thank you to everyone who donated all sizes of Teddy bears and soft toys for the Teddy Tombola at the Fun Day and Fete on July 8th.

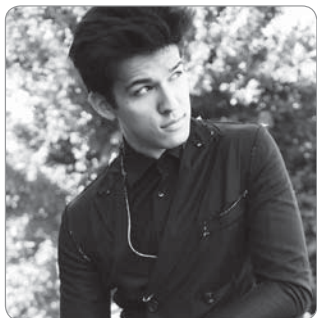


Midsummer Charity

Classical and Jazz Concert

Sunday 24th June, 5pm until 7.30pm

Cornfield Hall, Hall Lane, Fersfield
IP22 2BH



Dennis Tjok, the renowned pianist and composer, will be giving a recital of both classical and jazz compositions at our home in Fersfield.

Tickets: £20 per person includes drinks and canapés

Only 40 tickets are available, please ensure your reservation by contacting

Lisa on skolnik@blueyonder.co.uk

All proceeds will be donated to
St Andrew's Church, Fersfield

FERSFIELD NEWS

As I write this, the sun is shining from a cloudless sky, the garden is the place to be and there has been a determined search for sun lotion. Marvellous – and even more marvellous is the fact that, at long last, the scaffolding is due to go up round St Andrew's chancel on Wednesday. After so much red tape, form-filling and negotiation, to say nothing of the tragic illness and loss of our original contractor, the anticipated start of the necessary work is so welcome. Once the chancel guttering and 'rainwater goods' have been replaced, Peter, who is now doing the work for, us can make a start on the repair and redecoration of the interior: it's an exciting time.

In the next 'Cock Crow' edition we'll be able to report on the Plant Sale to be held at the church on Saturday 12 May – a huge thanks to our community members for organising and running this event. During June there are two important events to be enjoyed: the Bressingham and Fersfield Open Gardens on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June, when you will be able to visit some wonderful gardens in the villages and enjoy refreshments and stalls at the Village Hall. Admission is by programme; these are available at the Village Shop.

Another special event is taking place at Cornfield Hall, (Hall Lane, Fersfield), home of Lisa and Stephen, who have arranged a splendid Sunday afternoon music recital in aid of St Andrew's restoration work. The famous concert pianist, Dennis Tjok, will give a recital of classical and jazz compositions on Sunday 24 June, from 5pm to 7.30pm. Tickets are £20 each, which includes drinks and canapés. This will be a wonderful occasion – but the number of tickets is limited: to reserve your ticket please contact Lisa on e-mail: lisaskolnik@hotmail.co.uk

You will know that this year's Remembrance Sunday will be a very important one as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the 1918 Armistice. Bressingham & Fersfield Parish Council and the two churches and village hall are working together to give us all a very memorable day, which will include a morning service at Bressingham War Memorial, a lunch-time meal and activity at the

Village Hall, and an afternoon service at Fersfield Church and War memorial. We hope to have guests representing Allied and British Servicemen and Women and present-day members of the forces. If you would like to take part and help with arrangements, please do join the organising group and let me know by calling (01379) 687355.

With best wishes from everyone in Fersfield,

Richard

Plant sale

Saturday's (12 May) Plant Sale made a staggering £960: huge thanks to Sally, Sharon, Shirley and everyone who made the event such a success, including the husbands, partners and friends.



Bressingham and Fersfield parish council

(Stop Press) Our County Councillor Beverley Spratt attended the meeting of 14 May. We heard that Norfolk CC, despite earlier reports to the contrary, was in a sound financial position. Also discussed were the planning issues concerning the 'Harvest House' development on the A 1066 (a planning officer was unable to attend), the work to prevent repeat flooding issues on that road, the need for infrastructure ('potholes' et al) to be improved and concerns at the value-for-money residents feel attaches to the current council tax.

Other issues included improvements to the allotment access, community care, visibility at road junctions, heavy lorry traffic, planning routines and preparations for the 2018 Remembrance Sunday Centenary event.

Further details may be found on the Bressingham & Fersfield Website.

Cornfield Hall Summer Charity Event

Renowned Concert Pianist Dennis Tjok will give a concert of Classical & Jazz Music in support of St Andrew's Church, 5.00 to 7.30 pm, Sunday 24 June, Cornfield Hall, Fersfield, IP22 2BH.

Tickets: £20 per person, to include drinks and canapés. Reserve tickets: lisaskolnik@hotmail.co.uk

Community Connection

This is a somewhat abridged version, as the 'Word' function on my computer is not functioning!

At our PC meeting of Monday 9 April, the main points raised included:

Community Support: we are trying to link together the initiatives designed to help members of our community with such things as general wellbeing and security. Our Community Support Police Officer, Jim Squires, will be at our next meeting on 14 May, and everyone is very welcome to attend, please, when we will hear more about opportunities for this.

Planning: we looked at window replacement issues for a listed building in Fersfield.

A 1066 Surface Water: many people have had a bad experience when driving on the A1066 west of the church – and there have been two accidents that I know of. You will have noticed work going on at this location, and we hope the root cause of the problem will be rectified. We will be pushing for a solution that can deal with heavy rain, and we are grateful to Robert West of NCC for his close attention to this problem. (There have, during the recent downpours, been road flooding problems in locations extending from Bressingham's Common Road to Fersfield's Bates Lane: combined with the poor state of roads and the 'pot-hole' situation, a drastic raising of the condition of our essential infrastructure (NCC's domain) is long overdue. We shall be pursuing our Council Tax 'value-for-money' in this respect!

Scheme of Delegation: as so much now seems to be referred to the PC from district and county councils, we are attempting to deal with the additional workload by having a specific involvement area designated for each of our members: this already exists for such things as footpaths and allotments – for which we have existing responsibility.

Water Main Replacement: this work is now nearly finished. We are grateful to Alan Boulter, of Anglia

Water, for his detailed and careful care of this project: we are delighted he has been able to re-connect with us as his health improves after a nasty illness.

'Litter Pick' on 12 May: in an ideal world we should not have to do such things, but we need to show care for our environment, and I am grateful to Geoff Lazell for his commitment to this.

Centenary 1918 Armistice events on 11 November: if you would like to help, please do get in touch.

Redgrave & Lopham Fen

Regular events

Wildlife Watch Group

Saturdays 9 June, 7 July, 10.30am-12.30pm
A club for 6-12 year olds, £3. Contact marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com or call 01379 688333

Time to paint

Fridays 29 June, 27 July, 10am-2pm
£5 donation, includes tea and cake. All welcome, no need to book. Contact 01379 688333

Guided fen walks

Saturday 5 May, 10.30am-1pm
£4. Meet at Education Centre. No need to book.

June

Summer Celebration

Sunday 3 June, 10am-4pm
Help celebrate the Centre's 20th anniversary.
Family activities, guided walks and refreshments.
FREE entry

Summer Wildlife Photography

Saturday 23 June, 2pm-9pm
Join award-winning professional wildlife photographer, Kevin Sawford, on this intermediate workshop. m£45 Please book

July

Children's activity: Brilliant bugs

Tuesday 31 July, 10am-2pm
For unaccompanied 6-10 year olds, £7, booking essential

For further details and to book, visit www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org or call 01473 890089



LOPHAMS NEWS

St Andrew's School

It is hard to believe that we are already in May and hopefully the sunny weather will now take hold so we can enjoy the school grounds. We are fast approaching the SATS season for our Year 2 and Year 6 children. Discovery class have an amazing new mud kitchen to develop their creativity and Year 6 represented the school very positively at a cluster quiz event. The flower arranging workshop with FOSTA was a great success and we are very grateful for that opportunity to enrich the experiences for our children.

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed a recent Circus Skills day, developing their balance and co-ordination skills using unicycles, feathers and juggling balls. The day inspired some fantastic art work and creative writing for our classroom displays.

Our collective worship theme this half term is Reverence and Respect and we are exploring different ways this can be shown. We were honoured to have Reverend Wendy with us at a special service to say 'thank you' for all she has done for St Andrew's and the local community. It was lovely to hear the children sing a medley of songs. We are really looking forward to the federation day on Monday 21st May, when we will be learning all about Pentecost.

If you wish to make an appointment to visit or would like more information about our school, please contact Mrs McGarr on 01379 687253 or by email head@st-andrews-pri.norfolk.sch.uk. We would love to hear from you!

M McGarr

St Andrew's Pre School

Greetings from everyone at pre-school.

We are having an exciting time this half term looking at simple science.

We have explored our five senses, tasting some new flavours and discovering things in the outside environment through touch, and listening. We lay down on the grass and looked at the clouds to discover what shapes we could see and also reflected on what the wind looks like? We considered which

items float and which sink when put in the water and talked about how some children in poor countries have only dirty water to drink and how fortunate we are to turn on a tap and have clean water.

In the few weeks up to half term we will also explore magnets, and light and shadow. We will also be preparing for sports day later in the term.

We received a rating of good at our recent Ofsted inspection.

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.45-3.15 term time only and currently have spaces available.

All families are welcome and we are located in the grounds of St Andrews primary school.

For further information please call Jan, pre-school manager on 07854 091257.

Jan Feaver

Lophams' Ladies

Meeting at the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7.15 for 7.30pm.

At The AGM Carol Blackstone stood down as chair person; we were grateful for her input over the last year, and for new ways of doing things. Since that meeting, Sarah Frizzell has very kindly agreed to take up the reins again, so many thanks go to her. In May, members were enthralled by the way Kathy Denten transformed one basic outfit for different historical periods, and for the various scenes in one production, as she shared her experiences as a stage costumer.

The intriguing title for the June talk: 'A Turkish Shirley Valentine'. Do come and join us, if you would also like to discover more! We charge just £2 per visitor and this includes refreshments.

On July 3rd the Ladies and guests will visit Gooderstone Water Gardens, not far from Oxburgh, leaving the hall at 11am, to take advantage of a long afternoon to explore. Anyone who would like to join us on this trip is asked to contact Sarah or Jennie, details below.

The Annual Bric-a-Brac, Books and Jumble Sale is on Saturday 16th June, in the hall, from 1.30pm. As you do your Spring clear out, we would be very grateful for donations of goods for this event. We can collect, if you telephone Sarah Frizzell on 01379 687337, or Jennie Vere on 01379 687679.

Garden Club

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Lophams' Village Hall and visitors and new members are always very welcome.

On 5th April we welcomed Claire Boothby from the British Trust for Ornithology who gave a talk on birds and the important part our gardens play in their lives. Our gardens attract the insects on which the birds depend for food and, of course so many of us put out bird food to supplement their diets and these factors combine to enable the birds to successfully rear their young.



We held our AGM on 3rd May, postponed from our cancelled March meeting. This was followed by a quiz and refreshments and it was very nice to welcome new members to our club.

Our next meeting is on 7th June when we shall welcome Guy Barker to give a presentation entitled 'Early Summer', while looking further forward, on 5th July Ian Carstairs will give a talk about Swifts.

Please telephone 01379 687833 for any further information.

The Lophams' Society

The Spring Quiz on the 13th of April was once again an enjoyable and well-attended evening. It was good to see many of our regular supporters turning up as well as some new faces joining us for the first time. Roy Clark provided the questions while Mike Cox kept control of the scoreboard and at the end of the evening the team on table 13 (lucky for some) took the honours with a score of 79 points and the closely contested second place had to be decided by a tie-break question between tables 7 and 8 who both scored 75 points. After several seconds of nail-biting tension the team on table 8 were officially given second place. At the end of the evening Roy Clark thanked everybody for taking part and the committee for all their hard work behind the scenes.

The next Lophams' Society event will be the Musical Summer Evening on Saturday 30th June when DixieMix will be returning to the Lophams to treat us to another great evening of Trad Jazz.

All inquiries for bookings and information please telephone Roy Clark on 01379 688408.

Holy Bingo

Continues at the Village Hall on the first Monday each month, at 2pm. After two Bank Holiday sessions, the next two are on June 4th and July 2nd. For help with transport, 'phone 01379 687679.

Lophams' Village Hall

The BRIMBO rally and Hall AGM will be reported in the next issue.

Our big event for the summer is The first Lophams' Vintage Rally on Sunday 29th July.

Featuring cars, engines, motorbikes and much more, alongside traditional crafts and stalls, from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Full details will be published on local posters, see next page

Put the date in your diary now! Could there be a box around the highlighted text please?

Plans for the installation of gym equipment for younger users is still a priority – thanks go to those who have already contributed; please get in touch if you have ideas... A new container for movable goods is now in place, so sports equipment can be safely housed when not in use.

Dog fouling on the field continues. This is a health hazard, as well as unpleasant for those responsible for its removal. The privilege to allow dogs to run off the lead can be withdrawn at any time and offenders who are seen not clearing up properly after their dog has fouled can be prosecuted. Don't spoil the field for everyone; pay attention, bag it and bin it!

The Village Hall Lottery The development fund has enabled many improvements to the hall over the last year – completing the kitchen area and adding new equipment; redecoration of the inside of the hall

has been completed. Thank you all for your support which has allowed us to get these things done, however, there is always further work required and your on-going and greatly valued participation is still needed so, if you entered for six months, you may need to renew your entry by 13th June to stay in with a chance and to continue to help the Village Hall. Contact Jayne Conquest on 01379 688183; Thanks again everyone!

Lottery winners in March were: 1st Prize £200, A Briggs; 2nd prizes £50, P Sturman and G Horan. S Blyth won the basket of goodies. The April winners were 1st Prize £200, D Derrick; 2nd prizes £50, A Mitchell and G Rednall. The basket of goodies was also won.



Farmers' Markets take place every month, on the 4th Saturday, from 9am till 12.30pm, with a wide range of stalls to choose your locally produced goods. The next are 23rd June and 21st July; details from M Shipperlee on 01379 687235

Judo is on Mondays and Wednesdays (contact Howard on 01379 688258.)



Lophams' Art Group meets on Wednesday mornings, from 9.30am. The cost is £15 each per month, and includes refreshments and a visit from an 'expert' once each month. Contact Jennifer on 01379 687282 for details.

Dog Training Most Thursday evenings with Rob Jessup; Rob's number is 01379 873144. 873144.

To book the hall for private events, telephone 01379 687679, or visit the website.

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NORTH LOPHAM NEWS

North Lopham Parish Council

AGM and meeting 09/05/2018

Present Councillors D Eagle, M McManus, W Nunn, J Tate, M Tipple, R Carley; Parish Clerk, J Crossley; NCC councillor, S Askew; BDC ward representative, M Chapman-Allen, 3 parishioners.

Election of Officers Chair: W Nunn elected; Vice-Chair: J Tate elected.

Internal audit and data protection Lengthy explanation of the internal audit requirements and procedure followed by the same for the incoming data protection regulations and the changes required to comply. Failure to comply can result in severe financial penalties.

Trod extension clarification required about whether the telephone pole has to be moved at extra cost. 50% of funding (not including moving the pole if needed) is in place, NCCllr S Askew will help with the remainder through his personal budget. Thanks to him.

Dropped kerb has been completed, thanks again to NCCllr S Askew for financing this through his personal budget.

Parish Councillor Vacancy anyone who would like to serve on the parish council should contact the parish clerk, Julie Crossley, for details of how to apply.

Church Farm planning application still 15 houses but no decision taken yet. Breckland is likely to approve if 27% are affordable, developer wants nil affordable.

Speedwatch more volunteers are needed, if you would like to help, please contact the parish clerk for details.

DPD have been contacted about speeding vans.

Parish Plan approval for a householder survey to find out what parishioners want for the future of North Lopham was given.

Financial various payments approved.

Village hall PC will write to BDC supporting hall's funding application for playground equipment.

Planning Solly's Piece approved by Breckland, an objection has been lodged by NLPC to Meadow Lane.

AOB complaints about bird scarers starting at 5.30am have been received.

Next meeting 11/07/2018 at 'The Mess' 7.30pm.

St Nicholas' Church

Methodist friends from the area continue to meet in church for an informal morning service followed by coffee & chat on the fourth Wednesday each month at 10.30am. The next are on 27th June and 25th July.

Lent Lunches raised about £300 – many thanks to everybody who hosted or came along. Lynn & Tony Fry in Papua New Guinea will benefit directly.

Easter was a very memorable weekend in St Nicholas' Church. Rev'd Wendy led a thought-provoking meditation on Good Friday, at the foot of the 14ft. Cross across the chancel arch, then joined us on Easter Sunday for the celebration Holy Communion Service, her last Sunday Service in North Lopham. We will all miss her enthusiasm and encouragement, so generously given over the last three years. The church looked really lovely, thanks to the efforts of all those who provide the floral decorations. We were very pleased to have the infant class Easter gardens on display round the Easter garden.

St George's Day on Monday 23rd April was celebrated in style, with a sung Evensong, flags, English hymns and Reverend Wendy's message – at her very last service in the country parishes, followed by a light supper.

Ascension Day on May 10th was celebrated with a special service in Diss Church at 7.30pm. An interactive display in St Nicholas' Church, from then until Pentecost, is our share in the Archbishops'

initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come' People can call in at any time, to say a prayer, join in an activity and tie a ribbon on the special white tree. The decorated trees will go to Diss for Pentecost – Sunday 20th May. As this is the day we remember as the birthday of the Christian Church, there will be balloons, cake and fun at the Family Birthday Service. (Report next time)

The Summer Coffee Morning, in and round the church will be on Wednesday 4th July, from 10am till 12 noon. This is always a happy occasion, a time to chat to friends, sample delicious scones, and patronise the various stalls – Clothes; Bring and Buy, Plants, Books, etc plus a Tombola and Raffle. Please telephone 01379 687679 if you need directions, or help with transport.

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SOUTH LOPHAM NEWS

South Lopham Estates Charity

(Registered Charity No. 221724)

Any South Lopham resident in need?

Part of the purpose of this charity is to give modest sums of money (say up to £100, but could be increased in appropriate cases) to residents of South Lopham who have a specific financial need.

We are particularly interested in helping young people with the expenses of education and training, including travel.

Other applications for consideration could include anyone suffering because of a bereavement or an unforeseen setback; or problems or expense because of illness in the family such as travel to a hospital or care home; or to assist any resident who has insufficient disposable income to enable him/her to enjoy the occasional treat; or any other cause which the Trustees consider deserving.

If you believe that you or someone in your family may qualify for such assistance please contact the secretary, Keeley Chapman, on 01379 687985 for further details and a simple application form for completion.

If you are aware of any other resident in specific financial need please let the secretary know so that we can approach that person to see if we can help.

Please be assured that all applications will be treated sympathetically and with complete confidentiality.

St Andrew's Church

Vestry Meeting

The vestry Meeting took place during the 9.30am Service on Sunday 18th March where the Church wardens, Jill Brundell and Marion Crisp, were re-elected for the coming year. We would like to thank them for their service over the past year. Also during this service The Rev'd Canon Tony Billett dedicated the re-leaded windows, the new carpet

and the kneeler that was worked by Marion Crisp in memory of David Huggins. We thank the Friends of South Lopham Church who kindly paid for these with money they had raised.

Norfolk Wildlife Talk

On Friday 6th April we welcomed Roger Jones from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust who gave us a very interesting and informative talk. Look for the display in the Church of which wildlife we can look for in the Churchyard. We would also like to thank all the people who keep our Churchyard looking so beautiful.



Flower Festival

On Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June there will be a Flower Festival in the Church. Also there will be a plant stall and refreshments and the tower will be open. If anyone would be interested in doing a flower arrangement please contact our Churchwardens Jill on 01379 687216 or Marion on 01379 687953.

Coffee Morning

On Saturday the 21st July there will be a Coffee Morning in the Church from 10am to 12 noon. There will be a Cake Stall and raffle, we look forward to welcoming you.

From the Registers

Winfarthing Group

FUNERALS

Brian Bowen 13th March, Burston

Charlie Rout 23rd March, Winfarthing

Noreen Cullham 6th April, Winfarthing

Tom Banfield 12th April, Winfarthing

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Tom Banfield 17th May, Winfarthing

CHRISTENING

Matilda Moore 25th March, Shelfanger

Bressingham Group

WEDDING

Derek Chilvers and Julie Montagner

7th April, Bressingham

FUNERALS

Gilda Whiteley 13th April, burial at South Lopham

