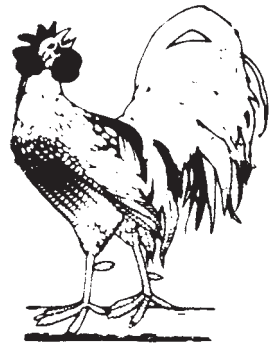


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Deer scamper among the round bales at Winfarthing



Editors' Notice Board

Murphy's Rambles

Hello folks

Well I don't know about the rest of you in fur coats but I am not enjoying this weather – it's too hot! Human walks me very early and then late but it's hot even then.

The hedges that were swathed in aromatic hawthorn now host dog roses and elderflower. On the verges, buttercups and dandelions have been replaced by white campion, poppies, willowherb, meadow sweet, knapweed and bindweed, of course! It is amazing that although it is so dry we still walk along some footpaths that are bordered by thistles and nettles waist high on my human.

The tiny sugarbeet soldiers are now almost touching leaves across the rows, the wheat ears are standing strong and the barley is already turning to gold. The flowers have left the oilseed rape and now the seed pods reach out to scratch the unwary on paths between them, or rustle alarming as you pass by trying to convince you there is something in there following you!

We love spotting protective mother ducks with their broods – either ignoring us from deep ditches or huddling into the banks or taking a rest on a tiny island midstream. We

haven't seen the owls hunting since May; hope they are ok, but peacocks and skylarks serenade us each morning.

The deer are harder to see now but it does make us chuckle when we see just a head peeping above the crops. Hares are about too, idling in tram lines or chasing down paths ahead of us. One morning I surprised one hunkered down in long grass. I was very polite; I didn't touch and we left it snuggled down in its nest.

It's hot air balloon season, we often see then on morning walks; human always waves! Personally I prefer my paws on the ground and my nose near all the exciting sniffs.

Hazel nuts are now showing as are horse chestnuts and crab apples; if the number of flowers is an indication, it could be a bumper blackberry crop. But we so desperately need rain, everywhere is so parched and one walk has huge cracks you can easily trip over. Male human says 'No doubt when it does rain, it won't know when to stop!'

Bye, be safe in the hot weather and get your human to put out water for the birds and hedgehogs – they need it too.

Other items
the Editors think
you might like
to know about



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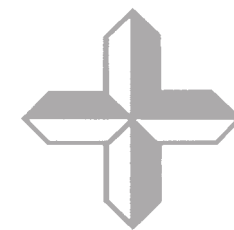
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Diss Team Ministry writes...



Surrendering...

You may be aware that in February I was admitted to hospital for urgent treatment for kidney failure, which is now under control and the treatment is working well. However it is not about my illness I want to write but rather the actual reality of 'being in hospital'. Many of you will know what I mean when I say that this experience means surrendering yourself completely to those who are caring for you. There is little you can do for yourself; you have to rely totally on the expertise of those caring for you – the doctors and nurses. And you have to trust them all – and in that situation that is what you do.

So, on reflection I wonder why can't we do that with God? In the Gospels faith, wholeness and healing were always connected. Jesus urged people to have faith, even faith as small as a mustard seed. In most of the stories we find that the people who needed healing were unable to go to Jesus themselves and it was their loved ones who had to have the faith and trust for them. There are two clear examples of this. Jairus came to Jesus to beg him to cure his daughter, and even when told she had died he said 'My daughter has just died, but come lay your hands on her and she will live'. And there was the Centurion whose servant was paralysed who begged for him to be healed, but his faith was so strong that he told Jesus he had faith Jesus could do it there and then – no need to go to his house and lay hands on him. Jesus was amazed at this faith, and the servant was cured at that moment.

Surely, if in times of distress, we are able to surrender to the care of people such as doctors, nurses etc, wonderful people, but human nevertheless, we should even more, trust and surrender ourselves to our loving God. In bad times and in good.

Maggie Swayze
Assistant Priest: Diss Team Ministry

Team Ministry Page

What a difference two months makes!

Team Vicar

We are delighted to let everyone know that The Rev'd John Cruse, currently Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Shalford with StMichael, Peasmarsh in the Diocese of Guildford has been offered and has accepted the post of Team Vicar of the Diss Team Ministry, and will be joining the team this Autumn, probably in October. His wife, Janice, is a Reader, so will also be in the Ministry Team. Details of the Licensing and Welcome will appear in the next issue.

Curate

The Revd Samuel Thorp was ordained as Deacon in the Cathedral on 30th June. He and finance Linnea were welcomed to our Team on 1st July, at services in Diss, and with a special lunch in Lophams' Village Hall. People from all six communities were able to meet them, and also Linnea's parents who came from Sweden for the weekend. We hope they will be very happy with us, and send best wishes for their wedding on 1st September, in Linnea's home town.

Harvest Festivals

Every church will have celebrations in September or October. Details to be published locally. The services page in this issue just shows the normal pattern.

OPEN GARDENS: *Paul Mercer's garden and Katherine Smith's wheelbarrow*



BRESSINGHAM NEWS

Church News

It has been an eventful two months for the church. The weekend of the 18th–20th June was nothing short of fantastic. Matthew Champion gave a talk on the Friday evening to over 70 people and had everyone wanting to hear more. Perhaps we will be able to ask him back on another occasion. He explained the history of how churches were used and where people were allowed to stand and later sit, as well as showing us the graffiti which we have in our church. Our beautiful bench ends were explained and Matthew told us how rare they are.

During the whole of the weekend the church looked beautiful thanks to the Flower Festival organised by Hilary Hadingham. Hilary is a real find for our church, not just because she is churchwarden with me, but also because she brings so much to our PCC. Our most grateful thanks go to all those who did arrangements, made tea and helped in any way.

Sunday 20th was our big day. The Bishop of Norwich came and preached as well as giving thanks for the work which has been done. The church was really packed, and it was lovely to see so many people from the village there. Wine was served afterwards and people stayed on to chat on what was a lovely, warm and sunny afternoon.

Our next event was the Open Gardens in Bressingham and Fersfield on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd June. Unfortunately it did rain on the Saturday but Sunday was warm and sunny. Food was served at



the Village Hall thanks mainly to Brenda and Sharon with not just toasties but wonderful, homemade cakes provided by many village people. Both days we had various stalls at the hall which was the hub for the 2 days. Three organisations each received £797.50 as a result of everyone's efforts. They were Fersfield and Bressingham churches and the Village Hall. We are most grateful and would like to thank everyone who helped in any way, but special thanks must go to Katherine Smith who with her husband Terry took on most of the work. Katherine is already talking about the next one in two years time!!

One of the last things to be repaired at the church has been the vestry window. The old one was found to be coming away from the building and therefore it was vital that this was done. A wonderful craftsman, David Clark, took the old one out and using the original glass has made a new window. This was dedicated to Brenda Oates at a service on 10th July.

As I write we have no rain for five weeks, and yes it has been lovely to have such sunny and hot days, I for one will be really pleased when the rain comes!

Our next fund raising event is in Bressingham church on Saturday 29th September at 7.30pm when the South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band and guests will be giving a concert. Please come and support us. Details available from Alison and Leslie on 01379 687580.

Diana

Bressingham and District Ladies Club

We have had a busy summer so far with plenty going on. With thanks to our chairman Sharon Cole,

for her leadership and our committee, we now have a full programme planned for the coming year.

On 24th July, Mervyn Lambert is kindly hosting a visit for us to his beautiful garden which we are all looking forward to and the proceeds will benefit Bressingham church.

In August we have no meeting, but then on 17th September Hilary Jones will be demonstrating the making of pin baubles.

On 15th October, we will be going 'Around the World in 80 plants' with Jaime Blake.

If you would like to come along and join us, we meet at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the month at Bressingham village hall; we will be delighted to see you.

Afternoon Club Fete, Fun Day, Flower Show

A really big thank you goes to all our committee members, helpers, stall holders and everyone else connected with the Fete, Fun Day and Flower Show in Bressingham.

It was an extremely hot day but even though we did not have the crowds we were expecting we still managed to raise a little over £1900 for our 2 charities so WELL DONE all of you!

Dates for your Diary

Aug 14th: Trip to Southwold and Aldeburgh Tickets £15, there are a few spare places please contact Kay on 01379 688331 if you would like to come.

Sept 16th: Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper tickets will be on sale later.

Bressingham Church Fund Concert • 29th September • South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band Plus



Bressingham is delighted to welcome back the talented South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band Plus. The fundraising concert will be on Saturday 29th September at Bressingham Church and includes guest singer

Leslie Dumbell – our own Bryn Terfel.

Tickets at £10, £5 under 16s

(include a finger buffet) available from: Bressingham Village Shop or the Box Office
Tel 01379 687580. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Drinks (wine, beer, soft drinks) available by donation. There is ample parking space opposite The Chequers.

FERSFIELD NEWS

St Andrew's church

The scaffolding around the chancel at St Andrew's has gone up. Peter, our contractor, and his team have been hard at work on the guttering and rainwater disposal system. In the process, it was discovered that the roof itself needed some immediate attention: this has been dealt with. Attention will shortly move to the south porch, after which the chancel's south wall and interior decoration will be attended to.

All this restoration work comes at a price, and we are extremely grateful for the income received towards the restoration from two wonderful fund-raising events that occurred during June: the Bressingham and Fersfield Open Gardens during the month's first weekend, and the Cornfield Hall Summer Charity Event on Sunday 24 June. The Open Gardens was, as for two years ago, a brilliantly-organised, well-supported and much admired event – and this time the weather co-operated! We are so very thankful to those who opened their gardens to be enjoyed by visitors, the people who staffed the refreshments and stalls in the Village Hall, the wheelbarrow decorators and the sponsors, advertisers, organisers and all who helped in any way: the Village Hall, St John's and St Andrew's each received a handsome donation as the result of a delightful and successful weekend.

On a beautifully warm Sunday afternoon Lisa and Stephen opened their Cornfield Hall Home for a recital of classical and jazz music by the pianist, Dennis Tjiok. Guests enjoyed canapés and wine in



the gardens during the interval and were enthralled by Dennis' mastery of the beautiful Challen grand piano: pieces ranged from Schubert, Ravel, Gershwin to Dennis' own compositions. To cap it all, Lisa and Stephen presented our Churchwarden, Jan, with a very generous donation towards the work at St Andrew's: what an outstanding way to spend a beautiful summer's Sunday afternoon!

So, we look forward to two events already appearing on the horizon. Fersfield's Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 16 September: the Thanksgiving Service at 11 am will be followed by lunch in the church. Details will be available later, but be sure to get your tickets in plenty of time as this event is a very popular one.

This year's Remembrance Sunday is a special one, as it marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the 1918 Armistice. In addition to the two traditional services in Fersfield and Bressingham, the churches, village hall and community are hoping to produce something to highlight this event in November: please look out for details and take part!

We congratulate Olivia and Aaron on the arrival of Teddy, and Grandparents Jan and Paul (Sumpter) for their part in this happy event. Very best wishes to all the family!

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Summary

Our meeting of 2 July considered the following items: our continued concerns over heavy lorry use of Fersfield and Fersfield Common – particularly from the large chicken unit in Kenninghall. This is ongoing, and we continue to seek a solution. County Councillor Bev Spratt spoke to us about highways and county finances – the latter is always uncomfortable, but we do hope much of the road flooding, particularly on the A1066, has been addressed. Our District Councillor was not present to give a report.

We gave our planning views on applications made to the District Council: there is a residual tinge of sadness that Bressingham's lovely Methodist Chapel is likely to become a private home. We noted

that Fersfield's former 'Magpie' pub is now a house called 'Rosings' and discussed at length a proposal to develop buildings off of Stone Lane (see the planning website of SNDC for details and views about this). We talked about bringing the community together to honour the Centenary of the 1918 Armistice – please look out for details about this.

The Parish Council will provide litter bins in the two A1066 lay-bys, this will be emptied by our district council, and will help, we hope, towards alleviating the massive litter problem we have on the



A1066 and elsewhere. We agreed to help the associations concerned with the provision of a small financial grant towards the maintenance of both Bressingham and Fersfield Playing Fields. We will draw attention to the need to maintain over-head power line safety where adjacent trees present a problem, and intend to make our own arrangements for a new 'Pillar Box Corner' sign. (The red tape surrounding this has been crazy – apparently the term 'Pillar Box Corner' no longer pertains, so an 'official sign' – complete with planning permission, is not likely to replace the broken one....)

Finally, the Parish Council had a table at the Family Fun Day event on the Village Hall Playing Field on 8 July. We took the opportunity to meet people and to enjoy this event, which with its splendid raffle raised a considerable sum for the Air Ambulance and First Responders organisations. Well done!



LOPHAMS NEWS

St Andrew's School

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

Reception and Year 1 have enjoyed an educational visit to Knettishall Heath where they learnt about the different plants and animals in woodlands and meadows. KS1 1 have also enjoyed a sports picnic at Diss High School.

Meanwhile Year 5 and 6 took part in a residential at Kingswood in Overstrand. During their visit the weather was perfect and the children enjoyed many adventurous activities together with being so close to the beautiful Norfolk coast.

Additionally, St Andrew's held its well-attended sports morning and picnic lunch. The weather was perfect and the children took part in many exciting events including throwing, multi-skills challenges, hockey slaloms and the renowned water race!

St Andrew's is now focusing on its end of term festivities. Year 6 pupils are currently busy visiting their High Schools as part of their transition for September and the new intake of pupils in Reception for September have been meeting their class teacher and teaching assistant. The rest of the school have also enjoyed transition afternoons.

We are all looking forward to our summer fete on Saturday 14th July at 12 noon and our end of year service on Monday 23rd July at 2pm at St Andrew's Church, South Lopham.

St Andrew's governors, pupils and staff would like to wish you a wonderful summer. If you wish to make an appointment to visit, please contact Mrs McGarr, on 01379 687253 or by e-mail head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk We would love to hear from you!

M McGarr

St Andrew's Pre School

Greetings from St Andrews Pre School.

We have had a very busy, 'hot' term. Our garden looks in need of some rain but has produced radish, strawberries, potatoes, onions and there are some tomatoes ripening well.

We have had visits from the police in their squad car, and the children's centre. We have visited the reception class, and were invited to the school to listen to some young musicians from Buckenham high school who delighted the pre school children and had them clapping away.

We have enjoyed a very hot sports day and have our end of term leavers' party on 23rd returning in the Autumn on 6th September.

We are an inclusive setting and all families are welcome.

Ofsted rated us a 'good' at our recent inspection.

We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8.45–3.15 during term time and currently have places available for September.

For further information contact Jan on 07854 091257.

Lophams' Ladies

Meetings are on the first Tuesday each month, in the Village Hall, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome; admission is just £2. Please contact Sarah on 01379 687337 for further details.

First an apology: to Carol Hardstone, who retired as chairman in April, and whose name was incorrectly recorded in the last issue – how remains a mystery! Our thanks were sincere, none the less.

At the June meeting, Jenny Gibbs kept everyone spellbound with the tales of her adventures as a 'Turkish Shirley Valentine', when friends persuaded her to travel alone, following a divorce. Members enjoyed meeting her handsome partner, then browsing, and buying, the beautiful scarves she brought along.

Gooderstone Water Gardens were the perfect venue for an outing on a baking hot July day. We found shady places to walk in, and saw real green grass!

Andrew Goodall is the speaker on 7th August; he will share tips and hints on Gardening for Wildlife. On 4th September Tony Diamond is making a welcome second visit, bringing an illustrated talk about Shakespeare, which is sure to be entertaining as well as informative.

The Bric-a-brac, Jumble and Books Sale in June was very successful; thanks go to all who turned out piles of attractive goods, and/or helped on the day, as well as those who came along to buy. We raised over £200 for funds.

Lophams' 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.

We welcomed Guy Barker to our meeting in June. Guy manages several private gardens in this area, one of which is Wilby Hall and he brought with him examples of the many flowers he likes to use in gardens to give lots of colour and fragrance at this time of year. Some of these were old favourites, but several were new to us and we were inspired to put them to good use in our own gardens.

On 5th July Ian Carstairs came to speak about Swifts. Ian is involved in a Swift conservation project in Harleston which has brought together diverse parts of the community from school children to senior citizens who have been inspired not only to erect nesting boxes to encourage the birds to keep returning to the town, but have extended the boundaries of the project to show how the birds symbolise peace, free spirits and knowing no bounds as they journey from here to Africa and back each year.



On August 2nd we shall welcome Tania Harrington who will give a presentation entitled 'Herbalicious', while in September we shall not be having our usual meeting but instead will be paying a visit to RHS Wisley, joining forces with another local garden club.

Please telephone 01379 687833 for any further information.

Holy Bingo

Continues throughout the summer, at 2pm on the first Monday each month, in the village hall. The Bingo is actually secondary to the chat and banter, so do consider coming along on 6th August or 3rd September. (Younger friends are very welcome during school holidays.

If you need transport just 'phone 01379 687679 to arrange a lift.

Lophams' Village Hall and Playing Field

Lophams' Vintage Rally – our headline event this summer – is on Sunday 29th July, from 10am to 5pm. If you are reading this in time, do come along and bring your friends. Admission is just £5 adult, £2 school-agers, under 5s free.

A football goal has been erected, in time for the school holidays; we hope families will come along to use it! A new container for movable goods is now in place, so sports equipment can be safely housed when not in use. Installing 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!

We look forward to welcoming Botolph's Bowmen to the field for their Archery Club meetings in the near future.



Advance Notice The Osiligi Maasai Warriors have been booked for an evening of unmissable entertainment on Tuesday 9th October at 7.30pm, for what may be their very last performance in England. Full details will be advertised locally, but do BOOK the DATE now, so you won't miss them!

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 August, to stay in with a chance and to continue to help the Village Hall. Contact Jane Conquest on 01379 688183; Thanks again everyone! Lottery winners in May were: 1st Prize £200 – P Coster; 2nd prizes £50 –

J Conquest & D Blanchard. The basket of goodies was won by Peter Frizzell. June winners were: 1st Prize £200 - J Allison; 2nd prizes £50 - A Bush and C Watson. A £40 basket of goodies was also won.



Farmers' Markets take place on the fourth Saturday each month, from 9am till 12.30pm, with a wide range of stalls from which to choose your locally produced goods. The next are on 25th August and 22nd September; details from M Shipperlee on 01379 687235.

Judo 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 a tutor once each month. Contact Jennifer on 01379 687282 for details.

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



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

NORTH LOPHAM NEWS

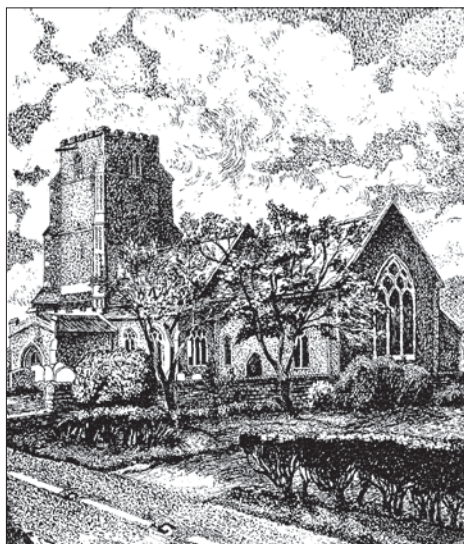
St Nicholas' Church

Methodist friends from the area continue to meet in church for an informal morning service followed by coffee and chat on the fourth Wednesday each month at 10.30am. The next are on 22nd August and 26th September.

The Pentecost Birthday Service was amazing; there were 14 children in the congregation, all with a part to play, then time for cake, balloons and fun afterwards!

Friday night is SNYSB+ night in May was a wonderful event, with a large and appreciative audience tapping their feet to some of the popular tunes of years ago, enjoying the chance to hear lots of film and show-time music, proving once again that Music is Fun. A great evening raised over £115 for the Band and a substantial amount for the church too!

The Summer Coffee Morning, in July was a very happy occasion, with time to chat to friends, sample delicious scones, and patronise the various stalls. Special thanks to Angie from the Kings Head, and Maureen who dealt with all the catering for us – a wonderful help! We raised nearly £350 for funds, a marvelous result.



The Rev'd Samuel Thorp It has been a thrill to welcome new young curate Samuel, with his Swedish fiancée Linnea, to the Team this summer. He was ordained at the Cathedral on 30th June, then welcomed to the parishes with a special lunch in our Village Hall on Sunday 1st July. We hope they will be very happy in the Team. In October we look forward to the arrival of a new Team Vicar: The Rev'd John Cruse, with his wife Janice, will be coming from Guildford. The Rev'd John will replace the Rev'd Wendy Evans. There will be more details in the next issue.

The next few weeks should be a little 'quieter' in the church, as holidays and harvesting get under way. We do hope all those going away will travel safely and return refreshed. The any visitors to the area who see this magazine – we would love to welcome you into the church, to look around, to say a prayer, or just to be quiet. If you are with us for a service, that would be a bonus. We wish you rest and refreshment in this beautiful part of England!

North Lopham Parish Council

11/07/2018

Present Councillors; D Eagle, M McManus, W Nunn (Chair), J Tate, M Tipple; J Crossley (Clerk). 8 public, 2 representatives of Silverley Properties.

Apologies R Carley

Co-option Johanna Tuck agreed to be co-opted as a member of NLPC

Trod extension No date, no design as yet. Loose surface of existing trod a potential hazard, sizeable stones get onto the carriageway.

Parish Plan insurance cover PP committee members should be covered on NLPC insurance while engaged on official PP duties.

Partnership Bid ideas still needed for suitable projects for partnership funding. The funding for the VH play equipment has been approved.

Missing fingerposts have been reported, action will be taken.

Tanns Lane and Church Road resurfacing scheduled for this season.

Clay pigeon shooting, pig smells and flies anonymous complaint about clay pigeon shooting, not progressed, not much NLPC can do about the last two, goes with the territory.

Financial various payments approved and items of income noted.

Bottle Bank income £497.30 received please place your bottles in the bank not your bin, it saves you money!

Planning A presentation of proposed plans to develop the remaining field at Meadow Farm was made by Silverley Properties. This was a consultation about building 7–8 new houses not a formal planning application. Emphasis was on a sympathetic design, resisting overdevelopment, on providing a range of property sizes and prices and on ensuring proper drainage. Discussion followed mainly about the number, size and disposition of the properties. Although there were unresolved disagreements about this, the general feeling seemed to be that if it has to be done, and under current planning conditions it almost certainly will be in some form, then this developer's current approach is far preferable to many. Further consultations will take place before plans are formally submitted to BDC.

Next meeting 12/09/2018

SOUTH LOPHAM NEWS

South Lopham Parish Council

Regular and Annual General Meeting 17th May.

All members present plus Mr Askew, County Councillor (part of meeting) and Mr Phillips (R.P.O). Apologies from Mrs Phillips (Clerk) and Mrs Chapman - Allen (District Council).

Officers John Crisp was re-elected Chairman and Mrs Sarah Martin, Vice Chairman. The chairman thanked all councillors for their work and input at meetings, the Clerk and the financial officer for their work. County and District Councillors were thanked for their contribution.

Governance statements etc these together with audit statements and certificate of exemption briefly summarised by Mr Phillips and signed.

Financials usual monthly and end of year expenses approved plus donation of £250 for St Andrews Churchyard.

GDPR Steve Reynolds explained in brief compliance and regulations in so far as they affect the Parish Council.

County Council Mr Askew delivered a report and reminded councillors of ways in which he could assist particularly in regard to highways.

Planning Sarah Martin outlined recent decisions and pending applications. Details on Breckland Council website.

Highways Anne Shipperlee reported drainage works completed on Church Road bends. County aware of drain cover work needed on A1066 near Bridge Farm entrance. Potholes in Blo Norton road need attention.

Footpaths Rob Webb reported paths across cropped fields sprayed off. Path 12 off Brick Kiln Lane (cleaned earlier this year) grown up with nettles. Parish footpath leaflet in hand.

Works Simon Puttock reported work on bench in Primrose Lane completed and back in place.

SAM 2 Steve Reynolds reports common speed 35 mph to 40 mph. Some very excessive speeds recorded on the A1066, data being collected.

Litter pick Jim Pursehouse to arrange litter pick in the autumn. Details to follow. Bring a friend.



Don't be Late

Join us on
Friday 10th August
12.30 – 3.00 pm

For Afternoon Tea

(£3.00 children U10, £5.00 adults)



Fun and Games

Have your picture taken with Alice and the mad hatters!

The Walled Garden

Beyond the Wall, Thornham Magna,
Eye, IP23 8HA

Regular meeting 10 July with four members and the Clerk in attendance.

Planning permission has been granted for work at Pearce's Farm and at Piggery Barn.

Footpaths A grant application has been submitted for funding towards the production of a map of the village footpaths.

Highways Speeding traffic; hopefully the new SAM II speed signs are having a positive effect. The council is considering setting up a community speed watch programme. Interested volunteers should please contact us.

Overgrown trees and hedges encroaching onto the highway are a concern in parts of the village. This is a serious traffic hazard. Residents are asked to consider this and to please take action where necessary.

Next meeting 11 September 2018. The meetings are open to all and suggestions of items for discussion are welcome.

Redgrave & Lopham Fen

Regular events

Wildlife Watch Group

Saturday 8 Sept, 10.30am–12.30pm. A club for 6–12 year olds, £3. Contact marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com or call 01379 688333

Time to paint

Friday 31 August, 28 Sept, 10am–2pm
£5 donation, includes tea and cake. All welcome, no need to book. Contact 01379 688333

Guided fen walks

Saturday 4 August, 1 Sept, 10.30am–1pm, £4. Meet at the Education Centre. No need to book.

Summer holiday activities

Children's activities for 6–10 year olds, £7 per child, 10am–2pm: 7 August – **Awesome amphibians & remarkable reptiles**, 14 August – **Hunting & hiding**. For unaccompanied children only. Booking essential

Family activities, £4 child, £2 adult

1 August 10am–12noon & 2–4pm **Pond dipping**

8 August, 2pm–4pm – **The Lost Words**

15 August, 2pm–4pm – **Treasure hunt**

Children must be accompanied by an adult
Booking essential



St Andrew's Church

Flower Festival

PCC members thank all the flower arrangers who took part in our recent Flower Festival, the Church looked so beautiful. Also we thank all the helpers, cake makers and to Sarah for bringing all the plants and running the plant stall. Over £750 was raised towards the upkeep of our lovely Church.

Harvest Service

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service this year is on Sunday 16th September at 9.30am HC

Diss Quilting Group Exhibition

On Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd September Diss Quilting Group will hold an exhibition in the Church from 10am to 5pm. Refreshments will be served and the tower will be open.

Young naturalists, £7 each, 10am–2pm,
Wildlife identification skills for unaccompanied
11–15 year olds. Booking essential
2 August – **Freshwater life**
16 August – **Invertebrates** August

'Inspired by nature' Art Exhibition

Sat 25, Sun 26 & Mon 27 August, 10am–4pm
Artwork by local artists on display and for sale
Free entry. Refreshments available.

Introduction to hedgehogs

With Paula Baker from Suffolk Prickles Hedgehog Rescue. Sat 1 September, 10.30am–3.30pm. £25
Booking essential

Late summer harvest – an introduction to jam making. With master preserver Janet Peachey of Peachey's Preserves. Sun 16 Sept, 10am–3pm, £30 plus £8 for ingredients and jars. Booking essential

Late summer harvest – an introduction to pickling. With master preserver Janet Peachey of Peachey's Preserves. Sun 23 Sept, 10am–3pm. £30 plus £8 for ingredients and jars. Booking essential

Some lovely islands

Tuesday 25 Sept, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Talk with Valley Fens Wildlife Group, £2 per person (includes refreshments) no need to book

Visit www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org for further details and to book, or call 01473 890089

Winfarthing Group Rector writes...



'O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness'

The lyrics of this hymn were written by the Rev. John Samuel Bewley Monsell. He was born in Derry in 1811 and died in Guildford in 1875. From 1870–1875 he was a Chaplain to Queen Victoria. He was also the lyricist of one of my favourite hymns 'Fight the Good Fight' which, as a former Army Chaplain, has resonance for me.

The Scriptural references upon which the hymn is based come from, Psalm 96:9 and also Daniel 7:9.

The hymn is usually used around the season of Epiphany; preparing oneself in looking forward to the second coming of Christ – the judgement and the blessings.

One of the reasons why I enjoy this hymn so much is the wide gambit of human emotions contained within the hymn – adoration, fear, hope, offering of money, offering worship, offering of oneself, trust in God, worship.

We look around, opening our eyes of the beauty of the County in which we live; being open and honest with God as to who and what we are; giving to God the praise and honour whilst proclaiming the glory and majesty due to Him. Offering of ourselves in obedience to his commands; responding to His invitation to live life to the fullest extent and seeking to extend his Kingdom here on earth.

For me, this starts with being open and honest before God. The most important question that I asked of God when I was in my early twenties was not, 'this is what I want to do', but 'what do you want of me?'

'O worship the Lord, in the beauty of holiness. Bow down before him, His glory proclaim. With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him; the Lord is his name'.

Rev David F Mills

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: 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 01379 741816 for details)

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

Annual Gift Day

The Church will be open on Saturday 18th August from 10.30 to 4 to receive gifts towards the running of the Church.

Keeping the Church open for Sunday Services, Weddings, Funerals, Christenings and community use e.g. Luncheon Club, Youth Club and Parish Meetings etc. incurs an annual Quota from the Diocese of £10,000 for 2018.

We are most grateful to all those who organise and support fund raising activities and especially those who support the Church by direct giving, either by standing order weekly offerings or one off yearly giving. If you can support our Church in any of the above ways please come for coffee and refreshments on Gift Day or alternatively drop your contribution in Church Warden David Crowe's letter box at 'Crewbeare' opposite the Church. A standing order is enclosed for your convenience.

Burston and Shimpling Parish Council

The Council has continued to liaise with Anglian Water concerning the sewerage works, completed

apart from the provision of an electricity supply to one of the pumping stations. When this is completed the system can, after final testing, go live and this expected to happen before the end of August. Councillors did have a 'walk round' with the project manager and the engineer responsible for restoration, and saw many verges that had been re-soiled and re-seeded more than once, having been trashed by vehicles driving over them again, often within hours of the work being done. We shall be trying to get Highways to erect reflective road-edge marker boards to encourage vehicles to stay on the roads. Things will probably look bare for the rest of the summer but will 'green up' over the autumn and winter months.

The drainage system for the BMX track was installed in May, and seems to be working well. The young riders have spent lots of time further improving the track. Under the leadership of Cllr Keith Cowley, a lot of work has been done on the Memorial Garden and Orchard. All of the trees have been netted to minimise animal damage, and the dead trees have been replaced. A wild poppy bed has been planted as well.



The Speedwatch team have been out every week for one or two hour-long sessions, and cars certainly slow down when they see the hi-viz jackets.

Due to the resignation of Tom Grieve, who will be missed, we have a vacancy on the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in the possibility of being co-opted to join the council please contact Ann Baker, the Clerk, (01379 742937) or Nigel (07831 377769)

Community Action Team

The Evening with Basil Abbott was well supported, and everyone enjoyed the three course sausage and mash supper, as well as the informative talk on the Famous People of Diss.

The next event will be the usual village barbeque on Church Green on Saturday 1st September, the evening before the Strike School Rally.



Burston School

Our topic this half term is called 'A Sailor Went to Sea Sea Sea.' The children have learnt about explorers, including James Cook and Christopher Columbus. They have found out about sea creatures, learning about animals and how they can be sorted into amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds and fish. The children enjoyed a trip to the Sea Life Centre, which was subsidised by the Friends of Burston (FOBs), and spent some time on the beach enjoying the sunshine.

This half term has been jam packed! We have been learning about the Tudors, and how they influenced the country that we live in today. We have also learned about the houses, food and religion within this era. In English, we have focused on non-chronological reports, linking it to Shakespeare. Maths has seen a focus in fractions, percentages and decimals. The Year 6 children went to Crucial crew and learned about how to keep safe, four children went to SCRATCH, a computer competition at the UEA and Year 4, 5 and 6 children also enjoyed a Rounders' tournament at Diss High School.

We have also had a successful performance given by Class 2 of Arthur and the Round Table, with some excellent solos and brilliant acting. During this recent heat wave, Year 5 and 6 children also went on the annual residential, this time to Eaton Vale, where the children took part in archery, canoeing, mountain biking and many more fun activities. They were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Over our final few weeks, we will be saying good bye to our six year 6 children with a leavers meal and assembly and wish them all the luck for high school.

GISSING NEWS

A Farewell

On 30th May, many people from Gissing gathered at the Waveney Crematorium, and afterwards at the Tibenham Greyhound, to say goodbye to Dan Williams. Dan was a former resident of Gissing, and had been attached to the village for many years, keeping a number of beehives at various homes in the parish. A retired teacher, who taught several generations of children around the area, his capacity for friendship and talent for conversation endeared him to parishioners over the decades. He'll be remembered – and deeply missed – in Gissing and throughout the area.

St Mary's: Past, Present and Future

Songs for a summer evening

The Gissing Singers were on fine form when they performed a programme of beautiful and lively music in early June. The group is very generous in supporting the church and we have built up a good relationship with them over the years. Boosted by an intake of more members the singers have grown in confidence and gone from strength to strength. Their soft, expressive singing in the quieter numbers was lovely and their joy in performing infectious. In the classic standard 'Sway with me' the choir had fun with the lyrics. Carolyn, their conductor, was also completely 'in the groove' and the cheeky arrangement went down a storm with a very attentive audience. The music was complemented by poetry readings scattered through the performance. Some of the Singers' pieces were originally learnt under the direction of the group's founder, Andrew Pierssene and it was good to see him there. The eclectic mix of spirituals, folk melodies and songs from the African continent, combined with the readings, well chosen by Christina and beautifully delivered by several readers, worked very well. It was especially good to hear the writing of John Clare. It was a delightful evening. If you missed it, you missed a treat. Be

sure to come next time. The Singers will be back by popular demand... though we haven't told them yet.

On Angels' wings

A little later in the month the church was packed to the rafters for the last in a series of events that fulfilled the conditions of the Heritage Lottery Award. Sarah Cassell, a PhD student from the UEA, who has made a special study of angel roofs, delivered an illustrated talk. We are very proud of ours at St. Mary's and believe it to be one of the finest around, especially in a small parish church. (Not that we're biased, of course.)

All of these events were made possible only through excellent teamwork. Some folk who had come from other villages – Tasburgh and East Harling among them – supported more than one event, returning because they had not only enjoyed themselves but had so appreciated the warm welcome they received, along with good conversation over a glass of wine and very tasty eats. Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation and to those who made up our audiences. Without your support we could not have succeeded.

Re-dedication of St Mary's

And finally: an invitation to come and join our celebration on the evening of Friday 3rd August at 7.30pm when we will hopefully impress the angels with the volume of our singing, as we gather to give thanks for the work that has been done by skilled craftsmen and others to restore our beautiful church. The swallows that are nesting in the porch may even join in. The Bishop of Thetford will give the address and after the service we hope you all join us for refreshments in the community centre. After such a busy couple of years no doubt we will all breathe a huge sigh of relief and relax a little to enjoy the fruits of our labours, admiring the newly restored mosaic floor, once the pride of our much loved churchwarden, Bunny, painstakingly brought back to its former shining glory by Marc Cheesman of mosaicworks.co.uk. It's the final cherry on the cake.

We owe huge gratitude to many, many people and organisations – far too many to mention individually – but, rest assured, we are very grateful to each and every one of you. Well done, everybody!

Heart of Gissing

(Charity No: 1161599)

Summer Fete

This is back to its usual date this year, August 26th – bigger and better than ever, while still keeping its village atmosphere and many of its favourite stalls and games.

We will not only benefit from being able to use the new Community Building where cream teas, cakes and ice cream will be served, but will also be spreading into the meadow next door. Many of the event's favourite stalls and games will be found here as well as some special displays and activities emphasising this year's early medieval theme.

Jörmungandr Austr, a group of Saxon and Viking re-enactors, will be staging fights using broadswords, axes and spears, knives and shields and putting these combats into their historical context, explaining how they were used to settle disputes. They will set them among other Viking village ac-



tivities and visitors may be invited to look into some of the tents, equipped as authentically as possible, watch weaving and leatherwork being done, sniff the stew and spit-roasted meat being cooked over the fire pit and maybe even try on a helmet.

Those who fancy practising their own skills with weapons will be able to have a go at archery under the watchful, professional eyes of Adam Osborne, while those who want to be transported less actively to earlier times can enjoy the music of The Minstrels who will be playing dance tunes, songs and instrumental pieces on early instruments such as the Shawn and the Cornetto.

The fete is open from 2 to 5pm and entrance is free. Burgers and hot dogs will be available as usual. Car parking is signposted off Rectory Road in Gissing, next to the Bowls Club.

New Website

A new website giving lots of information about the Gissing Community Building can now be accessed at www.gissingcommunitybuilding.org It gives full details of the activities that take place there, the facilities available and hiring charges, along with lots of photographs. Why not have a look?

Gissing Children's Centre

Our outdoor play area is being improved all the time. The grassed area has now been levelled and reseeded and a new, defined digging area incorporated. We are currently seeking funding to provide some lovely replacement wooden play equipment, to relocate our sand play area and to provide a better mud kitchen arrangement and some more permanent covered areas so we can truly provide all-season, all-weather outdoor play.

We continue our extended opening hours from 8– 4.30 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 for both funded and non-funded children aged from 2 years until 5 years so if you would like to visit, please contact Linda Nash at manager@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk, 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 will be running seven Holiday Playscheme days for primary school age children during August: Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th; Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th; Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd; Friday 31st. The cost will be £16.50 per child and the sessions will run from 9–3.30 with the option of a shorter session from 9–1 for £13.50. There is a sibling discount available. Children will need

to bring a packed lunch and some money for tuck. We will be offering a wide selection of lovely crafts, cooking, lego, play and exploration, making full use of the adjacent woodland. Places must be booked and paid for in advance by emailing: playscheme@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk Check our Facebook page for up to date information.

Last, but certainly not least, we send our very best wishes to the 23 children leaving us this year to start school in September. We shall miss you all and hope you might come back and see us at our Holiday Playschemes from October.

The Royal British Legion DISS & DISTRICT

Sunday 2nd September Hog Roast Roydon Village Hall

12.30pm to eat at 1pm
Only 75 tickets, available from Jim
(01379 643363) £10pp all welcome,
bookings being taken now!

Diss Royal Air Force Association are proudly presenting The RAF Big Band Concert Saturday 15th September Diss Corn Hall starting at 7.30pm

Saturday 29th September
Duxford Air Museum
£33 including admission.
All welcome, book via Jim
(01379 643363) or Simonds Coaches
(01379 647300)

Diss RBL with Dickleborough RBL
on a day trip to
Greenwich Maritime Museum
Saturday 13th October
depart 9am return 7pm approximately
£22 for the return fare.

SHELFANGER NEWS

All Saints' Church

Your church at Shelfanger has had a busy period with two baptisms, a funeral and a wedding. We warmly welcomed Margaux Helene and Matilda Henriette from Church Farmhouse into the family of the church. We said a fond farewell to Joyce Pollard (formerly Cotton) and we wish all the very best in their future married life to Sharon (daughter of Pat and John Webster of Poplar Farm) and Brian (from Lincolnshire) following their wedding on 27th July.

At a meeting in mid-June the outline of the future church organisation for this area was formally revealed to churchwardens and PCC members. Although unlikely to happen in the immediate future, Shelfanger will eventually become part of the Diss 'hub' or 'minster' organisation. Along with our friends in Winfarthing, Burston, Gissing and Tivetshall churches, we shall join with Diss, Roydon, Bressingham, North and South Lopham and Fersfield. This enlarged benefice will be in the care of the Vicar and Rector of Diss assisted by Lay Readers and retired clergy. This should enable our church to continue its current pattern of weekly worship. Incidentally, many older readers will remember a time 36 years ago when we were previously linked to many of these parishes, a grouping which gave birth to this magazine.

Finally, on 11th June Shelfanger church underwent a clerical 'Ofsted' in which the Archdeacon of Norfolk came and checked out all paperwork, registers, certificates, equipment and property that is the church's responsibility. The wardens are pleased to report that all was found to be in order.

Friends of Shelfanger Church Launch

On Saturday 30th June a meeting was held at the Village Hall under the chairmanship of Keith Day to establish and elect a committee for the 'Friends of Shelfanger Church' organisation. This meeting was attended by some 28 parishioners.

This committee met formally for the first time on Monday 2nd July, again under Keith's Chairmanship. Karen Lough has kindly agreed to act as

Treasurer and Vicci Day will undertake secretarial duties. While the committee begins the formalities of setting up this new charity, they are also looking ahead to a major launch event in the church on Saturday 29th September from 2.30 to 4.30. This will be a free 'cheese and wine' gathering to give everyone a great opportunity to find out what the Friends of Shelfanger Church is all about. Look out for your invitation to this special event.

Village Hall News

The Village Hall continues to be busy providing a meeting place for groups offering activities in art, drama, yoga, Pilates, Kettlsize, railway modelling and bowls. It also provides a venue for LEAF which supports people with learning difficulties and the meetings of Shelfanger and Heywood Parish Councils. Amid all this, there is provision for private parties and meetings. If you wish to try and book a space, phone Ivan Cotton on 01379 644006.

Finally, work continues on important maintenance and structural issues, particularly updating the hall fire warning system and re-tiling the north-facing roof.

Defibrillator Update

The village defibrillator housed in the converted phone box at Bowmans Garage is up and running. Some 40 parishioners attended a most informative and effective instruction evening at the village hall on 3rd July organised by Peter Lough. Residents' anxieties and questions about the use of the equipment were answered in detail. Special thanks are due to Pete and to Geoff Allen for acting as overseers, checking weekly that batteries and equipment are in good order.



Children's Play Area

Funding is now in place for some refreshing new play equipment at the village hall recreation ground. This should be installed in time for the start of the school holidays in July, making a much more attractive area for younger children to play safely.

Shelfanger Village Fete

We hope to include a full report of the fete which took place on 21st July in the October issue of Cock Crow. Also, watch this space, as the committee plans for your autumn and winter entertainment including an Evening of Magic for all the family.



Upcoming Event

Saturday 25th August is the time for the Annual Flower, Vegetable and Homecraft Show at the village hall. Schedules for all the classes are being issued. If by any chance you fail to receive one and would like to take part, contact Carl Taylor at Yew Tree Cottage, Rectory Road. All entries and entry fees to Roger Challoner at Old Post Office Cottage in Church Road by 7pm on Thursday 23rd August.

Shelfanger Social Club

The club proudly announces a new association with Adnams Brewery of Southwold. They will now supply the club with its beers, wines, spirits and mixers.

Adnams has re-organised the bar cellar and its equipment to now provide Adnams Southwold Bitter, Adnams Ghostship and Fosters lager on tap.

Following the recent audit of accounts and AGM, Karen Lough, the Social Club treasurer was pleased to indicate a substantial improvement in trading and finances. Very considerable thanks are due to Derek Lord who maintains the bar cellar and pipework and to the volunteers who run the bar.

Shelfanger Parish Council

The Parish Council sends thanks, once again, to Ivan and Linda Lord and Lyn Collett for their excellent work maintaining our network of footpaths. We also hope you have noticed the new Parish Council Information Board at the garage crossroads. This replaces the one built by Ivan Cotton nearly 30 years ago, a tribute to his handiwork.

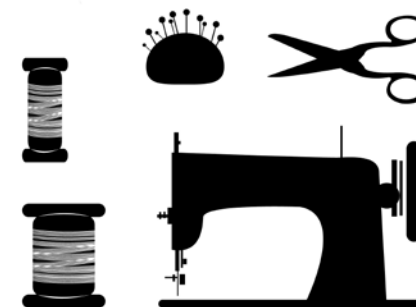
Job Vacancy

After 24 years, Mrs Helen Green, is retiring as Parish Council Secretary. This post has 4 hours of paid work per week. If any reader is interested in this core community job, contact Helen on shelfangerpc@gmail.com.

Shelfanger Stitchers

The group continues to meet fortnightly. A display of work from their latest projects formed part of the exhibition at the fete and members were pleased to chat to visitors.

Anyone who likes to knit or stitch is welcome to come and enjoy a good natter and do a few stitches of their current project. (Telephone Helen for more information on 01379 652199)



TIVETSHALL NEWS

St Mary's church

As many of you know, the ruins were visited by vandals earlier in the summer; they left offensive graffiti on the interior walls. This was reported to the police but, despite investigations, they were unable to come up with any leads to solve the crime. Please could everyone be extra vigilant when passing the ruins and report anything suspicious to the police?

Thank you to Jo and John Powell who worked so hard with The Friends of St Mary's to remove the graffiti and also to the Parish Council who provided funds to purchase the necessary cleaner.

Last but not least, thank you to TFAF who donated a proportion of the proceeds of the recent fete to St Mary's funds.

St Margaret's church

The church was given its annual 'Spring Clean' in June and we thank all those that helped. Recently we have also replaced the tiles that blew off the chancel roof during the winter, inspected the guttering and cleared the drains, renewed some of the wooden edges along the pathway and repaired the chancel door which awaits a new coat of paint. Our thanks go

to both the Parish Council and TFAF for their donations that enabled us to undertake this work.

Paul Playford and Steve West have done a fantastic job on cutting the lower branches of the lime trees – our thanks to them. Volunteers are most welcome to help us maintain our beautiful little church which receives many visitors from far and wide.

War memorials

The war memorials at St Mary's and St Margaret's have both now been designated Grade 2 listed. Eric Kirby kindly submitted the request for this in 2013!

Tivetshall Families & Friends

We welcome John Powell, who has recently joined the team after helping all day at the Summer Fete.

Summer Fete & Fun Dog Show

A great day was had by all at the end of May; the weather was kind to us and many volunteers from within the village and beyond came to help us. TFAF extends thanks to everyone who supported this event; without volunteers this event simply wouldn't happen. Thanks also to those who came along to enjoy the day; once again, very positive feedback.



We are incredibly happy to have raised a net profit of £1,669.60, with the dog show making an additional £266 for German Shepherd UK Rescue.

From the profit the TFAF trustees donated a total of £610 to the following village organisations:

£120 to Friends of Tivetshall School

£120 to Friends of St Mary's Church, Tivetshall

£100 to Monday Club (a support group for older residents)

£100 to Tivetshall Village Hall

£170 to St Margaret's Church, Tivetshall

In addition Diss 1st Scouts collected £180 on the car park which TFAF has donated to them in return for their support.

The remaining funds are being held by TFAF for consideration on how the money can be used on a project for the benefit of our community.

We are currently undertaking a survey about the possibility of holding a regular community cafe so, if you live in The Tivetshalls and have received a questionnaire please fill it in and return it as soon as possible so we know your views.

Coffee Morning

Due to popular demand, we are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 29th September from 10–12. The proceeds will be donated to support a new Charity being set up called Community Carers Cafe – The Annie Van. Nicky and Andy King led the Dementia Friends session at the film night in June and TFAF would like to support them in their quest. The Coffee Morning will be held in Tivetshall Village Hall and we can promise a selection of tasty bakes as well as a number of stalls.

Film Nights

We are hoping, if we get sufficient numbers, to hold another film screening in October.

The film of The Greatest Showman has been suggested; however, we will be pleased to hear from you with your suggestion.

To pass your suggestions to the TFAF Team please contact anyone below, leave a comment on our Facebook page Tivetshall Families and Friends Events, or pop a suggestion in an envelope marked TFAF Films and leave in the Village Hall post box or at Tivetshall Post Office.

Ticket prices are likely to be: £5 for adults, £3 for children aged 3–12, under 3s go free. Refreshments, popcorn, sweets and ice cream will be available to purchase.

Community Lottery

We started the new year for the community lottery in April; a handful of numbers is still available at a cost of £1 per number per month. If you are interested in purchasing one please email thetivetshalls@hotmail.com or contact anyone from the TFAF committee.

Other dates for your diary

World War 1 Centenary Event: 10th November (more details to follow)

Christmas Craft Fayre: 25th November 11–3

TFAF Committee

Tabatha Forbes (Chair): 07816 881317

Robert Alleguen-Porter (Treasurer): 07419 114869 or 01379 674721

Ros Hill (Secretary): 07830 292074

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Our website is www.thetivetshalls.co.uk – you can keep up to date by visiting this site regularly, we keep the homepage up to date with events coming up. You can also subscribe to our email newsletter.

You can also go our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tivetshallfamiliesand-friends/>

Or on Twitter – search for: @tfaf_events

Tivetshall Primary School

Class 1 enjoyed a Stone Age café at the beginning of May which proved to be an excellent way of introducing our new topic. Children and parents mixed mud paints to paint their own cave, made tools from natural materials and enjoyed many other craft activities. Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising and preparing all of the activities.

Just before half-term we held our annual Teddy Bear Picnic. We welcomed children who would be joining the school and all children and families had a lovely time.

Our safety day this term focused on the perils of smoking, the children producing good imaginative work and increasing their scientific knowledge.

The flower arranging competition in June produced the usual excellent standard. The silver cup has been awarded for nearly seventy years with the winner's name engraved each year. Congratulations to age group winners Chloe Harvey, Evie Dalliston and Harry Henson. Overall winner was Chloe.

As usual, our partnership school Burston came to join us for sports' day, organised by Mrs Rednall. Standards of behaviour and sportsmanship were high for both scores with a good level of skill. Well done to everyone involved.



Later that week a group of Year 5 and 6 children went to the UEA to take part in Scratch Off (a computer coding competition) attracting schools from as far away as London as well as local schools. There were well over 100 children taking part but our children claimed eight of the prizes. Needless to say we were very proud of them all and proud to showcase the excellent work that we do in that area.

More success was to follow when Class 2 came 2nd of 19 teams in the Diss cluster Rounders tournament against competition from much larger schools.

The children have worked hard on the school play and their efforts were rewarded with the success of The Mystery of Magpie Manor which they performed at the village hall.

They were up early the following morning to attend The Norfolk Show. This was another long day but everyone had fun, enjoyed lots of new experiences and learnt a lot.

On the last day of that busy week children enjoyed a special cricket coaching event.

Sandra Potter, Head of School

WINFARTHING NEWS

The Village Hall committee were sorry to receive Paula McQue's resignation from the post of Bookings Clerk. She has done a great job over the past few years and the committee thank her for the hard work she has put in. We are also proud to welcome Doreen Collins as a new member and congratulate her on taking over from Paula. Doreen's contact details are: 01379 642018 doreencollins@btinternet.com We are still on the lookout for new talent (Committee members) to help us organise new and fresh events for the future. The Hall is in great shape now and must be used more. Interested individuals should call: Nick Griffiths 01379 643718

Winfarthing Parish Council

It's been another busy year for the councillors with the defibrillator now installed on the front wall of the Fighting Cocks Public House; thanks go to the Big Lottery fund that paid for the Defibrillator, Warren and Tracy at the pub for the electricity to run the machine, Mr Tunmore for allowing the defibrillator on the wall and the Council for paying the rest of the costs including the awareness day held at the pub.

The public footpaths are constantly being monitored with the help from Norfolk County Council.

Hall road is at last on the gritting map, thanks going to County Councillor Bev Spratt for his help; this is something that the Councillors have been trying to achieve for many years.

The litter pick which was held in March when the Councillors and a few residents managed to collect over 20 bags of rubbish, a few more helpers next year would be welcome.



A new bench has been installed next to the Village sign, and the Parish Council contributed £500 towards repairing the school car park.

The precept was increased by 2%.

For the next year the Councillors are looking into installing 20mph flashing signs outside the school, they have applied to Norfolk County Council for a Parish Partnership scheme which pays half the costs, unfortunately this still means that the Council still has to find over £4000 which is more than one year's precept.

Finally – a message

From Janet, your correspondent *Please* let me know of anything that is happening in our village as it is the only way we can be informed of future events.

My details are under 'The Cock Crow Team' on the centre pages.

All Saints' Primary School

The end of a very busy summer term is fast approaching for our pupils and staff.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed an educational visit to Baylham Rare Breeds Farm where they learnt about different animals and had the opportunity to hold some of them. KS1 have also enjoyed a sports picnic at Diss High School.

Meanwhile Year 5 and 6 took part in a residential at Kingswood in Overstrand. During their visit the weather was perfect and the children enjoyed many adventurous activities together with being so close to the beautiful Norfolk coast. The whole of KS2 visited Fairhaven Woodland Water Garden.



In addition to this, All Saints' held its well-attended sports morning followed by a picnic lunch. The weather was perfect and the children took part in many exciting events including throwing, multi-skills challenges as well as individual races.

We are now focusing on end of term festivities. Year 6 pupils are currently busy visiting their High Schools as part of their transition for September and the new intake of pupils in Reception for September have been meeting their class teacher and teaching assistant. The rest of the school have also enjoyed transition afternoons.

We are all looking forward to our summer fete on Saturday 14th July at 12noon and our end of year service on Tuesday 24th July at 10am at St Mary's Church, Winfarthing.

All Saints' governors, pupils and staff wish you a wonderful summer.

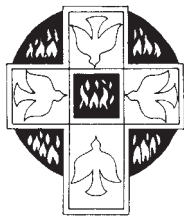
If you wish to make an appointment to visit, please contact Mrs McGarr, on 01379 642767 or by e-mail head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk We would love to hear from you!

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	Burston	Gissing	Shelfanger	Tivetshall	Winfarthing
August 5	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP
August 12	8.00 HC	Join Tivetshall	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	9.30 MP
August 19	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	8.00 HC	9.30 HC	
August 26	Join Chapel	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	Join Gissing	No Service
September 2	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP
September 9	8.00 HC	Join Tivetshall	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	9.30 MP
September 16	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	8.00 HC	9.30 HC	10.00 Harvest/VC
September 23	10.30 Harvest	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	Join Gissing	9.30 HC
September 30	10.30 HC**				
October 7	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 Harvest	11.00 FS	9.30 MP

Gissing Church: Friday, August 3rd, 7.30pm: with Bishop Alan: Thanksgiving and Rededication

Chapel Family Service at Chapel | MW Morning Worship | FS Family Service | HC Holy Communion | MP Morning Prayer | 5/P HC 5 Parish Service | VC Village Church | MS Morning Service | P/P Prayer and Praise |

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Sun 5th Aug Trinity 10	No Service	No Service	9.30am HC 11am FS	No Service
Sun 12th Aug Trinity 11	9.30am HC	9.30am MS	11am FS	No Service
Sun 19th Aug Trinity 12	9.30am MS	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC
Sun 26th Aug Trinity 13	No Service	9.30am HC	11am FS	9.30am MS
Sun 2nd Sept Trinity 14	No Service	No Service	9.30am HC 11am FS	No Service
Sun 9th Sept Trinity 15	9.30am HC	9.30am MS	11am FS	No Service
Sun 16th Sept Trinity 16	9.30am MS	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC
Sun 23rd Sept Trinity 17	No Service	9.30am HC	11am FS	9.30am MS
Sun 30th Sept Trinity 18	A fifth Sunday: services at Diss: HC at 8 and 10.45am; Evensong at 6pm			
Sun 6th Oct Trinity 19	No Service	No Service	9.30am HC 11am 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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