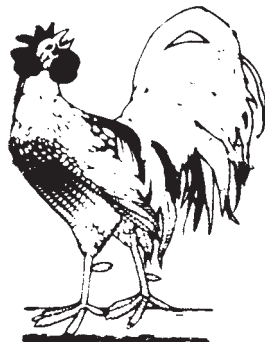


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A blustery day at Southwold

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## Murphy's Rambles

Hello there; does anyone else think we are on an express ride to autumn? One moment we have hedges dripping with hawthorn blossom but now the haws are not only formed but trying to turn red! Mind you, the heavy rain in late May played havoc with the blossom. It was the same with the tadpoles we found, one day just hatched, next spread out a bit more then after the mini monsoon we were down to 20 or so and now none.

This month has proved how cruel nature is, one morning we found a red-legged partridge egg on the track and then, looking back, we realised the long grass had hidden a trail of 5 more shells all leading to a gorgeously snug nest in the long grass. Two days later human collected a partridge egg shell, round a corner a pheasant shell and nearer the road a lovely blue shell, possibly a ducks. Later that week we found pheasants eggs strewn all over, as if the poor birds aren't having enough problems with the weather.

It has made the grasses and wild flowers grow, our walk round the fields has been greatly enhanced by profusion of mayweed, poppies, heartsease & cranesbills on the verges. Who needs to go to London to see poppy displays when the field on Common Road has a glorious swathe that kept getting bigger and better. Not sure the farmer would be of the same mind!

In early May we were still seeing the occasional deer but very few lately. However, last week we came across one that possibly had young nearby as it refused to run just stood and barked at us – most unnerving, humans and I beat a speedy retreat.

The birds have been a delight, mum and baby ducklings, a water hen and 2 young who have stayed around so we could watch their down turn to feathers. One morning a green woodpecker treated us to a flypast as it joined us on the road; such amazing colours.

I hope everyone was alright in the rain on Saturday, we went for a walk later to see the floods but I wasn't too keen on water that deep, reminded me too much of my baths!!!

Take care folks and have fun outdoors

Other items  
the Editors think  
you might like  
to know about



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## Don't be caught out!

*During their 'scams awareness' campaign, Citizens Advice released these findings:*

- Nationwide, around £5billion is lost each year to scams via phone and post.
- The average individual loss to investment scams is £20,000
- The total cost to victims of financial fraud in 2015 was £755 million

*Common scams reported to Citizens Advice, including their offices here, include:*

- Subscription or free trial scams – Unscrupulous companies use subscription traps, especially continuous payment authority (CPA), to steal from consumers' accounts.
- Job scams – taking money to write CVs or carry out CRB checks.
- Computer scams – cold callers offer to 'solve' computer problems. They may install viruses or steal financial and personal details.
- Ticket scams – Consumers sold tickets for events already sold out or tickets not yet on sale.
- Lottery/prize draw scams – Mainly postal, these are advanced fee frauds.
- Copycat Government official service – Callers claim to be from 'the Government Grants department' telling people they are eligible for a grant. They demand a down payment to release the money or trick victims into handing over payment details.
- Locksmith scams – A 'neighbour' will ask for money to pay a locksmith because they are locked out. There may be a tale of a child being alone in the premises.

*Remember – if it sounds too good to be true it probably is.*

- Don't suffer in silence – speak out about scams.
- Cold caller – be suspicious.
- Ignore job ads that ask for money in advance.
- Your bank will never visit your home to collect anything.
- Your bank will never ask for your PIN or complete password.
- Your bank will never ask you to transfer money to a new account for fraud reasons.
- Suspect a phone scam? Hang up and wait five minutes to clear the line before calling your bank.

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## Playtime



*August is the traditional holiday month, Canon Billett asks us to consider the importance of play in life.*

At play, we see the best in people. A game of tennis with a traffic warden may reveal their sunnier side, perhaps more sinned against than sinning. Play transforms; the shy become articulate, the learned simple and the cynic softened; we can lower our guard.

At work we stand on alert, tense and touchy. But work is for play; not play for work. We really believe that paradise is where the marvels of infinite productivity are celebrated. Yet surely, God rested on the seventh day not from exhaustion but to enjoy creation.

Alas, enjoyment is a rare or perhaps even lost art. I know people who admit that they don't enjoy holidays for whom 'Wish you were here' is a cry of despair. The trouble is work can be an addiction. If we idle, it nags us for our indolence, for making merry instead of money. The holiday is a kind of exam; it reveals what we are, real people, or just mind and muscle. Good at work, bad at play.

The child loves creation as a playground; creation is a field not a factory. The world is a gift for dance and delight. Too soon we lose the child's perception; the land is no longer alive and even God is dead. If God dies, he dies from cold, work makes the heart cold, dead to the call of God and the cry of the neighbour. Yet man must worship and, if God dies, there is no vacancy.

This work god vetoes play. His service is only strain and monotony, his acolytes work so hard but are not happy, even on holiday. Space, light, time – these are the holy and holiday things, the essence of creation. Lives confined to work and wages inhabit a sad and God-forsaken world.

On holiday we seek not the sun but ourselves. The real weather is within, the drizzle, the depression. More than rest we need full re-creation; learn to play again with the abandon of the child.

Whenever, wherever, you are going on holiday, play.

Canon Billett

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## Team Ministry Page

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### Team News

Bishop Alan's visit to the Team will be reported next time.

### The Team Council

This is a new venture for the six parishes. For the first year it will meet four times, to discuss items that apply to all the communities – services, the wider church and outreach – so that individual PCCs can concentrate on business specific to their local church, mostly Fabric and Finance. A brief summary of relevant Team Council matters will be published here.



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## BRESSINGHAM NEWS

### Church News

The Open Gardens event and the Gardener's Question Time were both enormous successes and congratulations must go to everyone who worked so very hard during the preceding months to make them so. The gardens both in Bressingham and Fersfield were spectacular, and it was just amazing that well over 40 households took part in the wheelbarrow competition. The ladies in the village baked some fantastic cakes which resulted in all the refreshments being home made. The people behind the scenes, who drove the idea forward, are too numerous to mention with the exception of Linda Holly who steered us all with enthusiasm to the end and Alan at the shop for all the ticket sales. An incredible £4,403.25 in total was raised and this was distributed as follows. Bressingham Methodist Chapel £100, Bressingham and Fersfield Village Hall £860, Fersfield Church £1,720 and Bressingham church



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£1,723.25, which will go towards our restoration fund. Many, many thanks to everyone who came in not the best of weather! Hopefully the event will all be repeated in two years time!

The ground work on the restoration of the church continues and a lot of the opening up report for the repairs and improvements has now been completed. We have had surveys done on the state of the roof on the nave which is the main focus of the grant we hope to get from HLF, guttering and down pipes, drainage and even the bats! If all goes according to plan the work might start in spring of 2017 and will result in this part of the church being water tight, however we still have a long way to go.

We must congratulate Ted Curson, our Tower Captain, on being made a Vice President of the Norfolk Church Bells Association. On this note can I bring to your attention that every Friday evening at 7.30pm you can go along and hear, and perhaps try your hand at bell ringing in Bressingham church. Give Ted a ring on 01379 688186. *Diana*

### Bressingham Village Hall

*Flower and Produce Show* Sunday 11th September.  
Details and schedules from the village shop.

*Quiz Night* Saturday 15th October 7.30 for 8pm  
£2.50 each including nibbles. Details 01379 688375.

*Ceilidh* At the hall, September or late October, date to be advised.

*Bressingham Drama Group* We are putting on a play called 'Check Out Girls' and it will be performed on Friday 7th and Saturday the 8th of October. Tickets will be available from the village shop. Prices £7.50 This is a play with songs so come along and be uplifted. You can even sing along if you wish.

### Thank you All

Jackie and I would like to express our thanks to all who sent cards, well wishes and concerns after my recent heart attack. It shows how our community is united in caring and sharing and a pleasure to be part of. Most of all we thank the Paramedics for reviving me, the Air Ambulance for their quick response and the surgeons and staff at Norfolk and Norwich for saving me.

God Bless You All

Allan Byrne (Bressingham & Fersfield Village Hall)

*Karen Bates's 1st prize winner of the decorated wheelbarrow competition, 'Roll Out the Barrel'*



## FERSFIELD NEWS

June will not be an easily-forgotten month... mainly owing to the 'Open Gardens' event ('Blooming Bressingham & Fragrant Fersfield') that took place – after many months of planning – on the final weekend. This has been well documented on the website, but further thanks and congratulation is most certainly appropriate. The proprietors of the open gardens themselves, the people who served and prepared refreshments, manned the churches and Village Hall, took part in the 'Gardeners' Question Time', decorated wheelbarrows, organised the exhibitions (photos, artwork and crafts), helped with all the planning and preparation and worked so hard to bring the event to fruition (and others whom I have shamefully failed to mention) all deserve our most sincere thanks. The total raised for our churches and Village Hall was a staggering £4,400: £1,700 for St Andrew's. In addition, the weekend fostered the most amazing community spirit, which promises really well for our Bressingham/Fersfield family.

So, we now look forward to the rest of Summer and (oh dear) the Autumn. We have our 'Anglia in Bloom' judging on 14 July – wheelbarrows to the fore again, 'Music and Readings' for an Autumn Evening' on Saturday 24 September, with Amelia Thomson, Jenny Easson, Duncan Livingstone and others (details to follow), the Harvest Festival on Sunday 9 October – a late morning service followed by lunch at St Andrew's, the Remembrance Service at 3pm on Sunday 13 November, and, advance notice, the Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday 21 December at 7.30pm, complete with 'Discord' and guests. Please put these in your diary.

We were disappointed, but not surprised, not to receive a grant from the 'Listed places of Worship' scheme, for the second time. We understand very few Norfolk churches were successful: nevertheless, we have the funds to get our restorations under way, probably starting with the 'rainwater goods' (i.e. guttering and pipes), which are the first things to require attention. We hope to give ongoing reports from now on.

And finally, a big 'thankyou' indeed to all those people who help with the various tasks that are so



Mark Hall's 2nd prize winner of the decorated wheelbarrow competition, 'Fairy Garden'

## LOPHAMS NEWS

### St Andrew's School

St Andrew's pupils, staff, governors and parents are enjoying the last few weeks of the summer term.

The end of the first week back in June, saw St Andrew's hold its annual summer fete organised by FOSTA. Visitors were able to enjoy pony rides, zorb balls, fitness activities, inflatable slide and a range of stalls. Refreshments included BBQ, Pimms and afternoon tea with cakes and entertainment was supplied by the school guitar group and Busybodies Stage School dancers.

Through the term children continued to further their learning about past occupations in North Lopham through the topic 'Our Norfolk, Our Adventures'. Pupils keenly shared their work with the wider community on Friday 15th July 2016.

Year 5 and 6 have also enjoyed a wonderful residential at Hilltop. The weather was kind and the group were able to take part in high ropes, bushcraft and many more outdoor activities. Returning from Hilltop, year 6 celebrated extremely good SAT's results. The outstanding teaching and hard work of the pupils really paid off.

Pupils and staff are now looking forward to a whole school visit to Bewilderwood. This was a location chosen by the pupils who had raised the money themselves for the day out, through a successful sponsored silence.

If you would like to know more about St Andrew's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School please contact the school office on 01379 687253.

### St Andrew's Pre-school

We have enjoyed some warm weather and have been busy sorting out our garden area. Sports day is coming up in July and the children are practising hard for the event and hoping for good weather.

We have eight children leaving us to go to school in September, so we will have a leavers' party on the last day of term to say goodbye. We hope they will all be very happy in 'big' school; they have enjoyed visits to Class 1 and meeting the staff.

Numbers are looking very good for September

necessary around St Andrew's. Their quiet and unobtrusive dedication is so valuable and appreciated – and necessary!

We wish you all fair weather and a Happy August! God Bless,

Richard

### Music, Praise and Worship

Everyone welcome at this happy, relaxed service at Bressingham Methodist Chapel on the following dates: 11th September, 9th October, 6th November, and 4th December. All at 4pm; refreshments from 3.30pm.

It is a little bit different and may be just what you are looking for!

Further information from Tony on 01379 688121

## Blo Norton's Indian Prince H H Frederick V Duleep Singh

1868–1926

His life will be commemorated with:

Exhibition in the village hall

Flower Festival in the church

Sikhism exhibition in the church porch  
by pupils from St Andrew's School

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th August  
10am–4.30pm

Admission is free

Talk by Peter Bance, who lectures on  
the Duleep Singh family  
in the church 2pm Saturday

Numbers are limited, so ring 01953 681396  
to book a ticket

Informal talk by Geoffrey Leigh  
in the village hall 2pm Sunday



but we still have a few places left. Opening times are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.45am–3.15pm during term time.

If you would like further information about pre-school or available places please contact Jan on 07854 091257. *Jan Feaver (pre-school manager)*

## Lophams' Ladies

Meeting at the Village Hall on the first Tuesday each month, at 7pm for a 7.30 start.

Members enjoyed a delightful evening visit to Furze House Gardens, Rushall in June. David Morton gave the July meeting an illustrated talk about the Tower of London and its fascinating history.

The annual Car Boot, Bric-à-brac; Books and Jumble Sale was a happy occasion, though numbers were a bit low – too many competing attractions! We were pleased to make over £125 after expenses, and thank all those who helped. At the August meeting, Jean Wright's subject is Gold Embroidery, and there will be a Bring and Buy stall. In September we welcome Martin Tickler to talk about House Martins. Visitors and new members are very welcome.

For further information, please contact Sarah on 01379 687337.

## 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.

At our meeting in June, Gary Alderton gave a most interesting and informative presentation on 'Propagation'. Gary talked about the many forms of propagation, answered our questions and gave us lots of advice to put to good use in our own gardens.

We did not have our usual meeting on 7th July but instead spent the evening paying short visits to various club member's gardens. We were able to admire a huge variety of flowers, trees and shrubs and also vegetables whilst appreciating how much hard work had gone into producing such beautiful results! We ended this most enjoyable evening at Meadow Farm where we enjoyed a selection of delicious cakes as well as Bucks Fizz or Sparkling Elderflower.

Our next meeting will be on 4th August when we look forward to welcoming Rodney Tibbs who will give a presentation: 'Vegetables for Value',

and further forward, on 1st September David Boulton will talk about 'Mushrooms & Fungi'.

Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

## Lophams' Society

Regrettably due to a number of unforeseen circumstances the Musical Evening planned for the 9th July had to be cancelled. Sincere apologies to all those people who were looking forward to joining us and we now look forward to seeing everyone at our next event which will be the Autumn Quiz on the 14th October.

## Village Games

Hearty congratulations to the Lophams' Village Games team who were narrowly beaten into second place in the small/medium village section of the Norfolk Village Games at the UEA Sportspark on 10th July.



## Holy Bingo

Continues in the Village Hall on the first Monday each month at 2pm, when new faces are always welcome to come and share in fun sessions, with plenty of time for a chat. Younger people are especially welcome during school holidays. Forthcoming dates are 1st August and 5th September.

(Do telephone 01379 687679 for further details or for help with transport.)

# Lophams' Village Hall

## Hall Improvements

Now that the tiling of the kitchen is all complete, a dehumidifier is being fitted to help keep it in pristine

condition, and the old cupboard doors on the window side will be replaced to match those under the hatch. The other fittings are being reviewed, to ensure everything is in tip-top order, making the room a pleasure to work in.

## The Lottery

It is great when there's a full complement of 100 members, with a corresponding monthly first prize of £200, so please get in touch if you would like to join as soon as a new vacancy occurs. Please ring 01379 687718 for more information or contact Eileen (01379 687608) or any committee member. There are three chances each month of winning a prize, plus a Bonanza draw in December. The winners in May were: first prize of £200, D & J Carr; second prizes of £50, T Young and J Keylock. The winners in June were: first prize of £200, R Clark; second prizes of £50, K Wood and J Farren-Bradley. In addition to the Lottery draw, there is a monthly raffle at the Farmers' Market with one superb prize, which includes an item from every stall – a wonderful array of goodies for the larder. Recent winners were Mrs Chapman in May and Mrs Taber in June.

## Regular Events

*Farmers' Markets* are on the fourth Saturday from 9am till 12.30pm so it's 27th August and 24th September (Details from Mike on 01379 687235).

*Judo* is on Mondays and Wednesdays - (Details from Howard on 01379 688258). Please note – Howard is taking a well deserved rest for August

*Lopham Art Group* meets on Wednesday mornings, from 9.30am. The cost is £15 each per month, which includes refreshments and a visit from a tutor once each month. Contact Jennifer on 01379 687282 for more details.

*Dog Training* most Thursday evenings with Rob Jessup; Rob's phone number is 01379 873144

*To book the hall* for private events, telephone 01379 687679, or go to the website.

## Parish Council

*Present* Six councillors, Parish Clerk, three members of public. Apologies from councillor McManus.

*East Harling Parish Forum* A quarterly meeting of delegates from a number of parishes surrounding E Harling is designed to report and act on their common issues. Three matters were discussed, flooding, HGVs and tractor and trailer drivers. Tanns Lane and The Street in N Lopham were included in the flooding report to NCC and N Lopham was praised for its ongoing, constructive work with HGVs.

Contact was made with the NFU and National Association of Agricultural Contractors to see if a code of practice could be introduced to encourage tractor drivers to be more considerate in built up areas.

*Grass Cutting* Complaints about mess left causing drain blockages referred to Breckland.

*War Memorial* John Bush, who has tended the area round the war memorial for many years is giving it up. A letter of thanks will be sent.

*Benches at the Mere* Eric and Lesley Bird have re-stored them, a letter of thanks will be sent.

*The Trod* The funding is in place and work is due to start in Jan/Feb 2017.

*Village Gates* These were discussed as a possible further traffic calming measure. Cost £500 per set after grant. Decision deferred to next meeting for further consultation. Is there a need for more traffic calming, how effective will it be, is there a better use for the money? Suggestions please!!

*Jubilee Lane* NCC has reapplied to upgrade Jubilee Lane to a restricted byway. Hedge and grass cutting urgently need to be improved but there are cost implications. In the current wet conditions, wheeled

traffic is causing damage to the pathway. Could a working party be organised?

*Settlement Boundary* Breckland is consulting about removing settlement boundaries, purports to give Parish Councils greater powers over planning decisions.

*East Anglian Devolution website* Register your views on this important issue.

*Next meeting* 14th September 2016

### North Lopham Methodists

Methodist friends invite local residents to the monthly service in the church, with coffee, at 10.30am on the fourth Wednesday each month. Dates will be 24th August and 28th September.

## St Nicholas' Church

### The Social Scene

The Summer Coffee Morning in and around the church on 6th July was blessed with glorious sunshine and a steady stream of lovely visitors to enjoy a gossip as they browsed the plants, books and jigsaws for sale, 'had a go' on the Raffle or Odds and Evens, and sampled the delicious refreshments. Many thanks to everyone who came, or helped – especially our wonderful kitchen team of Angie and Maureen. To date, we have raised £350 for funds!

### Concert for Nepal

Saturday 16th July, in Church at 7.30pm.

Bryony Holdsworth, well known to many in the



village (St Andrew's School, Diss High School and helper at the Kings Head) plans to go out to Nepal in August to help rebuild a school destroyed by the 2015 earthquake.

Our New Wave of talented young musicians performed a concert of light classical music in the tradition of Ryan Lewis and Friends (remember the Super Six?) to help us to help Bryony to help Nepal! See the results in the next issue.

August is traditionally a quieter month – we wish all those going away a happy holiday and safe travelling. To any visitors coming in this direction – please feel sure of a warm welcome if you come to the church building. We would love to meet you.



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## SOUTH LOPHAM NEWS

### St Andrew's Church

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who helped or came to our Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Church on Saturday 4th June, over £260 was made for the upkeep of our beautiful building.



### Quilting Exhibition Weekend

On Saturday and Sunday the 24th and 25th September at St Andrew's Church are delighted to host Diss Quilting Group's Exhibition. Refreshments will be served all weekend, there will be cake stall, plant stall, raffle and a Coffee Morning on the Saturday. There will be some of the quilts for sale. The Church Tower will also be open from 11am to 4pm with some spectacular views from the top. We hope you will be able to come and view these beautiful quilts in such a lovely setting.

### South Lopham Parish Council

The July meeting was held on the 7th July at Valley Farm Low Common. Five Councillors present and Mrs Phillips, the clerk.

*The Chairman* reported his attendance at a SNAP meeting at Attleborough and a South Breckland forum meeting at East Harling when amongst other items the topic of traffic speed affecting the villages was discussed. As a result there will be a police presence in South Lopham on the A1066 for a limited period. Further steps are being investigated regarding traffic speed, particularly heavy traffic, on the Kenninghall/North Lopham/South Lopham road. He also reported that the Council had been successful in obtaining a 'Pride' grant from Breckland Council for the Village sign renovation. The renovator would now be given instructions to commence work.

*The Clerk* advised the Council of Tim Frizzell's resignation from the Council. Tim will be missed and thanks were expressed for his contribution and work during his time as a councillor. As a result there is a vacancy and those interested may contact the Clerk or any member of the Council.

*Parish Partnership Funding NCC* is now open for bids for small highway schemes. It was agreed that if this could be used in connection with a flashing sign showing the speed of vehicles or a village gateway on the A1066, the council will consider an application.

*Planning Applications* at Willow Brae and Poplar Farm are undecided. Use of land corner of Brick Kiln Lane and Low Common - enquiries are still proceeding through Enforcement officer.

*Highways repairs* on Blo Norton road appear to be complete but some doubt expressed as to their effectiveness. Brick Kiln Lane: enquiries to be made as to whether or not further work still to be done. The clerk is to contact the NCC regarding speed reduction on the A1066. Council still to press its case.

*Footpaths* Rob Webb had produced a paper on the Parish Paths seminar attended by him in June and will attend the next Council meeting to expand on the presentations made.

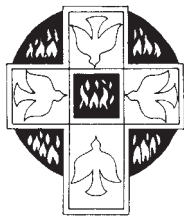
*Works* Bus shelter repairs: Jim Pursehouse to undertake.

*Parish Website* confirmed this is now up to date and all public are encouraged to visit it and parishioners to use it to publicise events etc.

*Next meeting* 1st September 7.30pm at Valley Farm Low Common

### Friends of South Lopham Church

Annual General Meeting You are invited to attend the AGM of the Friends of South Lopham Church on Tuesday 2nd August at 7pm in the Church. We hope that some of you may be able to attend.



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	Burston	Gissing	Shelfanger	Tivetshall	Winfarthing
August 7	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP
August 14	8.00 HC	Join Tivetshall	11.00 MW	11.00 MP	9.30 MP
August 21	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	8.00 HC	9.30 HC	10.00 VC
August 28	11.00 Chapel	Join Tivetshall	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	9.30 HC
September 4	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP
September 11	8.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 MW	Join Gissing	9.30 MP
September 18	10.30 Harvest	11.00 HC	8.00 HC	9.30 HC	10.00 VC
September 25	10.30 HC 5/P				
October 2	9.30 MP	11.00 Harvest	11.00 MW	11.00 FS	9.30 MP

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

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Date	Bressingham St John the Baptist (BCP)	Fersfield St Andrew (BCP &) (C/W Order 2)	N Lopham St Nicholas (BCP &) (C/W Order 1)	S Lopham St Andrew (BCP &) (C/W Order 2)
Sun 7th Aug Trinity 11	No Service	No Service	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service
Sun 14th Aug Trinity 12	9.30am HC	9.30am MS	11am FS	No Service
Sun 21st Aug Trinity 13	9.30am MS	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC
Sun 28th Aug Trinity 14	No Service	9.30am HC	11am FS	9.30am MS
Sun 4th Sept Trinity 15	No Service	No Service	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service
Sun 11th Sept Trinity 16	9.30am HC	9.30am MS	11am FS	No Service
Sun 18th Sept Trinity 17	9.30am MS	No Service	No Service Harvest at SL	11am Harvest Fest.
Sun 25th Sept Trinity 18	No Service	9.30am HC	11am FS	9.30am MS

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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## 'In, out, in, out, shake it all about,...

We now have the result of the referendum; everyone who had the right to vote have either voted or used their right to not vote. Political Parties seem to be in a constant state of flux. One major political Party has its leader going in one direction, with his MPs seemingly going in another. Those who were expecting the former Mayor of London to be the next Prime Minister, now find that someone who voted to stay in Europe, is now leading the Nation to leave Europe.

Did you vote? I am not asking who you voted for, but simply did you vote?

As a Nation many different and difficult decisions need to be made; some quickly, others need to be considered and measured. It is a time to be a United Kingdom. (I am not in UKIP).

It is time for Her Majesty's Opposition, to be an accurate, compassionate 'Opposition' holding the Government of the day to account. The continual squabbling amongst the 'Opposition' only diminishes its effectiveness, to the detriment of Society.

If you do not like what is happening in Parliament at present - one question, did you vote?

According to various newspapers, the very rough difference between those who voted to stay and those who voted to leave was around 1.5 million. But please note that about 19 million did not vote; that includes around 75% of Students, our future. If you do not like what is happening and you did not vote, why moan? You had the right to vote but you have no right to complain. One person of my household, who will remain nameless, tossed a coin, but he voted.

Christians are called to pray for those in authority, to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and in all things to acknowledge Christ with us, the Hope of Glory

Rev David F Mills

I voted.

## BURSTON NEWS

### Burston and Shimpling Parish Council

The ordinary business of the Council has carried on as usual, with the play equipment being safety checked each week, the playing field grass being cut, the bins emptied, – all the things that no-one notices when they are done, but which everyone complains about if they are not done.

The main project on the Council agenda is finance, with the papers for the audit being prepared, and the bank account being transferred to the N&P.

However, the Council was also engaged in organising The Queen's Birthday Celebration, held on Church Green on 12th June. With the help of a donation from a resident, and a grant from South Norfolk Council, the event was free for all residents. Following a Royal Treasure Hunt – finding and identifying pictures that all had a Royal connection – there was a Royal tea of sandwiches, scones and cakes, and entertainment provided by Magical Mark. A Royal Crazy Tournament was run by Tom Grieve, and then Dorothy Swanton, Lynn Howard and John Atkinson judged the best crown, the best hat, the most ludicrous hat and the best tie.

It was good to see all village groups working together to make it a fun day. Chapel provided the treasure hunt and the scones, Friends of Burston Church provided cakes and the MC, Len Hobson. Friends of Burston School provided the marquee, and served the teas, and the Community Action Team provided the sandwiches.

The Council will be liaising with the organisers



of the Strike School Rally on Sunday 4th September, to try and ensure that the impact on the village is as small as possible, and particularly to ensure that cars are not parked in a way that blocks drives or is dangerous. If you have suffered from bad parking in previous years please let me know, and I will try my best to see that you do not suffer this year.

Nigel Frankland 07831 377769

### Community Action Team

Our next event will be the village barbecue on the evening before the Strike School Rally. Please put the date of Saturday 3rd September in your diary now. The ticket price will remain at £5, and for that you will get a burger, a sausage, a salad and a pudding, as well as musical entertainment and access to a reasonably priced and well stocked beer tent.

Nigel Frankland

## St Mary's Church

### Community Chest Tokens

Thank you to those who have been collecting these tokens from the EDP. We are happy to say that we have been awarded £100 for the month of June. This does mean we cannot apply again. The money will go to the Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund which currently stands at £1,118.

### Notice Board

Our thanks to Mr Richard Rumsby for fitting a new backing to the Church Notice Board; this should prevent condensation from obscuring the notices.

### Gift Day

Our Annual Gift Day will be held on Saturday 13th August when the Church will be open from 10–2 and refreshments will be served.

Visitors will have the opportunity to inspect the Church interior, the newly restored stained glass window the new cupboards in the nave that house equipment used for village events and clubs.

We are also there to receive any contributions using the yellow envelopes provided; the PCC thanks those who make a regular contribution via standing order. Your commitment is invaluable.

### St Mary's Luncheon Club

This club is for retired folk from Burston and the surrounding villages and meets in the Church on the 4th Thursday of every month. Any enquiries to Sybil Peck on 01379 741410

### Youth Café

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

### Church Hire

If you are interested in hiring the Church for an event please contact Rachel Hobson on 07712 670928.

### 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.

### Gala Auction

Friday 16th September at the Park Hotel, Diss. Admission free. Get some early Christmas presents!

### This is an unmissable event!

The PCC is holding an auction of all sorts of amazing items – some are services offered by local people and others are things donated by well-known people. Among the delectable items so far from local people are: boat ride and picnic in The Norfolk Broads; a man with a large car and trailer for an afternoon; hamper from Freddie's Fine Foods; hypnotherapy session; dog grooming session. And from well-known people donations so far include: cream tea for two in the House of Commons (donated by Richard Bacon MP); 'More Fool Me' (hard back) memoir signed by Stephen Fry; tour of the Norfolk Constabulary Control Room for four people (donated by Mr Lorne Green, Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner); Budget 2016 signed by George Osborne, the Chancellor of the Exchequer (at the time of writing!); a red and white wine duo set from Highgrove (donated by HRH The Duchess of Cornwall); and many more. Please contact me for more information: Rachel Hobson 07712 670928

## Burston School

Phew – what a busy term this has been!!!

Year 5 and 6 went on a residential trip to Eaton Vale activity Centre in June. They enjoyed activities such as bush-craft, catapult pioneering, climbing, mountain biking, raft building and trapeze, to name but a few. The weather was wonderful for them – they came back excited and tired and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in a rounders tournament at the High school. The children were really good sports and made the school proud of their efforts.

At the end of May we enjoyed a whole school Maths Café – parents were invited for tea and biscuits and took part in some challenging maths problems.

For The Queen's 90th birthday, we enjoyed designing and making crowns and bunting, ending the day with a mini party, which included egg sandwiches and fairy cakes.

The whole school enjoyed a visit to the Royal Norfolk Show. The weather was very kind to us and the children really enjoyed the experience. We visited the animals, watched events in the ring, visited the stands, listened to talks and some of us were lucky enough to get a ride in the off road jeeps!

Year 6 children visited Easton College for the annual Crucial Crew, which is run by Norfolk Fire Service. The children were shown different scenarios relating to crime and danger to raise their awareness of safety and about keeping themselves safe.

KS2 children have just finished their performance of Mermaids vs Pirates. It was a fantastic performance! Well done everyone.

We enjoyed our partnership sports day at Tivetshall school last week. The children enjoyed activities such as standing long jump, javelin, skipping, obstacle race and finished off with running races. We even got the mums and dads to join in!

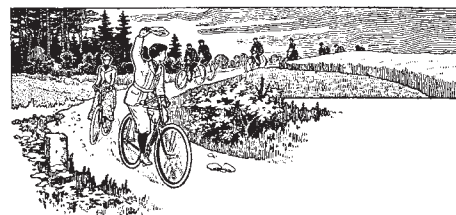
We break up for a well-deserved rest on Wednesday 20th July and return on Monday 5th September. We hope everyone has a fantastic Summer and hope we enjoy some sunshine too!

## GISSING NEWS

### Music Day at Gissing Church

Saturday 10th September from 10-4

Calling all music lovers! Come and dip into an informal, fun day of music making. Pop in any time between 10am and 4pm for a musical feast – refreshments too! Come by bike, if you like. It happens to be the day of the Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride. Take off your cycle clips, soak up the atmosphere and have a well-earned rest before you get back in the saddle.



Local musicians will be doing their thing on cello, piano, clarinet, flute, organ, guitar, saxophone, etc. Jazz, classical, anything goes – from Bach to boogie. We also have the Gissing Singers, the Shelfanger Singers – opportunities for audience participation – hopefully some hand bell ringers – and, all the way from Starston, by popular demand and at great expense, the Reverend Norman Steer on ukulele!

Oh... and cakes. What more could you want?

The music of Andrew Jackman, who lived at Tivetshall until his death in 2003, will also be included. He wrote all kinds of music from rock 'n' roll piano to sacred music and pieces for children to sing. As well as remembering Andrew we will also remember Florrie Sell of Gissing and Joyce Yates of Shelfanger. All three took an active role in the music used in the worship of our parish churches.

Contact Daralyn on 01379 677633 if you want to perform or just turn up on the day and 'jam' with others. Stay a while to enjoy a variety of music. Everyone is welcome. Do please come and support the musicians. There is wheelchair access to the church, but sorry, no toilet facilities. Car parking is available in Rectory Road, behind the Bowling Green.

Our service at St Mary's at 11am the following morning will celebrate the gift of music and music in worship and we hope you can join us for that too! Hope to see you there.

### Friends of Gissing Church

The project team have completed their work on the development stage of the Heritage Lottery Fund Grant and made their 2nd stage submission for a 'delivery grant' of £208,800. They have also been very successful in attracting grants from other organisations to provide the necessary match funding; most recently from the National Churches Trust (£5000) and the Wolfson Trust (£10,000). We have also won the 'South Norfolk Council Litter Pick prize draw' of £200 plus £20 for taking part, so many thanks once again to all the intrepid Litter Pickers who helped tidy up the village in April. We now await the result of the HLF's deliberations with fingers and toes permanently crossed and hope to hear from them in August/September with a favourable response.

Meanwhile, we thank Moira Walters and Sandra Worthington for raising funds from the 'Table Top Sale' which took place in the Village Hall on 19th June – the event also raised funds for the Heart of Gissing, Gissing Garden Group and the Greyhound Rescue – many thanks to all who worked together to put on the event and to all those who supported the afternoon.

The Friends will have a stall at the Gissing Summer Fete on Sunday, 28th August, so we very much look forward to seeing you then. Enjoy the summer.

### Gissing Children's Centre

*We are 'over the moon'!*

Our recent Ofsted inspection gave us a grading of 'outstanding in all areas' for the 3rd time in a row in the last 9 years. Effectiveness of the leadership and management; Quality of teaching, learning and assessment; Personal development, behaviour and welfare and outcomes for children were the areas we were judged on and where we received the high accolade with comments including: 'The setting provides a rich and vibrant environment'; 'children flourish and make excellent progress'; 'the setting places the highest priority on working closely with

all families'; 'staff skilfully interact with children and go to considerable lengths to ensure children's individual needs are well met.' The full report can be accessed at: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/254077>

We have some spaces left for September, for both funded and non-funded children from 2–5 years so, if you would like to visit, contact Linda Nash at [lindamarynash@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindamarynash@yahoo.co.uk), ring 01379 677300 between 9 and 3 Monday to Friday (September only) or leave a message on 07796 204367. Do visit our website ([www.gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk](http://www.gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk)) and our Facebook page to see the sort of things we do.

We are running a Playscheme on 4 days in August for primary school children. Dates are: Monday 1st, Thursday 4th, Friday 19th and Wednesday 24th. The cost will be £15 per child and the sessions will run from 9–3.30 with the option of a shorter session from 9–1 for £12. Places must be booked and paid for in advance; ring 07531 810704 or email: [playscheme@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk](mailto:playscheme@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk) Children need to bring a packed lunch and some money for tuck. A wide range of activities will be on offer. We will be welcoming the children from Chernobyl at our first day on 1st August.

We are still collecting EDP Community Chest tokens. When we get enough for a particular month, we can, hopefully, obtain some additional outdoor resources. Tokens can be left in our metal post box by the wooden entrance gate. Many thanks to those members of the community who have done so already; we really appreciate this.

## Heart of Gissing

(Charity No: 1161599)

With building work on the Lottery Funded project to provide a new community space at The Old School due to start in August, we thought we would share some of the details of our preparations with you.

*What to expect* The new building has been specifically designed to make life better for people in Gissing and surrounding villages by allowing existing social and cultural opportunities to be extended and improved and by attracting more community services into the locality.

*What it will offer* The new facilities will be quite separate from those used by the Children's Centre. They will include a multi-purpose function room available for private or business occasions and for performances or classes. There will be an attractive café area overlooking the fields where people can meet and chat.

*A real community enterprise* Appropriately enough the project has involved the skills, time and effort of many different Gissing people. We hope even more will be involved in using it once it is completed.

*Getting started* In the early stages, many months of work were undertaken by Heart of Gissing, putting together the bid for lottery funding. Having been successful in winning that, it was necessary to meet the Lottery's strict standards by working closely with building consultants to come up with plans for an attractive, professionally designed building that meets the requirements set out in the bid proposal and is within budget.

*Making room* Although the new building will adjoin the existing Old School, more land was needed to accommodate it, as well as a new car park. Some of this has been generously given or leased to the Heart of Gissing by Miss Jennifer Colchester.

*Sorting out the storage* Before building work can start, it has been necessary to reorganise the outside storage used by the Heart of Gissing and the Children's Centre. Small working parties have emptied the brick-built lean-to behind the Old School and moved the contents to a temporary storage shed on the edge of Millennium Wood. The big, heavy marquee used for the Gissing Fete and other events has been housed temporarily on Jimmy Pitcher's land.

*More local heroes* Once cleared, it was possible for the Gissing heavies to move in! Builder Barry Francis demolished the lean-to and professional digger driver David Weatherley helped to move earth and rubble, preparing the site for the work ahead. Kevin Jordan and his teleporter moved the existing sheds to their final position.

*Putting in the power* With the site clear, UK Power Networks was able to move in and erect a new transformer so that a 3-phase electricity supply could be laid. A new water supply from the main in Rectory Road is also being laid on for the new building.

*Working together* In a fine display of village co-operation, the electric cabling includes a connection that will enable an additional supply to be laid to the Church. This joint approach is in anticipation of the Friends of Gissing Church's own lottery bid for repairs and improvements being successful and will save both charities money.

*The construction phase* Because of the requirements imposed by the Lottery it was necessary to follow a strict tendering process. Using the advice of their building consultants, the Heart of Gissing approached five construction companies for detailed quotes and made a decision.

*Keeping everyone safe* The building site will be properly sealed off and professionally managed so that the outdoor play areas remain safe for the children attending the pre-school. There will be no public access to the site while the construction project is under way.

*Taking an interest* If you want to keep up with the project's progress, please feel free to contact Karl Brown, Dave Eddington, Alan King or Stephen Sell. The architectural floor plans are on the Village Notice Board or at [admin@heartofgissing.org.uk](mailto:admin@heartofgissing.org.uk).

## Other Heart of Gissing news

The Crafty Sew and Sews has evolved from the Gissing Crafters Café, aiming to help equip the Heart of Gissing community building with some of the items not covered by lottery funding. We are a small group of ladies who love to sew; producing an expanding range of fabric gifts, homewares, accessories and individual children's clothes for sale. In our first year we have visited several craft fairs and are always looking for new outlets for our products.

Our latest outing, in July, was at Clare Priory craft fair. Look out for us at Burnham Market Craft Fair on 20th August and at local events in the run up

to Christmas.

We had a lovely donation of fabric and haberdashery from our request in Cock Crow and we would be pleased to receive unwanted pieces of fabric and trimmings.

We have a Facebook page: [facebook.com/Crafty-Sew-Sews](https://facebook.com/Crafty-Sew-Sews). To contact us by email: [gissingcrafters@outlook.com](mailto:gissingcrafters@outlook.com) or tel. Anne on 01379 674272

## Gissing Village Fete

Sunday 28th August 2016 from 2–5

This year's village Fete theme will be Nursery Rhymes, which should give plenty of scope for some interesting Scarecrows to pop up around the village. There will be all the usual family entertainments; refreshments, cream teas etc, plus a Story Teller for young ones and older. Put it in your diary please.



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# SHELFANGER NEWS

## Village Hall News

The hall and playing field continue to be busy. During the close season, Diss Football Club is using the Shelfanger playing field on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a practice ground. When the full season starts the Shelfanger pitch will again be home to Winfarthing FC for their Sunday League matches at 10.30am.

## Annual Flower Show

Saturday 28th August is the time for the Annual Shelfanger Flower, Vegetable and Homecraft Show at the village hall. Now is the time to be checking your geraniums, hostas, Arran Pilot potatoes, red beet, lemon drizzle cakes and knitware in readiness for the show. If you have not received a Schedule and would like to take part, ring Colin Mobbs on 644859 for all information. All entries and entry fees to Malcolm Barnard, Heatherlands, Common Road.



At the July Village Hall committee meeting it was really encouraging to meet Mrs Lois Easter. She and her husband James and family have come to live at Manor Farm on Common Road. Mrs Easter is keen to play an active part in parish life and, together with Anne Surman, would like to get some new activities going at the hall. All strength to their arms!

## Message from Murphy

My male human, Ivan, got very fed up with our footpaths and bought a 'mean machine' to cut them. We can now report that the path from opposite Lime Tree barn to Mr Webster's land is now open and a joy to walk again.

Druids Lane is now open as well but, thanks to the 4x4 mob who abused it over Christmas, be very

careful of the ruts. It desperately needs a serious bushwack before it completely closes and is lost to the village; let's hope it gets one, but at least it is usable with care. Have fun!

*Murphy*

## Shelfanger Parish Council

The Parish Council is very grateful to Ivan Lord and his team for the work they have begun in cutting the very overgrown footpaths so please go and enjoy the paths again.

The Council also appeals to all landowners to keep their verges and hedges cut to improve visibility and to all riparian owners to keep the banks of the waterways clear to maintain free flowing drainage.

Meanwhile, don't forget the village website [www.shelfanger.com](http://www.shelfanger.com) Please use the website regularly to check for updates on all village activities. The site is also the contact for the Parish Council.

Shelfanger Stitchers continues to meet fortnightly. Some of the things being knitted at the moment are toy animals designed to ease the stress of children attending a Sexual Assault Referral Centre in Norwich.

Recently, the group enjoyed an afternoon with Pam Ross who imparted creative ideas in the skill of sock-knitting!

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 652199

## Boyland Common News and Update

On Sunday 5th June 2016 our local wild flower expert, Stella Taylor, once again led a wild flower walk on Boyland Common. This was well supported by those wishing to learn more about the wide variety of flowering plants to be found on our Common.

Since 2012, the re-introduction of the ancient management practice of cutting and removing the hay has resulted in a diversity of plants, and an increase in the population of several species, including the Green Winged Orchids. The presence of Sulphur Clover, Adder's Tongue Fern, Quaking Grass and Dyer's Greenweed are also exciting indications that our local wild flower heritage has not been lost.

We are indebted to Stella for her time, and for

so enthusiastically sharing with us her wealth of knowledge.

Every year, the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership organises the Community Biodiversity Awards, to recognise outstanding community efforts to conserve biodiversity across Norfolk. This year, the Friends of Boyland Common are pleased and proud to announce that they are to receive an award in the Commons and Greens category. It is very exciting to have the work of the 'Friends' recognised in this way, but the true pleasure is that Boyland Common is once again a beautiful peaceful and interesting place for all to visit, and, hopefully, will continue to be so for many years.

## All Saints' Church

The church congregation wishes all Cock Crow readers, especially school pupils and staff on holiday and farmers harvesting, a sunny and happy August and September. At church we are well into the season of 'Trinity', the church's growing season and, boy, in the gardens, hedges and woods there has also been plenty of growth.

The end of July has been an active period, with the Shelfanger Fete on Saturday 16th and the All Saints' School end of academic year and leavers' farewell service at Shelfanger on Wednesday 20th. Full reports on these events will appear in the next issue.

On Friday 3rd June, Shelfanger said farewell to the late Anne Chinn as her ashes were laid to rest next to those of her husband Tony. Seventeen parishioners who knew Anne joined Sarah-Jane and Michael for the short service and after for refreshments and a chat about Anne's time with us.

On Sunday 12th June, the Union Jack was raised and a Diocesan team rang a quarter peal on the Shelfanger bells to mark The Queen's official 90th birthday.

On Monday 20th June at St Mary's Church, Diss churchwardens Peter and Roger were sworn in to serve at All Saints' for another year.

## Annual Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride

Sunday 10th September will see this event, raising funds for the maintenance of our local historic places of worship. If you have taken part in this event be-

fore, or would like to have a go, please contact Roger on 642286. It's a wonderful way to explore the area and visit some fascinating buildings.

## Bishop's Visit

Would you like to meet the Bishop of Thetford? Bishop Alan will be visiting the benefice on Sunday 25th September and will conduct a 10.30 am Holy Communion at Burston Church.

## Churchyard railings

As you may have noticed, the church railings suffer traffic damage from time to time. Following two fairly recent crashes, sections of the railings are being repaired and a central section is due to be refitted this summer. The wardens have decided not to replace two sections at the Diss end as they create a vision hazard to vehicles emerging onto the B1077 from nearly Church Road properties.

## Special thanks

Warden, Peter Harries, would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all those who came to his rescue after a tumble in Burston at the end of June. Helpers were brilliant in a tricky situation.

## Waveney Words Appeal

We need your help. Under the guidance of the National Talking Newspaper Association for blind and partially sighted people, our local organisation Waveney Words has operated this free service from Diss for the past 30 years. Every fortnight we distribute a recording of local news and helpful information to 48 people. This is by means of a memory stick which can be played through a computer or a boom box. (We have a few boom boxes for loan if required).

We are certain there are more people in the area who might benefit from this service and this is where you come in! Please let us know of anyone you think would appreciate this service and we will do the rest.

Thanks for reading this. We can be contacted as follows: Vicci Day (Secretary) on 01379 651746 or Marion Williams (Editor) on 01953 860535.

PS: If you are interested in helping us in any other capacity please contact one of us and we will explain what is involved.

## TIVETSHALL NEWS

### Tivetshall St Margaret

Many of you will remember Andrew Jackman from Tivetshall St Margaret who was our church organist. This year Andrew would have been celebrating his 70th birthday and his family are planning a commemoration service on Sunday 30th October. There will be a choir and the Holy Communion service will be with the Andrew Jackman setting. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

The Morning Prayer service on the second Sunday of the month, September 11th, which is usually held in Tivetshall, will be in Gissing.

### Tivetshall families and Friends

A new Facebook group has been launched this summer with the aim to bring family and friends in Tivetshall and surrounding areas together; it is hoped this will allow us all to get to know one another and build a sense of community. Currently there are 78 members and the group hopes to expand. There will be a meeting in The Ram on 14th July at 7pm and all are welcome.

A Village Yard Sale is planned for Sunday 28th August at 12.30pm with, on this occasion, profits being given to the school. It is hoped that this will lead to more community events. Any ideas are always most welcome.

### Village Hall News

Many of you may have entered the hall for the first time during the recent referendum vote; for my wife and I, a general election back in the 90s was the first time we set foot inside and realised what a marvellous facility it was and how lucky we were to have such a space for the community.

I also encourage residents to attend the Parish Council meetings that take place at the hall (normally 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month' next one scheduled for Wednesday 14th September).

With more power to make decisions being passed down from government, real local issues are discussed and acted upon. The meetings are of an informal nature and residents do get a chance to have

their say, whether it be maintenance of the play-ground equipment and surrounding recreational area, the provision of dog waste bins to help keep the village clean, or the cutting of verges and hedges which have become so high they make our roads and footpaths dangerous and impassable.

The Parish Council also has a say in local planning, road safety in the village and has in the past used the funds it gets from our taxes to plant trees and hedges, support local charities and local events. Basically the Parish Council is 'your' council, but can only act on an issue if it is made aware of it, and the village hall is 'your' village hall and will only continue to exist if we all use it and attend the events that people put on, whether regular clubs or one off social events.

So, if you see a Parish meeting advertised or an event organised at the hall or elsewhere in the village, go along. You will be welcomed with a smile and hopefully you will have a good time and meet other like-minded people.

*David Evans*

### Tivetshall Primary School

We began May with a trip to the circus in Pulham. The children tried their hands at a wide variety of skills including tightrope walking, plate spinning, diabolo, scarf juggling and dancing. Many of the children impressed with their determination to practise and refine new skills.

We have also been considering Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco awareness which we dedicate a day to every two years as part of our on-going safety work. This time the emphasis was on tobacco and its effects on the body, combined with some work on resisting peer pressure.

Every year we hold a teddy bears' picnic and this year we were blessed with fine weather. The children, families and staff (as well as the teddies) had a lovely time with lots of fun. Thank you to all of you who were able to come.

After half term, years 5 and 6 enjoyed a residential trip to Eaton Vale where they took part in archery, bush-craft, rifle shooting, raft building, canoeing, trapeze, mountain biking, catapult building and climbing wall as well as more basic skills such as making their own beds and packing suitcases!

They returned in time for the annual flower arranging competition. The silver cup that is awarded for this has been engraved with a new winner every year for over sixty years and this year was won by Joey Ward. This was his first year of entering and he did very well against strong competition – especially from years 3 and 4.

On 16th June we celebrated The Queen's birthday with a street party. The very long table was groaning with party food and everyone had a lovely time. Many thanks to Tesco for their donations of party bags. We were again blessed with the weather which changed just in time so that we had a beautifully, sunny afternoon.

A week of sporting based activities followed when children had the opportunity to take part in archery, handball, hockey and karate taster sessions.

On the last day of June it was off to the Norfolk Show for the whole school where we had a wonderful time. Again we were very lucky with the weather and brought home a coach load of very tired children at a quarter to six!

*Sandra Potter, Head of School*



## Harvest Supper

Winfarthing Village Hall  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30 pm.

Three course hot supper and Secret Auction of Surprises.

Bring your own wine and glasses.

Tickets £10 a head, children half price.

Come and join in the fun.



Tickets available from –

Vicky 01379 642830

Brian 01953 860535

Yvonne 01379 640440

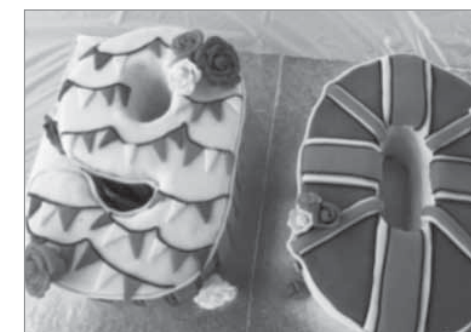
All profits for up keep of your village Church.

## WINFARTHING NEWS

### The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

Winfarthing held a Village Fete to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on Sunday 19th June at The Fighting Cocks. The event was a great success with a large turnout and a fun time was had by all. Thank you to all those who helped organise the event and because of the generosity of Alan Smith (who brought his Dutch organ), Hannah Smith (who made a fantastic cake) and others we were able to donate £70 to EACH.

If anyone would like a copy of the village photograph they can be bought from Photo Elite, Market Hill, Diss. It's stored under the name of Williams.



### Harvest Supper

Winfarthing Village Hall on Saturday 15th October at 6.30 pm.

### All Saints' Primary School

All Saints' pupils, staff, governors and parents are enjoying the last few weeks of the summer term.

Late June saw the pupils enjoy a sports morning followed by a family picnic. Activities included a range of team games and races.

The first weekend in July saw All Saints' annual summer fete organised by the Home School Association. Visitors were able to enjoy an inflatable slide and castle and a range of stalls. Refreshments included burgers and sausages and afternoon tea with cakes. The entertainment was supplied by the Old Buckenham Jazz Band and Busybodies Stage School dancers.

Years 5 and 6 have also enjoyed a wonderful residential at Hilltop. The weather was kind and the group were able to take part in high ropes, bushcraft and many more outdoor activities.

Pupils are now working hard to take part in the All Saints', Hapton and St Andrew's Federation Production 'Roald Dahl' which All Saints' is hosting.

If you would like to know more about All Saints' Primary School please contact the school office on 01379 642767.

## Embroidery Group Exhibition

The Diss Embroidery Group  
are holding an exhibition  
at the Methodist Church,  
Victoria Road, Diss  
Friday 7th and Saturday 8th  
October from 10am to 4pm  
They look forward to  
welcoming you

# From the Registers

## Bressingham Group

### BAPTISMS

Charles James Emms 19th June,  
North Lopham

Lexi-Mae Lilia Lake 3rd July,  
North Lopham

### WEDDING

Lee Anthony Bartrum & Laura Catchpole  
3rd June, Bressingham Church

### FUNERAL

Joan Mary Nunn 23rd May South Lopham

## Winfarthing Group

### INTERMENT OF ASHES

Anne Chin 3rd June, Shelfanger

### FUNERAL

Ann Marshall 26th July, Winfarthing

### WEDDING

Gabrielle Rollinson and David  
Thornton 30th July, Winfarthing

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Gwen Coffee 30th July, Burston