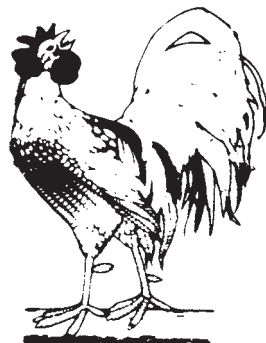


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Late summer sun at Gissing Crown

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Murphy's Rambles



Well we are certainly into autumn now, blackberries are ripening, haws are bright red, hazel nuts look ready to pick, swags of hops are festooning the hedges and when did you ever see so many acorns?

Early July saw us finding a nest of peacock caterpillars in their protective cobweb on a stand of nettles, easy to see they were eye level with my human! We have loved the July flowers, we decided that pinky/purple is that months colour – thistles, knapweed, hairy willow herb, vetch and field scabious.

The egret took residence in the village for a while and also one morning we were lucky enough to see the gorgeous kingfisher again. Then on an afternoon amble we were entertained by two buzzards hunting the newly cut rape fields.

Poor male human had a shock one day when the 'dead' grass snake he picked up to bring home to do 'show & tell' started to wriggle – needless to say it was speedily released into the grass verge! However we were all startled one morning whilst on a footpath winding between two wheat fields when we came face to face with a fox, he declined our company and sped quickly away. We spotted him again a few days later, but nothing since.

We are now having some wonderful early morning mists; whilst walking beside a paddock just as the sun was rising we turned a corner and suddenly the paddock was rainbow coloured! Human loved the colours but all I wanted was to be off lead so I could see if the squirrel that had teased me from a fence top the previous day was still around.

A stroll on Boyland Common was not only wonderfully peaceful but I discovered two toads for my human and then sat patiently waiting whilst she watched a kestrel hunting in the blustery conditions seeming almost to be body-surfing the wind. Later we found a recently scrapped open wild bees nest, still with a few bees so we kept a safe distance but fascinating to see the combs inside.

Take care folks and get your humans outdoors to enjoy the lovely weather.



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The Music of Andrew Jackman

St Mary's Church Diss
Saturday 15th October 7.30pm

The Marian Consort

'Exquisite... the ensemble sings with eloquence and expressive finesse' The Sunday Times



Naomi Oduka (recorder) and Howard Beach (harpsichord)

Esther Skipp (cello) Adrian Kitchen and

Qingfeng (Organ and piano)

Refreshments to include a glass of wine

Free admission

Retiring Collection for Tivetshall St Margaret Church and Help Musicians UK



South Norfolk community transport service calls for more drivers

Can you spare some time to help with a vital community service?

Borderhoppa provides community transport for residents of more than forty parishes in South Norfolk. Volunteer drivers are urgently needed to help with regular outings. "Community transport works because of the time given by volunteer drivers, office staff and trustees" explains Lucy Edwards, Borderhoppa Manager. "We really need drivers to help with our special outings, such as trips to the coast, lunches and visits to garden centres."

Users are able to get out and about and meet up with friends, which they may otherwise be unable to do as they have access to neither a car nor a regular commercial bus service.

"Social isolation and loneliness are real problems in rural areas," said Lucy, "and community transport is often that vital link, thus contributing to good health and mental well-being."

Drivers must have a D1 category on their licence, i.e entitlement to drive a minibus with no more than 18 passengers. Mileage expenses are paid but the time commitment is a gift to the community.

To find out more, call Borderhoppa on 01379 854800 or e-mail adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com.

Visit www.borderhoppa.org to find out more about the scheme and the towns and villages covered in South Norfolk.

Winfrathing Group Rector writes...



Remembrance

Remembrance can take many different forms; from suddenly remembering an incident that happened many decades ago in childhood, pleasant or otherwise, to a more formal act of remembrance, such as Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. You can be affected suddenly and for an inexplicable reason by a sudden smell, taste, or picture which triggers off the memories of a previous experience that come flooding back.

We are coming up to the season of Remembering, and it is perfectly normal to remember both the good times and the bad times. For me the question is how to use those memories. For there will be mixed up emotions of deep pain and wonderful joy.

Remembrance Sunday/Armistice Day focuses our attention on all those who have laid down their lives, or been seriously harmed in body, mind or Spirit in conflict. On All Souls Day we remember all those who have died. All Saints Day we remember All the Saints of God - those who have gone before us rejoicing in His Kingdom and those who are still with us today. Yes, we remember Christmas Day and all the joy and festivities that are associated with that day; but remember that the 28th of December is Holy Innocents Day, when we remember those children murdered under the authority of Herod and all children subsequently murdered since then. On such a day I also remember those who have died due to Cot Death, Road Traffic Incidents, etc.

Remembrance can be both joyful and deeply painful. Fr Francis McNutt has written on the subject of healing of the memories. I personally cope by taking those powerful memories of pain and loss and leave them at the foot of the cross, whilst actively opening up to God, seeking the presence of the Holy Spirit to aid me in the here and now.

Rev David F Mills

BURSTON NEWS

Burston St Mary's Luncheon Club

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

Youth Café

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.

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

Burston Craft Group

We meet monthly at the Pavilion in Mill Road on the third Tuesday of the month from 10–12. We are a small group who help each other to try different crafts. The next themes are: October – Pumpkin cutting for Halloween; November – Glass painting; December – Wreaths for Christmas with lunch to follow each session.

For further information please phone Elaine Norman 01379 740106

Burston and Shimpling Parish Council

The summer months seem quiet as there was no meeting of Council in August, but the work of the councillors continues. Farmers and landowners have been approached in connection with rights of way that need attention, and we have liaised with Nor-

folk Highways about matters of concern. A new edition of the Parish Planet has been produced, this time using in-house expertise, and also we co-operated with the organisers of the Burston Strike School Rally to try and ensure that the impact on the village was minimised. This year there were more official stewards than ever, and the problems of parking on the roads in the village were minimised. Refurbishing the various benches in the villages, and the village signs has also begun, and a new mower has been obtained for the village caretaker. So, behind the scenes, a lot has been going on, as usual.

Community Action Team

The usual village barbecue, held on the Saturday before the Strike Rally, was a bit different this year, mainly because the weather was wet, so the event was held in the church, with the cooking done in a gazebo in the churchyard. Music was provided by Pennyless Goats, who were sponsored by ForFarmers, and everyone who came had a great time.

St Mary's Church

We are putting the final touches to the preparation for our fund-raising 'Gala Auction'. Money raised will go towards the shortfall in paying for the last part of the renovations of St Mary's. I will report in the next edition how well we do, but grateful thanks to all those who have supported the event, both by donating items to auction, and also for bidding!

The Friends of Burston Church are organising two further events this year: the Fish and Chips Quiz Supper (tickets £12) on 14th October and our Christmas Concert (tickets £4 – which includes a mince pie and glass of mulled wine), on 13th December. We are delighted to welcome back the Shelfanger Singers who will be entertaining us at the concert. Tickets for both events can be obtained from Len Hobson (07712 670 928).

We hope that you have had the chance to visit St Mary's recently to look at the improvements which have been made and see our new interpretation board and information leaflet, both of which have been part of our Heritage Lottery Fund project. The PCC hopes that visitors will appreciate some of the things in the church which we all treasure!

Rachel Hobson

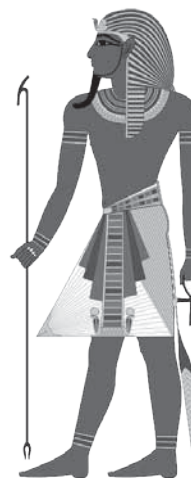
Burston School

After a restful holiday, we welcome back all our pupils and extend a warm welcome to those who have joined us in Reception and from other schools. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

We have a packed half term in KS2 this term. Our topic for the first half term is Rainforests. After identifying the different rainforests in the world, they will be comparing their climate and location. We'll look at the rare species of animals that are found, which layer of the forest they live in and why. Children will use their maths skills to compare data on climate between London and one of the rainforests, find out about the indigenous tribes and how deforestation is affecting them. Science will link to this when the children are learning about habitats and adaptation.

The second half of the term will focus on Ancient Egypt. The children will look at the importance of the Nile and how the Ancient Egyptians used this in a variety of ways in their society. We will also be looking at the Pharaohs, Gods and Goddesses, the Pyramids and their inventions. The children will also have a chance to write on Papyrus, make their own cartouches and Shadufs. We are also going to be celebrating Harvest and Macmillan Coffee.

During the afternoons, Class 1 is going to be looking at the topic of 'people who help us' and carrying out activities based on this. We will be thinking about people who help us at home, in school and in the community. In RE we are going to be talking about special clothes, with a focus on clothes that are worn during festivals and celebrations. Our PSHE lessons will be about new beginnings and how we can make our classroom a safe, happy and fair environment for everyone. During music, we'll be exploring duration whilst singing and playing musical instruments.



GISSING NEWS

PCC News

We have had no news yet from the Heritage Lottery Fund regarding our submission for a Stage 2 Delivery Grant towards urgent repairs and improvements to the church. We completed all the Stage 1 work – which was quite exhausting – and our submission was within the proposed financial award promised a year ago. There were a few final hiccups but we believe we stand a very good chance of hearing something very soon.

We gave done very well in raising pledges of financial support from other Trusts and Foundations towards some additional work, with perhaps one final amount to come in from a late application.

George Hammond

Friends of Gissing Church

The summer has been a busy time. The Friends held their Summer Bar-B-Q at Keeper's Cottage by kind invitation of Tony and Heidi Baxter on July 30th. The weather was kind to us on the night and we would like to thank Tony and Heidi very much for working so hard to make this a really enjoyable evening for all who attended. A big thank you also goes to all of those who helped to prepare and run the BBQ, especially Ed and Denise, Ellie, Clive, Theo and Nia (for running a very busy bar all evening), and to Alex for the garden games and running, together with Joe, a Night at the Races!!

The main thanks must go to all the guests who were obviously very generous in their donations and helped us raise a fantastic £1,800. Well done all.

The Friends/PCC has also started the work to create a conservation churchyard – a wildflower and plant survey has been done by Norfolk Wildlife Trust which will be sent to us shortly. The long grass was cut in late August and had to be raked off – this will become a new annual requirement, to deplete the soil and maximise the future opportunities for the growth of wildflowers and plants.

We could not have cleared the large amounts of 'hay' without the help of three working parties on three separate occasions – our special thanks to all

the participants in the 'Great Gissing Rake Off', who coped with what is, in anyone's book, hard work on a very hot August morning.

The Friends had a stall at the Gissing Summer Fete, at which everyone enjoyed a nursery rhyme themed afternoon of entertainment, stalls and refreshments. Many thanks are due to all those visitors who supported the Friends through the purchase of pottery, kindly hand-made, and donated for sale by Pat Cattell, and to the Spice Boys for providing us with their chutneys, marmalade and pickles to sell. Thankfully the downpours held off until the fete was over and the packing up had begun – we really did appreciate all the help given by many people in clearing up, whilst getting drenched!!

Gissing Children's Centre

We welcome twelve new families this Autumn Term. We have some lovely things planned to do, including experimenting with fruit, tasting different types and seeing how we can print with it. We shall be immersing ourselves in the lottery building project currently going on at the Old School by mirroring some of the building works! Using our construction loose parts and new 'cement-mixer' and generally weaving the project into all areas of our curriculum.

There are still some spaces left for the Autumn Term, for both funded and non-funded children from 2–5 years. If you would like to visit, please contact Linda Nash at lindamarynash@yahoo.co.uk, ring 01379 677300 between 9 and 3 Monday to Friday or leave a message on 07796 204367. We shall be very pleased to see you.

We are running a one-day Autumn Playscheme on Thursday 27th October for primary school children. This will, on this occasion, be held at Tivetshall Village Hall, due to the lottery-funded building works at Gissing. The cost, as usual, will be £15 per child and the session will run from 9–3.30 with the option of a shorter session from 9–1 for £12. Children will need to bring a packed lunch and some money for tuck. A wide range of activities will be on offer. Places must be booked and paid for in advance, by ringing 07531 810704 or by emailing: playscheme@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk

Following on from the success of the last two years, our third Witchy Woodland Fayre will be

held during the magical afternoon of Saturday 15th October from 2.30–5.30 in and around the Millennium Wood, adjacent to the Children's Centre. Admission is £6 per child and there will be falconry, tale-spinning, a nature trail including craft activities, and lots of weird and wonderful things to do, and see throughout the woodland. Refreshments and hot and cold food will also be available. Advance booking is essential, to ensure entry, by contacting Kelly Pitcher at kelpitcher@aol.com or on 07789 776680 although it will be OK to pay on the day.



Remembering Jim Philip

Events in the village have been overshadowed by the loss of Dr Jim Philip who sadly passed away in early August. Jim, a Gissing resident for nearly fifty years had long proved to be one of its most loyal friends and learned inhabitants, pioneering much of its social and cultural activities. It is ironic that we lost him the week the first turf was cut for the new community building, a project most dear to his heart.

Jim served on the Parish Council for the majority of his Gissing years, many as its chairman. He was very active politically and often 'took up the cudgel' on behalf of the village. He was a Devonian by birth but after graduating from King's College Cambridge and a spell in the USA he decided to make East Anglia his spiritual home. For many years he lectured in English and American studies at Essex University and finished a fine academic career as a councillor with the Open University.

Jim was a fun-loving guy who really enjoyed participating in village events, from the Christmas

panto, his annual Easter Egg Hunt and games of cricket with the Gissing Pedestrians. He never lost his faith in the quest for a cohesive, caring community. The aspirations of the Heart of Gissing, whose constitution he conceived, bear testament to this.

He leaves a huge vacuum in the fabric of our village and its affairs. We shall all miss his energy, his dependable friendship, his humour and that unforgettable smile.

Heart of Gissing

(Charity No: 1161599)

Gissing Village Fete After an early shower the weather cleared! There was plenty of competition with traditional fete games and stalls, a quiz and voting for the best scarecrow and decorated cake. Entertainment from Tilly the Talespinner and Performing Arts East was complemented with music kindly provided by Geoff and Julie Bunting Dixon. Refreshments were supplied by The Children's Centre and Gissing Crown. We want to thank Geoff Dixon of WoW for the sound system, Tony Tunmore for the loan of straw bales and Peter and Janine for the tractor rides. Alex Holden and Chris Eve did sterling work with the sideshows and Stephen Sell kindly donated to the barbecue. A great team of helpers set up the marquee, manned stalls and provided donations for many stalls. Thanks also to Kevin and Julie at 'The Crown' for hosting the event. The Heart of Gissing, Gissing Children's Centre, St Mary's Church and the Friends of Gissing Church have all benefited from funds raised on the day.

Save the date The St Nicholas Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 3rd December. There will be an opportunity for Christmas gift shopping and some festive treats in a lovely village setting.

The Crafty Sew and Sews continues to supply unique gifts, accessories and soft furnishings at the St Nicholas Fair and also at Pennoyers craft fair on November the 5th. Come and see us for lovely presents that are a little different.

Heart of Gissing Crafter's Cafe meets on the second Tuesday of month, 10–1 at Gissing Village Hall. Come along to learn a new craft or work on your

own pieces. The session costs £3. Tea, coffee, cake and friendly chat provided. Phone Anne Reynolds on 01379 674272 or Kate Heath on 01379 677504.

The Toddler Group at Gissing Join us every Monday during term time from 10–11am for a friendly chat and a cuppa whilst children from 0–5yrs play. Check our Facebook page for what's on 'The Toddler Group at Gissing Village Hall'. Or contact Vicky at vhcullum@hotmail.com or 01379 674729.

Gissing Reading Group is a small, informal gathering, meeting on the second Monday of each month at 8pm at the Old School. Please contact Frances King at frances@lyncroft.co.uk or just come along.



Gissing Gardening Group is a vibrant, well-informed, and friendly group meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at the Old School from 7.45pm. For enquiries about the group, contact Veronica Manly on 01379 677231.

Show Stars is an exceptional musical, theatrical and craft group for young adults with learning difficulties. If you know anyone who might enjoy this group, please contact Amanda on 01379 741788 or email: mummysheep@tiscali.co.uk Sessions run on the third Tuesday of the month currently at the Old School from 6–8pm and cost £5 per session. Our autumn theme is Hallowe'en and party dances.

Pilates Classes at the Old School Gissing Are you looking to get stronger, leaner and to reduce stress and tension? Well how about joining Pilates instructor Heather Ormerod on Monday evenings: 7–8pm Beginners/Gentle Pilates Matwork; 8–9pm Improvers Matwork. Bookings: heatherormerodpilates@gmail.com

Performing Arts East have had a very successful summer, starting with a stunning show. We took part in Diss and Wymondham Carnival which was a lot of fun and we are looking forward to singing and dancing our way through Pulham at their Carnival on the 10th September. Term starts back on the 12th September and anyone looking for dance classes please email performingartseast@mail.com.

Heart of Gissing Community Youth Theatre Project Our show this year was a sell out success, with a brilliant bunch of talented children bringing another musical to life. We are still bursting with pride at what this bunch of lovely young people achieved in a week. If your child is aged between 9 and 18 and enjoys acting, singing and dancing please email samiwatt@rocketmail.com for more information on taking part next year.

Stage HOGers As winter months approach and the evenings start drawing in, the panto cast start prowling through Gissing getting ready for another fun filled performance. This year we bring you *Sleeping Beauty*, so keep your eyes peeled for info and if you fancy joining our band of happy go lucky players please email samiwatt@rocketmail.com (no experience necessary).

Youth Adventure Sessions with Adam Osborne of Osborne Adventures Adventure sessions for 8–13 year olds, largely held outdoors, have been a great success in the past and have included activities such as catapults, campfires, air rifles, orienteering etc. These highly supervised, standalone sessions are a great experience for youngsters. If you are interested, contact Sarah Willett on 01379 677567 or 07917 645867 or email at swillett_ip22@yahoo.com

Gissing Singers meet every Monday at 7.30pm in Gissing Village Hall. Further information available from Andrew Pierrsené on 01379 674518.

Bookings to use The Old School: Contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 (9–3 Mon to Fri during term time) or 07796 204367 out of hours or email lindamarynash@yahoo.co.uk

SHELFANGER NEWS

All Saints' Church

Our normal pattern of Morning Worship and Holy Communion services has continued, providing 'time out' from our eventful summer! Meanwhile, sadly, the Shelfanger congregation has suffered a series of blows with the illnesses of Pat Webster and Anne Lord, and Reader Bryan Fletcher from Tivetshall. We wish them all a continued steady recovery and miss them very much.

School Farewells

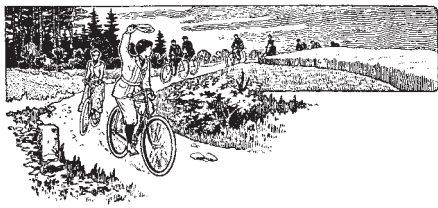
Shelfanger church was packed for the annual All Saints' School Leavers' Service marking the end of the school's academic year and farewell to its most senior pupils. Music, poetry and spoken dialogue entertained parents and school friends, providing the background to the presentation of awards and the saying of goodbye and good luck to those pupils moving on to secondary education.

A presentation and farewell gifts from staff, children and both Shelfanger and Winfarthing PCCs was made to head teacher, Louise Norgate, who now moves to another headship after twelve very successful years at All Saints'. We wish her well.

The leavers' service was ably organised by John Moule assisted by the Rector David Mills and Mrs Jenny Vere representing St Andrews' School North Lopham, part of the All Saints' hub of schools.

Annual Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride

On Saturday 10th September the annual Norfolk and Suffolk Church's Cycle Ride took place, raising funds for the maintenance of our local historic places of worship. As usual Shelfanger church was pleased



to welcome cyclists and walkers. A sincere thanks to everyone who took part or helped in any way.

Upcoming Events

The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 9th October at 11am. This is a rich country occasion with the church decorated with flowers and produce from gardens, allotments and fields. Come and share in this celebration of God's bounty and of rural life.

As usual, we hope to sell off the fresh produce at a stall by the Shelfanger Bus Shelter on Monday 10th October at 2pm. All proceeds to church funds.

All Saints' Annual Gift Morning will be held on Saturday 29th October. This is the yearly opportunity for parishioners to make that contribution which keeps the parish Christian community alive in its lovely medieval church. Envelopes and details will be coming to you nearer that time.

Remembrance Sunday falls on 13th November this year. A special service to remember all those who have fallen in the service of our country will be held at Shelfanger Church, commencing at 10.50am. Wreaths will be laid at the parish war memorial at the foot of the church tower. Individual crosses may then be placed by any parishioner wishing to remember a family member or friend who has laid down their life in our country's service.

Meanwhile, in the run up to Remembrance Sunday, there will be a door to door collection in the village for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Please continue to support this as generously as you have done in the past.

Village Hall News

The Village Fete 2016 held on July 18th was a cracker! On a sunny but not too hot afternoon all the delights of a traditional English fete were offered. Visitors came from all quarters (Buckinghamshire, Ipswich, Mundford and Campsey Ash being definitely represented). A record-breaking profit of £2,100 was recorded. Sincere thanks to all those who helped run activities, contributed prizes and gifts, baked cakes and, most of all, those who attended. Special thanks must go, once again, to Tig and Jane Ross for their inspired leadership and organisation.

Village Hall Committee expands

The Village Hall Committee was pleased to welcome a new member to their ranks when James Easter was elected to join the committee recently. He and his wife Lois are keen to play an active part in the community and, to that end, a Quiz Night and the creation of an Art Group for the village are now in the pipeline.

Annual Flower Show

Saturday 27th August saw the village hall busy with the arrival, display and judging of the exhibits, expertly judged by Olive and Ken Jolly. The Chiles Challenge Cup, the Hammond Family Challenge Cup, the Edith Limmer Cup and the Thomas Blake Shield were all won by Ivan Cotton. The Colin Mobbs Challenge Cup was won by Graham Lanchester. In the Homecraft Section, the Olive Chinnery Cup and the Freda Stevenson Cup were won by Sue Mobbs who also won the Playing Field Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the whole show. The Village Hall committee extends its very sincere thanks to the judges, to organiser Colin Mobbs for his superb work as usual and to the stewards, John Kemp, Kevin and Gwen Mobbs, and to the village sponsors. A total of £127.45 was raised for hall funds.



Upcoming Events at the Village Hall

Shelfanger Art Group Is now the moment you have waited for to paint or draw in a variety of media alongside a group of like-minded enthusiasts? The formation of a brand new Art Group in Shelfanger Village Hall has been proposed by Lois Easter, a retired teacher and local resident.

Help will be available to assist with techniques or to stimulate ideas. Beginners will be most welcome.

The first meeting is planned for Monday 10th October at 1pm. This is an ideal opportunity to be in at the beginning and see what might be offered. Why not give it a try? Please phone Lois on 01379 640431 for more details and to express your interest.

Village Hall Quiz Night Get your thinking caps on! A Quiz Night will take place on Saturday 3rd December, 7pm for 7.30pm. The entry fee will be £3 per person (inclusive of nibbles). The quiz will be arranged around tables of eight and, as an extra stimulus, the bar will of course be open. Enquiries and entries to James Easter on 01379 640431.

Shelfanger Parish Council

The parish council thanks all those who have trimmed back obstructive hedges, and all dog-walkers who are clearing up after their animals. If you are a dog-walker, please think of those who cut and clear the paths and others who tread the same footways.

Shelfanger Stitchers group

Continues to meet fortnightly with a variety of creative projects underway. As winter approaches, gloves, hats and scarves are back on the agenda with donations to Norwich Night Shelter and other charities. A delivery of blankets has already been made. We also offer a chance to develop your knitting skills generally and get help if you need it, not just for charity but also for your personal projects.

Telephone Helen for more information on 652199

Personalia

I moved to Shelfanger five months ago and everyone I have met have been so friendly and made me feel very welcome.

I would like to say a special thanks to my neighbours Linda and Ivan and Brenda and David who have not only been very kind, but also very helpful.

Thank you for making my transition so much easier!

Lyn Collett lyncollett@icloud.com

As is now general knowledge, Tig and Jane Ross are moving in mid-October. Tig has been offered a senior post in the company for which he works. Unfortunately for us, this position is in Toronto which is on the other side of Tivetshall somewhere... We wish Tig and Jane very well and say a sincere thank you for all that they have done for the Shelfanger Village Fete, the Social Club, the Village Hall, the communities of Shelfanger and Winfarthing and for local licensed premises.

TIVETSHALL NEWS

Tivetshall St Margaret

Due to unforeseen circumstances, some of the services have been changed in October. On the 2nd we have been invited to join Gissing in their celebration of Harvest Festival and the following week – the 9th – they will be joining us. If you have any produce to decorate St Margaret's please could it be left on the Friday or Saturday prior to Harvest Festival. Following the 11am service it will be sold and the proceeds sent to a charity for helping those in need.

As mentioned in the last Cock Crow on the 30th of October there will be a special communion service to celebrate the life and works of Andrew Jackman. The service will use Andrew's setting and we hope to see many of you there.

As usual there will be a short service of remembrance at St Mary's church on 11th November at 10.50am. On Sunday 13th the service will be at 10.40am at St Margaret's.



Tivetshall Friends and Family

The group will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses on Sunday October 2nd from 11–1 in the village hall. Contributions of cakes and/or raffle prizes would be much appreciated. Contact Laura 07923 563881 or Janine 07903 143840.

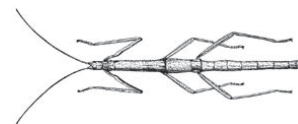
Tivetshall Primary School

We began a very busy July with a Japanese Day. The children practised the language skills that they have learned through the year, met some Japanese visitors, sampled Japanese food, tried their hands at calligraphy and listened to some very exciting stories whilst wearing Japanese clothes.

During the following week we were very busy again with the summer play and sports' day. The

children had worked hard over two weeks to rehearse the play and we were very proud of their efforts from the youngest Reception children to the year 6 leavers. The morning of sports' day was wet but we were able to carry on and by the end of the day the sun was shining. We welcomed our partner school, Burston, and lots of parents and families and all had a good time with very good behaviour. Well done to the winning team – Yellows.

Our ever popular Activity Week began with a trip to Gressenhall Rural Life Museum, primarily spent in the farming area learning all about the animals, the children having chosen this as their theme for the week. Everyone had a great time and left to return to school wishing that we had had time to do more. During the course of the rest of the week the children revamped our insect hotel, took part in art and craft activities, enjoyed a talk from a local vet and veterinary nurse, handled rabbits, guinea pigs and stick insects, experienced an animal handling



activity courtesy of Banham Zoo, made a wormery, ate lunch cooked for them by Year 6, visited Mr and Mrs Butler's wonderful meadow, took part in the talent show, listened to stories from a visitor from The Norfolk Children's Book Centre and had a brilliant time at camp night.

The last day of term is always bitter sweet as we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s and leavers' assembly this year was as moving as ever.

Sandra Potter, Head of School

WINFARTHING NEWS

Annual Winfarthing Quiz and Casseroles

The annual Winfarthing quiz will take place at 7:30pm on 18th November at the Village Hall; teams of 6 are welcome, £7 per person. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Call Nick or Jennie Griffiths (01379 643718) to book a table.

Village Hall AGM

The Winfarthing Village Hall AGM will be held on 28th October at 7:30pm. All villagers are welcome as new faces and new ideas are always wanted.

All Saints' Primary School

We have all come back to school year raring to go!

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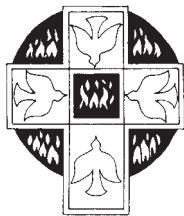
Come and join us

19 October at **Winfarthing Fighting Cocks** and help us to raise some funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Call in any time between 9am and 12, catch up with friends and neighbours, enjoy a tea or coffee, cakes and biscuits.

For more information or to donate cakes call Jennie Griffiths on 01379 643718 or Doreen Collins on 01379 642018, or see Tracy at the Fighting Cocks.





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HC 5/P Five Parish Service | VC Village Church | MS Morning Service | H Harvest | P/P Prayer and Praise

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Sun 2nd Oct Trinity 19	No Service	No Service	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service
Sun 9th Oct Trinity 20	9.30am Harvest	11am Harvest	11am Harvest	No Service
Sun 16th Oct Trinity 21	9.30am MS	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC
Sun 23rd Oct Trinity 22	No Service	9.30am HC	11am FS	9.30am MS
Sun 30th Oct All Saints	Fifth Sunday so Holy Communion at Diss at 8am and 11am			
Sun 6th Nov 3 before Adv	No Service	No Service	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service
Sun 13th Nov Remembrance S	9.30am 11am HC Remem.	3pm Remembrance	11am FS and Remem.	No Service
Sun 20th Nov Christ the King	9.30am MS	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC
Sun 27th Nov Advent 1	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.

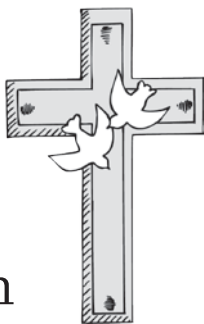
Connect Group: Meets on some Wednesday afternoons at 2pm in St Mary's Hall, Diss; contact Jennie (01379 687679) for precise dates.

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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Reflections on Autumn



Already the autumn is upon us – what happened to summer? To see the combine harvesters in the field reminds us that it is time simply to say ‘thank you’ to God for the gift of harvest. It is right and appropriate to celebrate harvest with thanksgiving in church but it is also fitting for Christians to thank God for His gifts, including food, every day. We are reminded, at this time, that God is the source of all good things: all the things we have, own, use and need. Thanks for the ‘everyday’ things of life should be a daily thanksgiving. The Christian way of looking at things is that all I have is God-given, I simply hold His gifts in trust. This view gives us a fresh outlook on life and all that we have and receive.

Also at this time, we look towards November and give thanks for those who lost their lives in war and those who still suffer as a result of war – war of the distant past or more recent. We give thanks for their sacrifice, their devotion to duty and their life of service. It is because of what they gave that we are able both to live a peaceful life and give thanks for the harvest. Both things are related. We can live, here in Diss and the surrounding area, a good life with sufficient to eat because of the sacrifice of those who fought for us.

So the autumn is a time of real thanksgiving. For a word of thanks that comes from the heart and is not just spoken. A time to stand back and think, to watch and to really think what this life is all about and then be truly thankful.

Rev John Curtis

Team News

Benefice Walk on 28th July

Bishop Alan joined about 18 people from across all six parishes for a ten mile walk, mostly through farm and fenland, starting at South Lopham church and ending at St Mary's, Diss. In each church we heard a bit about current hopes and dreams, plus the problems in realising them. Thanks go to Revd Wendy, who ferried packed lunches to Bressingham, and ‘rescued’ any who get temporarily left behind en route! A short service at Diss, then tea and cake, rounded off a memorable day.

Bishop Alan returned on the Sunday for a Team Eucharist. The eucharistic ministers and a worship assistant were licensed for the next three years.

Open the Book

A small band of volunteers goes into the church schools at Diss Junior and North Lopham once each half term to present a bible story to all the children, using dramatic reading and mime in costume. The children love it! It would be great to extend the scheme to all the schools in the Team, but we would need more volunteers to join in. Interested? Just telephone Angie Gardner on 643730 or Jennie Vere on 01379 687679 to learn more, and possibly come to observe a presentation.



From a window in Ely Cathedral

BRESSINGHAM NEWS

Church News

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held in Church on Sunday 9th October at 9.30am. Please join us for this informal service to celebrate harvest.

The Remembrance Service will be held at the War Memorial at 11.55am as usual, but this year prior to that a Holy Communion Service will be held in church at 9.30am. For those who wish to attend both we would be pleased if you would join us for coffee at Blooms before going on to the War Memorial.

As many of you know we are a very, very small band who try and keep the church going. We have been very fortunate to have had Sue Willats take the minutes for our meeting for the last few years, and we all thank her for her excellent work. Personal commitments have resulted in her having to step down and as a result we are looking for a new secretary to take her place. The job only involves taking the minutes at the meetings which are held on a Monday morning in the village, and we usually have 4 meetings a year. Please, please if you think you could do this contact Diana on 01379 688291. We would all be so grateful.

Another plea for help now! We have been so lucky in having Margaret Winter and Myrna Hughes help keep our church clean. With the winter coming on they have decided to stop which is quite understandable after more years than I care to remember. Our sincere thanks goes to them both. We have had three lots of volunteers doing this work and if you can help us we would love to hear from you. It works out about every 9 weeks. Again, contact Diana.

The second amount of money has arrived from HLF for opening up works and the advertisement has now gone in the press for builders to come forward to submit quotes. If everything goes to plan the repairs will start in September 2017.

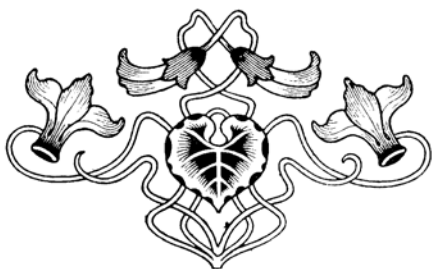
We invite you to become members of ‘Friends of St John the Baptist’ by donating £5 as an annual fee. All monies raised by the Friends help towards the Partnership Funding contribution for Heritage Lottery Fund building works which (subject to HLF approval) should commence in late 2017. Please come

to an informal Friends evening at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 1 December at The Highlands, High Road, Bressingham to discuss the project. Call 687729 for further details.

On Saturday 10th December we will be decorating the church for Christmas from 10am. Please join us. As always, refreshments will be served.

Finally it was fantastic to read in the EDP that Bressingham and Fersfield had won a Silver Award in the 301–2,500 residents section of the Anglia in Bloom Competition. Also in the same competition Bressingham Primary School was one of the two nominations for the Bill Webster Award in the Best Young Peoples Project for children aged 12 and under. Congratulations to everyone!

Diana



Afternoon Club

The Afternoon Club's members have enjoyed two outings in July and August. For the first we went to Knettishall Heath where a few people enjoyed a short walk which was followed by a picnic with lots of chatter and reminiscing about old times. We were very lucky with the weather and managed about 3 hours before the rain came down.

In August about 14 members visited Blacksmith's Gardens and Shorelands Wildlife Centre. It was a very hot day but we all were enthralled by Ben Potterton's vivid and enthusiastic description of all the wildlife, living mainly free, in his gardens. His talk was interspersed by many amusing stories. Afterwards, we had refreshments in the cafe and went home very happy.

Our future ideas are shown on our poster and we always welcome new members (no joining fee) so if you find you have a couple of hours free once a month then please come and give us a try.

FERSFIELD NEWS

Church News

It's a funny month, August: so many people look forward to it all year (particularly those of school age – and their teachers!) and then it seems to be over in a trice. So, we hope all those people starting or continuing their studies, and their families, will have a very successful 2016–17 academic year. We send the same message to their schools and colleges. We have quite a few teachers in Fersfield, so we send them our love, too!

August has been a happy month around Fersfield and St Andrew's, Ellie Bond and Thomas Bell were married in the church, we wish them every future happiness. We have welcomed Michelle, Mark and Charlotte to the village (or rather, they welcomed us to their home at the Old Chapel for a super

The Afternoon Club

Bressingham & Fersfield Village Hall
Second Tuesday of each month, 2–4pm
£2.50 inclusive of drinks and cakes

Please join us –
 new members always welcome

We have a varied programme of quizzes,
 crafting, games and outings.

Last month's outing was a very enjoyable
 visit to Blacksmith's Gardens and
 Shoreland Wildlife Centre

Dates for your diary, all Tuesdays

11th October	Meeting 2–4pm, possible special event
25th October	Pub meal at South Lopham White Horse?
8th November	Meeting 2–4pm
13th December	Christmas Party 1–4pm
10th January	Meeting 2–4pm

For any further information contact
Reg & Kay 01379 688331

musical barbecue) and we have had a pleasing number of visitors to St Andrew's – perhaps partly due to the 'Open Gardens' weekend.

Our architect and specialist contractor are liaising about the chancel repairs: fingers are crossed that the exterior work will be under way at the end of September. Norfolk County Council's Highways Department are taking the northern church entrances and associated verges in hand, and Karl is restoring and resetting the gates and their posts. Is it a dream too far to hope all these things are done for Christmas?



By the time you read this we will have had our autumn treat, the 'Music and Words for a September Evening', for which there is now much preparation with our wonderful team. If, when you read this, you have still not obtained your tickets for the Harvest Lunch at 12.30 on Sunday, 9 October, it may not be too late! Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, with the Rector, is on the same day at 11am. On Sunday, 13th November, Remembrance Sunday, we have our Remembrance Service at 3pm when we hope to be joined by serving members of the Royal Air Force. Please do join us for this incredibly moving event which takes place both in the church and at the War memorial. Then... it's almost Christmas, with Fersfield's annual Carol Service, with Michael Dann and Discord, 7.30pm on Wednesday, 21 December. More about that in the next edition....

Happy leaf-sweeping and God Bless,

Richard



LOPHAMS NEWS

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*Maxine McGarr, Acting Executive Head Teacher:
 All Saints Primary, Winfarthing; St Andrew's
 Primary, North Lopham and Hapton Primary.*

St Andrew's Pre School

It's the start of a new term and new beginnings for many. Several of our children left at the end of the summer term for the big adventure of school this September, and we wish them well.

We have new children starting at St Andrew's this term and we also welcome two new staff members.

This half term we are going to find out about what happens after harvest to the gathered corn and to the stubble fields; we will also be finding out about fruit and vegetables and all the produce of the garden. We will explore the lovely colours of Autumn, pick blackberries, go for walks and play in our new mud kitchen, and are looking forward to a busy but fun filled time.

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

during term time from 8.45 to 3.15. We currently have spaces available on all days. We were rated good at our last Ofsted inspection. To arrange a visit or for any further information 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.

At the August meeting, members were enthralled by the stunning gold work produced by Jean Wright, and saw slides of gold work, dating back thousands of years, using gold threads of many kinds.

Martin Tickler's enthusiasm for house martins was infectious when he came in September – he gave them convincing personalities and almost human behavior!

On 4th October the subject is The Diamond Trade (sadly no free samples!), and there will be a Bring & Buy Stall. In November Annie Chapman will talk about the Pink Ladies and their fund raising efforts.

Visitors are always 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 August, Rodney Tibbs gave us lots of advice on growing vegetables. Rodney has been growing them for many years in his own garden and passed on lots of helpful tips to us.

In September David Boulton gave a presentation on 'Mushrooms and Fungi'. David is a very accomplished photographer of nature and wildlife and accompanied his talk with many pictures taken in his native Norfolk as well as the Lake District, Derbyshire and Yorkshire. His time and patience is well rewarded by some truly stunning photographs.

Our next meeting will be on 6th October when we look forward to welcoming Edward Martin who will give a presentation entitled 'Lost Gardens of Suffolk', and looking further forward, on 3rd November Janet Whiteside will talk about 'Ideas for Christmas'.

Please telephone 01379 687833 for further details.

Lophams' Society

The Lophams' Society will be holding their Autumn Quiz on Friday 14th October (7pm for 7.30pm start) at the Village Hall. Entrance is £6 per person which will include a cheese ploughmans' supper and the bar will be open to refresh the little grey cells. Everyone welcome and teams of 6 per table maximum. Tables can be booked in advance by telephoning 01379 688408.

Holy Bingo

Continues in the Village Hall on the first Monday each month at 2 pm, when new faces are always welcome to come and share in fun sessions, with plenty of time for a chat. Forthcoming dates are 3rd October and 7th November.

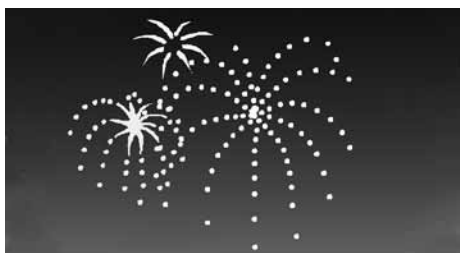
(Do telephone 01379 687679 for further details or for help with transport.)

Lophams' Village Hall

Warm congratulations to the Lophams' Team who came second in the sixth and final Norfolk Village Games in July, and special thanks to Jim Pursehouse who has organised our team every year! And congratulations to the Kumo Judo Club for having two contenders at the Olympic Games in Rio, Colin Oates fought in July and Jonathan Drane is in the Paralympic Team!

The Bonfire and Fireworks Event

This will actually be on 5th November this year! The gates open at 6pm, and the fireworks will start about 7.30pm. We have managed to keep the ticket prices at £7 adult and £3 for a child under 16, and a family ticket (2 adults and 2+ children) at £20, which is great value for such a great display. There will be



soup, hot food and drinks inside the hall and on site, plus stalls, so do tell all your friends and come along.

During October, the hall gates open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am–2pm, so your burnable garden refuse can be disposed of at the bonfire site for a nominal charge of £1 per load to offset the costs of the fireworks. It's a great way to get rid of tree and shrub prunings. Please DO NOT bring any metal or plastic, or any other material that could cause Environmental Health officials to ban the bonfire.

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 July were: first prize of £200, D Derrick; second prizes of £50, A Bird and A Wallis. The winners in August were: first prize of £200, J Vere; second prizes of £50, A Loomes and P Packer. Additionally, 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.

Regular bookings

Farmers' Markets are on the fourth Saturday, 9am–12.30pm: next dates are 22nd October & 26th November. (Details from Mike on 01379 687235)

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

Lopham Art Group: meets on Wednesday mornings, from 9.30am. The cost is £15 each per month, and includes a visit from an expert 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, telephone 01379 687679, or go to the website.

Lophams' Churches

Lophams' Harvest Lunch will be on Sunday 2nd October, in the Village Hall, 12.45 for 1pm. All are welcome. Tickets, price £7.50 are available from Jill Brundell on 01379 687216 or Jennie Vere on 01379 687679. There will be a raffle. Fruit juice and hot drinks are provided, if you desire alcohol please bring your own and glasses.

Diss Library News

Do you need help with using your computer, laptop or tablet? All libraries offer free access to PCs and have WiFi, we also run a range of basic courses for people new to IT or trying to get the best out of their computers. To find out more about what's on offer locally or book on one of our courses, contact the library. In October we are offering a beginner's taster for Family History on 3rd October 10–12am, a guide to becoming a BBC Weatherwatcher on 5th October at 11am and PC basics course on 27th October 2–4pm.

Regular Events

Baby Bounce & Rhyme time every Friday in term time at 10am. 'Wordsworth' junior reading group meets at 3.30pm on the first Monday of the month.

Library book group meets at 6.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month. New faces are assured of a welcome at all our regular groups.

The library is free to join and it's free to borrow books, ebooks and audiobooks. For library opening times and more information on all our events and services visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries, or call Diss library on 01379 642609. For mobile library dates and details call 01603 222267 or follow the links to mobile libraries on our website.

Opening Hours

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



NORTH LOPHAM NEWS

Parish Council

Meeting 14th September 2016

Present: Councillors J Tate (Chair), D Eagle, M McManus, M Tipple, R Carley; J Crossley (P Clerk), M Chapman Allen (Breckland). Seven members of the public. Apologies: D Hammond.

Defibrillator: recently used in earnest. The system worked but sadly, in spite of all efforts, it was unsuccessful.

The Trod: Preparatory work will begin shortly, work proper to start in February.

Settlement Boundary: Cllr Chapman Allen explained that a public consultation period will run 19th Sept to 31st Oct. when proposals can be viewed and comments made via the Breckland website. Current recommendation is to 'tidy' some anomalies but leave the SB largely unchanged. There are no plans for large scale development, only 20 new houses would be permitted within the boundary until 2036 and none outside. Parish Council would have much greater power to influence decisions.

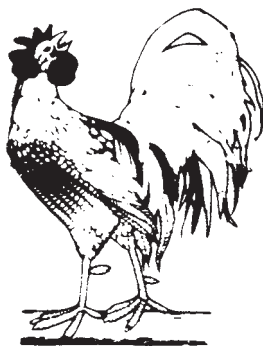
Views on Policing: No representations received from public so PC Chairman replied to survey outlining the numerous traffic calming measures already undertaken and asking for greater police backup.

Speeding and DPD: Further contact with DPD has been made by PC and public about speeding, drivers can be reported if their number is taken.

Other traffic issues: Obstructive parking near the school endangers crossing patrol, proposal to extend yellow lines. Speed humps and chicanes suggested again, Cllr Chapman Allen indicated that collecting evidence and securing funding would be big problems. To consult NCCllr Stephen Askew.

NCC Rangers: Various items of path clearing, verge tidying, drain clearing and sign cleaning have been requested.

Lophams News/Cock Crow: Why both? Both are run by volunteers. Lophams News covers only the Lophams and is paid for by the PC, Cock Crow covers a much wider area has more content and is paid for by the churches and advertising, so why not both?



Partnership Scheme: No enthusiasm for village gates. Something else?

Jubilee Lane: Thanks to Mike Tipple and David Hammond for clearance.

Primrose Lane: Overgrown again. To get quote from Burial Ground contractor for clearance work. South Lopham possibly contacting Frizzels.

Highways: Various issues have been reported to NCC. The public can report potholes via the NCC website or using the Fill That Hole App for iPhone or Android.

Hedges: Octavia house and Box Tree Farm hedges are obstructing footpath.

Clay pigeon shooting: complaints about excessive noise. To monitor.

Roadside Sales: Please, don't obstruct the footpaths or cause traffic hazards with roadside sale goods.

Dog fouling on The Drift: This is private land and should be respected, clear up after your pet and dispose of the bag correctly.

Next Meeting: 9th November, 7.30pm, The Mess.

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 26th October and 23rd November.

St Nicholas' Church

Samaritans' Purse – Shoebox Appeal It's already the time to think about spreading Christmas joy to children who would otherwise receive nothing – in Eastern Europe and beyond – by packing a decorated shoebox with stationery, toiletries and little treats. If you would like to help, please bring your box to Southlands, North Lopham by 12th November, so we can ensure they arrive in good time. Many thanks, from Jennie Vere.

Concert for Nepal Saturday 16th July, in Church at 7.30pm. Bryony Holdsworth, who is in Nepal as this is written helping to rebuild a school, sends grateful thanks to the performers and everyone who supported the concert to help raise a wonderful £420 towards her project.

Many thanks to those who supported the Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride in September, or the Biggest Coffee Morning in the World for Macmillan Cancer Care on 30th September.

Harvest Thanksgiving at St Nicholas' Church will be at 11am on Sunday 9th October, led by the Rev'd Maggie Swayze. Everyone is warmly invited to come and share the celebration. Gifts of flowers, foliage or produce, and help with arranging everything on Saturday 8th will be very welcome. Token parcels will be packed and distributed on the following days.

North Lophams' Knitted Bible Exhibition is our newest venture!

After five Crib Festivals, it is time for something very different. The Nativity is one story among many in the 'library in one volume' we call The Bible. They include adventure, romance and historical dramas alongside the laws, poetry and prophecy in



that very special book. Knitters from near and far have been busy recreating some of the most visual scenes to bring them to life for viewers of all ages – so do take the opportunity to come and look. The exhibition launches on Tuesday 25th October, from 2 to 5pm, and continues from 11am till 5pm each day till Saturday 29th, plus Sunday from 12.30 till 4pm. There will be a guide leaflet, refreshments, a children's corner and a stall with gift items. Do come and see how many stories you recognise without looking in your guide!

Remembrance 2016

Armistice Day is on Friday 11th November. The Annual Ceremony will be held at the War Memorial at 11 o'clock, with juniors from St Andrew's School alongside veterans, local residents and representatives of the American Air Force.

Remembrance Sunday is on 13th. There will be a special act of remembrance at the 11am Family Service, when the names of all those from the village who gave their lives in the two World Wars will be read.

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Harvest Lunch

The Harvest Lunch will take place on Sunday 2nd October at Lophams' Village Hall, at 1pm. For more information and tickets please contact Jennie on 01379 687679 or Jill on 01379 687216.

Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service for South Lopham will take place on Sunday 13th November at the war memorial only. *Note:* this service will start at 10am.



Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Church on Saturday 19th November with Cake Stall, Raffle, Bring and Buy and Tombola. Please come and join us we look forward to welcoming you.

Parish Council

Meeting 1st September Present: Parish Clerk, five Councillors, and apologies from Steve Reynolds.

Chairman: Safer Neighbourhood Action meeting to be held next week at which traffic speed on the A1066 will be raised again and to see what effect a police presence over the last two months has had. Complaints from residents at both ends of the village have been received and a further meeting with NCC will be arranged.

Village Sign work has now been completed and it will be re erected in the next two weeks.

Tree next to the War Memorial: A fallen bough needs to be cleared and the safety of the tree checked. The Clerk is to contact Breckland Council.

Risk Management 2016: the Clerk produced a revised policy which was approved by the Council.

New Councillor: No election. New Councillors will be sought during September and October.

Parish Partnership Funding: Councillors discussed how to utilise this scheme. It was agreed that it would be best used in connection with speed reduction on the A1066 either by way of flashing speed signs (SAM 2) or village gateways. The scheme to be included in discussions with NCC in addition to other measures.

Planning: Mrs Martin outlined the present position on all current matters, which can be seen on the Breckland Planning web site.

Highways: Jim Pursehouse reported that the 30 mph repeater sign in Church Road had been re erected and repairs to the drain in Redgrave Road completed.

Website: Up to date.

Works: Thank you to Jim Pursehouse for re-staining the bus shelter.

Footpaths: Thank you to Rob Webb for producing a very comprehensive report on all footpaths in the Parish and their state of repair. He undertook to identify which finger posts required replacement and to draft a letter to land owners regarding their responsibilities. Further discussion in relation to cutting grass and trees along A1066 and trimming back trees on Blo Norton Road to be raised with NCC.

Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd November 7.30 pm Valley Farm.

Events at Redgrave & Lopham Fen



Wildlife Watch Group

Saturdays, 8 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec 10.30am-12.30pm

A club for 6-12 year olds, £2. Contact marcus.halmshaw@btinternet.com or call 01379 688333

Guided fen walks

Saturday 1 Oct, 10.30am-1pm

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Fen with enthusiast and naturalist John Hill. £4 adult, £2 child Meet at the Education Centre, no booking required.

Education Otherwise

Tuesday 4 Oct, 10.30am-2.30pm

Activity day for home-educated children under 10. Parents welcome, £7 per child, please book

Apple Day & Autumn Plant Sale

Sunday 16 Oct, 10.30am-3pm Apple ID, plants, crafts, free family games, refreshments, plus Kenninghall Morris. £3 adults, £2 children 01379 688333

redgrave.education@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

October half term

Children's activity: Fungi fun at the Fen

Tuesday 25 Oct, 10am-2pm.

Explore the fascinating world of fungi with games, activities & crafts. For unaccompanied 6-10 year olds, £7 per child, please book

Family activity: The night sky

Wednesday 26 Oct, 6pm-8pm

Astronomical activities for all the family. £4 children, £2 adults, please book

Stargazing evening

Wednesday 26 Oct, 8pm-10pm

With Breckland Astronomical Society. Hot refreshments available, 8 years + £4 per person, please book

Young naturalists

Thursday 27 Oct, 10am-2pm. For unaccompanied 11-15 year olds Wildlife identification skills & practical activities £7 each, please book

The woods & meadows of Wymondham
a talk by Norfolk Wildlife Trust Tuesday 25 Oct, 7.30pm. Organised by the SWT Valley Fens Wildlife Group £2 per person (includes refreshments) All welcome, no need to book

The crane story – by Chris Durdin

Tuesday 29 Nov, 7.30pm. Organised by SWT Valley Fens Wildlife Group. £2 per person (includes refreshments), all welcome, no need to book

Adult courses

Weave a boat-shaped willow fruit basket

Saturday 1 Oct, 10am-1pm

With local basket maker Karen Lawrence. £20 including materials, please book

Botanical Illustration

Saturday 29 Oct, 10am-3pm

Illustration techniques with the emphasis on botanical accuracy, using autumn plants, leaves and berries. With botanical illustrator, Christine Grey-Wilson. £25/£21.50, please book



Chutneys & jellies masterclass

Sunday 13 November, 10am-3pm

Learn with local master preserver, Janet Peachey. £25 + £7 on the day, please book

Weave a festive wreath & willow heart

Saturday 26 November, 10am-1pm

With local basketmaker Karen Lawrence £25 including materials, please book

Pre-Christmas preserves workshop

Sunday 1 November, 10am-3pm

Learn with local master preserver, Janet Peachey. £25 + £7 on the day, please book

Please book online:

www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org
Or call 01473 890089

From the Registers

Winfarthing Group

FUNERALS

Barbara Banfield 4th August, Winfarthing
Cynthia Lambert 23rd September,
Winfarthing

WEDDINGS

Oliver Graham & Jilly Stockdale
20th August, Winfarthing
Sean Crosby & Gillian Turner
17th September, Tivetshall

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Barbara Banfield 17th August

Bressingham Group

WEDDING

Eleanor Frances Bond & Thomas Luke
Bell 27th August, Fersfield

FUNERALS

Jacob Bowhill (of the Lophams)
21st September, Cremation at St Faith's
Iris Bowyer (of North Lopham)
21st September, Cremation at Bury



Remembrance Concert

Saturday 12th November 7.30pm
Burston Church IP22 5TW

featuring music by Andrew Jackman

Tickets £7 and £5 concessions (£8 and £6 on the door)

Booking advisable – 70 tickets available

Tel: Len Hobson 01379 741033 or Diane Lee 01379 642372

For Burston Church and Help for Heroes

Cawston Band: Winners Brass Band Regional Finals 2016

