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Hammer & Nails – the tools of Faith

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the moment that for many people the Reformation of the Church began, when an obscure German monk by the name of Martin Luther allegedly nailed his 95 ‘theses’ to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg (it must have been a very large door.....!!).

At the heart of Luther’s complaint was what he called the ‘indulgences’ of the Church, especially the offer that the time each soul spent in purgatory could be reduced by making a substantial donation to the Church. To date, our Diocese has not suggested such a scheme to help raise Parish Share, but we live in strange and troubling times.....so who knows?!!

The picture in this article depicts Luther before the ‘Diet of Worms’, a council called by the Church to decide how to deal with Luther’s accusations. It powerfully shows Luther slightly on the back foot, yet equally defiant in the face of the bishops, whose pointed mitres and pointing hands seem to be saying ‘How dare you challenge us!!’

Luther was ‘speaking truth to power’ a phrase which is believed to have originated in the African-American Civil Rights Movement, but was also used in the 1950’s in a book published by the Quakers as a peaceful response to the Cold War. It essentially means making a stand against authorities and institutions even when they seem too large and powerful to take on.

Luther was following the tradition of the prophets of the Old Testament, who were called by God to speak His truth to the very people who did not want to hear – kings, governors and religious leaders. Prophets rarely have an easy time of it! It is never easy to speak up against the large and the powerful forces of our world as those of us who have attempted to take on Local Authorities, utility companies, banks, the taxman or the NHS will know!

And yet, there are times when we just know in our hearts that we must do something in response to an injustice we see before us. As Christians, it is an important part of our tradition to make such a stand – to speak out on behalf of ourselves and others. Throughout his ministry, Jesus focussed on the poor and the marginalised and ‘spoke truth to power’. It was ultimately because of the Truth of which he spoke that he was arrested and put to death, leaving those in Power to believe they had won. And yet, just three days later, the Truth was proven to be victorious – victorious over death and victorious over the dark forces of our world.

Just as the Reformation of the 16th Century began with a hammer and nails, so the revelation of a new understanding of God in Christ began with the same. The sound of the hammer and nails at Golgotha spoke Truth to Power.



Luther’s action shook the world and influenced the development of both religion and society. When he struck the first blow with his hammer, did he know what an agent for change he would be? Sometimes we need to strike a blow against the powers of this age. The Church is no longer seen as one of those powers by many in our world, so perhaps now is the time for it to speak Truth against the many Powers that hold our world to ransom – corruption, violence, poverty and hunger and injustice.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Chris Ellis

Let the bells ring out . . .



We often hear the church bells ringing out over Thurton village, but there is nothing better than ringing them for a wedding.

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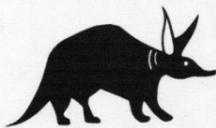
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ANGELS Galore!

Mary Fewster wrote eloquently about Angels but are they still around today?

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My wife Susan lost her engagement ring on her way back from abroad, so we asked the Lord to send an Angel to find it. Three weeks later – as we learned to trust and wait - it appeared at the top of her kitchen drawer!

A Communist Atheist Astrophysicist in the Space programme in Russia went to Church in Tblisi to look for the Creator of all we see on earth compared to the emptiness of the stars. He became a Christian and then an Angel appeared visibly to him and said, 'You are to be a Priest.' He is now Father Zachariah in the Orthodox Church in Tblisi, Georgia!

Rev David Gosling, with his wife Trevis, was on a remote country lane where David reversed their car over a concrete ledge that held them fast. What were they to do? Suddenly a car appeared, stopped, and two men dressed in white got out. Without a word they lifted the car back onto the road and drove off! David knows they were angels!

There are many stories of Angels – if you have one do send it to Eleven Says. We thank God for our Angels and ask Him to give them ice cream, or whatever Angels like best, as a treat!

John Wright

Norfolk Churches Trust

The 2017 Sponsored Bike, Ride and Drive will take place on Saturday 9th September 2017.

Pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can. PLUS you can raise money to help the Norfolk Churches Trust preserve these buildings for future generations. Simply get sponsored for each building you visit or make a donation.

The Bike Ride has raised around £2,800,000 over the past 32 years. The money has been divided between the church of the participant's choice and The Norfolk Churches Trust, which gives grants to hundreds of churches for repairs, renovation and the conservation of their buildings. More than 600 churches will be open throughout the day for everyone to explore.

Some interesting facts from the 2016 Bike ride are:

- The most churches visited by a participant is 64 by bike and 35 on foot.
- Over 150 new participants have been recorded as taking part for the first time.
- St Andrew's Church in Norwich saw the highest number of visitors - 75 in total
- 312 churches and chapels have been nominated to receive a share of the sponsorship money.

Save the date and come and join a fun day out! **Bike, walk, ride or drive around the beautiful Norfolk landscape**, stopping off at as many churches and chapels as you can along the way. Be sponsored for your visits or simply make a donation to the Norfolk Churches Trust or to a nominated church or chapel and know that your money is helping to preserve these ancient and important buildings for future generations to enjoy.



Be part of an event that last year raised more than £100,000, made up of donations (some large but many small) that collectively make a huge difference to help preserve Norfolk's churches.

Sponsorship and Donations

- Donate to the Norfolk Churches Trust via JustGiving
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Debbie Frosdick

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Description

'Even angels long to look into these things'

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Mark Meynell skilfully brings the New Testament to life. Guiding the reader through preaching the Gospels and Acts, the Parables, the Letters and Revelation, as well as using a host of worked examples, sample sermons and personal exercises, this book offers ideas and approaches to stretch even the most seasoned preachers. This preaching resource will make an excellent companion to Christopher Wright's *Sweeter than Honey: Preaching the Old Testament*.

About the Author

Mark Meynell is Associate Director (Europe & Caribbean) of Langham Preaching and part-time Whitehall Chaplain for HM Treasury, HMRC & the Cabinet Office. He is an ordained minister in the Church of England, and was previously on the senior ministry team of All Souls Church, Langham Place, London, UK. He also has experience in theological education having taught at a small seminary in Kampala, Uganda for four years after being in student ministry for churches in the UK. Mark and his wife, Rachel, have two children.

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Rockland St Mary WI

Second Tuesday each month at 7.30pm

Surlingham WI

First Thursday each month at 7.30pm

Alpington, Bergh Apton & Yelverton TWIG

During the July meeting Mrs. Elen Kennedy, a long term member of the Club, was presented with a Bouquet of flowers for her 90th Birthday.

August 2nd - Annual Garden Meeting - Hostess Sophie Hale.

(Please bring a plate of refreshments if possible)

August 18th - Visit to Southwold Theatre to see 'Prisoner of Zenda'

September 6th - Mr Brian Bugg will talk on 'Education'



Wednesday Fellowship

August 9th - Friends of St Mary's Coffee morning at "Two Hoots" Dranes Lane where the 200 Club draw will take place.

September 13th - "Botanist Extraordinary, James Edward Smith". Speaker Barbara Miller.

October 11th "An Introduction to Plant Dyes" Speaker Fay Jones.

Wednesday Fellowship is a meeting for ladies and men at **Alpington and Yelverton Village Hall on 2nd Wednesday of the month**. It is open to anyone in the Bramerton Group (or beyond!). A variety of interesting speakers, fellowship, tea and cake. Transport can be arranged within the Bramerton Group. For more information contact Jo Threadgold 492657 or Pat Barter 493570.

Loddon Flower Club

No meeting in August

5th September

Terrie Potter - floral Pastiche

3rd October

Susan Horn - *Finding Inspiration*

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Director Sandy Barker assembled a talented cast who played to their strengths; especially the youngest thespian, Alexandra Swift. The set, produced by the experienced Keith Saxton then designed and painted by Elizabeth Ridley-Thomas, had the right furniture, dressings and props to enhance this 'sixties set play. The sound and lighting interplayed effectively, thanks to William Middleton.

All in all, it was a pleasure to see our local drama group having such fun and entertaining the community. Well done the Bramrocks!

Wally Lax

Workers' Educational Association [WEA] - Loddon Branch - Autumn Talks

The WEA's Autumn series of talks begins in the Jubilee Hall Clubroom on **Monday 18th September**. The subject is to be the history of transport and travel in an East Anglian context and the speaker will be the popular local lecturer, Mary Fewster. There are to be 10 talks, covering a period from the Middle Ages to the early 20th century. Each talk will start at 2 pm and last 1½ hours. They will look at roads, inland waterways, ports, and travel by sea, stage coach, rail, car, and so on. Reference will also be made to stories and reports about actual journeys.

There will be a half-term break on October 23rd; the final talk will be on November 27th. The fee for the course will be £54; fee remissions are available to anyone in receipt of income-related benefits. Enrolment on the course takes place at the Jubilee Hall before the first talk; if you feel uncertain, however, come to the first talk free of charge and pay only if you decide to continue.

It is possible to pre-enrol online. Go to enrolonline.wea.org.uk for details. This option will require you to pay the fee in full, but there will be a full, no-questions-asked refund if you wish to withdraw after the first talk.

There is ample free parking at the Jubilee Hall. Everyone is welcome. No previous knowledge of the subject is needed. For more information, phone (01508) 558453 or 521036.

Poringland and District W.E.A - Learning for Life! Autumn Term 2017

"Our Star System and Beyond" by Glenn Barrett. What amazing objects make up our star system and can we see them? We shall consider our nearest neighbours and then move out into our galaxy and beyond. No scientific knowledge required!

Starting **Thursday 14th September** 2017 at 10.30 am at Poringland Community Centre, Overton's Way, Poringland, NR14 7WB

The course comprises 10 sessions of one and a half hours each, plus a short break for tea/coffee and biscuits. The cost is £54.00 for the course - free to those on certain means tested benefits. No tests or exams! Come along to the first session and see if you like it! You can also enrol online at www.wea.org.uk/eastern. **Do come along and join us!**

For further information please phone Jane Walker on 01508 494381 or Sue Krey on 01508 492930.

What's On at Poringland Library

Animal Agents Detective Academy - Summer Reading Challenge

Do you have what it takes to join the animal agents? Then test your skills at the detective agency.

Monday 7th August 2.30-3.30pm. Cost £3 per child. Places must be booked in advance. Please note this is not suitable for children under 8.

Monday 14th August 11am, Garlic Theatre

presents: Little Red Robin Hood: A funny and original new adaptation of the classic tale. A merry mix up in the woods with slapstick glove puppets, clowning and a whacky wolf. Cost: £1.50 each or £5 for a family of 4.

Count on Norfolk storytelling for numeracy with Liam Carroll

Monday 21st August 11am - 11.45am. The stories, aimed at 4 and 7 year olds, will be told in a fun and interactive way with performance storyteller Liam Carroll. The session should leave children multiplying their demands for stories, being twice as impressed with learning and adding to their understanding of maths! **This is a free event.**

Medal Ceremony: Thursday 7th September 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Come along and collect your medal and celebrate completing the reading challenge!





From the Registers

BAPTISMS

24/06/17 Evelyn Violet JACKSON Rockland St Mary
 02/07/17 Thomas Noah Jack Raywood Kirby Bedon

MARRIAGES

20/05/17 Samuel KEABLE and Camilla LEES Framingham Pigot
 09/06/17 Matthew MILLER and Mary WRIGHT Thurton
 10/06/17 Andy WATERFIELD and Katie BROWN Framingham Pigot
 17/06/17 Simon GRAY and Kirsty BINKS Framingham Pigot
 24/06/17 Nick HARROLD and Sophia WESLEY-KEY Framingham Pigot

FUNERALS, BURIALS, CREMATIONS, INTERMENT OF ASHES

19/05/17 Leonora CHILMAN Kirby Bedon
 (Interment of ashes)
 31/05/17 Stella Violet BROCK (87) Surlingham
 02/06/17 Peter John OLDFIELD (71) Thurton
 Interment of ashes)
 12/06/17 Angela Maria GRANGE (63) Surlingham
 13/06/17 Dorothy Margaret CATCHPOLE Surlingham
 (Interment of ashes)
 13/06/17 Ena Margaret SMITH (88) Bergh Apron
 14/06/17 John Frederick CAPPS (79) Thurton
 28/06/17 Trevor John SILLETT (75) Bergh Apton
 30/06/17 Betty COPPEN Surlingham
 (Interment of ashes)

Framingham Pigot Weddings



Sam KEABLE and Camilla LEES were married on Saturday 20th May.



Andy WATERFIELD and Katie BROWN were married on Saturday 10th June.



Rockland St Mary Christening

Evelyn Violet JACKSON is pictured here with her Dad, Richard, and Mum, Natasha, following her Christening at St Mary's Church, Rockland St Mary on 24th June.

Also in the photo are her brothers George and Alfred, and two of her Godparents.



St Andrew's Church, Framingham Pigot

A beautiful, sunny day, just perfect for our wedding. Our closest friends and family joined us for a wonderful ceremony conducted by the charismatic Rev Chris Ellis. We all then made our way to Langley Abbey for a beautiful reception hosted by the Brasted's team.

From start to finish it was a perfect day to mark the start of a perfect union of two best friends.

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Flower Quiz Answers

We hope you had plenty of fun working these out!

- 1) Surrounds the pupil: **Iris**
- 2) Prickly wine: **Hollyhock**
- 3) Being proper, she stood up: **Primrose**
- 4) Hosiery for an urban pest: **Foxglove**
- 5) Iron out of the fire: **Red Hot Poker**
- 6) Black bird swears: **Crocus**
- 7) Sad ringer: **Bluebell**
- 8) Little Cynthia, that's too low! Put it up a bit: **Hyacinth**
- 9) Bovine mishap: **Cowslip**
- 10) Stringed instrument: **Viola**
- 11) Nibble the edge: **Tulip** [Chew-lip]
- 12) Wise men followed it: **Star of Bethlehem**
- 13) Wed for money: **Marigold**
- 14) This flower, in pink, turned to drink: **Lily** [From the song, 'Lily the Pink']
- 15) A mob on a hill: **Lavender** [From the film, 'The Lavender Hill Mob']
- 16) French flavour out of control: **Wild Garlic**
- 17) Cloudy amour: **Love in a Mist**
- 18) Baby feeds on bee product: **Honeysuckle**
- 19) Automobile country: **Carnation**
- 20) Fire-breathing card game; **Snapdragon**
- 21) No-one will dance with it: **Wallflower**
- 22) He'll play Stranger on the Shore to you when the day is over: **Aconite**
[From Acker (Bilk) and Night]
- 23) Moves with the day from East to West: **Sunflower**
- 24) Getting ever smaller?: **Violet**
- 25) In long lines?: **Rose**
- 26) He enjoys his own reflection: **Narcissus**
- 27) Not a rabbit; not a gong!: **Harebell**
- 28) A clean sweep with this flower: **Broom**
- 29) A lonely cloud saw these: **Daffodil**
- 30) Toilet fastening: **Lupin**



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Doggerland News

February 2018 is growing closer. Preparations are gathering pace for the four performances of Doggerland, Bergh Apton Community Trust's newest production.

Arts Council Grant! Another feather for our caps! To be awarded one grant by the Arts Council England is a real achievement, to be awarded two!!!! First time to stage 'The Legend of the Rood. Second time now, and it's full steam ahead with 'Doggerland'. The Arts Council are obviously impressed that a small rural group can put on events of such quality and that well known and respected professionals, such as Hugh Lupton, Charlotte Arculus, Mary Lovett and Liz McGowan are willing to work with us all.

Prehistoric flowers and plants: On Saturday 10 June we joined in the Imaginary Plants from Doggerland workshop at the Village Hall. This was the latest BACAT workshop and was organized by Peter Lyle. Using pressed flowers and leaves we created our own imaginary plants, which could have grown in Doggerland. Peter and Pat had pressed a wide range of flowers for us to experiment with including some collected in Cornwall. Then came the difficult part, creating a common name and its Latin name. We were assisted by an extensive list of Latin terms and Peter's knowledge. In addition to the names we wrote notes about the places our plants grew and how they could have been used. There were some beautiful new plants created with the most wonderful uses.

The workshop had a nice calm atmosphere with everyone creating something unique. Both adults and children took part and stayed as long as they wanted. The works will be mounted and displayed in the church during the performances. (Suzanne Bryant)

Important DATE for your Doggerland diaries:

On **Saturday, 7th October** you are invited to the Beach, probably Winterton Beach, to make a giant something – a Mammoth perhaps!! The whole process, the making of the giant and its drowning by the incoming tide will be filmed and will form an important part of the Play.

Your creative impulses will be under the guidance of environmental artist Liz McGowan. She has been a stalwart of every Bergh Apton Sculpture Trail and we are delighted she has joined the Doggerland team. See her short video taken on a beach somewhere in England to show something similar! www.player.vimeo.com/video/156315630 So do come to build an extra special sandcastle!!! **Come wind, come weather we shall go ahead. Come and take part in something quite different!** If you are interested, please get in touch with Pat Mlejnecky on 01508 480696 or p.mlej@btinternet.com.

South Yare Wildlife Group

We are delighted that our stand at The Royal Norfolk Show won 'The Bonds Challenge Cup' for the 'most effective and well laid out display by a charitable or voluntary organisation' (despite major destruction of one of the gazebos due to the heavy rains the night before the show opened!)

It was the first time we have had a stand at the show and we used Heritage Lottery grant funds to pay for it. The stand consisted of a mini 'Wild Patch' showing the various wildlife habitats that can be incorporated into any garden and we presented the 'Wild Patch' animation in the remaining gazebo. The stand was manned by a rota of SYWG volunteers who talked to people about the benefits of gardening with wildlife in mind.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who loaned their time or equipment.

If you haven't already done so take a look at our Wild Patch web site at: southyarewildpatch.org. There are downloadable information sheets and galleries of photos to help you get started and gain inspiration. It's free and easy to register your Wild Patch and know that you're doing your bit to help the wildlife in our area.

Kaarin Wall



DIARY DATES

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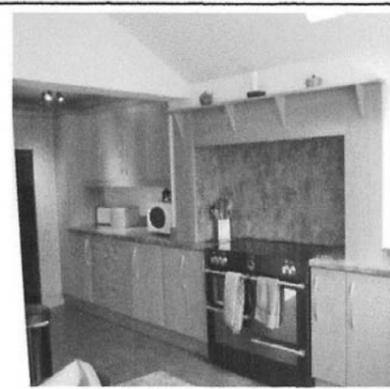
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Village News

Alpington & Yelverton

CLUB CASCADE for the over 50s

19th September - Tony Brown - The Countryside in Autumn

Unless otherwise stated meetings held 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2.00 – 4.00 pm, Alpington & Yelverton village hall, Church Road, Alpington. Raffle. Tea and biscuits served.

Chairman – Eileen Minns, 01508 494894. Secretary – Pat Barter 01508 493570

Alpington & Yelverton History Society

Tuesday 12th September

Natasha Harlow of Nottingham University will be talking to us on 'Belonging and Belongings in the Land of the Iceni', which is about the Roman site at Caister St Edmund. Natasha comes from the Norwich area, previously working at Dragon Hall and for HEART, and is now completing her doctorate on the information from small finds at Caister.

Membership fee is £8.50, non-members are always welcome to come along at a cost of £3 per session. For details please contact Mary Fewster 492059.

Village festival "great for community"

An estimated 800 villagers and visitors enjoyed Alpington & Yelverton's Village Festival over the weekend of 17 and 18 June. An organising team, with the support of village groups, offered a wide range of entertainment across four venues. The Football club held a successful tournament at the Garrick Field. St Mary's Church hosted a "June Wedding" themed flower festival, history talk and cream teas. The Village Hall hosted a local Arts and Craft Fayre and refreshments. The Wheel of Fortune pub and gardens was the setting for free children's entertainment, a mini fete, stalls, food and refreshments, plus live music.

A village garage sale involving 20 properties started the Sunday activities, which culminated with a Grand Draw at the pub. BBC Radio Norfolk's popular Treasure Quest called in at the Village Hall and successfully found a clue in the Craft display.

The festival received some financial support from the Community Benefit Fund, and with true summer weather and much hard work and support, helped local groups raise extra funds.

Kevin Gotts

Ashby St Mary



A successful **Sausage and Cider** event was held on Saturday 27th May at Rectory Cottage, to raise funds for the church.

The earlier rain and high winds disappeared and a balmy evening resulted in a splendid turnout by residents of Ashby St Mary and adjoining villages.

The gardens of Rectory Cottage were a delight and many thanks to Margaret Oliver for hosting the event. Jim Archer was our Cook for the evening and his skill at the Bar-B-Q was appreciated.

Many thanks to all those who helped prior to the event, during the evening and of course clearing up afterwards.

Terry Kitt

Bramerton

Bramerton Society

Ghost Walk in Norwich

**Thursday 24th August
at 7.30pm**

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Contact 01508 538279 if you would like to go and be scared!



Villagers enjoying an evening picnic in the community orchard on Mill Hill

Carleton St Peter

Coffee Morning

The PCC would like to thank everybody who came and supported the Coffee Morning on 6th May and to all those who gave so generously towards making it such a success. Thanks also to all our helpers who made it such a cheerful and brilliant morning.

Fun with Antiques Evening

The PCC would like to thank everybody who came and supported the Fun with Antiques evening on 7th June. Special thanks to Lynton for demonstrating and talking about antiques. A big thank you to all our helpers and to all those who cooked food, and to Myrtle and Paul for doing the raffle.

Cream Teas - Sunday 20th August at Carleton St Peter Church from 2pm - 5pm. Also Bring and Buy.



Claxton

Claxton & Carleton St Peter Social Club

August: No entertainment this month

Saturday September 30th - WADDO

Entertainment evenings are held in the village hall on the last Saturday of every month except August. (**Please note** it's Friday night in July).

To join the Social Club, which is £4 per year, come along to the village hall at 8.30 pm any Friday evening to find out more.

Bar open Friday evenings as well as the last Saturday of every month.

Village News

Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us for Table Top Sale in May with nobody brave enough to risk setting up outside! However, a good number of stallholders and customers thoroughly enjoyed their buying and selling with a range of refreshments also on sale. £122 was raised towards Village Hall funds.

At our ever popular **Quiz Night** around 70 people made up 13 teams and a fun and closely fought quiz was eventually won comfortably by "Sir Carl Stoke". Many thanks to our dedicated quiz master Mike Balmer for his very clear screen-presented questions. Mike never fails to test us with the odd extra challenging question in rounds which have such innocuous titles such as "Where in the World?". A delicious meal of ham, home-made vegetable quiches, freshly prepared salads and a wonderful selection of home-made desserts completed a very enjoyable evening, with the excellent sum of £500 being raised for the Village Hall

Village News

Claxton continued

Once again we are hosting a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** which will take place on **Saturday 30th September** from **10.00am** at the Village Hall and will also feature an exhibition from the **Photographic Competition**.

This years theme is **"Our Villages"**. We are looking for photos which reflect our two villages and can have any subject matter as long as they are taken in Claxton or Carleton St Peter. Anyone can enter and there will be separate categories for adults and under 14s. The winners will be chosen by a guest judge.

Following the success of our 2017 calendar, we intend to produce another for 2018 featuring the winners and most popular photos from the competition. Please send or deliver your entries to Jo Bissonnet at Duck Cottage, 3 Ferry Road, Carleton St Peter, NR14 7AY by the closing date of 31st August. Please contact Jo on 01508 484081 or jobissonnet@gmail.com for more information.

The Community Café continues to thrive and is held from **10.00 – 12noon every second Tuesday of every month** at the Village Hall for teas, coffees, delicious home-made cakes and savouries with everyone welcome.

Fair on the Yare - A Fantantastic fulfilled fair

Sunday 4th June was a nearly perfect day, sunny and a slight breeze allowed all the 1023 visitors to enjoy everything the Fair had to offer.

We had a Viking invasion, probably not the first time in Claxton. This time they came in guise of Wuffa, a re-enactment society. We were treated to a combat display, arena battle and life in camp. There were a host of nature and wildlife stands on the Marsh with the Broads Rangers and pond dipping. The Tractor Tour gave visitors the chance to see a great variety of the wildlife on the Marshes. There was the Gun Dog Display and bird boxes to make with the Men's Shed. The Happisburgh Owls and CFWRs Ferrets drew many smiles and laughs, lots of fun. On the Paddock, the Loddon Band played old favourites to be enjoyed with tea and amazing cakes. Delicious cool Pimm's and beers for the thirsty, and at the BBQ, burgers and sausages fed the hungry. The Fun Dog Show was organised by K9 Capers with all owners and dogs enjoying the classes. The Championship was judged by Adam from Jollyes Pet Superstore who kindly sponsored the Dog Show this year.



An amazing array of stands and games were to be found on the Paddock, with Stevie Spud amusing the children and the young at heart.

Parking was handled skillfully by 1st Loddon Scouts and the Fair is very grateful for their help.

The success continues with an amazing £5,500 to be divided between East Anglian Air Ambulance, Big C Appeal, Claxton Church and Claxton and Carlton St Peter Village Hall this year.

Many thanks go to the Claxton Manor Estate for being such a generous host to the Fair on the Yare. Thanks go to our Sponsors, Local Businesses and Supporters. Also to Claxton Village for their kind donations and all of our amazing volunteers before and on the day. Finally, we thank YOU, our Visitors, who came, enjoyed the Fair and gave so generously to this Charity Country Day.

Thank You All

Kirby Bedon

Kirby Kids Reunion

Plans are in progress to ensure that everything will be in order for our next reunion on **Saturday 30th September** from 6pm onwards. We welcome all those who have been before and would love to see new faces to share happy memories with.

If you've never been before please do come along to Kirby Bedon church hall. We know that you will enjoy an evening of childhood memories, stories and also see many photos from the past. We will be holding the usual raffle and tombola with all proceeds going to Help For Heroes. There will be a delicious buffet with plenty of tea and coffee on hand too!

For more information, please call Janet Rush, 01603 503526.

Rockland St Mary

The Village Festival

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Village Festival in Rockland St Mary this last weekend, 8th & 9th July. The local artists on show in the church were magnificent as were the WI with their crafts in the Margaret Mack. They show what a talented lot of people there are around us. The Gardening Club Show had some of nature's finest exhibits. The Open Gardens were all lovely in many different ways.

My thanks to all who supported us by taking part even just as visitors, and those of you who didn't, you missed a treat.

Thank you to all my wonderful team.

Jean Whitlam



Village News

Rockland St Mary & Hellington

Parish Council News

There are a few broad issues which have been highlighted by parishioners and which have also emerged during discussion by the Parish Council. These are:

- Making the playing field a safe and healthy environment;
- Minimising the risk of vandalism and other anti-social behaviour, especially after dark;
- Recognising that the playing field is widely regarded as a valuable asset for the village and one that should be enhanced to ensure that its use is maximised;
- Accepting that the playing field should continue to be based in Green Lane. A number of people felt that the current location is a considerable plus point;
- Agreeing any development of Green Lane should take into account the interests and needs of all age groups;
- Considering the scope for the purchase of new play and sports equipment;
- Exploring what funding may be available to develop Green Lane.

What Next? - The Parish Council will be seeking the views of South Norfolk Council about how we can develop the site and as this will be dependent on obtaining external funding, we shall be exploring what funding options are open to us. Regular updates on progress will be provided on the Parish website.

How can I help? -Your views are very important to us as we take forward the Green Lane project. Our aim is to form a small working party chaired by Councillor Wretham made up mainly of parishioners. If you would like to be directly involved contact the Parish Clerk, 537025 or email: rocklandparishclerk@gmail.com. Please do come along to Parish Council meetings and have your say if you wish.

Notice Boards - Unfortunately, it has become necessary to lock the notice boards both at Rockland St Mary and Hellington. This is because there are statutory documents which the Council must display by law and these were being covered up by posters and notices. The Parish Council will be investigating the possibility of purchasing additional boards in the future to enable other events to be publicised.

Floral competition - May I, on behalf of the Parish Council, thank all those who have taken part in the floral competition. I am sure you will all agree that there have been some innovative and enterprising ideas with some wonderful displays that have certainly enhanced the appearance of the village. James Debbage of Green Pastures will be judging the tubs during the week commencing 24th July 2017. The names of the winners will be announced in the next edition of Eleven Says and also displayed on the notice board and website www.rocklandstmary.org.uk. Good luck everyone.



Monica Armstrong



Surlingham Broadnotes Choir.

Please contact Pat on 01508 538791 if you would like to give Surlingham Broadnotes a try.

Surlingham

Archdeacon's Visit to the Bramerton Group of Churches

The Archdeacon, Rev Stephen Betts, visited all the churches in the Bramerton Group during 19th and 20th June.

He preached at the Bramerton Benefice Service On 25th June.

This photo was taken during his visit to Surlingham Church and shows him with Pippa Thurlow and Derry Kelleher.



Angie Yeomans

Surlingham News

There has been a flurry of great events held in Surlingham over the past months starting with the FOSS May Fair held at the School, The Community Tea at Surlingham Ferry Pub, the Progressive Supper at Ferry Corner and the Pop Up Café at the Church. Many have helped with the organising, giving a lot of pleasure and raising useful funds. Future events are publicised on surlingham.org website, both at Surlingham Ferry Pub and at Coldham Hall.

Sadly we held the funeral for Stella Brock at St. Mary's. She and Tony and their daughter Nicola lived in a bungalow on the Vicarage Field. Tony, a carpenter, worked for Cushion's Fruit Farm and Stella did domestic work and cleaned St. Mary's Church and did the flower arranging. Nicola enjoyed watching the coypu families on the marsh as a child. They moved to The Oaks in Rockland (the house with the butterflies). Stella loved gardening and her garden was very colourful.

Pippa Thurlow

Broadnotes Choir - The concert opened with Siyahamba, a traditional South African piece that showed the intricate harmonies of the choir. There followed many traditional songs each delivered with enthusiasm and skill.

Part singing has come on enormously since the last concert and the choir clearly enjoy demonstrating their skills developed under their direction of Laura Morgan. When it came to Laura's turn to sing some well known and not so well known pieces by Gershwin, accompanied by Karen Smith, we were treated to real class! Then we all sang 'good luck to the barley mow' a tongue twisting marathon with audience participation. The short concert was rounded off with some more well known tunes from Abba and Johnny Nash among others.

The evening was a treat of light music and communal singing that only a choir rooted in its community can deliver. Great fun!

Village tea party - A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Village Tea Party such a lovely afternoon. The cakes so many of you contributed were delightful and much appreciated. The music provided by DJ Richard Hackney contributed to a relaxed sociable atmosphere, as of course did everyone who came, chatted, and of course ate cake!

Thank you all for being part of such a neighbourly event. As it was primarily a social event we kept the charges as low as possible. However, we still made a profit of £82.50 for the Big C appeal. Special thanks to Sonia for hosting the event and Pat Scowen, Roz Cole, Heidi Dimmock and Caroline Ellis for organising it.

Village News

Surlingham

Please support our village shop!

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Thank you Surlingham.



Thurton Church Holiday Club

Jungle Jamboree! - Monday 7th - Sunday 13th August at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall. If you are aged 5 - 11 (on 31/08/17) and are around on the week of the 7th August you are welcome to join us at Holiday Club and become a Jungle Explorer! Come along and have lots of fun with your friends and make some new ones too! Fifty places are allocated on a first come first served basis so do get your registration form in as soon as you can so as not to miss out. Every child at Thurton School has received a form, but if anyone else needs one, please contact Veronica (480406) or Rosalind/Hannah (480440).

The family day out on **Wednesday 9th August** will be a trip in a 70 seater coach to meet lots of animals at the Oasis Camel Centre near Halesworth. Activities include crazy golf, crazy pool, cuddle a pet, a land train and meet a camel close up, all included in the group price. This promises to be a good value day out for children, parents and Holiday Club helpers. If there are spare seats on the coach we could offer them to local residents who would like to join us. If you are interested, please let Angie know (480477) and we will make a reserve list!

We are collecting shoe boxes (surprise, surprise!) and artistic skills to help with the set making beforehand would be helpful - just let us know.

Jungle Jamboree will soon be here - listen out for the Jungle Drums and come and join us!

Thurton Little Fish

Time doesn't stand still and some of our Little Fish are moving on to new things - we will miss you Olivia and Emily but we know you'll love starting school and making lots of friends in September.

Recently we welcomed Luca and Finnley and we look forward to many more under 5's coming along to join Little Fish. Katie, Millie, Matilda and Sam can't wait to play with you! We all meet at Thurton Village Hall (in the small carpeted committee room) at 10.30am on alternate Wednesday mornings during term time. On arrival the children choose a cuddly toy out of the bag and we have a short service specially designed for them with songs you can shake shakers to, a bible story and a prayer.

Afterwards there's a drink and biscuit for everyone, toys to play with, chatting, sharing and colouring.

Future dates are: **Wednesdays, September 13th and 27th.**

For information please contact Angie 480477

Thurton Explorers

On Friday 7th July our small group of Explorers rolled up their sleeves and set up their games stalls to raise some pennies for this year's Holiday Club. All those pennies added up to £93.60!!!! Well done Explorers!

We do want to thank the parents and everyone who came to support the children on the night and all who donated cakes and plants and prizes which all helped to make the event such a success.

Please note there will be no Explorer meetings in September.

Angie (480477)

Thurton

Church Services

Church services at Thurton can be found on the back page of '11 Says' along with the places and times of all the services in the Bramerton Group.

Transport is available if needed. Please phone Angie (480477) and we can arrange a lift for you.

Anyone who is housebound (permanently or temporarily) who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Rev. Chris Ellis.

Confidential Pastoral Contacts: Rev. Chris Ellis (01508 484174) and Mrs Jasmine Wood (01508 480751).

Garden Open Day At Cherry Tree Cottage, Thurton

There was a large turn out of visitors who came and enjoyed the garden and cream teas. The weather was kind and people were able to sit in the garden enjoy the sunshine and delicious cake with tea served at tables and in the summer house. There was a lovely atmosphere with people chatting with old and new friends. Over £500 was raised for the Friends of Thurton Church and the Nook Appeal. Thanks to all who came and supported the event.



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Thurton Tea Afternoons

The next **Thurton Tea Afternoon** is on **Monday 25th September**, 2pm - 4.30pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall. If you are thinking of coming for the first time...do give us a try! Our tea afternoon is a really good mixed social event every six weeks or so and some even travel from Cringleford and Dereham to enjoy catching up with friends and neighbours.

Tony, Ros and Angie are there with the kettle on and delicious homemade scones and cakes for you to enjoy. Younger families join us after school and there are drawing and craft activities for the children.



There is no charge, but donations go towards covering our costs and any surplus is given to Thurton Church. Looking forward to seeing you!

Contacts for more information (or to receive offers of cakes) are Angie (01508 480477) and Rosalind (01508 480440).

Have you a little time to spare?

A minute secretary is still needed for Thurton Church and we are wondering if there is anyone with a little time to spare who would like to help us. You don't need any qualifications other than being able to come to about six meetings in the year, taking the minutes and then writing them up afterwards and forwarding to each member of the PCC.

If you are interested or just want a bit more information please contact Angie (480477) or Rosalind (480440).



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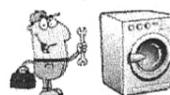
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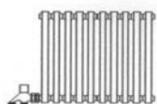
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Bergh Apton	09.30 HC	9.30 PT	Join Ashby	09.30 HC (BCP)	09.30 HC	Join Thurton	09.30 PT	09.30 2 Parish HC	09.30 Harvest HC
Bramerton	11.00 MP*	11.00 HC	Join Rockland 10.30 Benefice Service	11.00 MP	NOTE: Join with Kirby Bedon	11.00 HC	Join Benefice Service at Surlingham	11.00 MP*	11.00 Harvest Service
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Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel	
06/08/17	Daniel 7.9,10,13,14	2 Peter 1.16-19	Luke 9.28-36	Transfiguration
13/08/17	Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 or 1 Kings 19.9-18	Romans 10.5-15	Matthew 14.22-33	Trinity 9
20/08/17	Genesis 45.1-15 or Isaiah 56.1,6-8	Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28	Trinity 10
27/08/17	Exodus 1.8 - 2.10 or Isaiah 51.1-6	Romans 12.1-8	Romans 12.1-8	Trinity 11
03/09/17	Exodus 3.1-15 or Jeremiah 15.15-21	Romans 12.9-21	Matthew 16.21-28	Trinity 12
10/09/17	Exodus 12.1-14 or Ezekiel 33.7-11	Romans 13.8-14	Matthew 18.15-20	Trinity 13
17/09/17	Exodus 14.19-31 or Genesis 50.15-21	Romans 14.1-12	Matthew 18.21-35	Trinity 14
24/09/17	Exodus 16.2-15 or Jonah 3.10 - 4.11	Philippians 1.21-30	Matthew 20.1-16	Trinity 15
01/10/17	Exodus 17.1-7 or Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32	Philippians 2.1-13	Matthew 21.23-32	Trinity 16

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