

## A Glimpse of Glory

At the gate of the city, the philosopher sat and watched people coming in and out. A stranger came by and asked him, "What are people like in this city?" The philosopher asked in return, "What are they like in the city you have come from?" "They're an unfriendly lot," came the reply. "No-one wants to help you, and quite frankly I just want to get away from the miserable place." The philosopher said: "I think you'll find they're just like that here too."

A little later, another traveller passed through the gates. He saw the philosopher and said, "I will be moving to this city shortly. What are people like here?" "What are they like where you come from?" came the rejoinder. "I shall be very sorry to leave them," he said. "We all look after each other, there's a great community, and such a happy spirit." The philosopher said: "I think you'll find they're just like that here too."

Attitude is crucial. Covid 19 has changed our world for ever, but what are we learning from the experience? In the fears and darkness of lockdown we applauded the NHS and key workers we often took for granted. Life was suddenly more precious, and we celebrated it. As lockdown eased, and pent-up emotions sometimes spilled over into violence and irresponsibility, have we been scrambling to get back to "normal", only to find that nothing will ever be the same again?

The 6<sup>th</sup> August is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Nothing would ever be the same again. In the Christian calendar, the 6<sup>th</sup> August recalls the Transfiguration of Christ. His disciples, terrified by ominous predictions of his suffering and death, suddenly saw Jesus radiant with light. Although the vision faded, and they saw "only Jesus", they never forgot that glimpse of glory. They knew that appearances were deceptive. Nothing would ever be the same again.

We have been privileged to glimpse the glory of so much we took for granted: the natural world around us, the beauty of the butterfly, the quiet kindness of a neighbour, the

courage and good humour of heroes we didn't realise we had. When the vision fades, which way will we choose to live?

John Glynn.



Photo courtesy of Siân Thomas



The sign on the left can be seen as you enter Bramerton Common. It inspired Margaret Gurney-Smith to write this poem.

### Why are you here today?

At the wood's end the gleaming Yare snakes into view, its writhing surface a clash of wind and tide. Willows, their bursting leaves the harbingers of Spring, weep at the water's edge. Skeletal forms of neighbouring trees soften in green haze of awakening life. Silence incorruptible, pierced only by birds; trilled warnings, the shrieks of landing geese, the flapping wings of courting swans. Renewal after winter lockdown.

Why are you here today, as observer, standing by the empty sign that marked the Waters Edge? This hostility, locked and cordoned by waspish tape, black, yellow, is closed to you. No soothing Adnams ale or satiating chips in cone for you.

### Move on!

No sign of humankind the path ahead has no determined end. By 'Endless forms most beautiful' death lurks unseen, ripe to reseed, to thrive.

Why are you here today not wearing gloves and mask? To breathe expelled air or sit where others sat? You are that potential host.

### Move on!

Dusk descends leeching colour from the day. Silently, black by black the bats erupt, diving to the mercurial river in search of prey.

Margaret Gurney-Smith



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I would like to wish you all good health and the very best for the future.

Heather Lewin

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**These three words** are at the heart of the message from Bishop Graham as we move into a new stage in this unprecedented situation we have faced as a Church and a country. For the first time in over 800 years our church buildings have been closed and public worship suspended. We have experienced a very particular moment in history, but from the 15<sup>th</sup> June our churches could re-open for private prayer and from 5<sup>th</sup> July for public worship.

**In the Thurton Benefice** our church buildings are open for private prayer from 10am until 12 noon on a rotational basis during the week. Morning Prayer is said at 10am to which anyone is now welcome to join me. The current schedule is: **Tuesday:** Framingham Pigot; **Wednesday:** Thurton; **Thursday:** Yelverton; **Friday:** Ashby St Mary; **Saturday:** Bergh Apton.

A full risk assessment has been completed and signage in place to ensure that anyone visiting the churches can do so in safety. Please ensure you read and follow the notices and sanitise your hands when entering and leaving.

**Public Worship** will look and feel very different in the coming weeks. Bishop Graham is clear that we should not rush back into the previous multi-service pattern. In response to this request, we will be having just one Benefice Service each week for at least the next two-month rota (which you will find on the back page of this edition of Eleven Says).

The intention is that each parish should have a service on rotation, but we must be mindful of social distancing and the maximum numbers we can safely accommodate in each church. Please follow the direction of the church-wardens as you arrive for the service. All precautions will be in place, including hand sanitisers, disposable service sheets and no hymns; we are also required to keep a record of attendance for 21 days after each service.

We will alternate between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion each week, with the latter only being offered at St Mary's Yelverton initially as the South Aisle enables a one way system for receiving communion, which will be in one kind - the bread only.

I know that some will not be happy with the limited services, but I hope we can all be patient and understanding as we tread carefully in the coming weeks.

**The Finances** of the parishes are under great strain at this time; with no services except funerals for over three months, income has fallen significantly in most parishes and we are very unlikely to be able to meet our Benefice Share. We are not alone in this, of course, but the impact on the finances of the diocese and their ability to support the parishes by funding the cost of the clergy is severe. I would encourage everyone to be as generous as they can in giving to the Church and, if possible, offering what they would have given in collections if services had been taking place. At the Benefice Services, we will have five collection plates to enable the gathered congregation to make their gift to the church of their choice.

**Finally, thank you** for all you have done to support your communities during the last few months; for your understanding, your commitment, your generosity and your patient faith.

**Fr Chris.**

## I Heard Your Voice In The Wind Today - Unknown

I heard your voice in the wind today  
and I turned to see your face;  
The warmth of the wind caressed me  
as I stood silently in place.

I felt your touch in the sun today  
as its warmth filled the sky;  
I closed my eyes for your embrace  
and my spirit soared high.

I saw your eyes in the window pane  
as I watched the falling rain;  
It seemed as each raindrop fell  
it quietly said your name.

I held you close in my heart today  
it made me feel complete;  
You may have died...but you are not gone  
you will always be a part of me.

As long as the sun shines...  
the wind blows...  
the rain falls...  
You will live on inside of me forever  
for that is all my heart knows.

## 'He reached down from on high and lifted me up.'

### Psalm 18:16. The testimony of Tamrat Layne, former Prime Minister of Ethiopia

'I was rebellious as a young man, living in the mountains as a guerrilla. However, in the Civil War the Mengistu Government was overthrown and I became Prime Minister for five years 1991-95. Later I was arrested for embezzlement and sentenced to 18 years in prison.

I was in solitary confinement for five years but I had access to a Bible and was able to hear Christian Radio broadcasts, so I knew a little what Christianity was about. Then Jesus Christ appeared to me in my cell on three separate nights. He said to me, 'I AM Jesus Christ, follow me.' So I got on my knees and said, 'OK, Lord, do whatever you want with my life.' Immediately my life changed and I was able to forgive all those who had attacked me.

My wife had fled to a refugee camp in Ethiopia, where Jesus appeared to her also and told her to follow Him. So she became a Christian as well. Then, by the grace of God, I was released early for good behaviour. At once I publicly proclaimed Jesus as my Saviour. Every newspaper wrote about me. For the first time the name of Jesus was broadcast on national television!

The simplicity of Jesus's life amazes me. He had no possessions. We complicate Him. He simply asks us to open our lives to him. He alone can satisfy all our needs. Go on the journey with Him.'

Today Tamrat and his wife live in USA where he shares his faith in Christ in Churches and Universities across the country. As he says, 'I am doing my best to share the love and forgiveness that Jesus has shared with me.'

### John Wright

This is just one of the numerous stories included in John's latest publication, 'The Road to Antioch'.

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### Autumn Term 2020 Update

I do hope all our students are in good spirits after this prolonged lock down.

Regrettably we have had to cancel the autumn term session as there are so many issues and uncertainties surrounding our courses, venue and social distancing! We hope to be running a course in January and will keep you informed.

During lock down I have been dipping into WEA online lectures and regional meetings. If you would like to give one of the online courses a go please visit [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) and find out what is on offer.

As far as I am concerned lectures online will never be a substitute for our local lectures in the Community Centre but they do widen the scope of subjects and lecturers can be sourced from anywhere in the UK. They are interactive and you can join in the general discussion if you wish.

Best wishes to you all

Jane Walker, Chair

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## WEA Loddon Branch

The decision has been taken by the WEA National Office that there are to be no face-to-face talks this Autumn in any of the branches.

A number of talks are nevertheless going to be given on line. Anyone who is a member of the WEA will be able to sign up for any of these talks from July 13<sup>th</sup> (July 20<sup>th</sup> for non-members) but this will have to be on the initiative of the individual; the local Loddon branch will not be involved in the on-line programme. To find what is on offer, go on line to: 'WEA Eastern region', and then to the section labelled: "Find a course".

If all goes well, the usual ten-week programme of face-to-face talks on Mondays in the Jubilee Hall will resume in January 2021. It had been arranged for Mr. Stephen Poulter to come to Loddon this September to start a series of talks on "The History and Heritage of E. Anglia". Our hope is that he will still be able to come here in January instead. However, as the song says, "The future's not ours to see", but we hope for the best!

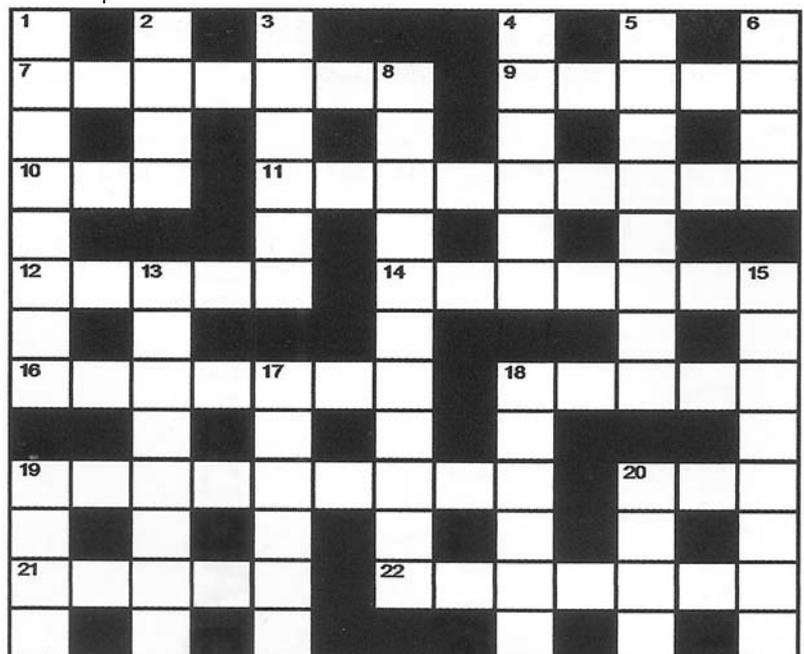
There will be another announcement in November or December. Meanwhile keep safe! The Committee of the WEA Loddon Branch wish you all well.

For any further information, phone: (01508) 521036 or 558453.

### Word Search Challenge



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| artist   | kiln        |
| batik    | mahl stick  |
| brush    | maquette    |
| canvas   | marbling    |
| cartoon  | masterpiece |
| casting  | mosaic      |
| chalk    | mural       |
| charcoal | oils        |
| collage  | palette     |
| easel    | pastel      |
| enamel   | pen         |
| etching  | pottery     |
| film     | sketch      |
| fresco   | stencil     |
| glaze    | tempera     |
| graffiti | watercolour |
| ink      |             |



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|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Across</b>                         | <b>Down</b>   |
| 7 Voted in, chosen (7)                | 1 A decade (3,5)  |
| 9 Concepts, notions (5)               | 2 Chaos, disarray (4)   |
| 10 Affirmative response (3)           | 3 Filling, cloying food (6)   |
| 11 Outward Behaviour (9)              | 4 Baking soda (abbr) (6)  |
| 12 Denigrate, exploit (5)             | 5 Not a Republican (U.S) (8)  |
| 14 Enlightened, tolerant (7)          | 6 Ruler, leader (4)   |
| 16 Analyses, observes (7)             | 8 Destroying, breaking (11)   |
| 18 Stick, cudgel (5)                  | 13 Supplanting (8)  |
| 19 Mobilising troops (9)              | 15 Monument, feature (8)  |
| 20 Blockade, stopper (3)              | 17 Line joining points of equal atmospheric pressure on a weather map (6) |
| 21 Bamboo-eating bear-like animal (5) | 18 Tramp, drifter (8)   |
| 22 Ice river (7)                      | 19 Drug, sedate (4)   |
|                                       | 20 Trickle, plop (4)  |

Answers on Page 6 . . .



## From the Registers

### FUNERALS, BURIALS, CREMATIONS, INTERMENT OF ASHES

22/05/20	George Philip REYNOLDS (79)	Thurton
22/05/20	William Frederick SNOWLING (82)	Thurton
28/05/20	Patricia Joan COOKE (86)	Ashby St Mary
28/05/20	Brenda Rose NEWELL (88)	Kirby Bedon
04/06/20	June Valerie RICHARDSON (79)	Alpington

## Welcome to our new Curate, Cate Turner

I am a former HR consultant who trained part time at the Eastern Region Ministerial Course, studying on line and visiting the Belsay Bridge Conference Centre in Ditchingham for the occasional residential weekend.



I am married to Iain, a former English teacher, and we have two sons, Josh who is training to be a social worker and Jordy who is an apprentice outdoor instructor. My sending church was St Peter's in Sheringham where we have been for the last ten years. We come complete with a house full of animals, two Labradors, one cat, four chickens and some rather lively bees.

I am due to be ordained on 6th August in Norwich Cathedral if all goes well and there are no further restrictions put in place. We are very excited to be in Thurton and we are looking forward to being part of the life of the benefice and the group as a whole

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## Obituary

### Edgar Hoddy - 1955 - 2020

Edgar Hoddy, well known as the "gentle giant", sadly passed away on 6th April aged 64. He was well known, much loved and highly respected by all who knew him.

Born and bred in Norfolk, Edgar lived in Ashby St Mary all his life. He went to school in Loddon before joining the family business, Hoddy Brothers Farm, at the age of 14, and worked all over East Anglia. Outside of work, Edgar was captain of local darts teams and enjoyed long family drives in the countryside, which he knew like the back of his hand, accompanied with binoculars for wildlife watching.

Having an encyclopaedic knowledge of the Norfolk countryside, Edgar volunteered with the Broads Authority for three months and in 2002 was offered a job as a countryside ranger, a position he held for 17 years until his retirement. He dressed as Santa Claus every Christmas throughout his career.



As a much-loved employee at the Broads Authority, he mainly worked on patrol boats, and was a huge personality within the ranger team.

He was well known for the 'Edgar lean', propping

himself against a gate or fence at Whitlingham Country Park happily telling tales and anecdotes of his time on the Broads, especially his daring rescues.

He also ran a forestry school for disadvantaged children at Whitlingham where his lessons were focussed on basic skills for adult life and included woodwork, tree felling and bow-making.



In May 2003 Edgar was elected onto the Ashby St Mary Parish Council and, reflecting his love of the countryside, was designated responsible officer for footpaths and trees, a role he took very seriously, and he served his parishioners until his tragic and untimely death. The countryside experience Edgar afforded the parish council will be almost impossible to replace from within Ashby's close community. Ashby St Mary has truly lost a giant of a character who will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends.

Due to the current situation, there was a private burial for family members only. Details of a memorial service will be announced at a later date.

**Start: Rockland St Mary Church Car Park, NR14 7EY.**

Park at Rockland St Mary Church car park. Turn left out of the car park and walk to the school along Rectory Lane, a gravel road. Turn left into School Lane and, at the main road, turn right into Rockland Street. After about half a mile, and having passed the Post Office, you pass three pairs of bungalows on your right. The last one is No 86.

Immediately after no 86, at a footpath finger-post, take this grassy path that becomes a downhill path across a field. At the far side of the field continue straight ahead into a meadow (often boggy when it has been raining) with the hedge on your right. At the far right corner go through a gate and cross over the beck at a plank bridge.

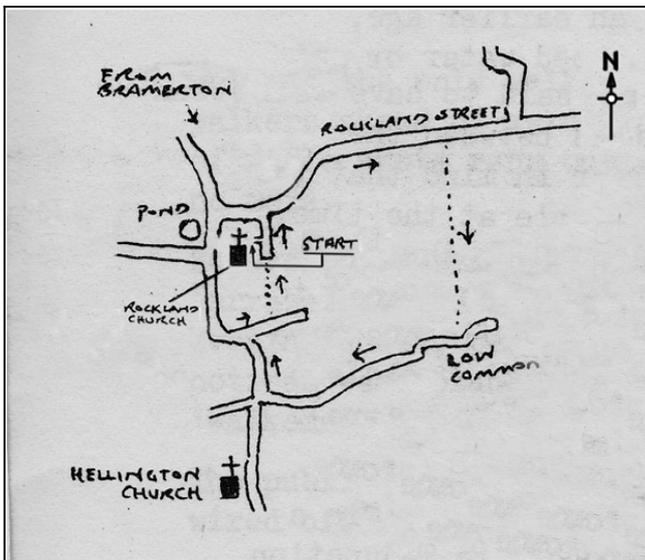
*This area is said to have been the site of a pitched battle between the Vikings and the Saxons at a time that the back would have been navigable, being part of the flood plain. In the early part of this century the marsh gas tended to self-ignite and the resultant flashes were held by some to be the souls of the soldiers who fell in that battle a thousand years before.*

Back to the present! The path now goes uphill to meet the track that marks the end of Low Common, Hellington. Turn right and follow this track that becomes a metalled road to the T Junction at the bottom of Hellington Hill.

Turn right and cross a stream (the same one you crossed earlier) and, where the road bends to the left, take the footpath (called "Star Piece") on your right. It takes you past what was, until the 1960s, "The Star" public house.

At the end of the frontage of Glebelands Apiary the footpath turns left and goes uphill. At the top, at a right-hand bend in the path, the Old Rectory is on the left (note the old entrance for carriages) and the new red brick Rectory is adjacent.

Turn left into St Mary's Close and, at the school, turn left to arrive back at the church car park.



**Simply through my eyes**

As I sit here watching  
the world outside go by,  
I wish that you could see it  
just simply through my eyes.

I haven't just forgotten  
your name or your face.  
I'm searching for it frantically  
in my secret hiding place.

So please just be patient  
when I can't think of your name.  
It's not that I don't love you,  
I just feel so ashamed.

Because I want to try and tell you,  
but the words just won't come out.

Laugh and hold my hand,  
take me back to those days.  
I try to show I'm listening  
in my own little ways.

Remind me of the fun I had,  
and times I may have cried.  
That person is still here,  
it's just I'm locked inside

by Becky Wayte



**International Left-Handers' Day!**

August 13th

Since 1976, sinistromanual people the world over have been celebrating their 'right' to be left handed - see what I did there?! Even though around 13% of the world's population are left-handed they are, as one disgruntled leftie put it, "the most discriminated against minority" around!

No one knows for sure why a person is left-handed, but research suggests it is genetic and left-handedness does tend to run in families.

As any left-hander knows, the world isn't really designed to cater for them, so having a whole day dedicated to raising awareness of the everyday issues

and challenges faced by the left-handed population is one way of changing that.

In days gone by left-handers may have been forced to use their right hand (at school for example) but nowadays the world is becoming a friendlier place. Tools such as scissors, tin openers, vegetable peelers, knives and tape measures are all available for the non-right-handed.

Left-handedness is controlled by the right side of the brain, which means that lefties are likely to be creative - excelling in music, the arts and media. They are also inclined to be good at ball sports and at anything requiring hand-to-eye co-ordination.

Though being left-handed might once have been considered a disability, today's lefties refuse to let it hold them back. "I may be left-handed," says one, "But I'm always right." I'm not going to argue!

By Debbie Singh-Bhatti



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# Village News

## What's on in Rockland Benefice in August and September

- ❖ **Church services.** In July we began to hold public services in our churches once again. We are currently holding one service per week at 10am, either Morning Prayer or Holy Communion. In order to keep everyone safe and comfortable, we are following social distancing and all appropriate guidelines. Please ring or e-mail Nick and Helen if you wish to attend. It's not essential, but it gives us an indication of whether we will need to hold a follow-on service at 11.15am or not!
- ❖ **Sunday service videos.** It's been really heartening to reconnect with people from our communities at church, but we're aware that many people will not be able to come in just yet. The weekly fifteen-minute videos will be based on the church service and will be linked to the Rockland Churches Face Book page and posted on Sundays on village websites. This video link, accompanied by the weekly service booklet will also be shared by e-mail to members of our circulation list. Please contact us if you wish to join the contact list, or if you know anyone who isn't online and would like to receive the service booklet.
- ❖ **Happy Hour.** Our live Sunday afternoon meeting via Zoom takes in the comfort of your home at 5pm, most weeks. Like all Zoom meetings, it's possible to join in an ordinary phone. Please ring us (01508 538014) for more details or if you'd like to be added to our circulation list.
- ❖ **Open Churches.** Three of our churches have re-opened for visits and private prayer - Rockland St. Mary (Tuesdays), Surlingham (Wednesdays) and Claxton (Saturdays), between 10am and 5pm. You're welcome to come in - please follow the safety notices that help keep everyone safe and help build confidence. Look out for further news on our other churches' re-opening plans.
- ❖ **What's On for Children.** Rockland Benefice is supporting the Thurton Holiday Club (August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>). We're also providing a series of activity packs, containing a craft activity and colouring sheets following the theme of a Bible story. You can find activity packs in the church porches. Please help yourself! If you need packs to be sent to you, please contact Nick and Helen (01508 538014).
- ❖ **How shall we sing the Lord's song?** When churches began to re-open in new and sometimes very different ways, we quickly became aware that people were experiencing a wide range of feelings. So, a conversation began that Helen called **How shall we sing the Lord's song?** It has taken place via Zoom and in the Barn, using social distancing. It's enabled us to share our feelings about recent months, hopes and worries for the future and discuss practical steps that we need to take to make our buildings safe and welcoming, and extending support for all the care that's happening in our villages.  
  
We meet every couple of weeks to listen to one another and share ideas. Please contact Nick and Helen for dates of future meetings if you'd like to be part of the conversation.
- ❖ **Ensuring future ministry.** I would like to thank our church treasurers and all who support our parishes through regular giving, and the great efforts being made to pay as much of our Parish Share to the Diocese. The lack of church collections and face to face fundraising events has made this year particularly challenging, and Norwich Diocese is facing a deficit of over £3million.

In order to safeguard the future of ministry in communities such as ours, it is now possible to contribute towards our Parish Share payment online by following this link:  
<https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/donate/>

This will guide you through how to pay by BACS and indicate which parish or benefice you wish your giving to support. Thank you.

- ❖ **Art Café.** The Café will continue to meet on Zoom during August and September. Please contact Nick for your copy of *Barn Owl*, the new monthly arts and spirituality mailing that also contains the Café's programme.
- ❖ **Spirituality at home resources.** Here are some things that can help spiritually if you're holidaying at home this year . . . .
- ❖ **Take One Day..** a mini-retreat in your own home led by Susanna Gunner

Whatever your experience of lockdown, you - or others in your care - may like to take one day in August to make a mini-retreat at home. Here is an opportunity to take proper time out, time to be still, to settle deeply into God's presence, time also to reflect a little on the extraordinary past few months and to look forward with hope

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### Here are some prayers for the home and family events from the Anglican Church in Canada:

**Blessing a new home** (take out the word 'new' and use it for any home!)

Jesus, King of love, you shared in the life of your earthly home at Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. Bless, we pray, our [new] home and life here, that we may help each other and those who visit us to grow more and more in your love. We ask this in your name and for your sake. Amen.

### For a Wedding anniversary

Gracious God, on this special day we remember with thanksgiving our vows of love and commitment to you and to each other in marriage. We pray for your continued blessing. May we learn from both our joys and sorrows, and discover new riches together in our life together with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A Thanksgiving (good for many occasions!)

Our Lord God, we thank you for all your blessings, for life and health, for laughter and fun, for all our powers of mind and body, for our homes and the love of dear ones, for everything that is beautiful, good and true.

But above all we thank you for giving your Son to be our Saviour and Friend. May we always find our true happiness in pleasing you and helping others to know you and love you, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

*The Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada, 1985*

**Nick and Helen**

# Village News

## Ashby St Mary & Thurton

### Ashby & Thurton Village Hall & Playing Field

#### Ashby & Thurton Village Hall & Playing Field 100 Club

Thank you to all who support our 100 Club. This helps with much needed funds for our village hall especially now at these unprecedented times. We have been drawing the numbers each month with three committee members, socially distanced of course, and the winners were: March - 6 A Somervilla, April - 63 B Catchpole, May - 46 N Grint, June - 21 A Lambart. The winning amount each month is £40 with an extra £120 in November.

**Community Café** - Unfortunately because of Government guidelines our community café is closed and it's not sure when it will reopen. Please keep a look out for news on the village hall notice board and notice boards around the villages.

**Short Mat Bowls** - We are getting things in place for a safe return. We will inform everyone when it will be possible to play again at the village hall.

**Our Fund Raisers** - We had to cancel our Easter Quiz because of the lock down but hope that you will be able to join us for the next one. A Christmas Quiz in November is planned but this will have to be confirmed nearer the time.

**Booking Clerk** - Following Government guidelines to close all village halls, all groups have ceased to run, private bookings, meetings and AGM's cancelled. We hope that it will not be too long before we can reopen the village hall. The Pre-School were able to occupy the village hall from June.

Our booking clerk is Laura Vaissiere. 01508 480773 or email [ashbythurtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:ashbythurtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

**Village Hall Car Park** - We have a pending questionnaire we would like to send out to all Thurton and Ashby residents to help us get funding for village hall projects including a new car park. Answers can be either emailed or returned by post.

**Treasurer Required** - A treasurer is required for Ashby and Thurton Village Hall Committee. Meetings are held once every other month on zoom for the moment. There will be a hand over from the previous treasurer. If you are interested please contact Carol Powell 480089

**Great News** - The village hall has been awarded a Government grant from RHL (retail, hospitality and leisure) of £10,000. As the hall desperately needs the main flat roof replaced because of rain water ingress in the small meeting room and ladies toilets, the money is to be used for this purpose.

**Covid-19** - An assessment has been carried out on the hall and new measures have been put in place (hand sanitiser, posters, extra sinks and water taps) in readiness for all existing and future hiring's.

## Bergh Apton

### Bergh Apton Horse Show and Fun Dog Show

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## Bramerton

The annual mid summer picnic, held in the community orchard, was very well attended.

Even though they were social distancing, everyone enjoyed a friendly get-together on a lovely, warm summer evening.



# Village News

## Kirby Bedon

### Latest news for the Kirby Kids

#### Annual Reunion

It's not sure whether the next Kirby Kids Reunion will be allowed to take place this September. Hopefully we will hear something soon and if it can go ahead we will let you know.

We were saddened to hear that Gerald Chilvers passed away recently. He was so good at the reunions as well as helping with the churchyard, such as tending the daffodils and other tasks. He was a truly remarkable man and will be greatly missed by so many people.

It's such a shame we could not meet to celebrate VE Day and exchange stories relating to our childhood memories of living in the countryside during the war. Remembering how frightened we all were hearing the aeroplanes and doodlebugs, and hearing the bombs dropping during air raids. Also when our Mums would make us comfortable under tables where we would sleep every night wrapped in blankets and surrounded by pillows!



I'm sure you can all remember when the German POWs were brought out from the prison to work in the fields. They used to make us kids wooden toys.

Do you remember when a Spitfire and a German plane were shooting at each other up above Kirby Bedon? Loads of bullets hit all along a neighbour's shed roof and how excited us kids were when the Bomb Squad came and removed them!

Then one day as we were walking home from school together we heard that the war was over, and we were all so excited we just ran straight home to tell our Mums!

Not many people had cars back then, but one of our neighbours had a big black car. 6 of us kids and 4 adults piled in and we all went into Norwich to celebrate VE Night! I'm sure you can remember the huge bonfires in the city centre, near where Debenhams is today, and everyone singing and dancing and cheering. There were so many people, so much noise, so much excitement. I'm sure some of you can remember seeing an American soldier run through the bonfire flames and how frightened we all were to see that! A very vivid memory of that night!

We have so many memories of those years don't we? Let's hope we can have our reunion so we can relive our childhood and share our stories and memories of growing up in and around the Kirby Bedon area, especially during happier times, not just war time.

Take care, stay safe, and watch this space . . .

Janet Rush

## Rockland St Mary

### Rockland St Mary with Hellington Parish Council

As we emerge from lockdown and approach a "new normal" I would personally like to say a big "thank you" to all the people who have volunteered to assist with the collection of prescriptions from Heathgate Surgery, Poringland, and with shopping. As co-ordinator it was enormously helpful to have a number of people to call upon and I know how grateful many of the residents were that this service was available to them.

Over the coming months you will notice some changes taking place in the village as a result of receiving the Community Infrastructure Levy payments. These will include:-

- 'Gateway' signs being installed at either end of the village in Rockland
- Fencing around the children's play area and repairs of play equipment at Green Lane.
- A bus shelter being installed on The Street near to St Margaret's Way (subject to permission from Norfolk County Council).
- New play equipment at Green Lane Playing field funded from SIO6 money received in respect of The Orchid development. This is separate from the Community Infrastructure Levy the Council has received and had to be spent specifically on play equipment

There will also be other changes. This is my last article as Parish Clerk, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to my successor Vanessa Sewell. Having been Clerk for nearly eight years it has been a privilege to serve the villages in this capacity.

**Monica Armstrong,**  
Clerk to Rockland St Mary with Hellington Parish Council

### Let's take a trip down memory lane to 1986 . . .

The photo, bottom left, shows Dolly Turner unveiling the new village sign with the Rev. Kit Chalcraft in 1986.

David Scott and Nigel Reeve built the sign, with some help from others, and the photo on the right shows David Scott putting the finishing touches to the new sign ready for the unveiling.



# Village News

## Surlingham

### Surlingham Staithe

Since lock down began, quite a few parishioners have started using Surlingham Staithe for launching canoes and it's lovely to see so many residents enjoying this village asset. As I'm sure most residents know, the Parish Council is the registered owner of the Staithe and manages it on behalf of residents.

Canoe racks are in the process of being installed, constructed of recycled plastic pipes, an ingenious idea of Councillor Reeve. The racks will be maintenance free and the pipes make it easy to slide canoes in and out.



More racks will follow as supplies of pipes are made available. Identified canoes have been numbered and logged together with the owners details. **Please note:** unidentified canoes will either be sold or disposed of depending on condition.

But boat owners aren't the only people who use the Staithe; this beautiful tranquil little gem is also enjoyed by many other residents who simply walk down there to enjoy the peace and quiet and to watch the wildlife who share the spot with us, such as kingfishers, dragon flies and the occasional deer. The access path continues to be mown and the areas either side left to rewild.



As pointed out above, lots of residents are now using the Staithe to launch their boats and the tranquility of the area would be lost if canoeists were to park their cars there. It is also a fragile environment being part of the flood plain. The area can be covered by several inches of water on very high tides or after heavy rain in summer as well as in winter months and even in high summer the ground is often spongy.

This photograph illustrates how high tides can affect the Staithe at any time of year, with subsequent tides keeping the ground saturated for several days afterwards.

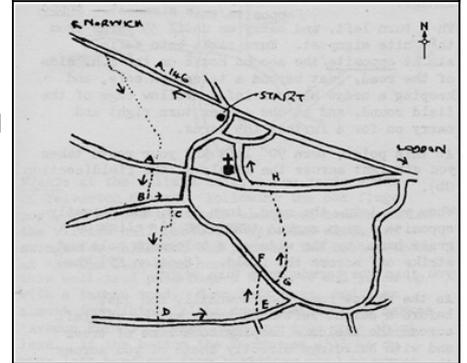


The parish council trusts that residents will comply with the notice restricting vehicular access to the Staithe except in exceptional circumstances when permission should be sought from a parish councillor on 538516.

## Walk 10 Thurton - Bergh Apton - Thurton 2½ miles

**Start: George & Dragon at Thurton (NR14 6AL)**

Cross the A146 at the refuge island close to the bus shelter and take the footpath going uphill towards Norwich. Just after the Thurton village sign, re-cross the A146 and take a slip road into Prospect Place.



Pass two new houses on your left

then, immediately past a pair of pre-war semi-detached houses, take the footpath off to the left. If you pass "Pine View" and "Cynosure", you have missed it!

You are now on Sandy Lane, the border between Thurton and Bergh Apton that eventually reaches Cooke's Road - Point A on the map. Access to the next leg of the footpath, having crossed this road, is a little to your right. It follows the edge of a paddock running gently downhill to a pond on your right.

The footpath now crosses a field to meet White Heath Road (Point B). Turn left. Now look for a footpath fingerpost at a break in the lilac hedge on your right (Point C). Go through the hedge, cross the field going very slightly west of south and mount the earth bank at the far side. Heading south, cross a large field (aiming just to the right of the group of buildings at Holly Farm). When you get to Loddon Road you are at point D.

Turn left and walk on until you get to Bungay Lane on your right. Opposite, at Point E on the map, mount the bank and follow a Bridleway across a field to Lion Lane (Point F) and turn right.

After about 150 metres (just before the road bends to the right) take a rather rickety set of steps that mounts the bank on your left (Point G). The footpath now heads due north, equidistant between a power pylon on your right and a hedgerow on your left. When you reach the next field boundary, head towards the group of farm buildings now visible head of you.

When you reach them, the footpath on the ground (that differs from the official Public Rights of Way map) skirts the first building in a right-left dogleg that brings you out on Hall Road at Point H.

Turn left, pass the horse pond and the entrance to Beech Farmhouse and turn right onto an unsurfaced road that passes the entrance to Thurton Church and goes downhill to the back of Thurton Foundry. Turn left at the foundry and right at The Street to get back to your starting point outside the George & Dragon.



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When GOD had made the earth and sky,  
the flowers and the trees,  
He then made all the animals  
and all the birds and bees.

And when his work was finished  
not one was quite the same,  
He said "I'll walk this earth of mine  
and give each one a name".

And so He travelled land and sea  
and everywhere He went  
a little creature followed Him  
until it's strength was spent.

When all were named  
upon the earth  
and in the sky and sea,  
The little creature said  
"Dear Lord,  
there's not one left for me".

The Father smiled and  
softly said  
"I've left you to the end.  
I've turned my own name  
back to front  
And called you DOG, my  
friend".



### Thank you

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02/08/20	Isaiah 55.1-5	Romans 9.1-5	Matthew 14.13-21	8 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Trinity
09/08/20	1 Kings 19.9-18	Romans 10.5-15	Matthew 14.22-33	9 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Trinity
16/08/20	Isaiah 56.1,6-8	Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28	10 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Trinity
23/08/20	Isaiah 51.1-6	Romans 12.1-8	Matthew 16.13-20	11 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Trinity
30/08/20	Jeremiah 15.15-21	Romans 12.9-21	Matthew 16.21-28	12 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Trinity
06/09/20	Ezekiel 33.7-11	Romans 13.8-14	Matthew 18.15-20	13 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Trinity
13/09/20	Genesis 50.15-21	Romans 14.1-12	Matthew 18.21-35	14 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Trinity
20/09/20	Jonah 3.10 - 4.11	Philippians 1.21-30	Matthew 20.1-16	15 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Trinity
27/09/20	Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32	Philippians 2.1-13	Matthew 21.23-32	16 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Trinity
04/10/20	Isaiah 5.1-7	Philippians 3.4b-14	Matthew 21.33-46	17 <sup>th</sup> Sun after Trinity

#### Please note:

At Holy Communion, where only two readings are used, the first reading will usually be the Epistle, and the second will always be the Gospel reading. At other services where two readings are used, the first will usually be the Old Testament reading, and the second can be either the Epistle or the Gospel readings.

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