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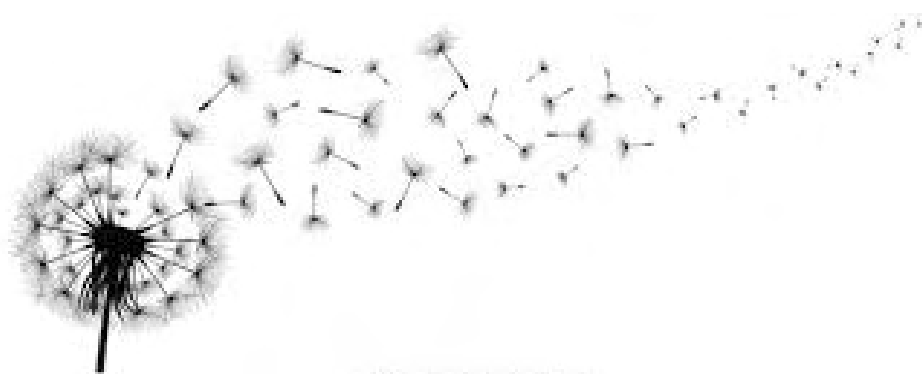
## *Nothing lasts forever . . . except God's love for us*

There is a story about an Eastern king who asked his wisest advisors to compose an inscription for a gold signet ring. It needed to be something that would be enduring and suitable for any time or season. The words they proposed were 'This too will pass'. At first glance this might seem a strange phrase to suggest but in a few single words it offers us a great deal of wisdom.

The words are a simple reminder not to despair. No matter how bad things might seem, how dark or difficult, nothing lasts for ever. Things will change, the clouds will roll away and life will eventually improve. I suppose that the opposite could also be true, we could read it as saying that good times will pass away too but that seems to be rather a pessimistic view. I prefer to think of it as a reminder to enjoy every second of the best days and make the most of them. That applies equally to those normal, not very exciting days. They might feel a bit dull but even they are filled with bright little moments that we should also be thankful for.

Ironically perhaps one of the most constant things in all our lives is change. Nothing stays the same. People come and go and things are always on the move, to such an extent that sometimes we feel that we have to keep moving just to stand still. Unfortunately change can be very unsettling even if it is something we choose for ourselves and we are looking forward to. A new job for example, can be very hard to get used to. Even if we hated our old one and were delighted to be offered something new, getting used to new ways of working can be hard. The problem is that what we could do really well suddenly becomes tricky and we go from feeling very capable to absolutely hopeless in the space of a few days. When that happens we sometimes start to look back and long for what we had - and yet if we stand firm, things will improve - this too will pass.

By the time this edition of Eleven Says hits the doormats I will be in the final stages of packing up my home ready to move to a new role and a new house. I have loved my post here but as a curate in the Church of England, I always knew that my time in the group was limited. I am in a training role, assigned to work with an experienced priest whose job is to help me learn what it means to be a priest in today's world.



After 3 years we are assessed and signed off ready to find a new role either assisting or being responsible for our own churches. Already I worry about my competence both at home and at work. Will I be up to the new job? Will they like me? Will we ever work out the recycling system for our rubbish?

And it is not just me on the move. August is the most popular month to move house perhaps because people like to go and view houses in the sunshine when everywhere looks at its best and there is less risk of the furniture getting wet if it is moved in our driest season. I also know of friends with new jobs to go to. Holidays often make us reflect on our work and people tend to start job hunting after a break, perhaps because they remember why they needed a break in the first place!

But probably the biggest group moving over the summer are the children. The school term always finishes with events to say goodbye to the leavers going up to secondary school or moving on to colleges or universities. Even those staying in the same school are moving classes and teachers and even the very little ones are meeting with their reception class teachers for the first time. It is all change.

There is however one constant in all of this and that is God's love for us. It will not change nor will it fade or fail. It doesn't matter where we start or where we end up, we can't hide from it or lose it. So if you are on the move this summer in what ever way, enjoy the adventure and remember, you are loved and in this ever changing world that is the one exception to the inscription's rule. This will not pass.

Revd. Cate Turner

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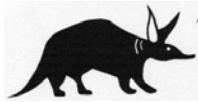
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## New Bishop of Thetford announced

On Wednesday 14th June Downing Street announced that The Venerable Ian Bishop is to become the next Bishop of Thetford.

Ian will be ordained as a bishop in Westminster Abbey on 29th September 2023.

There will be a service of welcome for him and Sue at Norwich Cathedral on **Saturday 30th September at 5.30pm** to which all are warmly invited.



During his surprise visit to the Royal Norfolk Show, the Prince of Wales presented an award to a committed young Norfolk farm environmentalist. Prince William spoke to Robert Jackets, an apprentice at Salle Farms, near Reepham, while handing him the **Bishop of Norwich Sustainable Environmentalist Young Employee of the Year Award**.

Robert is studying on a crop technician course at Easton College, and grew up just two miles away from Salle Farms, dreaming of working on the large machinery there.

His application explained how Salle Farms limits its environmental impact, and his particular interest in the field margins established through the arable farm's Countryside Stewardship agreement.



The Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Graham Usher, was also on hand for the presentation of the award and its £1,000 cash prize at the Royal Norfolk Show.

The annual competition was judged by the Food and Farming Discovery Trust (FFDT), the education arm of the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association. It is open to employees and apprentices aged under 21, who work for a Norfolk-based employer within the land-based sector focusing on land management, conservation, countryside management, ecology, climate change management, forestry management or horticulture.

### Wednesday Fellowship

A Meeting for all people in the Bramerton Group and beyond! A Meeting on the second Wednesday of the month 2-4pm at Alington and Yelverton Village Hall with Christian and secular speakers followed by Tea cake and fellowship. All welcome.

**August 5th** - The Friends of St Mary's Coffee Morning at The Wheel of Fortune

**September 13th** - St Martin's Trust speaker Angela Herbert

**October 8th** - Candles and Crafts with Debbie Spooner

**November 8th** - Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church in aid of St Martin's Trust

For more information please contact Pat Barter 493570.

### Worship in Stillness

has restarted on Monday Mornings at 9:30 am  
Cherry House, Wheel Road, Alington.

Half an hour of praise, silence, meditation and prayer followed by tea and coffee for those wishing to stay.

## The Thurton Benefice says Farewell to Revd. Catherine (Cate) Turner

By the time you receive your copy of Eleven Says we will have said our goodbyes to Revd. Cate Turner at the Group service at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Bergh Apton on Sunday 30th July followed by a bring and share picnic.



It all began when Revd. Chris announced that the Thurton Benefice would be getting a trainee Curate and he would be doing the training for a term of 3 years. This turned out to be an excellent working partnership ..... then, when Covid happened in 2020, Cate had to think differently and manage change when the Church of England closed churches as the pandemic swept the world.

With Revd. Chris' guidance and the wealth of knowledge Cate brought with her, and family support, her determination to succeed came to the fore. Cate soon built relationships in the benefice and the communities. Zoom services and meetings came into being for everyone.

When Revd. Chris fell ill with Covid, Cate calmly took charge of the benefice covering the daily routine of the church ministry. This was not an easy task with five parishes to cover but Cate just got on with it.

A few months to the end of Cate's training Revd. Chris took a planned well earned four months sabbatical. (he knew his training had come to fruition and Cate was ready). Guess what? .... Cate was right there, as always, ready to serve God and the benefice. Cate always had time to listen, advise and help others in need.

I'm sure all the obstacles Revd Cate has had to overcome in her training have set her in good stead for the role she has applied for, and been accepted, as interim Rector of the Parish of West Buckrose, Yorkshire, in the Deanery of Southern Ryedale, an area she knows well from her and Iain's earlier days.

Please join me in wishing Revd Cate Turner, husband Iain, and Jordy the very best for their future in Yorkshire and also to Josh (who is now settled in Norfolk). We thank you for touching our lives, bringing commitment and joy to the Thurton Benefice.

I quote from Revd Cate's front page article "**Nothing is forever.....except God's love for us.**"

Liz Bloomfield

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# Rockland St Mary Benefice Update

## News from the Rockland Parishes

By the time you read this, the Bramerton Group will have said a fond farewell to **Revd Cate and Iain Turner** and their family. Cate's ministry began in challenging circumstances during the 2020 lockdown, but she was able to use her professional skills to help the Group embrace new technologies and offered a mature and compassionate ministry. Although her departure will be most keenly felt within her 'home' Thurton benefice, I feel sure that the communities on the Rockland side of the Group would join me in expressing our gratitude for her helpful involvement here. We wish Cate and Iain success and happiness in their new life in Yorkshire.

Apart from those of us who work in farming and the holiday industry, August usually offers quiet spaces. Schools are closed, and many regular activities are at rest. However, we're looking forward to **Carleton St. Peter's Flower Festival** on **August 5th (11am-4.30pm)** and **6th (10.30am-4.30pm)** depicting 'Rock and Pop' in flowers, together with refreshments, tombola and a raffle.

May I also offer a warm welcome to our summer visitors and all who find peace and refreshment in our churchyards and churches, which are open daily. Fortnightly **Celtic Prayer** in Surlingham churchyard offers the chance for people to come together in quiet reflection (**August 8th and 22nd, September 12th and 26th, all at 10am**).

In the Church of England calendar, the period from **1st September to 4th October** is called the Season of Creation or Creationtide, with a particular focus on God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. In the Rockland parishes we mark this with **Harvest Festivals**, thanking God for the earth's fertility, the dedication of the farming community who produce our food, and workers in the production and supply chain and above all, our commitment to careful stewardship and responsible use of the world's finite resources. You are warmly invited to join us and to support others by bringing long-life items for the Norwich Food Bank and homeless projects. Please see the services calendar on the back page for dates and times.

**Still at the Barn** on **September 17th and October 1st** will reflect creation themes.

Another sign of our commitment to preserving nature and heritage is in our care for churchyards and the oldest buildings in our parishes, their churches. I would like to express my deep gratitude for those who look after them in many ways. On **September 23rd 'The Birds, the Bees and the Bells'** afternoon is an opportunity to have afternoon tea with us and learn more about the exciting restoration and community project that we're planning. Please see the Project Team's article for more information.

Several of our churchyards (Carleton, Claxton, Hellington, Rockland and Surlingham) are part of a successful **Churchyard Challenge** bid and will receive DEFRA funding for wildlife support and interpretation and will be connected by a visitors' trail. This has been an exciting opportunity to work with the Churches Conservation Trust, Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Broads Authority.

## News from the Barn

**Still at the Barn** on Sunday afternoons provides a quiet, informal space for reflection, conversation and opportunities to respond. Each gathering begins at 4pm on **September 17th and October 1st**.

**Warm Welcome Mondays** resumes on **September 25th**, offering refreshments, lunches and friendship between 11am and 2.30pm.

**Art Cafe in the Barn** is meeting up on **September 13th and October 18th**. Why not come along for friendly company, coffee, cake and art!

**Art Cafe Online** reopens on **September 20th and 27th**. Please contact Nick for your Zoom invitation and details of our lively and varied programme.

I began with a farewell but end with a welcome. Ian Bishop, currently Archdeacon of Macclesfield, has been appointed Bishop of Thetford, and he and his wife Sue will be welcomed at a special service in Norwich Cathedral on **Saturday September 30th, 5.30pm**. Ian is no stranger to Norfolk, having served as Rector of Shotesham several years ago. Please keep Ian and Sue on your prayers as we prepare to welcome them back.

**Revd. Nick Garrard**

## Bishop of Norwich's Prize for Ecology awarded 23rd June 2023

Bishop Graham has awarded UEA student, Charlie Russell, the prize for the best MSc Applied Ecology and Conservation research dissertation for 2021/22.



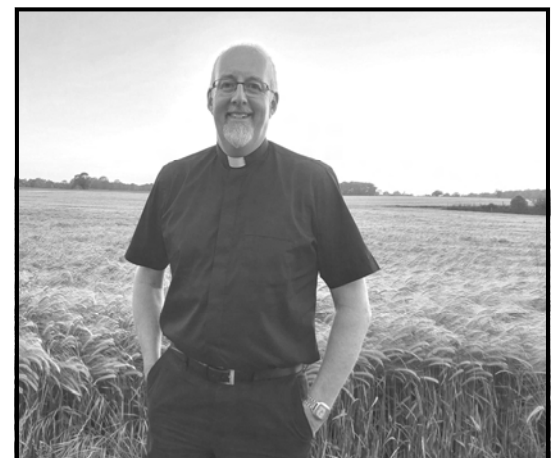
This is the third year of this award and the UEA chose the recipient from among the postgraduate students in their ecology department. Charlie's dissertation focused on improving understanding of why Greater Spotted Eagles are declining.

On receiving the prize certificate and £1,000, Charlie Russell said,

*"I am really grateful to receive this generous award from the Bishop of Norwich and as a first-generation student it is really encouraging to have my work recognised this way. This prize will help me continue this research as part of my PhD at UEA."*

## Bishop's New Adviser for Rural Affairs

Bishop Graham has appointed the **Revd Chris Ellis**, Rector of The Bramerton Group, to the additional role of Bishop's Adviser for Rural Affairs.



Chris will advise the bishops of the Diocese about rural issues and policy, make links with rural organisations and champion the rural church across Norfolk and Waveney.



## From the Registers

### BAPTISMS

21/05/23	Isabella Grace HEYWOOD	Surlingham
28/05/23	Athena Hope MATTOCKS	Framingham Pigot
10/06/23	Olivia Violet TOLLIDAY	Framingham Pigot

### MARRIAGES

20/05/23	Andrew FARRELL and Claudia BATTLE	Yelverton
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### FUNERALS, BURIALS, CREMATIONS, INTERMENT OF ASHES

03/05/23	Joan Lily GODDARD	Rockland St Mary
16/05/23	Russell PARFITT (91)	Bergh Apton
26/05/23	Pauline (Shannon) WATSON (81)	Framingham Pigot
31/05/23	Phyllis Gertrude GLADWELL	Surlingham
14/06/23	Maria PHILLIPS (91)	Bergh Apton
23/06/23	Dorothy PERFITT	Kirby Bedon
26/06/23	Ivy Edith CLARK	Rockland St Mary
27/06/23	Alison BUSHNELL (57)	Bergh Apton
28/06/23	Russell PARFITT (91) (Interment of Ashes)	Bergh Apton
03/07/23	Pauline Doris WATTS (78)	Surlingham
04/07/23	Barbara STEPHENS (99)	Bergh Apton
04/07/23	Ralph Abell (Interment of Ashes)	Thurton

### Yelverton Wedding

Andrew FARRELL and Claudia BATTLE were married at St Mary's Church, Yelverton, on Saturday 20th May, 2023.



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### The Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride and Walk, or Drive, 2023, Saturday 9th September, from 9 am - 5 pm.

We would like to thank Savills for again sponsoring the Bike Ride and Walk in 2023. Endorsed by the Bishop of Norwich, Rt Revd Graham Usher

*"I am delighted to support the Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride and would encourage you to show your support by taking a ride or drive around*



*our beautiful county. Our churches are sacred and special places - treasure troves of memory for generations of people. They belong to all the community and this is a great opportunity to play your part in their repair and preservation for future generations."*

I wonder if the pioneering people who first did the Bike Ride in 1983 would believe that it is still going strong in 2023 and that the event has raised over £4 million for churches.

The bikes, the clothes, the world has changed enormously but one thing hasn't changed, we still have our magnificent churches and I don't think we have lost any in the last 40 years. I think the Bike Ride, the Norfolk Churches Trust and our amazing supporters can take a lot of credit for this. However, the challenges facing our churches are still vast and I hope you will celebrate this 40th year by making a huge effort to support a church of your choice and the Norfolk Churches Trust by taking part in the 40th Bike Ride. We would love to hear from anybody who took part in the first Bike Ride.

Last year the Bike Ride produced an extraordinary total of £133,890 which was raised by 622 gallant participants. This money will make a huge difference in preserving Norfolk's iconic and beautiful churches. A total of 286 places of worship received cheques last year. We would like to pass on an enormous thank you to everybody who took part cycling, walking, driving or manning the churches.

**Win £1,000 for your Church** - With over 600 churches and chapels to visit near you we are again offering a £1,000 prize for the most improved church. This is an opportunity to make a substantial difference to your church's finances. See the website for more details [www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk).

## Bugs Matter

*"Insect numbers are difficult to quantify however recent research suggests that in the UK flying insects have declined by 60% in the past 20 years. Insects provide pivotal roles for UK food security including pollination and pest or weed control".*

This is a quote from the introduction to the UK Parliamentary Inquiry into Insect Decline and UK Food Security which is taking place this summer. The decline in the insect population is extremely serious as they provide a key role in supporting many systems essential to sustaining human life, such as pollinating food plants and ensuring the decay and decomposition of plant matter, as well as maintaining the delicate balance between prey and predator species that prevents us being overwhelmed by pests.

This year the drop in butterfly numbers in our area has been notable, as has the decline in insect eating birds such as swallows and swifts. The causes are manifold but the widespread use of chemical pesticides in agriculture and last year's severe drought are amongst them. There are, however, a great many things in our lives we can all do to try to help insect populations recover.

We can stop using chemicals in our gardens, have a "Wild Patch", and reduce the mowing of lawns. We can try to buy organic foods and support conservation organisations that manage land for nature. Locally we have the Chet Valley B-Line which is working hard to connect habitats to provide environmentally suitable corridors for pollinators. Plus we have the Hellington reserve and we in SWYG are running the **Wild Patch Project** and supporting the re-introduction of the Large Marsh Grasshopper.



Nationally **Bug Life** want people to sign up to their **Bugs Matter** project whereby people can simply download an App that enables them to count the number of bugs splattered on their number plate after a car journey. This will provide essential data on the state of UK insect populations to inform Parliament who ultimately are key decision makers in reducing chemical use and encouraging nature friendly farming in Britain. Please sign up for this project at <https://www.buglife.org.uk/>

Bats depend on a healthy flying insect population (moths) and SYWG are organising a **BAT WALK on Saturday 2nd September at 8.00 pm. Meet at Rockland St. Mary Staithe.**

**Thursday 26th October - A talk by JAKE FIENNES, Conservation Manager at Holkham Hall Estate, will be held in Poringland Community Centre at 7.30 pm**

### Poringland Community Cinema at Poringland Community Centre

Dates for Your Diary  
FRIDAY 8th September  
FRIDAY 13th October  
FRIDAY 10th November  
FRIDAY 8th December

## Loddon Flower Club



**Tuesday 8th August** - Annual General Meeting to be held at Chedgrave Church rooms at 7pm. (One week later than our usual meeting date).

**Tuesday 5th September** - *Floral Cocktail* - flower arranging demonstration with Crystal Dyball. This meeting will be held in St John's Church, George Lane, Loddon, NR14 6NB, 6-30pm for 7pm, visitors £7-50.

**Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th September** - **Flower Festival**, entitled *Hobbies and Pastimes*, to celebrate our 65th anniversary, will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Loddon, from 10 am - 4 pm each day.

Contact Tricia Godfrey (Chairman) on 01508 480522 or [tricia646@aol.com](mailto:tricia646@aol.com) or Alex Pinder (Secretary) on 01508 493869 or [nark@aol.com](mailto:nark@aol.com). We are available to arrange flowers for family occasions and our website is at [www.loddonflowerclub.co.uk](http://www.loddonflowerclub.co.uk).

## Loddon Community Gym

The recent move to new premises has enabled the Loddon Community Gym to expand its services.

Operating since 2014, the Gym is now located in the Library Annexe in the centre of the market town adjacent to free public parking.

The ever increasing membership is able to benefit from a well-equipped modern gym under the expert guidance of qualified instructor Louise. The Gym is a not-for-profit, affordable service for all over 16 which prides itself on offering bespoke fitness programmes in a relaxed environment.

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Details of times and other information can be seen at [www.loddoncommunitygym.com](http://www.loddoncommunitygym.com) or call Louise on 07534 946143. You can of course just drop by when we are open to take a look for yourself and have a chat. It may change your life!



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# Village News

## Alpington & Yelverton

### Alpington & Yelverton Coronation Celebrations

On Sunday May 7th, Alpington and Yelverton celebrated King Charles III's Coronation with a 'Street Party' held at the Wheel of Fortune pub and garden. We were fortunate that the weather turned out lovely that afternoon meaning that people could enjoy a picnic in the pub garden or a hot snack from Broadland Bars and a cake from Jasmine Cakery.

The children had fun running around the garden and using the play equipment whilst the adults could enjoy a drink or two in the sunshine.

We were entertained to lively sing-a-long tunes by ukulele group Jelly & the Biscuits and gave three cheers to His Majesty.



There was a great turnout for the event and our raffle raised £172 for the Norwich Foodbank.

Thank you to the small team of villagers who organised the event, put up bunting, and decorated tables and the marquee and then helped clear it all up.

Thanks also to Barry and Naomi at the Wheel of Fortune for hosting the event and Jelly & the Biscuits for entertaining us.

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### Coffee Morning

In the Wheel of Fortune garden, Alpington

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For information or to donate items please contact  
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Alpington & Yelverton Village Hall, Church Road,  
Alpington, NR14 7NU

On Tuesday 26th September 2023  
The Yellow Caravan, Camping Around Norfolk in 1912.  
Speaker Juliet Webster.

Light refreshments available. Guests £4. Members free.

## Bergh Apton

### The Bergh Apton Society Events

**Wednesday 23rd August - Guided Tour and Talk of Wymondham.** We get to see some of the historic buildings of this delightful market town. The walk starts at 10 am followed by lunch at the White Hart at 1 pm. Our tour guide is Georgette Vale. Car parking is available at the Central Hall. Cost is £5 per head.

**Wednesday 30th August - Chet Valley Vineyard Tour and Talk by Jake Hemmant.** The tour, with wine tasting, starts at 7 pm. £20 per head.

**Wednesday 4th October - Greyhound Racing with Dinner at the Race View Restaurant .** Starter and Main or Main and Pudding. Coach departs from Bergh Apton village hall at 5 pm. This is a great night out and who knows, you might get a winner. Cost is £39.50 per head.

**Friday 27th October - Harvest Supper and Fun Quiz Night at the Little Pigs Café at Aldis Farm Shop, Yelverton.** Quiz Master, Ray Wharton. Cost is £15 per head. 7 pm start. Teams of 6 or just come along and make up a team.

**Thursday 16th November. The Thursford Christmas Spectacular .**A wonderful start to the festive season. Cost is £51 per head. Coach departs from Bergh Apton village hall at 4.45 pm.

For further information please contact Lynton Johnson on 01508 480629. Do please come along and enjoy these events which are open to everyone.

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# Village News

## Bergh Apton continued

### Fund-raising events at Bergh Apton Church

**Saturday 12th August 7pm - Norwich Harmony - Ladies a cappella chorus.** Member of LABBS (Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers).

Singing in 4-part harmony, and directed by Alison Thompson (a music singing judge and the Education Director of LABBS), their amazingly diverse repertoire ranges from 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square' to 'That's Life' (made famous by Frank Sinatra) through to Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody'!



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### Saturday 2nd September 7pm - An evening with Louis de Bernières.

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Our Autumn/Winter programme of talks begin again in September and will run as follows:

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## Bramerton

### Beautiful Orchids spotted in Bramerton



Bee Orchid

On a walk around the village these orchids were spotted, standing proud and beautiful. Pity we cannot print them in full colour to marvel at their real beauty . . . Why not keep a look out on your walks? Please send us your photos if you see something interesting.



Pyramid Orchid



# Village News

## Carleton St Peter

The flower festival is finally upon us on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August. We are having lots of games and fun for all the family as well as refreshments and of course the flowers! We hope for perfect weather and not too hot like last year or equally rain like the spring fundraiser, but that did not deter people so thank you. The theme this year is Rock and Pop and there are some classics! Doors open 11 am Saturday 5th and 10.30 am Sunday 6th.

The next service at Carleton Church is out of synch and is at 11 am Sunday 20th August, all welcome.

### Bramerton Group Inter-village Quiz

We are also hosting the Benefice Group Quiz at Claxton Village Hall on Saturday 16th September 7pm to 10 pm and we hope to see you there. Teams will be of 6 people, hot food will be provided. Tickets are £10. This is the first time that the quiz is being held since Covid and we hope to reach out to all across the benefice to come and join us. **If anyone knows where the quiz cup is please ring Nick Garrard, 01508 538014.**

The year is tumbling round and we look forward to seeing you at an event at Carleton St Peter, catching up with friends over a nice beverage.

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

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## Claxton

**Claxton Community Café** - Without doubt our biggest undertaking this year was The Coronation Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III. Our small team planned and organised the event.

Every child in the village was given a board or template to decorate. Those that were returned were displayed in the church and the Village Hall, as part of the Coronation decorations.

The Afternoon Tea was attended by over 120 people, who enjoyed a sumptuous feast and a glass of prosecco to toast our new king. The good weather meant the children were able to play outside and everyone had a great afternoon. None of this would have been possible without the volunteers who helped deliver flyers; baked cakes, scones, quiches and sausage rolls; made sandwiches and helped on the day. We collected over £170 for The Prince's Trust.

## Claxton continued . . .

A raffle for the playground made £100+.

We hope we helped Claxton celebrate the Coronation in style.



After a busy and successful year our **Community Café** team will be taking a break in August. We will be back on Wednesday 6th September.

In August the Playground Fundraising Committee will be taking over the reins and all profits will go towards the planned playground.

**Claxton and Carleton St Peter Village Hall** - The Village Hall has hosted numerous events during the last couple of months and it has been good to see it so busy, whether for weekly activities or village social events. The hall was certainly filled to bursting point for our Village Coronation Afternoon Tea.

The **Playground Fund Raising Committee** held a successful brunch, to launch their plans, and a very well attended Barbecue with an amazing selection of home-made salads and desserts.

**St Andrew's Church news** - Following the successful repairs to the thatched roof we are now about to undertake some essential repairs to the Tudor tower. Hopefully this will mean we will have addressed all the essential repairs outlined in our Quinquennial Survey.

**Eco -Church An A Rocha-UK project** - We believe maintaining an environmentally friendly churchyard is important. At Archdeacon Steven's recent visitation to the Rockland Benefice, he explained that the No 1 priority for parishes was to achieve the Eco-Church Bronze award for their church, something that St. Andrew's, Claxton achieved in December 2021. The recent Churchyard Survey's undertaken by the NWT confirmed the interest there is amongst parishes in environmental matters - an important aspect of the Bronze Award. There is scope to work together, with expert support from the South Yare Wildlife Group (SYWG) and other professionals. More information on how best we can do this in a 'Partnership of Local Parishes' will be circulated. Full details of how to undertake the 'Eco- Church' process can be found at: [Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#)

**Claxton Social Club** - Open every Friday from 8 pm. Drop in for a very reasonably priced drink and friendly chat. Look out for our food van nights - food usually available from 5:30pm. **September 8th** - Peaky Pizzas

# Village News

## Rockland St Mary

### Rockland and District W.I. News

The busy summer continues for our members with outings to "Fairhaven" and the "Musical Steam Museum" and another walk planned in the beautiful area around Ranworth Broad with lunch afterwards in late August. We also have fun and friendly afternoons with garden meetings in the good weather. By the time this paper is published, we will have enjoyed afternoon tea at "Honkers" and looking forward to our 2nd outdoor meeting at "Blackhorse Dyke" (next to the Parish Room) on the 11th August from 2.30pm.

We are always pleased to welcome new members, please contact Ruth 538231 or Sandra 538100 for more details. Lifts can easily be arranged to the various meetings. Look out for posters with all the details on local notice-boards.

The photo shows Sandra Barker cutting the cake she made to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III.



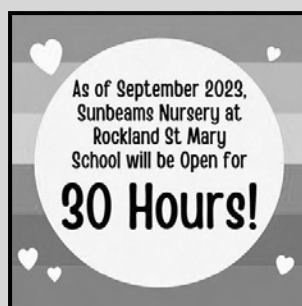
### Bramrocks Amateur Dramatics Group

The Bramrocks hosted a Social Evening on Thursday 29th June, to re-introduce themselves to the community after a quiet couple of years. Photos and programmes of previous pantomimes and plays were on display, thanks to Lizzie Ridley-Thomas, which brought back many happy memories. With music, food and drink the evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

It was wonderful to see previous members and meet some new people, young and not so young, who are interested in joining the group. Many wanted to know about backstage roles, such as lighting and sound, or props and stage management, jobs that are not always thought about but of great importance. It was great to share stories of how current members got involved, some starting out behind the scenes then venturing into acting, others starting out as an audience member and now on the committee!

Bramrocks aim to produce two shows a year, a spring play usually in May or June and a pantomime in late November or December. When a show is in production, rehearsals are held at the Margaret Mack Hall in Rockland St Mary on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm. If you would like to find out more about The Bramrocks, please email; [thebramrocks@gmail.com](mailto:thebramrocks@gmail.com). We are always pleased to have new people join; no previous experience is required!

**Extended Hours for Sunbeams Nursery at Rockland St Mary School.** - Sunbeams Nursery will be Open for 30 Hours per week as of September 2023 and they have SPACES for children aged 3+ years old!!! We are OFSTED rated as Good! Please contact the School Office on 01508 538345 or email [office@rsm.set.education](mailto:office@rsm.set.education) for more information or to arrange a Tour.



## Rockland St Mary Primary School and Nursery

There's lots happening at Rockland Primary School and Nursery, a 'small school' with 'big opportunities' (Ofsted, 2019). From September we will be opening our new after-school club, and our Sunbeams Nursery will be open for the whole day for the first time. Our new library is in place and is just awaiting its brand-new stock of books which will arrive over the summer holidays.

**Wrap-around Care** - We know how hard it is for parents to manage childcare for young children. Many parents have been keen for their children to come to our beautiful school but have been unable to because could not provide wrap-around care. We are very pleased to now be able to provide a breakfast club from 7.45 and an after-school club until 5.30 Monday to Thursday and 4.30 on Fridays. The after-school club will provide children with an exciting range of educational opportunities and activities - from professionally run Sports Activities, to drama clubs, music clubs, art and more.

**New Library** - We now have our new library shelving in place, funded by our incredible PTA (Friends of Rockland St Mary Primary School - FORMS), and a kind donation from the Bramerton Helping Hand Charity will help towards the purchase of new books. Evidence shows that children who read widely in Primary School will go on to achieve better GCSE grades in every subject, and of course, develop a love of reading which will sustain them throughout their lives. Our library walls are decorated with beautiful illustrations of popular characters from famous children's books. The library will house a broad range of non-fiction books which will encourage our pupils to follow their interests and be curious about new learning. It has been wonderful to welcome volunteers to support children with their reading in the afternoons. If this is something you would like to get involved with, please get in touch with the office.

**Norfolk Show** - At Rockland St Mary Primary School and Nursery we are passionate about personal development and curriculum enrichment. We take all the opportunities we can to take our children out on trips and engage with current events and issues in school.

We recently performed at the Royal Norfolk Show and received an amazing reception from the audience. It was wonderful to see the entire school performing together - the care, thoughtfulness and support the older pupils gave the younger ones is what makes our school special.



The Rockland St Mary gardening club also gained a Silver award in the School Garden Competition with their spectacular wheelbarrow exhibition, winning a beautiful book about trees to go in our new library.

We wish to say a huge thank you to Steve Gildersleeve, our caretaker, for teaching the children about gardening.

**Hannah Boag, Interim Head Teacher,  
Rockland Primary School**



# Village News

## Surlingham

*'The Birds, The Bees and The Bells'*  
*An afternoon of tea, conversation and consultation*  
*at St Mary's Church, Surlingham*

We would love you to join us for afternoon tea at St Mary's Church on Saturday 23rd September from 3.30pm. Come along to learn about our *'Birds, Bees and Bells'* project and how you can help to shape it

St Mary's needs urgent repairs and this conversation and consultation afternoon will bring you up to speed on what's needed as we prepare an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). The urgent repairs provide us as a village with a wonderful opportunity to deliver a new programme of linked learning and interpretation for all ages. Really important is how the project connects to the village and how it works in partnership with new and existing groups in the community. This is an essential part of delivering a successful project with the NLHF. Surlingham is one community and by working together we will be able to celebrate our heritage and share skills and ambitions for a sustainable future.

We will be joined by our Project Manager, our Church Architect and our project Activity Consultant who will:

- Give an overview of what needs to be done to secure funding from the NLHF, which if successful will be a major investment for Surlingham
- Explain our initial ideas for project activities and partnerships
- Provide opportunities for discussion and feedback - it's critical that we hear from you as to how the project can best deliver for the community in Surlingham
- Try on our wonderful medieval costumes (for all ages) and take a tour of the church and churchyard
- And enjoy afternoon tea, coffee and cake!

We do hope you can join us at St Mary's on 23rd September so we can better understand how we can work together to successfully deliver this project. The event will last around an hour and a half. We look forward to seeing you!

With very best wishes from the The Birds, The Bees and The Bells Project Team

### Surlingham School Summer Fete Update

Thank you so much to everyone that helped and supported us at the annual FOSS summer fete held on Saturday 17th June. We have had such wonderful feedback from the event, and hope you all enjoyed it too.

The profit made was an incredible £5,171.95! This is nearly £3,000 more than last year, which is utterly outstanding. It will go towards library books, drama equipment, experience days and trips for the children.

Thank you so much to all sponsors, helpers and, once again, to everyone who came along and supported us on the day.

Lisa Stiff

## Thurton

### The Friends of Thurton Church

The village church is an essential part of the English landscape, and a vital element in our architectural, cultural and historical heritage.

In Thurton we have a small but attractive church of Saxon foundation. Much of the building has stood for nine centuries or more, with additional alterations



carried out from time to time built by our forefathers, and maintained by the care of succeeding generations of local people.

Present day maintenance needs an increasing amount of money and effort. Grant-aid can and does help greatly, but still much of the responsibility falls on the local community.

The registered charity, the Friends of Thurton Church, has been formed of people who, irrespective of denomination or faith, wish to ensure that the church and churchyard may be enjoyed now as living and useful features of our village, to also interest and delight our visitors, and to preserve them for generations to come.

**Will you become a Friend?** Minimum payments are Families £15, single persons £10, students and senior citizens £6. Some people generously might contribute more than this if they are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid their donations.

Cheques should be made payable to 'The Friends of Thurton Church' and sent to Gillian Ducker at Crossways Farm Bungalow, Church Meadow Lane, Bergh Apton, Norwich, NR15 1BH.

### Flower Festival

The Friends of Thurton Church are holding a Flower Festival at st Ethelbert's Church on Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th of September. The theme is "Flowers in Royal Splendour" which will depict the reign of Queen Elizabeth II to King Charles III.

**Friday evening** we have The Fine City Chorus coming to sing for us at 7 pm, followed by wine, soft drinks and refreshments. Tickets are £12 each.

**Sunday afternoon** - Songs of Praise at 4 pm.

The Festival opening times are 10 am to 5 pm.

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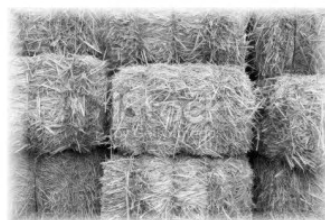
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Be silent  
 Be still,  
 Awakened.  
 Be the silence  
 That struggles  
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 Perceive  
 Acknowledge ,  
 Be the wisdom.

Love  
 Be loved  
 Be silence.  
 Be this space,  
 This inner sanctum,  
 That is  
 Your soul.

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	6th August Transfiguration Gold/White	13th Aug Trinity 10 Green	20th Aug Trinity 11 Green	27th Aug Trinity 12 Green	3rd Sept Trinity 13 Green	10th Sept Trinity 14 Green	17th Sept Trinity 15 Green	24th Sept Trinity 16 Green	1st Oct Trinity 17 Green	
Ashby St Mary	11.00 MP PT				11.00 MP B Barwick		09.30 HC NG		11.00 MP PT	Ashby St Mary
Bergh Apton			09.30 PT	09.30 GROUP HC D Owen			11.00 Harvest PT		09.30 HC NG	Bergh Apton
Bramerton	4pm EP H/NG						9.30am HC HG			Bramerton
Carleton St Peter			11am GROUP HC R Capper		11 MP NG				11am Harvest NG	Carleton St Peter
Claxton	9.30am HC NG				9.30 HC N/HG		9.30am MW J Dix		9.30am Harvest HG	Claxton
Framingham Pigot	9.30am HC HG					10.00 Benefice HC R Capper		09.30 Harvest HC N or HG		Framingham Pigot
Kirby Bedon							11am Harvest NG			Kirby Bedon
Rockland St Mary	11am HC NG					11am HC NG	(4pm Still at Barn)	11am Harvest NG	(4pm Still at Barn)	Rockland St Mary
Surlingham						9.30am HC H/NG		9.30am MW N or HG		Surlingham
Thurton	11.00 PT				11.00 HC D Owen		16.00 Songs of Praise C Limbach			Thurton
Yelverton	09.30 PT	10.00 GROUP HC S.H-H		16.00 All 4	09.30 PT			16.00 All 4	11.00 Harvest PT	Yelverton

CODE: HC = Holy Communion; E. Praise = Evening Praise; FC = Family Communion; FW = Family Worship; MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer; .PT = Parish Team; VM = Vestry Meeting.

#### Bible Readings Sunday by Sunday: August & September 2023

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel	
06/08/23	Daniel 7.9,10,13,14	2 Peter 1.16-19	Luke 9.28-36	The Transfiguration
13/08/23	1 Kings 19.9-18	Romans 10.5-15	Matthew 14.22-33	10th Sunday after Trinity
20/08/23	Isaiah 56.1,6-8	Romans 11.1-2a,29-32	Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28	11th Sunday after Trinity
27/08/23	Isaiah 51.1-6	Romans 12.1-8	Matthew 16.13-20	12th Sunday after Trinity
03/09/23	Jeremiah 15.15-21	Romans 12.9-21	Matthew 16.21-28	13th Sunday after Trinity
10/09/23	Ezekiel 33.7-11	Romans 13.8-14	Matthew 18.15-20	14th Sunday after Trinity
17/09/23	Genesis 50.15-21	Romans 14.1-12	Matthew 18.21-35	15th Sunday after Trinity
24/09/23	Jonah 3.10 - 4.11	Philippians 1.21-30	Matthew 20.1-16	16th Sunday after Trinity
01/10/23	Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32	Philippians 2.1-13	Matthew 21.23-32	17th Sunday after Trinity
<b>Harvest Service Readings</b>				
	Deuteronomy 26.1-11	Philippians 4.4-9	John 6.25-35	

**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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