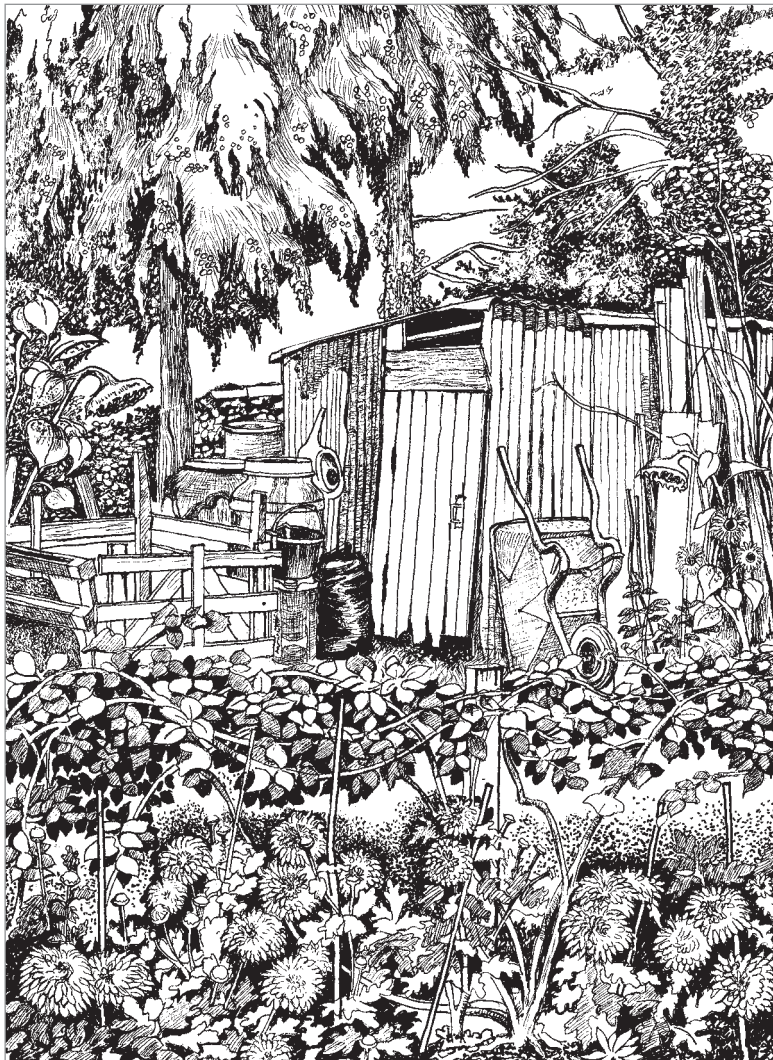
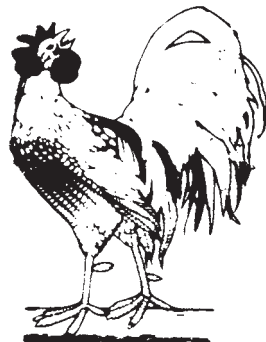


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Autumn profusion on Tom Blake's allotment



Editors' Notice Board

Upper Waveney Benefice Festival 2010

16th & 17th October

The main event is a concert in **Bressingham Church** by **Michael Dann and the Merely Divas** on Saturday 16th October at 7.30 pm. One of the first performances of their new season's programme, it's definitely unmissable. Tickets are available at all benefice churches or by contacting Brenda Oates on 01379 687323. Adults £7.50, children £5 including interval refreshments.

The five benefice churches with North Lopham and Bressingham chapels are worth visiting anyway but over this weekend there will be many extra attractions. Open from 10 to 5 on Saturday and 11 to 4 on Sunday, refreshments will be available at most.

North Lopham Church will display examples of Lopham Linen, awarded a Royal Warrant in 1837 and used in Queen Victoria's household. Also on show, a large collection of locally discovered coins, some from Roman times, accompanied by the owner. Other attractions, homemade fair on sale and a jar tombola.

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North Lopham Methodist Chapel's exhibition will cover significant people and events from its 200 year history

South Lopham Church's craft fair will feature displays and demonstrations of quilting, patchwork, knitwear, jewellery, spinning, pottery, cards, plants, wood carving and wood turning; a chance for some early Christmas shopping! Weather permitting, the tower will be open for fantastic views.

In Roydon Church, watch local artist Peter Knight at work. £1 buys a ticket in the draw to win his painting. Archive material from Diss Museum about the Aldrich Brothers brush factory, once a major local employer, will be displayed alongside village archive material set up by Roydon's local history group. A display by the guides, brownies and rainbows will mark their centenary.

Fersfield Church will display all the Bressingham and Fersfield Parochial Records, including those kept at the Norfolk Records Office. A unique wooden effigy of Sir Robert Du Bois, an original oil painting of Francis Blomefield, past Rector and 18th Century historian, and the Royal Coat of Arms of Queen Anne dated 1703, can be seen.

Bressingham Methodist Chapel's exhibition about local Methodism will be accompanied by an opportunity to buy Traidcraft fair trade goods.

Bressingham Church hosts the Saturday night concert but this beautiful Norfolk Church will also be open to visitors over the weekend. On Saturday, the **1066 Wanderers** will ring a quarter peal.

The closing festival service is in **Bressingham Methodist Chapel** at 6.30pm on Sunday.

Winfarthing Group Rector writes...



Why give publicity to bad things?

It was vividly brought home to me in 1971 that what the media loves to portray is bad news. Bad news sells newspapers, supplies the fuel for media agitation, delves into the worst of human experience and then proclaims an outcry of righteous indignation.

In 1971 I took part in the 'Festival of Light' rally that met in Trafalgar Square and we then marched to Hyde Park Corner where 50,000 young Christians knelt in prayer to intercede on behalf of the Nation. The only thing that the newspapers and the media reported was the 2 stink bombs that went off and the relatively few members of the Gay Liberation and Hells Angels prancing around. Even today, 40 years later, I am thrilled to think about 50,000 young Christians praying for the Country. Unless you were there you would not know about it. It was not considered newsworthy.

A small insignificant Pastor, from some obscure part of America decides that he would advertise burning copies of the Koran. What total idiot decided to make this a newsworthy item? Why did the media get involved? Why give the Pastor the publicity which required the Pope and the President of the USA to make their remarks? Who considered the International ramifications behind this stunt before releasing the details? If a single drop of blood is spilled because of this Pastor's actions, I would not want to be him when he explains his actions to his maker.

And before you think that Christians could not possibly burn the Holy Bible in a similar situation, then remember how many English Bibles were burnt by the Roman Catholics during the Reformation.

Concepts like peace, joy, love, happiness, faithfulness, obedience, self control and worship do not sell papers, but without them what would this world be like?

Revd David F Mills

BURSTON NEWS

Friends of Burston Church

The summer events were a great success. Thanks to all involved. Autumn fundraising starts with our usual and popular Fish and Chip quiz supper on Friday 22nd October; ticket price yet to be decided but should be similar to last year. For tickets or more information please contact any member of the committee or give me a ring.

Ann Glover 01379 741554

Gifts for the Ministry

As the Friends of Burston Church work to maintain the church building, so the proceeds of Gift Day help to support the ministry of our Rector in his many roles, beside the leading of our five parishes in services of worship and thanksgiving and the daily prayers when we come together to pray for our village and the wider world.

The PCC extends grateful thanks to all those who made use of the envelopes and raised the sum [before the tax rebate] of £1,581.91.

Dorothy Swanton

Burston Community Primary School

Here we are again! The start of another school year and once more we have started with a bang.

After a long Summer break, the children have all settled back into their school day. We welcome all our new Reception children, and hope they will enjoy their time at Burston CP.

During the holidays we have had our toilets refurbished. They are bright and colourful and the children helped to choose the design.

We said goodbye to Mrs Akers as she retired in the Summer and we hope she enjoys her new way of life. We would like to welcome Miss Nikki Rawcliffe as our Class 1 teacher. Also Mrs Kerr has taken over

as Assistant Headteacher from Mrs Akers, and we hope she enjoys the challenge.

Class 1 for this Half term will be looking at many things. In Science, pushes and pulls and forces and movement, in Geography Maps and Plans, History will be chronological order. In ICT, using programmable devices, RE Harvest Festival, PE will be swimming athletics and games and Design Technology will be moving pictures. We will also be taking part in Book Week and Sustainability Week. In Literacy we are looking at stories about school and writing our own stories on this subject.



This term in Class 3 we will be working to improve our understanding in many areas. In Maths we will be working hard on our number work and calculations. In Literacy we will be studying the author Michael Morpurgo and writing our own stories. In RE we will be studying Hinduism, preparing for the Harvest assembly and aspects of Christianity. In Science we will be looking at the way things are and sound. We understand how important being healthy is, and will be learning about this in our PE and cookery activities. Our topic this term is The Tudors. We will be researching significant figures and events from this time period. To build on our work in Literacy and History we will be visiting the Ipswich Theatre to see the Shakespeare for Kids production of A Midsummer Night's Dream.



Thanks to an army of volunteers who baked, cooked, made sandwiches, manned our two stalls and generally kept visitors fed and watered through-

out the Burston Strike School Rally, we made an estimated £2,300, which is a truly remarkable record.

We had the challenge of sunny weather and Tony Benn who attracted large numbers. We also had to find just the right cakes for Labour leadership contenders Diane Abbott and Ed Balls and just the right tea and cake to go with Tony Benn's pipe.



There are so many people to thank, and it is absolutely true to say we would not have made the money we made without each and every one of you.

Please accept this as our thanks to you all as our secretary, at time of writing, was waiting to hear if she could go home having given birth to a beautiful little daughter Kiera Serenity, weighing in at 9lbs 4ozs – not that little really.

While the rally is hard work, it is a pleasure to work with a great bunch of people who remain cheerful despite having given up the last day of the summer holiday to help.

Next year we hope there will be some new blood which can perhaps ease the pressure.

To that end, I think it is right to announce now that a number of the present committee will be standing down at the end of this academic year.

There is always room for new members to the Friends of Burston School and we hope to see parents, particularly those with children who have joined this year, as it is a great way to meet a few other parents and find your feet.

We shall be announcing details of our AGM shortly as well as our monthly meetings.

In the meantime, one date for your diary is the Christmas Fayre, which we plan to hold at the school on Saturday, December 4.

Mrs Sue Cooke

GISSING NEWS

St Mary's Church

St Mary's, Gissing would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to our Gift Day on 11th September. Over £500 was realised towards maintaining and improving the church. The interest of the community is essential to preserving this historic building at the heart of the village, and the aid and goodwill of the village is much appreciated.

Heart of Gissing

We are a charity made up of local people (Trustees and Members) with an interest in securing the future and the regeneration of the centre of Gissing, including the proposed refurbishment and extension of the Old School building and site. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 for a membership for and/or further details.

The Heart of Gissing has organised, together with Gissing Children's Centre, the following events at the Old School (Gissing Children's Centre) for late Autumn:

Family Hallowe'en Bingo Night: Friday, 22nd October from 7pm; adults and children welcome.

Young children's Hallowe'en Party: Saturday 30th October 4–6pm, contact Stacey on 01379 674479 for further details.



ber, the study in Galatians 4 is entitled *Time to grow*. Worship for the first Sunday in the month at Shelfanger begins at 11am.

All Saints' Day

Because Sunday worship on 31st October is a five-parishes service at Winfarthing, Shelfanger Parish Church will mark its connection with All Saints' Day with a simple short service on Monday 1st November at 7.30pm. You will be most welcome!

Gift Morning

For many years now, All Saints' Church has sought and gratefully received the help of villagers, both church-members and others, with an annual gift day. Donors are invited to use the envelopes which are circulated to homes in advance, stating whether they are happy for their gift to be used for the general work of All Saints', or specifically to maintain the listed building. Gift morning is the Saturday closest to All Saints' Day: 30th October from 9.30am to 1pm. Those who cannot bring a donation on the day are welcome to drop an envelope through the door at either Old Post Office Cottage, or The Laurels.

People

Mrs Jean Mann

Like our neighbours in Winfarthing, Shelfanger residents are truly mourning the loss of one of their number. A long-time member of All Saints' PCC, Jean Mann was a friend, supporter and helper to many. Her cheerful disposition, beautiful smile and well-chosen bright apparel made her a very popular and respected contributor to the life of the village. Whenever she was not 'on duty' at St Mary's organ, she would worship at All Saints', her strong and melodic voice much appreciated. If you asked Jean, while well on in her 70s, where she was going, attired in fetching whites and tennis shoes, she would tell you: 'Badminton tonight!' With the encouragement of Jean's family, a new brass plate will be fitted to her husband's memorial, 'Jack's Bench' at the top of Heywood Road, and a suitable moment found to rededicate the bench to both their memories.

Frank Paice

TIVETSHALL NEWS

Church Roof Repairs

The completion of the contract is now estimated to be the end of September, as there have been long delays in the manufacture of the heritage roof tiles for the chancel roof.

However the builders have continued with the drainage works as far as possible while the scaffolding round the chancel is still in place. The interior of the church has been lime-washed and repairs done to the altar platform and boarding behind the altar rails which was suffering from death watch beetle.

There were no services during August and on the first two Sundays in September which enabled the builders to work unhindered on plaster repairs and re-decoration.



A service of Candlelit Evensong with the Five Parish Choir will be held on Monday November 8th at 7.30pm at which the Bishop of Thetford will

preach and dedicate the new roof. You are warmly invited to attend this service. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

We are extremely grateful to all those generous people who responded to our Appeal to the village. Your help has secured the fabric of the church for generations to come.

Diane Jackman

Village Hall

During the summer months we have been able to complete the decorating of the hall and a big thank you goes to all of the committee members who volunteered to help over one weekend when the hall was not booked out. In addition we have now been able to have the various exterior doors that had seen better days replaced (our thanks go to local carpenter Nick Thrower for his attendance during odd hours to work around the halls many bookings, a job well done) so the hall is now weather proof for the onset of winter. We thank Howdens joinery for their assistance with the doors and an international company called Hafele who supplied new fire door mechanisms to us for free, which has enabled us to conform to the relevant fire regulations with out having to find several hundred pounds from our limited income. There are now just a few finishing touches to be carried out (new blinds have been ordered and new chairs will soon be in position in the meeting room) and our maintenance and refurbishment plans for phase one will have been completed. We hope that all who currently use the hall will enjoy the fresh new look and urge those that haven't yet visited the village hall to perhaps join one of the many clubs that run regularly there. You might also look to attend one of the many fund raising events that are organised throughout the year by various groups, they are always good value for money, raise money for some wonderful charities and organisations, and above all the majority of those that do attend will tell you they have had a good time and are glad they went.

The running of the hall and the planning of maintenance and refurbishment does not happen by itself and I wish to formally thank Helen Adsheed for all the work she has put in over the last three years to

promote the hall in her role as booking clerk. At our last meeting Helen officially passed the baton to Tony and Lynn Jollans, who have now joined our committee and have taken over this very important position. (If you wish to hire the hall please call 07983 742784). We are also pleased to welcome Marion Cook (Marion and her husband Peter, run old time dance classes at the hall), who has joined us as a 'user group' member of the committee. Representatives from the various user groups are very important to our committee as they play a direct role in decisions that may affect their use of the hall and also have first hand experience of any issues that need to be addressed. I also wish to thank every one who has been involved in the halls recent refurbishment, with out those who volunteer to give up a little of their time we would not have such a fantastic facility available for all to use.

Please attend the AGM!

With regard to our committee we are always looking for new members and new ideas, with this in mind we would like to invite you to attend our AGM which will take place at the hall on Wednesday 6th October 2010 starting at 7.30pm and ending at 8pm with

Family Fun

Quiz Night

7.30 Saturday 13th November

Tivetshall Village Hall

£5 per person inclusive of Jacket
Potato, Chilli Cheese & Beans

Max 6 people per team

Bar & Raffle

For reservations please call Melanie

01379 674542 or

email melanie@bluskycreative.co.uk

a regular committee meeting to follow. If you wish to become involved or represent one of the many groups who use the hall please join us, as we are interested to hear what you have to say.

David Evans

Tivetshall School

Wanted – a very special person

Could this be you? There have been many improvements to the School since its inception 135 years ago.

To celebrate the recent remodelling and upgrading which will provide a healthier environment, the governors, staff and pupils would like to invite all Tivetshall School ex-pupils and friends (new and old!) to officially open the building.

Everyone will be more than welcome, especially the oldest ex-pupil who we would like to be our 'Guest of Honour'.

Have you any old photos that we could scan to use on our display?

To find out more about this event please feel free to contact the school office on 01379 677350.

This term the topic for class 2 is based around World War 2 and includes aspects of history, geography, design & technology, art & drama, whilst the class 1 topic is entitled Journeys. In RE class 1 will be learning about Baptisms, Weddings and Harvest and class 2 is studying Hinduism.

The school will also be taking part in Sustainability Week and Book Week.



This year we are combining the MacMillan Coffee morning and the Harvest Breakfast 24th September at 9am to which everyone is most welcome.

Supermarket vouchers Most major supermarkets run voucher schemes to help schools provide equipment – as a small school we REALLY appreciate those of you in the village who pass them on to us! Thank you. We have been able to exchange them for play apparatus, gardening items, technology equipment etc.

WINFARTHING NEWS

Church

Many thanks to Mick Paine, for the excellent repair [virtual rebuild] of Winfarthing Church notice board. You have brought it back to life Mick; much appreciated.

David Mitchell

People

Congratulations to Joyce and Tom Blake on reaching the great milestone of a Golden Wedding anniversary. The weather was much better on September 3rd 2010 than it had been on the same date in 1960. More than 70 members of their family and friends joined them at Shelfanger village hall on the 5th September for a party at which a total of £350 was raised in donations to the British Heart Foundation.

Baby and Toddler Group

We offer indoor activities and outdoor play for children aged 0–5 on Wednesday mornings during term time from 10–11.30 at the village hall on Hall Road. Feel free to come and join us! We charge £1.50 per family and refreshments are included. For more details please phone Nicola Annison on 01379 640546 or e-mail nannison@btinternet.com

All Saints' Primary School

All Saints' Primary School is pleased to be back following its six week break. The children are thrilled to be making the most of the recent new facilities.

All Saints' currently welcomes new pupils in Reception, year 4 and year 6 and remembers those who left last summer to embark on the next part of their education at High School.

Learning this half term follows the exciting theme 'Where am I?' Upper key stage 2 will be finding out

about London. Lower key stage 2 will be looking at improving the school car park. Key stage 1 will focus on creating a cycle path within the school grounds and Foundation Stage settling in and becoming familiar with their new surroundings. Educational visits this term include Forest Schools, Habitats at Redgrave and Lopham Fen and going to the Playhouse Theatre to see George's Marvellous Medicine. A stimulating book week is also planned where the children will enjoy listening to the narrator Clifford Norgate, sharing a book over breakfast with friends, dressing up as a book character and working collaboratively to make a story mobile.

All Saints is pleased to welcome Mrs Linda Nash to the governing body as a Foundation Governor.

However there are still vacancies for Diocesan Board posts so if you would be interested please contact Mrs Norgate on 01379 642767 or at head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk

Finally All Saints is also hosting a number of open sessions for parents of Reception children due to start school in September 2011. If your child is going to be 4 on the 1st September 2011 then please come and meet us and have a look round at 9.30 am on Friday 15th October, Monday 22nd November or Friday 26th November. Alternatively contact the school by phone on 01379 642767 or by e-mail to head@allsaints-diss.office.sch.uk to arrange a more convenient time to you.

Louise Norgate, Head Teacher

Diss Library News

Black History is back

Whatever your age you can be a part of Black History Month when you visit your local library. During October, Norfolk libraries are once again celebrating the contribution Africa made to British and World history and linking with partners to offer a huge range of events and activities. A full list is at www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries and includes African rhyme times for young children and, at Diss library, a family Half-term activity on Friday 29th October at 10.30am making and decorating a Ndebele house. The events and activities are part of nation-wide Black History Month, details of which can be found at www.blackhistorymonthuk.co.uk

Beginner's IT

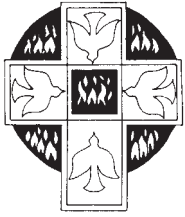
Also at Diss library we are taking part in Get Online week by offering an Absolute Beginner's IT taster session on Tuesday 19th October at 1.30pm. This free session is for anyone who has never used a computer before, to introduce you to the 'Myguide' programme of online IT tutorials.

Regular activities

Includes Baby Bounce Time every Friday at 10.30am and the VIP afternoon reading group on Friday 22nd October and 26th November at 2pm.

To find out more about any of our events or services, look at the website www.library.norfolk.gov.uk or contact your library on 01379 642609.

It's free to join the library and borrow books
Norfolk County Council Library and Information Service



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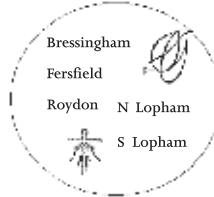
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	Burston	Gissing	Shelfanger	Tivetshall	Winfarthing
October 3	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 H	11.00 H	9.30 MP
October 10	8.00 HC	11.00 MP	11.00 MP	11.00 FS	9.30 MP
October 17	9.30 MP	11.00 HC	11.00 FS	9.30 HC	3.00 EP
October 24	6.00pm PP	11.00 MP	8.00 HC	10.00 MP	9.30 HC
October 31					10.30 HC**
November 7	9.30 MP	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 MP	9.30 MP
November 14	8.00 R	10.50 R	10.50 R	10.40 R	9.30 R
November 21	9.30 MP	11.00 HC		9.30 HC	11.00 FS
November 28	11.00 FS/Chp	11.00 MP	8.00 HC	10.00 MP	9.30 HC
December 5	3.00 C	8.00 HC	11.00 MW	11.00 MP	9.30 MP

EP Evening Prayer HC Holy Communion MP Morning Prayer ** Five Parish
PP Prayer & Praise C Carol Service FS/Chp Family Service in Chapel
R Remembrance PF Patronal Festival MW Morning Worship

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Date	Bressingham St John the Baptist (BCP)	Fersfield St Andrew (BCP &) (C/W Order 2)	N Lopham St Nicholas (BCP &) (C/W Order 1)	S Lopham St Andrew (BCP &) (C/W Order 2)	Roydon St Remigius (C/W 1 & 2)
Sun 3rd Oct Trinity 18	No Service	6.30pm Family Harvest Festival	9.30am 11am HC FS	4pm Pet Service	8am 10am HC Fam. Harvest Service
Sun 10th Oct Trinity 19	9.30am HC	4pm Pet Service	11am 6.30pm Pet MPW Service	No Service	8am 10am HC HC
Sun 17th Oct Trinity 20	6.30pm Festival Service (Chapel)	No Service	11am Festival Thought for The Day	10.30 am Festival Thought for The Day	8am 10am HC MP
Sun 24th Oct Bible Sunday	10.30am Utd FS (Church)	9.30am HC	11am FHC	6.30pm ES	8am 10am HC HC
Sun 31st Oct All Saints' Sunday	No Service	No Service	10am Group Communion	No Service	8am HC 6pm Family Service
Sun 7th Nov 3rd Before Advent	No Service	6.30pm ES H&R	9.30am 11am HC FS	No Service	8am 10am HC FS
Sun 14th Nov Remembrance Sunday	11.55am Remembrance War Memorial	3pm Remembrance Service	11am 6.30pm RBL ES	No Service	8am 10am HC Rem. Service
Sun 21st Nov Christ The King	6.30pm MPW	No Service	11am FS	9.30am HC	8am 10am HC MP
Sun 28th Nov Advent Sunday	10.30am Utd FS (Chapel)	9.30am HC	11am FHC	6.30pm ES	8am 10am HC HC

MP Morning Prayers | FS Family Service | HC Holy Communion | FHC Family Comunion | ES Evensong | EP Evening Prayer with hymns | H&R Service of Healing & Reconciliation | MPW Non-Denominational All Age Music Praise & Worship

Morning Prayer: Monday & Tuesday 8.30am N. Lopham; Wednesday 8.30am Roydon; Thursday 8.30am S. Lopham; Friday 8.30am Bressingham.

Monthly Quiet Service: the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm as advertised.

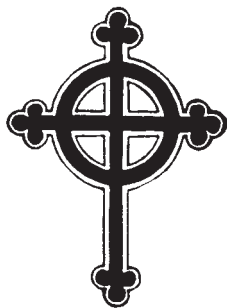
Wednesday Communions: 9.30am every Wednesday in Roydon Church.

Thursday Communions: 10am in homes around the Group please see local notices or contact Robert 01379 688267 for locations. If you would like to host one of these Communions please let Robert know.

Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday afternoons at 1.30pm contact Rob (688267) for location.

Roydon Afternoon Guild meets at 2pm in Roydon Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month

Holy Bingo 2pm the Lophams' Village Hall first Monday of the month.



A Funny Thing Happened...

Q: Who are the most decent people in the hospital?

A: The ultrasound people. I saw that show, 50 Things To Do Before You Die. I would have thought the obvious one was 'Shout For Help'. Walking down Princes Street, soaking up the atmosphere, I saw a big sign that said: 'Bus tours, ten quid.' So I thought I'd give it a try... what a rip off. Ten quid to have a look round a bus! Ask people about God nowadays and they usually reply, 'I'm not religious, but deep down, I'm a very spiritual person.' What this phrase really means is: 'I'm afraid of dying, but I can't be bothered going to church.' Some of the funniest jokes from this year's Edinburgh Festival but the winner was; 'I've just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I'll tell you what, never again.'

A bit of a cheap introduction but there is nothing nasty about our Benefice Festival this year and you can find all the detail in Alan Brigg's article.

My article has to be short this issue but I can think of no better thing to say than one of the best known verses in the Bible, known as part of the comfortable words: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3: 16.

Every blessing Rob, the Rector

Halloween Party

We will be having our Family Halloween party at 4-6pm on Sunday 31st October in the Parish Room at Roydon (Roydon Church). There will be fun, games, refreshments and activities for all the family whilst learning the true story of Halloween. Come along dressed up if you can (favourite monster, ghoul or superhero). This will be followed at by a short Family Service of Light in the church (not compulsory).



Pet & Animal Services

There will be three Pet and Animal Services in the Upper Waveney Benefice in October:

- 4pm on Sunday 3rd October at South Lopham
- 11am on Sunday 10th October at N. Lopham
- 4pm on Sunday 10th October at Fersfield.

Bring your pet(s) or farm animals along to receive God's blessing in these short family services.



BRESSINGHAM NEWS

Church News

I am very pleased to say that my plea for help in cutting the churchyard has been answered by Geoff Harvey and we are all very grateful. Hopefully, weather permitting we will be able to continue to cut this area well into the autumn. We have also been told by the probation service that we will have another visit from the Pay Back people to tidy the rest of the churchyard and the burial ground before the winter.

The Gift Day appeal also bore fruit with a further £150 being donated making a final figure of £735. Thank you again to everyone who contributed.

Now for the bad news! No one came forward to help clean the church so the three 'teams' will now only clean every three weeks instead of two. The churchwardens will continue to see to the brass. It's still not too late to offer help and if you think you can please contact me on 01379 688291. *Diana*

Parish Council

Norfolk County Councillor Mr Spratt attended the September meeting of the Parish Council. He reported that it was necessary to cut the Highways budget by 40% but said that the Council had enough money reserved for winter maintenance.

Allotment holders had agreed that mains water was not necessary. Councillors decided on terms for a new tenant but it was emphasised that there are many allotments still available for renting.

When considering the budget for 2011/12 it was agreed there should be no increase in the precept. There would however be maintenance expenses to be met on the allotments.

Following a request for funding from the newly formed Parent and Toddler Group, it was agreed that the Council should pay the rent for the hire of the Hall for the first year. The group meets weekly and at present up to 12 children attend.



Fish & Chip Quiz

7.30pm
Friday 12th November
Bressingham Village Hall

Teams of up to 4
Tickets from Village Shop
£7.50 each

In aid of Bressingham Church funds

Regarding the possible sale of the Fuel Allotments Land, the report by Mrs Handy was discussed and Councillors agreed that a long lease would be preferable to selling. The legal implications must be looked into and it will then be the responsibility of the Trustees of the Charity.

Jean Harvey

Bressingham & District Ladies Club

After an enjoyable summer which included an entertaining walk round Diss with Basil Abbot and a wonderful sunny evening in the Dell Garden with Jamie Blake, we are publishing our autumn programme.

September 20th, Images of Norfolk by David Boulton; October 18th, coffee and cakes evening; November 15th, Waterways of Venice with Francis Hart; December 20th, Merry Christmas with Barbara Faulkner.

We meet at 7.45 at Bressingham Village Hall. Refreshments are provided. Come and join us for an informal and friendly evening. Visitors £2. For more information call Sue on 01379 687541

FERSFIELD NEWS

July Coffee Morning

Organised by Dorothy and Maureen; this was held in a crowded Church as the weather just wasn't good enough to sit outside. We had a wonderful turnout from the village plus loyal supporters from the other parishes. Thanks to your generosity, this event raised a very impressive sum of £333 for Church funds. Thank you all.

Songs of Praise

This special service was held at the end of August as a thanksgiving for all the work which has gone into repairing the Church roof and making it watertight once more. We sang nine well loved traditional hymns, interspersed with readings and thoughts around the theme of thanksgiving for the special place in which 'the church' meets.

Family Day

Our thanks go to Jan and Richard Hewitt for organising a wonderful barbeque for our Family Day at the beginning of September. Although we were not exactly fighting our way through the crowds, the event raised £220 for Church funds. Thank you very much to everyone who supported us, either on the day or through donations.

Harvest Festival

Sunday 3rd October at 6.30 pm; please come and join in a very informal Harvest Thanksgiving service – with lots of well-known hymns for you to sing. If you would like to bring along any produce, please do so - it would be gratefully received.



Benefice Festival

16th and 17th October; pages 2-3 in this edition is a detailed description of the activities planned for the weekend but I would like to draw your attention to the fact that we are being entrusted with Bressingham's and our parish records from the Archives for display in the Church on both Saturday (10-5) and Sunday (11-4). We have to guarantee that the Church will be manned throughout so I would be very grateful if you would perhaps be kind enough to volunteer for an hour or so – thank you. There will also be our usual array of cakes and cookies on sale so please come and visit us on one of the days.

Barn Dance

27th November; Brenda Canfer is organising a Barn Dance with the wonderful Deneside Ramblers, who played for us last year; it will be held in the Lophams' Village Hall. There will be food, bring your own alcohol. Look out for posters for full details.

Jan Sumpter

BRESSINGHAM & FERSFIELD HARVEST SUPPER

7.30pm Saturday
23rd October

The Parish Room,
Roydon Church

Fish & Chip Supper
(or alternatives)

Bring your own
drink and glasses

Tickets £5
available from
Churchwardens
at Bressingham or
Fersfield



LOPHAMS NEWS

Bressingham and St Andrew's Partnership

At the beginning of the new term, our schools warmly welcomed all the new children, the new members of staff, including Mrs Lewis at St Andrew's and Mrs Squirrel who has moved 'sideways' to Bressingham, and Mrs Sue Sweet, our new County Head. Mrs Sweet is already known to several of the teachers and has brought sports teams to both schools in the past, and so already feels 'at home'. We hope all the newcomers will soon feel 'at home' and happy within our partnership.

The first major public event of the term is the Harvest Festival Service in the local church. St Andrew's will hold theirs on Monday 27th September – before this magazine is published – and the Bressingham service will be on Tuesday 5th October. Both services begin at about 9am, and parents and local residents are warmly invited to join the children and staff.

Early in November our children will be sharing in the Remembrance ceremonies held in Bressingham and North Lopham.

The various school clubs and support groups are busy planning their programmes, please, all readers, watch for local notices of events, sports fixtures etc.

Lophams' Ladies

At our August meeting, Sandra Holmes commented on slides of her journey through the 'Old Levant'. This area includes parts of Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Sandra's description of various archaeological sites showed us how this area was influenced throughout the history of civilisation by proximity to trade routes and by invasion.

In September we had a most enjoyable evening when we were not only tempted by Mary Yuill's

delicious homemade sweets but we were given the opportunity to have a go ourselves.

Good weather on the day of our Jumble, Bric-a-Brac and car boot Sale encouraged a good crowd and several car boot stalls. Thanks to all who supported this event; we made £196.

At our next meeting on Tuesday October 5th we have a talk on Poisonous Plants and on November 2nd we have Table Games Past and Present, with Malcolm Crowe. All meetings take place in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are always welcome, phone 01379 687337 or 687679 for details.

Garden Club

Clouds loomed as we headed for Southwold on our August outing. The rain came as we headed back towards the coach but as we left Southwold we also left the rain. We headed for Henstead where a small semi-detached cottage lies in an acre full of exotic planting. Wooded walkways past waterfalls and streams, through bamboos and gunneras led to a viewing pavilion where one could survey the scene. A shaded valley formed from fern covered rocks with bananas and tree ferns overhanging brought you to a gingerbread style summerhouse for tea and cakes. A garden begun about eight years ago has become a haven of tranquillity.

At our September meeting David Boulton, presented, with music, his photographic work entitled 'Gardens Great and Small' – from David's own garden to those of the large stately homes; a wealth of beauty was laid before us.

Our meeting on October 6th is on the subject, 'Hedging', a return visit of Terry Rands.

On November 3rd we welcome Tim Fuller from local nursery 'Plantsmans Preference' who will talk on 'Good Companions'.

Our Christmas Dinner is on December 1st, tickets, at £13, will be on sale from October. We meet in the restaurant area of Blooms Garden Centre on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30pm.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Telephone 01953 681989 for further information.

Holy Bingo

Lophams' (Holy) Bingo sessions continue in the Village Hall, usually on the first Monday of the month, from 2 to 4pm, anyone is welcome to come along for a social afternoon. It is always a very happy affair (not intended for serious bingo players!) so we would love to see YOU there. If transport is a problem, just 'phone 01379 687679.

Lophams' Harvest Supper

(Hog Roast, by popular request, then apple pie etc.) will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th September at 7.30pm prompt. Tickets, still at only £8, will be available from PCC members throughout the month. Do get yours in good time, then come and share a happy social evening.

Lophams' Village Hall

Advance Special News

'Ruby and Her Horses' will be presented on Thursday 28th October, at 7.30pm. The presentation is an amazing slice of East Anglian social history, presented with songs, slides and gentle humour – those who have seen this live show are unanimous in their praise. All who are interested in our heritage are certain of a real treat. The tickets are £6 (£5 for children) and there will be a bar, plus nibbles and soft drinks.



For further details, contact Jennie on 01379 798679, or visit the website.

Bonfire and fireworks

The Annual Bonfire and Firework event is booked for Saturday 6th November. The field gates will be open at the weekends during October for all your autumn prunings and burnable contributions. Please note, that we can only accept material that meets the environmental guidelines – no plastic, paint, oil etc.

On the day, admission will be £6 per adult and £2 for schoolchildren – a small price to pay for a great experience, with soup, pork rolls, hot drinks and fun novelties on sale. The fireworks are planned to start

at 7.30pm. The competition for children is a Guy Fawkes – picture or model; entries can be brought to the hall at 6pm.

The Lottery

Our opportunity to support the Village Hall and have a bit of fun too, continues, with the draw at 11.30am on Market mornings. New members, and any who need to renew are urged to get in touch: Copies of the full rules and entry forms are available from promoter, Eileen, 01379 687608, from Village Hall Treasurer, Tim Colyer, 01379 687718, from other Village Hall Committee members (see the website for details), or at the Farmers' Market and at Village Hall Events. Recent winners were

July: first B Cartwright (£154), second F Calton and P Carter (both £38.50)

August: first D Colyer (£156); second G Brown and N Holdsworth (both £39.00)

Farmers' Markets

Continue on the 4th Saturday each month, on 23rd October and 27th November, from 9am till 12.30pm. For details, call Mike on 01379 687235;



Judo

Mondays & Wednesdays: details from Howard on 01379 688258

Dog Training

Most Tuesday evenings, our trainer Elaine (07845 776110) will provide information.

Bookings

To book for private functions, please ring 01379 687679; to find out more about the hall generally, visit the web-site at www.lophamsvillagehall.co.uk

NORTH LOPHAM NEWS

St Nicholas' Church

The Holiday Club

Go MAD (Go, Make a Difference) was held each afternoon from 2nd to 6th August in the Mess with a follow up celebration in church on the Sunday. Up to 23 youngsters gathered to play games, make craft items, make a noise and Have Fun. Highlights were the Water fun afternoon and the Music session with Howard and Judi, with a chance to play on a real drum kit and electric guitar. Huge thanks go to Kirsty and Katie, to the adult helpers and especially to Revd Rob & Jan, for all their hard work.

Playing for Pakistan

A very appreciative audience enjoyed two hours of wonderful music at the end of the Sponsored Cycle Ride day. Seven fairly local, young artistes performed a delightful mix of classical music and songs. Apart from solos by Lucy F (harp) and Lucy B (flute), Ryan Lewis accompanied all the items and played solos of his own, two by Beethoven, the third a modern piece dedicated to the memory of the casualties of Chernobyl. Two extra friends joined the group for the final song, Fields of Gold, appropriate for a pleasant evening at the end of the corn harvest!

The proceeds of the raffle, plus donations and ticket money, produced well over £350 for the DEC Flood Relief Appeal. We extend grateful thanks to Alice Baillie for the initiative and to all the performers and supporters for such a good result.

Upper Waveney Benefice Festival

16–17th October; full details are listed separately. St Nicholas' Church will house significant heritage displays – of the Lopham Linen industry, with labelled examples, and original artefacts, and of a large collection of coins unearthed round the village, some from roman times and quite valuable. We plan to have experts on hand to answer questions. Refreshments will be available each day, plus an extensive stall with cakes and preserves.

November brings Remembrance once again. The annual ceremony at the War memorial will be held at 11am on 11th, with representatives of the RBL, local veterans, and residents joined by the oldest pupils from St Andrew's School.

The local branch of the RBL Remembrance Service takes place in church on Sunday, 14th, with the 11am silence.



Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal, with thoughts already moving towards December, now is a good time to begin filling a shoebox with little gifts for a child in Eastern Europe or beyond who otherwise would receive no Christmas present. Stationery items, notebooks, toiletries, woolly hats & mitts, small soft toys, balls and little games can all be packed to make a treasure box of delights. For extra information, contact 01379 687679. The boxes must reach St Nicholas' Church by mid November, to ensure shipment.

Many thanks to all who wish to help!

Parish Council

SNAP meeting on 26th August; North Lopham is less prioritised but will still have random speed checks. So far 37 verbal warnings and 17 fixed penalties have been issued. It was re-emphasised that any near misses, exceptional speeding, careless driving etc, should be reported – the number to ring is 0845 456 4567. The Community Speedwatch programme has been deferred.

The hunt for a site for a children's play area continues, it was agreed to ask about the land behind the Methodist Chapel for a play area or allotments.

Norfolk CC and Barhale are to be pursued about pothole repairs.

A proposal for a meeting with Crown Milling management to discuss noise reduction from early morning, lorries was declined by them.

Gareth Walters is offering free help with Internet access to villagers who are having difficulty or would like to learn, telephone 688058.

Aeration/filtration for the village pond; the advice is that silting would be too great a problem. A pond clean up is proposed for the latter end of October, volunteers will be needed, please look out for signs.

Proposed Biomass Electricity Generation Plant at Kenninghall; NLPC has not been consulted. The Council agreed to make a representation before the Sept. 17th deadline. The Breckland planning application number is 3PL/2010/0656/F; their website address is www.breckland.gov.uk.

Dog fouling is still a problem in Tanns Lane, Jubilee Lane and Primrose Lane. Dog owners, please clear it up.

Apple Day

at the Banham Barrel
11am–4pm Sunday 10th October

Lots of things to do including
Apple Identification
Apple Sale • Games
Cider and Juice Tasting

Bring your own Apples to press
(bring your own container if possible)

Free Admission



For enquires please contact
Lucy Whittle on 01953 888176
or Peter Kay on 01953 888320

Organised by Kenninghall Lands Trust



Redgrave and Lopham Fen



Saturday 9th October 10.30am–12.30pm
Wildlife Watch group A club for 6–12 yr olds. £1.50. Contact: 01379 644508

Sunday 10th October 10am–4pm
Apple Day *see below*
Contact: SWT 01379 688333

Monday 11th October, 10am–1pm
Art classes for beginners Explore different techniques in paint and pencil to help with observation with Kate Nockles
£7.50 Booking essential
Contact: SWT 01473 892430

Wednesday 20th October, 10am–1pm
Botanical Illustration Covering a range of illustration techniques with an emphasis on botanical accuracy, with Christine Grey-Wilson. £14 (£50 for 4) Booking essential
Contact: SWT 01473 892430

Wednesday 20th October, 2pm–4pm
New Volunteers Afternoon Come along to find out how you can help, have a chat and a cuppa. Just turn up!
Contact: SWT 01379 688333

Tuesday 26th October, 10.30am–12.30pm
Awesome Autumn Activity day for 6–10 year olds with crafts and outdoor activities
£6/child (family rate £10 for 2 children)
Booking essential
Contact: SWT 01379 688333

Wednesday 27th October, 5pm–7pm
Bats and Lanterns Family evening with crafts and outdoor activities
£4/child (family rate £7 for 2 children)
Booking essential
Contact: SWT 01379 688333



Sat/Sunday 30/31st October 10am–4pm
Art exhibition Work by Michael Coulter, Sheila Tilmouth, Carry Ackroyd, Brin Edwards, and Robert Gilmor to celebrate Suffolk's first ever 100% charity card range
Free. Contact: 01379 688333

Apple Day – mystery solved!

Do you have a mystery fruit? Got an apple, pear, plum, quince or even nut that you would like identified? Then bring it along for identification by a local expert at the

Apple Day and Autumn Plant Sale on
Sunday 10th October from 10am–4pm.

A great day out for all the family with apples, plants & fruit trees, produce, apple tasting, apple bobbing, longest peel, games and crafts. Plus walks, café and gift shop.

Entrance: adults £3, children £2, contact 01379 688333



Church News

A service was held on Tuesday 31st August in memory of the late Catherine Twiddle, when we welcomed her family to celebrate her life and work in the village as Headmistress of St Andrew's School and Secretary to the PCC.

We were delighted to welcome the Reverend Capt Michael Reeder CA, to St Andrew's who gave a heart-warming and uplifting service on the 15th August.

An excellent Sunday luncheon, provided by Cynthia Huggins was held for Mr & Mrs Alan Howard on behalf of the PCC and friends of St Andrew's, in recognition of their overseeing of the restoration of the Nave roof.

At our recent Coffee Morning, a total of £268.49 was raised for Church funds. Thank you to all who came and supported this event. We will be holding a Coffee Morning on St Andrew's Day Tuesday 30th November, 10am to 12 noon, there will be a cake stall, bring and buy, bric-a-brac and Christmas items.

Friends of South Lopham Church

The Friends of South Lopham church held their AGM on the 26th July and were pleased to see some additional faces. As previously reported, without some new committee members to replace those who have stood down, the 'Friends' will find it difficult to continue. Unfortunately, although all present said they were very happy to help, nobody would stand. The outcome of this is that the Trustees are to remain in place until the money raised is used to repair the East Window but no further fundraising will take place by the 'Friends' this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of the 'Friends' for all your support over the years; well over £43,000 has been raised which will hopefully pay for the East window. We have also been able to help the PCC occasionally to cover bills. Thanks to you all. *Kath Hatton*

Lophams' Ramblers

The Ramblers group started seven years ago and we are still going strong, although there are few of us who have been in the group from the beginning. We continue to walk around the local villages and if you would like information about joining us please contact Jackie Brown on 01379 687260.



South Lopham Society

The Society is holding another Quiz Night on the evening of Friday, 12th November in the Lophams' Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets at £6 per head are available from Granville Horan on 01379 640355 or Paddy Miller on 01379 687490 or on the door. Included in the price is a hot supper and there will be a licensed bar. There will be teams of 6 contestants, but if you cannot make up a table, the committee will be able to fit you in somewhere.

The barbecue on 21st August organised by the Village Society turned out to be a very lively evening. Over 60 people attended and enjoyed listening to and dancing to the Caverners who entertained everyone with lots of well loved 60s and 70s songs.

Parish Council

Vacancy for Clerk

After five years valuable service, Lyn Llewellyn is retiring as Clerk at the end of this calendar year. Applications are invited for the post which carries a modest remuneration. Anyone interested, who need not be a resident of South Lopham, should contact The Chairman, Robert McCaw, on 01379 687776 or email at robmad@btinternet.com

Matters arising

The following points arose out of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th September:

1. The telephone kiosk at the junction of Primrose Lane and Church Road has now been acquired by the Parish Council which is considering various ideas for its use. Suggestions welcome: phone 01379 687776 or email robmad@btinternet.com.

2. A working party is being organised to plant bulbs at various places around the village. Volunteers to assist would be most welcome. We are meeting in the White Horse car park on Saturday, 9th October at 10am.



3. It was noted that at various points in the village the hedges and/or verges are over-grown. It would be much appreciated if the owners of the adjacent properties would tidy up these areas.

4. The Council received a report on the progress of the proposal to delete the settlement boundary in the village. This means that only a very limited category of developments is permitted. This is likely to inhibit new building which might house young families, possibly to the detriment of the future of St Andrew's School in North Lopham. Although the formal consultation period has ended, the whole planning process will grind on for a year or so before anything is approved. Therefore, it is probably worthwhile for further objections to be sent to the planning department of Breckland Council.

5. The Council thanked its colleagues on North Lopham Parish Council for their efforts with SNAP to ease traffic problems. Residents are urged to report any near misses, exceptional speeding, careless driving etc, the number to ring is 0845 4564567.

From the Registers

Winfarthing Group

FUNERAL

Arthur Stockdale of Winfarthing 29th July

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Pearl Stebbings of Burston 29th July

Winfarthing

Gladys Barham 12th August Winfarthing

BAPTISM

Benjamin and Holly Wills of the Isle of Man 15th August Gissing

Bressingham Group

HOLY BAPTISM

Kennedy Lister 5th July North Lopham

Luke Watson 22nd August Roydon

Lewis Watson 22nd August Roydon

Sonny Chaplin 29th August Roydon

Hollie Gissing 12th September Roydon

HOLY MATRIMONY

Terry Berton to Jane Kitchen 14th August Roydon

Shaun Brame to Katie Neeve 28th August Roydon

FUNERAL

Derek Hollis 6th September West Suffolk Crematorium

