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Above: the River Blyth at Walberswick

Left: the River Blyth near Wenhaston

RIVERS have been incredibly powerful symbols throughout human history. They can symbolise the journey through life. They can mark boundaries which sometimes can safely be crossed and sometimes not. Sometimes we give them human characteristics, like "Old Father Thames". Sometimes we dream.

Here is our own River Blyth. "Blyth" or "blithe" means *happy* or *carefree*. We do hope there can be an element of these in our Blyth Valley communities!



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Team Calendar - July/August/September**July**

Sat 28 14:00 Wissett Horticultural Show
 Sun 29 12:30 Linstead Patronal Festival

August

Sat 4 11:00 "Inspired by Becker", Wenhaston
 Sat 4 14:30 Linstead Village Fête
 Sat 4 18:00 Wissett Village Barbecue
 Sat 11 10:00 Mothers' Union Cake Stall, Halesworth
 Sat 11 15:30 Teas for Trees, Holton
 Sat 11 Italian Evening, The Hub, Huntingfield
 Sun 12 14:00 Wenhaston Village Show
 Sat 18 12:30 Spexhall Bollywood Lunch
 Tue 21 14:00 Halesworth WI Summer Tea Party

September

Sat 1/Sun 2 10:00 Spexhall Flower Festival
 Sun 2 19:00 Spexhall Summer Evening Concert
 Fri 7 12:00 Pop in Parlour, Holton
 Sat 8 09:00 Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride
 Sun 9 11:00 Rosedale "Walk of Remembrance"
 Wed 12 12:30 Lunchtime Recital, St Mary's
 Tue 18 Halesworth WI
 Fri 21 Evening of indoor games, Spexhall
 Sun 23 11:15 Harvest Service, St Mary's. Lunch
 Sat 29/30 St James Book Sale
 Sun 30 11:15 Harvest Service, Spexhall, followed by
 bring & share Village Harvest lunch

Team Worship - Better Together**Sunday 29th July****10:30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston****Sunday 5th August****09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth****Sunday 12th August****18:30 Team Evensong at Blyford****Sunday 2nd September****09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth****Blyth Valley Times Pages**

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Weekday Services & Related Events**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

10:00 Eucharist at Halesworth then
 10:30 Church Café in Church for all - including
 those just passing!
 10:30 Foodbank
 10:45 Church Mice for parents & pre-school
 children - all-age outside term-time ALL WELCOME

FIRST WEDNESDAY ONLY

10:30 WELLBEING DROP-IN, St Mary's Halesworth
 (An initial stopping off point for those feeling low)

EVERY THURSDAY except 1st

09:00 Morning Prayer at Bramfield

FIRST THURSDAY ONLY

09:00 Eucharist at Bramfield

EVERY FRIDAY

09:00 Morning Prayer at St Peter's, Holton
 09:30 Eucharist at St Peter's, Holton
 on major Saints' and Holy Days only

All our weekday services are Team services, and everyone across the Team and beyond is most welcome to attend. This goes for Sundays too.

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Sunday Worship in the Blyth Valley in August

Year B TRACK 2	Date: 5th August Sunday: Proper 13 TEAM service COLOUR: Green	Date: 12th August Sunday: Proper 14 COLOUR: Green	Date: 19th August Sunday: Proper 15 COLOUR: Green	Date: 26th August Sunday: Proper 16 COLOUR: Green	Date: 2nd September Sunday: Proper 17 TEAM service COLOUR: Green
BLYFORD ALL SAINTS	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	18.30 Team Evensong at Blyford Jane	9.30 to Wenhaston	9.30 Eucharist (by ext) Jane	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
BRAMFIELD ST ANDREW	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	11.15 Eucharist CW David 18.30 to Team Evensong at Blyford	11.15 Morning Worship Jane	11.15 Morning Prayer (BCP) Robert	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
CHEDISTON ST MARY	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	9.30 Morning Worship Veronica 18.30 to Team Evensong at Blyford	9.30 To Eucharist at Linstead	9.30 Morning Worship with Linstead Win	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
HALESWORTH ST MARY	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth C Edward, P David, D Morgan	8.00 Eucharist (BCP) David 10.00 Late Breakfast Church Morgan 18.30 to Team Evensong at Blyford	9.30 Parish Eucharist Edward	8.00 Eucharist (BCP) Edward 9.30 Parish Eucharist Edward	8.00 Eucharist David 9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth C Edward, P Vic, D Diana
HOLTON ST PETER	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	11.15 Parish Eucharist Edward plus Baptism 18.30 Team Evensong at Blyford	11.15 Iona Morning Worship, with Baptism Edward	11.15 Parish Eucharist Andrew Vessey	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
LINSTEAD ST MARGARET	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	9.30 Morning Prayer (BCP) Jane 18.30 Team Evensong at Blyford	9.30 Eucharist with Chediston David	9.30 To Morning Worship at Chediston	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
SPEXHALL ST PETER	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	11.15 Lammas service Jane 18.30 to Team Evensong at Blyford	11.15 to Iona Morning Worship Holton 13.30 Baptism , Jane	11.15 Eucharist David	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
THORINGTON ST PETER	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	Worship as announced - Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Patronal - otherwise choose another service in the Team			9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
WENHASTON ST PETER	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	9.30 Morning Worship Diana 18.30 to Team Evensong at Blyford	9.30 Parish Eucharist Vic	11.15 Pause for Thought with coffee and refreshments Jane	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
WISSETT ST ANDREW	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	9.30 Parish Eucharist Malcolm W 18.30 to Team Evensong at Blyford	9.30 Morning Worship Jane	9.30 Breakfast Church with Baptism, Vic	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
HEVENINGHAM ST MARGARET	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	services available across the team	services available across the team	9.30 Eucharist (BCP) Andrew Vessey	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
HUNTINGFIELD ST MARY	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	9.30 Eucharist (BCP) Edward 18.30 to Team Evensong at Blyford	services available across the team	services available across the team	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
HIGHFIELD				11.15 Eucharist	

Halesworth Methodist Church

All Sunday Services start at 10:30am

(unless otherwise noted)

July:

29th Mr I Prettyman

August:

5th The Revd C Sutcliffe
12th The Revd B Barclay (HC)
19th The Revd V Burgess
26th The Revd E Bossé
(3pm Tea Service)

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Wenhaston Methodist Church

Minister: The Revd Louise Morrissey

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am

5 Iris Baker
6.30pm Songs of Praise for
Action for Children -
The Revd Pam Bayliss
12 To Halesworth Methodists
The Revd Bev Barclay HC
19 The Revd Clive Sutcliffe
26 Sue Groome

NO MIDWEEK MEETING THIS MONTH

ALL WELCOME AT ANY SERVICE

United Reformed Church Halesworth and Bramfield

Minister: The Revd Jon Sermon

AUGUST 2018

5 th	11.00am	Morning Communion ~ Minister Jon
	6.30pm	Evening Service ~ tba
12 th	11.00am	Morning Service ~ Mr Bob Dyson
	3.00pm	BRAMFIELD ~ Mr Paul Potts
	6.30pm	NO EVENING SERVICE
19 th	11.00am	Morning Service ~ Children's Celebration Service
		Led by URC Jo Moreira (Family & Youth Worker)
	6.30pm	Evening Communion ~ The Revd Don Nichols
26 th	11.00am	Morning Service ~ Mr Daniel Hull
		Leprosy Mission
		Followed by Tea/Coffee
	5.00pm	Shared TEA and Short Informal Evening Service ~ Alan & Lorraine Smedley

**St Edmund King & Martyr
Roman Catholic Church,
Halesworth
Sunday Mass at 9am
Mass on Fridays at 10am**

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Getting it right – Worship across the Blyth Valley Team

We have been talking about worship rather a lot recently. The Staff Team, Team Council, the Wider Ministry Team, and PCC's are all considering how on earth we manage to get the right balance of worship arrangements across our ten churches, and include, joyfully and with pleasure, our two churches "in alliance" Heveningham and Huntingfield, in the arrangements as well.

To be fair, one of the drivers for all these conversations is the fact that we are very tight on "staff" for Eucharistic worship. With Jan off sick and Edward not so well at times the last few months have been a struggle. There is light on the horizon. Jan is improving and hopes to be back at work in the near future, and Jane has joined the Team but the hard fact remains that without our lovely hard-working volunteers in the form of our retired clergy and readers, and without the willingness of our lay elders to lead worship we would have been really struggling. In putting our rotas together I have shamefully overworked David, Vic and Malcolm and relied heavily on Andrew from our neighbouring Deanery. We all know we cannot keep doing that and so we need to take a long hard look at our worship patterns and see how we can best meet our desire to give everyone the opportunity to worship fully and faithfully within the team.

Worship is at the core of our faith. The Church of England is blessed with some beautiful liturgy (orders of service) and permission to use a wide range of different forms of worship as well. The Eucharist (or Holy Communion) is the central most important form of service, but morning and evening worship (Book of Common Prayer/BCP style and Common Worship style) are also authorised forms of worship that should be regularly provided. And we already provide other forms of worship – the Iona Service at Holton, Breakfast Church at St Mary's Halesworth and Wissett, Pause for Thought at Wenhaston – as well.

We have already, reluctantly, had to reduce the number of Eucharists we can provide to the smaller village churches, and at 8.00am at St Mary's Halesworth. As of August we will be providing two 8.00am BCP services a month rather than four, which allows us to add two Eucharists a month elsewhere. We know that this leaves a few folk feeling let down and we are really sorry about that, but in the interests of equity it allows us to meet more than a few people's need

for a local Eucharist at their local church once every other month. Thank you to the Halesworth PCC and our loyal 8.00am congregation there for being so understanding. Thank you also to Blyford for agreeing to a Eucharist once every two months, and Chediston and Linstead for being so willing to travel to alternate Eucharistic services monthly and to Thorington for being sensible about holding services on high days and holidays. We are also clearly marking services as BCP when we are using the Book of Common Prayer form of Service in the monthly rota. Every PCC is willing to give lifts to folk who may want to attend a BCP service but cannot get to the one being provided that Sunday.

We also have a fabulous Team Choir, and a great Choir leader as well as three organists; but to add insult to injury, they too cannot be everywhere at once, so music in worship varies too.

Ideally we would want to meet everyone's wishes all of the time. Sadly, we can't. We can manage a "mixed diet", but are not quite sure what the best mix would look like. Do we have too many BCP services or too few? Do we provide enough Eucharistic services or not? Are our morning worship services too formal or too informal? Is Team Evensong something we only provide in the summer months? Should we think about Café Church, Messy Church, Pub Church, Saturday morning church? Should we arrange a formal transport service each Sunday to ensure folk can travel to the service that may best meet their own spiritual needs? Should we provide more contemplative forms of worship (a silent contemplative service, or a Taizé style every so often?).

We are really interested in everyone's views. Please do let us know what you think we should do to ensure we continue to provide a range of services across the 12 churches and why/how/when. Tell us your preferences, and suggest changes you think would make sense? Tell us what you think about the current pattern of worship, and what you think works best? Suggest new forms of worship you might like to attend? Please write to me, (Oak Cottage, The Street, Rumburgh IP19 0JX) email me (jane@janeheld.co.uk) or phone me (01986 781760) with your views. We will be looking at our worship patterns with a view to refreshing them from October, so your views are important.

Jane

Thank you all so much!

I just want to take the opportunity to thank everyone so very much for all the cards, gifts, and most importantly prayers, during my ordination. I felt warmly wrapped up in all your love and support throughout.

According to the ordinal (the requirements for ordination) Deacons are called to (and I paraphrase) "*proclaim the gospel; serve the community; work with their fellows; share in the pastoral ministry; lead worship; study the scripture*".

I am so honoured to be able to serve you as your deacon and curate, and to be a continuing part of the life of the Blyth Valley Team Ministry. I will do my very best to match up to the expectations set for me.

Jane

Holy Days, Holidays

It's the holiday season for many, and I am firmly of the belief that the Church should be on 'slow-running' in August - and not just the Church, although those involved in tourism are unlikely to be able to rest at this time of year. We human beings need space in our lives: space to be still, space for quiet reflection, space for restoration and healing. For much of Christian history (*our* British and European history) Saints' days and Holy Days allowed us that kind of space. And Sunday was a day of rest.

However, some in their nineties will tell of horrendous Sundays when everything was forbidden except the solemn trudge to church and Sunday school. For young people, that must have been not rest but torture, and one of the reasons why church attendance began to drop after 1945.

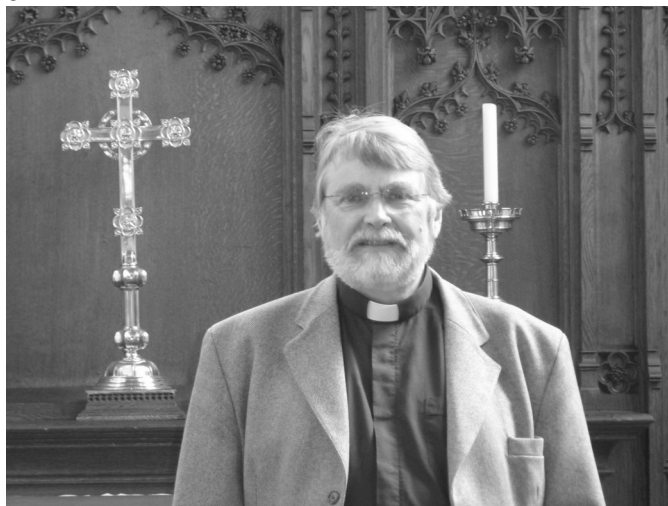
Now here below is one of the most awful quotes I have ever read. It's by Jacobus Koelman (1632-1695) one of the most strident leaders of the second wave of the Dutch Reformation:

"Do not allow your children to celebrate the days on which unbelief and superstition are being catered to. They are admittedly inclined to want this because they see that the children of Roman Catholic parents observe those days. Do not let them attend carnivals, observe Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras), see Santa Claus, or observe Twelfth Night, because they are all remnants of an idolatrous papacy. You must not keep your children out of school or from work on those days nor let them play outside or join in the amusement. The Lord has said, "After the doings of the land of Egypt, where you lived, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, where I bring you, you shall not do: neither shall you walk in their ordinances" (Lev. 18:3). The Lord will punish the Reformed on account of the days of Baal (Hosea 2:12-13), and he also observes what the children do on the occasion of such idolatry (Jer. 17:18). Therefore, do not let your children receive presents on Santa Claus day, nor let them draw tickets in a raffle and such things. Pick other days on which to give them the things that amuse them, and because the days of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost have the same character, Reformed people must keep their children away from these so-called holy days and feast days."

Well. That solves the Christmas present problem for this year.

There are (usually American based) heretical sects that claim to be Christian but aren't who promulgate the same rubbish today.

Holy Day - and holidays - are important, as is fun



and laughter, joy and delight, and so on. Such things, when they are seemly and everyone's spirits are lifted up, are godly. Jesus enjoyed parties, and many of his stories describe the kingdom of heaven as a wedding feast. I'm sure there was a lot of laughter in Jesus that some early Christians filtered out of the Gospels.

The default position for Christians should be celebration - starting with the Sunday Eucharist (led by erudite and witty clergy? No, scratch that. But we try). And I'm grateful for organisations (and there are several) that make a point of not starting their activities until *after* church.

So many people have to work so hard that restorative holidays are essential both to them and to their relationships. (And it's utterly immoral for travel companies to bump up prices in school holidays). Several decades ago, some experts predicted a time when leisure overtook work. It hasn't happened, but both work and play should be valuable and fulfilling.

Last point. I know a lot of people - and indeed poorer people - struggle, or are totally unable, to go away for a holiday. I've wondered for years if the Church shouldn't be booking an hotel in Brighton and a special train to get there, with volunteers to look after those who need it.

Let's make the most of down-time on whatever day, and of holidays. That increases our well-being and puts us in better relationship with God and humankind.

Edward.

Heard about but not yet seen!!! – the curious case of the not quite yet vanishing pews

I know that everyone was expecting the pews to disappear from St Mary's at the beginning of this year ... a visible sign of the start of our regeneration process. But there they still are ... hard and uncomfortable as they are. So what is happening? Anything at all?

Well to be very honest, not terribly much has happened for a while. Illness and over busy commitments elsewhere having overtaken everything. And to be even more honest, we lost a bit of oomph because of the setbacks and hiccups caused by our not being successful in being given the grants we applied for because St Mary's Halesworth is not "quite historical enough or falling down enough" (that is not quite how we were informed but that is the gist of it ... in the huge long list of applications priority is given each time to very, very historic or very damaged churches).

We do now have the faculty (planning permission) from the Diocese to remove the pews and replace them with lovely wooden chairs and make good and level off the floor. So why have we not done it? The quote is in, and we have a wonderful supportive builder ready to remove them. Well, three reasons: a. we have not reconvened as a regeneration steering group; b. we have also had the quote for replacing

the electricity and its not that cheap! and c. we really need to do the electricity BEFORE we do the pews so we do not have to lift a new floor.

So it's time to give ourselves a kick and get sorted out. We are reconvening the Regeneration Steering Group and meeting in September. We have two great new volunteers (someone who understands money and someone who understands building) from the wider community to join us, and are asking some other possible volunteers with the skills we need to also join us. The newly reconvened group will also include Jane, Jan (on her return from sick leave), a representative of the Friends, and one from St Mary's PCC/Mothers Union (Win) as well as Emma with her fundraising skills. Hopefully you will see some action soon as a result – if we can find the money for the electricity first! I will try and keep everyone informed about progress ... slow though it may still be. If anyone else with skills in fundraising, building or planning, project management, voluntary sector collaboration, history, architecture or building-associated trades etc. is interested in joining the Regeneration Steering Group please contact Jane on 01986 781760.

Jane Held



Dedicated Pat smashes through Fundraising target



A dedicated grandmother has raised £1722 for the charity which cared for her husband before his death by walking 120 miles in just eight days.

Pat Rennie, who lives in Holton, trekked the Suffolk Coastal Path from Lowestoft to Felixstowe, and the Sandlings Walk from Ipswich to Southwold, in memory of Bud, her husband of 54 years who passed away last year.

As well as honouring Bud's memory, Pat took on the colossal challenge to raise money for Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund (HCNCF), which provided vital support to allow him to remain at home in the last few weeks of his life. She has smashed through her original target of £500.

Pat began the trek on 19 June and covered between 11 and 21 miles each day, reaching Southwold, her final stop, on Tues 26 June. To make the achievement even greater, she took on the challenge just days after celebrating her 75th birthday.

"It was an amazing walk with old friends, new ones and family, and they all had that special 'something' that made it so delightful," said Pat. "It will stay with me forever. Once I got going it was amazing and I thoroughly enjoyed almost all of it, but on a couple of days the heat was relentless by which time I had also picked up a couple of blisters. But the legs held out, and I finished in good time."

"Bud was with me every step of the way encouraging me on, as he used to when we did any lengthy and difficult terrains, and he is still very much with me today."

"I gained so much from the trek and would like to thank everyone who walked with me, helped with transport, put me up for the night, fed me and sponsored me so generously."

"To me and my family, Bud was our rock. He was truly a lovely and remarkable man and will always be my hero. HCNCF made such a difference to us by providing the specialist equipment and additional nursing support he needed to remain in the comfort of his own home, where he was at his happiest, in the last weeks of his life. I hope that the money I have raised through this walk will mean that other people can also be able to benefit from the same exceptional level of care which helped us so much."



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich

As the sun shines, Mothers' Union invites you to play a special part in our 2018 Summer of Hope Appeal. Halesworth Branch will be holding a **cake stall** in the Thoroughfare on **Saturday 11th August** from 10am-12noon. Inspired by faith, the aim of Mothers' Union is simply to help more families, parents and church groups turn their hopes and prayers into reality. All monies raised will help us in our mission to "make hope blossom this summer". Please support us either by buying a cake or making one for our stall.

You may wonder why we choose to use the word Hope. For many of us, Hope reduces stress, boosts happiness and reduces feelings of anxiety. For others around the world it is about survival, and it

is where our faith in God and desire for change meet.

Mothers' Union nationally aims to raise £125,000 for families around the world. Join in and you will help so many families and communities - Just £7 can train one person in Tanzania to learn more efficient and effective farming techniques, helping them grow crops all year round and work their way out of poverty. £65 raised is enough to train a group of women in Rwanda to set up a savings and credit group and improve their standard of living. If you raise £100 it can fund leadership training for women who can then go into positions of authority and help combat gender based violence directly.

We don't have a monthly meeting in August; rather we are having an outing to Felixstowe on the Thursday 16th, the cost is £8. At the time of writing, we have three seats available if you would like to come with us, please contact Win.

Again next month there will be no monthly meeting in Halesworth as we are going to Wenhasston MU on Wednesday 11th September again, if you would like a lift, please speak to Win, Janet or Gwen.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Win

Tel: 01986 875225

Mothers' Union at iChameleon 26.7.18 – 1.8.18

After a very successful week last November, the Mothers' Union branches in the North Suffolk Area are again hiring the iChameleon pop-up shop in the Thoroughfare in Halesworth from Thursday 26th July to Wednesday 1st August. Each branch will take responsibility for running the shop for a day. We should soon know which two days will be allocated to Halesworth and Wenhasston branches. We hope several members will feel able to help for a morning, or afternoon or just an hour. Please put the dates in your diary.

We hope the iChameleon will be well stocked for the whole week. We are looking for books, CDs DVDs, bric-a-brac, jams, preserves, marmalade, etc. We will be glad of any contributions you have to give us. Please bear us in mind if you are doing any sorting-out or Spring-cleaning.

After expenses the funds raised will go through the Mothers' Union to support families in the UK and Overseas. Having raised about £1,500 last time we are hoping for another successful week. We hope there will be plenty of summer visitors around at the end of July.

Janet Walkey, MU Deanery Leader
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St Mary's, Halesworth Receipts Summary June 2018

Collections	£338.58
Planned Giving	£1524.95
Fees	£424.00
General	£65.83
TOTAL	<u>£2353.36</u>
Church Café	£64.31



News from our Sister Churches



ST EDMUND'S RC CHURCH

August – it's the holiday month, and with the holiday weather we're having at the time of writing, it's when the men don shorts and short sleeves, and the ladies show off their summer dresses. Who's for a swim in the sea? A walk in the woods? A picnic by the stream? Fish and chips on Southwold Pier? The list of summer's delights is endless, and we won't even *think* about winter, but rejoice in our present blessings.

'The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.' (Proverbs, ch. 10, v. 22).

Just looking through the promises in the New Testament (and there are many in the O.T.), there is so much to accept and rejoice over. Take Revelations, ch. 3, v. 20, 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.' Jesus here shows himself as a friend sharing a meal at our table, and we can open our hearts to him now and at any time.

Are we feeling tired and depressed by all the troubles of the world? He knows and understands. 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me... and you shall find rest unto your souls.' (St Matthew, ch. 11, v. 28 and 29). And in Isaiah, ch. 30, v. 15, we find soothing, reassuring words, 'In returning and rest shall ye be saved: in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.'

Such comforting assurances lift up our hearts at all times, and especially for the older ones among us, when we have to face the fact of death, something that must come to us all. It is only the end of our earthly journey, and the beginning of eternity. Ecclesiastes, ch. 12, v. 7, explains it perfectly: 'Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God, who gave it.'

Tennyson wrote a beautiful poem about this final crossing.

'Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me,
And let there be no moaning at the bar when I put
out to sea.

Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark,
And let there be no sadness of farewell when I
embark.

For though from out our bourne of time and place
the flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face when I have
crossed the bar.'

Dear friends, I wish you all a happy summer, with sunshine and cool showers, giving thanks to the Lord, for he is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. (Ps. 145, v. 9).

Margaret Holt

HALESWORTH & BRAMFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCHES

Dear Friends,

Right now we are looking forward to the two weeks of the Scripture Union Southwold Beach Mission. The team are leading our morning service on Sunday 29 July and we'll be running a minibus to take youngsters – and the 'young at heart'.

And far from 'shutting down' over August, we have our Bible based holiday club running Monday 13 – Friday 17, with a special service on Sun 19 August. The theme is 'The Greatest Showman' and it isn't just for kids, but for families! Craft, games, Bible stories, lots of fun!



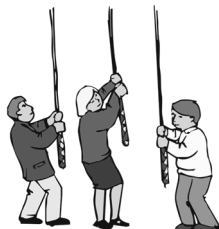
Meanwhile, I will be in Uganda on mission: Some of you know that I lead the small UK-based charity called Romans 1.11 Trust. We foster mutual encouragement between the UK and Africa with a major focus on training church leaders. This year I'm taking a group of 7 for the experience.

There will be opportunities to hear about it afterwards – and I'm prepared to visit other churches to give presentations.

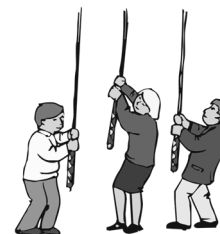
Blessings

Jon





From the Ringing Chamber



Ringing can be a very frustrating exercise. One day everyone is on form, the striking is even, rhythmic and inspiring, every "touch" comes back to rounds as it should, and we all feel good. The next week, one or two are off form, mistakes get made which upsets the rhythm, two people go wrong at the same time and, in order to avoid further unholy din, the performance is brought to a premature halt by a grumpy conductor snarling "stand!". It's the same with football of course, one week a thumping victory, the next the utter dejection of ignominious defeat. Ipswich Town fans will know just what I mean!

Both ringing and football are very much team games, and a team is only as strong as its weakest link. Despite Harry Kane, England would not have got to a world cup semi (as I write this!) final with Simon Dawson in goal: similarly Halesworth ringers would not have won the District striking competition with Jordan Pickford on the tenor.

What is unusual about ringing is that better ringers spend a lot of time encouraging not so good ones, even those who don't seem to improve. That has much to do with the fact that ringers are not so plentiful that we can pick and choose who rings where and when. If people show the commitment to turn up on a Sunday morning, when they could be reading the paper or having a lie-in, then they are always welcomed as part of the team, and as long as they are safe and can ring rounds without too much deviation

then the lowliest ringer can turn up anywhere and get a ring. Try turning up at Portman Road and asking for a game!

This inclusivity engenders not only good team spirit, but also a sociability that sees a good number of us in the White Hart on a Tuesday night after ringing, or at Cherie's for coffee on Sunday morning as an alternative to what the CofE has to offer. Given that sociability, it may seem strange that so few people try ringing as an option when there is so much rubbish on the telly.

I think the reason for the widespread indifference is a failure to appreciate what ringing is all about. Going to a cold church with no heating, kitchen or toilet to pull on a rope and make a loud noise does not sound like a great draw. Ringing a peal of "8-spliced Surprise Major" would, for a ringer, be an impressive achievement to be proud of, but will mean nothing to a muggle, or even to someone who has been learning to ring for a year or more.

How we get over this perception deficit I do not know. All I do know is that we have been lucky in Halesworth to have seen a steady stream of people turned into ringers, and loving it. But it has taken each of them two years or more of hard work to get to where they are from a standing start. In today's instant gratification society most people aren't prepared to wait that long.



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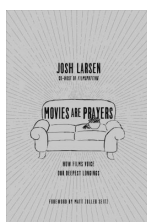
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Summer holiday reading for hazy afternoons and warm evenings

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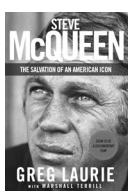


Movies are prayers, by Josh Larsen (IVP 2017)

Perhaps a startling claim, but those of us who remember our Lent courses based on *Les Miserables* and *The Way* may not be surprised. And by the end of this book you may have gained a whole new "to watch" or "see again" list too. Among the diverse films he explores

are *Avatar*, *Toy Story*, *The Piano*, *12 years a slave*, *Godzilla* (yes really!)

Quoting from a review: 'Josh Larsen, co-host of the Filmspotting podcast, makes a compelling case for seeing movies as prayers ... instinctive recognitions of things that are worthy of praise, of things being broken and needing to be put right, and our desperation for things to be other than they are ... (He) identifies 9 expressions of prayer framed within scripture ... (and) for each type of prayer he explores a diverse range of films, reflecting on his own spiritual journey ... The result is a remarkably thoughtful and spiritual book'.



Steve McQueen: the salvation of an American icon, by Greg Laurie (Allen Lane 2017)

If you like biographies, if you are a film buff, if you like uplifting stories of rackets lives made whole, this could be for you. The author is a megachurch pastor and fan; hearing that Steve McQueen had become a Christian towards the end of his life he goes on a "road trip" style journey to meet with the people connected with the film star to explore this theme and ends up with this original and insightful biography written in a travelog style, 'retaining enough mystery and tension to keep the reader interest' as one reviewer wrote, (and including that of the author's own story which



parallels with McQueen).

Cold, cold heart by Christine Poulson (Lion Fiction 2017)

This is a mystery thriller, written in a pacy style (with some examples of faith in trying circumstances). You will (probably!) be kept guessing until the end.

From the blurb: 'Midwinter in Antarctica. Six months of darkness are about to begin. Scientist Katie Flanagan has an undeserved reputation as a trouble-maker and her career has foundered. When an accident creates an opening on a remote Antarctic research base she seizes it, flying in on the last plane before the sub-zero temperatures make it impossible to leave. Meanwhile patent lawyer Daniel Marchmont has been asked to undertake due diligence on a breakthrough cancer cure. But the key scientist is strangely elusive and Daniel uncovers a dark secret that leads to Antarctica. Out on the ice a storm is gathering. As the crew lock down the station they discover a body and realise that they are trapped with a killer.'

Tying together the themes of films as prayer and books with Christian themes you could always try to get through at last, or rediscover, **Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien!**

Enjoy your reading, whatever you choose, and be blessed.

Val Jennings
for Sign of the Fish

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(See page 16 for churchwardens' contacts)

What's On in the Area

TEAS FOR TREES

Afternoon tea in the garden

Saturday 11th August

3.30pm until 5.30ish

West Lodge, Lodge Road, Holton



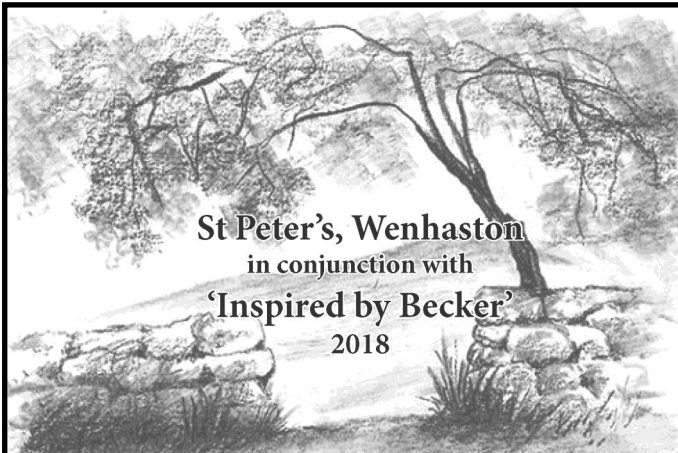
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Halesworth & District Museum — From the Archives

*What would you be, you wide East Anglian sky,
Without church towers to recognise you.....¹*

In the last edition of Blyth Valley Times the Museum recalled the excursion of the *Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History* made to St Mary's in Halesworth, St Andrew's at Wissett, and on to Rumburgh and South Elmham in 1896. Today we would likely describe such outings as church-crawling, and many enjoy this fascinating pastime.

The faithful, however, may undertake a different sort of church crawl. On 12 December, during the Fiesta of the Virgin of Guadalupe, some people crawl down the long calzada (road) to give thanks for prayers answered at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Every summer, on 15 August, Orthodox Christians from all over the world crawl to the church of Our Lady of Tinos in Greece. On disembarking the boat at the port of Tinos, many believers fall on their knees and literally crawl on hands and knees to the church to touch the holy icon of Virgin Mary, which can be found inside and is believed to have healing powers.

But, for those who treasure the heritage of churches, John Betjeman, poet and writer, wrote, *I know no greater pleasure than church-crawling. It leads you to the remotest and quietest country. It introduces you to the history of England in stone and wood and glass which is always truer than what you read in books. You meet all sorts of people on your travels.*²

During the 1930s, along with John Piper, the English painter, printmaker and designer of stained-glass windows and both opera and theatre sets, and Paul Nash, the surrealist painter, war artist, and photographer, Betjeman began a collaboration on Shell Guides, a series of guidebooks on the counties of Britain aimed mainly at motor-driving tourists. Betjeman described himself and Piper as a pair of 'Church Crawlers'.

In his poem, *Church Going*, Philip Larkin writes,

Back at the door I sign the book, donate an Irish
sixpence,
Reflect the place was not worth stopping for.
Yet stop I did: in fact I often do,
And always end much at a loss like this,
Wondering what to look for; wondering, too,
When churches will fall completely out of use
What we shall turn them into, if we shall keep
A few cathedrals chronically on show,
Their parchment, plate and pyx in locked cases,
And let the rest rent-free to rain and sheep.³

In a variation, over 50 people joined a York Church Crawl, on 1 July 2006, with the *West Gallery Music Association*, walking between four churches and chapels at each one of which they made music and sang. Paul Emmerson wrote of the crawl, *The impression is that, tucked away behind every street, on every street corner, or standing alone in its own glory, is some variety of church or chapel, offering a multitude of style, tradition and usage. Some are redundant though others hold services still. Others have passed from religious to secular ownership, including one, now a trendy bar, named - you'd never guess - the "Parish".*

In Worcestershire, the Sidemoor First School and Nursery reports that, ... *year 3 and 4 went on a church crawl around Bromsgrove. We visited the Baptist church and the Methodist*

Centre in the morning. Here we looked at different Christian symbols and also saw a baptistry. We then had lunch in Sanders park. In the afternoon we looked at St John's Church and compared this to the others we had seen in the morning. We had a lovely day and enjoyed listening to people from the churches tell us all about why their church is special. Top marks to the school for arranging such an outing!

Church buildings are set apart to bear witness to the sacred and to the life of faith, to a three-way relationship between God, people and place. However, the *Report of the Church of England's Church Buildings Review Group* published in 2015, emphasised that, in addition to their role as places of worship, our church buildings need to be, ...*sensitively combined with service to the community. The imaginative adaptation of church buildings for community use in many areas is breathing new life into them.*⁴

The Reverend Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly, writes, *We have been entrusted with the care of many beautiful and historic churches. These have been passed down to us from previous generations and our challenge is to care for them, maintain them and pass them on to those who come after us in at least as good a condition as that in which we received them. Our church buildings can be a valuable asset. They are a focal point for our communities, a reminder of God's presence and starting point for our worship, ministry and outreach in mission.*

But if a theological resonance is found between the twin values of beauty and justice, then a historic building can be made more beautiful partly in order to make the world a more just place. We will redecorate the church interior, or install toilets, or a small kitchen, partly in order to make it a more beautiful place for the local mums and toddlers or night shelter project. It is the same principle as not keeping the most beautiful tea set in the glass cupboard where the cups and saucers become ornaments, but using them for the hospitable purposes for which they were made.

In the spring issue of the newsletter of *Ancient Monuments Society* and *The Friends of Friendless Churches*, Rachel Morley, recently appointed Director of the Friends, recalls another verse of John Betjeman,

And should we let the poor old churches die?
Do the stones speak? My word, of course they do.
Here in the midst of life they cry aloud:
'You've used us to build houses for your prayer;
You've left us here to die beside the road.'

How rich is the heritage of the churches of the Blyth Valley and, as in York, the variety of church and chapel, some redundant, some now in different guise in town and village. Surely, a place of worship can only be enhanced by preserving its heritage and displaying it to its best advantage for those who worship and visit alike.

¹ *Betjeman's England* by John Betjeman.

² *John Betjeman. Coming Home: An Anthology of His Prose 1927-1977* selected by Candida Lycett Green.

³ *Philip Larkin. Collected Poems* Ed. Anthony Thwaite

⁴ *From Crossing The threshold: A step-by-step guide to developing your place of worship for wider community use and managing a successful building project.* Published by the *Historic Religious Buildings Alliance (HRBA)* in collaboration with the Diocese of Hereford.

⁵ *National Churches Trust's Annual Review 2016-2017.*

Gold Award for Junior Road Safety Officers

Holton St Peter Primary School's Junior Road Safety Officers were invited to attend the annual Junior Road Safety Officer awards ceremony at Endeavour House in Ipswich on Friday 29th June.

The four JRSO's travelled with two members of staff from school on the train from Halesworth to Ipswich and then joined a number of other schools from all over Suffolk to

have their scrapbook of work over the year judged and were delighted to receive a Gold Award for their efforts!

Whilst in the King Edmund Chamber they also had the opportunity to present a powerpoint presentation to all the other schools in their session highlighting what they had achieved during their role as JRSO's.

A great job done and many thanks to everyone involved and especially to Hammond's Jet Garage in Halesworth for displaying various JRSO safety posters throughout the year! Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer!

Christian Aid

As a result of another successful **Christian Aid Week**, a final total of **£4619** was raised. £1763 was Gift-Aided, so an additional £440 can be recovered from tax, giving a total benefit of **£5059** to Christian Aid. Major contributions to this amount were: House-to-house collections £3720; "Walk for Heather" £467; Commissioning Service £214.

On behalf of the Halesworth Christian Aid Group, I should like to say a sincere **"Thank You"** to everyone who donated and helped, in whatever way, to achieve these excellent results.

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Local hearing company unveils programme for expansion

Award-winning, family-run business, The Hearing Care Centre, which offers hearing care services from 25 centres across Norfolk and Suffolk, has announced a large expansion plan due in July, which will benefit thousands of hard of hearing people across the region.

The company is opening new satellite clinics in 6 locations, including locally within Jeffery and Associates Opticians in Halesworth and Harleston. The other locations include Attleborough, Hethersett, Hoveton, and Norwich, with more set to open later in the year.

Patients will be able to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of award winning audiologists who will offer comprehensive hearing assessments, fittings of the latest hearing aid technology, tinnitus management, custom made ear protection and more.

Managing Director of The Hearing Care Centre Karen Finch explained that it's a positive time for her and her team: "This year we are celebrating our 20th anniversary and we have a wave of exciting changes planned. We are a well-established, multi award-winning company and adding

these additional centres means that patients don't have to travel far to access our services. Jeffery and Associates have invited us to be their hearing care partner of choice and we look forward to welcoming patients to these new premises."

To celebrate their expansion, the company's audiologists in Halesworth and Harleston are providing half price hearing assessments for those struggling with their hearing, until the end of August 2018.



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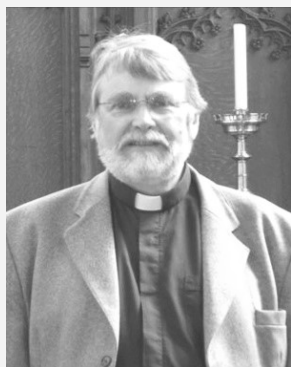
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...not just another committee!

At the recent Churches Together AGM, we were blessed with over 20 people who had Come Together to sing, pray and report on how the different denominations are witnessing and out-reaching to communities in the Blyth Valley and beyond. It was recognised that we are all facing Challenges Together. Part of the meeting involved praise and thanksgiving for the work of our Methodist fellowship who are facing the loss of their building; also prayer for their minister, Louise Morrissey, who as well as the challenges of ministry in Halesworth, is on a slow road to recovery from an injury to her ankle.

I have previously reported that Churches Together supports various projects including the Foodbank and Community Fund and the Beach Mission. Not only does the Foodbank provide tangible help to those in need, be it temporary or more long term, it unwittingly has become a means of outreach to those who have sought help. One volunteer commented that they have had users of the service return to say, 'Thank you'. This is a perfect example of how different members of the community can support each other and very often this is through prayer. Within our churches are prayer groups (some ecumenical). These are held mainly in individual homes but anyone seeking help can make contact through individual church websites or Sign of the Fish bookshop in the Market Place, Halesworth (Tel: 01986 875750). And, of course, we cannot forget the individual

parish churches and the work of the PCC's who offer their own pastoral support in addition to the Clergy.

Groups within the churches are also involved in 'Open the Book', which is an outreach programme for primary school children. Over the years several schools have participated in this programme and a team of volunteers are regularly involved bringing the bible alive by acting out the various stories and explaining their meaning. Another community project is the annual Southwold Beach Mission and at the end of July, the Reverend Jon Sermon and others will be taking a minibus of young people over to Southwold each day. In the United Reformed Church a holiday club is planned in the mornings between 13th and 17th August.

The recent fire at Patrick's Newsagents, which affected businesses and residents, is an example of how a community will come together to support those affected by trauma. The churches are also involved in the support being offered, and for those involved in the incident or anyone wishing to show support if only to 'lend an ear' a special service for the community has been arranged.

This is just a small overview of how members within our churches can help within the community and hopefully you will see that Churches Together is not just another committee.

Cecilia Metherell

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Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride

Saturday 8th Sept 2018, 9am-5pm



Cycling - what better way to spend a Saturday in the wonderful Suffolk countryside and the sense of achievement knowing that this leisurely activity is benefiting your local parish Church as well as your health and well-being?

The thrill of free wheeling downhill (and surprisingly there are a few of them about contrary to our friends from up north, views), and the motivation needed to go just that little further to reach your goal and satisfy your sponsors! To have another aspect on what we so often miss when driving in a car wild flowers and wildlife in the fields and hedgerows, vistas previously unseen and of course those landmark towers looming on the horizon, signalling another Church to cross off the list!

The great thing about cycling is that it can be enjoyed at any age and with any age and in this case your 'suffer score' is not doing 100k a day but just how many Churches you can visit in 8 hours.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust launched the bike ride in 1982 and this fund raiser has increased in popularity year on year ever since and has now been adopted by 33 other counties, meaning if you are really eager you can cross the Suffolk border and your sponsor form will still be signed.

A recent modification to the scheme saw the introduction of encouraging 'striders' as well as riders. This means you can still participate when you bike has

got a puncture! Furthermore if you just don't have the energy for walking or cycling then you can volunteer to be a recorder in your local Church and be sponsored for the amount of riders and striders you tick off!

Folk are often surprised just how many places of Worship there are, some of which are opened especially for the event like the gem that is Walpole Old Chapel.

So what next you say? Oil up your brakes and dig out your walking boots and hot foot it to St Mary's church Halesworth (or any of the other Churches in the Blyth Valley Ministry) to pick up sponsor forms and the all important list of participating places of Worship in our beautiful county.

John Ball

Local Area Organiser

St Peter's Wenhaston

I shall put the sponsor forms for the Suffolk Ride and Stride on September 8th, in St Peter's church around the middle of August, for those who would like to ride or walk for Wenhaston St Peter's. The amount raised is then split between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the church. I shall also be looking for stewards to man the church an hour at a time, please. I will put the rota in the church porch later on.

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September**

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Halesworth Foodbank

We are here to help anyone who is struggling to find enough
to eat!

The Foodbank operates as part of Waveney Foodbanks, and
is open on Wednesdays at St Mary's Church between
10.45am and 12noon each week.

Usually people come with a red voucher which entitles them
to a box of food. The red vouchers can be obtained from the
following :

Halesworth Library

CAB at the Volunteers Centre on Friday mornings.

Children's Centre – for those with children under 5 years

Edgar Sewter School for those with children at the school

Social Workers

Dragonflies (for those under 5's)

Halesworth Volunteer Centre

or by letter from a health agency.

If none of these options are open then please still come to
the Foodbank! We will not turn anyone in need away, but
will listen to your story over a cuppa and give you emergency
supplies.

***Halesworth Foodbank are in urgent need of donations
for LOCAL use. Our supplies have dwindled to almost
nil, so we would very much appreciate your support.***

**Donations of non perishable foods, in date, to the foodbank
are much needed.**

They can be left at the following places:

St Mary's Church; St Edmund's Church;

United Reformed Church;

Wenhaston Methodist Church;

Wenhaston Post Office;

Wenhaston St Peter's; Holton St Peter's;

Spexhall St Peter's;

Rosedale Funeral Directors;

Woolnough Funeral Directors;

Hideout Café; or The Hub, Huntingfield.

As well as food donations, we need cat and dog food, tin
openers, toiletries, washing up liquid, laundry powder and
household cleaning items, sun cream, children's sun cream,
lip salve.

We also need bottles of baby food and products, long life
milk (UHT or powdered), fruit juice (long life cartons), tinned
meat/fish, sugar (500g), cereals, tinned vegetables, tinned
sponge puddings, instant mashed potato, tinned tomatoes,
pasta sauces, tinned rice puddings, jam, biscuits or snack
bars, cereal bars, tea bags/instant coffee, tinned fruit,
squash (no sugar added varieties).

The foodbank could not operate without the generous
support of the Community. So thank you everyone for
helping others who are in need.

Pam Bayliss

Organiser for Halesworth and Beccles Foodbanks.

News from Town & Villages

Bramfield

Correspondent June Brereton

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I'm sorry not to have much news for you this month, but maybe no news is good news.

Sunday July 8th. Bramfield fete was held at The Old Vicarage in glorious sunshine (no worries about rain this year). Masses of people came and splatted the rat, bowled, looked for treasure and generally had a good time. No time yet to say how much money was made, but we got to know some new people who have lately come to the village which is good, as lately we have not had so many opportunities to meet up. Thank you to all the people who worked so hard to bring off a thoroughly successful day.

Church Opening and Closing for week beginning Monday

Aug 6	L Buckingham
Aug 13	E Edwards
Aug 20	L Trussler
Aug 27	C Webb

Church Cleaning for week beginning Sunday

Aug 5	J Alexander & J Barham
Aug 12	D Bond & I Newton
Aug 19	J Brereton & D Munnings
Aug 26	K & M Foster

Altar Flowers for Sundays

Aug 5 & 12	J Gamble
Aug 19 & 26	J Farmer

Village Hall Draw July

1 st	A & A Holmes	£12
2 nd	Bob Linney	£6
3 rd	Danny Clarke	£5

Chediston

Correspondent

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Fire in Halesworth

This devastating fire happened on Monday 11th June. Luckily there was no loss of life but the flat on the top floor together with four businesses were

completely destroyed: Patrick's Newsagents, Pinky's restaurant, the Retro Shop next door and Ian White's (financial advisor) office. Amazingly David Patrick delivered papers the next morning. The parrot is safe and sound and can be heard outside David's temporary premises near Angel Link. Our thoughts are very much with all those who have lost so much in this tragedy.

Last week when visiting my sister and James's brother and wife and passing through Buckenham, I spent a most enjoyable day with Julia (Morten) who wanted to know about everyone in Chediston. She is very happy in her new abode and has made lots of new friends. She gave me a tour of Stowe School grounds & gardens, now taken on by the National Trust. She showed me the enchanting little church in the grounds where, surprise, surprise she assists with the cleaning etc. and has joined the PCC. She is in regular touch with Maggie (Pepper). She very kindly drove ahead of me to Silverstone in the evening en route to my sister's where I know otherwise I would have got lost!

Chediston Wedding celebrations

Congratulations to Graham and Veronica who recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. James Hall from Chediston married Jodie Runacres from Ilketshall St Margaret on Saturday 30th June at the bride's village church. The reception was held at Red House



James & Jodie

Farm, Chediston in a marquee at a beautiful setting. The weather could not have been more perfect. 95 guests enjoyed fizz and canapés on the meadow and in the garden followed by a BBQ and desserts. Evening guests joined for what was a great party with a hog roast for a celebration of James and Jodie's marriage.

In what was the first ever marriage at Henstead Exotic Gardens, lovestruck couple Hannah Joy and Ty Tooze tied the knot on Saturday, June 23. The garden was developed from scratch by owner Andrew Brogan and boasts a tropical summer house, 100 palm trees and a brook surrounded by a mass of more than 200 giant bamboo plants - all in the depths of Suffolk. "There was a real 'secret garden' aspect as the ceremony was at the front of the garden and that's all the guests saw beforehand. It was brilliant to hear people gasp when they discovered the scale of the place.

Hannah originally from Australia met Ty at work where they are both London Zoo Keepers, Hannah looked amazing as she was walked down the garden by her mother and father who had flown in from Hong Kong along with her brother and his family. Other guests came from Australia, Canada, and Hannah's sister and family from south Africa. A reception was then held at Herne Hill Farm by kind permission from Oliver and Joanna Wareham, Canapes on the lawn next to the stunning flower beds while all the



Ty & Hannah (photo – Andrew Brogan)

guests awaited the newly weds to arrive in a vintage Mustang. This was followed by a three-course dinner in the barn which had been amazingly decorated by Hannah's Family. Then Guests danced the night away until the early hours to a live band.

Ty and Hannah have asked me to pass on their grateful thanks to Oliver and Joanna, along with Geoff and all the team at Herne Hill for all the hard work in preparation for their big day. The Bride and Groom are now honeymooning in Greece.

Chediston Open Gardens

Graeme Williams writes:

The cold and wet Spring seemed a million miles away on the afternoon of Saturday 30th June, when the Chediston Open Gardens event took place in glorious sunshine.

10 villagers opened their gardens to visitors, who appeared to have an extremely interesting and enjoyable wander around the participating horticultural gems! There was plenty of chat and numerous lovely anecdotes shared between visitors and gardeners. Special thanks go to Veronica and Graham Downing for allowing us to use the marquee which had been used for their Ruby Wedding Anniversary party the previous weekend.

The space was wonderfully used by



Joyce Gregory and her expert team of refreshment providers - much needed in such warm weather. The array of delicious cakes was a treat to behold, so thanks to all who contributed to that.

The event was a fundraiser for St. Mary's Church and the East Anglia Children's Hospices and at the time of writing has raised approaching £300.00. So special thanks go to all who supported the event by opening their gardens, paying to visit the gardens, and even paying when they couldn't attend. It's still not too late if you wish to make a contribution, by contacting Graeme Williams (Tel 01986 875342).

There were lots of lessons learnt on the day, so next time it will be even better - be warned!!

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride – Saturday 8 September

Monies raised are divided equally between a nominated church and the SHCT and assist in maintaining these historic buildings.

Volunteers are needed to sit in the church to welcome the visitors, I also have sponsor forms (Sally 873363) *Please note Chediston church will only be open for cyclists from 9am – 1pm due to a wedding taking place that day.*

Graduation

Very many congratulations to Holly Abell for obtaining a first in her MChem Masters Degree, including a year in Industry, after four years of working hard. Well done! She is due to take up a PhD place at Harwell in October.



Halesworth

Correspondent

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Bishop Martin ordained 34 deacons and priests to serve our communities during what have been described as two moving and packed services at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 30th June. Two of those ordained deacons were of course Jane Held and Claire Kiddy. We welcomed Jane at the Team Eucharist the following day Sunday 1st July. With the team choir belting out the great hymns Jane chose, Alison leading us through prayer, with the 'party' afterwards, it was the Blyth Valley at its best! Thank you to everyone involved. Sending Jane and of course Claire who has joined the Beccles Parishes our best wishes and prayers for the coming year in their ministry to us.....



After much discussion and consultation, for a number of reasons (mainly staffing), we can longer offer a weekly 8am BCP service at St. Mary's. The PCC has decided, along with Edward, that from August, this service will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays only. We do apologise to those who attend this service regularly and we hope that the pattern and style of worship on offer across the team will mean you can attend a service somewhere every week.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Jeane Constance Noller took place on Tuesday 3rd July at 11.30am. A beautiful service of words and music, which included music by the violinist Andre Rieu; The Rose and Edelweiss. Three hymns sung, 'All things bright and beautiful', 'Lord of all hopefulness' and 'God be in my head'. May Jeane rest in peace and rise in glory.

As we move into the school summer holidays we (the PCC) do ask if you find yourself passing St. Mary's during the

week or at the weekend, please do walk through and check all is well with our beloved church. If you find a situation that needs reporting please phone myself (Jason on either 873336 or 07817863533) or call Edward (details on the staff info page, 16) or 111 if need be. We are also working towards reinstating the floodlights making the church area safer at night.

Prayer for our farmers – The Revd Canon Sally Fogden (Agricultural Chaplain) asks us to please pray for our farmers in this very dry weather (not prayers for rain but for farmers!), it is an anxious time for them all. While on the subject, looking ahead, we will celebrate Harvest on Sunday 23rd September with an 11.15am Family Eucharist lead by Malcolm Walkey followed by lunch in the Church Hall, which everyone is welcome to attend. It will be a Ploughman's lunch with various desserts, with donations going to the day-to-day running of St. Mary's. Churches together in the Blyth Valley organised a service on 22nd July in support of those affected by the recent Town Market Place fire, praying for the Halesworth Community, especially those affected. This was a special service, with people from all the churches coming together to show solidarity and prayer for the community.

The PCC next meets on Tuesday 4th September, 7pm – If you have anything you wish the PCC to discuss please see either Edward, Jason or John Ball.

The 2018 Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride will be on Saturday 8th September. In 2017 we raised £145,000, the highest amount for four years- thanks to you. John Ball will once again be our local organiser and we will need offers to man the church during the day and welcome visitors. My daughter and I plan to take part on behalf of St. Mary's, so look out for us as we seek your sponsorship. Thank you in advance.

A prayer for the 70th Anniversary of the NHS; "Lord of life, send your Spirit upon those who work in the NHS and upon those for whom they care. May those who are sick be enabled to lift their hearts in thanksgiving and may those who care for them be given strength to pour out the unfailing oil of your healing love. May your saving power be brought to the world through the great physician and nurse of our souls, Christ

your Son, in whom alone is eternal life, true peace and the fullness of health. Amen".



Lastly from me this month, I would like to thank the 66 people who came along and supported me at my first organ recital on Wednesday 13th June. It seems weird that after all these years I've played the organ week in and week out I'm only now giving a recital and yes I WILL return next year. My idea for my next recital is 'Hymns and Preludes'. Overall I enjoyed the experience, I learnt two things, 1) don't take your 3 year old daughter. 2) During rehearsal wear the clothes you intend to wear on the day! Thanks again.

Holton

STORM DAMAGE

As you will be aware trees in the churchyard were blown down in the storms earlier this year and the damage done to a neighbouring wall was repaired and the footpath cleared and this was all paid for by St Peter's Church. Our insurance company said that we are not covered for damage to third party property!

As a way of replenishing the church coffers John and I are holding another afternoon tea in the garden at West Lodge, Lodge Road, Holton. **TEAS FOR TREES** will be on Saturday 11th August from 3.30pm until 5.30ish. Donations to St Peter's General Fund will be gratefully received and in return we will supply you with tea, cake and other goodies. Everyone is welcome.

POP-IN PARLOUR

Pop-In Parlour will be reopening on Friday 7th September in St Peter's Room from 12noon until 1.30pm. Come along for a soup, bread, cheese and pickle lunch, with coffee or tea. Enjoy the company and the conversation!

OPENING AND CLOSING THE CHURCH

As you may or may not know St Peter's has a team of people who faithfully open and close the church every day making it available to whoever may need its peace and tranquility. Each person, or couple, opens and closes the church for a week, running from Sunday evening until the following Sunday morning; the keys gets passed on from person to person. At the moment we are covered for seven weeks and then the rota starts again. If there is anyone who would like to join this very useful and essential team please get in touch with me:

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Children's Society Box Opening and Coffee Morning 7.7.18

St Peter's was relatively cool on Saturday 7th July for the annual Box Opening and Coffee Morning. Seven people kindly assisted our new treasurer, Simon Larbey, empty and count the contents of the boxes which were brought in. The total for the boxes so far is £510.67. There are still a few boxes to come in from Holton and Halesworth box holders, so the total should go up a bit. The final total last year was £604.72, so I don't think we shall make that. Nevertheless it is a useful sum for the Children's Society in their work helping vulnerable children and young people.

In St Peter's Room the Refreshments raised £42.90, the Bring & Buy/Cake Stall made £25.50 and the Raffle in the porch raised £60, making the Coffee Morning total £128.40. This makes a grand total so far of £639.07. Last year's final figure was £752.85.

Many thanks to everyone who came whether box holders or not, to support the excellent work of the Children's Society in transforming the lives of vulnerable children and youngsters across the country. A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way, especially those who counted all that money (7,097 coins altogether), to John Hewlett, Dot Booley, Alison Cackett, Jim Watts, Florence Kernohan, Pat Rennie and Mary Curtis. A special thank you goes to Simon Larbey, who checked all the bags of money and took the weighty total to the bank in a shopping trolley on the Monday. A big thank you, too, to Jill Hewlett, who had a break

from counting this year, and served refreshments in St Peter's Room. Finally thank you to Jackie Watts who greeted everyone as they arrived, looked after the raffle and delivered various prizes afterwards. We had an excellent team!

The final total will be a little down on last year, which was a bumper year. There are now four new box holders, which is great news. I still have some spare boxes, if anyone else would like to have one, to put spare change in week by week.

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Huntingfield

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Visitors have continued to make their way to St Mary's during the recent heatwave. This was certainly so for the open weekend in June. I have never seen the church look as lovely as it did that weekend. Thanks to the Spexhall team: Patricia, Liz, Janet and Jane for their skill, imagination and patience. The photograph shows just one of nearly a dozen exhibits. We think that more than 200 people came through our doors. It was great to see a goodly number of folk from Blyth Valley churches, thank you for coming.



Dates for your diary:

August 11th The postponed Italian Evening in the Hub - A Taste of Italy. Three course Italian meal, with entertainment by guitarist Ian Cooper. Tickets £15, bring your own drinks.

Linstead

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THE LINSTED PATRONAL FESTIVAL

will be held on Sunday 29th
July at the Village Hall
from 12.30pm.

There will be an open-air
Service followed by a
barbecue at about 1.30pm.

MIXED FEELINGS WERE ONCE defined as seeing your mother-in-law drive your brand-new Porsche over a cliff. Thus it is with heat-waves. A long hot summer would sound like a Godsend, but it only takes a day or two before people start moaning. Here we are in Suffolk, with a delightful little onshore breeze to temper the heat, and yet we moan. Well, at the time of writing the schools have yet to break up, and with them the weather, so enjoy it whilst you may.

INCIDENTALLY, AN ODD FACT, IT would appear that Mr. Open-Reach feels the heat more than most. Not a sign of them. Or it may be that they have all, very sensibly, pushed off on holiday whilst the weather holds.

THE HIGHPOINT OF THE AUGUST social calendar is almost upon us:

THE LINSTED SUMMER FÊTE WILL BE HELD AT LINSTED VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY 4th AUGUST FROM 2.30pm.

'A truly traditional village fête'
Side Shows

Refreshments and much more!
We are hoping to be visited by a
few classic cars as well!
THE SUMMER EVENT
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

As I said last month, it cannot be stressed too highly how important the Village Hall is to our community here in Linstead. This is the main fund-raising event for the hall, so please do come along, support us and enjoy yourselves in the process.

CHEDISTON & LINSTED W.I. ARE doubtless, as in Noël Coward's song, impervious to heat. The early press-date makes reporting on the Belly-Dancing event premature, other than to say that it does seem to be apposite in a tropical moment. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 14th and it will be a garden meeting at Grove Farm, by kind permission of Colin & Sarah Hackshall.

THE SUMMER PARTY IS NOW A regular part of the Linstead scene, well, part of the Chediston scene as well. As ever, we are grateful to Will Olding and his fellow minstrels in the Backwoods Band for their superb entertainment.



The barbecue and buffet was well up to the standards that Linstead prides itself on and, the ultimate accolade, there wasn't a lot left over. This is always good news for my diet because, being a war-baby, I was brought up to abhor waste and I tend to Hoover up the left-overs regardless! So thanks to all who provided the food, came along and generally made the evening the success it was. That was right at the start of the hot spell, and the novelty hadn't worn off! Incidentally, we made over £400 for church funds.



WE ALL HAD A THOROUGHLY enjoyable time at the St. Peter's biennial service. We congregated at Church Farm and then perambulated round to the site of the church, where Jane Held took her first service as a deacon. Congratulations and many thanks, Jane. We were also able to provide her with a brief archaeological dig (harking back to her earlier incarnation), where she found a few pieces of St. Peter's tiles in the ground! We then processed back to Church Farm and enjoyed a very good tea. We are most grateful to Peter and Tracey Abell for their hospitality. Peter also, very thoughtfully, provided an adventure playground, in the shape of two huge tractors, which intrigued our younger participants.



SERVICES IN AUGUST COMPRISE Matins on the 12th and Holy Communion (where we are joined by Chediston) on the 19th. On the 26th we are invited to Chediston for morning service. All services are at 9.30am.

ROTAS FOR AUGUST

DATE:	FLOWERS & CLEANING
5 th	No Service
12 th	Mrs A. Frost and Mrs V. Bish
19 th	Mrs P. Keable and Mr D. Keable
26 th	No Service

Spexhall

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Hello all and welcome to a very dry, dry day, dry August! I was just looking over

last year's August column and I was talking about all the rain showers we were having. Goodness me, what we wouldn't do for some rain at the moment! We planted woodland and hedgerow over the winter and are now crossing our fingers we'll get some rain before it all dies! But enough about our aquatic struggles and onto some wonderful news.

It is with great pleasure that I say a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Jane Held and Claire Kiddy and everyone else (and there were a record 25 in total) on their Ordinations! It has been a long road, but we are all so proud and happy for you!

Unfortunately (due to the tiny humans we look after) Mell and I weren't able to be there on the day, so I will pass over to Janet for an overview of the day.

"Better the day; better the deed" so they say – well Saturday 30th June when Claire Kiddy, from Wissett, and Spexhall's Jane Held were ordained as deacons was a magnificent summer's day. It was wonderful to see the two ordinands from our benefice ordained in Bury St Edmund's cathedral with twenty-three others from the diocese in a powerful, moving, and challenging service which, for them, will prove to be life-changing and life-fulfilling. Bishop Martin ordained the candidates and Bishop Mike preached a sermon comparing the new deacons to ambassadors who perform all the duties of emissaries with the responsibilities and privileges of the post. I am sure that the new deacons were both enthused and encouraged. Though they must have been overwhelmed Jane and Claire looked remarkably calm, and even relatively cool, despite the sweltering heat. One can only imagine how the bishop must have been suffering under all his ecclesiastical regalia. In the afternoon everyone returned to celebrate at parties with Claire and Jane to send them on their paths towards the priesthood which we hope will follow next year. We shall all pray for them in their new lives as deacons.

What wonderful words for a wonderful day, and I feel out of respect to both our amazing Deacons and their fantastic achievements I will leave it there, as what other news could possibly

compare! Suddenly it makes you realise why the sun is shining so proudly at the moment! Now, I'll leave you with the up and comings -

Lammas, 12th August 11.15am.

Flower Festival and Concert, 31st August – 2nd September TBC.

Harvest Service, 30th September, 11.15am followed by a, bring and share Village Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall.

Remembrance Service, 11th November, 10.50am

SPEXHALL AND WISSETT WI

We have had a busy few weeks. In May Magda Snowden came to show us how to make a flower brooch, from some ribbon. All members present produced a brooch, a testament to Magda's instruction and enthusiasm, she has always had a passion for making things – hats in particular, and brought some examples of her work, which were very stylish.

The annual Suffolk Show was next, with two entries into the competitions, but sadly no prizes to report, despite the quality of our entries.

A team of four took part in a walking Treasure Hunt around Woodbridge, starting and finishing at The Cruising Club. The weather was super, if a little breezy down by the water, but it was fascinating to discover parts of Woodbridge we would not normally have visited. We were sent on our way with tea and scones and rewarded for our efforts with a lovely lunch on our return, a very pleasant way to spend a sunny day.

A trip on The Waveney Stardust was next, from Beccles down to Burgh St Peter. Again, the weather was kind to us, although the brisk wind kept the outside temperature down, inside the boat was very comfortable. We lunched at The Waveney River Centre and explored the Wedding Cake Church at Burgh St. Peter, discovering where the phrase to be boycotted originated from.

In June our speaker was Jane Bastow, from The Laburnums, St. James South Elmham. She took us through the development of her garden, from

lawns and animal shelters in 1992 to the present day. The gardens are open through the National Garden Scheme in the spring, when the vast array of plants can be appreciated, daffodils, hellebores, camellias, not to mention the ponds, and of course the Laburnums.

It was fascinating to see how quickly the garden developed over the years, and the on going planning and changes which have resulted in a garden full of character, and much enjoyed by wildlife as well as humans

Thorington

Correspondent

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The Thorington PCC held their annual meeting and all officers agreed to stay on for another year, thank you to all of them and to Gwen Woolner for all the behind the scenes work that she does, strimming, flowers, cleaning etc.

There will be a Harvest Festival service with a simple bring and share lunch, wine and beer provided, and more details will be in September's issue. Also note the Carol Service in your diaries on 24th December as usual. Wishing all our readers a very happy summer holiday, and more news soon. Do drop in to see our beautiful round tower church.

Wenhaston

Correspondent

**Margaret Goldstone
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It is that time of the year when we welcome the annual BECKER EXHIBITION to St. Peter's and I am certain that it will be as successful and popular as in previous years. The Exhibition opens on Friday 3rd August until Monday 6th. See posters for full details.

Supporting the Exhibition the Church will be serving Lunches in the Church Room on Saturday 4th from 12pm until 2pm. We do hope that all our friends and visitors will come and join us for Lunch if only to have one of our delicious Desserts! We will also be serving coffee from 11am.

The following Weekend on Sunday 12th we have been invited to serve teas at the Village Show and we are very pleased to do so from 2pm onwards.

On Sunday 2nd September we are hoping to serve Teas in Sue and Tony Gow's lovely garden in Narrow Way which they are kindly opening for us to raise Funds for St. Peter's. This is not a confirmed date at the moment so please watch this space in next month's copy of the Blyth Valley Times for full details.

SIDES PEOPLE IN AUGUST

5 th	9.30am	TEAM EUCHARIST ST. MARY'S HALESWORTH
		No Service at St. Peter's
12 th	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST Clive Watson
19 th	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST Valerie Ellis
26 th	11.15am	PAUSE FOR THOUGHT Viv Kemp

CHURCH CLEANING AUGUST

12 th	Margaret Bloomfield Anita Graves
26 th	Anne and Colin Wright

WENHASTON MOTHERS' UNION

Our June meeting on 13th was a very happy meeting when Linda Ginn, an old friend, came to visit. She reported on what the MU in the Diocese had achieved in the last three months, what is happening now and what do we hope for the future. It gave us much food for thought.

The North Suffolk Area Quiet Day on Thursday 28th June at Debenham was taken by Rev Susan Bates. Susan's theme was 'In God's Image', and she led us gently through the day ending with a Eucharist in church. The day was sunny and it was good to have time to wander around the pretty village of Debenham, to spend a quiet time alone with one's thoughts.

The Summer Outing will be on 23rd August, when we will visit one of our former members, Pat Kemsley, in East Bergholt. We will travel by Community Bus and anyone who knows Pat and would like to come with us, is welcome to contact Margaret Goldstone on 01502478378

Margaret Bloomfield

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday August 7th.

Ian Bigwood will lead the walk on Tuesday 21st August around South Cove and Frostenden Corner. Meet at Five Bells, Wrentham (Southwold Road). Lunch orders from 9.45am in pub car park.

For any further information please contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

Wenhaston Village Show 2018

Out of the ashes of Wenhaston Gardening Club the phoenix of the Village Show is about to emerge. On the 12th August at 2pm for the modest sum of 50p you can view the many entries of produce, flowers, crafts, and photographs. There will be plants and produce to buy and various displays to gaze at. After all this excitement you can sit and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

If you have entered one of the classes you could be the proud recipient of one of the trophies, or if you have purchased a draw ticket you might be the lucky winner of one of the amazing prizes in the raffle.

Certainly this is not an afternoon to be missed, unless, of course, you are in Scotland taking part in the Glorious or not so Glorious, depending on your point of view, 12th.

Wenhaston WI

Our summer party was held at the Crown in Southwold. About forty of us sat down to a traditional afternoon tea with finger sandwiches (no crusts) a scone jam and cream, and three miniature cakes. Need-less-to say we didn't rush about afterwards! It was a very convivial afternoon spent with friends.

An exciting evening is being planned for the 9th November. Bollywood comes to Wenhaston! There will be dancing, a movie and a curry to consume and all this for £12.50. Any profit will be sent to ACWW (Associated Women of the World).

Our next meeting is called 'Medical Alert and Alert Assistant' given by Norma Howell. Nobody can say that our meetings are not diverse.

Wissett

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The last commune was issued just before Wissett Open Gardens – ah, how green they were then... and we all felt how lucky it was that such a fine day had been selected for them.

It was a treat to see so many people walking around the fairly quiet roads to enjoy a range of really beautiful and interesting creations. More money was raised, so that we can keep rolling along until the next fund-raising events which are early in September: Harvest Festival on 7th - the Bishop of Dunwich is coming to preach on the day of our Harvest Festival. Gift Day and the Historic Churches Bike Ride on 8th.

The great event of June was of course Claire's Ordination in the Cathedral on 30th. It is very special when a member of a small congregation emerges as a

candidate, and the strength of our love and admiration was fully expressed both in the service, and later in the spectacular and sociable tea in the Village Hall, when the happy coincidence of Geoffrey's birthday was also marked. The very next day off to work in Beccles for the Revd Claire Kiddy. We congratulate Jane Held too, also ordained deacon.

Suffolk Day was marked by flag-flying and bell-ringing, but otherwise passed quietly in this parish. The village Barbecue has been put back from Bastille Day to 4th August, still at 6pm, but the Horticultural Show remains on 28th July, defying the weather, as willy-nilly do the crops in the fields. Perhaps we pay a little more attention to the Translation of St. Swithun, and the very elderly might remember the prayer for 'such moderate rain and showers that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort'.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride. Saturday 8th September, 9am –

5pm. The Wissett organiser is Henry Kiddy. We need some willing riders of all ages to ride for Wissett! Sponsor forms are available in the church.

All sponsorship money will need to be given to Henry Kiddy asap after the event.

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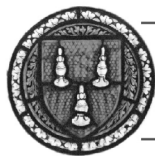


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LUNCHTIME RECITALS

WED 13th JUNE - Organ Recital by Jason Busby: 'THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS' (Thanks Doreen for review)

On a sunny June afternoon 66 people were treated to St. Mary's Church resident Organist Jason Busby illustrating why the Organ is regarded as the 'King of Instruments' in a varied mixed programme of well known organ pieces and a few surprises, all to show its virtuosity, imitating various instruments of an orchestra. We also got a look at Jason playing while he explained the workings of the organ from a projection screen, before each piece. He told us the difficulty of the swell organ (top keyboard) the pipes are enclosed in a box with the pedal to open and close the box being very stiff and in the wrong position on the ancient organ!), but we didn't notice while Jason was playing.

But an encore was forthcoming: Prelude in Classic Style: by Gordon Young.



The whole recital was received by the audience with great enthusiasm, clapping and cheering, urging Jason to re-consider the statement he made earlier - "*This is my first and last recital*". I don't think the audience will let you Jason, you have to return by public demand. It was truly wonderful, many thanks to you, and as always thanks to the girls making the cakes, sandwiches, teas and coffees.

Review of the recital held on Wednesday 11th July - The Language of Love, to follow next month, as post BVT deadline.

THERE IS NO RECITAL IN AUGUST to give everyone, especially the catering ladies a well deserved break. Thank you for your support during the year.

If you would like your email added to our recitals (**the second Wednesday of every month**) mailing list, please email friendsofstmarys@talktalk.net or [facebook.com/FriendsOfStMarysHalesworth](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStMarysHalesworth) where you can also find details of previous recitals, also on: www.friendsofstmaryshalesworth.org.uk

As for the programme: We started with The Brass Section: (1) John Stanley's Trumpet Voluntary arranged by David Willcocks. (2) Paen: A song of Triumph by Oliphant Chuckerbutty. (3) Tuba tune in D Major. Op.15 by Carig Sellar Lang.

The Woodwind Section: (1) Elegy: G.T. Thalben-Ball. (2) Theme from the second movement of Symphony No.9. 'The New World': Antonin Dvorak arr. Richard Lloyd. (3) Adagio: Thomaso Giovanni Albinoni. (4) Jason transcribed the fourth piece for the organ, thinking it would adapt favourably, in fact it translated into a very moving piece - it was the well-known choral song by Karl Jenkins: Benedictus from 'The Armed Man'. (5) To finish this section Jason had also transcribed a famous piece of film music by John Williams: "Hymn to the Fallen" (from the film: Saving Private Ryan) this also brought out hidden elements adding to the pathos of the piece.

The Full Orchestra: These following pieces were a tribute to their Royal Highnesses the Duke & Duchess of Sussex played at their Wedding: Eternal Source of Light Divine: G.F. Handel. To open up all the stops!! Crown Imperial: William Walton: arr. Herbert Murrill. To finish the programme: Mendelssohn's Wedding March arr. Noel Rawsthorne.

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Churches being used to boost mobile connectivity

A key new agreement between the Government and the Church of England could see many more churches used to boost mobile connectivity around Suffolk.

The initiative, designed to get isolated communities better connected, encourages churches to use their buildings and other property to host masts boosting 4G and mobile coverage. It aims to draw in part upon the 65% of Anglican churches in the UK situated in rural areas, which could be used to tackle sparse coverage

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The new national agreement is a high level, non-financial accord between the Church and Government, which encourages more churches to support connectivity in rural communities. Any agreement, for which a rent may be paid, is between mobile and fixed operators and the local dioceses/parishes to agree.

The East Anglian Daily Times included an article on the subject recently and reported that The Rt Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, is among those championing the initiative nationally.

In the article, he said:

"Supporting our rural communities by increasing connectivity both for villagers and businesses is an issue I have been lobbying on for a while behind the scenes with others nationally."

"I am delighted with this new agreement and encourage churches in Suffolk to consider this. Our churches are at the heart of the communities they serve and this is another way as Christians we can make a difference."

"Any work needs to be very sensitive to our beautiful grade I and II listed churches. But it can be achieved well as we have seen in Suffolk already with the several churches leading the way on this during the past several years."*

PCCs in the Blyth Valley Team Ministry will be discussing the subject further.

Local company WiSpire are working together with Intouch systems to provide Broadband to the South Norfolk and North Suffolk regions, they have supplied these photographs of the equipment.

