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Our thoughts are with David Patrick and all those who have suffered loss or been affected by the fire on Monday 11 June.

Page 32 of this month's Blyth Valley Times includes an interesting article cataloguing some of the history of this building. The article was kindly written and submitted by Mr Derek Newby.

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Team Calendar - July/August

July		
Sun 1	15:00	Open air service at St. Peter's Linstead Magna.
Tues 3	10:00	Wenhaston Footpath Walk
Tues 3	15:00	Wenhaston Flower Club
Sat 7	10:00	Children's Society Box Opening & Coffee Morning, St Peter's, Holton — all welcome
Sat 7	15:00	Sign of the Fish AGM
Sun 8	14:00	Bramfield Fête
Tues 10	14:30	Chediston & Linstead WI, Linstead Village Hall.
Wed 11	12:30	Lunchtime Recital, St Mary's
Wed 11	15:00	Wenhaston MU Meeting
Sat 14	18:00	Wissett Village BBQ
Mon 16		Halesworth WI Group Outing
Tues 17		Halesworth WI Meeting
Sat 21/Sun 22		Holton Flower Festival
Sat 21	19:30	Concert: Music for a Summer's Evening, St Peter's
Sat 28	14:00	Wissett Horticultural Show
Sun 29	12:30	Linstead Patronal Festival
August		
Sat 4	14:30	Linstead Village Fête

Team Worship - Better Together

Sunday 1st July
09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth - celebrating Jane Held's ordination as Deacon

Sunday 8th July
18:30 Team Evensong at Wenhaston

Sunday 29th July
10:30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston

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Sunday Readings

1 July, Proper 8
Wisdom 1.13-15;2.23-24
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8.7-end
Mark 5.21-end

8 July, Proper 9
Ezekiel 2.1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12.2-10
Mark 6.1-13

15 July, Proper 10
Amos 7.7-15
Psalm 85.8-13
Ephesians 1.3-14
Mark 6.14-29

22 July, Mary Magdalene
Song of Solomon 3.1-4
Psalm 42.1-10
2 Corinthians 5.14-17
John 20.1-2,11-18

29 July, Proper 12
2 Kings 4.42-44
Psalm 145.10-19
Ephesians 3.14-21
John 6.1-21

5 August, Proper 13
Exodus 16.2-4,9-15
Psalm 78.23-29
Ephesians 4.1-16
John 6.24-35

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 July

Year B TRACK 2	*Date: 1st July* *Sunday: Proper 8* TEAM service *COLOUR:* Green	*Date: 8th July* *Sunday: Proper 9* TEAM service *COLOUR*: Green	*Date: 15th July* *Sunday: Proper 10* *COLOUR*: Green	*Date: 22nd July* *Sunday: Mary Magdalene* *COLOUR*: White	*Date: 29th July* *(5th Sunday)* TEAM Service *Sunday: Proper 12* *COLOUR:* Green
BLYFORD ALL SAINTS	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	18.30 to Team Evensong at Wenhaston	9.30 to Wenhaston	9.30 Morning Worship Alison C	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston
BRAMFIELD ST ANDREW	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	18.30 to Team Evensong at Wenhaston	11.15 Morning Prayer (BCP) Robert G	11.15 Eucharist BCP Andrew Vessey	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston
CHEDISTON ST MARY	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	9.30 Morning Worship Veronica 18.30 to Team Evensong	9.30 Eucharist with Linstead David S	9.30 Morning Worship Jane	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston
HALESWORTH ST MARY	8.00 Eucharist Edward 9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth C Edward, P Jane, D Alison A	8.00 Eucharist David S 10.00 Late Breakfast Church Diana 18.30 to Team Evensong at Wenhaston	9.30 Parish Eucharist Edward 11.00 Baptism David S	8.00 Eucharist David S 9.30 Parish Eucharist Vic	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston C David S, P Malcolm W, D Linda Berry
HOLTON ST PETER	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	11.15 Parish Eucharist David S 18.30 to Team Evensong at Wenhaston	11.15 Iona Morning Worship Win 12.30 Baptism Edward	6.30pm Songs of Praise (Flower Festival) Jane	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston
LINSTEAD ST MARGARET	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth 15.00 St Peter's Day service Jane	9.30 Morning Prayer Malcolm H 18.30 to Team Evensong at Wenhaston	9.30 to Chediston	9.30 Morning Prayer Malcolm H	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston 12.30 Patronal and BBQ at village hall David S
SPEXHALL ST PETER	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	11.15 Morning Worship John H 18.30 to Team Evensong	11.15 to Iona Morning Worship Holton	11.15 Eucharist David S	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston
THORINGTON ST PETER	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	Worship as announced - Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Patronal - otherwise choose another service in the Team			10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston
WENHASTON ST PETER	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	18.30 Team Evensong Edward	9.30 Parish Eucharist Vic	11.15 Pause for Thought with coffee and refreshments Jane	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston
WISSETT ST ANDREW	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	9.30 Parish Eucharist Vic 18.30 to Team Evensong	9.30 Morning Worship Jane	9.30 Breakfast Church (celebrant tbc)	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston
HEVENINGHAM ST MARGARET	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	services available across the team 18.30 to Team Evensong	services available across the team	9.30 Eucharist (BCP) Andrew Vessey	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston
HUNTINGFIELD ST MARGARET	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	9.30 Eucharist (BCP) Malcolm W 18.30 to Team Evensong at Wenhaston	services available across the team	services available across the team	10.30 Team Eucharist at Wenhaston
HIGHFIELD				11:15 Eucharist	

Halesworth Methodist Church

All Sunday Services start at 10:30am

(unless otherwise noted)

Services for July are:

1st	The Revd P Bayliss
8th	The Revd M Booth (HC)
15th	The Revd P Rayson
	3pm Tea Service
22nd	Mrs S Groome
29th	Mr Y Prettyman

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United Reformed Church Halesworth and Bramfield

Minister: The Revd Jon Sermon

JULY 2018

1st	10.30am	WELCOME PRAISE
	11.00am	Morning Communion ~ Minister Jon
	6.30pm	Evening Service ~ Minister Jon
3rd	6.30pm	ELDERS' MEETING
8th	10.30am	WELCOME PRAISE
	11.00am	Morning Service ~ Pat & Paul Potts
	3.00pm	BRAMFIELD ~ Worship Group & Strawberry Tea
	6.30pm	**NO EVENING SERVICE**
15th	10.30am	WELCOME PRAISE
	11.00am	Morning Service ~ Minister Jon
	6.30pm	Evening Communion ~ Minister Jon
22nd	10.30am	WELCOME PRAISE
	11.00am	Morning Service ~ The Revd Don Nichols
	6.30pm	Evening Service ~ Mr George Long
29th	10.30am	WELCOME PRAISE
	11.00am	Morning Service ~ Led by Southwold Beach Mission Followed by Tea/Coffee R.AGE
	5.00pm	Shared TEA and Short Informal Evening Service ~ Pat & Paul Potts

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Minister: The Revd Louise Morrissey

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am

1 The Revd S Yelland
8 At Halesworth Methodists
15 Gordon Frary
6.30pm Songs of Praise for Action for Children
22 The Revd Robin Searles
29 Thelma Waller

Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm

3 Women's Fellowship Trixie Dye
10 Fellowship Meeting
17 Tea at The Anchor, Walberswick 4pm
24 Fellowship Meeting
31 Healing Meeting

Saturday 7th 9.30am - 11.00am

"Pray Awhile" on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation

ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT

St Edmund King & Martyr Roman Catholic Church, Halesworth

Sunday Mass at 9am

Mass on Fridays at 10am

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please note, the Blyth Valley Team Office, Team Treasurer and Blyth Valley Times email addresses are:

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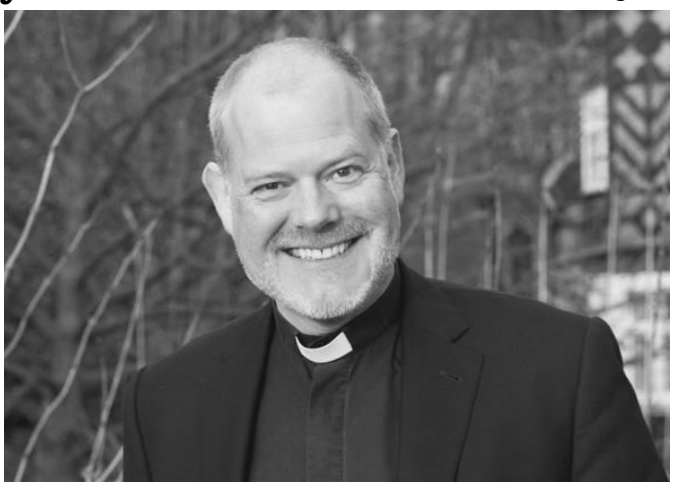
From the Diocesan Website:

Appointment of the new Dean of St Edmundsbury



A Priest who substantially increased the number of families and young people worshipping at the major London parish he leads has been chosen as the new Dean of St Edmundsbury.

The Revd Canon Joe Hawes, Vicar of All Saints' Fulham, who enjoys scuba-diving in his leisure time, will start his new senior role during the summer.

Bishop Martin, said there had been a strong field of applicants with more candidates than usual for a Dean's post.

"I am delighted that it was a unanimous decision to appoint Joe. He is an outstanding and Godly priest. He is warm, engaging, caring and fun. He brings energy and wisdom, and a huge amount of experience in parish ministry.

"He has been Vicar of All Saints' in Fulham for 15 years, and increased the regular congregation by 25% to more than 500 each Sunday, with a particular ministry with families and young people.

"In Fulham he has developed worship to be engaging and accessible for people of different backgrounds and ages, and a church looking outwards, engaged in loving service with those in need.

"He has strong leadership and organisational skills, sees the cathedral as serving the whole county, not just Bury St Edmunds, and I look forward to working with him across the county for the greater good."

Roger Wright, Chief Executive of Aldeburgh Music, who was appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to lead the process of finding a new Dean, said: "It was a pleasure and privilege to chair the panel for this appointment.

"His considerable experience, and his warm and engaging personality will help the cathedral be a beacon of hope for Suffolk as it broadens its appeal to all.

"Joe will be strong and thoughtful leader in this new period of the life of the cathedral and we very much look forward to his presence in the diocese."

Canon Joe's parish of All Saints' Fulham has been developing its broadcasting profile, the Christmas Day the service was live on BBC1, and Palm Sunday Morning worship will be broadcast on Radio 4 on 25 March.

Canon Joe, who will become one of the most senior Church of England figures in Suffolk, said: "I am really looking forward to getting to know the people of Suffolk and to taking my place among the Bishop's Staff.

"I am keen to see even more people discover the beauty of the cathedral. We need to build our financial reserves so that we can further develop our excellence within music, worship, learning and care to the highest possible standards.

"We need to provide a place which is both sanctuary in an uncertain world, and also a forum for debate and reflection on the major questions which are challenging us as a society at the moment."

Canon Joe, 52, is in a civil partnership with the Revd Chris Eyden, the vicar of All Saints' Putney, who will remain serving in Putney for the time being.

Bishop Martin said he is looking forward to welcoming Joe, and Chris when he is able to be in the county.

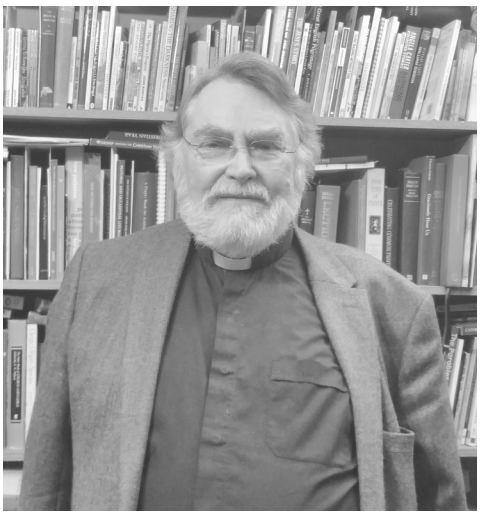
What's in a Word?

Words are central to what it means to be human. Words can be unspoken, as in the bonding between parent and child. An embrace can mean "I love you." A handshake can mean "I trust you." The crossing of arms over the chest can mean "Keep your distance!" Over the millennia of human civilisations, the spoken word has been invested with incredible, indeed almost magical power. The word of a king is the last word (perhaps literally for a subject who has offended) and the will of a king, expressed by his word, must be carried out.

Then there are divine words: "The Word of the Lord." which gives authority to the patterns of black and white which lie between the pages of a "holy book". Sometimes, when someone dies, their relatives bring me one or more old bibles and perhaps a prayer book or a hymn book. They do not know what to do with them, but they have a sense that these books are sacred, and should not be cast into the skip with many other memories of a human lifetime.

When *Common Worship* came into use in 2000, I had the task of creating booklets, in a readily understandable form, for our churches to use in each season. I had the option of putting "This is the word of the Lord" to be said at the end of each reading. I did so, and I still wonder whether I ought to have done so, because some parts of the Bible are most definitely not "the word of the Lord". Sometimes they are words with which one group of people use to hit another group of people over the head.

In the Jewish and Christian traditions, it was the Word of God who spoke in the very beginning, saying "Let there be!" In Christianity, Jesus is totally identified with this Word. Jesus is for the Church the ultimate Word of God, so much so that he is wholly ident -fied with God.



"If we want to know what God is like, we look at Jesus."

And, of course, almost all our knowledge of Jesus (not quite all) is found between the pages of the New Testament part of the Bible.

Words do have enormous power. That is why liturgists, people who create words for worship, have such a solemn responsibility. The words they use will be rooted in the Bible and yet speak to contemporary women and men. And they have to be *beautiful* words which uplift heart and mind. It's the same with hymns.

There is one more aspect of words I would like you to think about: names - for Christians, not first names or forenames, but *Christian* names. Since ordination in 1980, I've always preferred people, whether aged three or ninety-three, to call me *Edward.* And I'll call them by their *Christian* names. God knows Joe Bloggs not as Mr Bloggs, but as *Joe* - his beloved child.

Words have power - so our use of them ought to be godly and speak of the care with which we are required to treat other human beings.

Think before you speak. As someone once said "Put your brain in gear before opening your mouth to speak". Words have the power to hurt or to heal. So please choose them with care.

Edward.

Heather's Memorial Walk for Christian Aid

On the lovely morning of the 12th May, 36 people met at Wenhaston village hall to start a walk at 10am. Before we set off, Mary Merricks gave a brief chat about how she had met Heather whilst at a conference in Durham to do with Traidcraft, and subsequently had moved to Halesworth and met again.

There were two sections to the walk one being about a mile and a half and the longer, just over four miles which took us to Mells Hamlet, then via the golf course back on the high ground to Wenhaston.

We had two stops on the way, one to have a brief history of the Roman occupation of the Wenhaston area, the other a most interesting and detailed talk given by Mr Andrew Cunningham about the history and life in the Blythburgh institution, or workhouse, not a pleasant situation to be in if you were an inmate there.

Having made our way to Mells, we all met for a rest and a drink at the site of the chapel there. The present owner of the site Mr Richard Tinks gave us a brief talk about the history of this very old early Church and how it is now looked after and conserved. It was also very interesting to see the new centre which they have built beside the old chapel to be used for worship and retreats.

This was a good walk on a lovely day, over £450 was raised for Christian Aid. We thank Jackie Watts and her team who organised this very memorable walk.

News from our Sister Churches

ST EDMUND'S RC CHURCH

July: high summer, lush green foliage wherever we look, a riot of floral colour, especially the roses – sunshine and showers, the heart-stopping beauty of an English summer. Would that we could stop time from moving on so quickly, and let us revel in it for longer!

It's time for examinations in schools and colleges, and the prospect of holidays ahead – and no doubt continued delayed and disrupted trains! – Trivial indeed when compared to the horrors of the world, the latest natural disaster being the volcano in Guatemala, spewing out rocks and molten lava to engulf whole villages – just imagine it. Why? What have those poor people done to deserve such a fate? We can ask questions till the cows come home, without getting any nearer to a satisfactory answer. Trouble, like the poor, is always with us and our world, but our Faith can lift our hearts and minds above the cares and concerns of earth.

Or it should do if we let it. Very regretfully, Pope Francis has had occasion to rebuke even Catholics who, when attending Mass, seem unaware of the solemnity of their privilege, and chose to exchange news and views before the Mass begins, instead of bowing their heads in prayer. In the RC church, Trinity Sunday is followed by Corpus Christi, 'the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ', as instituted by our Lord at His Last Supper before His Crucifixion. I was once at a literary weekend, and some of us who left a lecture to attend church on the Sunday morning were subjected to sarcasm from a man who scoffed at the idea of a religion based on 'blood sacrifices', calling it barbarous and bloodthirsty. Was he right? He clearly did not understand the concept of 'the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. (St John, ch 1, v29). We know that 'the blood of Christ … cleanseth us from all sin'. (1 John, ch 1, v7). In this most holy receiving of his Body and Blood, our sins are washed away. Can there be a greater gift?

Dear friends, let us receive and be thankful. Let us bring to the altar all our questions, doubts and fears, and leave them there. Remember, 'ye are bought with a price', (1 Corinthians, ch6, v20), the precious Blood of Christ.

Margaret Holt

HALESWORTH & BRAMFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCHES

Dear Friends,

It has been a thrill recently to welcome new members into the family of the church. And with our regular prayer sessions frequently being exciting, our mid-week work with young families growing and the new once/month Tea, Fellowship and Worship, there is a real sense of the Lord building on the excitement of our wonderful joint Pentecost celebration!

Prayer for the town is one of our current themes and some of our prayerful people are seeking opportunities to connect with some from our sister churches for opportunities to pray together. Any of you who may be keen to follow up on this, please do get in touch. We are including 'prayer-walking' some of the streets of Halesworth on an occasional basis and would be happy for others to join us.

At our regular prayer meetings recently, there has been a strong emphasis on John 7: 37-39:

"On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice "If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me and drink". Whoever believes in me… streams of living water will flow from within…"

John adds the interpretation: *"By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive".*

The invitation of Jesus is dramatic, especially in that setting: At the focal point of a Feast that celebrated God miraculously providing water in the desert, Jesus points to himself providing "living water". As the people celebrate that God met their ancestors' needs in a special way, what more powerful message than "and I do the same for you"?

Today, when so many in our society don't recognise their own thirst - the need for that living water – the Holy Spirit, bringing the presence of Jesus, the church is called more than ever to pray in God's Kingdom! Can we all join in the groundswell of a call to prayer? A call to come to Jesus to meet our own thirst? And more than that, to help bring this wonderful opportunity to others?

Blessings

Jon

The United Reformed Church

20a SIGN OF THE FISH books cards refreshments

"The Dog who thought his name was no!" is an ideal book, a read for ourselves book to give to those who call themselves Christians and for those who are not, for those who are pet owners and for those who are not, as it is for everyone who can do with an uplift and a laugh and for those who don't need it too!

When the writes say, her *"handwriting is somewhat illegible"* does that remind you of someone else?

I am somewhat prone to illegibility. The lovely minister began to read my eulogy and we listen as he reminded us of her wonderful sense of humour and her impeccable comic timing. *"Her life"* he said, *"was an incredible reminder to laugh every day, to live freely and lightly, to find humour where others couldn't see it."*

Moving on he spoke of mum's generosity of heart and of her great love for preserves, both giving and receiving them. Our grieving pew were stopped midway through our tears of remembrance. Who knew mum had a secret jam obsession? Which of us, hand on heart, could declare this generosity with preserves as one of the most memorable things about our mum's 73 years on earth? In a hilarious misreading of my carefully worded, if illegible, script, *"presents"* has been read as *"preserves"*. We held our peace as a family and to this day I'm sure many people's act of kindness towards my dad may well have come in the form of the odd jar of handmade preserve. How he must be missing Mavis and her jam!

While not, perhaps, a particularly profound story, it meant so much to us to laugh on a day we were celebrating the life of a woman who loved to laugh, and who brought that gift with her into some of the most challenging situations in her life.

In life we all need someone to love and love for us to laugh with us. Many of the time, Jesus told would have made his listeners laugh. He wants us to be happy.

In the Sign of the Fish our chief aim is not to sell goods, but to pay our overheads, especially our rent, but to provide a place where people can buy Christian goods, a charity doing excellent work and above all to give everyone and anyone a welcome, to chat if they want to or just sit and relax and maybe have a cup of tea or coffee for a minimal charge and biscuits for no charge.

Do come in and you will cheer up the helper too!

Val Jennings
for Sign of the Fish

An Invitation

Sign of the Fish AGM

and Summer Buffet

Saturday 7th July at 3pm

at Ibstock Farm, Bramfield

All Welcome

St Mary's, Halesworth
Receipts Summary
May 2018

Collections	£190.92
Planned Giving	£1031.00
Fees	£45.20
General	£51.45
TOTAL	**£1318.57**
Church Café	£26.00

Need a Lift?

If you would like a lift to any of the services in the Blyth Valley Team Ministry:

Please contact one of our churchwardens who will be happy to organise a lift to and from the service.

(See page 18 for churchwardens' contacts)

One Life Suffolk

OneLife Suffolk is a **FREE** healthy lifestyle service helping local people to live healthier lives. The service is commissioned by Suffolk County Council and offers:

- **Adult Weight Management Courses.**
- **Children & Family Weight Management Courses.**
- **School Holiday Camps**.
- **Stop Smoking Service.**
- **Get Help to Get Active service - Supporting local people with long term conditions to be more active.**
- **Health Walks.**
- **Outreach NHS Health Checks.**
- **Making Every Contact Count Training.**

All services listed are available across Suffolk including the Waveney and Lowestoft area. If you would like any more information or want to access any of our services, please call OneLife Suffolk on 01473 718193 or visit our website:

www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk

HALESWORTH *dementia* CARERS' FUND

We started our Fund in 2013 and 14th May 2018 was our 5th birthday. We celebrated our continuing success in providing respite for families and carers of people living with dementia with some excellent events. Firstly, we took over the pop-up shop, iChameleon, in the Thoroughfare, from 10th to 16th May, with different themes each day, including sales, cake stall, tombola, raffle and many more. On Sunday, 13th we held a sponsored 'Walk to Remember' on the Town's Millennium pathway. We are very grateful to Halesworth Lions for their invaluable help with this very successful event. In fact, the whole week was a wonderful success. Lowestoft Organ Club also donated £228.50. We are still awaiting final sponsorship money to come in, but have raised a magnificent £3,489.90 so far. We are so very grateful to everyone who supported us by donating cakes and items for sale and buying a lot too, prizes for the tombola and raffle, and to all the volunteers who helped in the shop and cake stall. We couldn't have managed such a result without you. Thank you.

The call on our help is even greater now the Rayner Green Resource Centre has closed...and what a disappointment the closure has been to the whole town and especially those who were lucky enough to be able to spend time there, allowing their carers to have a day off...but no more.

Our next film on Wednesday 18th July, at the Cut as always, will be a light-hearted comedy ''Finding Your Feet'' starring Celia Imrie, Imelda Staunton and Timothy Spall and many others. Tickets are £5 payable at the door and will be sold until 2.45pm for the 3pm start. This also applies to the big raffle - we stop selling tickets at 2.45pm so the numbers can be drawn, winning tickets stuck on the prizes and the winning numbers written on the board in time for everyone to be seated for the 3pm start. Don't forget Jill's lovely cards which she makes and sells, every penny she raises goes towards our invaluable work.

Thanks to everyone who continues to support our effort in providing this care.

Paddy Flegg, Publicity

LONDON MOONWALK

Christine and Linda would like to thank you for all the support and sponsorship they received for their marathon walk, raising funds for breast cancer charities.

They completed the challenge in 7.5 hours, through a cold, grey London night, along with 15,000 others.

They have raised nearly £2000 which has been sent to 'Walk the Walk Worldwide'.

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Halesworth & District Museum — From the Archives

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The Annual Excursion took place on the 25th June, 1896. The country selected, Halesworth and its neighbourhood, proved rich in objects of Antiquarian interest, and the proceedings were so mapped out that the interest of the visitors was sustained from the commencement to the end of a long day. The visitors from Bury St Edmunds and West Suffolk were met at Ipswich by members resident on the Eastern side of the County, and shortly after 10am the train left the Ipswich platform with a party of ladies and gentlemen. The members increased en route, while residents in the respective localities visited, drove to the various meeting places.

The members present included:- Revd Canon Raven, D.D., F.S.A., Revd Canon Manning, F.S.A., Mr Felix T. Cobbold, Mr R M Miller, Mr Henry and Mrs Miller, Major Meller, Revd M B Cowell, J Arnott, Esq, Revd E Hickling, Mr and Miss Key, Mr Geo Abbott, Mr H W Trigg, Mr W Sancroft Randall, Miss Coates, Revd Dr and Mrs Haslewood, Mr Wm Vick, Mr F and Mrs Pawsey, Revd E C and Mrs Hopper, Revd A J C Connell, Mr P and Mrs Wainwright, Mr Thos Harrison, Revd W E Layton, Revd Francis Haslewood, Hon Secretary, and Mrs Haslewood, and many others, including a large number of ladies.

The party reached Halesworth shortly before noon. The Revd A R Upcher, the Rector, was at the station to meet the visitors, who had not got many yards before their attention was drawn to matters of special interest, and it was pretty evident that a good day was in store for the party. The church of St Mary at Halesworth, was the first church on the programme, but the Revd A R Upcher, who led the way, swerved a little to the right, and the excursionists found themselves in the pretty Rectory grounds. The Rector caught the ear of listeners, and imparted a halo of interest in the spot sacred with the memories of Archbishop Whately and other notables, who had at various times occupied the Rectory. Pointing to the charming lake at the edge of the lawn in front of the house, the Revd A R Upcher remarked that Revd John Keble spent a great deal of his time upon that lake, being very intimate with Archbishop Whately, who was Rector from 1822 to 1831. On one occasion, Keble modestly produced some verses which he had written, and he asked, the then Mr., afterwards Archbishop of Dublin, if he should publish them; *"Certainly,"* replied the Rector, after he had carefully perused them. The Revd A R Upcher mentioned other facts connected with the locus in quo, stating, amongst other things, that Keble was believed to have written much of his "Christian Year" at Halesworth.* The Rector also pointed to a flourishing elm tree of considerable girth at the entrance to the Rectory grounds, and told how that it was reported of Whately that he used to mount this tree with his surplice on in order to frighten the boys who used to steal the fruit from the orchard, which then existed on land now divided from the grounds by a high brick wall.

After crossing the bridge over the river Blythe, the notice of the visitors was called to the curiously carved Brestsummer of a small shop. A little higher up the road, the Rector drew attention to the Old Chantry House, which, he said, originally belonged to the Bedingfield family. He explained that the carving was in pine. A halt was made in the Market Place close by, and once again the Rector had to offer some particulars about what was evidently a very interesting spot. This he did, mentioning that the Lord of the Manor had a special charter from Henry VIII to hold a market there. The Revd gentleman invited the visitors to inspect the timbered and panelled sides of some of the principal apartments of the "Three Tuns" Inn, facing the Market Place.

The Revd A R Upcher gave an entertaining description of the Church, which consists of chancel, nave, and double aisles on both North and South sides, with West Tower. The party proceeded round the Church and the various features of special interest were pointed out by the Rector. The Font is Perpendicular, an octagon, with emblems of Evangelists, its date being about A.D. 1500. There are in the edifice several singular brasses. The visitors spent much time in the vestry looking over the almost unique collection of ancient MSS, some of which were placed within covers. One was a list of Communicants, and dated 1587, and the amount of wine they were accustomed to consume appeared very remarkable. A nice copy of Erasmus was pointed out amongst the collection. The entries in the parish registers were scanned by some, one having reference to the appointment of the parish school-master - *"John Evans has been chosen by the inhabitants thereof; was sworn before me May 24th 1553 and was approved of by Mr. Samuel Hawker."* A remarkable feature about the book is the beautiful calligraphy. In the Vestry was also exhibited the church plate, and it was observed that the oldest piece was not silver. This was an enigma he could not quite solve, but it certainly appeared the oldest; the gold had worn off. Amongst other points of interest which came under notice during the stay in the Church were: the crest of the Bedingfield family, a very handsome two-light window with elaborate tracery, and the credence table discovered during alterations to the fabric. The exterior of the Church also came in for critical examination.

At 1pm lunch was served at the "Swan Hotel." The Revd A R Upcher occupied the Chair. After luncheon the Revd F Haslewood, the Honorary Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, not only for his kindness in presiding on that occasion, but for his efforts to enhance the pleasure of the visit by explaining the various objects of interest in the church. The excursionists then took their seat in vehicles which were in readiness and were soon on their way to Wissett, They halted at the church of St Andrew in that parish, an ancient building with round tower. The Vicar pointed out some of the chief features of the structure. Having made a critical examination of the interior of the church, the Vicar conducted the party round the exterior, drawing special attention to a perfect specimen of a Norman doorway on the north side. There is another on the south side, but not in such good condition.

After a short drive Rumburgh Church was reached, and the travellers were received by the Vicar, the Revd W L Wilson, who showed them round the building and the Priory. The Revd Canon Raven, D.D., F.S.A., read from the pulpit a valuable paper.

"The Old Minster" at South Elmham, which was reached about 4pm. This was par excellence, from an antiquarian point of view, the most hallowed spot visited during the live-long day. The whole locality is rich in features of antiquarian research. South Elmham Hall itself was the ancient palace of the Bishops of Norwich, and as for "the Old Minster," it was traditionally the church built by St Felix, the Burgundian, first Bishop of the East Angles, and Sir Hugh E Adair very kindly granted admission to these places.

The Revd Canon Raven, D.D., in one of his carefully prepared papers, brought the "Old Minster" back to the mind's eye. The reading of the paper led to further information being sought upon various portions of the old ruins, and the learned doctor courteously replied to various questions. The Revd G F and Mrs Smith Rewse very kindly entertained the members to afternoon tea at the Rectory; and then a brief visit was paid to St Margaret's Church, South Elmham, and the Rector, Revd G F Smith-Rewse, described the building, which consists of nave, south porch, and west tower. The church was built about the time of King John. The south doorway is Norman, with shafts in the jambs. The chancel and porch are Perpendicuiar, the tower being a good specimen of the period. The stand for an hour glass remains in situ. There remains some medieval painting on panels, formerly part of the rood screen.

The excursionists left South Elmham at 6pm, and were driven to Halesworth, where they caught the 7.21pm train for Ipswich and other towns, the day having proved very enjoyable.

**Life of Archbp. Whately, by E. Jane Whately, Vol. 1., p. 51, pub. 1866*

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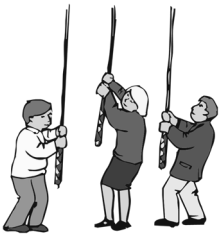
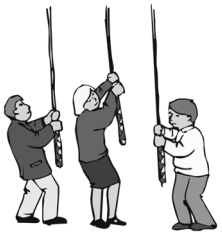


From the Ringing Chamber



Following on from our success in the District Striking Competition I managed to scrape together a team to enter the call-change section of the county-wide Guild competition at Earl Stonham.

The band included Rosie and Keith who had only rung in their first competition the week before (albeit successfully) so I had no great expectations when we arrived on a sunny Saturday morning and mingled with a hundred or so other ringers to listen to some high quality ringing.

Our turn came fairly soon and I was a bit concerned as we only had two minutes to practise on unfamiliar bells before the judges would be picking up on our every imperfection, but I needn't have worried: the bells were very easy to handle and Rosie and Keith were straight into the rhythm, so much so that the judges subsequently said that they suspected from the quality of our opening rounds that we were an experienced band masquerading as a call-change team!

Apart from one rocky moment the team rang really well, and we were delighted to discover subsequently that we had only accrued 35 faults, good enough for third place. A jolly decent lunch finished off a very satisfactory morning.

After concentrating on quality on the Saturday, Sunday brought a concentration on quantity with a peal at Wissett to celebrate the royal wedding. This was Sal's first peal inside and we rang three different methods to provide some variety early on.

Having successfully negotiated these in the opening three quarters of an hour it was then a matter of endurance and concentration.

I had managed to secure the services of a "professional" tenor ringer from Lowestoft to help us, and we ended up finishing in just over two and a half hours, the joint fastest peal on the bells. Sal rang really well throughout and deserves much credit for having achieved this level.

Here are the details:
Suffolk Guild of Ringers, Wissett, Suffolk. St Andrew
Sunday, 20 May 2018 in 2hrs 31min (7–3–20 in A)
5040 Minor
3 methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob
1 Philip J Gorrod ©; 2 Sal Jenkinson; 3 Christine P Pickup; 4 Matthew P Rolph; 5 Richard T L Rapior; 6 Andrew J Leach; First inside: 2; Most methods: 4. To celebrate the wedding of HRH Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.
And pictured below is the band: (L-R) Richard, Chrissie, Sal, Matthew, Andrew, Philip.

After a very successful May we started June with a magnificent attendance on the first Sunday morning of no less than sixteen! We had two regular visitors, but virtually everyone else had dragged themselves out of bed to be at St Mary's by 9am and we even managed to ring a touch of Stedman Triples, the most difficult of the standard methods before you get into "Surprise". Some of the striking was sparkling (as I hope some of you noticed!) and just proved that our gruelling practices on Tuesdays do pay off.

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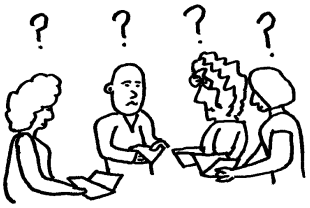

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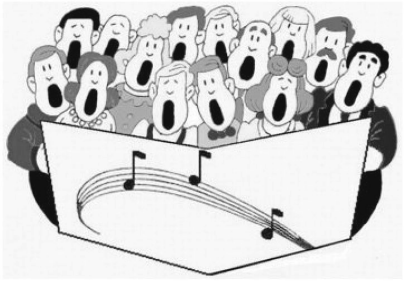

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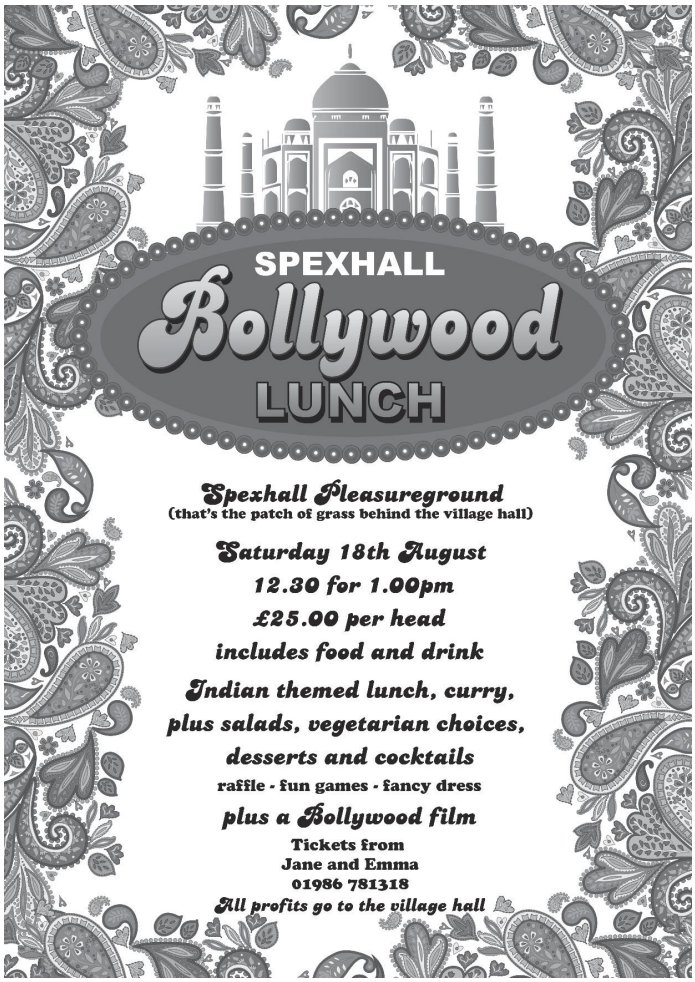

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We enjoyed the company of 10 members from Wenhaston who joined us for our meeting last month. Members were able to talk together as they set to work making their flower arrangements. One of our members brought along an interesting display of arrangements she had made in various containers that she had upcycled. It was an altogether enjoyable afternoon and we look forward to visiting Wenhaston branch for their meeting on Wednesday 12th September, lifts will be available.

This month we welcome our Diocesan President, Christine Ward, who will lead us in our Wave of Prayer Service and also members from Yoxford branch. Please do come and join us for a quiet afternoon of spiritual refreshment when we will be praying for our prayer links which are Lake Malawi, Malawi Central Africa, Byumba in Rwanda, Jalinga in Nigeria and Lucklow, North India. These dioceses will also be praying for us during this Wave of Prayer week.

Look out for the Mothers' Union Pop-up shop in iChameleon in the Thoroughfare from 26th July - 1st August *(see Janet's column on this page).* Please also note that the Hoppa Bus has been booked for our outing to Felixstowe on Thursday 16th August. We plan to leave at 10am and be home at approx. 4pm. Please let Win have your name if you wish to go.

***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 Wenhaston 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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Mothers' Union Retreat – Come Rest, Pray and Play in the Lord

This took place at Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, Ditchingham Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th May and was led by Revd Kathy Bishop, Associate Priest and Spiritual Director in the Diocese of Ely. We were 27 in total from across the Diocese, with 5 coming for the day on Wednesday. We followed the pattern of the Greater Silence from 9pm to 9am which gave us 'an opportunity to discover the child within us, and encounter God in a more light-hearted way: through listening, sharing, reflecting, worshipping and fun together'. For those who consider retreats should be in total silence, I have to say this pattern did seem to work well. There were plenty of opportunities to spend time on your own in quiet and solitude, especially walking or sitting in the beautiful grounds.

Kathy Bishop led us in a sensitive, gentle and inspiring way, with poems, stories, bible readings, music and meditations. Kathy gave us a meditation on 23rd Psalm, to rest like a lamb in a beautiful meadow with a river running by. She also used some of the words of Mother Julian of Norwich. We met for Morning Prayer and Compline and a meaningful and moving Eucharist on the last morning in what used to be the Chapel, where we shared the bread and wine with our neighbour around a semi-circle. We also sang unaccompanied at all our worship.

I particularly appreciated the Prayer Walk which Linda Ginn, the organiser of the Retreat, led on the Wednesday afternoon. This included a footpath through a local wood where there were still bluebells to be seen and numerous birds singing. We stopped three times for prayer and an Iona version of the Te Deum. It was overcast and windy that day, so we were glad of a warming cuppa and cake on our return.

We shared our mealtimes with two other groups but sat at our own tables. There was a choice of dishes, with good wholesome food at every meal. The staff were attentive yet unobtrusive, and we no longer had to strip our beds on the last morning!

This retreat was inspiring, enriching and refreshing. It brought us closer to our Lord and each other. I am looking forward to the next MU Retreat in two years' time. **Janet Walkey**

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Saturday 29th — Sunday 30th September

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Unfortunately, I may not be able to collect.

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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.

We also need bottles of baby food and products, milk (UHT or powdered), fruit juice (long life cartons), tinned meat/fish, sugar (5oog), cereals, tinned vegetables, tinned sponge puddings, instant mashed potato, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, tinned rice puddings, jam, biscuits or snack bars, tea bags/instant coffee, tinned fruit.

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.

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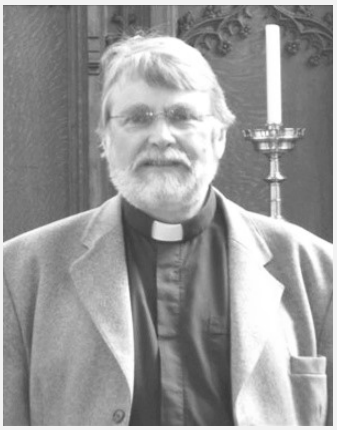

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You are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Halesworth on: Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 7pm, at: Halesworth Methodist Church, Meeting Room.

This is an invitation to all denominations in the Blyth Valley Team. Churches Together is recognised nationally but in the Blyth Valley it is run by a committee comprising representatives of each denomination for the benefit of the Blyth Valley. Churches Together supports various projects including the Foodbank and Community Fund and the Beach Mission. On your behalf the committee plans events such as the week of prayer for Christian Unity, Easter processions (Palm Sunday and Good Friday), the open-air Town Service at Pentecost, the Advent Tea and carol singing in the Market Place. We are always looking for fresh ideas and feedback so the AGM is your chance to make a contribution.

This year is particularly poignant because it is probably the last time we will have use of the Methodist meeting room and the final time our Methodist friends have to represent their denomination in its current format. Of course, whichever building they decide to worship in, we hope that they will continue to bring some of the characteristics and ideas of Methodist worship. For these reasons we urge you support the AGM as a way of acknowledging the years of support the Methodist church has given to our community, thank you.

Cecilia Metherell

The Town's Annual Open-Air Pentecost Service

The Churches Together committee are pleased to announce that the total amount collected at the Service for *Relief in Syria* was £255.53.

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News from Town & Villages

Bramfield

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BRAMFIELD FETE
SUNDAY JULY 8TH
at The Old Vicarage
2pm - 4.30pm
COME and SPLAT THE RAT!
HOLE THE BEANBAG!
BOWL THE BALL!
FIND THE TREASURE!
CHASE THE MARBLES!
CHOOSE THE BONUS BALL!
DRAW A PRIZE!
TAKE A CAKE; BUY A BOOK
CHANCE A DIP AT TOMBOLA
RUMMAGE IN THE BRICABRAC
PICK A PLANT
And then
IF YOU'RE EXHAUSTED BY ALL THAT
Just sit down and have a friendly cup of tea and a cake and a chat.

Offers of cakes for teas or the cake stall, plants, books, draw prizes, tombola contributions, would be very welcome and can be left at The Old Vicarage, phone 01986 784373.

Charities Coffee Morning

What a shame we weren't able to see the roses at The Folly. Bother the rain which came at exactly the wrong moment. The coffee morning, by much rapid thinking, raising of manpower (and missed breakfasts) was cleverly relocated to the church. Thank you to all the very generous people who came, we had a jolly morning and managed to raise a magnificent £360. This will be divided between the Halesworth *dementia* Carers Fund and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Photographic Competition

This has been postponed until 2019. Never mind, you will have time to get some fantastic winter pictures (Oh no! Not snow again). Watch this space for further news.

Village Hall Draw for June

1st Mrs M Foster	£11
2nd Kath Maitland	£6
3rd T & J Edwards	£5

Church Opening and Closing for week beginning Monday

July 2	B Langley
July 9	D Munnings
July 16	L & A Cunningham
July 23	M Collins
July 30	J Brereton

Church Cleaning for week Beginning Sunday

July 1	-----
July 8	C Chenery
July 15	R Booth & C Webb
July 22	L Buckingham & L Trussler
July 29	R Booth & C Webb

Altar Flowers for Sundays

July 1	E Page
July 8 and 15	J Brereton
July 22 & 29	L Cunningham

Chediston

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There is very little to report this month, all being well there will be more news for the August issue. Perhaps everyone is away on holiday, if so hopefully you are all enjoying yourselves.

Heather's Walk

This took place on May 12th when 36 people and dogs met up at Wenhaston Village Hall. They walked for four and a half miles via Mells Hamlet where they called at the Old Chapel and then back to Wenhaston for refreshments. Just over £450 was raised for Christian Aid. We remember how Heather worked tirelessly for Christian Aid and Traidcraft.

A warm welcome to Christine and Clive Roose who have recently moved in to Blyth Lodge. *Christine writes to the website*: My husband Clive and I (Chris) moved into Blyth Lodge in Chediston about 6 weeks ago and we have been made very welcome by all we meet. We were lucky enough to have just moved in before the Backwards band played at the school room which we went to and met quite a few neighbours. Since then we have been keeping our heads down with being busy doing the garden and decorating indoors so we have not had much of a chance yet to get involved with the lovely community here. Rest assured we will be.

Blyth Lodge used to be a B&B years ago and that's why we have been busy getting it ready to open up again. We will have 2 rooms initially, with perhaps a third if things go well and we get nice and busy. Once we are ready, I am thinking of doing a little tea/coffee afternoon to officially open and show people around. I can keep you updated if that's ok. It will probably be end of June.

Regards
Chris Roose

Congratulations to Chediston's Jonny and Kate Vaughan upon the birth of a daughter, Zoe. Jake now has a sister!

Date for your Diary - Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride

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

This year it will take place on Saturday 8th September, volunteers are needed to sit in the church to welcome the visitors, I also have sponsor forms (Sally 873363).

Halesworth

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My little sister has a saying, it irritates me when I hear it, but on this occasion it seems to encompass my feelings *"Oh my days!".* So much happened between Ascension and Pentecost that I don't know where to begin. The 11 days of *'Thy Kingdom Come'* daily offerings of prayer sent out around the world were inspiring to follow, leading up to Pentecost which in itself was an extraordinary day! This is the beginning of the greatest movement of people in human history – as Archbishop Justin says "The Jesus movement". But, before I talk about our Pentecost celebrations, we had the Royal Wedding of the Duke & Duchess of

Sussex the day before. Did you feel as I did, it was a proper wedding, it was not theatre with a couple of pretty people in the middle, it was two young people profoundly in love committing themselves to God and each other. It was a beautiful ceremony.

My favourite image of the day was when Megan was standing at the entrance to the Chapel poised to enter, the State Trumpeters, fired up and the little pageboy holding Megan's huge train, had the biggest, gummiest smile of complete and utter awe! Yes, personally I was sad the organ in the chapel only played two hymns, with the orchestra playing Megan in and them both out, but hey ho! May God pour out his blessings upon them in their new life together.

At 8am on Pentecost Sunday it was cold down in the Market Place. Apologies to Dory and Robert who turned up expecting an 8am BCP service.

However, the clouds parted, the sun came out and by 11am it was glorious.

A good turnout for the service from across the Churches, with thanks to Jon Sermon for preaching, in fairness, he had a tough act to follow after Bishop Michael Curry's outburst of love and fire the day before!

We seem to have the knack of putting a Churches Together Pentecost Service together now, a very big thank you to everyone involved, from those who helped setup and clear up, the music, catering and serving departments. A real team effort. Thank you everyone.

Breakfast Church on Sunday 10th June used the theme of 'Music'. We celebrated the Royal School of Church Music's Music Sunday. It is a day to recognise and thank God for the endeavour of people – young and old, professional and amateur, administrator and practitioner - who create the wonderful music that inspires and deepens our Christian worship.

Thank you to Jane Held for using/ working with the material for Music Sunday. We finished the Service with a fantastic belter of a hymn *'O Praise ye the Lord',* only a few of us in Church, but I'm sure the whole of Halesworth heard it!

Please see pages 2 and 3, and the 'What's on' a page for all details of July services, events and recital details here in St Mary's.

Lastly from me this month, you may remember for Lent 2017 the diocese supported our brothers and sisters in Kagera. Great news! Read all about what's going on in Kagera thanks to you and the 2017 Lent Appeal! We've received an exciting report from Thomas Shavu, the Church and Community Mobilisation Co-ordinator. You can download the report from the Diocesan website.

"We at the Diocese of Kagera, wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the funds received from you at the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich" says Thomas Shavu, *"We are expecting great things from this program and thank you for your partnership in supporting our ministry."*

home, and her mental health began to suffer. She became depressed, anxious and developed post-traumatic stress disorder.

'After three years of caring for her mum, Abi was finally referred to a local young carer's service, who introduced her to us. We helped Abi meet other young carers, and she was amazed to discover she wasn't alone. She soon gained confidence, and volunteered to help plan and run our annual young carers' festival, which brings together young carers from across the country.

'As a Young Carer's Champion, Abi joined a network of young carers who were passionate about improving the lives of other children like them. Thanks to supporters like you, Abi has gone from feeling she had no future, to being a confident, happy young woman who is looking forward to life again. She is preparing to go to university and wants to be a photographer.'

Janet Walkey

St Peter's Holton Box Co-ordinator for The Children's Society.

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Holton

Reminder of Children's Society Box Opening & Coffee Morning 7.7.18

Don't forget this event takes place on Saturday 7th July 10am – 12 noon in St Peter's Church, Holton. Refreshments, Bring & Buy/Cake Stall will be in St Peter's Room and a Raffle in the porch. Boxes will be opened in the church. Please don't talk to those counting the money! If you are unable to come on the day, please get your box to me beforehand or give it to a friend to bring. Do invite friends and family members to come too. The more the merrier!

A recent Box Holder News tells how Abi's life has been changed.

'Abi was just 11 years old when her mum had a major operation. As the surgery left her mum unable to move, Abi had to do all the cooking and cleaning, as well as look after her brother.

'Struggling with her caring duties and constantly worried about her mum's health, Abi began to fall behind at school. She started getting bullied so much that she didn't want to leave

Linstead

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IT'S OFFICIAL,WE ARE ON OUR OWN. The highways people are now proposing that, unless it is an A or a B road if you want a verge cut, or a signpost cleared of overhanging elder (why always elder?), or cleaned of mould, then we do it ourselves, because they are no longer able to do it. I don't suppose that it will come as any great surprise and at least we know where we stand. However, there is a challenge here. Just as once a year we do a litter-pick, if we see some aspect of our roadside that needs attention, then we attend to it. I hope that it will be a point of pride in our villages that the roadsides should be kept in order. I'm not talking 'suburban' here, just the knowledge that if it needs doing, then it is up to us to get out the shears, or the strimmer or the squeegee and sort it out. I'm rather hoping that things will get better rather than worse.

GONE, BUT ASSUREDLY NOT forgotten; you have to use a tutored eye to locate the site of St Peter's, but that does not prevent us from remembering it, as we do, every two years. Therefore:

You are invited to join us

at the site of

St. Peter's,

Linstead Magna

On Sunday, July 1st 2018

from 3pm.

For an open-air service,

followed by tea.

By kind permission of

Mr & Mrs Peter Abell

The turning to the site of St Peter's is off the top road to Cratfield (turn right at the Cookley/Cratfield crossroads — note the alliteration) and follow the signs. If you get to Cratfield, you have gone too far!

ST MARGARET OF ANTIOCH WAS ONE of the more colourful of the saints brought back as a sort of trophy from the Crusades-along with St. George and others. It will come as no surprise to be told that we are rather fond of her and her birthday party, as it were, is always a cause for celebration so please join us for:

THE LINSTEAD 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.

ARGUABLY, THE HIGH POINT OF THE Linstead summer social season is:

THE LINSTEAD SUMMER FÊTE

HELD AT

LINSTEAD 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

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 & LINSTEAD W.I. MEET next at 2.30pm on Tuesday July 10th at Linstead Village Hall. It says in the programme that it is a Belly Dancing Entertainment. For once, words fail me.

SERVICES IN JULY COMPRISE THE St. Peter's Day Service at 3pm. On the 1st; please see the box for details, Matins at 9.30am on the 8th and the 22nd, then the Patronal Service (see box for details) at 12.30pm on the 29th. On the 15th, we visit Chediston for a joint service at 9.30am.

ROTAS FOR JULY

DATE:	FLOWERS & CLEANING
1st	No Service at church
8th	Mrs A Frost & Mrs V Bish
15th	No Service
22nd	Mrs P Keable & Mr D Keable
29th	No Service at church.

Spexhall

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Hello all you lovely Spexhailens and welcome to July! I can believe we are here already and that by the time you read this we will have had the longest day of the year and be heading swiftly towards the summer holidays!

We have had two fabulous services this month, with another to follow as well as the wonderful celebration of Father's Day and all in all the weather has been very kind! Now Father's Day and Mothering Sunday are always thoroughly enjoyed in our house as year upon year there are more mothers or fathers to celebrate and we all just get together and have lots of food and fun, so this Father's Day a barbecue will be in order if the weather is fine, and if not, a massive roast for all the family.

Fathers are something that we have been thinking about in Church, or rather God the father and his relationship to us and what it means for him to be our father, and we have had two very lovely and insightful sermons around the subject, with Clover deciding to find her voice in the middle of one, and in no uncertain terms comment all the way through, (sorry Edward!).

It is almost time for the Churchyard Cut, or it may even have happened by the time you read this, but as ever, if you are interested or able to help, please let Fred Woods know, as they are always happy to have helpers.

Now some of you will know that we unfortunately lost our wonderful dog Bracken very suddenly in October of last year and have been missing him terribly. Well about two months ago, we decided we couldn't wait any longer and so have now got a five month old yellow Labrador puppy named Barley. Now what many of you will also know, is that on Christmas Eve last year we welcomed our second child Clover, who is now almost six months old, so a six month old baby and a five month old puppy….you can imagine! Luckily however both Clover and Barley are particularly laid back and are both being extremely well behaved, but it has certainly been a hectic and entertaining few months!

Now before I waffle on and completely lose the plot, Patricia has asked me to tell you all about this year's Wonderful Flower Festival. It will be held on Friday 31st August and the Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd September. The theme is Music for a Summer's Evening and it concludes with a fantastic concert with Veronica Downing accompanied by Karen Evans. There will be more details nearer the time, but for now, if anyone is interested in doing a floral display for the Festival to fit the theme, you will be greatly welcomed. No experience necessary and if you need any hints or tips or any more information, please don't hesitate to contact Patricia or Jane.

So whilst you read the up and comings, get your floral thinking caps on!

Lammas – 12th August 11:15am;

Flower Festival and Concert – 31st August – 2nd September (TBC);

Evening of indoor games fundraiser – 21st September at the Village Hall (for tickets, see Jane);

Harvest Service – 30th September 11:15am, followed by a bring and share Village Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall;

Remembrance Service – 11th Nov 10:50am.

Wenhaston

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Numerous plants, delicious cakes and lots of sunshine! All contributing to a very good result from our Plant Sale which we held in the Churchyard on Saturday 12th May. It was good to have so many customers helping us to raise £368 at the Sale which was increased by a further £40 from the sale of the remaining plants on a stall at the gate of Spindleberry. Thank you to everyone who gave plants and cakes for us to sell, and to all the helpers who set up and manned the stalls.

We very much hope that the Concert in the Church on Saturday 21st July at 7.30pm will be very well supported as the Singout Yoxford Community Choir have kindly offered to sing for us to raise money for St Peter's and I am certain that it will be a very enjoyable evening. Please see this column for more details about the Choir and the Concert.

The Becker Exhibition will again be held in the Church during the weekend August 3rd - 6th and we shall be serving Lunches in the Church Room on Saturday 4th when we hope that many of our readers will join us. More details next month.

Just to mention that we have two Team Services at St Peter's in July and it would be good to have as many friends as possible with us at these special Services, we look forward to seeing you!

Finally our congratulations go to both of our new Ordinands, Claire and Jane. Our Love and Prayers go with you both as you start on a new journey in your lives and we look forward to welcoming Jane at Wenhaston.

SIDESPEOPLE IN JULY

1st	9.30am	TEAM EUCHARIST AT ST MARY'S
	No Service at St. Peter's	
8th	6.30pm	TEAM EVENSONG Jenny Jeffrey
15th	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST Clive Watson
22nd	11.15am	PAUSE FOR THOUGHT Valerie Ellis
29th	9.30am	TEAM EUCHARIST Viv Kemp

CHURCH CLEANING JULY

1st	Jenny Jeffrey
	Sue Gow
15th	June and Trevor Tate
29th	Viv Kemp
	Francis Watson

"MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING"

On Saturday 21st July **Singout Yoxford Community Choir** will give a Concert in St Peter's Church, Wenhaston starting at 7.30pm.

Singout Yoxford was founded four years ago to provide opportunities for choral singing for people in Yoxford and local Villages. It is a mixed Choir with a wide and varied repertoire ranging from Pop to Church Anthems, Jazz, Film and Stage musical hits plus folk songs (some from South Africa) are included. The Concert called "Music for a Summer's Evening" is in aid of St Peter's Church.

Entry is free but we hope that people will donate generously to help maintain this wonderful Church.

Bernard Orme
A member of the Choir.

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

We very much enjoyed our joint meeting with Halesworth Mothers' Union members when we made buttonholes or flower arrangements. It was good to have fellowship with their members and to chat and enjoy a cup of tea together. We hope Halesworth Branch will join with us at Wenhaston later in the year.

Our June meeting on 13th was an update on MU activities by Linda Ginn at 2.30pm in the Church Room. I will report on this next month.

The North Suffolk Area Quiet Day is on Thursday 28th June at Debenham to be taken by the Revd Susan Bates. Hopefully a few of our members will be able to attend and take some spiritual refreshment.

The Garden Meeting this year on Wednesday 11th July at 3pm, will be in Margaret's garden at Spindleberry. We will read through the Wave of Prayer, and there will be a bring & share tea. Please bring a friend or any potential new members.

The Summer Outing will be on 8th August, venue to be advised.

Have a good Summer!

Margaret Bloomfield

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 3rd July.

Sandra Canham and Vivienne Kemp will lead a circular walk along the River Deben at Woodbridge on Tuesday 17th July starting at the Railway Station car park at 10am. (Toilets available). Lunch at the Bull on Market Hill.

For any further help, contact Heather Phillips on 01502 478545. **HPP**

WENHASTON FLOWER CLUB

For our July meeting (Tuesday 3rd) we will be meeting at The Dingle Hill Tearoom, Dunwich at 3pm.

For a delicious cream tea (sandwiches, cakes, scones, tea/coffee). If you would like to go, but didn't go to the June meeting, please ring either:- Dawn on 01986 873640 or Jean on 01502 478317, as we need to book and let them know how many will be going.

We don't meet in August but will all be together again on first Tuesday in September.

WENHASTON WI

Our evening started off with a bang as we wished Mary a happy 90th birthday. We gave her a toast with a glass of prosecco which she had provided. Two members had made and iced a beautiful cake, a slice of which we enjoyed later at our tea break.

Janet Dillaway then gave us a talk about her work in Child Protection. It is a demanding and responsible job. Today the family make-up is very different from what it was in the past. Now there can be siblings, an extended family and grandparent's views to be taken into consideration. Janet stressed that above all the welfare of the child is paramount. Help is given to parents with drink or drug dependency but if they don't improve the court can recommend that the child be put into care. Older children can have a say where they want to be. They are listened to but in frequent cases a child will say what they think will please both parents so an adult has to make the final decision.

Our WI is very busy with many organised trips and other activities. In July for our meeting we are having a tea party at the Crown in Southwold, a real treat. We hope!

Wissett

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In all the excitement last time I forgot to record that the APCM was legally held on 17th April. The PCC is losing Claire Kiddy who will be ordained on 30th June, and taking up her curacy in Beccles, but gaining Andrew and Marjorie Heap. Fortunately all the officers agreed to continue for another year, the accounts were adopted unopposed, and the whole thing, with a full review and thinking about the coming year, was over in a manageable time.

The Flower Festival was enjoyed by all who came, and the whole weekend, with the Plant Sale, and refreshments, raised a worthwhile amount for the fabric fund. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed. I would particularly like to mention another Flower Festival, this one a national fixture on a huge scale, in Ely Cathedral 21st – 24th June, because it is organised by Roger Woolnough.

Still mindful of the wider world, Wissett marked the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle with a local band ringing a full peal of nearly three hours of continuous changes, a feat of skill and endurance. There is ringing at a less exalted level for all services, and we are very pleased that Hugh Spink our leader is teaching one or two new recruits.

An energetic month is coming up in Wissett: the village Barbecue is at 6pm on Saturday 14th July, le Quatorze Juillet again, and the highly traditional Horticultural Show is in the Village Hall on 28th, 2pm – 4pm. There are a number of events at The Plough, including the Beer Festival, 20th – 27th July.

Unusually, I am writing this as early as the day before the deadline, a day which has been made memorable for us by the unprecedented appearance of a hare in the garden, somewhat fearless, so perhaps not completely well.

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE BLYTH VALLEY TIMES, AUGUST ISSUE

The August issue of Blyth Valley Times will be published on Thursday 26th July.

Deadline date for receipt of copy is:

Saturday 7th July.

Due to my pre-booked annual leave in July, please may I request that contributors kindly try to ensure that we receive copy for the August issue on *(or before!)* the deadline date.

This will assist tremendously with the preparation of the Blyth Valley Times August artwork and help us meet the printer's deadline.

Email: blyth.valley.times@gmail.com
Tel 01986 875941

Many thanks
Carolyn
Team Administrator

Maggi Hambling's Memorial to Benjamin Britten on Aldeburgh Beach

ALDE VALLEY FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

History – Fact or Fiction? Monday 16 July

The July meeting of the Alde Valley Suffolk Family History Group will be a talk by Sue Liddell entitled "History – Fact or Fiction?": a whimsical consideration of the ways in which writers have reconstructed historical characters and events – was Richard III a villain? Yes, says Shakespeare, No, says Josephine Tey – or historians have presented historical characters and events to fit the mood and climate of the day – Oliver Cromwell a hero? Yes, says our contemporary, Professor Barry Coward, No, says nineteenth century historian, Thomas Carlyle. And what about the way historical novels can disturb our sense of time altogether? Lots to think about and ponder...

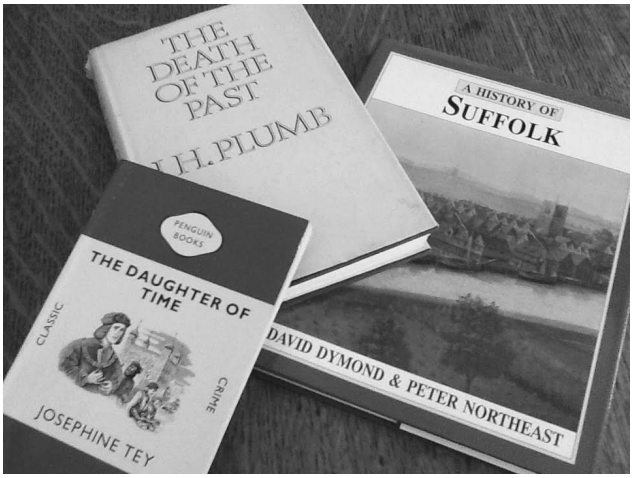
Sue Liddell has been a tutor/lecturer in English and History for the WEA and London University's Extra-Mural Department/ Birkbeck College and Essex's Continuing Education Department since the 1960s. She was also closely involved in running the Essex History Fairs, and with her husband, Bill Liddell, published *Imagined Land: Essex in Poetry and Prose.* Since moving to Suffolk they helped to set up the Historical Association's Suffolk Branch that has now sadly ceased; but she continues her interest in history and literature through volunteering at the Long Shop Museum and being a member of a local reading group. She is also church secretary of the United Reformed Church in Saxmundham.

The meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 16th July at Leiston United Church. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members and includes tea/coffee.

For more info contact Angela Skelcher on 01728 830949,

or see our website: http://aldevalleyfamilyhistorygroup.onesuffolk.net/

If you'd like to join the Group, download an application form from our website or come along to a meeting. Membership fee is only £6 per annum, or £10 per household.



Friends of St Mary's·Halesworth

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

WED 13th JUNE – 'The King of Instruments'

Review to follow in next month's BVT as prior to the BVT deadline, sorry, hope you all enjoyed it!

WED 11th JULY – The Language of Love

Elizabeth Willmot and Anna Winton Mills will be accompanied by Terry Cunnane in performing songs and duets exploring the many expressions of love and nature by poets and composers. Included will be pieces by Mozart, Brahms, Faure and many others.

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 where you can also find details of previous recitals. Also on: www.friendsofstmaryshalesworth.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) rules, we are unable to send you details of our lunchtime recitals or upcoming events by post or email unless you have provided consent for us to do so.

If you want to continue to hear about what we are doing, and the events we are putting on including our lunchtime recitals, then please send an email to friendsofstmarys@talktalk.net and include the following message:

"I consent to the Friends of St Mary's Halesworth continuing to hold and use my email address (and postal address where already held)".

Friends of St Mary's·Halesworth

POPPIES - 10th & 11th November

To commemorate 100 years of the end of WWI,
we would love St Mary's to be decorated with poppies.
These could be real poppies, a painting, crocheted, knitted.

More details later in the year.

Friends of St Mary's · Halesworth

Arms of The Argentines • Mediaeval Benefactors

Lunchtime Recital

St Mary's Church, Halesworth

Wednesday 11th July, 12.30

Picnic Lunch available from 12 noon
or bring your own

The Language of Love

Songs and duets exploring the many expressions of love and nature
by poets and composers including Mozart, Brahms, Faure and many others.

Performed by
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Vilia's story

Vilia's new home provided a safe haven for her family and neighbours when they needed it most.

Vilia lost her mum and her home when the earthquake struck Port-au-Prince in 2010. Bereaved and homeless, she went back to her home town with her husband and children. But life was a struggle, and they had nowhere safe to live. Christian Aid partner KORAL built her a new home that was strong enough to stand up to natural disasters.

On the terrifying night when Hurricane Matthew hit, Vilia's neighbours fled to shelter with her. As the storm raged, she shared her home with more than 50 of her neighbours for several days. Despite the ferocity of the hurricane, which swept away surrounding homes, her house was barely damaged.

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FIRE IN HALESWORTH MARKET PLACE

The recent fire at 29 Market Place has created much interest and prompted many questions about the shop and what it was used for in days gone by.

From information I have, I find that in 1862 it was occupied by the Gostling family who established a chemists shop there. It was still occupied in 1906 by John Henry Gostling who was trading from there as a pharmaceutical chemist advertising Neuralgia Mixture at one shilling a bottle and Liver mixture. In 1910 Arthur T. Gostling was advertising "Lung Tonic 1/- size for 71/2d".

By 1916 it was still occupied by Mrs Gostling it being likely that Mr Gostling went to the war. By the late 1920's the the business had come into the ownership of Mr James P. E. Keeble who with Mr W. J. Everett at 50, The Thoroughfare were the only chemists in Halesworth for most of the first half of the 20th century. Mr Keeble married Miss Boast, his housekeeper, and they had one daughter Jill who lives in Halesworth.. He died early in WW2 and the business was carried on by his wife who employed a Mr Read to help her run it. In January 1940 Mr Wilfrid M. George took over Mr Everett's business in the Thoroughfare and in the autumn of 1954 he acquired the business at 29 Market Place after which it was run as a store and dispensing chemist by his son Wilfrid S. George, under the title W. M. George & Son. His other son Peter and his wife occupied the first floor which they converted to a flat by making extensive improvements.

Two separate companies were formed by the George family trading as Paranol in the Thoroughfare and Shardalows in the Market Place and these and the properties were sold to Mr Michael Cross around 1978. The late Mr C. Patrick and his wife moved into No 29 Market Place and the shop has been run as a newsagents by their son David for several years.

I think that it can safely be assumed, from a photograph I have, that originally (300-400 years ago) it was part of the adjoining Mansion House when it was the home of Lord of the Manor. Like other stately homes built around that time, considerable space was needed for the domestic arrangements which included a cellar or basement for the storage of ale and wines and some perishable foodstuffs. In addition kitchen facilities and accommodation for live-in servants and staff were also needed.

Derek Newby

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