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LAMMAS BREAD & WINE FESTIVAL



On Saturday 5th August, between 2pm-4pm, St Mary's Halesworth played host to its first Lammas Bread & Wine Festival. The Festival was the idea of the Revd Dominic Doble, Team Rector and was a great success - with an afternoon of sharing, talking, tasting and buying!

Many thanks to E5 Bakehouse, Penny Bun Bakehouse and Valley Farm Vineyards for supporting the event by bringing samples of their produce and sharing information about the process of producing their wares.

Local organisations kindly donated some great prizes for the raffle, and a competition was held to judge the best Lammas loaf made by an adult. The winner of this category was Claire Halsey, congratulations to her.

At 6pm, a Lammas service was held and after the service, produce from the Festival was shared.

The Revd Doble would like to thank everyone who supported the Festival, especially the traders and team who helped put the event together. The afternoon raised £365 for church funds.

Next year's Lammas Festival is already being planned!



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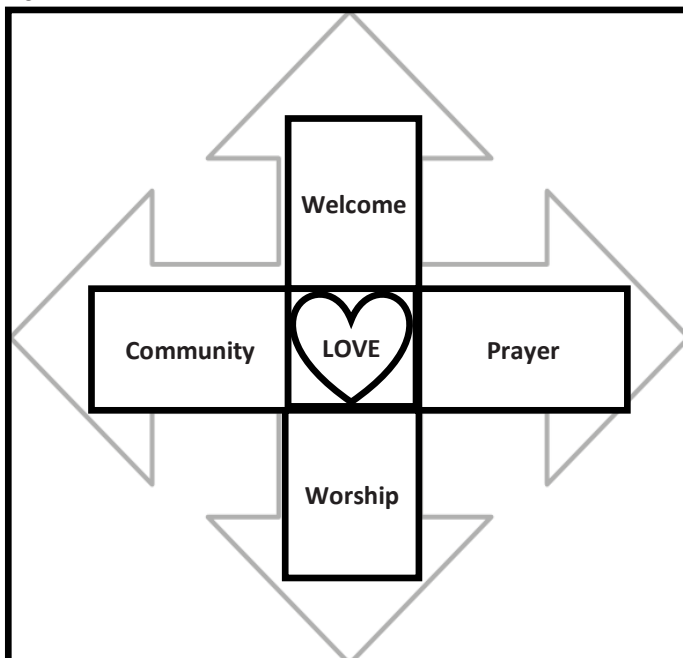
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The next BVTM Team Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th September, 7.30pm, in St Peter's Room, St Peter's Church, Holton.

Please could Team Council reps ensure that they (or a stand-in) attend the meeting.

**BVTimes Renewals 2023-24**

Please could any *BVTimes* subscribers who have not yet paid their 2023-24 renewals, do so asap.

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September 2023 Lectionary

The usual Trinity Season set readings for Traditional (BCP) and Holy Communions (CW) are set out below. Parishes and Ministers may however opt to observe creationtide for which a selection of readings have been chosen. In addition, a fourth set of readings has been provided for where and when Harvest Festivals occur.

Sunday 3rd September – Thirteenth After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion	Holy Communion	Creationtide 1	Harvest Festival
Galatians 3: 16 – 22 Luke 10: 23 – 37	Exodus 3: 1 – 15 Matthew 16: 21-end	Romans 8: 18 – 22 Mark 4: 35 – 41	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Luke 12: 16 - 30

Sunday 10th September – Fourteenth After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion	Holy Communion	Creationtide 2	Harvest Festival
Galatians 5: 16 – 24 Luke 17: 11 – 19	Exodus 12: 1 – 14 Matthew 18: 15 – 20	Revelation 2: 1 – 7 Luke 13: 6 – 9	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Luke 12: 16 - 30

Sunday 17th September – Fifteenth After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion	Holy Communion	Creationtide 3	Harvest Festival
Galatians 6: 11 – 18 Matthew 6: 24 – end	Exodus 14: 19 – end Matthew 18: 21 – 35	1 Timothy 6: 7 – 19 Matthew 6: 25 – 34	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Luke 12: 16 - 30

Sunday 24th September – Sixteenth After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion	Holy Communion	Creationtide 4	Harvest Festival
Ephesians 3: 13-end Luke 7: 11 - 17	Exodus 16: 2 – 15 Matthew 20: 1 – 16	Colossians 1: 15-20 John 21: 1 – 14	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Luke 12: 16 - 30

Worship in the Blyth Valley in September 2023

CW – Year A Continuous	3rd Green BCP & CW – 13th After	10th Green BCP & CW – 14th After	17th Green BCP & CW – 15th After	24th Green BCP & CW – First of Lent
Halesworth St Mary	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Holy Communion Gini 6pm Evensong Dominic	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Traditional Communion Vic	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Team Holy Communion +Martin 6pm Evensong Dominic	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Iona Worship Jason 6pm Evensong Dominic
St Peter Group				
Holton St Peter	10am Iona Worship Vic	10am Morning Prayer Alison C		10am Holy Communion Gini
Wenhaston St Peter	10am Holy Communion Dominic	10.30am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel		10am Pause for Thought Linda
Bramfield St Andrew		10am Holy Communion David		
Blyford All Saints				
Thorington St Peter				10am Morning Prayer Alison C
St Andrew Group				
Wissett St Andrew	10am Holy Communion Alison	6pm TEAM Evensong Dominic		10am Breakfast Church Geoffrey
Chediston St Mary		10am Holy Communion Dominic		10am Morning Prayer Veronica
Spexhall St Peter				10am Harvest Festival David
Linstead St Margaret		10am Matins Malcolm		10am Matins Malcolm
St Michael Group				
Cookley St Michael			9.30am Traditional Communion Jonathan	
Heveningham St Margaret		10am Traditional Communion Gini		
Huntingfield St Mary				10am Morning Prayer Alison
Walpole St Mary				10am Holy Communion Dominic

Additional Services this month: 9.30am Thursdays, Morning Worship, St Andrew's Bramfield

7pm Friday 8th, Harvest Festival St Andrew's Wissett – Revd Leon Collyer preaching

Other Regular Services: 8am and 6pm Tuesday to Saturday, Daily Prayer, St Mary's Halesworth

10am Tuesdays, Café Church by Zoom

10am Wednesdays, Holy Communion St Mary's Halesworth

9.30am Thursdays, Morning Prayer St Andrew's Bramfield

9.30pm Wednesdays, and Friday to Sunday Compline on Facebook: blythvalleychurches

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Coles Lane, Wenhaston

Minister: The Revd Martin Keenan

SEPTEMBER 2023

3rd Laura Lawrance-Martin

10th United Service,

Lizzie Zukiewicz

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Passcode - 607673

6pm Evening Prayer

Zoom Meeting ID - 850 0997 6304

Passcode - 825686

Halesworth & Bramfield URC

Minister: Revd Jon Sermon

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st 9.30am Prayers & Coffee Morning
Sunday 3rd 11am Gathered Worship & Communion

Tuesday 5th 10am – 12 noon Coffee Morning at
Lowestoft followed by morning worship

Tuesday 5th 2.30pm Elders' Meeting at HURC in the
school room/church

Friday 8th 9.30am Prayers & Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th 9am to 5pm **Church Cycle Day**
Volunteers needed for one hour slots to greet and check in the bicycle riders.

Sunday 10th 11am Gathered Worship HURC
3pm Worship at Bramfield Chapel

Tuesday 12th 10am – 12 noon Coffee Morning at
Lowestoft followed by morning worship

Friday 15th 9.30am Prayers & Coffee Morning

Sunday 17th 11am Gathered Worship HURC

Tuesday 19th 10am – 12 noon Coffee Morning at
Lowestoft followed by morning worship

Friday 22nd 9.30am Prayers & Coffee Morning

Sunday 24th 11am Gathered Worship HURC

Tuesday 26th 10am – 12 noon Coffee Morning at
Lowestoft followed by morning worship

Friday 29th 9.30am Prayers & Coffee Morning

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Café Church Tuesdays!

Café Church is held on a TUESDAY morning
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*For login details of how to join,
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The Revd Alison Alder at:
alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk

or

The Revd Linda Berry at:
revd.linda@huntingfield.uk

From the Rector...

Once upon a time I used to attend a Baptist house group in my village. The Anglicans in Cottenham didn't meet on regular weekday evenings for prayer, study and support. One of their teenage members asked me why my denomination built their worship spaces in graveyards! I could have said "We didn't, they are only there because so many people do themselves to death getting into a state about them!"

His question actually opens quite a can of worms for any organisation that is out there in the public square. Does it walk the talk? The church is supposed to love its neighbour as itself as an expression of the love of God incarnate. If we start there, what are we doing making visitors walk through the rain drenched gothic horror of zombies and screeching owls to get to whatever event or respite they are seeking? Who knows whether church buildings in the valley here are open to visitors, morning to evening, seven days a week – as a rule? Who has even noticed that there is a church there at all? Who knows when the next service is? Once we arrive, can we find peace to sit? Can we find information about our great, great aunt or what that doorway halfway up the wall is all about? Is there a number to help us escape slavery or address it? Some places are offering books and school uniforms to buy, swap or borrow, alongside some simple refreshments. What would encourage you to return to visit, worship, seek or give support when you retired, got a new relationship or job in an area, if you were to visit a church somewhere?

Of course there are many who actually find that the particular character of churchyards, specifically, offer just the right environment to rest in peace. This character is primarily secured by the Diocese, or county-level, agreed regulations. They basically limit the stones to headstones and flat tablets in natural unpolished stone matching the church. Any vases built into the design, given approval, must only support cut flowers and not plastic ones. No other mementoes are allowed. Aside from the stones then, there should only be natural grassland and trees. The tiny overstretched Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) are independent charities made up of two or three of your neighbours who jointly own the land as trustees. Each PCC must maintain a burial register and plan of the graves as part of its terrier. They may also have responsibility for management of the churchyard. However, if the churchyard is full and so called 'closed', then East Suffolk steps in. Across all our churchyards, our aim is to maintain a balance of naturalness and accessibility that respects personal and public expectation. Ideally, someone on the committee will have the headspace to deal with the churchyard. Ideally, there will be a PCC-approved zoned plan made in consultation with the village and the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

This ought to stipulate that the whole will be cut and raked at least once a year. While, some areas, such as around visited graves and paths to them, ought to be kept accessible at all times. Ideally, there will be funds to pay for works. The aim of all this is to maintain the unique character of churchyards against public cemeteries. As you can see, we frequently and often ask ourselves - Why did we build our churches in graveyards?!

So coming back to my teenage friend, in fact, the fullest answer would probably have been that the graves are there for the same reason the church building is. The location may have been used to connect with the transcendent since forever, due to a mixture of social, spiritual and physical attributes. These may include trading practice, land allotment, alignment, energy, height, and or springs. The ancients would have met *en plein air* under the heavenly bodies. Stone and earth, then wooden structures would have been replaced in time by the inspiring Norman and later architectural styles that we see today. Bones, bodies and ashes of at least the brightest and best that belonged, would have been placed in or near those special places as expressions of their being given over the care of those topside.

We would welcome your views and opinions on our management of these privately-owned, publicly valued spaces. We would be pleased to receive any contributions you may feel able to make in terms of your time, talents and money.

We would love to meet you at gift days, on working parties or at one of our PCC meetings. Do keep in touch, keep the faith and enjoy the space.

Dominic

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What has your Team Vicar been up to?

It being holiday time, I have been away with my family - not far away as we do so love Suffolk!

The weekly picnic lunches have been whatever they have needed to be it seems - sometimes important conversations with a few people and other times, riotous Teddy bear picnics in the churchyard. The team have been

brilliant - without people to help, we would not be able to do what we do. That is a not so subtle hint by the way!

As we do more and more in the 14 churches across the Blyth Valley, we need all sorts of people, with all sorts of talents and backgrounds to join our new events group. If you are interested in catering, sound, lighting, publicity, events planning, health and safety, social media promotion and so on, we need you, so please do get in touch.

Speaking of events, there will be a lot going on in September - many of which are advertised in the *BVTimes*. I have been working with Rachel and the Revd Alison Alder to get things ready for the Climate Action Conference in St Mary's church at the end of September. I am very excited that Banham Zoo will be bringing a large exhibit on Friday 29th September, when schools will be invited to visit - in addition to anyone else who is interested. The Zoo will be joining many other exhibitors from all over the Blyth Valley who will be demonstrating the variety of things that are already happening to protect our local environment, increase biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions. With a panel discussion and cheese and wine reception on the Friday and a variety of workshops on the Saturday, there will be something for everyone. We see the protection of our wonderful planet as a critical part of the church's mission and are delighted that this will be happening in partnership with so many people and organisations who share this priority. It can all seem very daunting until we join forces and move forward together.

In other news, I have set up a JustGiving page in preparation for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event. This has been an annual fundraiser ever since I can

remember and raises valuable funds for churches all over Suffolk. I will be raising money for the Blyth Valley churches and doing so in style, on the back of Kingsley's Harley Davidson!

I am not the first and it is unlikely I will be the last to agree to this caper.

All our churches need funds to serve the local communities in which they stand. They are involved in so much more than Sunday services. The ministry team, supported by volunteers, also offers ministry on-line, in homes, schools, residential homes and local events. The staff (including your Team Vicar and Team Rector), supplies, and buildings themselves are funded mostly by the generosity of the faithful few who attend Sunday Services and those who give regularly as part of their commitment to leading Christian lives. We are not centrally funded as most people think and we are here for the whole community. If you can and would like to donate any amount please visit my JustGiving page.

It feels like I have been making a lot of requests but only because I know how great it feels to serve - no apologies for giving people the opportunity to get stuck in, if and however they can.

Love and blessings to all.

Gini



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HALESWORTH *DEMENTIA* CARERS' FUND



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On Monday 24th July, Giles Scoble (son-in-law of our patron Paddy Cox) and his friend Simon Taylor, completed their cycle ride from St David's in Wales to Lowestoft Ness, an unsupported ride of over 450 miles.

Their journey went very well, although on Saturday 22nd they had to cycle 107 miles in continuous rain. On Sunday 23rd they were greeted by a large group of family, friends, and members of the HDCF committee.

So far they have raised well in excess of £3,000. Half will go to Pancreatic Cancer Action and the other half is coming to the Halesworth *Dementia* Carers Fund. We are so grateful to these two incredible riders for undertaking such an epic journey to support our work.

Football Match

On Sunday 13th August the wonderful Westhall Charity Football Club played another match to raise funds for us. The occasion raised an amazing £565 for us. We are so grateful to Lauren and Will Bird, and everyone else who took part in this match – players, officials, family, friends and fans. Heroes everyone.

Film Show

Our next film, to be shown on Wednesday 20th September will be the wonderful "The Englishman who went up a hill but came down a mountain", starring Hugh Grant. As usual, the film will commence at 2pm sharp, and admission is by £5 donation. We do thank everyone who turns up to support our film shows.

i-Chameleon Shop

HDCF will be in the shop until September 6th. We would be most grateful for donations of things we can sell, but please, no clothing or shoes.

100+ Winning numbers

The numbers in the August draw were: 71, 27 and 83. We now have over 100 subscribers, and if you would like to join us please call Anna on 07721842802.

John Wood



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

Can anyone spare one or two Wednesday mornings (from 10am - 11.30am) each month to come and help us at Waveney Foodbank in St Mary's church Halesworth, please?

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HERITAGE OPEN DAY

16th September 2023



This year's theme for the Heritage Open Days is "Creativity Unwrapped" and the Friends of St Mary's church (FOSM) will be putting on a wide-ranging display of creative talents, together with several live performances and demonstrations. Please come along to the church to sample these between 10am and 5pm on Saturday 16th September. Note there is only one day this year. Tea and coffee will be available.

Static displays will show photography and art from Bungay High School; art from members of Artbox at Chediston and Mencap; linocuts and handmade books inspired by nature from Lark Images (Chris and Valerie Wheeler); photos from Halesworth and Beccles Camera Clubs, with some prints made into cards to buy; colourful royal heraldry from 1066 to 2023, to celebrate the recent Coronation; and a rolling slide show of local artist, writer and eminent philatelist Gerald King's "Alice Through the Pillarbox" stamp designs. The Knit and Natter Group who meet at the library will put on a display of work and publicity material or may hold a session during the day.

The tower bell ringers will be demonstrating and teaching throughout the day; there will be church tours at 10.30am (the church in the 15th century) and 11.30am (the stained glass); the Repair Café will be doing (domestic) electrical and sewing machine repairs and sharpening scissors and knives between 10am and noon, so please bring along whatever you have that needs attention; the St Mary's handbell ringers will be giving a performance and workshop from 1pm to

2pm; at 2pm Gerald King will talk and answer questions about his Alice book; and at 3pm Alan Greening, an architect who recently made an inspection of the church, will give a brief talk on the effect of rainwater on the walls which has to be dealt with before regeneration can be taken further.

Do come along on September 16th and admire and/or try the varied creative talents of so many local people.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, HALESWORTH

Our lunchtime recital in August welcomed back solo singers, Jane Linden and Pat Wood, with piano accompanist, Tanya Kirk. Making full use of the wonderful acoustics of St Mary's, their recital of European Art Songs featured an eclectic programme of music by Puccini, Handel, Mozart amongst others, ranging from the well-known *O mio babbino caro*, (*O my beloved Papa*), and two arias from *The Marriage of Figaro*, to *Wouldn't it be Lovely* from *My Fair Lady* and *I Dreamed a Dream* from *Les Misérables*.

On Wednesday 13th September we look forward to Jason Busby with his ever-popular organ recital – not to be missed! As always, light refreshments will be available or bring your own lunch to 'picnic in the pews' from 12noon - with the recital at 12.30pm. We remain grateful to our regular audience and extend a warm welcome to those who have not been before. Please email: friendsofstmarys@talktalk.net and we will keep you up to date on our programme.



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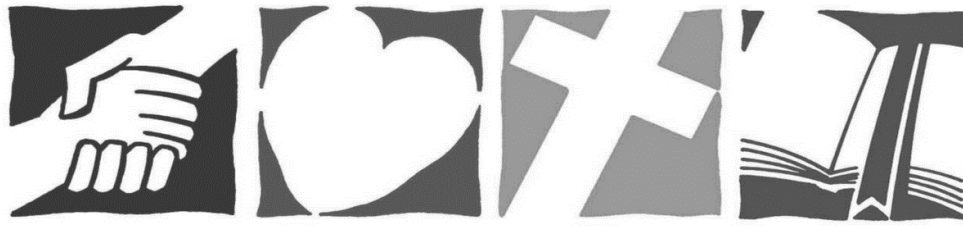
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Celebrating Pastoral Ministry in Blyth Valley Churches



At our Team Service at the end of July, we celebrated all that is going on to care for people in our congregations and wider communities. Here are some extracts from the talk given at that service:

"The Church in the UK today sees its communities experiencing complex problems. Rising poverty, financial insecurity, mental health issues, anxiety about the climate crisis, isolation and the pressure on vital health and social services make it seem as though we are facing an overwhelming tide of need. All of this is happening at a time when many in our own congregations are learning to adjust to the challenges of growing older, especially going from providing help, to needing assistance themselves. How are churches in the Blyth Valley Team responding to this complex picture?

Perhaps the most important thing we are doing is carrying on with what we have always done: seeing someone in need and offering help. The simplest acts can make all the difference to someone who is isolated and struggling: a chat over the phone, a cup of tea in the garden, a card to show we are thinking of someone and praying for them. Picking up shopping or medication, taking someone to a hospital appointment, are practical ways we help someone who is no longer able to do these things for themselves.

The leaflet that the Pastoral Ministry Group has produced celebrates how vital this work is. It also draws attention to the importance of recognising when somebody's needs are becoming too great for their friend or neighbour to manage. The leaflet provides

information about local organisations that can offer support. It also gives advice about what to do if you are worried about someone's deteriorating health or their safety. Clergy and members of the Pastoral Ministry Team are happy to offer advice and support."

In September, every member of our congregations will receive a copy of "A Guide to Pastoral Ministry in the Blyth Valley Team". Copies will also be made available in all our church buildings and sent to local support organisations. The Pastoral Ministry Group will also be compiling a prayer list of people for the Blyth Valley Team and we will pray for the people on the list at our monthly meetings. If you would like to put someone's name on the list, or have a copy of the list for your own prayers, please contact the Revd Alison Alder or the Revd Linda Berry.

LIFE EVENTS

FROM THE REGISTERS IN AUGUST

BAPTISMS

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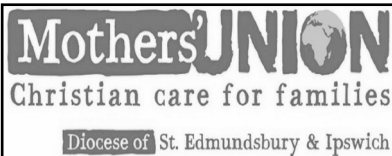
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St Mary's Woodbridge raises £264.03 for the Summer of Hope Appeal: We have been collecting small coins in various ways to go to the Summer of Hope Appeal. These began with a small tube of Smarties at Christmas which we were asked to eat and then fill the tube with coins; we have also used small jars – an MU initiative.

In June we held a cream tea to raise money - also for the Summer of Hope; cream teas are always popular and enjoyable. Our total for this appeal was £264.03.

At our Wave of Prayer service in July we had a collection and raised £61.20.

Sadly, we have lost two members this year but were able to attend the funerals and donate in their memory; one lot of money coming to MU.

Anne Wright

10% of our MU membership in this diocese are made up of diocesan members: This rise is, in part, due to the fact that the new Fellowship groups are made up of diocesan members. Diocesan membership also suits people where there is no branch or Fellowship group nearby. Diocesan members' rep Sue Norrington sends out monthly mailings so that diocesan members are kept up to date and Sue ensures that they receive their copies of *Connected* and the *Prayer Diary* from Mary Sumner House. Sue also organises the collection of their subscriptions for our diocesan Treasurer. Diocesan members are welcome to attend any council meetings or branch meetings across the diocese. If you are interested in learning more about this form of membership, please contact Sue Norrington 01728 660280. Email: farthings@btinternet.com

Sue will be stepping down from this role at the end of the

triennium; she would like to work with her replacement for a few months so that she can hand over the role smoothly. If you feel called to this role, please contact Sue at the above phone number/email.

Mary Sumner Day Service - St Mary Stoke Ipswich: The Revd Catherine Forsdike led the service, which was well attended. There were also excellent refreshments served afterwards. Thank you to Brenda and her wonderful team. An occasion full of faith, fun and fellowship. Afterwards Linda Ginn announced that Jeanette Appleton will be our diocesan President for the next triennium, starting in January 2025. Jeanette is our Vice President. She has been a member of the Mothers' Union for many years and has served in nearly every department possible from being a branch member through leadership roles and working alongside those at Mary Sumner House. Jeanette brings with her a wealth of experience from other dioceses, and has a huge network of friends and acquaintances within the organisation.

i-Chameleon Pop Up Shop in Halesworth, October 12th - 18th: This major fundraising event needs your support. They are looking good quality china, glass, household items, pictures, fabrics, jewellery, scarves, bric-a-brac etc. If you have any items like this, that you would like to donate, please contact Anna Vessey on 01379 588389.

The MU subscription for 2024 is to be £27: An email from Mary Sumner House (MSH) was circulated recently highlighting how the £23.50, which is the part of 2024 MU subscriptions that will go to the worldwide work at MSH, is spent. Here in St Edmundsbury and Ipswich there will be just a 50p increase to the part of the subscriptions that cover the costs of running all the diocesan aspects of our charity.



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The collection at the Service will be for the MU Summer of Hope Appeal. The stalls will be cakes and produce, gifts/bric-a-brac and a raffle which will be run by members of Halesworth and Wenhaston branches. Each branch or Fellowship is asked to provide a raffle prize. If you are able to come please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Our speaker, the Revd Edith Pow is the new Priest-in-Charge of the Four Rivers Benefice in Hoxne Deanery and lives in Laxfield vicarage, where Malcolm and I resided for eight years in the '90s, when he was Vicar of Laxfield, Wilby and Brundish. Since then the Benefice has grown to something like eight parishes! There are now also four Assistant Clergy who work in the Benefice.

The North Suffolk Area Morning is open to anyone to attend, men as well as women and not just MU members. I am sure we can share lifts, if you would like a lift or further information do contact me.

Janet Walkey

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From the Ringing Chamber



The highlight of the last month was our annual (well it was the first one, but hopefully it will become annual) summer social event, or maybe it was our Christmas dinner a bit on the drag! Either way 25 of us convened at the Angel in Halesworth for a most enjoyable meal, with entertainment in the form of Mike's somewhat dubious account of his and Carol's holiday in Uzbekistan (Where? Why?)

We've continued our practice of ringing a quarter peal for Evensong on the first Sunday of the month, regardless of whether anyone actually turns up for the service, but it ensures that Halesworth's bells are rung for at least one service a month. This time we rang Plain Bob Major, with all eight bells involved, something we don't often get to practise these days. Well done to Erika on ringing her 25th quarter peal in this!

Several of us joined in the most recent N E District event at Barsham, with ringing on the five bells preceding a picnic in the churchyard, a brief business meeting, and then a walk to the Locks Inn at Geldeston for a well-earned pint.

Don't forget to come and see us in action on the Heritage Open day on Saturday 16th September. We'll be taking people up the bell tower to see the bells (not alas to the very top as the final ladder is extremely dodgy), doing some demonstration ringing, and even letting people have a quick go, heavily supervised of course!

PJG

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- A little bit of history: 1. The Schools Connection

Over the years there have been many interesting connections between the people of Halesworth and St Mary's. These are such as the obvious, the clergy, and the less obvious, medical and legal for example, and the, perhaps, unexpected, like slavery. Many of these can be teased out from the book by Michael and Sheila Gooch, *The People of a Suffolk Town: Halesworth 1100 – 1900*, others by wider research.

Gooch takes us back to the time of John Argall (c.1542–c.1609), Rector of Halesworth from 1580 until his death. On 2 February 1580, and again in 1582, Argall recorded the presence of Mr Henry Cocke, Schoolmaster, in the Communion Book. In about 1587, Thomas Popson (b.1532) took over the school, followed by George Kinge, described in Bishop Redman's *Visitation* as "He teacheth a schole".

In the vestry of St Mary's is a worn memorial slab, "In Memory of Henry Kifford Clerk late Rector of Dennington. Prudence his Wife was buried .. 1752 .. 1719". Gooch research found that Kifford was granted permission on 17 April 1704, "...teach boys the art of reading, writing and the rudiments of grammar, within the Archdeaconry of Suffolk".

Moving forward we come to Thomas Tanqueray (1763-1841); born in Tingrith, Beds, to parents of Huguenot descent who were gold and silversmiths, he opened a school in Gothic House in Halesworth sometime before March 1798. The *Ipswich Journal*, 6 July 1799, carried the advertisement: "At Mr Tanqueray's school in Halesworth young gentlemen are instructed in the Greek Latin and English languages and the useful branches of the mathematics. The vacation will terminate on 15th July. N.B. The number of pupils is limited to 24 boarders." By 1809 ill health led Tanqueray to enter the church; a notice in St Mary's on 19 November 1809, witnessed by Isaac Avarne the Rector, William Nichols and John Hatcher, churchwardens, amongst others, read, "Thomas Tanqueray of the same parish schoolmaster did intend to offer himself as candidate for Holy Orders at the ensuing ordination and that no objection was alledged".

Tanqueray's school was briefly taken over by a Mrs Parker of Norwich, and then, by 1816, Joseph Harvey (1797-1861) had set up his Academy. The gravestone in the churchyard, of Joseph's first wife, Mary, can still be read, "Mary, the Wife of

Joseph Harvey died Augst 16th 1830 : Aged 38 Years."; it lies next to the eastern footpath where it could have been seen from Gothic House. The school flourished, taking boarders as well as day pupils. Harvey developed other business interests, including as a coal and timber merchant and owner of a ship, *Iron Duke*. He ran into some financial difficulties, but by 1850 had moved out of Gothic House and re-opened the school in what is now Castle House, Holton Road.

Harvey also became involved with the Independent church in Halesworth, and was one of the committee formed to manage the building of the chapel which is now the United Reformed Church in Quay Street. Joseph was succeeded at the school by his son, also Joseph, and an advertisement in 1864 in the *Halesworth Times* announced his plan to open, "A preparatory school for young gentlemen of 6-9 years of age." Joseph, the son, also continued in the Independent movement, moving with several others to form a Free Independent Church, when a disagreement broke out, meeting first at Castle House and then in the Corn Hall behind the Angel Inn, until the factions were reunited at Quay Street in 1877.

In December 1850, the Mechanics Institute was established in Quay Street and contained, "...an excellent Library and is well supplied with periodical literature of the day." It was renamed, Halesworth Institute for Moral and Intellectual Improvement in 1870, with some 1500 volumes in the library, along with a recreation room of games and pastimes; the Revd V J Stanton, Rector, and Revd R R Young were Chairman and Secretary respectively. In 1891 there were 95 members.

The Suffolk Directory of 1879 notes, "...in the Rectory lane is a school for girls & infants, erected by the inhabitants of the town in memory of Priscilla, wife of the late A. Johnston esq; Miss Lucretia Agnes Hughes & Miss Lucy Bird, mistresses." Built in 1853, the building still there today, 300 pupils attended in 1891 with an average attendance of 276 in 1912. We shall read more of Priscilla and the Johnstone family in a subsequent article.

Finally, Mary (1810-1887) and Fanny Crabtree (1814-1890) are remembered in St Mary's west stained glass window. Sisters of John Crabtree, who endowed a memorial home in memory of his wife, the sisters sold the land on which the Patrick Stead Hospital was built to the trustees for a modest £200. They also contributed to the building of the Town Room in the Market Place, where a Men's Adult School, intended to give the illiterate the opportunity for betterment, met on a Sunday morning.

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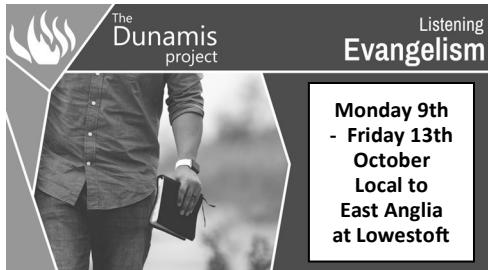


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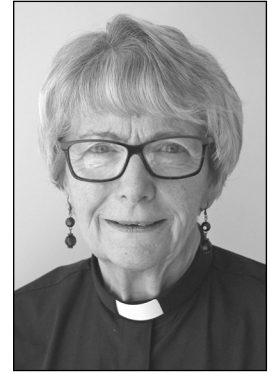
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To help you if you ask
And smooth a path for you to walk
Unhindered in your task

For your loved ones will be watching
Each day when you awake
To assist you in your struggles
And the errors you might make

Pay attention to their presence
And listen with both ears
For the whisper that will call to you
And the advice that you will hear

Have courage in your footsteps
And use their wisdom without fear
To settle all your worries
From life's troubles that are near

For you travel not alone in time
On the journey that you take
As their spirits stand-by to guide you
On the choices you now make

So, do not say the word 'goodbye'
To loved ones when you part
As they will tap you on the shoulder
To cause a tremor in your heart

And when that movement stirs your soul
Get up and march ahead
As they are looking down on you
To see where you might tread

For through your senses a light will shine
To show you where to turn
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On the lessons you must learn

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Funds raised will go towards the ongoing restoration of our beautiful church. This will be the first church fundraiser for a few years and we plan to have cakes and teas, books, raffle, and church tours. Cash is preferred, if possible.



Revd Vic Hopkins demonstrating to Otto what was going to happen. Penelope aged 6, looking on and showing interest.

If anyone is able to donate any cakes, or raffle prizes or even books, then do leave them in the church on the piano prior to the event and we will be incredibly grateful.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CHURCHES BIKE RIDE (Ride and Stride) 2023

Started in Suffolk 40 years ago, the aim of the ride is to raise money to support the fabric of our historic churches. It does not go to the Church of England.

This year's ride takes place on Saturday 9th September between 9am and 5pm; so get that bike out of the shed and pump up the tyres. It doesn't matter how far you pedal or how many churches you visit - although there are many wonderful churches to visit and explore. It will do you good both physically and mentally.

I have sponsorship forms and lists of the churches that will be open and there are some in the church porch.

Dawn Munnings will be grateful for volunteers to welcome riders and walkers to the church.

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Chediston

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Sally Aldous 01986 873363

Joanna Wareham writes:

We had a very jolly Christening in church on Sunday 6th August of my third grandchild, Otto.

The Revd Vic Hopkins did the honours

as he has done for my other two grandchildren.

We all enjoyed the ceremony with about 30 in attendance, including 10 children and afterwards we went back to Herne Hill Farm for a celebration lunch. Huge thanks to Vic for his generous welcome to Otto into the Church.

Annual Bike Ride

This is due to take place on Saturday 9th September - this year is the 50th Anniversary of the bike ride. To mark this, one generous donor has pledged to give £25,000 to the scheme providing the general total exceeds £250,000, so we do need lots of support this year, please encourage as many riders as possible to join the event. The organisers are keen to add something of interest to the journey of each cyclist to a church or chapel so "Just one thing" posters will appear bearing a simple memorable fact about the church that hopefully will be remembered and of interest to the visitor.

I have all the necessary sponsorship forms. Please sponsor a cyclist if you are able to. I shall also be leaving forms in the church nearer the time. As usual, I shall be wanting persons to sit in the church to sign forms and offer refreshments. Please phone me if you are able to help - thank you.

SA. 01986 873363

Your correspondent writes:

When I went to my husband's grave the other evening and I was so impressed by the immaculate part of the churchyard where all the recent burials are. Ralph and Gillian had done a brilliant job. It looked wonderful and



Otto's Christening at St Mary's Chediston

John Ibbott had been busy trimming the hedge at the top of the churchyard which was a big improvement. Many thanks to him for his efforts.

There is very little news at the moment. Here's hoping for some good weather so the harvest can commence and no more rain for the time being. Also, the school children need some good weather for the tail end of the holidays – it has been much too wet!

Chediston & Linstead WI

This was a "bring & share" tea party on August 8th, I was unable to be present, but I gather a good time was had by all with visiting WI members present.

Cookley

St Michael & All Angels Church, Cookley

has joined the "Give a Little" online donation service.

Details of how you can make a donation are on our website: <https://www.blythvalleychurches.org.uk/st-michael-and-all-angels-cookley> or you can scan the QR code printed here using your mobile device.



Halesworth

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St Mary's Church, Halesworth

has joined the "Give a Little" online donation service.

Details of how you can make a donation are on our website: <https://www.blythvalleychurches.org.uk/st-marys-church-halesworth> or you can scan the QR code printed here using your mobile device.



The main event this past month was of course our first 'Lammas Bread & Wine Festival' held on Saturday 5th August. (Photos from the day are on the front cover of this magazine).

We welcomed the Revd Rich Henderson - the Archdeacon of Suffolk and Graham Miles - Rural Chaplain, to the service which followed the Festival. You can watch this service via our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com@halesworthparish

In addition to this traditional celebration, we raised £365 for church funds in just two hours. Congratulations to Jane Evers from Cookley for winning the first prize in the raffle (six bottles of Kentish Wine). A big thank you to our Rector Dominic and the team behind the scenes for putting it all together.

Here are the websites for the companies who took part on the day: www.e5bakehouse.com

www.thepennybunbakehouse.co.uk

www.valleyfarmvineyards.co.uk

Our Team Vicar Gini Williams is completing the 2023 Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride on the back of a Harley Davidson! You can show your support by visiting the 'JustGiving' page which you will find on our Facebook page or see Gini directly. At the time of writing over £250 has been sponsored.

The Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride is a National event, and every second Saturday in September (9th this year!) cyclists and walkers all round the country are out making money for their local county Churches Trust. The idea started in Suffolk actually, and consistently Suffolk has headed the table of funds raised. The Ride and Stride is the main source of income to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust to enable it to make grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repair and restoration costs.

A joy on Sunday 13th August to welcome Jean Lucas back to St Mary's during her visit to Suffolk. Jean was churchwarden with Gwen Woolner (a formidable team) a few years back! We put Jean straight to work of course inviting her to read the Epistle! Jean you are always welcome to St Mary's. We have also seen a few new faces joining us for worship at St Mary's.

Do extend a warm welcome and say hello to everyone, plenty of opportunities coming up!

My apologies, I overlooked sharing the

news of the Baptism of 3-year old Dominic William Conrad Staff on Sunday 16th July. Welcome to the family of Christ Dominic. A prayer of thanks and praise for all children: For children who are a gift from you, Loving God, we thank you and we praise you. For the sleepless nights and endless washing, we thank you and we praise you. For the tearful nights and morning hugs, we thank you and we praise you. For all the love your children show us, we thank you and we praise you.

Looking ahead to September the main event (apart from my Organ recital on Wednesday 13th September 12noon for 12.30pm, do please come and watch on the big screen!), we very much look forward to welcoming our diocesan Bishop Martin Seeley to a Team Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 17th September at St Mary's Halesworth, 10am. The collection from the service will be going to the Bishop's Trust Fund.

ST MARY'S 50/50 CLUB

Results of the August 50/50 are as follows: 1st: A Baldwin; 2nd: D Baldwin; 3rd: Y Eady.

HALESWORTH WI

Dave Rich entertained members with tales of his life as a London taxi driver and the history of the London cabs. Starting out with the horse-drawn hackney carriages through the motorised versions up to the modern cabs of the day, many of which are now electric. Dave gained his licence the hard way spending three years riding around the city on a moped to learn the knowledge which all London cabbies have, as they are known for their ability to find their way around London streets without resorting to maps or sat nav systems.

He told us of the famous people who have been his passengers, Richard Branson, Julian Clary and many others. His longest journey London to Exeter, his largest tip and his most expensive trip. We were surprised to hear that the cabs are now made in China and arrive in kit form from Shanghai to be built in Coventry.

Heveningham

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In August, we were happy to welcome the St Mary's Handbell Ringers to the church for a fun afternoon of music and having a go at playing the handbells yourself. Everyone had a great time

playing and the workshop was very informative. (Photo below).

Later in the month, we held Pony rides around the Glebe and this proved to be a very popular event.

Our next Service is on September 10th at 10am which will be Traditional Holy Communion. We will also be taking part in the Ride and Stride on September 9th.

Please come and see us, it is a lovely place to come and chill.

St Margaret's Church, Heveningham

has joined the "Give a Little" online donation service.

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Holton

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September is here again, the beginning of Autumn, a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. It is a time of year that I really like even though it can herald the beginning of winter. Our summer this year has been rather mixed so an "Indian Summer" this Autumn would be very welcome.

The **Flower Festival**, was a great success. The total raised over the weekend was £1,213.55, a fabulous result! The theme of "Our Village – Past and Present" was illustrated through all sorts of different recollections and interpretations. Interestingly no one had chosen the church as their theme, I

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suppose that we were looking out from the church to the village and the building itself framed all the arrangements.



As always, we must thank Dot Booley and Helen Knevett for all their work getting the whole thing organised and making sure that there were refreshments available for all the visitors. Our thanks too, to all those who racked their brains to come up with a display that told a story, but also showed off the beautiful flowers of summer. Thank you to all cake makers, to those who served them and those who washed up, to the stewards who made everyone welcome and to Betty Cole who organised the rota, and a

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special thanks to Lottie and Millie who looked after the Tombola stall. Once again, we must say "thank you" to the Halesworth Strummers who came and entertained us on Sunday afternoon with their cheerful ukulele playing and singing. And last, but not least, thanks to the Revd Linda Berry for leading our Songs of Praise celebration at the end of a very successful weekend.

AND A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME!

Chris Knevett writes:

The theme of our annual Flower Festival this year was "Our Village Past and Present". There were 22 arrangements reflecting the changes to Holton over the years. Naturally the airfield and its American personnel featured, as did places no longer present including the Forge, sweet factory and Post Office. Past activities including the pantomime, Playgroup and Boys Brigade also had displays. Refreshments, which included a vast array of delicious cakes, were of course obligatory. Raffles and Tombola were held on both days, too. On Sunday we were entertained by the Ukulele Strummers who played and sang many well-known songs before a Songs of Praise service rounded off a wonderful weekend. Helen and Dot would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to a successful and well supported event. Below are photos of some of the floral arrangements.

JACQUI MOULSON'S BEQUEST

Jacqui Moulson has left a very generous bequest of £10,000 to St Peter's Fabric Fund for future repairs and maintenance of the church buildings. We have written to her family to thank her and them for this, and for the assurance that we have a good part of our next repair bills. Jacqui will not be forgotten.

SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE, SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

This year is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the 40th anniversary of the annual church to church bike ride. Suffolk and Norfolk have the biggest concentration of mediaeval churches in Europe, over 500 in Suffolk alone. All the churches in our Team are mediaeval and we have benefitted from the grants available from the Trust for repairs so a worthy cause to support.

Jackie Watts is organising our



participation and has sponsor forms and information on the churches taking part, so if you want to ride or stride or sit in church to welcome those visiting St Peter's, please contact her.

I am considering going down to Ipswich to walk round the town centre churches as there are quite a few all within the IP1 area. At the moment this is just an idea, so whether it will come to fruition, who knows? Sponsors welcome!

Children's Society Update

I have received a few more generous donations for the Children's Society, which yet have to be paid into Barclays Bank. There is an extra £55, making a total of £698.66 so far. There may still be a few more box holders to give. Again thank you to all the box holders, to everyone who helped on the morning (see photos below) and to those who came to empty boxes and count the contents, but whose services were not needed in the end.



I have received a 'thank you' letter from The Children's Society for the initial sum they have already received. Andrew Mason says "Thank you to the box holders of St Peter's Church Holton and St Mary's Church Halesworth for your contributions towards your very kind gift of £643.66. As you know, funds raised from The Children's Society collection boxes are vital in helping change children's lives. Your generosity shows your faith in young people's potential. Last year, thanks to supporters like you, we worked with over 11,500 vulnerable children and young people, bringing

life changing support. This includes helping families trapped in poverty and debt, providing support to young carers and combatting sexual exploitation."

I do have new boxes for anyone else who would like to support the work of the Children's Society. I also have Gift Aid declaration forms for anyone who would like to Gift Aid their giving. If you pay tax, it is a great help, as The Children's Society can claim 25%, from the taxman, at no extra cost to you. Some box holders who have Gift Aided in the past may need to complete a new declaration. Please ask me if you think you may need to.

Janet Walkey

Local co-ordinator for The Children's Society for St Peter's Holton and St Mary's Halesworth. 01986 872594 janetwalkey@hotmail.com

WORLD SPECIAL OLYMPICS

In June, Chris and Helen Knevett's grandson, Simon Booth, represented Great Britain in the World Special Olympics in Berlin. These are games for all ages with intellectual difficulties (Simon's being autism) which allows athletes to compete against others of a similar standard in their field, irrespective of age.

Simon, a gymnast, travelled with the GB team of 82 athletes representing 17 sports. A week of activities and entertainment was arranged, where competitors from all over the world met before the games opened, with the typical parade of teams entering the Olympic Stadium.

Simon performed his routine in front of assessing judges, who checked every competitor was in the correct grading for ability. He caused a bit of a headache for the judges as he was too good for the younger age group, so he was put into the highest grading for his ability, where the other competitors were all adults.

Chris and Helen, along with Simon's mum and other GB members, watched him perform on parallel bars, high bar, floor exercise, vault, pommel horse and rings, without knowing that he had two large open blisters on his hand. Due to the complex scoring, they had to wait until the award presentations later to find out that he won three silver, three bronze and silver overall!

Chris and Helen were very proud grandparents!

St Peter's Church, Holton

has joined the "Give a Little" online donation service.

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Huntingfield

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St Mary's Church, Huntingfield

has joined the "Give a Little" online donation service.

Details of how you can make a donation are on our website: <https://www.blythvalleychurches.org.uk/st-marys-church-huntingfield> or you can scan the QR code printed here using your mobile device.



Back in July we welcomed over 40 people to our churchyard for a Moth survey and breakfast. It was fantastic to see people from far and wide including numerous excited children who were totally engaged with the topic for the whole morning.

On hand to guide us through the 100 or so moths that had been trapped overnight, was Matthew Deans, Suffolk's very own moth expert. Of the 2,500 species of moths recorded in the UK our trap revealed 30 different species, the majority being Common and Scarce Footman. Much to everyone's delight there were also several large moths, including; Elephant, Popular and Eyed Hawk moths. These are about two inches long with a three inch wingspan. Matthew also showed us a Waved Black moth which he had caught earlier in the day from the Wilderness reserve. It was the first of its kind to have been found on

the estate and only the sixth that Matthew had seen in over 30 years of moth study.

After coffee and croissants, the moths were released into nearby vegetation. Donations for the church raised around £50 and we will definitely be asking Matthew to return next year.

We have two planned events for September to which everyone is invited.

Firstly our annual Macmillan Coffee morning on Saturday 16th September at the Hub, Huntingfield from 10am - 12noon. Donations of cakes on the day are very much appreciated. This is always a well-supported event, so come along, drink some coffee, eat cake, have a chat and make a donation. We look forward to your company.

Secondly, our Harvest Supper is being held at the Hub on Saturday 30th September, 6.30pm for 7pm. Two courses of home-cooked food for £14. Bring your own drinks. Come on your own or book a table for you and friends, a warm welcome awaits you. To reserve your place please email sally.clarke@live.com or call Emma on 01986 785343.

On October 14th we are very excited to welcome 'Pop Chorus' to our church for an evening of Rock and Pop. This is to raise money for Halesworth dementia Carers' Fund.

Linstead

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'TIS THE SEASON OF ROAD WORKS and those garish yellow signs are popping up like large and rather leprous mushrooms. The trick is, when it says 'Road Closed', to proceed gingerly in the hope that the road isn't really closed. A three-point turn and a shamefaced retreat may be the end result, but if the road is not totally closed, then there is a sense of smug satisfaction at having beaten the system. Temporary traffic lights are another matter entirely. Prudently, we obey them absolutely. However, when they have reluctantly turned green, the sense of irritation at passing a legion of traffic cones, which appear to be protecting a scene of total inactivity, is considerable.

IT MAY BE SEPTEMBER BUT THE social whirl that is Summer in Linstead,

is not yet over, so put this date in your diaries now.

By popular request THE BACKWOODS BAND

are back playing at
LINSTEAD VILLAGE HALL
on
SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

From 7pm.

With a **BARBECUE & DESSERTS**

£15 PER PERSON

in aid of church funds.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN

LIQUID REFRESHMENT

To help us with numbers for catering, please contact either the Heaths: 01986 785289 or The Keables: 01986 785347

IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT this year's fête was the wettest ever but, in the face of adversity, Linstead triumphed again. Not only was the event well supported, but it raised over £800 for the Village Hall. A huge thank you to all who participated, heroes all!



CHEDISTON & LINSTEAD W I MET IN August for a tea party. Actually, it was a little bit more than that because they invited members from adjacent Institutes to join them. This had been a regular thing in years gone by. I'm guessing that Covid was responsible for breaking the continuity as it did with so many things. Anyway, they had a great time and met lots of old friends. They meet next at Linstead Village Hall, on September 12th, at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Barbara McElroy and her topic; Apples - A Miscellany. Sounds a bit fruity to me.

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER COMPRISE Matins on the 10th and 24th. Both are at 10am.

Spexhall

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St Peter's Church, Spexhall

has joined the "Give a Little" online donation service.

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or you can scan the QR code printed here using your mobile device.



LAMMAS

The first fruits of the harvest was celebrated with a Team Eucharist at Halesworth, so Spexhall decided to keep our fruits in the cool part of the fridge and have our own Lammas on the 20th! When something is so good, nothing wrong in celebrating it twice.

THE RESTORATION

With grateful thanks to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, whose grant in remembrance of our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, will see our Commandment/Credal Boards back in all their glory before the end of the year. They are currently in the restorer's studio in Cambridge. Woodpecker will be giving a flying visit in a few weeks to view the progress. Expect a report in October.

RIDE AND STRIDE

Your very own Woodpecker will be riding with his long hind limbs between churches to raise funds for St Peter's and for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust on Saturday 9th September. If you would like to donate for St Peter's please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/keith-noakes1692217369421>.

You can participate yourself, of course! Look up the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, and follow the links.

HARVEST

It must be a record year in 2023 to go from Lammas to our Harvest Festival on

September 24th. We have brought it forward to coincide with a Folk Music and Song evening on Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm. Our friends the Blo-ins are back with some harvest themed, and other, folk tunes. The Off-Cut Choir (a Halesworth community choir) will accompany them with a couple of songs. Expect to 'raise the song of harvest home'. Posters will be out soon, but tickets can be reserved by email: spexhallwoodpecker@gmail.com £10 a ticket (pay on the door). A fundraiser, and a time to get together!

VILLAGE HALL

There was so much stuff on the tables at the table top sale, it was difficult to know where to begin. Unfortunately even my slim waist wasn't small enough to snap up the beautiful belts on offer. There was enough on sale to fill a BBC set for an '80s themed 'Play for Today'. (Such a shame we don't have the likes of that now!). Thanks to all who bought, and all who consumed the lovely cakes. Well over £300 was raised for the Village Hall. As always, the best part was that people were able to catch up with one another as we rummaged through the nick nacks.

Thorington**Correspondent**

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Thorington PCC is very much looking forward to welcoming you to their first 'Artistree' on September 9th (12noon-6pm) and 10th (11am-4pm), to be held at the Barn Laundry Farm, Thorington IP19 9JF. All are welcome, admission is free and there is plenty of parking space.

We are fortunate to be showing the two and three dimensional work from many very talented local artists. In the barn we will have oil and acrylic paintings as well as images made by a variety of printing techniques all showing a unique interpretation of the theme Artistree.

Outside among the trees unusual ceramics will be displayed, as well as many more sculptural pieces in metal and wood. All of these pieces reflect an artists take on trees, nature and the environment. It will be a feast for the visual senses. Come, look and buy!

There will be delicious homemade refreshments all day and plenty of seating under gazebos in case of inclement weather. There is a Silent Auction of Promises, dont miss bidding for those lots. Lots to date include a glamping experience near Winchester, a day of pottery tuition near here, and a case of delicious mixed wines). The Black Deek band will play from 1pm-3pm on Saturday, so enjoy that too!

The event will be signed from Bramfield and the A12, so book the date now! All

enquiries

to trish@coastal1.plus.com or phone on 01502 478078.

The church will be open both days so combine the event with a visit to our beautiful round tower church.

Wishing all our readers a warm autumn!

Walpole**Correspondents**

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As we sit writing this on a sunny summer's day overlooking the marsh at Walpole, we are mindful of how lucky we are for the beautiful settings of our churches here in the Blyth Valley. St Mary's Walpole sits up high overlooking the village and marsh in a "closed churchyard" and as yet is still to receive its first cut of the year! Not that we are complaining, as East Suffolk Council's policy "Pardon the weeds we are feeding the bees" has certainly helped to foster the flora and fauna.

Following Lee and Su's invitation to attend an Eco Church meeting at the Revd Alison's house in July, Lee applied for the Eco Church Award and St Mary's has subsequently been

successful in gaining a Bronze Award certificate. During the meeting the "Wilder Wenhaston" initiative was raised - this has inspired us along with the Eco Church Award to start our own "Go Wild in Walpole" with the focus on fostering the wildlife in the churchyard for the wider community.

On August 6th, St Mary's welcomed Soprano Katherine MacRae and Pianist Jodie Schloss for a truly wonderful recital. The performance encompassed British and European Folk Songs by Benjamin Britten, Manuel de Falla, Gustav Mahler. The event was a sell-out with 102 people in attendance.

Our next event on Sunday 24th September at 5pm sees the return of internationally acclaimed Korean-American Violinist Elly-Suh. On this occasion Elly-Suh will be accompanied by the equally internationally acclaimed Japanese Classical Pianist Yuki Negishi. Both Elly-Suh and Yuki perform solo to audiences around the world, so to have them perform together at St Mary's is a real honour. For further information please see the advertisement on page 28 of this issue.

St Mary's Church, Walpole

has joined the "Give a Little" online donation service.

Details of how you can make a donation are on our website: <https://www.blythvalleychurches.org.uk/st-marys-church-walpole> or you can scan the QR code printed here using your mobile device.

**Wenhaston****Correspondent**

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Summer seems to have passed us by very quickly this year and now I am writing this for the September issue. Where does the time go! I do hope you have all been able to enjoy the sun when it appeared, and that the rain didn't ruin any of your events. There have been some lovely flower festivals

and garden shows so it isn't all doom and gloom!

Flying the Flag

The flag was flown on August 12th for the wedding of Trish's niece and her husband, and it will be flown again for the Diamond wedding of Robert and Jane Gamble on September 7th. Many congratulations to both couples. 60 years is a wonderful achievement! Also many congratulations to our wedding couples, Alastair and Michelle on July 22nd, Zaren and Laura on September 7th and Jake and Stacey on September 16th.

If anyone else would like the flag flown for an occasion, just let me know. We just ask for a small donation.

Reminders

The Village Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 8th October.

The Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 9th September. If anyone feels they are able to walk or cycle to visit a few churches and ask for sponsorship, we in Wenhaston Church would be very grateful. I shall also be looking for stewards to staff the church. Friday 20th October is Quiz Night. I will put forms in the Post Office nearer the time. The proceeds will be split between St Peter's Wenhaston and St Peter's Thorington.

September Services

- 3rd 10am Holy Communion, St Peter's Wenhaston.
- 10th 10.30am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel.
- 17th 10am Team Holy Communion, St Mary's Halesworth, +Martin.
- 24th 10am Pause for Thought, St Peter's Wenhaston.

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

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WENHASTON M U

The Branch had a "Summer Holiday" in August and there was no meeting, but we are looking forward to the September meeting when we shall be very pleased to welcome the Revd Bill Mahood who will be telling us about some of his many interesting life experiences. Anyone who would like to join us to hear Bill will be very welcome. We meet in the School Room behind the Methodist Chapel (at the top of Coles Hill) at 2.30pm. There will be a cup of tea and biscuits after the talk.

We are again going to fill shoeboxes with toiletry items, small games, scarfs and gloves etc, if anyone would like to donate items for the boxes we shall be extremely grateful. The filled shoeboxes will be taken to Eastern European countries including Ukraine in time for Christmas.

Margaret G (01502 478378)

Wenhaston Walkers

A walk will start from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 5th September.

On Tuesday 19th September Liz Cunningham and Helen Bowyer will lead a four mile walk round Carlton and Kelsale starting at 10am from the Poachers Pocket P.H. (Rosemary Lane, Carlton IP17 2QS). Menu to follow later. Please note - ignore the main Saxmundham turnoff on the A12 and go to the next turning left (Carlton Road). There are two stout stiles to be negotiated on this walk. If you wish to have your name added to the walkers' circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com

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Wisett

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So much happening here in Wisett in September and so soon!

Sunday 3rd September at 10am Holy Communion Service.

At the end of the first week we have our Harvest Festival on Friday 8th September at 7pm. Everyone is very welcome to this service of thanksgiving and the collection from the service is going to the Community Larder in Halesworth for those in need of our help and support.

After the service is our Harvest Supper

in the Village Hall. Tickets for this cost £10 and are available from Geoffrey Kiddy, Wissett Lodge 01986 873173.

The next day is Gift Day for the church. This is to maintain and repair the building and as the church is so old there is always much work to be carried out.

Saturday 9th September is the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride. The church will be open from 9am until 5pm and there will be refreshments and a welcome to the riders and striders. I do hope that there will be many bike riders and walkers coming this year. I have sponsorship forms for this.

On the same weekend, Sunday 10th September at 6pm Sung Evensong for the Team comes to Wissett. I am especially fond of Evensong. When I was a child I felt I could sleep peacefully after praying to be defended from all the perils and dangers of the night, as I was so very scared of just about everything. There will be singing from the choir, Jason playing the organ and the church looking beautiful with the Harvest Festival flowers and, of course, refreshments after the service. (Memo to self, make cheese biscuits).

Sunday 17th September Team Holy Communion at Halesworth with Bishop Martin, at 10am.

If I get a chance, I could tell the Bishop that the little oak tree that he gave to Wissett, which is planted in the churchyard, is flourishing.

On Saturday 23rd September Kathleen Witherby and I are hosting a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support, in the Village Hall from 10am to 12noon. Macmillan are amazingly helpful in so many ways, so please do come and support this very worthy charity.

As well as coffee, tea, cakes and a bit of

St Andrew's Church, Wissett

has joined the "Give a Little" online donation service.

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a get-together I will be having my table top sale with books, bric-a-brac, beautiful scarves, interesting clothes, art magazines and more books.

We look forward to The Jungle Room Café opening in September in what was The Plough.

Church Cleaning in September

3rd Mary Pester and Camilla Prior
10th Charlotte Pringle and Jane Parry

17th Veronica Catchpole and Kathleen Witherby
24th Janice Bathgate and Cara Wetmore
29th Nick Evans

For many years my calendar and diary had a big ring around a date in early September with BTS in big letters. Back to School! I still feel that September is a time of new beginnings, a fresh start as well as a new season so to all starting a

new term, going back to school may all go well and remember, as I used to say to my new children in the Reception Class, *Hometime always comes.*



HALESWORTH BRANCH OF CANCER RESEARCH UK

We hired the i-Chameleon shop for a week in July, the shop was very busy and the extra stalls we had outside each day proved popular, especially the Friday plant stall with Jane Bastow, the Saturday cake stall and an outstanding performance by the U3A ukulele band on Tuesday morning which not only raised £147.51, but lifted everyone's spirits with their colourful shirts and lively music.

Thank you so much to everyone who visited the shop and supported us. A magnificent £2162.80 was raised. The committee and volunteers are truly grateful for your generosity and continuing support.

Having the shop gave us the opportunity to talk to people and sadly so many people spoke of their families being affected by cancer. The work done at Cancer Research is so important as they continue to develop new tests.

We send grateful thanks to everyone who baked for us - the cakes and savouries were amazing and sold out very quickly; to Phyllis, Gill and Paula for coping with the rush of customers; to Jane Bastow from The Laburnums for agreeing to have a very successful plant stall for us; to the U3A Ukulele Band for giving up their time and entertaining us so beautifully; to Sue for suggesting this; to Durrants Estate Agents for making our week in the shop so much easier and

for their generous donation of a tombola prize, a huge, huge thank you to Bob and Maggie, Woodside Farm, we absolutely couldn't have even thought about having the shop without your input, you made it all possible and thank you to all the people who gave us a donation during the week.

Finally from me, thank you to all the committee members and volunteers who helped during the week and I am so sorry that I had to disappoint some of you who offered to help. You are a brilliant team.

On Friday 1st September we are having another new event. The Old Hall Cafe and Maize Maze, Southwold are hosting a "Maze by Torchlight" evening for us from 6.30pm-9.30pm. Our committee and volunteers will have some stalls and we hope to have some simple fun games for everyone to enjoy.

For more information please contact me:- Dawn Davis, Chair, on 01986 873640.

HALESWORTH COMMUNITY HUB

Thank you to everyone who filled in surveys and talked to us through the consultation for a new community hub in Halesworth. Below is the weblink for the Executive Summary of the findings:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cpG3kTXXif9tekjpOwC85srnXvlhfy9-/view>

The full report is available on request from Halesworth Town Council.

From what you told us in the surveys, we have a clear idea of what people want to see. A community hub for Halesworth will serve the town and the surrounding area. It will be a welcoming and accessible place for all. It will provide a versatile space for a range of users and uses. This will include delivering local services and space to meet others. It will meet the gaps in community provision and be environmentally and financially sustainable. This is part of the Town Council's five year ambition.

Halesworth Town Council

Regeneration of St Mary's Church, Halesworth

Exhibition of Proposals

Saturday 9th Sept – Sunday 1st Oct 2023

The PCC, Friends and Steering Group are working to re-establish the interior of St Mary's as a regionally significant, awe-inspiring, community hub of heritage. The building will be expected to express spirituality, sanctuary and creativity generally. It will reference the towns brewing history and Blyth Valley location specifically, incorporating the Hookers with their Kew connection, Lansbury's efforts for social justice and the Buxton anti-slavery campaigns.

Five major projects will be incorporated:

- 1) Heating, lighting and insulation. 2) Kitchen, toilets and storage. 3) Flooring. 4) A suitable organ that is sustainable. 5) Heritage care and conservation, including the bells, the ringing chamber and tower repair and maintenance.

On completion the aim will be a regionally significant, low maintenance and environmentally aware, accessible and provisioned, central exhibition space and performance venue, not too far from car parking, and public transport, part of the thriving market town of Halesworth.

Please visit St Mary's to give your views, opinions and suggestions during the exhibition of the vision, challenges and proposals.

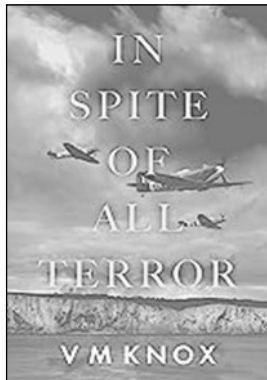
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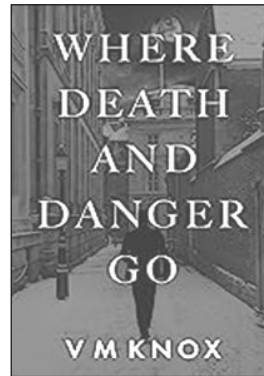
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Val Jennings

For Sign of the Fish

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On the second Saturday in September, Suffolk Historic Churches Trust has been running its famous bike ride fundraiser - invented here in Suffolk and now copied all over England. These days the event is called Ride & Stride, as some choose to walk. You might bike as a family, with friends or as a solo finding companions along the way. Some set out from their front door, some take their bikes to an area where they can enjoy quieter lanes. Some cyclists do 20 or 30 churches, but most of us settle for a relaxed ride between four or five. You will get a warm welcome in the churches and you might be surprised by the fascinating social history you find in the churches that you visit.

All you need to do ahead of the day is plan a route and get friends and family to sponsor you, either with a fixed sum or on a per church basis. Your local bike ride organiser can give you a sponsorship form or go to the website <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>



Cyclists are of all ages and come from every walk of life. Some are regular churchgoers (of all denominations) and some not at all, but all are united in their love of those great churches that mark our Suffolk skylines. In fact with Norfolk we have the biggest concentration of mediaeval churches in Europe - over 500 in Suffolk alone.

But these old buildings take money to keep up and that is where you and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust come in. Half of the money you raise will go straight to the church or chapel you nominate (regardless of where you choose to cycle) and half to the grants chest of the Trust to enable the Trust to help churches in their moments of need when the roof leaks or the masonry crumbles.

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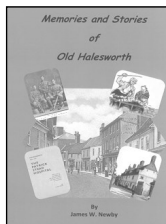
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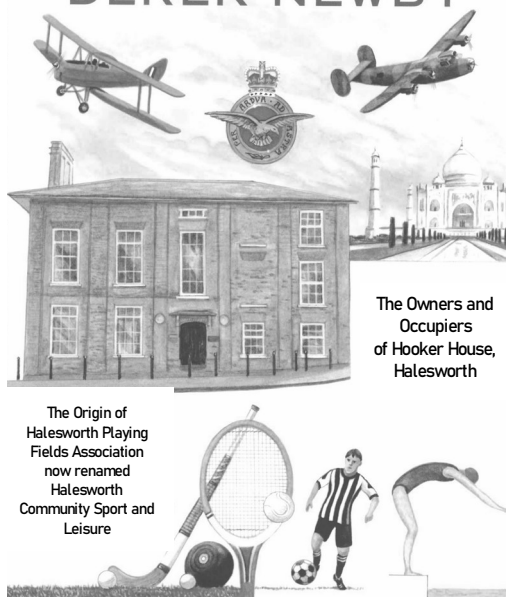
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