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Open-air service held on the site of St Peter's Linstead Magna



Our biennial visit to the site of St Peter's Linstead Magna, took place on Sunday 16th June. Although no more than a barely discernible hump in the field, the presence of the church is still with us. We duly processed there and held a short open-air service to commemorate the church and all it had once meant to the village.

Being Linstead, we returned to Church Farm and enjoyed a jolly good tea. We are grateful to Peter and Tracey Abell for their hospitality.

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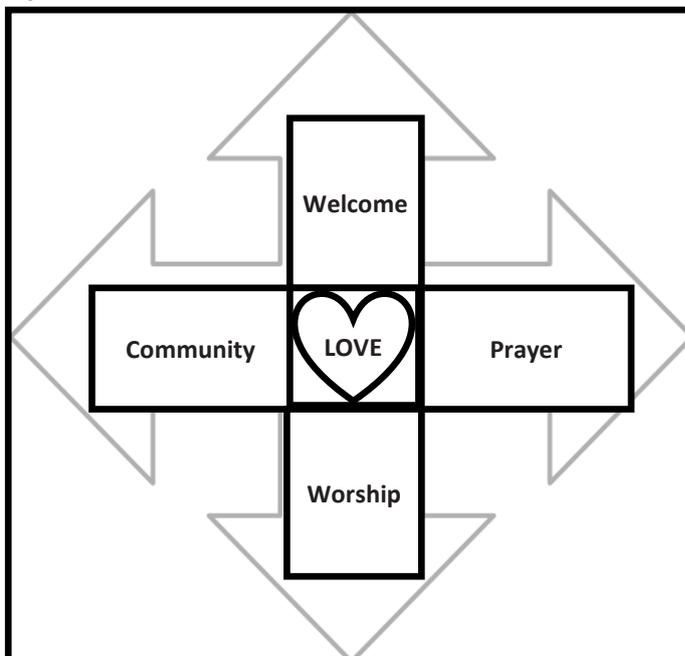
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July 2024 Lectionary

for Traditional and Holy Communion only.

Please refer to another lectionary for other services e.g. Daily Office (Morning Prayer).

Sunday 7th – Sixth After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion

Romans 6: 3 – 11 (KJV)
Matthew 5: 20 – 26 (KJV)

Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10 (NRSV)
Mark 6: 1 – 13 (NRSV)

Sunday 14th – Seventh After (Green)

Traditional Communion

Romans 6: 19 – end (KJV)
Mark 8: 1 – 9 (KJV)

Holy Communion

Ephesians 1: 3 – 14 (NRSV)
Mark 6: 14 – 29 (NRSV)

Sunday 21st – Eighth After (Green)

Traditional Communion

Romans 8: 12 – 17 (KJV)
Matthew 7: 15 – 21 (KJV)

Holy Communion

Ephesians 2: 11 – end (NRSV)
Mark 6: 30 – 34 and 53 – end (NRSV)

Sunday 28th – Ninth After (Green)

Traditional Communion

1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13 (KJV)
Luke 16: 1 – 9 (KJV)

Holy Communion

Ephesians 3: 14 – end (NRSV)
John 6: 1 – 21 (NRSV)



Worship in the Blyth Valley in July 2024				
CW – Year B Continuous New Testament (Green)	7th CW & BCP – Sixth After Trinity	14th CW & BCP – Seventh After Trinity	21st CW & BCP – Eighth After Trinity	28th CW & BCP – Ninth After Trinity
Halesworth St Mary	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Holy Communion Dominic 6pm Evensong Dominic	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Family Service Jason	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Iona Worship Jason 6pm Evensong Dominic	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Holy Communion Gini
St Peter Group				
Holton St Peter		10am Morning Prayer Alison C	10am Iona Worship Jim	6.30pm Songs of Praise Dominic
Wenhaston St Peter		10am Ecumenical Communion Vic	10am Holy Communion Gini	10am Pause for Thought
Bramfield St Andrew		10am Holy Communion Linda		11am Morning Prayer Dominic
Blyford All Saints			11am Morning Prayer Dominic	
Thorington St Peter				10am Morning Prayer Jim
St Andrew Group				
Wissett St Andrew		10am Morning Prayer Veronica M	10am Holy Communion Linda	10am Pet Service Vic
Chediston St Mary		10am Holy Communion Dominic		10am Morning Prayer Alison
Spexhall St Peter		6pm Sung Evensong Rural Dean Licensing Dominic	10am Holy Communion Alison A	
Linstead St Margaret		10am Matins Malcolm	12.30pm Linstead Patronal Festival (open- air service) at Village Hall	10am Holy Communion Linda
St Michael Group				
Cookley St Michael			9.30am Traditional Communion Dominic	
Heveningham St Margaret		10am Traditional Communion Gini		
Huntingfield St Mary				10am Morning Prayer Veronica M
Walpole St Mary				9.30am Holy Communion Dominic

Other Regular Services: 10am Tuesdays: Café Church by Zoom; 10am Wednesdays: Holy Communion, St Mary's Halesworth;
9.30am Thursdays: Morning Worship, St Andrew's Bramfield.
8am & 6pm Tues to Sat: Daily Prayer, St Mary's Halesworth.

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Coles Lane, Wenhaston

Minister: The Revd Martin Keenan

JULY 2024

- 7th The Revd Robin Searles
 14th United Service @ St Peter's
 (10am)
 21st The Revd Martin Keenan HC
 28th Ms Pat Williamson

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am
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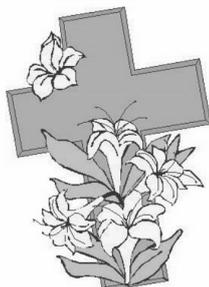
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Please enquire about our Service times and details



Morning and Evening Prayer

with the Revd Dominic Doble,
 from Tuesdays to Saturdays

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 YouTube channel).

From

St Mary's Church, Halesworth

In person, or join via:

8am Morning Prayer

Zoom Meeting ID - 883 5778 9092

Passcode - 607673

6pm Evening Prayer

Zoom Meeting ID - 850 0997 6304

Passcode - 825686

Halesworth & Bramfield URC

Minister: Revd Jon Sermon

SERVICE for JULY 2024

- Tuesday 2nd 10am to 12noon Coffee Morning at
 Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
 Sunday 7th 11am Gathered Worship with Communion
 (GIFT Day). Minister Jon Sermon
 Tuesday 9th 10am to 12noon Coffee Morning at
 Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
 Friday 12th 9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Church and
 Zoom followed by Coffee Morning
 Sunday 14th 11am Gathered Worship TBA
 3pm Bramfield Chapel
 Tuesday 16th 10am to 12noon Coffee Morning at
 Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
 Friday 19th 9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Church and
 Zoom followed by Coffee Morning
 Sunday 21st 11am Gathered Worship
 Minister Jon Sermon
 Tuesday 23rd 10am to 12 noon Coffee morning at
 Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
 Friday 26th 9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Church and
 Zoom followed by Coffee Morning
 Sunday 28th 11am Gathered Worship Judy Morton &
 friends
 Tuesday 30th 10am to 12 noon Coffee morning at
 Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship

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Judy Morton: 01502 724572

judy.morton@themortonpartnership.co.uk

Elizabeth Aslett 07710 916737 (for families and children)

familyhurc@gmail.com



Zoom Meeting ID: 776 - 044 - 1926,
 Passcode 811885

Café Church Tuesdays!

Café Church is held on a TUESDAY morning
 at 10am, via Zoom.



*For login details of how to join,
 or to be added to the mailing list,
 please email:*

The Revd Alison Alder at:

revalialder@gmail.com

or

The Revd Linda Berry at:

revd.linda@huntingfield.uk

From the Rector...

Last month the Blyth Valley Parishes Joint Council had its first Annual Meeting. Operating as the Team Council which it incorporated, its new constitution includes three previously unrepresented parishes. The parishes have delegated authority to this body to do things such as employ an administrator and communications officer. They work across the parishes granting economies of scale and taking some of the burden of the tasks that would otherwise be theirs.

It was a great opportunity to look back at some of the great things that we have collectively experienced and achieved in 2023. Among those highlights were: Alison Alder's Licensing in Wenhaston and five others being brought back into Elder ministry or affirmed in it. Four Parochial Church Councils had successfully recruited talented new people securing their immediate future and increasing capacity. The Pastoral Group produced a leaflet to introduce their Monday meetings, Labyrinth sessions at Holton and home visits. Cafe Church, Bible Study Groups and Open the Book in the schools continued to inspire and support. Regular Community Lunches and occasional clothes and toy swaps took place in St Mary, Halesworth. The church also hosted a regionally significant three day Climate Conference in partnership with Action for Sustainability Halesworth attended by Bishop Martin, Thérèse Coffey our MP and Richard Rout the Deputy leader of the Council. Local producers and supporters also enjoyed our first Lammas Bread and Wine Festival. Not forgetting the enchanting Lady Maisery concert during the summer.

As is often the case at elections to committees, councils and government, annual meetings can be a time for saying goodbye and hello, too. That was no different for us. Leaving office with immediate effect was Geoffrey Kiddy. He stepped down from the Lay Chair post which has seen him contribute to discussions to add three parishes to the group and to preparation and interviewing for my appointment.

Another departure was Pedro Cockerton. As Treasurer, he prepared many joint accounts and budgets over the years including suggesting the parishes' contributions to stipendiary clergy, so he understood the challenge that that represents. He was de facto Treasurer for the dormant St Mary Walpole.

Taking on the Co-chair role is Keith Noakes singer, beekeeper, gardener and Churchwarden of St Peter, Spexhall. As a frequent contributor of cross parish ideas and advice to the Wardens' monthly meetings and WhatsApp group, his acceptance of appointment should feel like a natural progression and recognition.

Happily, Richard Sheldrake has already been talking with Pedro, supporting other Treasurers and developing some fresh, exciting and lucrative ideas as the group Treasurer.

Living and serving as Treasurer in St Margaret's, Heveningham, he is a business person with a background in engineering, information technology and also beekeeping!

I look forward to working with our new officers to see our agreed Growth Strategy bear fruit. Broadly, it states that we believe that God works in our communities held, reflected and amplified through our Bishops, their local ministers and the parish churches.

The populations of our town and villages are: Halesworth at 5,000 plus souls, Holton at 800, Wenhaston and Bramfield at around 500, the rest around 200, save Cookley, Linstead and Thorington with less than 100. To maintain two full-time paid clergy and other ministers and post holders between us we seek to raise revenue funds to cover £134,100 share and £23,660 expenses this year.

Each parish hopes to recruit to have a buildings Churchwarden and an events Churchwarden, a Treasurer and a Secretary, looking after account and budget and rolling annual reporting and at least four other trustees. Our aim is to hold a service a month in each parish; two a month in the larger ones and three at Holton.

Halesworth usually has three services on a Sunday and a 10am on Wednesdays, which are mostly all live-streamed. There is a roving joint service with choir on any fifth Sunday morning and second Sunday evening. A welcoming and inspiring attitude should support, sustain and recruit committee members recognising our capacity and the gifts of others. Each might then achieve four intentional events a year, to engage, fundraise and contribute, alongside offering Lenten opportunity for personal development whilst collaborating externally on pastoral care.

I hope you found that insight into our joint council business encouraging! If you are interested in supporting our committees offering skills in events or buildings management book keeping or fundraising do let me know. Beekeeping experience is not required! Also, look out for our advertisements for our agreed new Administrator and a new Communications Officer posts, as we recruit for them later in the year.

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HALESWORTH & BRAMFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCHES

Revd Jon Sermon – Minister

Dear Friends,

On Saturday 8th June, we engaged with churches from across the East of England in the BIG CHURCH DAY OUT held at Trinity Park, Ipswich.

This event, organised by our denomination, involved worship, art and craft activities, face painting and balloon modelling, and workshops including African drumming, sign language, storytelling, Bible study, learning (then performing) the musical *Jonah Man Jazz*. There was food and drink, a resources stall, opportunities to chat, outdoor games and, of course, a bouncy castle!

Below is a picture of one of the essential tasks of a Church Children and Families Worker.



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Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays

10am - 11.30am

We had 'stepped out in faith' to hire the *Hoppa* minibus for the day. (No need for a volunteer driver as I am one of the *Hoppa* drivers). At first unsure if we would fill the 17 places, we ended up taking three family cars as well. We were 29 adults and children, plus one 'guest' from our Lowestoft sister church - 11 adults (aged from 20s to 70s) and 19 children (aged from one to 14), which reflects the success of our families approach that grew out of the Messy Church model of parents and children engaged together. This will be followed through in our All Age Holiday Bible Club, just coming up, Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th August. Bookings need to be made by **July 9th**. This year, it has a Olympics theme.

Whilst most of those attending will be among regulars at our Sunday families congregation, Messy Church and other activities, we can welcome those from other churches or none: contact Elizabeth (familyhurc@gmail.com) for more details and bookings.

Blessings

Jon



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**Revd Jon Sermon
Minister of
Halesworth & Bramfield URC
and North Lowestoft URC**



What has your Team Vicar been up to?

Thank you for all the good wishes and support regarding my shingles. It sounds like a lot of people know what it's like and wish they didn't. I am over it now, thank goodness apart from a few odd prickles. I almost felt normal for a couple of weeks which was amazing, but I

soon find out when I have overdone things. It's all about balance and pacing myself – easier said than done!

Since I last wrote anything for the Times, an election has been called and it's been on my mind, in my prayers and the subject of my sermons. I don't think we can or should avoid the subject as it affects everyone. People may be praying for a certain outcome but whose side would God be on? I am sure there are plenty of people praying for their team to win in Euro24 but not every team can win. We often hear said that people vote for what will be best for them and the fear being stoked in this election plays into our anxieties about the future and can make people more inward-looking. We need to take care to look behind the headlines and vote for what will be best for us, yes, but also our neighbours – our fellow human beings, here and abroad. Whatever happens by the time I write my next piece we will have a newly formed government.

I am pleased to report that the Family Communion services on the second Sunday of every month are going well. It's a relaxed service for people of any age because we are all part of some kind of family as well as the family of the Christ which, in my humble opinion, includes everyone whether they know it or not! For people looking

after young children during the school holidays, we will be putting on picnic lunches from 11.30am – 1.30pm every Thursday, St Mary's church in Halesworth. There will be different activities every week and an opportunity to stay and play. There won't be a charge, but donations are always welcome.

Plans for the next climate conference are well underway. Once again it is a joint Halesworth Town Council, Blyth Valley Churches and Halesworth ASH (Area Sustainable Hub) effort. A lot has happened since last year when three groups were formed to focus on open spaces, rivers and power. The theme will be Land and Food and there will be activities in various places across the Blyth Valley as well as in St Mary's in Halesworth. It will, hopefully, be an opportunity for the schools to make a stronger link with their local open spaces in Halesworth, Bramfield, Holton and Wenhaston. Details will soon be available at <https://halesworthash.com/>

I am about to go on holiday and have already been thinking of Christmas. It sounds crazy, but when July comes around, we already need to be thinking that far ahead. Someone asked me if we could to a quiet service this year for anyone who finds all the hype around Christmas difficult for whatever reason, so we will be adding that into the mix this year. We will also be welcoming Lady Maisery back to St Mary's in Halesworth for their beautiful album tour: *Awake Arise* on December 6th. Never a dull moment!

With love and blessings as always

Rev'd Gini

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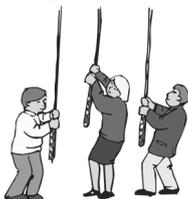
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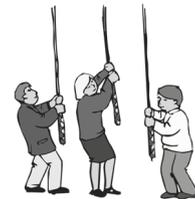
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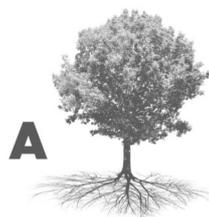
It has been a relatively quiet month after the excitement of May. Sundays have seen us ringing at Wenhaston, Wissett and Huntingfield, while we've successfully completed three quarter peals. The first was Plain Bob Minor at Wissett, with Judith ringing the treble for her first of Minor (that's all six bells changing); then Little Bob Major at Halesworth, where the treble only goes as far as fourths place: this makes it easy for the treble but harder for everyone else; and finally back to Wissett for Cambridge Surprise Minor with Erika ringing her first of Surprise (i.e. difficult).

Some of us also took part in the NE District outing. About 15 ringers from various towers rang at Wickham Skeith,

Gislingham and Redgrave. All these bells are in excellent condition and are a joy to ring, and made us realise what we are missing back home.

Blythburgh church was unavailable for our usual Tuesday practice on June 18th so we accepted an invitation from Theberton to go there, revisiting the scene of our striking competition victory. These are a lovely little six where we enjoyed a progressive practice, and were pleased to welcome a visitor from Surrey. Another advantage of this church is the proximity to the friendly Theberton Lion where we enjoyed the usual post-ringing refreshment.

PJG



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We are blessed in the Blyth Valley to live in an area where we can enjoy the beauty and restorative power of the natural world. Most of our churches have churchyards, where flora and fauna can flourish. Holton's Labyrinth on the paddock is a wonderful resource both for congregations and the local community. As Christians, the responsible stewardship of God's creation is a fundamental part of our faith, including as it does, loving our neighbours both locally and globally.

The Eco-church award scheme is an excellent way of demonstrating to our communities how we are living out our faith. Several of our churches have already achieved their first awards. Others, like Wenhaston, are working towards them. As part of this, we asked Wenhaston Primary School's school council to visit our church building and churchyard to find out what we do to encourage wildlife. They were fascinated by the groove on top of our ancient church door where bats fly in and out of the building. They also found over 20 different species of wild flowers growing among the gravestones.

The Eco-church award scheme covers five areas of our church life: Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Church Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. As well as enabling our congregations to live sustainable lives, the scheme can be a means of working with our communities, including our parish councils. In Wenhaston, we have found we are doing a lot of positive things but not always publicising what they are. For example, we recycle paper, not on the premises but by taking it home. Members of the congregation share lifts to services and events but we don't advertise. We are careful not to waste electricity but don't have notices around the church encouraging visitors to switch off lights when they leave. Simple, practical actions but they all add up.

If you would like more information about achieving your first award, please contact me, or come along to **St Peter's Room, St Peter's Church, Holton on Tuesday 2nd July at 7.30pm for the next meeting of the Deanery Environment Group.**

Revd Alison Alder

Email: revalialder@gmail.com



*Jonathan Alder showed the children a slow worm under one of the newly installed reptile refuges.
The children interviewed Jonathan about the management of the churchyard.*



Halesworth *dementia* Carers' Fund

Golf Day

On May30th several members of the HdCF Committee met at the Golf Club to receive a cheque for £6,700 resulting from the golf competition. We are so grateful to Halesworth Golf Club, and to John Giles and Sara Higgins who worked so hard to make this happen. As reported last month, we are also grateful to all our sponsors, and all the very kind people who helped raise this figure. While some expenses need to come off, we are still left with a magnificent amount which will go so far in helping us continue our work.



The photo (above) shows Paul Kent, Golf Club Men's Captain (centre back), John Giles (second left) and Sara Higgins (kneeling at the front) with members of the HdCF committee. It also shows Sarah Giles on the right, representing our main sponsor, Suffolk Car Centre.

Monthly Film

First, an important announcement. The film in July will be shown on **July 10th**, a week earlier than usual, as The Cut has another event on 17th. We hope you will still be able to come. The film will be *Little Voice*, with Jane Horrocks, Michael Caine, Brenda Blethyn and Jim Broadbent. As usual, doors will open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start, and admission is by £5 donation.

Website

We are delighted to announce that we have a new website.

This website gives all the details of our activities, what we do, and how to contact us. To find it just go to www.halesworthdementia.co.uk

You can also keep up with us by following our Facebook page.

100+ Club

We now have 140 members and are so grateful to all who support it. There are four monthly prizes, of £100, £75, £50 and £25.

Our winners in May were numbers 87, 89, 26 and 24. The winning ticket numbers for June were: 2, 114, 54 and 69.

If you would like to join the 100+ Club, please contact Anna on 07721842802.

Annual General Meeting

We held our AGM on June 10th, with a good attendance, despite the weather.

The meeting began with a short talk given by David Fosdike and Karen Kerridge from Halesworth Health and Care, reporting on the progress converting the old Methodist Church into a care centre.

The meeting received several reports, including accounts for the year, and a report by our Chair, Nikki Sawkins, on the work of the Fund over the last year.

The following officers were voted in: Chair, Nikki Sawkins; Vice Chair, Nicky Kelly; Treasurer, Iris Smith; Secretary, Arlette Smith, aided by Consultant Secretary Dave Rich.

John Wood

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businesses, you can sometimes find tempting little treats to give you a lift. All we ask is that you give a donation, whatever you can afford. We are one of the few Suffolk Food Larders that doesn't make a charge.

So please do not think that the Larder isn't for you. Too often we think that there are people who are worse off than us, who need the Larder more than we do. But that is not what the Halesworth Community Larder is all about. We welcome everyone. The chat that you have with other visitors and our wonderful team of volunteers is just as important as the food items that you can pick up.

Of course, we are not naïve. We know that people are really struggling, that it can be hard to have enough money to make it to the end of the month. And we also know how hard it is to ask for help or admit that you are in need. But because we don't ask any questions and you don't have to tell us anything about your personal circumstances, you can just come and enjoy this special place and get the food and supplies that you need.

You can also contribute in lots of different ways. What would we do without the wonderful knitted gifts that we get given by Maureen and Theresa (not their real names) or the summer gluts of tomatoes and courgettes that Mary turns into wonderfully imaginative chutneys and other people use to make delicious summer salads.

You can also help us cut down on waste. We are very proud to be part of the FareShare network, so we will often get large deliveries of fruit and vegetables, unsold stock from local supermarkets. This week it is pak choi, celery and spring onions, I see a lovely summer stir fry coming on!

So come and see us at the Community Larder, a wonderful local project led by Halesworth Volunteers and the church. We are open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am – 11.30am at the Church Hall.

Everyone is welcome. Come and see us soon.



HALESWORTH BRANCH OF CANCER RESEARCH

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Spring Fair on Saturday 18th May. We are so grateful to you all and with your generosity we raised a fantastic £2461.63. We hope you enjoyed the event and had a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours over a cup of tea or lunch. It is always a pleasure for us to see familiar faces and welcome new ones.

We are as always indebted to the following businesses who so generously supply the food we serve for our lunches. Their continuing support for Cancer Research is greatly appreciated. Cleveleys, Halesworth Co-op, Halesworth Spar and Tesco's.

Thank you to the following businesses for contributing a prize for our raffle and congratulations to everyone who won. The White Hart Halesworth, Tululas, KHG Hair and Beauty, Patrick's Newsagents, Africa Alive Kessingland, Wentworth Hotel Aldeburgh and The Wee Bothy Geldeston.

Thank you to Market Fields for donating a beautiful hamper which was won by Gill. The Bonus Ball Whiskey Hamper was won by Linda from Holton. Congratulations to both ladies.

Thank you to everyone who made the cake stall look so inviting by baking for us. The scones, cheese straws, sausage rolls, cream horns, Viennese whirls and cakes were fantastic and delicious. Thank you if you provided a jam jar of flowers which made the tables look so pretty, donated a raffle prize, brought along plants for the garden stall or contributed in any way to make the day so successful.

Our next event is our week (July 4th-10th) in the iChameleon pop up shop in The Thoroughfare Halesworth. The shop will be full of interesting items and plenty of bargains to be found. We will have a few new clothes and some nearly new "labels" Seasalt, Fat Face, Ted Baker, Monsoon etc.

We have a program of extra things throughout the week:-

Thursday 4th Tombola; Friday 5th Jane Bastow from The Laburnums with her plant stall; Saturday 6th Cake stall (please bring a tin etc if you can to take some of our delicious cakes home); Monday 7th Books and Jigsaws; Tuesday 8th The U3A ukulele band will be performing for us at approx 11.30am. (This was great fun last year and everyone enjoyed joining in with the songs)

Please look out for another exciting event... on Friday 30th August, The Old Hall Cafe (Reydon/Southwold) are hosting the Maize Maze by torchlight again for us this year. Tickets will be available soon on their website, this was very popular last year so please book early to avoid being disappointed.

The committee and volunteers at the Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research greatly appreciate your support for our all of our events. Our heartfelt thank you to you all.

For more information please contact me.

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The post holder must be confident and mature and be able to work on their own initiative, managing workload and priorities.

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For further information about the post, or to submit your CV and a covering letter, please contact the Revd Dominic Doble, Team Rector: dominic.doble@phoncoop.coop

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An experience of marketing would be desirable.

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Post Festival Report for the 2024 INK Festival

The 2024 INK Festival was our eighth, and, in so many respects, it met or surpassed the targets and expectations we had set for ourselves. This is particularly important as we look back to our first Festival in 2015, when, with a vision about the power and impact of the short play, a commitment to new writing, scriptwriters and the Cut Arts Centre in Halesworth, and not much more, we had 15 script submissions, staged eight new plays in the Cut, and worked with a minimal budget with no Arts Council support. In 2024, we had nearly 1000 script submissions, staged 70 short plays for stage and radio across 10 venues throughout Halesworth, included poetry, comedy, youth and family events, talks and workshops, benefitted from the seventh consecutive year of Arts' Council support, and worked to a total budget of over £150,000.

Even in the weeks since the Festival, 25 scripts have been requested by other producers/directors for potential development or productions elsewhere, including the Edinburgh Festival, The Park Theatre London and 1st Light Festival. Also, to date a number of actors have already gained further employment as a direct result of being seen at the Festival.

INK has, indeed, now become a dynamic, multi-dimensional organisation.

- We work throughout the year, providing script-writing workshops and working with young people.
- We gather in and evaluate the short play scripts that have given real creative writing opportunities to thousands. Those who have their work selected for the Festival are thrilled and often inspired to do more writing.
- We work with secondary school students by using the short play, specially commissioned works, and school tours to focus on vital social issues such as County Lines and youth mental health.
- We provide work and networking opportunities for a large number of creatives, many who have had their careers enhanced by INK.
- For five days, as Halesworth is filled with INK, our Festival enhances the business turnover, footfall, and general presentation and reputation of the town. Our second annual Sunday Funday, free to all and held in the Town's Market Square, was a particular hit this year.
- We focus on key social issues such as the environment and the future of creative arts support in Britain. The 2024

Festival featured the premiere of a powerful play by Prof. Steve Waters of UEA followed by a Q&A with Jake Fiennes, environmental campaigner and Director of Holkham Nature Reserve. We also hosted a Panel Discussion chaired by Libby Purves and including the Artistic Directors of major theatres and production companies throughout East Anglia.

- At the Festival we provide theatre-based activities for children across all age ranges.
- And, of course, the Festival provides new and returning audiences the truly impressive experience of accessing 70 powerful, very entertaining, and often though-provoking short plays (the 70 best from 1000) employing professional actors, directors, and technicians, all within very intimate and accessible venues.
- In 2023 we held the inaugural INK Youth Schools' Festival Day. We were, and continue to be, determined to build upon the very strong links we have established with the secondary schools in the area. This year, the students and staff of over 20 schools again attended a special fifth Festival day, free of charge with lunch and transport provided, if required. Hundreds came from around the region, including students who have a range of complex needs and receive alternative education. They attended with their tutors and were able to experience the power of live theatre, discuss the themes and topics of the plays, and participate in Q & A's with the INK Creatives.
- More than ever before, the organisation and management of the 2024 Festival has been effective and efficient. The publicity and fundraising have all proceeded according to plan, the audiences for our four evening performances were all at, or near, the 200 capacity of the Cut Theatre, and the marketing teams significantly increased the use and reach of social media, the press and media, and mailings, leading to increased ticket sales. INK's presentation of 70 plays and much more over five days was a masterwork of organisation. The INK team now has yet another successful Festival from which we can learn and upon which we can build for 2025. All of us at INK are so very grateful for the support you have given us over the years, and we do hope you will continue to help us as we move on to our 2025 Festival - April 24th to 28th in Halesworth.

Kind regards

John Bainer, Trustee of INK
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The Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich is pleased to announce that The Revd Dominic Doble has been appointed as the Rural Dean of Waveney & Blyth Deanery; this is with immediate effect.

Dominic will be licensed to this post by the Archdeacon of Suffolk Rich Henderson, on July 14th during Evensong at St Peter's Spexhall, at 6pm.

This is in addition to Dominic's current role as Team Rector of the Blyth Valley Churches and Priest in Charge of Heveningham with Ubbeston, Huntingfield and Cookley.

Please keep Dominic in your prayers as he takes on this additional responsibility.



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I and, coincidentally, my IT devices, are unwell.
 Apologies, no column this month.
 Hoping to "see" you in August.

Val Jennings
 For Sign of the Fish



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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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There is to be a service in St Paul's Cathedral but we want ideas that reach outside the church. You can email Mary Sumner House at communications@mothersunion.org and please copy Beryl Mee into your email at: secretarysuffolkmu@gmail.com

Mary Sumner Day, 9th August 2024

Instead of a church service this year we are having an event in Southwold from 12noon to mid- afternoon, at the foot of the pier in Southwold. This is a time to come together, relax, share stories, have fun, (bring our picnics or buy our own fish and chips) and simply enjoy being Mothers' Union together in Eds and Ips. The MU brass plaque celebrating 125 years of Mary Sumner's vision has, since the pier's renovation, "gone missing" - and we need to find it again. More details to follow.

Have your say about our 150th celebration of Mothers' Union

Mary Sumner House are very keen to hear the views from members across the UK on how we can celebrate 150 years since the first Mothers' Union meeting in 2026. Could you suggest a theme for 2026?

LIFE EVENTS

FROM THE REGISTERS IN JUNE FUNERALS/INTERMENT OF ASHES

Joyce Evelyn Forster at Huntingfield

Ann Brayton Meek at Wissett

Margaret Want at Halesworth

David Bird at Walpole

Wave of prayer 2024

Our dates for the Wave of Prayer 2024 are Tuesday 16th July to Thursday 18th July. A service will be available shortly and will also be posted on our musuffolk.org website for you to use in your branches. On these three days we join with our link dioceses to pray for the work of Mothers' Union.

'Growing Younger' Prayer meetings - each Monday

Mothers' Union members are invited to join the new diocesan 'Growing Younger' prayer group in a weekly prayer Zoom meeting from 9.15am to 9.45am every Monday (excluding bank holidays) to pray for children, young people, families, paid and volunteer workers, teachers, schools and churches."

To obtain the zoom link, please contact **Emma Allison** at: emma.allinson@cofesuffolk.org

Praying for the Rural and Agricultural Chaplaincy Team

The Rural and Agricultural Team have asked for the prayer support of Mothers' Union members. Linda Ginn met their team recently and was told that they need all the prayers they can get. As well as for the Team, our Farmers and Growers and their Families also need prayer for their physical and mental health, for financial worries, isolation and many other things that life throws up.

This month our prayers are for the Clergy, Lay Readers and Elders in the deanery of Ixworth.

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Tuesday 2nd July

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**7.30pm Tuesday 2nd July 2024
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Theme: "Creationtide"

Everyone from churches across the Waveney and Blyth Deanery is welcome to come and share what they are already doing to promote environmental issues and to discuss new ideas.

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Everyone can help in some way to make the afternoon a success, be it by moving furniture, making cakes, running a stall/ game for a couple of hours, pulling their way to a win in the Tug o' War or scoring goals in the footie competition. Please let us know if you wish to be involved and we will find you a job or, if you have ideas of your own, please feel free to air them.

DONATIONS of cakes for tea and a cake sale, bric-à-brac and books for a stall, plants for a stall and tombola and raffle prizes, before the day, are very welcome. Please either leave donations at St Andrew's Church, Bramfield or contact me on the email/telephone number above and we will happily collect from you.

The next item is from Chris Collins at Circle 67:

Circle 67 - Twelfth Night

Circle 67 will be touring our 40th Shorter Summer Shakespeare in July. The first ever performance of this series (of A Midsummer Night's Dream) was at the Queen's Head in Bramfield in July 1984. I directed it and both my children played fairies. We'll be back at the Queen's Head this year on Tuesday 16th July at 7.15pm to perform Twelfth Night. It's a fast-paced romantic comedy with interwoven plots of cross-dressing and practical jokes and includes music and songs from the period. Something for everyone!

Despite what you might have thought about Shakespeare at school, it's very funny and many people's favourite play. Our version will last an hour and a bit; we don't charge admission - instead we'll pass our hats round at the end. What you put in them subsidises our indoor stage productions.

Find our other performances of the tour on circle67.co.uk

The next item is from Jane Edwards and Fiona Ryder:

Bramfield Village Green

The opening of Bramfield Village Green was held on Sunday 2nd June when the village was invited to bring a picnic and come together to enjoy the new community meadow. Around ninety people attended. Adults and children tried out the new 5-aside football pitch, explored the field and listened to music from The He-Hews, who entertained us wonderfully. The weather was kind and it was lovely to see the new green being used and so obviously enjoyed. Our thanks go to Steve Thurston and his family for their hard work preparing the field and installing the fencing, Moggy for helping to clear and tidy the hedges, Bailey and Steel families and Julie for all their help setting up, to Malachy and Fiona for mowing and strimming the field, to Aubrey for lending the bunting, and to Johnny Clarke for playing for free. After all the hard work over the last couple of years, it is a real joy to see

the children playing on the green after school and in the evenings, enjoying a kick-about.

On June 8th and 9th, Bramfield Village Hall presented an Evening/Afternoon with Charlie Mackesy at Thorington Theatre. Charlie enthralled sell-out audiences with a magical performances on both days and generously donated to his time, creativity and enthusiasm, along with raffle prizes of his beautiful, thoughtful prints, each worth more than £200. The show, produced by Fiona Ryder, was a roaring success raising £11,678 net of all costs. Thorington Theatre kindly donated the venue for free on Saturday. Our thanks to Jane, Pat and Julie for selling so many raffle tickets which contributed more than £1400 to the overall total. Funds raised will be used for phase two of the meadow's conversion into a village green, including play equipment and tree planting. To date the Village Hall Charity has raised an impressive total of £72,000 thanks to the generosity of people who have contributed both significant time and money to the village green project.

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Chediston

Correspondent

Sally Aldous 01986 873363

We look forward to the Suffolk Day celebrations in Chediston on June 21st – report to follow next month.

It was very pleasing to receive a "thank you" from the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich for raising £4286.00 towards the 2023 Parish Share. I quote, "I would like to

sincerely thank your PCC and congregation for their hard work, generosity and commitment so clearly demonstrated over the last 12 months. Your continued and generous support enables mission and ministry to thrive in every community in our Diocese."

We all enjoyed a great day out at the Suffolk show on May 29th. Peter, of Chediston Green, helped out with goat showing and entered the junior handler competition for which he got a fourth place rosette and certificate. Here he is with Amaryllis.



Chediston & Linstead WI – Tuesday 11th June

Our speaker was Deborah Lay who led us through an interesting talk on turtle dove conservation.



Natural England and the RSPB are encouraging farmers to help in the preservation of these

birds (not to be confused with ordinary doves or wood pigeons). To illustrate this, she produced a taxidermied ringed specimen for us to see and examine. Not everyone wanted to do this! We were told how they nest on the ground and are very vulnerable laying tiny white eggs which she also brought along. These take two weeks to hatch, some are caught and ringed before being released into the wild, she then answered a lot of questions.

As always, we enjoyed the draw and a delicious tea.

We are all very sorry that Vicky Wilkinson is seeking "pastures new" when she leaves Linstead for Yorkshire to be near her family. We shall miss her so much; she has organised the monthly meetings and some lovely

away days for the Branch, not to mention delivering the local WI magazine.

80th ANNIVERSARY D-DAY BELL RINGING AT ST MARY'S

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and to mark the occasion, Chediston celebrated by ringing our bells on June 6th to a long touch of 1080 changes. Bells rang out across the whole country on the evening of the D-Day anniversary.

1080 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Claire Whiting; 2 Graham Downing; 3 Veronica Downing @; 4 Hilary Stearn; 5 Jonathan Iles; 6 Lizzie Wood.

This performance was linked to the event Ringing Out for Peace - 80th Anniversary of D-Day Landings.

Pictured below: The D-Day 80th Anniversary bell ringers at Chediston.

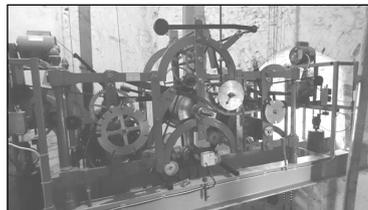
Cookley

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At the end of May, I lost the hourly chimes to our 198 year old clock, goodness knows where they went! We are, however, very grateful to local retired engineer Trevor Allchin, who is a volunteer at the Repair Café in town. Luckily, clocks are his speciality! I took Trevor up the tower and after a tweak of a switch on the hourly chimes and some TLC later, we found the chimes



(and saved a few quid not having to call out the horologist!). Very many thanks to Trevor for his help.

On May 31st, Halesworth Events Management, who fundraise each year for the town's Christmas Lights, used St Mary's for a Quiz Night. Over £500 was raised from the evening. A joy to see the community coming together and seeing our beloved church turned into an event venue. With thanks to the Busbys for running a bar and to all who came and supported the event.



One highlight this past month, was the Team service from June 2nd which fell on Environment Sunday. With Dominic on annual leave, Gini and Alison led the service.



Alison preached and unashamedly chose to use Psalm 104 because, not only is it a favourite Psalm of hers, it is also a magnificent celebration of God the creator and provider. A perk to broadcasting our services via our Youtube channel, we can go back and watch a particular service again, which is what I recommend to you all, so go and visit www.youtube.com/@halesworthparish and hear Alison's sermon in full.

Looking ahead to July, a quieter month for us. Do join us on Wednesday 17th July for the next Friend's of St Mary's (FoSM) Recital, 12noon for 12.30pm.

Congratulations to our Rector Dominic who has been appointed Rural Dean of Waveney & Blyth - hold Dominic in your prayers as he takes on this additional responsibility.

Blyth Valley Times

Finally from me this month, on June 19th Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3 came from St Edmundsbury Cathedral, if you missed it you can catch up on BBC sounds online or via the Cathedrals YouTube Channel.

ST MARY'S 50/50 CLUB

The result of the June 2024 draw is as follows: 1st prize: R O'Leary; 2nd prize: J Ball; 3rd prize: Y Eady.

HALESWORTH WI

In May at our meeting members had an opportunity to vote on the resolution "Dental Health matters" encouraging the government to invest so to provide more NHS Dentists, this was agreed and went on to the National Federation Annual General Meeting held in the Albert hall at the beginning of June which after much discussion from experts in that field the resolution was passed by a majority.

In June we set off on our summer outing to Ipswich in buses one and two chauffeured by John and Phil. We enjoyed coffee and then lunch at the Keys cafe before entering Christchurch Park and a guided tour of this very interesting house set in lovely grounds we were fortunate as the sun shone all day and we were able to admire the scenery before our journey home. **BP**

quite fitting that the service was held on Fathers' Day and it was a lovely day with family and friends all coming together to celebrate this event.



Baby Hugo was an absolute joy and I'm pretty sure he slept through the whole thing! Congratulations to Jane and Marc on the birth of your beautiful baby.

Behind the scenes, we are experiencing a lot of wildlife that have started to inhabit around the church, including a family of Muntjacs who are enjoying the longer grass areas around the church yard. Our bees are also still very busy and I'm looking forward to an update on them. If you do come and visit our church, we do request, where possible, that dogs are kept on a lead. Thank you.

Inside the church, we have a good selection of books for your summer and holiday reads. We also have many cookery and gardening books available. You will also find some ideas for things to do in the area if you are just visiting. All donations are greatly appreciated and proceeds go towards the upkeep of the church.

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Halesworth**

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Heveningham

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Back in May 2023, we were delighted to play host to the wedding of Marc and Jane. In June, we welcomed them back again, this time for the Christening of their son, Hugo. It was

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Heveningham**

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St Margaret's dates for your diary:

July 14th: Church Service Traditional Communion @ 10am.

July 20th: Coffee Morning @ 10.30am.

August 15th: St Mary's Handbell ringers from 12pm.

Holton

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I find it completely incredible that we are more than half-way through 2024! The mild wet winter, then a cold wet spring and now, who knows! As I write this mid-June, the sun is shining and it is a beautiful morning, but we don't seem to have had too many such mornings this year. Hopefully July will be lovely and August too, and with luck a good Autumn. We can dream!

As some will have noticed, part of the churchyard has been cut and I would like to thank Gill Johnson for organising this. All the extra rain we have had has meant that the grass has grown more than usual, so it was, and is, a big task to get it all done. Hopefully the Community Pay-back Team will be back to continue the good work.

Now a confession! Having encouraged attendance at the Blyth Valley Parishes Joint Council Annual Meeting, John and I were unable to go! It wasn't totally our fault, the date of the meeting was moved by a week so we were in Exeter on June 12th. Fiona and Bill Pagan and Janet Walkey were present at the meeting, Janet has given me the following report - Geoffrey Kiddy has stepped down from being Lay Chair of the Blyth Valley Parishes Joint Council, previously the Team Council, Keith Noakes from Spexhall has taken on that

roll; also Pedro Cockerton has stepped down from being Treasurer of BVPJC, this role has been filled by Richard Sheldrake from Heveningham. Both Geoffrey and Pedro were thanked and presented with cards and wine. Both of them had filled these positions for a number of years and deserve our gratitude.

On June 16th, the Revd Alison Alder led our Iona service and the overriding theme was God's creation, our Earth. Alison had taken the form of the service from a book of Iona services, so the format and content were different from usual, but recognisably Iona based. We were all challenged to do what we can to help the environment, however small and we were encouraged by the knowledge that our small actions can make big differences, after all God is in all, however small.

If anyone was able to go to the Restore Nature Now march on June 22nd with Jim and Sue Green please could you write something for next month's column.

Children's Society Box Opening & Coffee Morning 13.7.24

Just a reminder to all Box Holders, and everyone at St Peter's and St Mary's Halesworth, I have had to change the date from Saturday 6th to Saturday 13th July. Please can everyone who is able to help on the morning, with counting or with the refreshments let me know as soon as you can. Thank you to those who have already spoken to me.

If you don't have much change, if any, in your box, it would be helpful to have cheques made out to 'The Children's Society'. Now Barclays Bank have closed their branches in Southwold and Beccles, it means the money will probably have to be taken to the Lowestoft branch. Alternatively, it may be possible the monies can be taken to the Post Office. I understand however, they will only take complete bags of change, right from 1p coins to £1 coins.

If you are unable to come on the 13th, please can you get your box to me, or give it to a friend to bring and take back when empty. It really does make life so much easier to have all the boxes to open on the morning,

Gift Aid: If you are a tax payer, Gift Aid means The Children's Society will receive 25% extra at no extra cost to

you. If you are not already signed up to Gift Aid for The Children's Society, do consider it. If you are not sure do ask me about it. I will have some Gift Aid Declaration forms available on the morning. I do realise that not everyone pays tax.

If anyone else would like a box to support The Children's Society's excellent work with children and young people in this country, I do have new ones available. You do not have to be a regular worshipper at St Peter's or St Mary's Halesworth. Do contact me.

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Dates for Your Diary

Labyrinth Event Monday 1st July, 2pm until 4pm at St Peter's and on the paddock.

PCC Wednesday 3rd July, 7pm at St Peter's.

Children's Society Box Opening and Coffee Morning, Saturday 13th July, 10am until 12noon in church.

Flower Festival - "Our favourite childhood stories" Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July, 10am until 4pm.

Again help is needed with providing refreshments, so bakers be prepared, also raffle prizes, and those willing to steward. Please contact Helen Kneveit on 01986 872467 and Dot Booley on 01986 872350 and Betty Cole on 01986 874079 about stewarding.

Songs of Praise Sunday 28th July, 6pm, in St Peter's.

Huntingfield

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For the first time in a few years, Blyth Valley Churches will be having a tent at the Heveningham Country Fair. Different churches will be represented, showing the beauty and heritage of our buildings. We will also be showing some of the art and craft made during our "Labyrinth and Reflective Craft" sessions. There will be family activities, including a wildlife quiz, and information about Eco-church. We hope to be able to welcome many visitors to our tent and showcase some of the life of our Blyth Valley Churches.

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Linstead

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SO HOW CAN ONE SUM UP LINSTAAD in June? How about bewildered?



We know where we are and, within limits, we know where we are going. But pity the stranger confronted with a barricade of diversion signs. It is not easy trying to explain to bemused and often slightly hysterical travellers that they must pretend the signs don't exist and head for Halesworth anyway (and when you can see the actual roadworks then, and only then, do you turn). I am reminded of Gerard Hoffnung who, during the Festival of Britain, in 1953, took on a job as a guide for the many visitors to London. He dispensed advice such as "Have you tried the famous echo in the Reading Room of the British Museum?" and: "Zebra Parking Places provided everywhere." Most relevant at this present time was: "Ignore all Left and Right signs, these are merely political slogans." Now you know.

**THE LINSTAAD
PATRONAL FESTIVAL**
will be held on
Sunday 21st July
at the Village Hall from **12.30pm.**
There will be an **open-air
service followed by a barbecue.**

WE ARE RATHER PROUD OF OUR Patron Saint. Not many of us could tangle with a dragon and live to tell the tale, much less slay the dragon, having first been eaten by it. Please do join us for a brief and informal service, followed by a jolly good barbecue.

COVID HAS MUDDLED UP A LOT OF things which are only now getting back to normal. One such is our biennial visit to the site of St Peter's Linstead Magna - a report of the service features on the front cover of this issue.

Although the church has gone, there are remains if you know what to look for. We were able to present Dominic with a piece of Tudor brick, as a reminder of the church that got away. May we, in Linstead, offer our congratulations to Dominic on his elevation to the post of Rural Dean. To my shame, I cannot remember how one addresses a Rural Dean, 'Your Rurality' perhaps?

I am minded of a line in a Tom Lehrer song which runs: 'He used to be, so rumour has, the Dean of Men - at Alcatraz'. But congratulations anyway! And it seems only appropriate to see our Rural Dean in a rural setting - at the open-air service at St Peter's. THE SOCIAL WHIRL THAT IS SUMMER in Linstead continues with an immutable Linstead tradition:

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Please note that it is a week or so later than normal, to avoid clashes with other events. IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT WE bid farewell to Vicky Wilkinson, who is moving to be closer to her family. She has been our PCC Secretary for several years and has also been Secretary to

the WI and the Village Hall committee. She will leave a huge hole in our village life and will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her move.

CHEDISTON & LINSTAAD WI MET IN June and were told all about the plight of the Turtle Dove, a once numerous species, now in decline. The speaker, Deborah Lay, explained that although France and Germany had banned the shooting of this bird, the Maltese had not. Since Malta is on its migration route, this could be a contributory factor in its decline in numbers.

They meet next at Linstead Village Hall, on July 9th, at 2.30pm. The speaker is Barbara McElroy and she will be talking about Framlingham Castle.

SERVICES IN JULY COMPRISE MATINS on 14th at 10am; the Patronal Festival on 21st at 12.30pm, 10am HC on 28th.

Spexhall

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'Summertime and the livin' is easy' While Woodpecker is well aware that for many summer does not equate to 'easy livin', as in the famous Gershwin song, at least it is hoped that we get some opportunity to enjoy our lovely countryside and coast, and get some welcome warmth from the sun. July in fact involves us in a bit of work. It is a long standing tradition in Spexhall that on the evening of the **first Tuesday of July (2nd this year)** those armed with strimmers, rakes and cutting equipment descend on the churchyard to cut back the spring and summer

growth to enable the churchyard to recover in time for winter and to prepare to show us its beauty next year. Any villagers, or friends of Spexhall, are very welcome to join the 'merry band' from 6pm on Tuesday (or start earlier if you wish) in order to help with cutting back and getting things back to order.

Spexhall Village Party

Once again Francis and Elizabeth have very kindly offered to host a party for all villagers of Spexhall in the garden at the Old Rectory. Last year, villagers brought food to share, and this seemed to work very well. Please let me know (via Woodpecker email) if you are able to bring something. It is always a very good time to catch up. In case of wet weather we can repair to the village hall, but let's hope it doesn't come to that! See you all on **Saturday 13th July from 3pm.**

Choral Evensong

Spexhall is very lucky to have the Team Choir lead a special Choral Evensong on the **Sunday 14th July.** It is made even more special in that during the service our own Rector, Dominic, will be formally licensed as Rural Dean of Waveney and Blyth Deanery by Archdeacon Rich. All in the Team and Joint parishes are warmly invited to join us in celebrating Dominic's appointment and praying for him and for all who minister in the Waveney Deanery, both ordained and lay.

Holy Communion

Sunday 21st July is an opportunity for the village to have a summer service of Holy Communion. All are most welcome to join us for this simple act of worship and to have refreshments together afterwards.

Italian Lunch

The Village People have organised a special Italian Lunch on **Sunday 4th August.** It is £25 a head for a lunch prepared by Cleone's Italian restaurant from the Angel in Halesworth. Please email Karen Sharmen (karen1sharman@icloud.com) if you would like to come... pronto!

Flower and Art Festival

Looking forward to August, we are very pleased to say that there will be a Flower Festival in church and an Art

Festival in the village hall, with teas available on **Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th August.** Further details will follow, but it will be high summer then, so what better theme than 'A Suffolk Summer'. Here's hoping for sunshine, warmth and happy times for all this summer!

Thorington

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We are pleased to see the churchyard tidied up and thanks go to our volunteer Rob who does an excellent job, making the pathways to the graveyard much easier to walk along, as well as the surrounding grass areas by the Church.

Plenty of wild flowers abound and the lime trees thriving, so do enjoy the bench for a sit down and quiet time! Also thanks to those who have cleaned the church, and given it a spring clean, the box in the vestry has been polished and an old brass plaque found on it, Thorington Rectory 1858.. oh to turn the clock back that far...

The wedding of Eleanor Gower and Jake Thorold took place on June 15th, with many friends and relatives present, the church was decorated with orange and pink peonies, roses, homegrown rosemary feverfew and myrtle.

The wedding party walked to the church over the heath and marshes! A special event for all, but weddings are a rare occasion at Thorington! Congratulations to the happy couple, wishing them a joyful marriage and many, many happy years to come.

September 7th is the date for a gathering at the church, and we are hoping Kimberley Moore from Norwich will join us with her music and song. More on this next time, any queries contact Trish.

Enjoy the summer and do visit the church.

Walpole

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June has been a strange month so far, some days hot, many others cold, wet and dry, windy and calm. Not at all like Summer yet. We love to talk about the weather, don't we! Maybe July will bring some more seasonal weather and we can get our summer clothes out for an airing!

In July we are looking forward to Sing Out Yoxford on Saturday 20th in church. More information about the concert is on page 29 of this issue. Do come along and bring your friends. We have enjoyed having the choir before and I am sure this time they will excel themselves. In aid of church funds.

Also in July, the church is serving refreshments at the Village Show on Sunday 21st. If any of our friends or acquaintances would like to donate a cake, we should be grateful. We look forward to seeing you all there.

July Services all at 10am

7th	Team Service Halesworth
14th	Communion at St Peter's with Methodists
21st	Holy Communion
28th	Pause for Thought

WENHASTON M U

I think that we all enjoyed being part of the discussion groups at our June meeting and there was some lively discussion and wide ranging views.

Two of our questions were "How does your upbringing as a child impact on the way that you live your Life now" and "Is social media having a negative impact on the children of today's lives and what are the benefits." We all had a lot to contribute on both of these subjects!

The North Suffolk Area Quiet Day was held at St Peter's on Wednesday 26th June.

July is the month when we gather for our Summer Garden meeting and this will be held on Wednesday 10th July in the garden at Spindleberry commencing at 3pm. We will, as is our usual practice, be joining together for the Wave of Prayer service after which there will be afternoon tea with strawberries and cream! We would love to have guests with us, so please do feel free to join us. If it is wet, we will be indoors.

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SING OUT

YOXFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR

This Group came to St Peter's Church in 2018 and gave us an excellent Concert and they have very kindly agreed to come back again on Saturday 20th July in St Peter's church at 7.30pm.

We do hope that there will be good support for this concert. Admission will be free with donations for St Peter's and there will be wine and nibbles in the interval. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more details please see the advertisement on page 29 of this issue.

Wenhaston Walkers

Two walks in July. The first, on Tuesday 2nd, will leave Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The second, on Tuesday 16th July, leaving the Fox Inn, Darsham at 10am. If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email: ipbigwood@btinternet.com

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Wissett

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So far, it seems to have been a quiet start to summer in Wissett and a chilly one! I have seen fewer swifts than in previous years, but there are some, and I heard the cuckoo once. Hooray! Now in July, even before the first Sunday of the month, we hope for many, many people to come to the church! Some who maybe have never been in before, since on Thursday 4th July, Wissett church will be used as the Polling Station in Wissett, so come to church good people! I will make sure it is stocked well with biscuits and drinks on our refreshment table.

Towards the end of the month, we have something completely different - a Pet Service on Sunday 28th July.

Although my cat comes with me at the end of the day when I lock the church and enjoys a good sniff around for mice by the vestry door, I cannot imagine how she would be in mixed animal company! I would like to give thanks and praise for her at a special service. Maybe poor Christopher Smart's *For I will consider my Cat Jeoffrey* will be read? Geoffrey Kiddy will have more information about the service nearer the time, so look out for posters and notices.

I see I am on the cleaning rota before that service but maybe an extra sweep up of dog hairs afterwards too!

Other helpers in July are:

7th	Tanya Baker and Anne Withers
14th	Nick Evans
21st	Charlotte Pringle and Jane Parry
28th	Mary Pester and Camilla Prior

There has been loss, grief and pain for some we know in Wissett and also new beginnings and celebrations for others. "Joy and Woe are woven fine" as William Blake says.

"Man was made for joy and woe, and when this we rightly now, through the world we safely go".

May we help each other along the way.

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There are also two sessions of our regular *Sociable Sunday* events (July 14th and 28th). You can drop in any time between 10.30am - 12.30pm and enjoy meeting new people, and chat over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

All events will take place in Halesworth Library and are organised by the Friends of Halesworth Library. Attendance is free, though donations to cover the cost of refreshments are appreciated. It helps our planning (how many biscuits to buy etc) if you can let us know if you plan to attend the book talks. You can email us at friendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com or speak to the library assistants.

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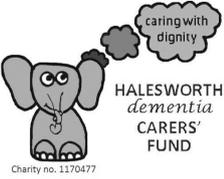
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