

MID LOES BENEFICE

Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Charsfield with Debach
Cretingham, Dallinghoo, Earl Soham,
Hoo, Letheringham and Monewden

May 2018

From the Rector

Dear friends

It's been a long winter - cold and damp. Just when we thought it was over, back it came again. May is more than welcome, with a couple of bank holidays to boot.

I've recently read Jon McGregor's acclaimed novel, *Reservoir 13*, with its evocative portrayal of village life and vivid, detailed descriptions of the changing seasons, and the thread of a local tragedy weaved throughout. I recommend it.

As in real life, it is the relationships between people which are fascinating. Our own relationships may change with time as we get to know people better, but it is our relationships with one another which give us our identity and give quality to our lives. Perhaps this is why we hear so much these days about the blight of loneliness, where people may go for prolonged periods without seeing or speaking to anyone. They almost feel they have no existence because they are not recognised or acknowledged as being there. A few years ago a psychiatrist and theologian called Paul Fleischman wrote a book called *The Healing Spirit - Case Studies in Religion and Psychotherapy*. In it he described what he called "Witnessed Significance" which he regards as being needed by all of us, i.e. we need to be recognised, acknowledged and valued by our fellow human beings so that we feel 'significant'. It is not enough just to know we are here, we need others to see us as well, to bear 'witness' to our existence and to value us.

Obviously, it is best if we are kind to each other, but even disagreeing with someone may be better than ignoring them. At least they are recognising we exist and feel that we are worth considering! In the life of the ancient Hebrews, insofar as we can understand

it from the pages of the Old Testament, there was a sense of 'everyone on board' - so that no-one was excluded from the corporate life of the people. It has sometimes been said that churches bring together people who might otherwise never meet because it is the only thing they have in common. That may be less the case in small villages where we are always bumping into the same people, but we know that maintaining those relationships will always be valuable so that no-one slips through the net; and it is heartening to see it.

Best wishes
Stephen



HYMNS IN THE GARDEN

One sure sign of summer is the welcome return of 'Hymns in the Garden' - open to anyone who likes singing hymns: 3pm, Thursday 3rd May at Firs Farm Monewden.

ROGATION

Our Benefice Rogation Service is on Sunday 6th May at Charsfield. Once again we will be holding it outdoors in the glorious sunshine. We will be starting at the later time of 11am, so that we can enjoy a 'bring-and-share' lunch afterwards.



ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

This is for the 'Swearing In' of all churchwardens, and this year will be held on Wednesday 9th May, 7:30pm at Debenham Church. Everyone is welcome to come along and support their churchwardens.



BIBLE STUDY

This month's Benefice Bible Study will be on Tuesday 15th May, 7:30pm at Monewden Village Hall. All are welcome, and no previous knowledge is required.



Mid-Loes Benefice Holiday Club

We are again making plans to hold our Holiday Club at Charsfield School for three mornings in August 13th 14th and 15th. If you are planning your holidays we hope that you will be able to join with us for those three days and have lots of fun with craft, sport and cooking and learning together. All Primary School children are welcome.

Godparents – a real role to play

To be asked to become a godparent is a real honour. Ideally, it should go on to become a lifelong commitment that turns into a deep and loving relationship between godparent and child. Sadly, too often it wanes into a duty to be met by Christmas presents and birthday cheques.

A godparent is a member of the family ‘once removed’, and in an ideal position to enjoy the company of the young person without any parental responsibility. Godparents can share their life experiences, hobbies and past-times with the youngster, and thus greatly enrich their childhood.

These days many godparents are chosen with the idea of guardianship in mind, in case anything ever happen to the parents. But the practise of appointing godparents goes back many hundreds of years.

Godparents were originally known as sponsors, from the Latin word *spondere*, meaning ‘to promise’. In pagan times a sponsor had to be known to the bishop when a person was introduced into the church. Godparents have the job of speaking up for the child. They must themselves have been baptised, though not necessarily confirmed.

Canon Law advises that ‘for every child there are no fewer than three godparents’

Often parents choose two people from the same sex as the baby, and one other male/female. They can be friends or even members of the family.

Parish Pump

EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's		
MAY	Mrs Cotton	Mrs Tinkler
JUNE	Mrs Woodcock	Mrs Elmore
BELATED thanks for the Easter flowers, the church looked stunning		
Any problems phone Lyn—685278		

MAGAZINE DONATIONS

Thank you to all those who have sent in their donations towards the production of the Parish Magazines. If you have yet to do so please either drop it in the Donation Box in church, pass it to your distributor or to myself. (address at the back of the magazine).

Chris Pratt
Treasurer

EARL SOHAM 100 CLUB

Will anyone wishing to join in this year's draw, please contact me as soon as possible. Cost is £12, with half the money being shared by St Mary's and the Village Hall and the other half in Annual Draw prizes of up to £75.

Richard Tinkler
Oaklea, Church Lane

PRAYER FOR HEALING

A small group meets every month and if you would like prayer for yourself or someone close who is ill or in any kind of need please get in touch with any of the following:

**Stephen Brian - 01728 685 308
Kathleen Martin - 01473 737 285
Pauline Cobley - 01473 737 317
Kath Bamford - 01473 737 414**

Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence .

My Suffolk House and other Verses by Joan Hudson. Published by
H B Maulden, Printer, Framlingham 1931

I have recently come across a slim pamphlet and believe that it relates to Earl Soham. There is a poem featuring Richard Abbay, the rector who gave away apple trees and 'York-and- Lancaster' roses, having been buried in an oak coffin with no name plate on the lid. Another poem entitled " Ypres, 1915-Earl Soham 1930" and another "For Marjorie" - the old lady who lived on the Hill, mentioning archery meetings and bowling greens. She apparently died six years after the war (presumably WWI). With 'the far off rustle of crinolines' she may have been a teenager around 1860. Another poem called Harvest Festival, mentions Parson Browne and Cecil Potts.

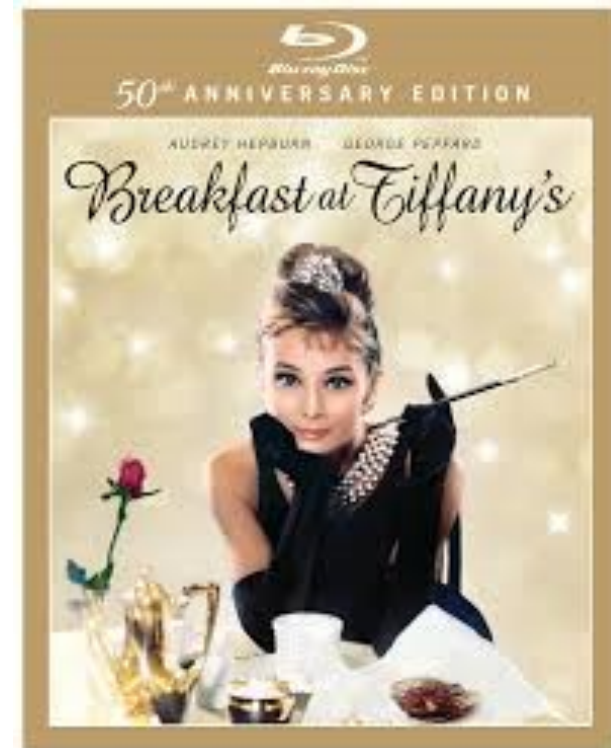
However, I am most interested in trying to identify the Suffolk House. We are told it is timber built of galleon oak. The garden where it stands grows tamarisk, a fruitful mulberry and medlar. Among more modern trees on the lawn there is a wild pear. Roses grow between clipt hedges of snowberry with a fallow field beyond 'our measured grass'. Two dogs stand in the shade of a wide porch. The front door, with bottle pane, was red with blue/green rush in the entrance hall. The whole place scented with lupin and eglantine. It has an 'old hall', the villagers 'come[ing] daily to the door] with their problems, down a drive. Does anyone recognise this description? Is it Earl Soham Lodge, Cretingham Lodge or The Rectory or perhaps another of our larger houses.

If anyone can help me with this please contact me at 01728 685 457 or jorothy@btinternet.com.

Hoping to hear from someone. Jo Rothery



EARL SOHAM FILM NIGHT
SATURDAY 5TH MAY AT 7.30PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S



A CHANCE TO SEE AGAIN THE CLASSIC
FILM FEATURING AUDREY HEPBURN AND
GEORGE PEPPARD.



DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

Mobile phones have been around for about 30 years now, in one form or another. In that time, they have been completely transformed and completely transforming.

As the great brick-like contraptions that became synonymous with the social and economic changes of the 1980s gave way to the sleek, all-encompassing smart phones of today, so the way people have used them has changed beyond recognition, and the impact on our lives of those changes has been dramatic and, on the whole, hugely beneficial.

While almost anything and everything can be done via your mobile phone, its original purpose remains fundamental: the ability to make a phone call; to speak to other people.

It is in this area that technology just hasn't kept up. In Suffolk, as elsewhere, mobile phone reception is extremely mixed. It seems extraordinary that it's possible to speak to someone, with complete clarity, living thousands of miles away, and yet struggle to make a call from many of the towns and villages across our county.

It is in that context that the 'No More Not Spots' campaign has been launched by the British Chamber of Commerce, and strongly supported by the CEO of Suffolk's Chamber of Commerce, John Dugmore. As John rightly said, "It's particularly important in Suffolk because we have a number of key strategic arteries such as the A12 and A14 with terrible not-spot areas."

I'm sure we can all add to that with the areas we've struggled to make or take a phone call. Quite simply, we must do better.

Both for existing businesses, and to attract and encourage new ones, this is a must. Suffolk has such great economic potential, but in a highly-competitive world, we need to keep advancing, in order to retain and build on our competitive advantages.

The aim of the campaign is to encourage people to share the details of not-spots they have experienced – which you can do via the Chambers of Commerce website. The Chamber will then take these details to the big network operators, as well as councils and the government, with the laudable aim of achieving 100% coverage by 2020.

We can all do our bit, and I will certainly push this matter with my colleagues in Parliament. So, spread the word and #shareyournotspots.

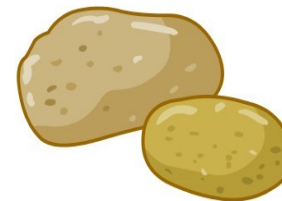
CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota

Month	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
May	Mrs Kemp	Mr & Mrs Runacres
June	Mrs Chenery	Mr & Mrs Gourlay

BIG thankyou to everyone who came to the Easter Stall –

the chatter in the church is a wonderful sound. The flowers decorating the church filled us all with thoughts towards the Easter Service on Sunday. Wonderful displays. Cakes were soon snapped up and the chocolate tombola soon saw eggs, chocolate bars filling up people's pockets. £430 was raised for church funds so to everyone who baked, decorated, donated and came ...thankyou so much.



If you didn't have time to pop in and get your **PO-TATO FOR THE FETE COMPETITION** please don't hesitate to contact Robert Mayhew. All potatoes need to be grown in a standard bucket and left in the bucket for judging! Roberts has some spare buckets if you need one.

At the Vestry meeting of St. Peters on Palm Sunday parishioners elected Alister Gourlay and Heather Runacres as **Churchwardens for St. Peters Cretingham** to serve for another year. Please don't hesitate to contact Alister or Heather with any queries etc regarding St. Peters.

Church Services in St. Peters Cretingham in May

20th May 10 am Morning Prayer
 27th May 6.30 pm Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

DIY Morning Saturday 26th May at St. Peters Church. 10am – 1pm.
 Coffee and Tea will be provided. Do join us and bring dusters, polish, broom, trowels etc. Lots of jobs to be done inside and out – great opportunity for a spring clean.

Don't forget to visit the The Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich stand at **The Suffolk Show** this year 30th & 31st May. A warm welcome, seating and welcome cup of tea is always available.

Church Magazines: A big THANK YOU to everyone who has made a contribution to the costs of this monthly Church Magazine. I have so far received envelopes from 37 households with the cash sum totaling £341.50. Any further envelopes can be popped through my letterbox at Tubric Cottage or handed to any member of the congregation who will pass them on.
 Alister Gourlay (Treasurer)

Parish Council: Cretingham is entitled to four Councilors as part of the Cretingham, Monewden and Hoo Parish Council. Over the past three months our representation has fallen to just two - David Defoe and Alister Gourlay. After many years loyal service - many of them as Chair - George Ralli stood down when he moved (just) out of the parish; and, very sadly, our fourth Councilor - Sha Sha Toptani, died last month. So we are looking to recruit two new Councilors and an opportunity to see what the Council gets up to will happen on Thursday 24th May (7.00pm in Monewden Village Hall) when the Annual Parish Meeting takes place followed by our regular (once every three months) meeting. Please contact David (david.defoe46@googlemail.com) or Alister (alister.gourlay@gmail.com) if serving your fellow-villagers in this way is appealing.

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Readers	Sides person
May 6th 11am Benefice Holy Communion	Benefice Holy Communion Rogation Service followed by shared lunch All Welcome	
May 20 th 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Mike Stephanie	Stephanie
May 27 nd 10am Holy Communion	Roger Margaret	Margaret

Cleaning Rota for May

May 6th	12th	19th	26th	June 2nd
No Cleaning	Sheila Pauline	Stephanie Margaret	Lucy	No Cleaning

Flower Rota for May

May 12th & 19th	26th & 2nd June
Maureen Arbon	Gill Winkworth

St Peter's Church, Charsfield - Dates for your Diary

Friday 11th May
 1000-1200 Help raise funds for the Church Fabric Fund. Please come and meet your friends and neighbours at the ever-popular **Coffee Morning** at Hill Farm. Everyone welcome.



If you have plants, books, bric a brac, raffle prizes or cakes, we would love to have them for our stalls. Please contact Margaret Salter on 01473 737182. We will gladly

Saturday 26th May

Don't forget there are great prizes to be won at St Peter's **Big Raffle** at Charfest. Do come and see us!

Plus

Watch this space for details of St Peter's **Harvest** Supper in the Village Hall.

Charsfield Flower Show

invite you to

“ Growing and Showing”

**an illustrated talk by Peter Driver
to help you grow and exhibit items at the
Flower Show**

**7.30pm on Friday, May 11th
at Charsfield Village Hall**

**Free wine, coffee and nibbles
All welcome**



SATURDAY 26th MAY

2pm to Late

CHARSFIELD RECREATION GROUND

“Fun for all the family”

01473 737701

www.charsfield.org.uk

**The Charsfield Flower Show present
The Charsfest Scarecrow Competition**

Rules



Make your own scarecrow - any theme but the judging panel's decision is final
Display in your garden by 19th May - Judging will take place during the following week.

Results and prizes at Charsfest 26th May 2018

£3 per scarecrow

Entry in advance only so we know what properties to come too.

Restricted to Charsfield gardens only due to judging constraints

Competitors are invited to bring their scarecrows up to the recreation ground for Charsfest 26th May. **Entries Close 19th May 2018**



Charsfield Flower Show

It's time to get growing and planning!

The show will take place on Saturday 14th July at 2pm

There will be classes for flowers, vegetables, fruit, floral art, baking/cooking/preserving, photography and children's sections.

All Welcome

Schedules to go out locally early May but if you wish an electronic copy or have any enquiries contact: dialexander@gmail.com

Our Coffee pot @ Charsfield

What: VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING
Coffee (& Tea), Cookies,
Cake 'n' Chat @ Charsfield

When: Tuesdays between 10-12

Where: @ Baptist Chapel Hall, The Street, Charsfield

Who: All are welcome to drop in and encourage one another along life's way.... whether you're local or passing through....



We hope you can join us. We look forward to meeting you on Tuesdays.

Further information available from:
Bruce or Mary Francis on 01473 277182
or email: bruceinphp@yahoo.com

CHARSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY

PARISH COUNCILLOR

Due to his new work commitments Graham Hedger has resigned from Charsfield Parish Council. We are very sad to lose him but this creates an opportunity for YOU to come forward.

Are you interested in local current affairs?

Do you wish to serve your community?

Could you provide a voice for residents?

For further information or an informal chat pleased contact the Parish Clerk

Pam Hembra
Charsfieldparishcouncil@gmail.com
01473 737655

or

Jan Pedgrift
Janpedgrift@btinternet.com
01473 737701

The term of office will run until the next ordinary elections in May 2019.

There are approximately six Parish Council meetings a year.

This position is only open to people living in the Parish of Charsfield or within 3 miles of the Parish boundary and those working or owning land within the Parish for the preceding 12 months.

BULLET POINTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 3RD APRIL

- Speedwatch resumed over the Easter Weekend
- We have been given a grant from District Councillor Amoss to purchase a portable flashing speeding sign
- As we have had little input from the village with regard to help with renovating the telephone kiosk we are looking into whether or not it could be sold
- Councillors have been working towards compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation

Use it or lose it

If you are retired, or about to retire, beware: brain function declines rapidly as soon as people stop work and decide to put their feet up.

Recent research that tracked 3,400 retired civil servants found that short-term memory declined nearly 40 per cent faster once employees become pensioners. It seems that when you stop being regularly stimulated to think, your cognitive function slows down, and your memory loss and risk of dementia speed up.

And so, experts at University College London and King's College London advise older people to keep physically and mentally active, and to make sure they also interact with people on a regular basis.

Parish Pump

HOO NOTES

50's & 60's EVENING

I think everyone who went to the Monewden 1950's & 60's evening really enjoyed it. Peter and Brian did really well and it was nice to see all the houses going back so many years and the changes. The soup and cake at half time were enjoyed by all. Thank you once again.

Margaret Doe



An eye witness account from New York City. On a cold day in December, some years ago a little boy, about 10 years old, was standing before a show store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the young boy and said, "My, you're in such deep thought staring in that window!"

"I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel. By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, you will be more comfortable now."

As she turned to go, the astonished child caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her. "Are you God's wife?"



Wordsearch

After the Ascension

The disciples had spent 40 days with Jesus and now they were called to share that experience with others. Jesus told them to wait for the gift of the Spirit to empower them as witnesses. *'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.'* The Spirit also equips us to display Jesus' character (fruit) and enables us to witness (gifts). How does our life demonstrate the difference Jesus makes? The early Christians were called to witness for Jesus in ever-increasing circles of influence. For us, this will mean family and friends, workplace and community, and the wider world. Where is God calling us to serve Him?

- Ascension
- Disciples
- Forty
- Jesus
- Share
- Experience
- Wait
- Gift
- Spirit
- Empower
- equip
- Witnesses
- Jerusalem
- Father
- Early
- Christians
- Demonstrate
- Difference
- Family
- Friends
- Workplace
- Community
- World
- Calling
- Serve

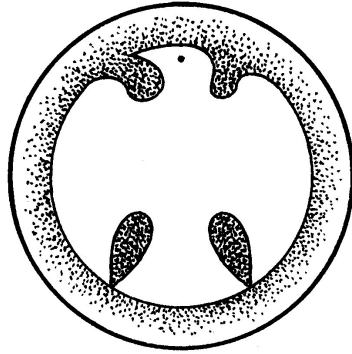
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RELAX & ENJOY

SERVICES FOR MAY 2018

Church	May 6 Easter 6 Rogation <i>White</i>	May 13 Easter 7 Sunday after ascension <i>White</i>	May 20 Pentecost <i>Red</i>	May 27 Trinity <i>White</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer	6.30pm Holy Communion	————
Charsfield w. Debach	11am Benefice Holy Communion Rogation (Shared Lunch)	————	6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion
Cretingham	↑	————	10am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Evening Prayer & Communion
Dallinghoo	↑	6pm Evening Prayer & Communion	10am Family Service	————
Earl Soham	↑	10am Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Family
Hoo	↑	8.30am Holy Communion	————	8.30am Morning Prayer
Letheringham	↑	10am Morning Prayer	8.30am Holy Communion	————
Monewden	↑	10am Holy Communion	————	10am Family Service

READINGS FOR MAY 2018



	Holy Communion	MP or EP	Psalm
May 6	Acts Ch 10 vs 44-end John Ch 15 vs 9-17		
May 13	Acts Ch 1 vs 15-17, 21-end John Ch 17 vs 6-19	Acts Ch 1 vs 15-17, 21-end John Ch 17 vs 6-19	Psalm 1
May 20	Acts Ch 2 vs 1-21 John Ch 15 vs 26-27 & Ch 16 vs 4b-15	Acts Ch 2 vs 1-21 John Ch 15 vs 26-27 & Ch 16 vs 4b-15	Psalm 104 vs 26-end
May 27	Romans Ch 8 vs 12-17 John Ch 3 vs 1-17	Isaiah Ch 6 vs 1-8 John Ch 3 vs 1-17	Psalm 29
June 3	2 Corinthians Ch 4 vs 5-12 Mark Ch 2 v 23 - Ch 3 v 6		

**THE BENEFICE COMMUNION ON SUNDAY 3RD JUNE,
at 10am will be hosted by , ST. MARY'S,
LEATHERINGHAM
ALL WELCOME!**

MONEDDEN NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning	Sides person	Coffee
May 6th	C Saxby	M Skeet L Grier	BENEFICE ROGATION SERVICE ,11 AM,AT CHARSFIELD, ALL WELCOME, FOLLOWED BY SHARED LUNCH	
13th	K Martin		L Grier	A Pearce
20th	F Watts	F Watts C Saxby		
27th	J Crisp		W Heath	L Grier

READERS: May 13th, Wendy, Peter; 27th Children.



COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, May 19th from 10 a.m. onwards. Do come along for a bacon roll, a cup of tea or coffee and a good chat, as these events are well supported. The 100 Club draw will also take place during the morning.

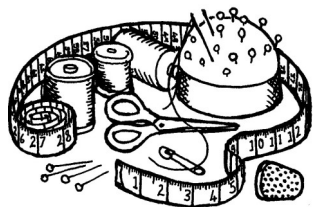
LOCAL HISTORY:. Our April, and final meeting of this session, was on April 11 when Dr. Kate Jewell spoke about 'Cakes, Ale & Partying, Feasting & Fundraising in Mediaeval England. Our 2018/19 season will commence on Wednesday September 12. There will be a short AGM followed by Roy Tricker whose talk entitled '103 Not Out' will outline how Suffolk got its own Bishop and Cathedral. See August and September magazines for more information about the Society and its full programme of talks.

EASTER SERVICES: On Good Friday we held a mid-day service taken by Derek Allway, this was well attended and followed by a fish and chip lunch in the village hall. Our Easter Sunday morning service, was a very well attended 10 a.m. communion service.

CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP: The annual clear-up this year will be on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. Anyone who can turn up on the day for a couple of hours with a strimmer will be most welcome.

HYMNS IN THE GARDEN

One sure sign of summer is the welcome return of 'Hymns in the Garden' - open to anyone who likes singing hymns: 3pm, Thursday 3rd May at Firs Farm Monewden. For more information, or if you need a lift please contact Kathleen on 01473 737155. Please join us for a sing and chat after with coffee and cake, everyone welcome.



TAKE UP A NEW HOBBY

join us at our monthly stitching session on **Friday 4th May & Friday 1 June 2018** in Monewden Village Hall 10am —12noon. We are a group of likeminded people sewing under the guidance of Alison Pearce who

has over 25 years experience of Patchwork, Quilting, Applique and X-stitch. Whether you are experienced or a complete beginner you will be more than welcome to join us. Bring your own projects to work on or start from scratch. There will be a £5 charge per person per session.

Some equipment/materials will be available at extra cost or bring your own. Please call Alison on 01473 737155 to book your place or email Alison.pearce1970@yahoo.co.uk, if you are a regular member and are unable to attend, it would be appreciated if you could call or email and let me know. Refreshments will be provided. Call for more information.

Look forward to sewing with you soon. **HAPPY STITCHING!**



ASHFIELD NOTES

MAGAZINE DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has so far sent us a donation towards the cost of your magazine. We continue to receive a steady stream of donations and are very grateful for every one of these. If you have not made a contribution yet there is still time. Please use the gift-aid envelope that we provided and drop it in to either Jane at Ashfield Hall or myself at Corner View.

CHRISTIAN AID ENVELOPE



Christian Aid week runs from 13th -19th May this year. It is a charity which sets out to help people suffering from famine, unrest or natural disaster in under privileged parts of the world, making changes for the better.

Enclosed with this copy of the magazine is a Christian Aid envelope. If you are able to make a donation however small please put it in to this envelope and drop off to Jane at Ashfield Hall or myself at Corner View ideally before the end of May. Thanking you in anticipation.

RG.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 1st May Ashfield Community Council [Village Hall] AGM in the village hall.

Wednesday 9th May, Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm in the village hall.

Don't like having an injection?

Here's a tip: try coughing to minimise any pain you might feel. Researchers have found that jabs often cause less discomfort if you cough just as the needle pierces your skin. Hope it works for you!

LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

Please Clear up after your dog

Could the owner of a medium size dog please clear up after their dog instead of me doing so? There have been 10+ in the last few weeks, one of which travelled in my car for some miles - thanks! These are left around the Letheringham millstone, pretty residential verges and track areas. They are quite distinctive, being quite sizeable (someone mentioned "donkey" size after sliding in it), and of a charcoal greyish colour, instead of the standard brown (photos upon request)! Many thanks in anticipation - particularly as I will be emptying the lawnmower grass box soon (yuck!).

Jan et al



There was no more dozing off after the vicar started serving the extra-strength coffee *before* the service

DALLINGHOO NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Service/Readers	Sides people
11am May 6th	BENEFICE ROGATION SERVICE, 11AM, AT CHARSFIELD. ALL WELCOME. FOLLOWED BY SHARED LUNCH.	
6pm 13th	Evening Prayer & Holy Communion Mrs P Turner Mrs C Sullivan	Mrs C Sullivan
10am 20th	Family Service TBA	Mrs D Gill Mrs T Love

Flower and Cleaning Rota for May

13th & 20th May - Mrs S Truman

Church Opening and Closing

30 April - 12 May - Dawn & John Gill

14th - 26th - Chris Pennington

Thanks to all who help

As we start a new cycle of the church year, we would like to thank all who help to keep the church open and looking so good all year round. This includes those who sit on the PCC, clean, arrange flowers, maintain the churchyard and open and close the church - a real community effort. There are also many who join in to lend a hand when they see a job that is needed- also much appreciated.

Thank you

A collection of £335 was raised in memory of Basil at his funeral. Sincere thanks to all who donated this money to Dallinghoo church.

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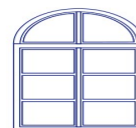
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