

## MID LOES BENEFICE

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

May 2019

### From The Rector

Dear friends

They do say that in the army there are two things you should never discuss: politics and religion. Even good friends may differ quite vehemently. I don't have to mention the 'B' word to convey that we are in a period of huge differences of opinion. People hold strong views. In the life of the church, we are united by our common faith. We worship together, we can put on and attend social and fundraising events together, we can pray and study the bible together, we can share our worries and our celebrations and we can extend our pastoral care to all who need it. In fact, we can share much of our life together. We are actually quite experienced at focusing on those things that unite us and avoiding those things which we sense may divide us; and there is nothing wrong with that. Confrontation and argument for its own sake is actually quite pointless. Those who wanted to make trouble for Jesus tried to goad him into confrontation with the Roman rulers (that business with the coin bearing Caesar's head) and with the Jewish religious authorities (over healing on the Sabbath). In both cases, he refused to be drawn into pointless confrontation and instead exposed the motives of those who were trying to trip him up, and said something helpful at the same time. No-one could accuse Jesus of not caring about society, nor of not holding strong beliefs, he clearly did both. But he was able to express both without alienating anyone unnecessarily. Others may have tried to pick a fight with him, but he never responded in kind. By all means, we can all hold whatever views we wish about the issues we currently face, but we can also remain focused, as Jesus did, on treating people with kindness - particularly those whom we suspect may hold views very different from our own. I witness such skill, practice and sensitivity in our church communities all the time. Long may it continue.

Best wishes  
Stephen

## ROGATION

Our outdoor Rogation service this year is on Sunday 19th May at 11am and will be held in the garden of the Old Rectory, Earl Soham, by kind permission of Duncan, Christos, Ben, Naomi and their family. Once again it will be followed by a Bring-and-Share lunch. Sunny weather is, as always, guaranteed for this enjoyable occasion.



## VISITATION

This is the service at which all **churchwardens** will be sworn in. It will be held on Wednesday 1st May at All Saints, Wickham Market at 7:30pm, and we will be joined by churchwardens not only from the other parishes in the deanery, but from a neighbouring one as well. All PCC members and others are welcome to come and support their churchwarden.

## MAY BIBLE STUDY

This month's benefice bible study will be Tuesday 21st May, 7:30pm at Monewden Village Hall. All are welcome.

## DEREK ALWAY

We have been very grateful for Derek's ministry as a Reader in the Mid Loes benefice for several years now. Prior to that he served in the Debenham benefice. Derek has now decided to 'hang up his cassock' after more than thirty years and to retire from active ministry. He and Babs look forward to having much more time to pursue other interests, and they wish our benefice well in the future. I personally have been very grateful for Derek's unfailing support, experience and good humour. We will in due course express our thanks to Derek in the form of a card and gift from the benefice.

SFB

## Ena Mary Lowin

Ena was born on 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 1931, at Hove in Sussex. She was the eldest of three children having a sister, Betty and a brother, Jack. As a young woman Ena did secretarial work in London.

Ena and Patrick met at a young farmers club, which have a reputation as a marriage bureau. They married on Valentines day in 1953. They moved about a lot with Patrick's work in agriculture, and lived for a time in Monmouthshire, Hertfordshire and Surrey before finally moving to Suffolk.

Ena and Patrick had three sons, Andrew, Paul and Richard. Ena was a full time mum when the boys were growing up. I remember Ena telling me how much she enjoyed the time she spent feeding three hungry boys and washing sports kits etc. and all the things that go with bringing up a family. Andrew, Paul and Richard went on to marry Margaret, Julie and Katrina, and Ena was blessed with six grandchildren and one great grandchild. I know that Ena was very proud of her family

While living at Barham and then Henley, Ena trained as a lay reader, she also worked as a teaching assistant at Charsfield Primary School and later as a secretary at Diocesan House. Ena and Patrick also worked for the Samaritans for about ten years. Moving to Framlingham in the late eighties. As a lay reader Ena worked in the benefice firstly with Richard Addington then Betty Mockford and finally with Stephen Brian. Ena became a great asset to all of us involved in the church, leading all forms of worship, her personal favorite being Iona worship. Ena took up the role of benefice magazine editor, which she did with great enthusiasm for about twenty years. Ena and Patrick also served on the Parochial Church Council of Dallinghoo and later of Hoo, where she was secretary, they were very grateful for all that she did for them. Ena was a valued part of the ministry team, she had a sense of humour, was resilient, forthright and perceptive. Several years ago Ena led a year-long Way ahead group in the benefice which sowed the seed, which was nurtured and encouraged by others, for my journey to ordained ministry.

Due to Patrick's and her own failing health Ena gave up her active ministry three years ago. Ena cared for Patrick at home in Framlingham until he went into Pear Tree Lodge in Knodishall, where she joined him later. Over this time when Ena was unable to drive, Wendy was a loyal friend, taking her shopping and to church services. Later visiting her at Knodishall.

I would like to talk about Psalm 23, written by David. Before becoming king David was a humble shepherd. In the Psalm David tells us about the world he knew and used it to explain his relationship with God. He says "the Lord is my shepherd I shall not want." God is the good shepherd.

David was making the point that he was no longer the leader in his life, but that he had put his complete trust in following God as his shepherd. He had made God the shepherd of his life.

This was true of Ena, she embraced having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Ena was a very strong woman, but as strong as she was she came to realize that she could never be strong enough on her own, she needed God's help.

If we allow God to be the shepherd in our lives through trusting in Jesus Christ as Lord, we can have peace, as David writes, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Why? Because we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Thankyou Ena for helping us know that God is love

*Kathleen*

## ***EARL SOHAM NOTES***

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's		
<b>MAY</b>	Mrs Cotton	Mrs Stoter
<b>JUNE</b>	Mrs Woodcock	Mrs Elmore
<b>THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED FOR THE EASTER FLOWER DISPLAYS</b> Any problems phone Lyn—685278		



### **Earl Soham WI**

2019 is the WI's Centenary year and our next meeting, at 7.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

is our 'Resolutions Meeting'. A chance to discuss and vote on the Resolutions for the National AGM.

New members are always welcome. If you join us you can look forward to making a lot of new friends as well as enjoying talks on all sorts of subjects from antiques and auction rooms, to climate change on the Suffolk coast.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the fourth Thursday of every month, except August, at Earl Soham Village Hall.

Why not come along and join in?

WI Secretary: Mrs Daphne Dale 01728 621292

**IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE SOME JAM JARS PLEASE  
LET ME KNOW - LIZZIE HYDE 01728 684810**



# EARL SOHAM FETE

SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST

2 pm on the Village Green

THE VILLAGE EVENT -

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY

## *Help Needed!*

The Earl Soham Fete committee are working hard to plan this year's Fete but we need more helpers - on the day and in the couple of weeks before.

If you can spare a few hours to help make this year's Earl Soham Fete

another great success please contact:

susie.nicholass@gmail.com

or Susie Starke on -684385

IN AID OF ST MARY'S CHURCH FABRIC FUND



## EARL SOHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### A parent's view of sharing assembly

Every Friday morning at Earl Soham Community Primary School, parents are invited to attend an assembly where they can share in the busy week of the school and celebrate the achievements of the children.

A 'Star of the Week' certificate is given out for both maths and writing in each of the three classes. These awards recognise a child's personal achievement, rather than comparing them against their peers. Each award winner reads out a bit of their work or talks about what they have done at the front of the assembly with the Headteacher, Mr Lambillion-Jameson, who is always enthusiastic and positive about their achievements. Quite often we have children from the oldest class using the whiteboard to show us how they solved their maths problem. Talking in front of their peers and adults builds confidence, which I see clearly both in my own children and in watching the other children develop as they move up the school.

There are many things I get out of coming to assembly. Of course I feel proud when my children are given a certificate, but it is much more than that: I feel I get to know the other children and the school staff much better. Teachers and Teaching Assistants talking about what they have been doing and why that specific child deserves the award shows the passion they bring to teaching and how much they know and care about the children. It has occasionally even brought tears to my eyes. The assembly connects me to the school and I know I am not alone in genuinely celebrating the achievements of other children, especially when we see something we know is amazing for them. This can be as simple reading out their work in assembly where previously they haven't been able to - we celebrate this together. Sometimes we are surprised by something totally different - the children once created a thunderstorm for us, starting off with just a few children finger clicking for the lightest rain and building up to the full thunderstorm before slowly returning to quiet. I can't do it justice in words but it was wonderfully creative and showed the whole school working together.

I haven't space to mention the times-table raffle or the recognition of sports participation but I wanted to talk about the values awards (one value, such as being kind or being prepared, is chosen as a focus each week). Recently, instead of three certificates, one for each class, there were four, which quite surprised the Headteacher. Probably even more surprising for him was that he was the recipient of the extra one. The eldest class had decided that he was such a good role model of calmness that he deserved an award for being calm - a lovely little illustration of the community and atmosphere of the school. Insights like this help make assembly very special for those of us who are lucky enough to be able to attend. For those unable to do so, there are photos posted on the school website.

Anna Goymer

### **All in the month of MAY**

500 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1519 that Leonardo Da Vinci, the Italian artist, scientist and inventor, died.

200 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1819 that Queen Victoria was born. (She reigned from 1837 to 1901)

125 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1894 that the Manchester Ship Canal was officially opened.

100 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1919 that Dame Margot Fonteyn, British ballerina, was born. (Died 1991)

90 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1929 that Audrey Hepburn, Belgian-born British actress, fashion icon and humanitarian, was born. Her film roles included Roman Holiday, Breakfast at Tiffany's and My Fair Lady.

80 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1939 that Sir Frank Dyson, Astronomer Royal of England and Scotland, died. His observations of the 1919 solar eclipse helped prove Einstein's theory of relativity. He also introduced the Greenwich Time Signal ('pips').

75 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1944 that Joe Cocker, British blues/rock singer and musician was born. Noted for his gritty, raspy voice. (Died 2014.)

65 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1954 that British athlete Roger Bannister became the first person to run a mile in under four minutes. (Three minutes, 59.4 seconds in Oxford.)

Also 65 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1954 that British athlete Diane Leather became the first woman to run a five minute mile. (Four minutes, 59.6 seconds in Birmingham.)

50 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1969 that the Monty Python comedy group formed.

40 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1979 that the British General Election was won by the Conservative Party, and Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first female prime minister. The election was triggered when Mrs Thatcher instigated a no-confidence vote against James Callaghan's Labour government on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

25 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1994 that the Channel Tunnel linking England and France was officially opened.

Also 25 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1994 that Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as South Africa's first black president after many years of white rule.

### **CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES**

#### **Church Rotas**

Date	Readers	Sides person
May 5 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Roger Pam	Pam
May 19 <sup>th</sup> 11am Benefice Holy Communion Rogation Service at Earl Soham	Benefice Holy Communion at Earl Soham  All Welcome	
May 26 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion	Margaret Cherry	Cherry

#### **Cleaning Rota for May**

May 5th	12th	19th	26th	June 2nd
No Cleaning	Sheila Pauline	Stephanie Margaret	Lucy	No Cleaning

#### **Flower Rota for May**

4th & 11th May	18th & 25th	1st & 8th June
Angela Farmer	Kath Bamford	Gill Winkworth

COFFEE ROTA	
May	Margaret
June	Pauline

## St Peter's Church Fabric Fund – Diary Notes

### Friday 17 May

#### 10am – 12 noon Coffee Morning at Hill Farm

Tea/coffee and cakes, plants, books, bric-a-brac, jams, pickles and raffle

If you can help by baking cakes, making preserves, or donating bric-a-brac, books or plants, please let Pauline (737517) or Margaret (737182) know.

We will gladly assist with transport.

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### Saturday 1 June

#### The Big Raffle

Please come and see us at Charfest – with a chance to win some great prizes!

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### Saturday 28 September

#### Harvest Supper at the Village Hall

Another evening with fantastic food and great company

Further details to follow

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### Sunday 29 September

#### 10am Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church

Please come and join us at this joyous and important celebration of farming and rural life

***Maintenance and repairs to our church are becoming ever more costly and the Fabric Fund badly needs our village support. Please help if you can by supporting these events, catching up with old friends and making new ones or making a donation if you prefer. Everyone is most welcome***

## Charsfield Recreation Ground

Charsfest is coming up on 1st June. All the usual fun and games will be there and this year festivities will continue in Charsfield village hall from 7.30 onwards. Further details and the full programme for the day will shortly be available. We are still looking for a big strong volunteer to run the Sumo Wrestling. We would also be grateful for contributions of bric a brac and books and donations of bottles for the tombola.

Thank you for everyone who supported the Sunday Cafe on 14<sup>th</sup> April – we raised £206 for the field maintenance fund.

On 7th March Suffolk Coastal District Council exercised its power under Section 59 of the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to make the following order "The prohibition of dogs not on a lead within the area of Charsfield Recreation Ground" This means that any person allowing their dog to run free on the recreation ground and/or not clearing up fouling by their dog will be subject to a summary conviction or a fixed penalty fine of £80. If you witness anyone offending in this way please contact Jan Pedgrift on 01473 737701 [Janpedgrift@btinternet.com](mailto:Janpedgrift@btinternet.com) or the Parish Clerk [Charsfieldparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Charsfieldparishcouncil@gmail.com) on 01473 737655 who hold supplies of the necessary forms for reporting such incidents to the council.

Jan Pedgrift  
Charsfield Recreation Ground  
01473 737701





# Charsfield Baptist Chapel

## Sunday services

11am each week

## Coffee Pot

Every Tuesday from 10-12

At the chapel hall



There is a warm welcome for all. We hope you can join us.

Further information available from:

Mary Rowe on 01728 582243

**Easter Services** Good Friday 10.30am. Easter Sunday 11.00 am.

Both services will be taken by Mr. John Green.

**Personal prayer** The chapel is open each morning, Monday - Saturday for personal prayer between 9.30 and 10.30am.

## Singalong Suppers

### Friday 3rd May

Held once a month in the Chapel hall. We start each evening at 6.30pm with something of general interest for half an hour. We then enjoy a buffet meal together. This is followed by a 'singalong' of hymns and songs at 8pm, finishing at 9pm. Do come and join us - you will be most welcome.

## A mother's poem

"Cleanin' and dustin' can wait for tomorrow.  
Babies grow up, I've learned to my sorrow.  
So quiet down cobwebs; dust go to sleep  
I'm rockin' my baby, cause babies don't keep!"  
(Parish Pump)

## CHARSFIELD FLOWER SHOW PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

JULY 20th 2019.

Categories, PINK. FUNGI. BRIDGES. SUFFOLK SKY.

COLOUR PHOTO OF YOUR CHOICE .

LETTER BOX OR POST BOX.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT. PETS.

BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO OF YOUR CHOICE.

Get your camera out and start snapping.

Charsfield Village Hall is pleased to open its bar to the public every Friday at 7 pm.

Following the sad closure of the Pub the Village Hall Management Committee are to start running weekly bars on a Friday night. Initially it is just for a drink and a chat but we soon hope to do more such as themed nights and food from time to time.

We are organising a rota of volunteers to help to keep our costs down, so our prices are very competitive and of course, you should be able to find some good company. We'd be very pleased to see you there on Friday.

If possible can let us know if you are coming by replying to [bar@charsfieldvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bar@charsfieldvillagehall.org.uk) with a 'Yes I'

Cheers

The Village Hall Management Committee



## Charsfield Parish Council:

- A submission has been made to Sizewell C stage 3 enquiry with regard to the likely increased volume of traffic on B1078
- We have written to East Suffolk Council to ask if they would facilitate discussions between Park Properties and the parish council regarding the development to the rear of The Three Horseshoes
- A letter has been sent to First Bus and Suffolk County Council about the recent route 70 failures and the possibility of extending the route to Wickham Market
- We have contacted Openreach about recent unscheduled road closures.

Agendas and minutes of meetings are available to view on the Charsfield website.

Many thanks  
Pam Hembra

## CHARSFIELD AND DALLINGHOO W.I.



The meeting in May will be a talk by Stephen Hope entitled "My 21st Century in the Falklands"

It will be at Dallinghoo Village Hall on May 13th at 7.45pm. New members always welcome.

### **For those on the roads - a few hymns**

30 mph..... Pass me not, O gentle Saviour  
50 mph..... God Will Take Care of You  
70 mph..... Nearer My God to Thee  
85 mph..... This World Is Not My Home  
95 mph..... Lord, I'm Coming Home  
100 mph..... Precious Memories  
(Parish Pump)



# Saturday 1st June

**A cocktail of fun and games for  
all the family**

## From 2pm - Late

For more information:

01473 737701 or [www.charsfield.org.uk](http://www.charsfield.org.uk)

## CHARSFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Church Road, Charsfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 7QB  
Telephone: 01473 737347 Email: office@charsfield.suffolk.sch.uk  
Executive Headteacher: Dr Paul Parslow-Williams (Mr Williams)  
Head of School— Mrs Amie Reeve

### ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

On Monday 18th March, two teams went to Hartismere for the Orienteering competition. Our two teams worked really well together through the practice runs and saw their strengths and weaknesses and realised they needed to work around these. Both teams were very quick in the final task and completed with time to spare. Feeling rather hopeful that we had done well we went off to join the quiz whilst result were being calculated. Out of 23 teams that competed that day, Charsfield was crowned bronze and gold medalist. The children are looking forward to going to the finals at the end of May.



### Keep going

“Sitting still kills.” This rather startling observation from a scientist at Queen’s University Belfast follows research which found that couch potato lifestyles could be causing up to 70,000 deaths in the UK each year.

More than 10 per cent of all deaths is due to sedentary living, which raises the risk of heart disease, diabetes and cancer. But as one doctor says, more exercise “doesn’t have to mean major lifestyle changes - just build more activity into your everyday life. Stand on the bus, stand when you talk on the phone. Take regular short walks.”  
(Parish Pump)

## CRETINGHAM NOTES

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
May	Mrs Cobley	Runacres Family
June	Mrs Runacres	Mr & Mrs Gourlay

Thank you to everyone who loaned their Peace Bells to decorate the church. If you would like to keep yours please retrieve from the church by 10<sup>th</sup> May. Any remaining in church will be recycled!

**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. So to everyone who baked, decorated, donated and came ...thankyou so much.

At the Vestry meeting of St. Peters on 24<sup>th</sup> March, after the Sunday service, 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

5<sup>th</sup> May 10 am Morning Prayer  
26<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 pm Evening Prayer with Holy Communion  
30<sup>th</sup> May 11 am Patronal Festival with Holy Communion followed by

Bring and share lunch (see below)



### **BRING AND SHARE LUNCH at our PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

being held in St. Peters Church, Cretingham  
on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

The service starts at the later time of 11am and  
includes Holy  
Communion.



We plan to eat outside in our beautiful churchyard but if wet will  
come inside. Please bring a plate to share with everyone (savoury  
or dessert). We will provide drinks, plates, cutlery etc.

Just let one of your PCC members know if you are coming so we  
can make sure there are plenty of seats/tables. We look forward to  
seeing everyone.

Don't forget to visit the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich  
stand at **The Suffolk Show** this year 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May. A warm wel-  
come, seating and welcome cup of tea is always available.

### **CRETINGHAM, MONEWDEN & HOO PARISH COUNCIL**

Future meeting dates  
for 2019 are -

9 May  
12 September



*The procession had taken the scenic route*

Dear Villagers

For some time now your Parish Councillors have been looking at the  
possibility of obtaining an electronic speed indicating device (SID)  
for use in Cretingham. We are sure you have seen examples of  
these in surrounding villages and they are a proven method of re-  
ducing the speed of cars travelling in through our country lanes.  
We have been assured of financial support from our local County  
Councillor and we will also be accessing some Community Infra-  
structure Funding made available to us as a result of the new hous-  
ing that has been built recently in the village. There would, there-  
fore, be no need for any additional cash to be raised through the  
Parish Precept element of Council Tax or other local fundraising.  
There are, inevitably, regulations around where the SID can be  
placed - at least 100metres inside the statutory speed limit bounda-  
ry; away from multiple private driveways wherever possible; with a  
clear line of sight to the traffic flow. We would hope to utilise two  
locations - one to use the existing 30mph repeater sign between  
Kittles Corner and Corner Farm and one between Corner Farm and  
Hill House. We propose to ask for bi-directional mounting frames so  
that the SID can be used facing (broadly) both north or south at  
each of the two locations.

We have copies of the paperwork available for anyone who wishes  
to examine it and we will be discussing this matter further at the  
next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm in  
Monewden Village Hall. Like all Parish Council meetings this one is  
open to everyone to attend and, at the Chairman's invitation, to  
comment on the matters being discussed. Please contact us if you  
are unable to attend the meeting but have a view on this matter  
you would like considered.

We hope you will give this proposal your support and we look for-  
ward to hearing from you.

David Defoe, Michael Oliver and Alister Gourlay  
Parish Councillors (Designate)

## News from High Suffolk Rotary *See Facebook for more!*



**WE NEED  
YOU  
TO JOIN  
OUR  
CREW**



**Rotary...** Professionals, Business people, and Community Leaders using their skills to benefit others - and having a good time doing it.  
*If you'd like to help, please get in touch:*

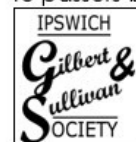
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Join Rotary  
Make friends  
Have fun  
Help others

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** saw us at Kingfishers Restaurant, Cretingham Golf Club, for our annual **Charter Night**, a yearly event when we celebrate the "birthday" of our club (the charter referred to here is the document by which the club was created in 1995).

**On April 27<sup>th</sup>** we had two events on the same day.

As in previous years, we supported The Stroke Association  "Know Your Blood Pressure" campaign. High blood pressure is a contributing factor in around half of strokes in the UK, and members of the club, (and a qualified nurse!) were in central Debenham to offer blood pressure tests to passers-by. Many thanks to **Lucy Jane Flowers in Debenham**  for providing facilities for this event.



Then, in the evening, we hosted the Ipswich Gilbert & Sullivan Society for a **Music for Everyone** event at St. Mary's Church, Debenham. Many thanks to all those who came and contributed (financially and in voice!). All proceeds will be going to charity, of course.



Congratulations to the lucky winners of our **Giant Easter Eggs**. A special thank-you to the pubs, clubs and shops who hosted the "100-square" sheets. The final total raised is expected to be more than £500. The main beneficiary will be **"Tiffers - The Bus Shelter"**, a charity set up by one family to try to help homeless people in Ipswich.



**We're busy preparing for this year's "RIC" international weekend.** Every year we get together with four partner clubs from France, Germany, Poland, and Belgium. This year the event is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Le Vesinet, Paris. The weekend is full of organised events, and the host club receives €1,000 from each of the other clubs, to be spent on their selected social project.

## SERVICES FOR MAY 2019

Church	May 5th Easter 3 <i>White</i>	May 12 Easter 4 <i>White</i>	May 19 Easter 5 Rogation <i>White</i>	May 26 Easter 6 <i>White</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	6.30pm Holy Communion	6.30pm Evening Prayer	↓	---
Chars field w. Debach	6.30pm Evening Prayer	----	↓	10.am Holy Communion
Cretingham	10.am Morning Prayer	— —	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer & Holy Communion
Dallinghoo	10am Family Service	6.30pm Evening Prayer & Holy Communion	↓	---
Earl Soham	10am Holy Communion	10am Family Service	11am Benefice Holy Communion (Bring & Share lunch)	10.am Morning Prayer
Hoo	----	8..30am Holy Communion	↑	8.30am Morning Prayer
Monewden	---	10am Holy Communion	↑	10am Family Service
Letheringham	---	— —	↑	----

## READINGS FOR MAY 2019



	Holy Communion	MP or EP	Psalm
May 5th	Acts Ch 9 vs 1-20 John Ch 21 vs 1-19	Acts Ch 9 vs 1-20 John Ch 21 vs 1-19	Psalm 30
May 12th	Acts Ch 9 vs 36-end John Ch 10 vs 22-30	Acts Ch 9 vs 36-end John Ch 10 vs 22-30	Psalm 23
May 19th	Acts 11 vs 1-18 John Ch 13 vs 31-35		
May 26th	Acts Ch 16 vs 9-15 John Ch 14 vs 23-29	Acts Ch 16 vs 9-15 John Ch 14 vs 23-29	Psalm 67
June 2nd	Acts Ch 16 vs 16-34 John Ch 17vs 20-end		

**The Benefice Service on**  
**Sunday 2 June**  
**Will be hosted by**  
**St. Andrew and St Eustachius , Hoo**  
**All Welcome**

## DALLINGHOO NOTES

### Church Rotas

Date	Service/Readers	Sides people
May 5th 10am	Family Service Readers TBC	
6.30pm 12th	Evening Prayer & Holy Communion Readers TBC	
11am 19th	<b>BENEFICE ROGATION SUNDAY AT EARL SOHAM IN OLD RECTORY GARDENS AT 11AM. FOLLOWED BY A SHARED LUNCH . ALL WELCOME</b>	

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

4th & 11th May - Sue Truman  
 18th & 25th - Roz/Sheila  
 1st & 8th June - Di

### Church Opening and Closing

29th April - 11th May - Di  
 13th - 25th May - Jenny  
 27th May - 8th June - Annie

*A note of thanks.*

As we reach the end of the church year and the start of a new one, the pcc would like to thank all who contribute to the church. These are too many to name but to all who clean, tidy the churchyard, arrange flowers, open and close the church and help with the services and in many other ways, thanks should be given in particular this year we would like to thank everyone devoting time to the church repairs projects including all the Dallinghoo church support committee.

From churchwarden Charlotte and the pcc.

## More Thanks .....

Thank you to all the village helpers who came and helped in the churchyard and church on 13th April.

We were only there for 2 hours, through the rain, hail and snow showers but still managed to get some much needed work done. We are thinking of having another working party, so watch this space for more in next months magazine!

Peter, Di, Allen & Sue Turner would like to thank everyone who gave donations - memory of Primrose Turner. We can now tell everyone that the amount of money was £440.00 in total to go to the fabric fund of the church. Primrose loved her church and it was always made clear to us that that is where she would want it to go.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to say congratulations to Tim and his wife on the safe arrival of twin boys. Two more to be welcomed to the village..

## NOTE FROM DI TURNER...

Please would anyone who wants things to go in the parish magazine let me have them a week before the deadline as Alison would rather have it all in one instead of bits and bobs, it then makes her job of editing much easier.

### 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:

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## MONEWDEN NOTES

### Church Rotas

Date	Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning	Sides person	Coffee
May 5th	A Hamilton	K Martin J Vonberg		
12th	L Grier		M Skeet	A Pearce
19th Rogation	J Vonberg	W Heath	<b>ROGATION BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION 11AM. OLD RECTORY GAR- DENS FOLLOWED BY SHARED LUNCH</b>	
26th	C Saxby		B Martin	L Grier

**READERS:** May 12 Wendy, Caroline. May 26 Children.



**COFFEE MORNING:** Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, May 18th 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 10 when David Lilley presented a fascinating talk about the life and work of P. G. Wodehouse. Our 2019/20 season will commence on Wednesday September 10. There will be a short AGM followed by Peter Booth-Smith who will talk about 'A History of Tea'. See August and September magazines for more information about the Society and its full programme of talks.

**CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP:** The annual clear-up this year will be on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. Anyone who can turn up on the day for a couple of hours with a strimmer will be most welcome.



**ROGATION SERVICE** this year will be held at Sunday, May 19 at 11 a.m. at Earl Soham, followed by a bring and share lunch.

**HYMNS IN THE GARDEN** This popular event will recommence for the 2019 summer on Thursday May 2 starting at 3 pm. and will be held at Firs Farm. All who like a good sing are very welcome.



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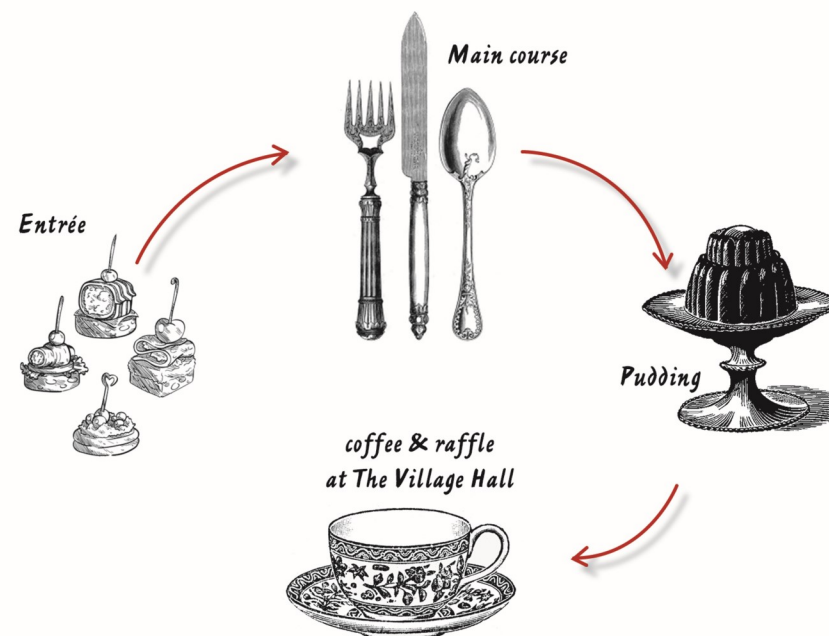
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**Save the date:** The Annual Monewden Fete is going to be on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** at Moat House from 2pm. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Weeks for hosting this event again. Expect all the usual stalls and activities including tea, cake, music and entertainment.

**Monewden & Hoo Neighbourhood Watch:** PC Green, the **Community Engagement Officer based at Halesworth**, will be attending the Saturday Cafe on Saturday 18th May to present information about Crime Prevention & other local policing matters. This is also the launch of the Monewden and Hoo Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. To find out more about the scheme and hear the latest from PC Green please come along. **Residents from all local villages are welcome.** It is anticipated that the talk will start around 11am, so plenty of time for a cuppa and a bacon roll beforehand! We look forward to seeing you there.



#### MONTHLY STITCHING SESSION.....



Join us for our monthly stitching session on **3 May & 7 June 2019** from 10 - 12 in Monewden Village Hall. We are a small friendly group from beginners to advanced stitchers, sewing under the guidance of Alison Pearce who has almost 30 years of experience in hand sewing, patchwork, quilting, applique and cross stitch. Bring your own projects to work on or purchase all the materials you need from the session. Each session costs £5. Refreshments provided. For more information call Alison on 01473 737155 or email: [Alison.pearce1970@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Alison.pearce1970@yahoo.co.uk). Look forward to you joining us.

#### HOO NOTES

##### MOTHERING SUNDAY

Thank you to Dallinghoo for a very nice Mothering Sunday service, also thanks to Kathleen and Amber. There were lots of posies for the children to give to their Mother's. Thank you to all who gave them.



##### DIARY DATE...

Our annual open Garden event will be held this year on 28th July. Save the date—more details next month.

*Margaret Doe*



##### A LITTLE SNIGGER....

Mavis had told her three year old daughter, Fiona, to be on her best behaviour when she visited one of her aunts who was a stickler for good manners. 'Always say "please" and "thank you," ' cautioned Mavis, 'and, whatever you do, always be polite.'

At lunch, the aunt enquired of Fiona: 'Can you manage the meat, or would you like me to help and cut it up for you?'

'No, thank you,' Fiona replied, 'I can manage on my own. We sometimes have meat as tough as this at home.'





DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

I always try to do my very best for the people of Central Suffolk and North Ipswich and as is the case with my colleagues up and down the country, I have received thousands of emails and letters regarding Brexit over these past few weeks. The one common thread amongst those emails and letters is that people simply want a conclusion to this stage of the negotiations.

Through every step of the process, I have worked hard to keep residents informed of my position. Although I voted to Remain in the 2016 Referendum, as a pragmatist, I have always believed it my duty to respect the Referendum result and to ensure that we leave the European Union in the smoothest and best way possible.

Although far from perfect, I believe that the Prime Minister's Deal ensures that we deliver on the result of the Referendum and allows us to leave the EU, providing the certainty that our businesses and agricultural sector need and deserve. In coming to my decision to support the Deal, I have both read and listened to the views of hundreds of Suffolk residents and listened carefully to the national debate. It ensures that we leave the EU, it ensures an end to freedom of movement of people - allowing for better control of immigration to the UK - it protects our trade with the EU and the jobs and businesses that rely on this, and it paves the way for an ambitious free-trade deal to come into force in the future - all things which I believe were central to the referendum and the result that was voted for by the majority of the people of Suffolk and the UK. On that basis, I shall, on balance, continue to vote in favour of the Prime Minister's deal.

I understand that many people have been left extremely frustrated by the way that this process has been conducted and, of course, I share some of those frustrations. Having weighed up all the information available to me, I have concluded, that on balance, the Prime Minister's Withdrawal Agreement, imperfect as it is, represents the most pragmatic way forward at this moment. Of course, the situation continues to evolve rapidly, and I will continue to do all that I can to ensure that residents and business across Central Suffolk and North Ipswich can have the certainty that they need and deserve to go about their day to day lives.

## LEHERINGHAM NOTES

### Music for the Wool Merchants

**Saturday 20 July 2019 – 6pm – Letheringham Church**

Letheringham Priory Church will be honoured by a performance from Musica Antica Rotherhithe on Saturday 20 July starting at 6pm. "Tickets" at the door.

Musica Antica Rotherhithe have chosen a programme that harks back to the era of Letheringham's prime (1450 – 1650) when Suffolk wool was the luxury raw material sought by traders and manufacturers from the Low Countries and Italy.

The wealth generated by the wool, when woven and sold, was deployed by the continental merchants in engaging the best composers of Europe. Motets by composers such as Binchois, Ockeghem, Josquin Desprez, Palestrina and Monteverdi will be performed. There will be an interval for refreshments.

Musica Antica Rotherhithe is directed by Oliver Doyle ([musicaantica.org.uk](http://musicaantica.org.uk)), together with the talented American/German soprano, Jessica Eucker. Oliver has performed at Letheringham Church in various concerts and services since 2005 or so. Ticket sale proceeds (and generous donations please) will go to help the Church's rebuilding and maintenance expenses.

## ASHFIELD NOTES

### BENEFICE ROGATION SERVICE

The Benefice outdoor Rogation service this year is on Sunday 19th May at 11am and will be held in the garden of the Old Rectory, Earl Soham. Once again it will be followed by a Bring-and-Share lunch. Hopefully the weather will be as good as it has been in previous years. All welcome.

### Missed appointments with your GP

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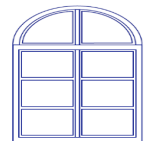
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## Young Readers Page



**Mouse Makes**

You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the **lions'** den, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel? Take your time and read a little each day and find out about the **vegetables**, the **statue**, the **gold idol**, the **furnace**, the **tree**, the **writing** on the wall, the **lions**, the **four animals**, the **ram** and the **goat**, and the **man**.



**W A L L O M I S H A E L A W**  
**D S T A T U E T R E E O L U**  
**A H A Z A R I A H W D R L P**  
**N P N K D R E A M G O D I R**  
**I E I D O L D A R I U S O A**  
**E N W R I T I N G K F D N Y**  
**L A B C Y F U R N A C E S E**  
**A Z M H A N A N I A H N E R**  
**N E B U C H A D N E Z Z E R**  
**G R E S C U E**  
**E T R U S T**  
**L K I N G**



Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?  
**KING • NEBUCHADNEZZER • DANIEL • DARIUS • ASHPENAZ**  
**HANANIAH • MISHAEL • AZARIAH • DREAM • STATUE**  
**IDOL • FURNACE • TREE • WRITING • WALL • LAW • LIONS**  
**DEN • PRAYER • LORD • GOD • TRUST • RESCUE • ANGEL**

Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.