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Monewden	Carol Smy (as above)	

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	Tennis Club	Angela Seabrook	-----
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THE BENEFICE OF MID LOES Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Charsfield with Debach. Cretingham, Dallinghoo, Earl Soham, Hoo, Letheringham and Monewden.

From the Rector

August 2010

Dear friends

Who'd be an archbishop! Not me, thankfully. What exactly are you supposed to do, if you are one? You can't really speak 'on behalf of the church', even though journalists treat you as if you do, because the Church of England contains a wide range of views on virtually every issue. So you end up trying to hold the whole thing together by continually asking everyone to compromise, no matter what their strongly-held, diametrically-opposed convictions might be. It has worked up to a point, as much because of the affection in which Rowan Williams is held as because of a desire not to antagonise opponents. However, even this currency has limited value, and on the issue of women bishops it simply wasn't enough. The General Synod of the Church of England has decided not only that it wants women bishops, but that it wants them on the same terms as male bishops - and there is the problem for opponents who feel that no sufficient alternative provision of episcopal oversight is being made for them.

I do wonder how all this looks to outside observers. After all, these days we're all into 'mission-shaped church', 'fresh expressions of church', 'church-growth' and so on, all, presumably, intended to appeal to wider society. Are debates about women bishops a help or a hindrance? Is the church seen as an anachronism, thirty years after the rest of society elected a female prime minister? Or are we seen as the last bastion of true values, untouched by the passing fashions of the day? What can we say to society about justice, equality, discrimination and so on? Does the church have any credibility when it speaks on such issues?

We are fortunate, at grass-roots level, that we can avoid discussion of controversial matters if we're worried about antagonising our friends; rather like that old military adage that you can discuss anything with your fellows except politics and religion. Or if we do give our view, it's of limited importance! Not so for archbishops. They are called on to give a 'soundbite' on every controversial issue under the sun, with probably very little notice, and must live with the consequences.

Each reader of this will no doubt have their own views about female bishops - maybe strongly held. But be grateful you are not an archbishop, and pray for those who are!

Best wishes
Stephen Brian

AUGUST SERVICES

Once again you will notice that there is a certain amount of 'pairing up' of services over this holiday period. Do take this opportunity visit one another's churches - maybe even going somewhere you haven't been before!

SB

SONGS OF PRAISE

August 29th is a fifth Sunday, and there will be a 'Songs of Praise' held at Earl Soham Church at 6:30pm. It will be the only evening service in the benefice and is of course open to everyone. If you would like to choose a hymn in advance, there will be a list at the back, and if you can say why it's special for you, that's even better!

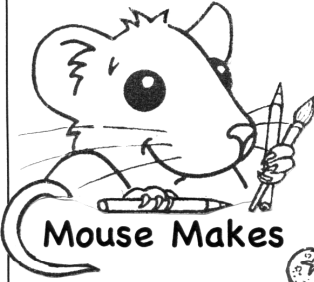
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PRAYER FOR HEALING

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
- Jan Chenery—01473 737 425
- Kathleen Martin—01473 737 425
- Stuart Barber—01473 737 863


FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS



Mouse Makes

Read the full story of the feeding of the 5000 in John 6:1-15.


The Large Crowd and The Big Picnic
 Thousands of people had followed Jesus to the other side of the lake to listen to his teaching. All that the disciples had to feed them was **five** loaves of barley bread and **two** fish but Jesus took the bread and fish and gave thanks to God. They all had as much as they could eat and there were still **12** baskets of bread left over!



Find these words on the picnic rug:

- BARLEY • MIRACLE • CROWD • TEACH •
- GRASS • GATHER • BASKETS • SHARE •
- BREAD • LOAVES • FEAST • SIT • TWO •
- DISCIPLES
- ATE • SAT
- HUNGRY
- BOY • EAT
- FIVE
- FISH
- JESUS
- PIECES
- GOD
- FULL
- FEED
- TWELVE
- THANKED

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At the **JULY BENEFICE SERVICE AT DALLINGHOO** we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Maggie Rich, the Area Representative for 'USPG: Anglicans in World Mission'. In her sermon Mrs. Rich spoke of the many Anglican churches around the world who are spreading the Gospel by word and by deed, helped and supported in training and education by this, the only Anglican Church Mission Society. It was good to hear and see how our Suffolk Anglican churches differ from those in, say, Africa, and yet share so much.

In the Jubilee Hall after the service we were able to talk with her and look at posters and a short but very colourful and informative video. We all enjoyed a very nice shared lunch co-ordinated by Dallinghoo—many thanks to them.

We have received a letter from the Society thanking us for our donation of £110 - the collection at the Service— and telling us about one particular person:

“Despite being one of Africa’s more developed countries, Ghana is facing many hardships. There still remains poor access to healthcare and education for many people. In Ghana 66% of the population is Christian and live in harmony with Muslims and other faiths.

“Thanks to people like Elijah Alhassan Yakubu, Anglicanism is at the forefront of Ghanaian life, enabling people to live out the Gospel and reach out to poor communities. Despite the hardships Elijah faces, he is a man for whom life is an opportunity to practise God’s mission to care for others.

“Elijah is undergoing essential training, funded by USPG, enabling him to carry out his work as a teacher in the Diocese of Tamale, Northern Ghana. The Rt. Revd. Emmanuel Arongo, Bishop of Tamale, said: ‘The catechists are the foot soldiers of the church. We are proud of them because they offer their lives to Christ.’

“Your gift will enable USPG to support many other people like Elijah in Ghana and around the world, who are carrying out mission today.”

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CONNECT 8

We are a Youth Club for all those in Year 6 and above and we meet on Thursday evening each week at Earl Soham Village Hall from 7.30-9pm.

Outings leave at 6.30pm

Our programme usually includes one outing each month and activities in the Village Hall.

We are a community Youth Club and everyone is welcome.

Subs each week are £1.50

Connect 8 is a Youth Club supported by the Churches of the Mid Loes Benefice.

The Club will be ~~closed in August~~ but will re-open on 9th September. All previous members will receive a programme before this date and we

hope to welcome many new members who will be

in Year 6 from September.

Do join us and bring your friends.

Mary Vellacott

Tel: 01728 685 423

Graham Bickford

Tel: 01728 685 184

ASHFIELD-cum-THORPE NOTES

AN APOLOGY: I would like to apologise to all Ashfield residents for the lack of any material on our page/s of this publication last month. I entirely forgot about the deadline and it was some days afterwards that I realised nothing had been submitted. At the present time I am spending inordinate amounts of time working towards getting the Church roof fixed amongst many other things. If there is anyone who would like to become the Ashfield correspondent for the Magazine please let me know. That said, there is nothing to stop anyone from submitting articles directly to the editor contact details for whom can be found inside the front cover.

ARBORETUM OPENINGS: Somewhat belatedly I should like to thank everyone who braved the at times exceptionally cold weather during May to come and look at the *Aesculus* collection at Corner View. Unfortunately due to the extremely cold weather the display of blossom was not particularly spectacular as had been hoped for—in fact quite a lot of the flower buds were frosted. Consequent to the weather intended publicity both locally and nationally was curtailed to save embarrassment of people travelling great distances to what was for the large part something of a non-event. Despite the inclement weather a number of hardy souls did venture forth and consequently £190.00 was raised

towards the roof repairs. My thanks to all who offered to assist with teas etc. a service which for the large part wasn't required. I am grateful for all your offers of help which I hope it maybe possible to utilise on a future occasion.

REMOVAL OF ROTTING TIMBERS: You may recall that sometime ago I mentioned that there was rot/decay in the floorboards beneath the pews in the Church. The Diocesan Advisory Committee [DAC] recently offered their support to our proposal to remove the rotting timbers whilst at the same time leaving the pews in situ. An 'application for a faculty' notice was posted both inside and outside the Church building on the 27/06/10 which explains what is proposed and enabled anyone to comment to the DAC during a period of 28days after the notice was first displayed.

ANNUAL CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE: This year's event takes place on Saturday 11th September between 9am and 5pm. If you would like to take part sponsorship forms can be found on the table at the back of the Church. As usual we shall be looking for volunteers to sit in the Church to welcome fellow cyclists. If you can help with this please let me know soon so that a rota can be prepared.



The cycle ride is organised by the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust an organisation that makes monetary grants to churches such as ours to help with repairs etc. Mindful that we are in the process of applying for a grant from them it would be really good if we could get a goodly number of cyclists out this year. Half the monies you raise go the SHCT with the other 50% coming back to Ashfield.

Having over the past three years cycled to all churches in the local deaneries [groups] of Hoxne, Hartismere and Loes, this year I am going further afield probably driving to a start/finish point and hopefully getting to cycle around all the churches in another of Suffolk's 20 deaneries.

HARVEST 2010: The annual celebration of harvest will this year take place at **10am on Sunday 26th September**, the service will be one of Holy Communion. On the following **Saturday 2nd October** will be the annual Harvest Supper. More details about both of these will appear in the next Magazine.

FOOTPATHS: I have recently received a complaint from a local landowner/farmer about dogs roaming "out of control" away from the designated Public Footpath into his crops, whilst I know on that

A poster for the Ashfield BBQ 2010. The background is dark with a stylized illustration of a person in a white shirt and dark pants, possibly a chef or server, holding a plate. The text is white and lists the menu items and event details.

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particular occasion the persons concerned were "not local" I would ask all dog owners to keep their pets under close control [preferably on a short lead] at all times when using the public footpath/bridleway network! Thank you.

Robert Grimsey.

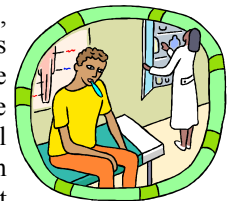
FRAMLINGHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

Surgery news - August 2010

This is my first submission as the new Practice Manager at the surgery and I am very much looking forward to the new role. You all will have got to know Denise Guy over the past few years, and I hope that I can uphold the high standards that Denise has set. One of the many things that I wish to maintain is Denise's 'open door' policy. Staff at the surgery are always keen to hear your ideas and suggestions about the practice and I would like to reiterate the importance of that to me. Please do feel free to telephone, email or come and see me if there is anything about the surgery that you would like to discuss.

New service

I am pleased to announce that we are introducing a newly invigorated service at the surgery – our Nurse Practitioner Clinic. Janet Walne, our Nurse Practitioner has been at the surgery for a number of years but from 1 August 2010 she will be running a number of new 'Nurse Practitioner Clinics'. These clinics will run every day (apart from Wednesday), and Janet will see patients who have a whole range of minor illnesses like sore throats, colds, earaches, conjunctivitis, cuts and sprains, emergency contraception and urinary tract infections. Janet is a fully qualified, experienced Nurse Practitioner who is able to prescribe medication if required, and also has access to one of our GPs should the need arise. Our reception team will advise you of Janet's availability when you call for an appointment. Finally, Janet will also be running our clinic at Laxfield for one day a week, and covering in Dr Peel's absence.



Goodbye

I imagine that some of you will have heard that Dr Philip Getting is leaving the surgery. Dr Getting is relocating to Canada, and will therefore be leaving us at the end of the year. Dr Getting is held in high regard and will be sorely missed by staff and patients alike. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Dr Getting the very best for the future. We are currently advertising for his replacement, and I will keep you informed once we have a new Doctor in place.

Sally Kitt, Practice Manager sally.kitt@gp-d83026.nhs.uk

CHARSFIELD with DEBACH NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Reader	Sidesperson
August 1st 10 am	Benefice Service at Cretingham Readers: Ministry Team	
6.30 pm	8th 1. Roger Pulham 2. Graham Vellacott	Stephanie Davies
10 am	15th To Dallinghoo for Morning Prayer	
10 am	22nd 1. Sheila Green 2. Michael Bamford	Lucy Fox
6.30 pm	29th Fifth Sunday 6.30 pm Songs of Praise at Earl Soham	
10 am	September 5th Benefice Service at Letheringham Readers: Ministry Team	

Flower Rota for August

August 1st & 8th	15th & 22nd	29th & Sept. 5
Sheila Green	Chris Dangerfield	Lucy Fox

Cleaning Rota for August

1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th	Sept . 5
Ros & Lucy	Angela & Joyce	Christine & Jill	Sheila & Stephanie	Fran & Clare	Mary & Beverley

CHARSFIELD WI: Our next meeting is a Members Meeting on 9th August. New members are always welcome. For further details or any queries, do please contact me on 01473 737 598.

Mandy Pryke

BURY ST EDMUNDS THEATRE – A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Charsfield will once again be welcoming the Theatre Royal touring company to the village hall on **Monday 6th September**. The production this year is *The Two Of Us*.

Four comic masterpieces from Michael Frayn, writer of award-winning farce *Noises Off*. Originally produced in the West End starring Richard Briers and Lynn Redgrave, these perfect short plays are a dazzling display of comic timing for just two very versatile actors. Funny and touching, *The Two of Us* takes a

look at the complexities of love and marriage in the modern world. Directed by Abigail Anderson, responsible for previous hit touring productions *Three Men in a Boat* and *Art*.

Details of box office and performance time from Jan Pedgrift - 01473 737 701

Jan Pedgrift

HIGH DAYS & HOLY DAYS

August 30th—John Bunyan

After the Bible, John Bunyan's wonderful Christian allegory, the Pilgrim's Progress, is one of the most celebrated and widely-read books in the English language. It has been translated into more than one hundred languages around the world and keeps its place as a Christian classic.

Names of people and places from its pages have been commonplace wherever English is spoken. We need only re-call Mr Great-Heart, Mr Valiant-for-Truth, Giant Despair, Madame Bubble, the Slough of Despond, Vanity Fair, the Delectable Mountains, the Hill Difficulty and the Celestial City.

Bunyan was born on 28 November 1628, at Elstow, near Bedford, England, of a poor family. He had little formal education and his father taught him to be a metal worker. His first wife died young. His second wife, Elizabeth, helped him considerably with his blossoming literary career. His conversion was the result of reading the Bible, and the witness of local Christians. From that time the Bible became the great inspiration of his life. He wrote more than fifty books on Christianity. A Baptist by conviction, he had little time for the Established Church.

Bunyan became a popular preacher, but because of his opposition to the Established Church and because he did not have a Church of England preaching licence, he was imprisoned in 1661. It was in prison that he wrote Pilgrim's Progress. It was not only Bunyan's greatest book but was destined to become one of the most popular Christian books in the world.

Pilgrim's Progress is an allegory, using the names of people and places from the Bible to teach spiritual lessons. The vivid and unforgettable imagery in the Pilgrim's Progress covers the whole Christian gospel from sin and condemnation all the way through faith, repentance, grace, justification, sanctification, and perseverance to heaven itself.

Bunyan died on 31 August 1688. His portrayal of the death of Mr Valiant For Truth is Bunyan at his allegorical best. This brave old soldier of Jesus Christ has received his summons to 'go home.' Calling his friends together he says, 'My

sword I give to him who shall succeed me in my pilgrimage ... My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me, that I have fought His battles, Who will now be my rewarder.' ... So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side



CRETINGHAM NOTES

St. Peter's Flower & Cleaning Rota

Month	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
August	Mrs. Mayhew	Mrs. Runacres
September	Mrs. Runacres	Mrs. Defoe

CHURCH PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Grateful thanks to all the flower arrangers who helped to make St. Peter's look so cool and elegant with their own splash of blue, white and gold. So perfect for a hot summer's day!



Diana Mayhew

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE ... Happens in September - if you want to bike - see Alister for a sponsor form; if you can't bike but would like to sponsor someone who is but don't know who!? - speak to Heather or Alister or email Heather runacres.fam4@btinternet.com - just let us know the amount and we will do the rest !

50% of everything raised comes back to our church so it's well worth the effort of either getting into the saddle or opening the wallet !

Help is also always needed to man the church during the day to welcome visitors - contact either of the Churchwardens if you can help. Many thanks.

Heather & Alister r—Churchwardens

CRETINGHAM CHURCH FETE—10th July

Wow, what wonderful weather! - the sun shone, the band played and all was well with the world for two hours during our village church fete.



Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes, produce, goods, books, etc; well done to the wonderful model makers from recycled material—such imagination!; a huge hooray to all

Just 3 spaces left for 2010!

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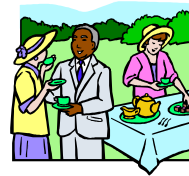
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those who gamely stood behind stalls, ran games, etc; and to all who put tents up and took tents down. The biggest thanks, however, goes to Peter Mays who masterminded the whole event—well done, Peter, a brilliant event!

A magnificent total of £1,162 was raised. Well done EVERYONE!!! See you next year—you might win that first prize in the draw... you never know!

*Heather & Alister
Churchwardens*



The Countryside About Us.

There will be some good hay about this coming winter. Maybe the crop was not as heavy as some may have hoped, perhaps not much more than about 40 bales to the acre, but the hot breezy weather in the latter part of June and early July was ideal for hay making. It is a quick job too in these conditions. Mowing it with the drum “rotary” mowers enables the tractor driver to sail along at a good speed without the worry of blockages that plagued the old reciprocating cutter bar that the drum mowers have largely replaced. How well I remember frequently jumping up and down from the tractor seat to clear yet another blockage. At least, I suppose, it kept me fit! Of course the whole process now is not without its frustrations even if the weather cooperates. Balers that produce the small bales especially have a nasty habit of blocking or the twine breaks. It is a dusty sweaty business delving into their “innards” to put that right. But what a great convenience it is to have the sledge towing behind the baler to catch 8 bales and leave them conveniently together to be mechanically picked up later and carried to the trailer in one go. The description “a flat eight” describes it very well.” A flat eight” is now in my shed from the adjoining Low Meadows, which will be eaten with much pleasure by my pony in the months to come.



By now, of course, most of the oil seed rape and winter barley will have been combined and put into store. Whilst at the time of writing these notes, I have no idea what the weather will have been at combining time, farmers will have been fervently hoping for dry conditions. The cost of oil for operating the drier and getting the crop dried down to a temperature where it can

be stored at a safe moisture level erodes likely margins. In some ways oil seed rape seed is a strange crop. It “flows” almost like water and the tiniest hole in a trailer will allow the seed to trickle out at an alarming rate. To walk on the top of a silo full of seed should not be attempted. It acts like a quicksand and there have been cases of a person “drowning” as they were sucked down. Linseed is, I gather, even worse.

The game of bowls is an integral part of the village life in the countryside and has been for many years. The Earl Soham Bowls Club was founded in 1789. Whilst I do not play, I know it is a game that requires concentration but there is a little time to look about you as the game progresses. Undoubtedly, due to a couple of members being keen ornithologists, a buzzard was spotted circling high above the green on favourable thermals. Not long ago one had to travel well out of Suffolk to see these birds, but now they are becoming less rare. Indeed, many years ago they were frequently seen over London. They feed mainly on carrion, so I daresay there are rich pickings for them on our highways where, sadly, much wild life becomes the victim of the passing, often too fast, motor car.



Early July provided little rainfall. The cracks in the ground where the wheelings were exposed to the heat of the sun were wide and deep. Much watering was required in our vegetable and flower gardens. Cretingham’s enthusiastic weather recorder has kindly provided me, once again, with figures for rainfall. May and June, except for June 2006, showed both months had the lowest amount recorded in those months for the last 10 years! The very dry conditions seem to suit the various berry bearing shrubs and rowan trees we have in our garden. The blackbirds will have a feast in September. In the hedgerows, there is a fine display of the dog rose, cascading in a most graceful arch towards the ground and the brambles show promise of a good crop of blackberries.



Roger Sykes



grief as their robes wrap themselves around the newel post as they ascend the steps. One, unable to untangle himself, was obliged to preach while half way up the steps and with his back to the congregation, while our verger was dispatched to find a pair of scissors.



Perhaps, before your next visit, we may install a mechanical floor in the pulpit, so that after 10 minutes, it slowly lowers you into the crypt while the congregation can get on with singing the last hymn before getting home in decent time.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

MONEWDEN NOTES

Church Rotas

Church Readers:

August 8th: Children. 15th: Stewart. 22nd: Brian, Wendy

Our Next **COFFEE MORNING** Saturday, August 21st, from wards. Coffee, tea and bacon served. The 100 Club draw will this event.



Caroline, will be on 10am on-rolls will be take place at

100 CLUB WINNERS

June: 1. N. Martin £75; 2. J. Ruiz £50; 3. G. Crellin £15
July: 1. M. Crisp £25; 2. G. Crellin £15; 3. S. Rose £10



FISH & CHIP SUPPER

Once again a wonderful evening was enjoyed at Sheila and Bill’s barn on 17th July. The ‘High Water Mark’ musicians and singers gave us an excellent evening’s entertainment, and the sum of £300 was raised for Village Hall funds. Many thanks to the ladies who provided the lovely puddings, to those who provided draw prizes and everyone who helped on the evening. Special thanks to Bill and Sheila for the use of their barn, as always a lovely setting for such an evening.

Advance Notice:

LUNCHTIME BARBECUE at ‘Northgates’, Sunday September 25th at 12.30pm. Tickets £7.50. More information in next month’s magazine.

to you. It was a unique experience they do not wish to repeat.

Date	Flowers & Brass	Cleaning	Sidesperson	Coffee
August 1st	L. Grier	M. Skeet L. Grier	Benefice Holy Communion at Cretingham	
8th <i>HC shared w. Cretingham</i>	C. Saxby		M. Skeet	L. Grier
15th	F. Watts	F. Watts C. Saxby	To Cretingham 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	
22nd <i>M. P. shared w. Cretingham</i>	J. Ruiz		W. Heath	J. Martin
29th	J. Crisp	K. Martin J. Vonberg	No service at Monewden	
September 5th			Benefice Service at Letheringham	

Those few who defy Anglican tradition and sit at the front of the church were also placed in the dilemma of trying to decide whether they should keep turning in their pews as you paraded down the nave and then rotating back to the front as you re-emerged up the side aisle. It did Lady Plumtree's vertigo no good at all. It also allowed people to see that you were wearing suede shoes. For many of our worshippers, the most appalling of heresies are as nothing when compared to brown shoes under a cassock.

I appreciate you made heroic efforts and got your sermon down to 30 minutes, but that is still 20 minutes longer than they anticipated and 29 minutes longer than their attention span. That is why the noise you thought was sidesmen counting the morning's collection while you preached was in fact the organist jangling his keys in an attempt to remind you that his oven timer had long since switched off and his casserole was getting cold.

No, use the pulpit in future; that is the reason why stonemasons 600 years ago put twenty tons of marble in our church in the first place and it would be a shame to disappoint them. It also means that from a distance of 100 yards and a height of 20 feet, no one can tell that the glass of water I use liberally while preaching is in fact a gin and tonic.

I concede that our pulpit has its dangers. I have known several bishops come to

DALLINGHOO NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Service/Readers	Sidespeople
10 am	August 1st Benefice Holy Communion at Cretingham	
6.30 pm	8th Evening Prayer at CHARFIELD	
10 am	15th Morning Prayer Mr. P. Taylor Mrs. Sue Arbon	Mr. & Mrs. L. Arbon
10 am	22nd Holy Communion at CHARFIELD	
10 am	29th Holy Communion Mrs. S. West Mrs. P. Turner	Mrs. B. Cole Mrs. S. Arbon
10 am	September 5th Benefice Holy Communion at Letheringham	

Flower & Cleaning Rota for August 2010

August 1st: Mrs. P. Turner.

8th & 15th: Mrs. S. West and Mrs. R. Gay.

22nd & 29th: Mrs. C. Sullivan.

Sept. 5th: Mrs. L. Barry

DALLINGHOO VILLAGE FÊTE—July 17th

Grateful thanks to all those who contributed goods, books, cakes, preserves, etc to the Church stall; who helped on the day and, very importantly, purchased goods! The wonderful sum of £152.70 was raised which included a generous donation from Ann and Willie Richardson, loyal supporters of the Church.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

29th SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE—SEPTEMBER 11th 2010

Time again to enjoy that special cycle ride in the countryside visiting as many of our lovely churches as time and energy allow! Good weather is on order! With the added bonus of money raised through sponsorship of family and friends to support your church.

Sponsorship forms for cyclists, walkers and recorders available from Sue Arbon, Wyndways, Dallinghoo Road, Bredfield. Tel: 01473 737431

Len and Sue Arbon

BENEFICE SERVICE—July 4th

We would like to thank Mrs. Maggie Rich from USPG: ANGLICANS IN WORLD MISSION, who gave the sermon at our Benefice Service in July, and displayed literature and showed a video of their work at the shared lunch in the Jubilee Hall afterwards.

Thank you also to all those who provided food for the shared lunch with teas and coffees.

 * BETTY COLE invites you to her *
 * **COFFEE MORNING** *
 * at 1 Old Hall *
 * on Saturday 7th August *
 * from 10 am 'til 12 midday *
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 * Coffee & Bacon Rolls *
 * Bring & Buy Sale and a Draw. *
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 * ALL WELCOME *
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 * Proceeds to Dallinghoo Church *




THANK YOU TO JANICE CHENERY for the bookcases in the Church porch. The books now look neat and tidy!

Primrose Turner

Don't go far!

The curate went to the bank and asked for a statement of his account, adding: "We want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday." Handing him his statement the cashier enquired very gently: "Have you got a field at the back of your garden, sir?"

Preparations for celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Church of England opening the first free schools in England and Wales have now begun in earnest.

A website, www.natsoc200.org.uk, is aimed at inspiring today's 5,000 Church of England and Church in Wales schools, and their associated churches, to mark the landmark birthday in creative ways.



Ideas suggested at www.natsoc200.org.uk include: encouraging bishops to go 'back to school' themselves for a day; planting a new section of school garden or churchyard with fruit trees or a vegetable plot; or holding a community litter-pick event or painting a mural design on an appropriate wall to 'give something back' to the local community.

The 'National Society for the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church' (now known simply as the National Society) was founded in 1811 with the intention of establishing a school in every parish providing education for those who had no other opportunity. This pioneering vision was brought into reality through a huge programme of building, staffing and equipping new schools - fifty years before the State saw the importance of providing free education.

Parish Pump

The Christian's chief occupational hazards are depression and discouragement.

John Stott

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

On the perils of leaving your pulpit

It was good of you to take Evensong here last Sunday while I was at my old college re-union – but I would prefer you used the pulpit in future when preaching. How could Colonel Brockle complete 'The Times' crossword and Miss Balmer her knitting with you constantly walking up and down in front of them? They found it most disconcerting, as out of politeness, they were obliged to listen

The Rector was there beaming his unfailing approval and one or two quite famous people came. The kitchen staff—Maurice, Karen and Keith—wore frilly aprons and everyone went home looking satisfied.

Polly ffitch

SUFFOLK SHOW 2010

We congratulate our winners this year -

EASTON FARM PARK - who won the Ken Steward cup in the class for “Showing Agriculture in a Unique and Enterprising Manner”, for the eighth time! The cup was received from Mr George Paul, this year’s President of the Show, by Dick and Val Hunter (*right*). Both Dick and Val have spent a great deal of their working lives bringing about and encouraging the success of Easton Farm Park. We thank them for this and especially their work with the Suffolk Punches. Jill Kerr reports that Dick and Val always put in a huge amount of time and hard work getting the animals to the Show and keeping them in tip-top condition for the two days they are there. The stand is always exceptionally busy, with hundreds of visitors. The animals are always a great attraction, particularly with the children handling the baby ducks and chicks and watching eggs hatching!

EASTON HARRIERS HUNT - who won the Inter Hunt Relay Race from a field of seven other local hunts, those being Cambridge University Drag Hunt, East Anglian Blood Hounds, Essex Hunt, East Essex Hunt, Essex and Suffolk Hunt, Suffolk Hunt and Waveney Harriers. Last year Easton Harriers came second in the race.

For this event the show ring is designed to simulate an average hunting field with hedges, fences, a wooden bridge, handles and a gate to be opened and closed whilst on horseback. This interesting course was built and designed by “Country Care” of Hacheston. There were four riders in each team, the baton which they exchanged being a riding crop. Again, I say how exciting it was to see Easton Harriers beating the East Essex Blood Hounds by three seconds in the final, thanks to some desperate riding and a great deal of vocal support from the Hunt followers! The riders were Julia Taylor, Simon Bloss, Stephen Foster and Stevie Foster.

Well done!

Graham Vellacott

Bishops are encouraged to go back to school to mark the big birthday of church schools

EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar Flowers and Brasses - 2010

AUGUST	Mrs. Elmore—685814	Mrs. Woodcock—685429
SEPTEMBER	Mrs. Cotton—685240	Mrs. Kerridge—685700

If you are unable to do your flowers and brasses, please contact Lynn on 685278



EARL SOHAM FETE
SATURDAY 7th AUGUST
2 pm - 4.15 pm on the Village Green

There's something for everyone - come and join the fun
IN AID OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

STALLS AND GAMES including
Cakes, Plants, Toys, White Elephant, Books, Gifts,
Grand Draw, Tombola, Face Painting,
BBQ, Teas,
Ice Creams, Pony Rides,
Steam Train Rides and many more!




PLUS - EARL SOHAM TUG OF WAR CHALLENGE

Lynn Tinkler

August Bank Holiday
Stalls On The Green

28th August 10am -4:40pm

Do join us for Coffee, Ploughman's Lunch and Afternoon Tea.

There will be a cake stall. a produce stall and Bric-brac.

We will be very grateful for any gifts for the stalls, especially home-made cakes and biscuits and garden vegetables.

Mavis Kerridge



Mary Vellacott

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES BICYCLE RIDE - 11th SEPTEMBER

Please help to raise money for your own Church and for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust by cycling or walking to as many (or as few) churches and chapels as you wish—what a wonderful way to keep fit and make new friends along the way! Sponsor forms available from VAL BRUMFITT Tel: 01728 685408

Val Brumfitt

EARL SOHAM BOWLS CLUB



Annual Tournament

Saturday, 4th September at 1.00 pm

Spectators will be most welcome at our popular tournament. Play will be continuous throughout the afternoon, refreshments will be available and there will be a draw.

Generously sponsored, once again, by Longstaff Transport,
Redwood, Earl Soham (01728 685770),
suppliers of all aggregates and equestrian surfaces

1st EARL SOHAM SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL DUCK RACE

Many thanks to all those who turned out again this year to support us with the above event, which has become somewhat of a tradition now. We were blessed

The sun shone for our riverside gardens party on 18th July, and over 100 visitors came to enjoy themselves; the people in whose gardens we were allowed to wander had gone to great trouble to make them immaculate; and mountains of home-made scones, cream, and strawberry jam made by Lyn Bates were consumed with relish.



Dates for your diary.

Monday 20th September, 7.30pm.

First Autumn Mardle – Dr. Paul Whiting, astronomer, will reveal the mysteries of auroras and eclipses at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall. As with all Mardles, admission is £6, which includes a glass of wine and canapés.

Monday 18th October, 7.30pm.

Lucy Wyatt, farmer and author, will talk about Boudicca, that ancient British female chieftain of East Anglia.

Monday 15th November, 7.30pm.

Author and historian Charles Freeman will talk about ‘Relics’, the subject of his recent book.



The beautiful **Letheringham Calendar for 2011**, based on the triptych recently painted by Tessa Newcomb, is now for sale, also packs of six note cards in the form of vignettes from the painting. The proceeds from these will go to church funds.

28th August – Farmers’ Market at Easton Farm Park, open 9.00 – 1.00pm. Lots of local home-made produce. The Farm Park is open every day in August from 10.30am – 6.00pm – lots of animals for the children to see and activities from 11.00am onwards. A family ticket is available.

Sylvia Keene

THE ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY—18th July

At least a hundred people went into the four now-almost-famous open gardens by the Old Forge at Letheringham in sunshine where they drank tea from china cups and saucers, ate village scones with strawberry jam and cream, went boating on the river, sauntered through arched hedges from garden to garden, bought plants and vegetables, pastries and preserves, big books and Tessa Newcombe’s delightful 2011 triptych calendar and cards.

£5.00 for 1st Bear, extra Bears £1 each

Including Teddy Bear Picnic in Old Rectory Garden.

Extra Teas available to purchase for Mums & Dads

Prizes for "Best Dressed Bears"

Entrants must Register before the day. Tel: **Lyn 685278**

Organised by the Friends of St. Mary's, Earl Soham

REVD. CANON DAVID and MRS. PAT BOYES

This is an article I wrote for the magazine whilst I was in Tenerife in May during the Icelandic ash fiasco. It was desperately delayed getting to the Editor. I am very sorry but, late as it is now, I would like you all to share its content.

Graham Vellacott

GOLDEN WEDDING

CONGRATULATIONS! to David and Pat (née Scott) Boyes who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Saturday May 1st this year.

David and Pat were married on April 21st 1960 at the Church of St. Luke, Telok Anson, Malaya, followed by a honeymoon on the delightful Malaysian coast. David, although a missionary at the time, soon returned to this country to be trained for ordination. But before that he was a teacher for a while in Watford, did National Service in the RAF, then started his ministry in Islington, then to St. Barnabas at Cray in Kent until April 1985.

David was inducted in Cretingham Church to the living of Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Cretingham and Earl Soham. He was made very welcome as the churches had endured a lengthy interregnum; both he and Pat were welcomed too as they brought their family life to the Rectory. Only Sarah was at Thomas Mills High

REBEKAH SHUKRY

Many of us who have known Rebekah these last nine years in Hoo may be interested to know what she is doing a year after her 18th birthday Garden Party which broke the tranquillity of our village.

That summer she left Thomas Mills High School, where she had been head girl, for Josephine Butler College, Durham University, to study Arabic and French. She quickly continued her zeal to organise and fully participate in college life by organising at Easter the Open Day for next year's J.B.C. students and was subsequently elected to co-organise next term's Fresher's Week. Her college has awarded her half colours in recognition of her contributions already.

She has also been rowing for her college and has found a strong student-orientated church called Christchurch where, apart from weekly services, she attends a Focus Bible study every Thursday evening, which she loves.

As well as finding several Christian girls on her course (including one she grew up with in London) she has had many opportunities to witness to her colleagues, and has been challenged to think through her faith at a deeper level from before.

Just after she completed her exams in June she completed the 'Three Peaks in 24 Hours Challenge' to raise money for Mountain Rescue (with thanks to everyone who sponsored her from Hoo), and we saw her for 48 hours before she got on a plane to fly to Long Island, New York State, for the summer to teach at Camp America with special responsibilities for music.

We are looking forward to having her with us for all of four days in September before she heads back to Durham (and a new shared house) early for her Fresher's Week responsibilities.

No change in busy-you last saw her in

Thank you for all of past year and the one

Gamal & Raphael



ness or sociability since Hoo!

your prayers for her this ahead.

Shoukry

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This is advance notice that **John Bell** (Iona Community, hymn-writer, author, broadcaster) is coming to Suffolk on **Wednesday 17th November at 7.30pm**. He is speaking on **Spirituality in a Secular Culture** at St Michael & All Angels, Martlesham Heath IP5 3PL. All are welcome. Many are likely to want to come and hear John, so please publicise the date and this rare opportunity now. Fliers etc will be sent out nearer the time.

people wish to visit and support is an important part of preserving them for future generations. It is important to ask people for their skills, not just their money. Providing facilities that visitors want and putting on events to draw people in are essential to placing a Church on the tourism map.

The usual reports followed the presentation.

Terry Purcell

CUP OF TEA?



One day my Mother was out and my Dad was in charge of me. I was maybe two years old. Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a gift, and it was one of my favourite toys.

Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought him a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such 'lovely tea', my Mother came home.

My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the sweetest thing!'. She waited, and sure enough, here I come down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watches him drink it up.

Then she says (as only a mother would know):

"Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach water is in the toilet?"

HOO NOTES

A reminder:

**Summer Midweek Service of Evening Prayer at Hoo
on Wednesday 11th August at 6.30 pm
All Welcome**

Also:

The **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE** takes place this year on September . 11th from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.

If anyone would like to cycle for our church there are sponsorship forms in the church, or from Perry Branton (01473 737 483 or Margaret Doe (01473 737238.

Margaret Doe

School as the other three older children were training elsewhere.

About halfway through David's ministry in Suffolk he became Rural Dean for Loes Deanery and was soon appointed as a Canon of the Cathedral

Memories of David will bring to mind his enthusiasm for the Third World, his organisation of 'One World Week', sailing, Pat in the garden — and for many 'Summer Special'. This was a joyful mixture of homemade fun and music, Bible stories, excellent tea and anything more you could make of it to share the Gospel. I remember boating on the lake at Earl Soham Lodge.

Canon and Mrs. Boyes retired to live in Woodbridge in August 1997 where they have enjoyed St. John's Church, with David on active ministry and together their life in the community. David always enjoys sailing.

On May 1st, with family and friends, they celebrated their golden occasion, by the kindness of Norman and Pauline Cobley in their barn at Home Farm, Cretingham.

We send our love, our prayers and our good wishes to David and Pat; may you have many, many happy years together.

Graham Vellacott

LOES DEANERY SYNOD MEETING

30th June 2010



The presentations at the June meeting covered "Church Bells and Heritage" (Jonathan Stevens), "Campsea Ashe Bells" (Tim Holmes) and "Church Tourism" (Marion Welham). The importance of Church Bells in our heritage as a voice ringing out to the people of the parish was explained. Messengers of both good and bad news they celebrate life, the love of God and announce His presence in our communities.

Restoration of the bells at Campsea Ashe has been and continues to be part of a broader project involving the whole of the local community. Although fund raising for the restoration work was key to the success of the venture, the engagement of local people throughout was seen as being equally important. Although the bells will ring once more in October this year there remains a challenging twenty three point development plan for the next two years which will end with a big event in 2012 to coincide with the Olympics.

Making our Churches inviting and attractive places that both tourists and local

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2010

Church	August 1st <i>Trinity 9</i> <i>Green</i>	August 8th Trinity 10 <i>Green</i>	August 15th BVM <i>White</i>	August 22nd Trinity 12 <i>Green</i>
Ashfield	↓	6.30 pm Evening Prayer	To Earl Soham	10 am Holy Communion
Charsfield with Debach	↓	6.30 pm Evening Prayer	10 am To Dallinghoo	10 am Holy Communion
Cretingham	10 am Benefice Holy Communion	10 am To Monewden	6.30 pm Evening Prayer	To Monewden
Dallinghoo	↑	6.30 pm To Charsfield	10 am Morning Prayer	10 am To Charsfield
Earl Soham	↑	8 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm to Ashfield	10 am Holy Communion	8 am Holy Communion 10 am Family Service
Hoo	↑	—	—	—
Letheringham	↑	8.30 am Holy Communion	—	10 am Morning Prayer
Monewden	↑	10 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm To Cretingham	10 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th August is a Fifth Sunday. Services available are:

- 8.30 am Holy Communion at Hoo
- 10 am Holy Communion at Dallinghoo
- 6.30 pm Patronal Festival Songs of Praise at Earl Soham

**The Benefice Service on 5th September at 10 am
will be hosted by Letheringham
ALL WELCOME**

READINGS FOR SERVICES IN AUGUST 2010

	Holy Communion	Morning or Evening Prayer	Psalm
August 1st	Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21		49: 1-12
8th	Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40	Genesis 15:1-6 Luke 12: 32-40	33: 12-end
15th	Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 1: 46-55	Isaiah 61: 10-end Luke 1: 46-55	45: 10-end
22nd	Hebrews 12: 18-end Luke 13: 10-17	Isaiah 58: 9b-end Luke 13: 10-17	103L 1-8
29th	Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14	Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18 Luke 14: 1, 7-14	112
September 5th	Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33		1



We're off for our hols in sunny North Yorkshire—back for next month's mag!

Ena and he who must be obeyed