

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### Clerks to Parish Councils

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Cretingham	Carol Smy	01379 384 697
Dallinghoo	David Blyth	01473 737 424
Earl Soham	Jane Page	01728 746 012
Hoo	Carol Smy (as above)	
Letheringham	Terence Carlin	
Monewden	Carol Smy (as above)	

### Village Hall /Community Centre Bookings

Ashfield	Brian Lennon	01728 685 455
Charsfield	www.charsfieldvillagehall.org.uk or Bridge Garage	01473 737 461
Dallinghoo	Mrs. Betty Cole	01473 737 215
Earl Soham	www.onesuffolk.co.uk/earlsohamvillagehall or Mrs. Celia Peacher	01728 685 047
Monewden	Mrs. Wendy Heath	01473 737 214

### Village Organisations

Ashfield	Security Watch Adviser	---	----
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	WI Secretary	Mrs. Mandy Pryke	01473 737 598
	Rec. Ground Committee	Derek Spall	01473 737 565
	Tennis Club	Angela Seabrook	----
Cretingham	Neighbourhood Watch	B. Whitfield	01728 685 139
	100 Plus Club	Alister Gourlay	01728 685 335
Dallinghoo	Rec. Ground Committee	Mrs. Di Turner	----
	Carpet Bowls Club	Cliff Green	01473 737 421
	Brownies	Wendi Hardwick	01473 635 346
	Brownies	Wendy Frost	01728 747 992
Earl Soham	FO St. Mary's	John Stott	01728 860 997
	Primary School	Michelle Eaves	01728 685 359
	Neighbourhood Watch	Mrs. J. Sheffield	01728 685 403
	"	Mrs. M. Patterson	01728 685 362
	WI Secretary	Mrs. J. Whitfield	01728 695 139
	Village Hall Committee	Mrs. J. Ravenscroft	01473 635 346
	100 Club	R. Tinkler	01728 685 278
	Tennis Club	Mrs. M. Patterson	01728 685 362
	Bowls Club	Mrs. Pam Sykes	01728 685 519
	Scouts/Cubs/Beavers	Mrs. J. Lovett	01728 723 712
	Pre-school	Mrs. J. Cardin	01728 685 646
	Fram. Twinning Assoc.	Mrs. J. Whitfield	01728 685 139
	Carpet Bowls Club	Mrs. K. Arndt-Snelling	01728 685 957
	Connect 8 Youth Club	Mrs. Mary Vellacott	01728 685 423
	Allotment/G'deners Assn.	Mrs. Mavis Kerridge	01728 685 700
	"	Mr. Nick Ashwell	01728 684 883
Monewden	Local History Society	Peter Driver	01473 737 349

## MID LOES BENEFICE Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Charsfield with Debach, Cretingham, Dallinghoo, Earl Soham, Hoo, Letheringham & Monewden

*From the Rector*

March 2010

Dear friends

Rather than giving up *for* Lent, I think we've probably given up *on* Lent. All that sackcloth and ashes and sombre mood isn't really in-keeping with the attitude of buoyant optimism we are all supposed to have. We want to hear people tell us how successful we are, not how sinful we are. We don't want to be 'disrespected'.

We all want to feel loved, but that has to be because of the grace of God, not because "we're worth it". Our value lies in our having been created by God in His image and He loves us because that is His nature, not because we're entitled to it. His love for us doesn't mean we can be self-centred, rather it means that we need not be obsessed with having other people's approval. A parent may love their child, but they won't be doing him or her any favours if they teach him to believe that he is the centre of the universe. We know that the world is full of other parents who love their own children just as much.

The season of Lent is an honest recognition of what we are like - fallible human beings of flesh and blood. The cadavers in Winchester cathedral are a reminder that no matter how much status we achieve in this life, we are all made of the same stuff and are subject to the same ravages of nature, and we all stand equally before our Maker.

A depressing thought? Not really. Sometimes you have to plumb the depths before you can appreciate the heights. None of us can tolerate a relentless diet of jollity that simply doesn't reflect how we sometimes feel. Lent is a useful dollop of unfashionable reality. However, it is important that it doesn't go on forever, just as Jesus's time in the wilderness didn't go on forever. It was and is simply a preparation for the glory to come.

Best wishes

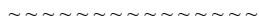
Stephen



## PALM SUNDAY - 28 March

As last year, we will be gathering in our own parish churches at 9:30am for the first part of the service, then heading off to The Green at Earl Soham where we will gather for the next part at about 10am. Then we process to St Mary's Earl Soham for the rest of the service. This will in effect be our 'April Benefice Service'.

The following week, the 4th April, is Easter Day, and Communion services will be held in all the churches.



### **BENEFICE LENT STUDY GROUP**

This year the theme of our course is, "*When I survey...*". We are again using York Courses material, newly produced for 2010. The speakers on CD are:

- Revd. John Bell of the Iona Community.
- General Sir Richard Dannatt, recently retired head of the British army.
- Canon Dr. Christina Baxter, theological college principal and lay chair of the General Synod.
- Revd. Dr. Colin Morris, former president of the Methodist Conference and head of religious broadcasting at the BBC.

Quite a mixed bunch!

There will as usual be plenty of opportunity for discussion.

Each session begins at **7.30pm**, ending at about 9pm with Compline (a short said service) and coffee. The venue is **Monewden Village Hall**; the first session was held on Wednesday 24th February and the March dates are:

- Tues. 2nd March
- Tues. 9th March
- Tues. 16th March
- Tues. 23rd March.

As each session is complete in itself it won't spoil your enjoyment if you can't make all these dates - just come to those you can manage. Everyone is welcome.

**SB**



## YOUNGER READERS



### **FOLLOW ME**

We quite often look at saints on this page, people who have lived their lives for others, who followed Jesus Christ and did His work. But time and time again the people that Jesus chooses aren't the ones we would have thought of as natural leaders or preachers. Someone who knew him wrote that St Paul was 'a little man, a big red nose, bandy legs and not able to speak very well!' Moses tried to convince God that he wasn't the right person to persuade Pharaoh. In the end Moses had to take his brother Aaron to speak for him (Exodus, chapter 4).



We have to remember that we are all called to follow Jesus. We might think that it is too difficult and someone else would do the job better than we could. But by our baptism we are all called to serve and we all have different gifts and talents to bring to the job. How boring it would be if we were all the same and how great the excitement in finding out just what God want us to do.

### **JUMBLED JOBS**

All the answers to this are jobs but the letters have been jumbled up. For example TVE unjumbled is VET. Can you work out what these people do?

1. Sarah is a TODROC.
2. Peter is a RORLY VERDIR.
3. Amelia is a THEERAC.
4. Jack is a EFCH.
5. Rose is a GEDUJ.
6. Sam is a NICEOMPLA.
7. Liz is a HOSP STAITSAN
8. Calum is a TOPLI.
9. Emma is a READRENG.
10. Andy is a MAFRER.



**How many schoolteachers does it take to change a light bulb?**

None. Anything not completed during the lesson is added to the homework.

**How many firemen does it take to change a light bulb?**

Four - three to cut a hole in the roof and one to change the bulb.



Answers: 1.doctor 2.lorry driver 3.teacher 4.chef 5.judge 6.policeman 7.shop assistant 8.pilot 9.gardener 10. farmer



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A REMINDER

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**"LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE GOD"**



A Service Prepared by Christian Women of Cameroon  
for

**THE MID LOES BENEFICE**

will be held at

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHARFIELD**  
at 6.30 pm on **FRIDAY 5th MARCH 2010**

**SPEAKER - REV. CATHERINE BEAUMONT**

A TIME FOR WORSHIP AND LEARNING  
followed by refreshments.

**ALL WELCOME - MEN, WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

*Liz Brian*

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**DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?**

**Would you like to be part of a Benefice Choir?**

The aim of the choir would chiefly be to enhance the singing in the Benefice Services, enabling us once again to use the sung service which we have not heard in our churches for some time.

It is not about giving performances, though we might sing the odd anthem on special occasions.

The ability to read music is NOT essential, but we may organise a workshop to learn to read music for anyone who is interested. *And don't think you wouldn't be able to learn - you would!*

In October there is the annual Choir Festival & Workshop in the Cathedral in Bury St. Edmunds, and we may enter our choir if enough people are interested.

If you would like to join - we would aim to practise once a month - or if you have the skills to co-ordinate/rehearse the choir and would be interested in that rôle, please contact me on 01473 737 256 or e-mail: [annybrown@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:annybrown@tiscali.co.uk).

*Annabel Brown (Dallinghoo)*

**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, so do join us and bring your friends.  
Please make sure that you book for all outings by the previous Sunday.  
Subs each week are £1.50

**Mary Vellacott**  
Tel: 01728 685 423

**Graham Bickford**  
Tel: 01728 685 184

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

**Activities for March 2010**

March 4th	Race Nite with Ali & Hans	7.30 - 9 pm in Earl Soham Village Hall
11th	Games night with Graham & Kathryn	"
18th	Balloon Nite with Woody & Sue	"
26th	Tobogganing	Leave at 6.30pm
April 1st	NO CLUB	

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Q. How many people does it take to change a light-bulb in church?

A. Scores. One to apply for a faculty; one to mug up on the Health & Safety Regulations; one to lend some scaffolding; two to build the scaffolding; one to climb up to find out what sort of bulb is needed; one to go next day and buy the bulb; one to climb the scaffolding the following day and fit it; one to put the old one in the appropriate re-cycling bin; several to point out that we should have used a low energy bulb. Two from English Heritage to announce that none of the bulbs comply with their regulations and must be replaced.

Finally - the whole church membership to look for a new Churchwarden!

**WICKHAM MARKET**

**Booking Appointments**

The practice is currently working on installing systems to enable patients to make their own appointment with a GP or Nurse either via the internet or through our telephone system. These systems will enable patients to book, cancel, check or change appointments at any time, night or day.

**Suffolk Chlamydia Programme for under 25's**

What is Chlamydia?

Chlamydia is a very common sexually transmitted infection affecting one in ten young people. Most don't know they have it as they may not have symptoms, but if left untreated it can lead to future problems, including infertility.

What to Get Checked?

The screening programme is available to all under 25's who have ever been sexually active. It is voluntary. The tests are simple to do, a urine sample for men and a self-taken swab for women. Results are confidential and treatment is quick and easy. If you would like to have a test or want more information, please contact the surgery to make an appointment with a Nurse or GP.

Practice Website - [www.wickhammarketmc.co.uk](http://www.wickhammarketmc.co.uk)

The practice has its own website detailing information about the practice, services and clinics provided, opening hours, requesting repeat prescriptions by email. It is also updated on a regular basis regarding new campaigns or services, for example the recent seasonal flue and swine flu campaigns and the current Chlamydia screening programme.

**Patient Group**

The practice has an active patient group, who can be contacted directly regarding any practice issues, ideas, etc. Contact details are:

|                                       |                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bryan Hall - Tel: 01728 746837        | Email: <a href="mailto:Bryan.Hall@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk">Bryan.Hall@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk</a> |
| Margaret Holland - Tel: 01728 746 344 | Email: <a href="mailto:hollandm29@hotmail.com">hollandm29@hotmail.com</a>                     |
| Pam Johnson - Tel: 01728 747609       | Email: <a href="mailto:pamjohnson@freebie.net">pamjohnson@freebie.net</a>                     |
| Amanda Strowger - Tel: 01394 461216   | Email: <a href="mailto:insideoutsuffolk@btinternet.com">insideoutsuffolk@btinternet.com</a>   |
| Gerald Miller - Tel: 01728 603124     | Email: <a href="mailto:garry.miller31@btinternet.com">garry.miller31@btinternet.com</a>       |
| Jane Pollock - Tel: 01728 747343      | Email: <a href="mailto:jvpollock@mypostoffice.co.uk">jvpollock@mypostoffice.co.uk</a>         |
| Malcolm Salter - Tel: 01394 460471    | Email: <a href="mailto:mrswell@btinternet.com">mrswell@btinternet.com</a>                     |

***Malcolm Salter***

**FRAMLINGHAM**

**Accessing our services**

The last MORI survey revealed that patients still believed it was difficult accessing the surgery by telephone and were not aware that they could book appointments more than 48 hours in advance.

In 2009 the doctors invested in a new telephone system which we had hoped would alleviate some of the problems that we had in the past. Whilst we are aware that there are some people who do not like the “*press 1 for...*” option it has enabled us to filter calls to the correct people and should have made accessing a receptionist a little easier. It is also possible to leave a message for our doctors/nurses and they will ring you back; therefore if you do not feel your problem warrants an appointment then please ask the receptionist to record your request for telephone advice and the GP/Nurse will ring you back after clinic.

In the past the emphasis was on being able to offer appointments “*on the day*” or within 48 hours however this has changed and it is now possible to book a routine GP appointment up to 4 weeks in advance. When you ring to book an appointment please ensure that our receptionists know whether your request is “urgent” for an “on the day” appointment or whether it is routine and can wait.

**DNAs**

We still have some patients who DNA (Did Not Attend) and as a result GP/Nurse time is wasted and we have been unable to offer their appointment to others.

PLEASE try to let us know if you cannot attend an appointment.

**The Apprentices – a progress report!**

Our original Dispensary apprentice, Tom, is now settled at Keele University, Staffordshire and working towards his Pharmacy qualifications.

We now have two new apprentices – Janet is our Dispensary apprentice and Sarah is our Office Junior. Both girls should complete their NVQ Level II awards (in Pharmacy Services and Customer Care) around April this year and will be progressing onto Advanced Apprenticeships and NVQ Level III awards.

The apprenticeship scheme has certainly helped all of these young people get a good start in the workplace and hosting them has been a real learning experience for the Practice. We will keep you informed as they progress in their chosen career pathways.

As always we will keep everyone updated via our website

[www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk](http://www.framlinghamsurgery.co.uk)

*Denise Guy, Practice Manager.*

## ***ASHFIELD NOTES***

### **BUILDINGS UPDATE**

#### **ROOF REPAIRS**

At the time of writing this I still await a definitive response from English Heritage with regard to our application for a grant towards the costs of repairing the nave roof. All the discussions that I have been involved in since the application was submitted in September '09 have been very encouraging and positive, whilst I was expecting to have heard the outcome of our application by early February I am of the opinion that 'no news is good news', hopefully I shall be able to report more next month.

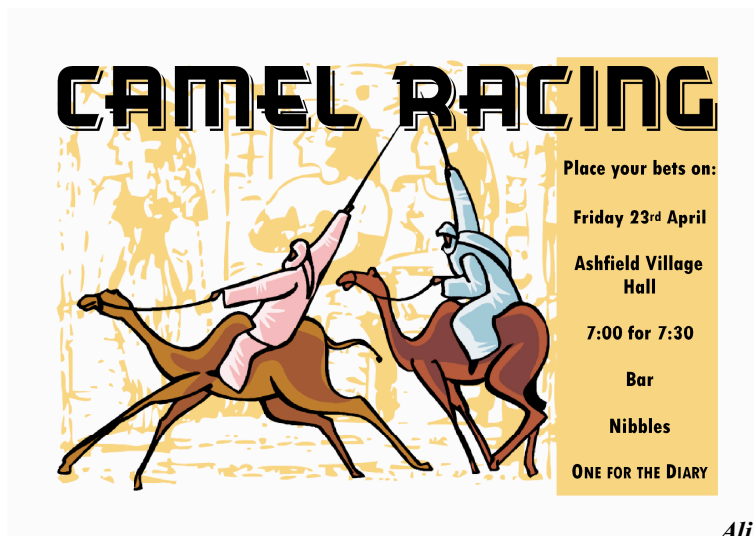
#### **FACULTY APPLICATION**

On 9th February I met with a delegation from the Diocesan Advisory Committee [DAC] to look at the serious decay in the softwood flooring under the pews. The party led by Archdeacon Judy were there to see for themselves the concerns we have and the implications of our proposal to remove the decaying timbers before the infestation gets any worse. I for one did not realise that 'dry-rot' not only attacks timber, in severe cases it can spread to plaster and brickwork!

A full meeting of the DAC takes place mid-February at which it is hoped [the vibes I got at the church meeting were encouraging] agreement will be forthcoming for us to apply for a 'faculty' [= permission] to get rid of the rotten timber floors beneath the pews. We are very fortunate that most unusually there is a good brick floor underneath which will dismiss the need to replace the wooden floor which would be very expensive. Again more about this next month.

*Robert Grimsey*

*Advance Notice:*



*Ali Garrett*



**TRANSPORT SURVEY IN ASHFIELD**

Along with your copy of the Parish Magazine, you will have received a transport survey form together with a Freepost envelope. The purpose of this survey is to support the planning being carried out by Suffolk County Council, and as such will help form the future provision of transport services in and around our village.

Even if you don't currently benefit from the existing bus service, it is important for those who do - or may do in the future - that as many forms as possible are completed and returned by Ashfield residents. If the response rate is low, SCC planners will of course assume that interest is low and services for our village may become more vulnerable to reduction at times of budget cuts.

So please will you take a few minutes to complete the form and return it in the Freepost envelope by the date shown.

*Myles Hansen*



**Volunteers required to support people affected by stroke in your area.**

**THE STROKE ASSOCIATION** is looking to set up a new stroke support group in the Eye area and we are in search of volunteers who will offer their skills and expertise to support members of the group.

Did you know that someone in the UK has a stroke every 5 minutes? A stroke happens in an instant and can change a life forever.

The group will be open to anyone who has had a stroke or been affected by stroke. The aim of the group is to provide a meeting place so that people can talk together, provide mutual support, but with an emphasis on active communication and other social and therapeutic activities.

To become involved in this new and exciting venture or to find out more please contact Wendy Jephcote on 01284 760006 or 07940 481817 or email [wendy.jephcote@stroke.org.uk](mailto:wendy.jephcote@stroke.org.uk).

**Wendy Jephcote**

## CHARSFIELD & DEBACH NOTES

### Church Rotas

| Date                                    | Reader                                                                                                             | Sidesperson   |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 10 am<br><b>March 7th</b>               | Benefice Service at Hoo<br>Readers: Ministry Team                                                                  |               |
| 6.30 pm<br>14th                         | 1. Michael Bamford<br>2. Roger Pulham                                                                              | Pam Spivey    |
| 10 am<br>21st                           | 1. Antony Wilson<br>2. Sheila Green                                                                                | Kath Bamford+ |
| 28th<br>PALM SUNDAY                     | Charsfield at 9.30am then to meet at Earl Soham Green and process to the church for a Benefice Service at 10.30am. |               |
| April 2<br>6.30pm<br>GOOD FRIDAY        | Meditation                                                                                                         |               |
| <b>11 am</b><br>April 4th<br>EASTER DAY | <u>Holy Communion at 11am</u><br>Readers to be arranged                                                            |               |

### Cleaning Rota

| 6th                | 13th         | 20th            | 27th       | April 3rd      |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| Sheila & Stephanie | Fran & Clare | Mary & Beverley | Ros & Lucy | Angela & Joyce |

### CHARSFIELD & DALLINGHOO WI

Our next meeting is on 8th March at Charsfield Village Hall. Speaker: Ivan Cutting ; Subject: Eastern Angles.

New members are always welcome. For further details or any queries, do please contact me on 01473 737 598.

*Mandy Pryke*

### CHARSFIELD RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

We have recently arranged our fundraising events calendar for 2010, so be sure to put the following dates in your diary:

We kick off with a St. George's Day Quiz on 23rd April in Charsfield Village Hall, including a two-course supper.

There will be Family Days on the Alan Pedgrift Memorial Field on 22nd May and 4th September, when the sports equipment and pitches will be available free for organised games followed by a BBQ.

On 3rd July you are invited to a "Strawberries & Bubbly" afternoon at 2 St. Peter's Close.



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Our magazine is delivered to 860 households and our readers are always pleased to be able to support local businesses.

On 17th October come and join us for a lazy Sunday morning "Big Breakfast" in the Village Hall.

Finally, back by popular demand, our wonderful Suffolk Night on 13th November with a host of well-known local celebrities.

Look out for further details of all these events.

*Jan Pedgrift - 01473 737 701 Secretary, Charsfield Recreation Ground Committee*

## CRETINGHAM NOTES

### *St. Peter's Flower and Cleaning Rota*

| Month | Altar Flowers | Cleaning             |
|-------|---------------|----------------------|
| March | Mrs. Pinner   | Alice & Rachel Prior |
| April | Mrs. Matthews | Mrs. Runacres        |

### *EASTER FLOWERS, STALLS, CAKES & REFRESHMENTS*

all in St. Peter's Church, Creetingham  
10 - 12 noon on Saturday morning 3rd April.

Do come along, enjoy the Easter Flowers,  
browse the stalls  
and meet with friends over a hot coffee/tea.



### QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 27th March

at 7 pm in Kettleburgh Village Hall

Adults £7, Children £4 which includes a supper and dessert  
There will be a bar with wine, beer & soft drinks

Come with a team, as a pair, or on your own  
and we will join you with others  
- a FUN evening of laughter and brainteasers

Just let us know you are coming so we can make sure there is  
plenty of food to go around !!!

Ring anyone under 'Creetingham' on the inside cover  
of this magazine. **C u there!**

*Heather Runacres*

**WANTED - TOAD CROSSING INFORMATION IN YOUR AREA**

A lot of people may be surprised to learn that many toad crossings are registered and of course many are not. The Suffolk Amphibian and Reptile Group (SARG) are seeking more information about where the annual toad crossings exist, and also need to update information about existing crossings. Registered crossings may have signs erected annually by Suffolk County Council for a few weeks in the springtime, but there are a few that do not.



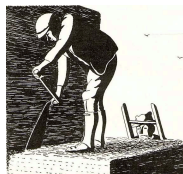
We are currently updating the Suffolk Register and are keen to receive more information about toad numbers crossing at Registered Sites, and also about new crossings, but these will have to be registered locally so there may be a bit of form filling to be done.

Information about crossings should be sent to Sue Morgan, a member of SARG, who can be contacted on suemorgan06@hotmail.com, or you can write to her at 1 Red House Farm Cottage, Pixey Green, Stradbroke, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 5NJ.

Rosie Norton is the Suffolk Naturalists Society's County Recorder for Amphibians and Reptiles and welcomes all sightings of frogs, toads, smooth newts, great crested newts, slow worms, adders, common lizards and grass snakes. She can be contacted on rosie@brundish.demon.co.uk, or write to her at 3 Wood View, Sibton, Saxmundham, IP17 2NH.

Thank you for your help.

**Rosie Norton**



**The Countryside About Us.**

In early February whilst it is still dark it is usually about 6.45am when I emerge from our house to feed my pullets, pony and wild birds, I always get a welcome song from our resident robin. I suspect he is really declaring that bit of the garden is his! There is a cock blackbird too that waits for me to appear and put a handful of seed on the ground especially for him!

stewards of all that is entrusted to us, whether personally or as parishes and dioceses, and to review our stewardship at least once a year is good practice.”

A short guide for PCC members has been produced to guide PCCs through the wide range of alternatives for investments that are not equity linked. (visit <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/reserves/>)



**Solution to last month's intermediate Sudoku**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| 8 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 6 |
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| 4 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 5 |

FOR

OUR

## **A MARCH SAINT - SAVIO 1842-57. Feast Day 9th March**

The hit film "*Slumdog Millionaire*" touched millions of people with its story of a youngster triumphing against all the odds. Dominic Savio did the same thing. In fact, he is a good patron 'child saint' for children today who struggle to get anywhere in life.

Savio was born into a poor family in Riva, near Turin. There were 10 children. The father was a blacksmith, the mother a seamstress. Somehow, they managed school fees, and when Dominic was 12, he was sent to the famous school of John Bosco at Turin.

A strict Roman Catholic school wasn't exactly the set for '*Who wants to be a Millionaire*', but Savio loved it. He responded with enthusiasm to the wise and moderate spiritual guidance of Bosco, and began to grow. Instead of turning into a fanatic or prig, he was soon widely loved for his cheerfulness and friendliness to all. He was respected by fellow students for his mature, sound advice. Behind it all lay the key: Savio had discovered God for himself, and had responded with all his heart: – one story of him tells how he was rapt in prayer for six hours continuously.

Sadly, Dominic Savio contracted tuberculosis. Like AIDS today, it was incurable. He accepted his disease with dignity and composure. He did not fear death – his deep and radiant faith assured him that something far better lay beyond.

Savio died aged only 15. He had never been a millionaire; his riches lay in his faith in Jesus Christ. The memory of this lovable lad lived on, so deeply had he touched the hearts of the people who knew him. Over 100 years later he was still remembered – and made a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

### ***Parish Pump***

#### **GUIDE FOR PCCs missing out on investment income**

PCC members of churches with cash reserves are being urged to review where these reserves are invested. Parishes are potentially missing out on significant investment income, according to the experts. Says one: "It is important that we are good

Occasionally I hear an owl hooting from a nearby oak tree. I imagine it to be a tawny owl, probably just back from its nocturnal hunting. I can also just see poking through the ground the green shoots of daffodils and snow drops. This all added together encourages me to think that the wintry days will soon give way to that most wonderful of all seasons, an English springtime. I am also reminded, on these dark winter mornings of many years ago, when I was a working farm pupil on a farm near to Ely. My first job when I arrived at 7am, was to walk about ½ mile to outlying farm buildings which included a cattle yard and chaff house. There I had to feed a yard of bullocks with a mixture of chaff and mangolds. On one occasion as I opened the chaff house door I was aware of a figure hastily departing through the far exit! In the chaff was laid an old hessian sack. In those days tramps were not uncommon in the countryside and this particular one had obviously spent the night in the chaff house. Another task whilst I was there was to cut a wedge of hay from the hay stack. I rated that one of the hardest physical jobs there was and if you were chilly when you began, you certainly were not by the time you had finished!

New born lambs and March are synonymous, even though lambs were already arriving in shivery January in nearby Norfolk and elsewhere. There are several flocks in our area with quite a variety of breeds and cross breeds. One particular and very ancient breed that has increased considerably in popularity in this area is the Jacobs. They are a familiar sight in many of our local meadows. An extremely old breed of sheep, they are described as "multi horned" that is to say some can grow more than 2 horns. The fleece is much prized by weavers for its black brown and white wool. I have seen some very fine pullovers knitted from this wool. The ewes rarely have more than 2 lambs, which is just as well because a ewe has only two teats, and give little trouble at lambing time. The description "badger face" is very appropriate for them with their black faces divided by a white blaze down the front of their heads.



I would think several parishes in this benefice are involved with a Hedgerow Survey. I know a team in Earl Soham have tackled the task enthusiastically. It all started last April when the Chairman of the Suffolk Hedgerow Survey gave a talk in the village, encouraging a survey to be carried out here. The outcome of this was that eventually a team of six plus a co-ordinator were persuaded to undertake a survey that proved to be more than a stroll in the countryside with a note book! In a word, after a training course at Thornham Magna embracing how to identify less familiar trees such as spurge laurel, black poplar and small leaved lime and how to complete the forms, work began. Of course first of all permission had to be sought from land owners to walk along hedgerows where public access was normally not allowed. The



survey began last June in good weather, slowed down a bit in the heat of August and September but gathered momentum again in the autumn. Once the hedgerows burst into life this springtime the survey can be completed. In years to come the information so gathered will undoubtedly be invaluable in assessing the changes in our countryside. The team from Earl Soham can take great satisfaction from playing their part in compiling this document.

Finally, I was very pleased to be told recently by a well known lady from Hoo that she has been watching from her home, a barn owl, seeing it most days. Owls have had a hard winter and numbers will have suffered with food scarcity I expect, but it was reassuring to learn that, as ever in nature, the fittest usually manage to survive.

*Roger Sykes*

## DALLINGHOO NOTES

Church Rotas

### *Cleaning Rota for March (Lent) 2010*

March 7th & 14th: Mrs. C. Sullivan.

| Date               | Service/Readers                                                                                                           | Sidespeople                    |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10 am<br>March 7th | Benefice Holy Communion<br>at Hoo                                                                                         |                                |
| 10 am<br>14th      | Mothering Sunday Service<br>at Charsfield                                                                                 |                                |
| 10 am<br>21st      | Family Service<br><i>Readers to be arranged.</i>                                                                          | Mrs. P. Turner<br>Mrs. B. Cole |
| 6.30 pm<br>28th    | Dallinghoo at 9.30am then on to meet at Earl Soham Green at 10am and process to church for a Benefice Service at 10.30am. |                                |
| 10am<br>April 4th  | EASTER DAY<br>Communion by Extension                                                                                      |                                |

21st & 28th: Mrs. S. Truman

**APRIL 4th - EASTER - ALL HELPERS TO DECORATE, PLEASE.**

## THE NORFOLK MILLIONAIRE

Wayne, from Norwich, appeared on *'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire'* and towards the end of the program had already won £500,000.

"You've done very well so far," said Chris Tarrant, the show's presenter, "but for one million pounds you've only got one lifeline left - *'phone a friend'*". "Everything is riding on this question.....will you go for it?"

"Thet oi will", said Wayne. 'Oi'll 'ave a goo."

"Which of the following birds does NOT build its own nest?"

- A: Sparrow
- B: Thrush
- C: Magpie
- D: Cuckoo

"Oi 'ant got a clew", said Wayne, "so oi'll use moi laast loifloine and phone moi friend Lenny back hoome in Naarich" Wayne called his mate and told him the circumstances and repeated the question to him.

"Heck'nall, Wayun!" cried Lenny, "thet's simp'ull.....it's the cuckoo."

"Are yew sure?"

"Yes, oim quoit sure."

Wayne hung up the phone and told Chris, "Oi'll goo with the cuckoo as moi aanser."

"Is that your final answer?" asked Chris.

Thet is, Chris."

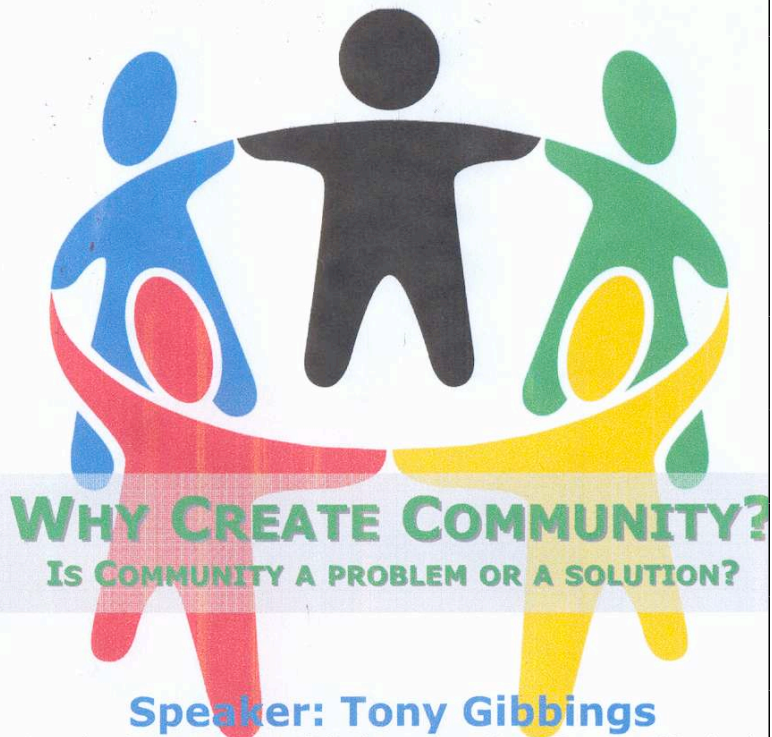
There was a long - long pause, and then the presenter shouted, "Cuckoo is the right answer! Wayne, you've won one million pounds!"

The next night, Wayne invited Lenny to their local pub to buy him a drink.

"Tell me now, Lenny, how on earth did yew know it was the cuckoo thet don't build its ow'un nest?"

Heck'nall, Wayne! Did they teach yew nuth'n at schoow'll? It's because he lives in a clock! Everybody knows thet!"

## Suffolk Theology Forum



Tony has been a member of L'Arche communities in France and England, including director in Liverpool and London. He is currently on the committee L'Arche in Ipswich. He brings the theology and experience of L'Arche, with its prophetic message, to bear on our quest for belonging in our Christian lives

*Attendees are invited to reflect on their own answers to the question before the meeting*

**Wednesday 10 March 2010**

7.30—9.15 pm

at Kesgrave Conference Centre

Twelve Acre Approach (off Bell Lane), Kesgrave, Ipswich IP5 1JF  
- there is plenty of parking, enter building via south entrance -

Non-members will be asked to make a small contribution for attendance.  
Suffolk Theology Forum welcomes all those interested in exploring Christian theological issues in an open and non-partisan way.  
Suffolk Theology Forum is supported by Churches Together in Suffolk.  
More information from: [www.ctsuffolk.org.uk/tf/](http://www.ctsuffolk.org.uk/tf/)

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*Martin Liddle*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**CHURCH BARBECUE** - Sunday 27th June 2010

### **DALLINGHOO GOES FOR GOLD!**

#### **WHEN? WHERE? WHY? HOW?**

Find out all about the discovery of a golden treasure trove in Dallinghoo  
Meet some of the people who found and own the treasure  
Try to find answers to all of your questions

**A TALK ON "THE DALLINGHOO GOLD AND" ITS ORIGINS**  
Given by Edward Martin of the Suffolk Archaeological Service  
on **TUESDAY, 30th MARCH**  
in **DALLINGHOO JUBILEE HALL**  
followed by a Buffet and Refreshments

Tickets £6 from Betty Cole (01473 737215  
or Martin Liddle (01473 277138)

Proceeds to the Vestry Project at St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo.

**HARVEST SUPPER** - Saturday 9th October

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** - Saturday 4th December.

*Primrose Turner*

### **DALLINGHOO CARPET BOWLS**

Our sessions this month will be on Wednesdays 3rd and 17th March. We meet on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Dallinghoo Jubilee Hall and new members are always welcome. Why not come and join us, no previous experience is necessary. More details from Cliff Green (01473 737 4211).

*Val Green*

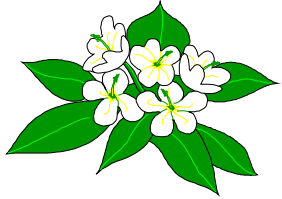
### **EARL SOHAM NOTES**

*Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses - 2010*

**EASTER  
Saturday,**

|       |                              |
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| March | Lyn Tinkler & Mary Patterson |
|-------|------------------------------|

**STALLS  
3rd April**



**at Earl Soham Village Hall  
from 10am to 2pm**

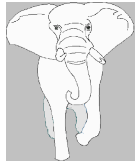
**Morning Coffee/Tea  
Bacon Sandwiches**

**Stalls as follows:**

- \*Cakes and \*Scones**
- \*Plants and \*Fresh Produce**
- \*White Elephant and \*Books**

**Proceeds for St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham**

**Please support us by supplying any of the above items  
and/or  
by coming to the Village Hall on the morning of Easter Saturday.**



**Val Brumfitt**

**THE VILLAGE HALL AGM** was held on Wednesday, 2nd February. The Hall has had a successful year both socially and financially as reported by the Secretary and Treasurer. At the Election of Officers two stalwart members of the Committee decided not to seek re-election. Our thanks for many years of dedicated service to the Village Hall cause must go to Bill Crompton and Peter Driver, who have accumulated many years service between them.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 2nd APRIL**

This Service will be held at 12 noon and will take the form of "An Hour at the Cross", with music, prayer and meditation.

We are planning a Fish & Chip Lunch in the Village Hall after the Service. If you would like to join us please contact Janet Martin on 01473 737 685. Please order by Monday, March 29th.

The following Sunday will be Easter Day. Could all helpers please decorate the church on Saturday, 3rd April.


*Advance Notice*

**MONEWDEN SPRING SALE** this year will be held on Saturday, 8th May, from 10am to mid-day, the same time as last year, which seemed to be successful.

Gardeners, when sowing plants this year, please sow a few extra for the sale. If you are thinking about buying plants for your garden why not wait for our Spring Sale and buy them from us! Help our funds and save yourself money by not paying over the odds garden centre prices.

*Peter Keeble*

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**EARL SOHAM TENNIS CLUB AGM**

Annual General Meeting of  
Earl Soham Tennis Club  
Monday 8th March 2010  
7.30 p.m. in Earl Soham Village Hall

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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 737 285**  
**Stuart Barber - 01473 737 863**

**Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence.**

## MONEDDEN NOTES

### Church Rotas

Date	Brasses only in Lent	Cleaning	Sidesperson	Coffee
<b>March 7th</b>	J. Vonberg		Benefice Holy Communion at Hoo	
<b>14th</b>	J. Hubbard	K. Martin J. Vonberg	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b> at Charsfield	
<b>21st</b> Holy Communion at 6.30pm	A Wright		M. Skeet	L. Grier
<b>28th</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	J. Martin	W. Heath	Monewden 9.30am then to Earl Soham Green for 10am then process to church for Benefice Service at 10.30am	
<b>April 2nd</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> , 12 noon - 'An Hour at the Cross'			
<b>April 4th</b> <b>EASTER DAY</b>	EASTER FLOWERS			
	K. Martin		P. Keeble	M. Skeet

### Church Readers for March

7th: Benefice Service. 14th: Mothering Sunday at Charsfield.  
21st: Wendy, Michael. 28th: Palm Sunday Benefice Service at Earl Soham

### COFFEE MORNING

The date for the March Coffee Morning will be Saturday 20th from 10am onwards in the Village Hall. Do come along for a bacon roll, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. The 100 Club draw will take place at this event.

### MONEDDEN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Two dozen hardy souls braved the elements to reach Monewden Village Hall for the February meeting, but to no avail as the speaker failed to turn up. Peter Driver entertained the gathering with a selection of jokes and tales while the kettle boiled. We then had a cup of tea and biscuits and made our way home again!

Our March meeting, which will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th at 7.30pm, will be a talk by Tony Redman on 'The History of Sanitation'.

### EARL SOHAM WI

At our meeting on January 28th we had a very interesting talk by Susan Warne who demonstrated to the meeting "Oil Painting for Beginners". A few of our members were very taken with this and hope to follow through with classes.

The next meeting will be our annual Birthday Meeting on March 25th at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, when the talk will be "Transportation of Suffolk Criminals" by Pip Wright. Visitors welcome. Please contact Jan Whitfield, Secretary, on 01728 685139 for further information..

*Jan Whitfield*

### RAINBOW NURSERY

"Activity days at Jimmy's Farm throughout the Easter holidays for 2-8 year olds. Feed lambs, build dens, butterfly house and more. Organised and run by Sheena, Hester, Stacey and Emma of Rainbow Nursery, Saxtead. Transport available from Rainbow Nursery, Saxtead. £20 per child for a day's fun and activities. (£25 incl. transport) Booking essential as places are limited. Please phone Rainbow 01728 621449 or e-mail [rainbownurseryschool@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rainbownurseryschool@tiscali.co.uk) for more information and to book your child's day at the farm. "

*Sheena Giblett*

### Seen in Church Newsletters:

"Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

"Ian Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in St. John's. So ends a friendship that began in their school days."

"Miss Doris Mason sang 'I Will Not Pass This Way Again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation."

"The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind.. They may be seen in the Church Hall on Friday afternoon at 2pm."

"The Curate unveiled the church's new fundraising campaign slogan last Sunday. 'I upped my pledge - Up Yours!' "

## OOPS!



*Sent in by Jennifer Jones of Ashfield-cum-Thorpe*

*(Thank you, Jennifer - Ed)*

## **HOO NOTES**

At the time of writing the weather is very wintry - to be expected, I suppose, in February! Anyway, here's something to look forward to:

**The beautiful HOO HALL GARDENS  
will be open to the public  
by kind invitation of Mr. Graham Nicholson  
on SUNDAY, 2nd MAY  
from 1.30-5.30pm  
Teas with home-baked scones and cakes  
will be available  
and a Draw**

**In Aid of St. Andrew & St. Eustachius Church, Hoo.**

Make a note in your diary!

*Margaret Doe*

### **Christian leaders welcome 'common sense' amendment to recent Equality Bill**

Christian organisations can continue to employ people to represent them who are committed to their ethos. This is a real "victory for common sense" – according to numerous national church leaders who were responding to the House of Lords' decision in late January on the Equalities Bill.

The Lords rejected an ambiguous Government amendment to the Bill which could have prevented churches and Christian organisations from appointing practising Christians to key roles. Instead, the Lords voted, by a significant margin, for a different amendment, from Baroness O'Cathain, which will maintain the status quo.

The rejected amendment stated that religious organisations could only prefer candidates if they were applying for the job of minister of religion or posts that "exist to promote or represent the religion or to explain the doctrines of the religion."

Many Christians were concerned it would be unclear how the courts might interpret the word "exist" - few religious posts actually exist wholly or mainly for the purposes stated.

*Parish Pump*

## ***A recent e-mail in my inbox with an interesting attachment:***

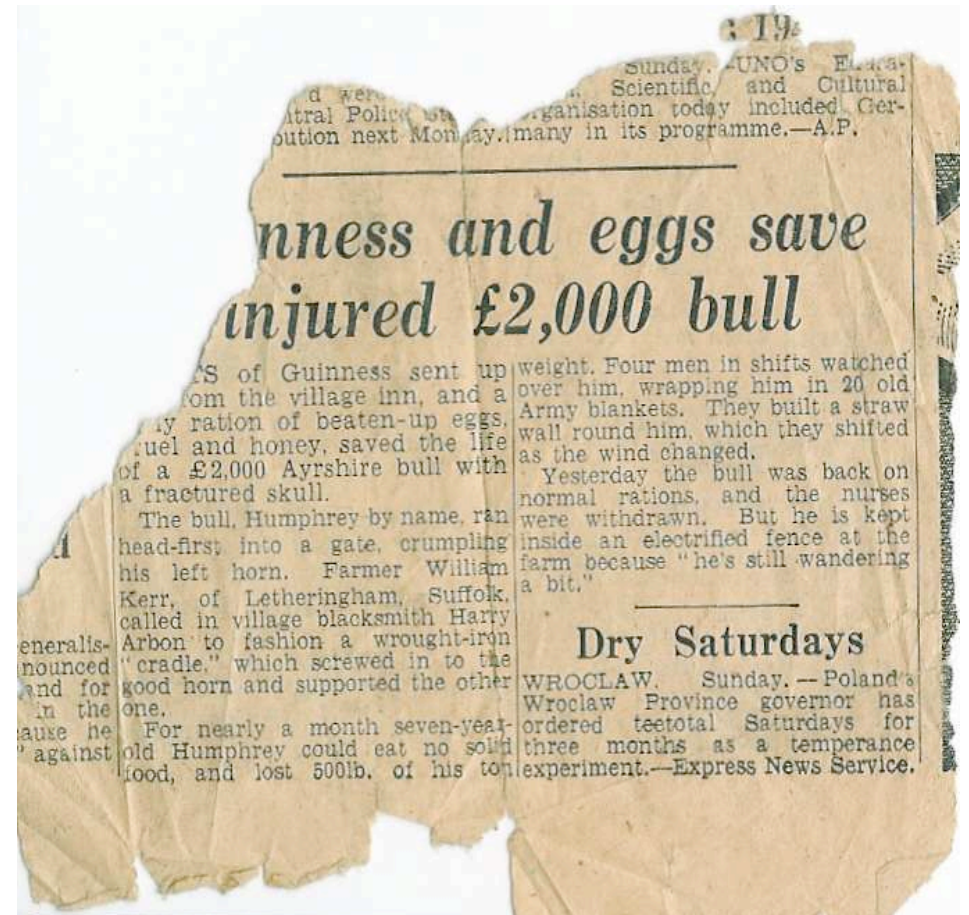
Dear Mrs Lowin,

The enclosed old newspaper cutting may be of interest to your readers and perhaps awake a few memories. It is one of the gems I have collected in family history research.

It obviously occurred in Letheringham, but may also be of interest to Monewden residents as well.

I would welcome any further information on the incident and if possible a date.

Kind regards, John Boon, Easton



Do let me know if you have any memories of this incident, and could say when it happened and/or could date the paper or say which paper it was. I'll pass on any information to John Boon. Ena, Editor.

**LEATHERINGHAM NOTES**

*Cleaning Rota for March 2010 (Lent - no flowers)*

6th	13th	20th	<b>27th</b>
Sylvia Keene	Polly ffitch	Lyn Bates	Anne Rice
<b>April 3rd - EASTER - all helpers, please.</b>			

We apologise for the fact that our February Mardle had to be cancelled at the very last minute; the lecturer was 'trapped' in Dubai! We hope to re-schedule Dr. Whiting later in the year.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Mardle, Monday March 15th**

We welcome again Eric Palmer who will talk this time about privately owned but publicly accessible railways: a fascinating subject. Eric's previous talk generated the best attendance we have ever had. 7.30pm at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall. Admission £6 which includes a glass of wine and canapés. Proceeds for the church funds.

**Saturday March 20th**

There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy at Easton & Letheringham Village Hall from 10 - 12 noon, to raise funds for the Hall. Please support.

**Saturday, March 27th**

Farmers' Market at Easton Farm Park

**Mardle, Monday April 19th**

"It's A Grave Business" by Peter Driver, local historian and raconteur 'par excellence'. We will be both informed and entertained! Everyone welcome.

**Friday, April 23rd, St. George's Day, at 12 noon.**

There will be a special Service in Letheringham Church at which Bishop Clive will dedicate the triptych painted for us by the well-known local artist Tessa Newcomb.

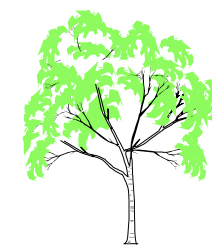
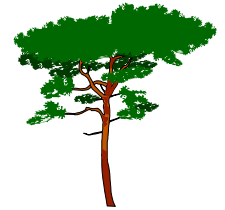
**Sunday, July 18th**

A Summer Lunch Party. Details are still being worked on - more later.

*Sylvia Keene*

**The Gardening Doctor**

Do you suffer from plumbago?  
Is your back a little sore?  
Or perhaps it's pyracanthus  
Which you caught in Singapore?  
You've a nasty little hosta  
Which I think you'll have to lance,  
And I notice a spiraea  
Has been leading you a dance.



Are you getting more forgetful?  
Is nemesia the cause?  
Does your antirrhinum pain you  
When you're walking out of doors?  
You've had skimmia rubella  
I can see that by your nose  
And cornus capitosa  
Has played havoc with your toes.

How is your viburnum tinus?  
Have you lost your sense of smell?  
Use a syringa reflexa  
That should keep it well.  
I'm afraid your macrocarpus  
Isn't really up to scratch,  
And do avoid nigella  
It's a nasty thing to catch.



Still, I think you're doing nicely,  
Watch the quercus in your knees.  
Take your berberis twice nightly.  
Next patient, please!

*Sent in by Peter Driver*

**SERVICES FOR MARCH 2010**

Church	March 7 Lent 3 <i>Purple</i>	March 14 Mothering Sunday <i>Purple</i>	March 21 Lent 5 <i>Purple</i>	March 28 Palm Sunday <i>Red</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	↓	10 am Holy Communion	10 am Morning Prayer	<b>All parishes</b>  9.30 am Short service in own churches, then meet at Earl Soham Green  ↓  ↓
Charsfield with Debach	↓	10 am Mothering Sunday Family Service	10 am Holy Communion	
Cretingham	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer	10 am Holy Communion	
Dallinghoo	↓	10 am To Charsfield	10 am Family Service	
Earl Soham	↓	8 am Holy Communion 10 am Family Holy Communion	10 am Morning Prayer	
Hoo	10 am Benefice Holy Communion	10 am To Charsfield	8.30 am Holy Communion	↑
Letheringham	↑	8.30 am Holy Communion	10 am Morning Prayer	↑
Monewden	↑	10 am To Charsfield	6.30 pm Holy Communion	↑

**On Sunday, 4th April, EASTER HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated at all our churches as follows:

- 8.00 Ashfield and Earl Soham
- 8.30 Hoo and Letheringham
- 10.00 Monewden
- 11.00 Charsfield

Communion by Extension.

**READINGS FOR SERVICES FOR MARCH 2010**

Date	Holy Communion	Morning or Evening Prayer	Psalm
<b>March 7</b>	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9		63:1-9
14	2 Corinthians 5: 16-end Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-end	Joshua 5: 9-12 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-end. (Special readings for Mothering Sunday)	32
21	Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8	Isaiah 43: 16-21 John 12: 1-8	126
28	Liturgy of the Palms Luke 19: 28-40		118:1, 2, 19-end
<b>April 4</b>	Acts 10: 34-43 John 20: 1-8 <i>or Luke 24: 1-12</i>		118: 1, 2, 14-24

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

MARRIAGE

Mark Julian Taylor and Victoria Jane Wilson  
6th February 2010

