

MID LOES BENEFICE

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

October 2021

Note From Your Curate

I have been recalling what our rural villages in this benefice were like when I was younger. Everyone seemed to know everybody else in the village. It is easy to understand why this was the case, because most people didn't move out of the village to work, either being employed in farming or other businesses supporting farming. Also there were shops, pubs, post offices, butchers and bakers in most communities, these were meeting points where people could gather for a chat. Whereas now there is little or no work available and people either drive out of the villages for work or work from home alone, in each case they are not out and about in the villages. Likewise most of the shops and small businesses are gone, so we are forced to go further to shop or find entertainment.

Although that type of community is relegated to history, many of the villages have community WhatsApp groups or something similar, which enable people to stay in touch quickly and easily. This has been invaluable to enable people to help each other out during the pandemic. This proves to me there is still the need for old fashioned community spirit, and that people do still want to feel part of their community, and to help those in need.

Now that the pandemic seems to be coming more under control, there is a need for the community to get together face to face, rather than digitally, if people feel safe to do so. Village and church events are starting up again, please give them your support. I know most will still look out of the villages for entertainment but your community and church needs your support, at least some of the time.

I look forward to seeing you around the villages

Prayers and blessings, Kathleen

Prayer for the month

God our Creator, we thank you for the wonder of
creation

We pray that we may use the resources of the world

to the benefit of each other

and in the care of our planet.

Make us sensitive and caring

in our dealings with each other,

that we may learn from each other of your great
love

Amen

TAIZÉ WORSHIP

These quiet, reflective services of singing, prayer and silence are based locally but open to everyone across the Loes Deanery.

Under the leadership of the Rev'd Wendy Gourlay we launched these monthly services in 2019, continuing online during 2020.

The services last for around 45 minutes and are a mixture of simple worship chants in the Taizé tradition, silence, prayers and readings. For those who like simplicity in worship and perhaps something slightly different this could be just for you!

First Sunday of the month at 4 pm in Easton Church –

3rd October.

Holiday Club 2021

A wonderful time was had by all this August as Holiday Club returned!

Run by church members from our own Benefice and Orebeck Benefice, there was storytelling, singing, cookery, sports, craft and, of course, WATER BOMBS! It was lovely to see the “Top Teams” build new friendships and develop new skills – all the children were so enthusiastic! The Family Service, held at Brandeston Church on the following Sunday, was a celebration of all the children had learnt and achieved over the 3 days – their artwork was beautifully displayed for all to see.

Many thanks to all the team for their planning; to Ann Pratt and Mary Vellacott for preparing snacks to keep us all going; to Graham Hedger, Wendy Gourlay and Amber Pearce-Wright for storytelling – and lastly to the families for sharing their children with us. It was a delight to work with each and every child and to maybe plant a little seed of awareness of God’s love for us all.

Hope to see you all again in 2022???

Jo Reed



EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's		
OCTOBER	Mrs Edmundson	Mrs Tinkler
NOVEMBER	Mrs Patterson	Mrs Tinkler
Any Problems Ring Lyn—685278		

Earl Soham 100 Club

The Annual Prize Draw will be held in the Village Hall at 1030 on Saturday 23rd October. It will be two years since we have been able to be together to hold the draw so I hope that many of you will be able to come along. The draw will take the usual form with half of the members' subscriptions being divided between St Mary's and the Village Hall and the other half being distributed in prizes with a top prize of £75.

Chris Pratt

Mid week Morning Prayer

I will be continuing with a said Morning Prayer service twice a month, moving around the Benefice. The next will be at Earl Soham on 13th October at 10am and then at Hoo on 27th October at 10am. With an opportunity to have a chat and a coffee after the service

Kathleen

EARL SOHAM - A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

I am often asked questions on village history and have come to realise that there are many people new to the village who are curious as to what went on in the past, both ancient and more recent. I suspect that there are very few residents who know that the Parish Council is, in fact, Lord of the Manor of Earl Soham. I was Parish Clerk for about thirty years and was privileged to be present when the Lordship was generously given to the village by the executors of Dr. Harold Paul Lehmann of Wickham Market, to celebrate H.M. The Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. The papers were signed over to the Parish Council on 4th June 1979. The Parish paid the legal costs involved and all relative paperwork is now held at Suffolk Records Office, The Hold, Ipswich.

Most of the following information is taken from the Sale Particulars of C. M. Stanford & Son and Strutt & Parker, when the Beaumont Collection of Lordship's of the Manors was dispersed.

If you want more information... just ask!

Jo Rothery
Terrace House

THE MANOR OF EARL SOHAM

“A Manor was held here in Saxon times by Anand, a freeman by commendation under the Abbot of St. Edmunds. It consisted of 4 Carucates of land, 15 villeins, 8 bordars, 2 serfs, 2 ploughteams in demesne and 6 belonging to the men. Also wood sufficient to support 100 hogs, 12 acres of meadow, 2 rouncies, 4 beasts, 30 hogs, 42 sheep and 60 goats valued at £10. At the time of the Survey this manor was held in demesne by Earl Alan. The bordars were increased to 21 and the serfs reduced to 1, the ploughteams belonging to the men had come down to 5 while the value had been gradually increased to £16, and then to £18.13.4. It was a league long and half a league broad and paid in a gelt 8 1/2d.” (Copingar Vol. IV p. 251)

In 1140 the Lordship was vested in Herbert de Montcheney, who sold it to Hugh Bigot, Earl of Norfolk: he became Steward of the King's Household, and supported the cause of Stephen, so on Stephen's succession, he was rewarded with the Earldom of the East Angles. Later, however, he became a follower of the Empress Maud and at the Battle of Lincoln took Stephen prisoner. But when Stephen resumed the throne Bigot had “to compound with a large sum and give hostages”. Later still he went to the Holy Land and made war with the infidels. He died in 1176. Roger Bigot his son inherited. He was one of the four Knights who carried the Canopy of State at the King's second coronation in 1194. Then the Lordship passed through the son to grandson Roger who was present at the signing of Magna Carta. The Manor remained in the Bigot family until 1309 when it passed to King Edward II. He granted it in 1312 to Thomas Plantagenet,

Plantagenet, surnamed de Brollerton. From him it passed by marriage to the de Montacutes who held it until 1380, when Margaret, Countess of Norfolk, became Lady. She died in 1400 and the Manor then passed to Elizabeth, Duchess of Norfolk, and in 1410 to the Crown.

In 1423 John Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk, held the Manor and it remained with the de Mowbrays until the time of Thomas Howard, 3rd Duke of Norfolk. It is uncertain who was the next Lord, but John Cornwallis held it at the time of King James I; he died in 1615 and was succeeded by his son. The Manor was sold to John Cotton (1625); he died in 1655 badly in debt having supported the Royal Cause, so his son had to sell to Leicester Devereux, 6th Viscount Hereford, and it remained in that family until 8th August, 1748, when it is recorded the First Court Baron of Thomas Huiston Esq and Robert Moxon. Elizabeth Boyfield was Lady in 1787 but, on 27th June 1788 John Ayton held his first Court. On 18th March 1836, Sir John Patteson Knt., and The Rev. Thomas Wright Whitaker, Clerk are recorded as being joint Lords. On 13th May 1840, Robert Crabtree held his first Court and on October 13th, 1876, Charles Henry Capen, from whom it passed to George Frederick Beaumont. In 1954 the Lordship passed to Dr. Harold Paul Lehmann, medical practitioner in Wickham Market. On 4th June, 1979 ownership passed to the Parish Council of Earl Soham, a Jubilee gift by the Executors of Dr. Lehmann. Most of the Manorial Records are held at the Suffolk Records Office, The Hold, Ipswich. A few extracts following show, how what was originally only a custom became in effect a Law, which had to be obeyed by both Lord and Tenant.

“If cattle stray into the Lordshipp and remain there for a year or more then they belong to the Lord by the name of an Estraye.”

“If any goods are left in the Lordshipp that are stolen by one that flee then the same doe belong to the Lord by the name of a waive or of goods waived.”

“If anye skareth Deere I the Lords Parke orkill them or do hunt or kill anye hares there or do anye trespass” they were liable to a fine.

“Also that there were Bondmen of blood by ancient custome within the said Manor.” These “do

give to the Lord IIIId and a peece for lycence to dwell out of the Lordship by the name of Chevage.”

“Also that if anyone doth resort suspiciously to another man's wife carnally to know her or any man servant to the maidservant of another man, carnally to know her this frequently the wife or servant to know her this frequently the wife or servant they are to be in mid 6d.”

Youngest Son as heir- Borough English. (Also see an Article by the Late Mr. G. F. Beaumont in East Anglian Notes and Queries, N.S. Vol II, p. 215). In the Court of 18th August, 1756 there is an entry concerning the Ancient Evidence of Rolls as to the custom of the Lord granting licences before any tenant can “cut down any timber or other trees growing upon the waste or copyhold lands of this Manor” even though it was “for the necessary repairing of the buildings standing on the copyhold land of the said Manor”.

Manorial Records

Court Books: 1667-87; 1688-1700; 1709-42; 1742-84; 1786-1806; 1807-23; 1823-39; 1840-74; 1875-1904.

Minute Book: 1840-88

Rentals: 1619; 1738; 1757-72; 1777; 1181; 1797; 1807; 1812-21; 1816; 1828-33; 1872-93.



DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

31 August 2021

Summer is my favourite season because it means that I can spend more time at home in Suffolk. But this year, my summer was interrupted by the sudden recall of Parliament caused by the Taliban regaining control of Afghanistan.

Many of us will remember where we were on September 11th, 2001 when the twin towers in New York were destroyed by Al-Qaeda terrorists. I also recall the day in 2005 when London was bombed by members of the same Islamic terrorist group.

At that time, Afghanistan was used by Al-Qaeda as a base from which to conduct world terror against western nations, such as the USA and the United Kingdom. Whatever history's verdict may be on the wisdom, conduct or shambolic conclusion of the 20-year war on Afghanistan, I remain in no doubt that it was right for Britain to intervene in the fight against Al-Qaeda and global terrorism. We were right to put British boots on the ground in Afghanistan and play our part in defeating the threat of Islamic terrorism.

The lightning speed of the Taliban advance probably had two causes. The first is the failure of the west to win the hearts and minds of the rural communities of Afghanistan. The second is that once former President Trump had done his deal with the Taliban to withdraw US troops, the Taliban used the next 17 months for secret negotiations with many provinces to surrender without contest.

We should also reflect that even though the Taliban has reclaimed control over Afghanistan (for the time being at least), this doesn't mean that the safety of the world is under the same threat of terrorism now as we were some 20 or so years ago because thanks to the efforts of British armed forces, Al-Qaeda is no longer the threat it once was to the safety of innocent civilians in the United Kingdom.

Our priority now must be to recognise our moral duty to protect and offer refuge to Afghan citizens who may now be at risk, particularly those who have supported our soldiers in the fight against Al-Qaeda. The Government has rightly announced a new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees. As part of this scheme, it will rightly be asking our councils in Suffolk to do their part, and already, a small number of Afghan interpreters and their families have been helped to resettle in Suffolk.

As we close this chapter in the history of Afghanistan, I am mindful that a number of Suffolk families have lost the lives of loved ones who served on the front-line of the conflict. We all owe those who sacrificed their lives a debt of gratitude for what they have done to make our country a safer place, and in protecting us against the threat of Islamic terrorism. Their sacrifice has not been in vain.

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Readers	Sides person
3rd October 10am Benefice Holy Communion, Ashfield	Benefice Holy Communion Ashfield All welcome	
17th October 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Roger Pauline	Pauline
24th October 10am Holy Communion	Anthony Linda	Linda
31st October 10am Morning Prayer	Mike Stephanie	Stephanie

Cleaning Rota

Oct 9th	23rd	30th
Margaret & Stephanie	Fran	Gill & Beverley

Flower Rota

2nd & 9th	16th & 23rd	30th
Lucy Fox	Margaret Salter	Gill Winkworth

St. Elizabeth Hospice Coffee Morning.

Once again with kind permission of Jan, the annual Coffee Morning will be held at 1, St. Peter's Close, Charsfield, on Saturday 27th November 2021, at 10am to 12 noon.

So please come along for coffee and cake and meet up with friends and neighbours for a chat, and also make new friends. If anyone has any crafts they would like to donate, to the craft stall please let me know. We shall also be collecting coins again.

Joyce & Dave Whitley
01473 737549

YOUR RECREATION GROUND NEEDS YOU! New committee members needed

The development and maintenance of Charsfield Recreation Ground is managed by a small team of dedicated volunteers and some of these have been involved for 20 years. Due to this, in the next year several key members of the team will be stepping down to make way for new people, new ideas and new energy. Hopefully, members of the community who use the ground regularly and have a vested interest in its longevity.

The "rec" provides a great amenity for Charsfield and Debach and is enjoyed by many visitors from surrounding villages and this is an exciting opportunity for new people to continue to develop this wonderful facility.

Sadly, unless additional people are prepared to step up and volunteer the rec will have to be decommissioned in 2022.

The present members are: Jo Wyatt, John Fox, Jan Pedgrift, Sarah Turner, Antony Wilson, Pat Long, Graham Pettingale, and Gerry Smith

If you or any of your friends would like to join the committee to keep this facility alive for the village, then please have a chat with any of the members or get in touch with:

Jan Pedgrift 01473 737701 janpedgrift@btinternet.com Jo Wyatt 01473 737221 jo.wyatt@btinternet.com

MUSIC QUIZ

Friday 15th October at 7.30pm

Charsfield Village Hall

Questions for all the Family

Ploughman's Supper

Teams of 4

Licensed Bar

£10 per person

Book your place early:

Janpedgrift@btinternet.com 01473 737701

Charsfield Baptist Coffee Pot, every Tuesday morning 10am - 11.30am in the Chapel Hall.

Everyone welcome

Sing-along Suppers, on the first Friday of the month, starting at 6.30pm in the Chapel Hall.

Includes a buffet supper. No charge, donations welcome.

ASHFIELD NOTES

ALED JONES - RIP.

It is with sadness that we record the death of Aled Jones.

Those of us who have been in the village for many years will remember him as a lively/mischievous young lad. Sadly as the result of a road accident his adult life was spent in a wheelchair with carers helping his family look after him. He still managed a broad smile for anyone who met him out and about.

Our thoughts are with Lew, Denny, Becky and the family at this sad time.

SHCT CYCLE RIDE.

Ashfield Church welcomed four cyclists this year which although much down on last year is about average. Unfortunately our position, approached either by a very long climb from the north or the busy A1120 to the south, doesn't exactly encourage cyclists. Nevertheless we were as always open supporting this now national event. Between welcoming riders and holding some meetings whilst manning the church I spent some time tidying up in the churchyard ready for the winter.

PARISH COUNCIL.

At the September meeting we were delighted to be able to co-opt Chris Sharpe onto the Council to fill one of the vacancies.

The main topic of discussion during the evening was that of 'antisocial behavior' [ASB] within the village something that has been ongoing for some while now and has increased significantly recently. We are working with Mid Suffolk District Council and other agencies in an attempt to bring things back under control. All residents on the parish email will have received an online form on which to record instances, we strongly urge people to do this as this sort of thing will provide vital evidence for the authorities to take action. Alternatively information can be sent directly to the Parish Clerk [contact details at back of mag] all such information will be treated as confidential unless the person submitting it lets us know they are happy to be contacted.

A resident brought up the subject of 'speeding' in the village. The PC will look at this again once the results of the recent traffic survey are known.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8th December.

ROADSIDE HEDGES.

A reminder to all residents with roadside hedges that these should be maintained, cut back to be no closer than 50cm, preferably 1m if possible to the edge of the road so as to provide pedestrian refuge. Where this cannot be achieved and visibility for access/egress is impaired hedges should be kept no higher than 1050mm [42"]. Anyone with queries in this regard is asked to contact Cllr Robert Grimsey and help/guidance will be provided. Where exceptionally a hedge is overgrown Suffolk County Council does have powers to get the hedge cut/removed or do the work and recover the cost from the landowner! Your cooperation on this important road safety matter will be appreciated.

ASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL.

ST MARY'S CHURCH.

On Sunday 3rd October we host the Benefice Communion Service at 10am. The theme of the service will be 'Harvest' and is a time to give thanks for the crops that have/Are being gathered in. All are very welcome.

I previously mentioned that we were experiencing petty crime/damage in St Mary's. We have established and identified that the person responsible for this comes from a nearby parish and has 'mental health' problems. At the moment we are trying to see if we can help this person as that is clearly what is needed rather than to be criminalised.

RG.



CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
October	Mrs Defoe	Mrs Oliver & Mrs Walker
November	Mrs Coe	Mr & Mrs Gourlay

Harvest Celebrations

How wonderful the church looked for Harvest Weekend and was particularly enjoyed by the bike riders who called in with many of them taking photos! Thankyou to The Revd. Wendy Gourlay for our Harvest Service and the chance to share in her thoughts whilst she has been walking and enjoying the countryside we are so blessed with in Creetingham.

The **Harvest Produce** has all been taken and donated to the Stowmarket Churches Food Bank for which they were very grateful. Thankyou to everyone for their kind donations.

October Services in St. Peters, Creetingham.

10 th October	10 am Morning Prayer
17 th October	10 am Holy Communion
31 st October	10 am Holy Communion

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:

Kathleen Martin - 01473 737 285
Pauline Cobley - 01473 737 317
Margaret Salter - 01473 737 182
Mary Vellacott - 01728 685423

Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence .

CRETINGHAM VILLAGE and CHURCH FETE

Final figures are now available for our event back in August. The combined total from the Fete and Barbecue is a net £1,657. This is a fantastic sum and our thanks go to EVERYONE who helped in any number of ways to make the event a resounding success.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS go to Paul and Clare at The Bell who truly worked their socks off to host the Barbecue which rounded-off the day's festivities. The range of meats and salads was just marvellous and I know I speak for us all when I say just how grateful we all were to conclude such a successful day in such pleasant surroundings, sitting with our friends, family and neighbours and enjoying such a great spread.

Paul and Clare's great skills as chef and landlord were ably demonstrated and it's just one reason why The Bell is such a popular place to meet and eat. We are very fortunate that they are "mine-hosts" at our local pub!

SHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride.

Riders from Cretingham enjoyed good weather for their annual expedition around our local churches and, at St Peter's we welcomed just over 30 visitors from as far away as Aldeburgh, Bruisyard and a group of six from Stutton.

Young and old get to enjoy this annual event and I am delighted to report that one of our Cretingham riders, Monty Gardiner, raised over £300 in sponsorship! Congratulations and thank you Monty for giving up your Saturday to support St Peter's and SCHAT. Honourable mention too, to Monty's Mum, Linda, who chaperoned him on his travels.

Sadly, a back injury prevented Larry Bosman from cycling this year but I am pleased to report that Larry joined the band of "Striders" who swapped two feet for two wheels. At deadline time for the magazine I don't have information on how much Larry has raised but, I guess, it will be in the region of £150-£200.

Thank you to Judith Hale and Heather Runacres who, along with myself, shared the duties of Church Recorder - greeting the cyclists and endorsing their sponsor forms. A vital part of this event's smooth running. For those who weren't able to take part this year - in 2022 the Sponsored Cycle Ride will be on Saturday 10th September.

Alister Gourlay

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2021

Church	Oct 3rd Trinity 18 <i>Green</i>	Oct 10th Trinity 19 <i>Green</i>	Oct 17th Trinity 20 <i>Green</i>	Oct 24th Last of Trinity <i>Green</i>	Oct 31st All Saints <i>White</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	10am Benefice Holy Communion Harvest	6.30pm Evening Prayer	8.30am Holy Communion		
Chars field w. Debach	↑		6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
Cretingham	↑	10am Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion		10am Holy Communion
Dallinghoo	↑	6.30pm Holy Communion	10am Family Service		10am Morning Prayer
Earl Soham	↑	10am Family Service	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer	
Hoo	↑	8.30 Holy Communion		8.30 Morning Prayer	
Monewden	↑	10am Holy Communion		10am Family Service	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Letheringham	↑				

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 2021

Date	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer	Psalms
Oct 3rd	Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10: 2-16		
Oct 10th	Hebrews 4: 12-end Mark 10: 17-31	Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 Mark 10: 17-31	Psalms 90 12-end
Oct 17th	Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	Isiah 53: 4-end Mark 10: 35-45	Psalms 91 9-end
Oct 24th	Hebrews 7: 23-end Mark 10: 46-end	Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Mark 10: 46-end	Psalms 126
Oct 31st	Revelations 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44	Isiah 25: 6-9 John 11: 32-44	Psalms 24 1-Jun

The Benefice Holy Communion
On Sunday 7th November
10am
Is at St. Mary's, Creetingham
All Welcome

MONEWDEN NOTES

DATE	FLOWERS & BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSON	COFFEE
Oct 3rd	W Heath			
10th	S Kingston	J Vonberg	L Grier	
17th	N Saxby			
24th	M Gibson	W Heath	W Heath	
31st	M Skeet			

READERS: Oct 10 David, Lesley. Oct 24 Family Service, Oct, 31 Evensong.

SATURDAY CAFE: Come along for tea, coffee, a bacon roll. This month's event will take place on Saturday, October 16. Have a good cuppa and a chat amongst friends. The 100 Club draw for October will take place at the Cafe. You might even win a prize!!

100 Club winners for August

£25.00 Wilf weeks
£15.00 Wendy heath
£10.00 Jean Coe

Thank you all for your support

MONEWDEN HISTORY SOCIETY: It is with great regret that the committee has come to the conclusion that the society is no longer a viable proposition and therefore it has been officially wound-up.

WINE TASTING: It is the intention of the Church Appeal Committee to hold this event, which is usually held on the last Friday of November, but at the moment it is not clear what form it will take. We would all hope that by the end of November we will be free of nearly all restrictions, however it is not guaranteed that this will be the case, so we will have to wait and see. More details for the wine tasting will appear in due course.

HOO NOTES

Mid week Morning Prayer

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Kathleen

The New Anne Robson Trust Helpline

www.annerobsontrust.org.uk

If you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

The Anne Robson Trust has launched a **Helpline** to provide support to anyone who is struggling to cope with a terminal diagnosis or the imminent death of someone they care about.

Losing someone close can affect us in many different ways, but many of the physical and emotional impacts often come before the loss of life itself. It can be so hard to talk about the emotions we may experience during what can be an extremely isolating time, and *our volunteers are here for you*.

Our telephone helpline is manned by specially trained volunteers to support people across the UK.

The Anne Robson Trust Telephone Helpline number is **0808 801 0688**.

Lines are open: Monday to Friday 12-6pm, and calls are completely free and confidential from all UK landlines and mobiles.

(More Details on the back cover)

DALLINGHOO NOTES

Services for October

<u>10th October 6.30pm</u>	Holy Communion	Sidesperson C. Sullivan
<u>17th October 10am</u>	Family Service	Sidespersons D. Gill & T. Love
<u>31st October 10am</u>	Morning Prayer	Sidesperson C. Pennington

Church opening and maintenance

We are all delighted that the church is now back to a routine of being open in the daytime whenever possible. Please do pop by for a moment of reflection or simple quietness. There are also books for sale in the porch, so if you are in need of a new book, this is a great (and environmentally friendly) way to try something new. Thanks to everyone who has been keeping the church clean, maintaining the churchyard and also helping with opening and closing. We desperately need more volunteers to spread the load, no prior experience is necessary and the commitment can be as little as a couple of hours a year. Please do email me on charlottesullivan87@yahoo.com if you'd like to help.

In-depth tour of St Mary's

Thanks to the Church Repair Fund team for arranging and hosting this great event at the church in September. The church was as full as social distancing would permit and we were all able to look at the church with a new perspective, as well as experiencing a whistle-stop tour through the last 1000 years of British history.

Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Yet again we had lots of visitors to our church on this day, many who had never seen the church before. Thanks to everyone who helped on the day.

CARPET BOWLS

Carpet Bowls will begin again (hurrah) in Dallinghoo Village Hall at 7.30pm on the following Wednesdays. Everyone welcome and no experience necessary, gentle exercise and a pleasant social evening. October 6th & 20th, November 3rd & 17th, December 1st & 15th. Contact Cliff Green 01473737421 for more details.

Many thanks Cliff

The end of an era in Dallinghoo

Betty Cole moved from 2, Old Hall Cottages at the end of September. She is now in her own small house, "The Cart Shed", at her daughter & son-in-law's Firs Farm, Monewden.

Born in Blacksmith's Cottage, Dallinghoo, when a girl, the family moved to The High House, Bredfield. When she married John in 1948, they were first in one of the then three cottages at East View. Some six years later they moved to Sexton's Cottage where she took on the Post Office. In about 1968, they moved to Old Hall Cottages and opened a shop there.

Betty has thus been a stalwart of the parish as long as anyone can remember. A strong supporter of the church, as was her husband, both were Church Wardens at one time or another. Expert cook, mother figure and confidant, she has always enjoyed a good chat and still does so she hopes people will 'go the extra mile' & continue to call.



Dallinghoo Church Repair Fund events

Sunflower Competition winner: Christine Allen: 268 cm, runner up Jo Maghoo: 259cm. Both grew two very tall most impressive sunflowers. I hope they'll both save the seed for next year! The prize is the joy of the growing. 13 families took part making 92 entries - so we made £92.

Roy Tricker's history of St Mary's was a wonderful talk, partly inside & partly out. It was a lovely evening & much enjoyed by all who heard it. He pointed out that the supposed arms of Catherine of Aragon on the pulpit were, in fact, meant to be those of Henry VIII but, whoever carved them mistakenly reversed the quartering so a nonsense! 65 attended. In view of Covid, we had had to limit the number attending; our advertising was such that we were fully booked a month in advance and had to turn away far, far too many. From ticket sales and donations we made £346.

New to the Parish: at Moat Farmhouse: Welcome to Angela, Stephen & Philip Chambers. Also to Nell & Richard at The Old Schoolhouse and Lock & Imi Strover at Grove Farmhouse. We hope they will be very happy here.

Congratulations to Tom & Abi Verrill of Bourne Lodge on the birth of Charlie in July.



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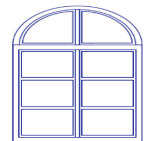
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