

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

**August 2022**

## *From The Rectory...*

As I continue to settle into my new life here in Suffolk, I have spent a few days reflecting on my first two months, reflecting on the churches that I have the privilege of serving, reflecting on the people I have met across the benefice and reflecting on the ministry that is undertaken across the eight parishes.

One area of ministry, both here in the benefice and within the wider diocese that I have been learning about, is the role of the Elder, a role that is new to me and a role that I now know to be unique to Suffolk.

Within the Benefice of Mid-Loes, we have three Elders, people who have been commissioned to enable them to undertake various tasks within the church, as well as providing much needed pastoral support to the congregations and communities, something that I know has been so important during the past two years. But, this support continues and I am delighted to also now be undertaking home visiting and administering Home Communion to those that request it.

The role of the Elder is to help with leading worship, providing pastoral care in their local congregation and community. An Elder might visit people at home or in hospital, would be able to lead Morning and Evening Prayer, read the Bible in worship, distribute bread or wine at Communion, a varied role, but an important one within the Ministry Team here within the Benefice of Mid-Loes.

One very exciting conversation that has recently taken place is that someone has expressed an interest in the role and the training required in becoming an Elder, so I thought I would take this opportunity to not only highlight the role of the Elder, but to also open up a discussion about 'calling', that moment when you realise that God is encouraging you to consider a different direction in your life, or perhaps just encouraging you to offer your gifts and talents to the church in a way you might not have considered before.

My own personal 'calling' from God to change the direction of my life didn't happen until I was 47 years old and was a unique experience to me and one that I look forward to sharing with you at some point. I won't deny that it took a little time to recognise that this is how God operates, he recognises people from all walks of life, people with different gifts and talents, but most of all people with a faith, a faith that he asks to be shared with others through various roles, in my case it was to become a Priest, for others it might be to become a Reader or a Lay Minister, a Churchwarden, or for some... an Elder.

If you feel 'called' by God to a role within the church, perhaps you might have been resisting the 'calling', or if you would like to explore the role of an Elder in more detail, I would love to hear your story and to discuss further.

*'The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ'. (Ephesians 4:11-12)*  
Love and Blessings, Revd Gary

## **Contributions to the Magazine**

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**midloesmagazine@gmail.com**

If you need to discuss the magazine, please contact

**Revd Gary Best - 01728 685 550**

## Mid-week Morning Prayer

I will be continuing the said Mid-week Morning Prayer this month. The first one in August will be at Earl Soham on 10th August at 10.00am. The second will be at Hoo on August 24th at Hoo at 10.00am. There will be an opportunity for a cup of coffee and a chat after the service.

## Hymns in the Garden

We will continue Hymns in the Garden this month, this is open to anyone who likes singing hymns. It will be on August 18th at 3.00pm at Firs Farm, Monewden. If you would like to join us for the singing, followed by refreshments, but do not have transport, this can be arranged by calling Kathleen on 01473737285

**Primary age children are invited to this year's  
holiday club,  
run by our local churches  
at Brandeston Village Hall  
on August 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>**

**THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS**



**9.30 am to 1.30pm  
Bring a picnic lunch**

**£4 per day for first child  
£2.50 per day for additional siblings  
You are welcome to come for 1, 2 or 3 days**

**For more information and to make a booking  
contact  
Jo Reed 01728 685794  
reedjo@hotmail.com**

## EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's	
AUGUST	Mrs Denton/Mrs Patterson
SEPTEMBER	Mrs Pratt/Mrs Lancaster
Any Problems Ring Lyn—685278	

“Earl Soham 100 Club. Many of you will be aware that the 100 Club raises funds for St Mary's Church and the Village Hall as well as distributing prizes at the Annual Prize Draw. Each ticket is £12 and you may buy as many as you wish. The deadline for October's Draw is the 30th September so if you would like to join or buy more tickets please let me know by that date. As we are now being charged for each cheque paid in, cash or a standing order would be much appreciated. I will, of course, supply banking details on request.”

Chris Pratt  
01728 685745  
[chris.annel@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.annel@btinternet.com)

## Earl Soham School

The school is looking to recruit a new community governor. This is an ideal opportunity for someone who would like to use their skills to give something back to the wider community, particularly in supporting the next generation. The role involves 2-3 meetings per term of the full governing body, plus a few hours spent in school providing advice. We are keen to hear from people with a diverse range of skills, but at the moment are particularly interested in people with financial skills. These could be skills gained in a variety of ways, including working in a corporate environment or running a small business, and do not necessarily need to involve formal qualifications. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please do contact the chair of governors Patrick Goymer ([patrickgoymer@hotmail.com](mailto:patrickgoymer@hotmail.com)) or the head teacher Jen Carlyle ([headteacher@earlsoham.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@earlsoham.suffolk.sch.uk)). More information about the current governors can be found on the school website (<https://www.earlsoham.suffolk.sch.uk/governors/>).



## **Annual Tournament 2022**

**Saturday, 3<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00 pm onwards**

**Spectators most welcome**

Play will be continuous throughout the afternoon

and tea & biscuits will be available

Sponsored by Longstaff Transport and Mini Digger Hire,  
suppliers of all aggregates and equestrian surfaces

### **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 .



DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

When visiting local schools and speaking with pupils, I am often asked what the best part of my working week is as an MP. Without a doubt, it is the return journey home from Parliament to Suffolk on a Thursday evening and spending Fridays and weekends amongst the many communities that I represent.

One of the many great things about Suffolk is the community spirit, and we saw that in abundance at this year's Suffolk Show. After two years absence due to the pandemic, this year's event provided the perfect platform to showcase Suffolk's fantastic farming sector and our outstanding local food and drink producers. Our countryside is part of what makes Suffolk so special, and it was fantastic to see everyone back out and celebrating our great county.

It was also a delight to see so many towns and parishes across the county come together in celebration of Suffolk and the once in a lifetime Platinum Jubilee. The Queen's record of public service is second to none. Our Queen is one of the last of my grandparents' generation – a generation who sacrificed so much during the six long years of the second world war to ensure that we can enjoy the freedoms that we take for granted today. The Queen is the very best example of 'service above self', which is a quality that we were able to celebrate during the Jubilee as Suffolk's community heroes were thanked and recognised.

I was delighted to join a myriad of events across Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, where I very much enjoyed visiting the many parish fetes, lighting a Jubilee beacon, tree planting ceremonies, joining in with traditional games and speaking with so many residents. It was a great honour to plant a commemorative tree for the Jubilee in Earl Soham and I was pleased to meet with the Earl Soham Jubilee Wood Committee.

I am always inspired by the strength of community spirit shown by the people of Suffolk, especially at remarkable times of celebration such as these. It was lovely to see so many residents, from across generations out for the Platinum Jubilee and paying tribute to our Queen and her record of tireless public service.

I want to give special thanks to the hardworking parish councils, village hall committees and event committees. Events such as these take months to organise, with many people working tirelessly behind the scenes to make them a success. The festivities came together seamlessly, and we should all be very proud of the spectacular events that were put together for all to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who took part – it really was the very best of Suffolk, leading into another bumper Suffolk Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June. We truly are lucky to live in such a special county!

## CRETINGHAM NOTES

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
August	Mrs Kemp	Mrs Runacres
September	Miss Whiting	Mrs Runacres

### Services for August in St. Peters are –

14<sup>th</sup> August 10 am

Morning Prayer.

21<sup>st</sup> August 10 am

Holy Communion.



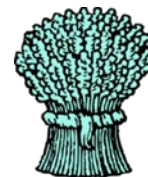
COFFEE/TEA & CHAT for August will be held in church on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am – 12 noon. Everyone welcome. Septembers meet up will be on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Pop them in your diary now!

Involved in our FETE ? Perhaps it was manning a stall, putting up a tent, coming along and taking part then THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU .... You helped us raise £1,145 on the afternoon. We sincerely thank Pauline Cobley who masterminded and pulled the whole event together. Come and see us again next year and spread the word.

Cretingham HARVEST SUPPER Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Brandeston Village Hall starting at 7 pm.

£10 Adults / £5 Children which includes supper and live music from BRISTOL FASHION.

Contact either Pauline 01473 737317 or Heather email: [heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk) to let us know you are coming.



Traditional HARVEST FESTIVAL Service 10 am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Variety of produce / flowers taken up to the Altar and singing of '*We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land*'

Come and help us raise the roof with our singing.





## HOO NOTES

*After an absence of three years, the garden at Hoo Hall was opened in aid of Hoo church on 22 May. We were blessed with fine weather and raised the sum of £730. Thanks to all who helped to make the event such a success and especially to Graham Nicholson for opening his lovely garden to support the church and also for the string quartet which played in the church in aid of the Hoo Church Building Trust.*

*On 3 July we held a thanksgiving event in memory of our former churchwarden, Margaret Doe, and Percy Mapperly, who was a regular worshipper at the church. Again the weather was kind so we were able to hold the event outside in the churchyard and the words and hymns were enjoyed by over 70 attendees, followed by refreshments served in the church. Thank you to all who helped to make the event such a success, particularly Rev Kathleen Martin who acted as compere. Although the event was not held as a fundraiser, we are very grateful for the donations to the church, which total over £300.*

*On Sunday 21 August 2022 we will be holding Hoo church's Annual Tea Party, between 2 and 5pm. It was a joy at the thanksgiving event on 3 July to see so many people enjoying their refreshments and a good chat so we hope the weather will be kind to us again, to enable us to sample "Afternoon Tea In A Country Churchyard". How lucky we are to be able to do that, and with that thought in mind we will be donating all funds raised to support refugees from the war in Ukraine. We hope those who enjoyed the warm welcome Hoo church extends to visitors on 3 July will come to experience it again, and support us, but also that many new visitors will come.*

## THANK YOU

A VERY BIG THANK YOU, to everyone who organised and helped to make Margaret and Percy's thanksgiving event a most wonderful and joyous day. They would have loved it. It was a lovely to see such a great gathering. Thank you very much once again. God bless you all, Janet, James, Trudy, Eddie and Cynthia.

## MONEWDEN NOTES

DATE	FLOWERS & BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSION	COFFEE
Aug 7th		J Vonberg		
14th	A Hamilton		L Grier	W Heath
21st		W Heath		
28th	L Grier		J Dinwiddy	C Saxby

**READERS:** 7th Benefice Com. 14th Wendy, Peter. 28th Family Service.

**COFFEE MORNING:** This month on the Saturday the 20th we will be holding our Coffee Morning in the village hall from 10 a.m. onwards. Coffee, tea, breakfast and bacon rolls will be served. Come and join us, the draw for the 100 Club prizes for August will take place during the morning.

### 100 CLUB WINNERS:

June, 1 £75 P. Vonberg, 2 £50 J. Dinwiddy. 3 £25 M. Skeet.  
July, 1 £25 A. Weeks, 2 £15 D. Grier, 3 £10 W. Weeks.

**POP UP PUB:** At the Pop Up Pub in the village hall in August (see the whole page advert.) barbecue food will be available in the evening provided by Brian and Kathleen, any profits made will go to the church funds

## FUTURE EVENTS

**RIDE AND STRIDE:** This is a date for your diary. This event is in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, and this year will be held on Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More details in next month's magazine.

# SAVE THE DATE

*Friday*  
*12 August*

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*pop-up  
pub*

**T H E  
O L D  
M I L L**

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*at*  
*Moneewden*  
*Village*  
*Hall*

*dogs  
welcome*



*kids too!*

REAL ALE • WINE • LAGER • SOFT DRINKS • BAR SNACKS

## DALLINGHOO NOTES

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July we had a lovely family service which Mary Velacot led. She talked to us about the sisters Mary and Martha. Mary who prioritised sitting at Jesus's feet and learning from him, and Martha who was always too busy rushing around to stop and just "be" with Jesus.

Mary's challenge to us was to emulate her bible namesake, and prioritise spending time with Jesus, by reading the bible and listening to him in order to draw closer and closer to him. If at times we find it hard to understand, there is always help available – either in books written by people who have studied the bible in depth, or from fellow travellers on the Christian journey.

Mary had wonderful visual effects for her talk, and was ably assisted by Isabelle and Edward.

Isabelle played one of the hymns on the organ, and Annabel played the rest on her guitar.

Services for August:

August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.00 a.m. Family Service.

Come and join us, all are very welcome!

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## Signing Off.....

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given me over the 9 years that I have been editing this magazine. Now that we have been in Cornwall for over a year and our involvement in our local area continues to increase I felt that now is the time to hang up my quill and pass on the role to someone in the Benefice. Unfortunately nobody has been forthcoming so Rev Gary Best is going to take it on so I trust that you will continue to show him the level of support you have shown me over the years.

Wishing you all the best - see you when we are back in Suffolk.

God Bless, Alison xxx

## SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2022

Church	August 7th Trinity 8 <i>Green</i>	Aug 14th Trinity 9 <i>Green</i>	Aug 21st Trinity 10 <i>Green</i>	Aug 28th Trinity 11 <i>Green</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer	8.30am Holy Communion	
Chars field w. Debach	↓		6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion
Cretingham	↓	10am Morning Prayer	10am Holy Communion	
Dallinghoo	↓	6.30pm Holy Communion	10am Family Service	
Earl Soham	Aug 10th 10am Mid Week Morning Prayer	10am Family Service	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
Hoo	10am Benefice Holy Communion	8.30am Holy Communion	Aug 24th 10am Mid Week Morning Prayer	8.30am Morning Prayer
Monewden	↑	10am Holy Communion		10am Family Service
Letheringham	↑	Wed 17th 6.30pm Evening Prayer		

## READINGS FOR AUGUST 2022

Date	Holy Communion	Morning and Evening Prayer	Psalm
Aug 7th	2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 Matthew 14: 13-21		
Aug 14th	Hebrews 11: 19 - 12:2 Luke 12: 49-56		Psalm 119: 33-48
Aug 21st	Hebrews 12: 18-end Luke 13: 10-17		Psalm 119: 49-56
Aug 28th	Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14		Psalm 119: 81-88

The Benefice Holy Communion  
On Sunday 4th September  
Will be held at  
St Marys, Ashfield  
10am  
All Welcome

## CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

### Church Rotas

Date	Readers	Sides person
<b>7<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>10am Benefice Holy Communion, Hoo</b>	<b>Benefice Holy Communion</b> <b>Hoo</b> <b>All welcome</b>	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>No Service at Charsfield.</b> <b>Please check the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice</b>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Stephanie</b> <b>Margaret</b>	<b>Margaret</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>10am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Ros</b> <b>Linda</b>	<b>Linda</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>10am Benefice Holy Communion, Ashfield</b>	<b>Benefice Holy Communion</b> <b>Ashfield</b> <b>All welcome</b>	

### Cleaning Rota

<b>14th Aug</b>	<b>28th</b>
<b>Gill &amp; Beverley</b>	<b>Ros &amp; Lucy</b>

### Flower Rota

<b>6th &amp; 13th Aug</b>	<b>20th &amp; 27th</b>
<b>Joyce Whitley</b>	<b>Maureen Arbon</b>



### Thanks from St Peter's PCC

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning and Summer Sale at the Village Hall on 2 July in aid of St Peter's Church. Attendance was down on previous years but nevertheless there was a fantastic atmosphere in the Hall and a very high standard of goodies for sale; huge thanks to the stall holders who worked so hard to make it a success, the customers who spent so freely and those who so generously donated cakes, bric-a-brac, plants and money. In all we made just over £300 – not a bad effort and a welcome addition to Church funds. Thank you again.

*Charsfield Baptist  
Coffee Pot, every Tuesday  
morning at the  
new time of 10.30am -  
12 in the Chapel Hall.  
Everyone welcome*



*Please note that for the summer, our morning prayers in the Chapel will be at the earlier time of 9.30 - 10.30am.*

*There will be no Sing-along Supper in August. We hope to begin again in the Autumn, and the date will be announced in due course.*



### **Charsfield and Dallingham Women's Institute**

We invite you to join us or visit us and enjoy interesting speakers, friendly company and excellent catering!

Our meetings are held at either Dallingham village hall (in the summer) or Charsfield village hall (in the winter) on the second Monday of the month at 7.45pm.

Guests and new members are always welcome - for more information contact the secretary Ros Bayley at [ros.bayley@gmail.com](mailto:ros.bayley@gmail.com) or 01473 737171

We would love to have some new members join us to make 2022 a better year! Give us a try, come along as a guest and see what we're like!

Our meeting on 8th August is our Garden Party at Silver Birches.

### **CHARSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We have been working really hard at Charsfield Primary School and the children and staff are very excited about the new improvements we have been making to the school.

Firstly, the children are loving the revamped library and it is delightful to hear squeals of joy as the children change their books. Pupils have volunteered to be librarians and are taking their roles very seriously! In addition to this, the school introduced a Reading Challenge across the school where pupils achieve certificates for reading a certain number of times. Some pupils have exceeded 230 reads since January! As a school we love reading, and once a week the whole school has a "share a story, share a biscuit" session where pupils take turns to share a story with the rest of the school, this is brilliant for pupils to gain confidence in public speaking and a lovely way to end the school week.

Next is our lovely Forest Schools area. The children take part in these weekly sessions as part of our wellbeing programme. They love being outdoors with nature, making and building things and the mud kitchen is a big hit too! To further develop our mental health and wellbeing programme we have spruced up our outdoor reflection area; this is a quiet space where children can go at break and lunchtimes to colour, read or sit quietly with friends. We have also added a weekly audio book for the children to listen to a story if they would like to. This area is proving to be very popular and has been a roaring success.



To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, we made some scarecrow pupils enjoying a tea party in front of the school! They looked so realistic that we had members of the community comment on them thinking we had some new pupils!

Our summer performance of Wind in the Willows has been a great success. The children played their parts beautifully and the singing was first class. Comments from the children include: "This is my best night ever!" and "This is the highlight of my year!". The audience were bopping in their seats and laughing at all of the jokes.

We have been delighted to welcome our new pupils starting with us in September for some transition mornings in July, and they were really excited to explore the updated Early Years outdoor space. If you would like to see what our wonderful school can offer your family, please join us for one of our open mornings on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October or Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. We would be delighted to show you around. Please take a look at our website [www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk) for up-to-date information.

Mrs Reeve  
Head of School



## ASHFIELD NOTES

'On behalf of all residents of Ashfield-cum-Thorpe we would like to express our gratitude to Robert Grimsey for organising the supply of two beautiful 'Queen Elizabeth' Maple trees for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations held in Ashfield. They will provide a living memory of the Queen's incredible 70 years reign and give much pleasure to everyone in the years to come. Thank you Robert for not only so generously making this happen but for everything you do all the year around for the betterment of Ashfield for us residents!'

## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

On Saturday 4th June a good number of Ashfield folk of all ages gathered in the grounds of the Village Hall for a BBQ hosted by the Community Council for residents. It was really good to be able to be together without any restrictions following a very difficult two years. The weather was very kind to us as well, enabling people to sit around and catch up with friends and neighbours alike. At 4pm the Chairman of the Parish Council Robert Grimsey called everybody to order for a tree 'planting' ceremony to mark the occasion. In a speech he reflected on aspects of village life over the last 70 years. Did you know that in 1952 there were at least 14 working farms, now there is really only one, the rest being worked from outside of the parish. There were only around 50 dwellings, now there are 87! The night soil man was still visiting, mains sewage didn't arrive until the 1980's. It is interesting to note that there are I believe now only four adults who can claim to be truly 'lifelong' Ashfield residents, in 1952 almost all would have lived here all their lives and many would also have found employment in the village for the most part working on the many farms or domestic service at the bigger houses. We also learned that the 1952 Coronation party was hosted by the Youngman family at Thorpe Hall, a walk across the field for many! The tree which was already in the ground was topped off by a village celebrity, Doreen Baxter the oldest lifelong resident of the parish ably assisted by her niece. Following this everyone was encouraged to stand and we heartily sang the National Anthem. My thanks to the Community Council for all of their efforts in making this truly unique event such a memorable occasion.  
RG.

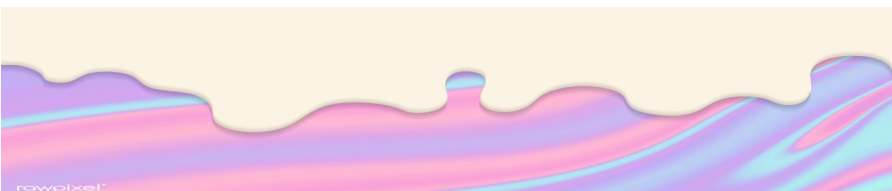
## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.**

At the July meeting as well as the routine business of planning and finance we discussed the failure of SCC Highways to cut the roadside verges again this year. It was agreed that the clerk would pursue this with them because of the safety implications to residents with no pedestrian refuge. Still on the subject of road safety the Council also agreed to press SCC to clear the overgrown visibility splays along the A1120 at its junction with The Street. The Chairman has reported this and a response has come in saying the required work will be done within 20 working days. Since we discussed this we have become aware of a rather serious accident having taken place in this vicinity. Hopefully the planned works will help prevent any such recurrence.

Whilst on the subject of hedges I would like to remind everyone that any roadside hedge should be maintained at least 50cm back from the side of the road. At the present time there are a few rather overgrown hedges in the village. It would be appreciated by all that these be cut back in the near future please. If anyone is concerned by the implications of this please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman Robert Grimsey who can advise on the best course of action. In extreme cases SCC can serve hedge cutting notices requiring work to be undertaken to their specification, hopefully this will not be necessary in Ashfield!

I know that some of you make use of the SCC Highways Reporting Tool to report highways related issues. It would be very helpful to the Parish Council if you could let us have knowledge of the report number you receive as this enables us to monitor the situation and on occasion possibly get the problem resolved more promptly.

The next scheduled meeting is on Monday 12th September in the Village Hall.  
RG.



## ***LEATHERINGHAM NOTES***

Historian Nicky Reynolds gave an informative and entertaining Monday Mardle entitled **Soil Cinderellas** on the often overlooked contribution that the **Women's Land Army** made to the war effort in both the First & Second World Wars in East Anglia on June 6<sup>th</sup> in Easton Farm Park's Riverside Café.



The Mardle was very well attended and raised some £355 towards the Church restoration fund. Our Thanks to Nicky for her delightful presentation and to Fiona Siddall for allowing us to use the Riverside Café for this event.

Wednesday evening's 15<sup>th</sup> June Evensong Service, was the first service to be held by our new priest-in-charge Revd Gary Best and we hope that with his leadership and our help we can help rebuild St Mary's congregation.

### **"Teddy bears are Go" Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2pm entrance free**

There will be a fundraiser at St Mary's Church Letheringham at which Children are invited to see their Teddy bears parachute from the top of the Church tower. The bear that achieves the greatest distance will receive a prize. There will be hot and cold drinks available together with cakes, cream scones and many other delicious treats. If the practice session is anything to go by great fun will be had by all.

### **Charity Bridge Drive Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 1pm to 4.30 pm**

After our Summer break our next event will be held in Easton Village Hall on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The fee is £40 per table of four or individuals £10 for the charity Bridge Drive, afternoon tea and cake included. There will also be prizes and a raffle. Chicago scoring will be used. So for all you bridge players out there you have plenty of time between now and then to brush up on your own and your partners bidding technique. Do come along it should be a great afternoon.



**The Autumn programme of Mardles opens with:  
"A Life in the Royal Air Force" presented by Air Vice  
Marshall Bill Rimmer CB, OBE, 5<sup>th</sup> September 7pm**

**Venue,** Letheringham & Easton Village Hall, Entrance, £10 includes a complementary Glass of wine and nibbles  
October's Mardle will be:

**"The Girls of Little America" presented by Sophie  
Green a local Historian, 10<sup>th</sup> October 7pm**

Sophie focuses on the untold story of the American women (nicknamed Donut Dollies) that arrived in East Anglia from America during WW2 to support the troops in WW2.

**Venue,** Letheringham & Easton Village Hall Entrance £10 includes a complementary Glass of wine and nibbles

If you have not been to a Mardle, give it a try and come along for an informative and enjoyable evening. All proceeds to St Mary's Letheringham restoration fund

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST MARY LETHERINGHAM

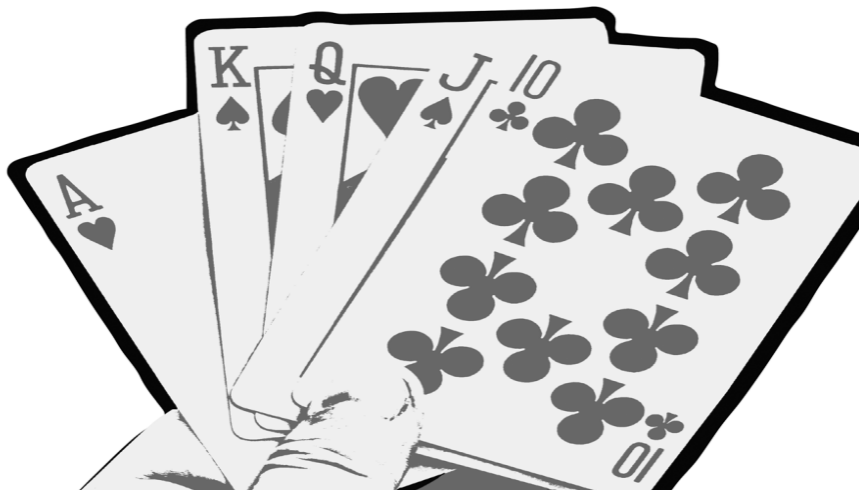
## Charity Bridge Drive

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Easton And Letheringham  
Village Hall, Easton  
1pm - 4.30pm

£40 Per Table To Include  
Afternoon Tea And Cake  
Raffle And Prizes  
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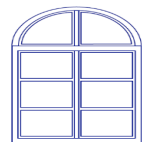
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