

MID-LOES BENEFICE MAGAZINE

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

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Benefice Communion Service

10am

Sunday 6th November

St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo

All Welcome

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Who's Who continues on the inside back cover

The Deadline for contributions to the
DECEMBER-JANUARY edition is
SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

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November 2022

From The Rectory...

Being Still...

‘Remember, remember the Fifth of November’, words from the famous poem, remembering the Gunpowder Plot, the story of which I am sure you are familiar with. But, November is a time of Remembering.

This year, on 13th November across our benefice, we will remember those who have given their lives through war and conflict. But, as we remember, we stand still for a few minutes, we remember and then move on, continuing our busy lives.

But, should we not consider standing still more often? Should we not make time in our busy lives to just be, to be still, to take a break, to be still and breathe.

I cannot deny that this is something that I haven’t modelled too well in my life, ‘do as I say, not as I do’, springs to mind, but to be still in life I now know to be so important on many levels.

Being still gives us a chance to look within ourselves to find what it is that we want to do as opposed to what we should do. It gives us an opportunity to try and discover within ourselves the things that

might make us happy. For me, it provides a time to listen to God, to open my mind and my heart to hear what He is saying.

For you, being still may be different. It may be that it provides a relief from the stresses of life that many experience. Our constantly running around trying to jump over the obstacles that life throws at us is good enough reason to stop, be still and breathe.

Moments to ourselves help us gain perspective. It is important to always remember the things that make us happy. So, during this month of November, perhaps take time to renew a hobby; to write; to spending time with loved ones... or just be still and breathe.

Love and Blessings, Revd Gary Best



Growing in God

Please join us at the benefice service, taking place on

Sunday 6th November 2022 - 10am

St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo

Where a new initiative for the benefice will be unveiled, focussing on:

- Growing in Depth
- Growing in Influence
- Growing in Number
- Growing Younger

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

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Margaret Salter - 01473 737 182

Mary Vellacott - 01728 685423

Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence .



St. Peter's Church, Charsfield,

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Donations to the Food Bank were collected at St. Peter's Church as part of the Harvest celebration by the village, congregation, and primary school at Charsfield. Eight large bags, full of food donations were delivered to Waveney Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously. Responding to the cost of living rises the Food Bank Donation Box will remain in the porch of St. Peter's Church for donations of non-perishable food. There is an urgent need for long-life fruit juices, sugar, and instant mashed potato. At present the Food Bank has enough cereal, pasta, and soup.

Donations of toiletries, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hand wipes, washing detergent, washing up liquid, toilet paper and baby supplies (such as nappies, wipes, and baby food) would also be very welcome.

EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses — St. Mary's	
NOVEMBER	Mrs Patterson / Mrs Tinkler
DECEMBER	Any offers of help gratefully received
Any Problems Ring Lyn—685278	

SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

Saturday 10th September 2022



St Mary's Church Earl Soham welcomed 22 riders to the church, which is really encouraging and well up on last year. Two young boys

from the village supported by their parents visited 22 churches, between them raising £240 for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The money raised will be equally divided between St. Mary's Church Earl Soham and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Well done boys this is an incredible result! So another positive! We would like to thank their sponsors for such generous support. On a personal note I would like to thank those dedicated folk who sit in the church to welcome riders. It makes such a difference to have smiling faces to greet weiry riders at the end of a hard time in the saddle!

Mary Patterson

Contributions to the Magazine

Please note that any contributions to the magazine need to be sent to the following e-mail address: **midloesmagazine@gmail.com**

**Start the Christmas Season
with us on**

Saturday 26th November



**TEA, COFFEE
AND
MINCE PIES**

**EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL
2.30am - 4.30pm**

COME AND MAKE A CHRISTINGLE

**Books - Cakes - Preserves - Tombola
..... and more**

PROCEEDS TO ST MARYS EARL SOHAM



**ALL AGE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
10am Sunday 27th November
ALL WELCOME**



DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

Just recently the Government revealed its A, B,C, D approach for the health service, which lays out some unarguably important priorities for the NHS - Ambulances, Backlog, Care, Doctors & Dentists. However, the A, B, C, D approach also induces a weary roll of the eyes. As a doctor, I know that targets and league tables have consistently failed to positively change how health care is delivered or how patients experience care. If good healthcare was about targets, then the NHS would already be in great shape.

Over the past decade, our health service has received significant increases in funding. In Suffolk, we have seen a new heart unit at Ipswich Hospital and improvements to local maternity services. But if we really care about our NHS, and want to see a health and care service that continues to be the envy of the world, we must also recognise that hand in hand with additional funding must go reform. Far too often, politics gets in the way of the development of sensible healthcare policy and the NHS becomes a political football where the only losers are patients.

I am deeply concerned by the lack of meaningful debate about the future of the health system. At its creation, the NHS was visionary. Three quarters of a century later, facing unprecedented pressures, it is ill equipped to cope with the dramatically different health needs of today's population.

A health service largely built to provide episodic and acute care, is now heavily dominated by the treatment and management of chronic conditions and multi-morbidity. Healthcare is accounting for an ever growing share of public spending, yet on many indicators, the health of the population is deteriorating. Whilst, this is broadly true of all high income health systems, our hospital centric model is no longer fit for purpose.

Despite successive plans and strategies to shift focus and expenditure towards prevention and community based care, little real progress has

been made, with the recent creation of integrated care boards also doing little, if anything, to shift the dial. In fact, NHS spending on hospitals as a share of health spending has been increasing since 2015. An urgent rethink is needed.

A meaningful move to community based care is essential. It must be driven by proper integration of NHS with social care services, and be supported by a realistic workforce plan to ensure the right numbers of frontline healthcare professionals are trained and retained to deliver patient care.

The latest A,B,C,D approach, like many health policies before it, is a mere sticking plaster. It is now time for an honest conversation about how we improve the health of the nation and radically radical transform the delivery of health care for the benefit of patients.

For more information, please visit my website: www.drdanielpoulter.com

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CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota		
	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
November	Mrs Mayhew	Mrs Oliver & Mrs Walker
December	Miss Chenery	Mrs Runacres



COFFEE & CHAT this month is on
Thursday 10th November, 10.30am– 12.30pm in
St. Peters Church, Cretingham. SEE YOU THERE xx

THANK YOU... A big thank you to everyone who made **Rosemary Abbott's Funeral service** a memorable occasion, including Revd Wendy Gourlay, Pauline Cobley, Alister Gourlay. The flowers were wonderful, so many thanks to all the flower arrangers and to Eric Brown for tolling the Bell.

Thanks once again. God Bless you all, James and Julia, Ivan and Janet.

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Harvest with us. Our Harvest Supper was a joyous occasion of meeting together, sharing supper and finishing with a paper plane contest! The supper was followed the next day, with our Harvest Festival Service with St. Peters decorated with our harvest gifts. These have now been collected and taken to a local Foodbank. Thank-you everyone.

Services for November in St. Peters Church

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is on 13th November at **10.50am**, with the service led by Revd Kathleen Martin.

HOLY COMMUNION on 20th November at 10am , with the service led by Revd Gary Best.

CRETINGHAM NOTES

Christmas at St. Peter's...

Christmas Stalls 10-12 in Church on Saturday 10th December.

Chance to see the wonderful flower displays, buy some Christmas goodies, have a coffee & chat with friends.

Carol Service Sunday 18th December at 11 am followed by mincepies.

Carol Singing at the Pub 7 pm start singing at the Cretingham Bell by kind invitation of Clare and Paul on Wednesday 21st December.

Christmas Day at 10.00 am will be an all age worship (approx.. 45 mins) with extended Communion.

RIDE and STRIDE 2022

CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS to Monty Gardiner and Larry Bosman who, between them raised over £550 by their participation in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event in September.

Monty, who has just joined Year 7 at Thomas Mills High School, closely followed all the way by Mum, Linda, visited churches across our particular part of Suffolk and, with the help of generous sponsors, raised in excess of £350 with some cash still to be added. A great effort Monty - thank you for devoting a day of your weekend to supporting St Peter's and other Suffolk churches.

Larry opted for shank's pony and strode the miles between churches in our Benefice of Mid-Loes and our neighbours in Orebeck. Thank you Larry (and your sponsors) for adding a further £200 to the sum raised for our home parish.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust have given grants to St Peter's in the past and half of the sponsorship money raised is retained to enable them to continue supporting renovation, repair and conservation work in Suffolk's 400+ medieval church buildings. The other half comes directly back to us at St Peter's and will be an important addition to our funds as we look at options to develop a community space within the church along with toilet facilities and a kitchen.

THANK YOU to Monty, Larry and everyone who generously sponsored them.

MONNEWDEN NOTES

DATE	FLOWERS & BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSION	COFFEE
Nov 6th		L. Grier		
13th	M. Gibson		J. Dinwiddy	C. Saxby
20th		F. Watts & C. Saxby		
27th	J. Coe		W. Heath	L. Grier

Readers: Nov 13th Remembrance Sunday—Jill and Paul.
Nov 27th All-Age Service.

Coffee Morning: This month on **Saturday, 19th November** we will be holding our Coffee Morning in the village hall from 10am onwards. Coffee, tea, breakfast and bacon rolls will be served. Come and join us, the draw for the 100 Club prizes for November will take place during the morning.

100 Club Winners: October: 1 £25 K. Dorsett; 2 £15 R. Atchinson;
3 £10 S. Rose

AKENFIELD the film will be screened in Monewden Village Hall on **Friday, November 18**. See main advert elsewhere in the magazine for full details and booking contacts.

WINE TASTING: It's back after an absence of three years, and will be held in the village hall on **Friday, November 25th at 7.30 p.m.** in aid of Monewden Church Appeal Fund. Good wine, good food and good company, what more could you ask for! As in previous years Jonathan Williamson from Wines of Interest will be talking us through a tasting session delivered in his usual entertaining and informative style. Tickets will be £14.50, including buffet, and can be obtained from David Grier on 737298 or Brian Martin on 737285.



JOIN US
IN MONEWDEN TO
CELEBRATE
CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER

CAROLS
IN THE CHURCH

& CHEERS
AT THE POP UP PUB

THE OLD MILL
IN THE VILLAGE HALL



Charsfield and Dallinghoo 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 Dallinghoo 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 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!

St Elizabeth Hospice Coffee Morning

Once again with kind permission of Jan, the annual Coffee Morning in aid of The St Elizabeth Hospice will be held at 2, St. Peter's Close, Charsfield, on Saturday 26th November 2022 from 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 will also be collecting your loose change along with coins you may have saved/collected (UK currency only please).

We look forward to seeing you on the day.



Joyce & Dave Whitley 01473 737549

AKENFIELD

A screening of Akenfield

Friday 18th November at 7.15pm

Monewden Village Hall

(As featured in Peter Hall's iconic film)

The 1974 film of *Akenfield* was made on location in Hoo, Debach, Charsfield, Monewden, Dallinghoo, Letheringham, Burgh and Pettistree.



*Interval refreshments in
the style of a 1970's wake*



A piece of East Anglian history

Please book seats, (due to limited hall capacity)

Mark Saunders - 07539 934218 mrksndrs403@aol.co.uk

Brian Martin - 01473 737285 b.a.martin@btconnect.com

No admission charge but donations gratefully received

Profits to Hoo and Monewden PCC

DALLINGHOO NOTES

St Mary's, Dallingham – Our final Phase III has started

The final phase of our repair programme has started. The focus is on internal repairs and so having erected all the scaffolding the church is shut until they are completed – due to be by 28th October.

The main challenges are to:

- Remove all the flaking plaster, repair the cracks and then replaster
- Modify two of the windows in the north and south nave to enable secure ventilation
- Repair the areas of the floor where tiles have come loose
- Clean and inspect all the woodwork and walls
- Where needed, repair and treat the wood worm and death watch beetle infestations
- And finally, to redecorate

This phase will cost about £35,000 but it is not too late to help us, so do please make a donation by visiting our JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/search?q=Dallingham>.



Dallingham Hall Village Quiz

**Saturday 19th November
at 6.45pm**

(In aid of the Village Hall disabled toilet fund)

Revetts Sausage Supper and Dessert

Adults £10 Children under 15 - £5

Raffle (any contributions welcome)

Teams of 6 approximately

To book please contact Pauline on 01473. 737830
or auntiepoohfromdallingham@gmail.com



Great Tea,
Coffee... and
delicious cake!

Please join us for

Coffee & Chat

on

Saturday 5th November

10am-12noon

Held in the Church Vestry

This phase will cost about £35,000 but it is not too late to help us, so do please make a donation by visiting our JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/search?q=Dallinghoo>.



The roof timber inspection has already found some very interesting carvings that were all once beautifully painted but have been covered over for years by layers of grime. We are cleaning this off and so watch out for some spectacular pictures once we are finished.



Church Services for November

November 6th - 10am - Benefice Holy Communion

November 13th - 10.45am - Remembrance

November 20th - 10am - All Age Service

Come and join us, all are very welcome!

Worshipping in the Village Hall

Dallinghoo worship in October took place in the village hall. It is a lovely venue and we enjoyed the change. Revd Gary took the second Sunday communion. On Oct 15th we had a lovely harvest service with Amber leading. Her talk was on Jesus's parable



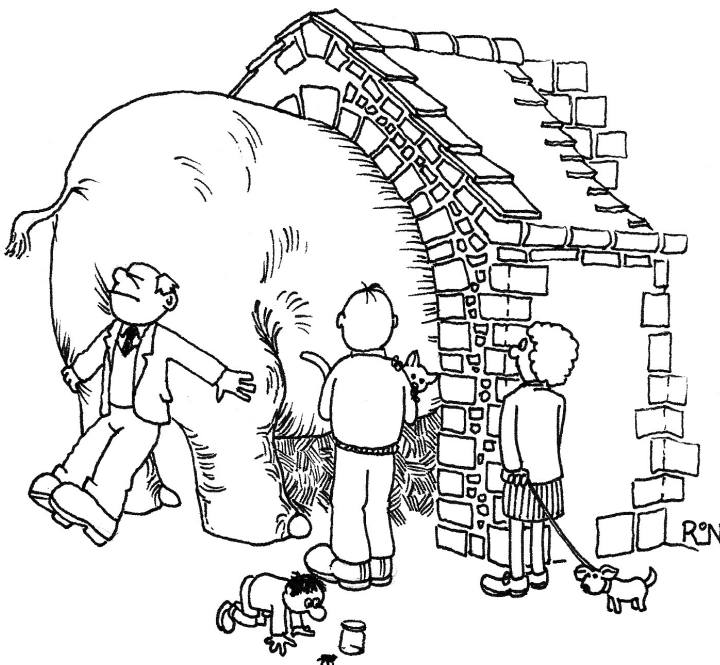
about the mustard seed and she spoke about how the mustard seed was the smallest seed, but grew into a huge plant. Jesus taught that although the Kingdom of God started small, with Jesus and the disciples, it would grow and spread across the world to unlimited numbers of followers. Amber told us that today there are billions of followers of Jesus, of every race and nation. She encouraged us to share our faith, even in

a small way, so that out of our sharing, there would be more followers of Jesus.

Jonathan Perkis kindly lent us two lovely sheaves of thatching straw to decorate the hall.



At the end of the service, Annabel shared about a book she had recently read, which tied in with Amber's talk. It is "The Ten Second Rule" by Clare de Graaf, and encourages us to follow God's promptings in life before those negative doubts creep in.



*Eventually they decided to hold the
pets' service outdoors*

“CRAFTSMANSHIP IN SILVER”

A Short Overview of The Silversmith's Craft

A talk by Graeme Sagar

CHARSFIELD VILLAGE HALL

7:30pm Monday 21st November

No charge but donations to the funds of our village church, St. Peter's,
would be gratefully received

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

18th to 25th November 2022

You Don't Have to Drink to Suffer from Alcoholism

Al-Anon Family Groups UK & Eire are there for anyone whose life is or has been affected by someone else's drinking.

Our members provide meetings in all major towns and cities and are committed to being there for you when you need help. Whatever your relationship with the drinker, you will find other people who have similar stories to tell. You will realise that you are not alone.

Listening to the shared experiences of others may help you find the confidence you need to deal with the effects of someone else's drinking. You will find it is possible to rediscover happiness, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not.

Your anonymity is protected because we only use first names. You will not be asked for any other details about yourself or the drinker. Anything discussed within an Al-Anon meeting is treated as confidential, including your presence at the meeting.

Al-Anon meetings are free. We accept donations from members towards running costs and buying literature so that we can be self-supporting. We give only what we can afford.

What we are not

Al-Anon is not a therapy group. We do not offer counselling or advice or try to explain your experiences.

We are not a religious organisation and welcome those of all faiths and none, treating everyone as equals. We discourage discussion about religion, politics and other outside topics.

How do I get help?

We want to make it as simple and easy as possible for you to get to a meeting where you will find others who have also had family members

or friends who are problem drinkers.

The best way to find out what Al-Anon is all about and how we can help you is to attend a meeting, where you will be warmly welcomed. You can also visit <https://www.al-anonuk.org.uk> where there is information you can read or download, including podcasts.

You can either use our 'Find a Meeting' link at: <https://www.al-anonuk.org.uk/find-a-meeting/> or call our helpline: **0800 0086 811**, which is available every day of the year from 10.00am to 10.00pm. Our experienced, friendly helpline volunteers will be able to provide full details of Al-Anon meetings near you. There is also an online contact form.

With over 700 groups spread across the UK and Eire, there is likely to be an Al-Anon Family Group meeting accessible to you.

All meetings are free to attend and open to anybody affected by another's drinking.

Virtual (online and telephone) meetings

Although most Al-Anon members prefer the closeness and safety of a physical meeting space, we understand that this is not always convenient for everyone.

The Al-Anon World Service Office (WSO) provides a range of online and telephone meetings. This ensures that there is always somewhere you can turn to when you need support.

Please visit <https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/electronic-meetings/> to find out more.

Al-Anon Family Groups

Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics



CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Church Rotas		
Date	Readers	Sides person
6th November Benefice Holy Communion	Benefice Holy Communion, Dallinghoo. All Welcome!	
13th November 10.45am Remembrance Sunday 3pm Remembrance Service Debach	Readers to be confirmed	
20th November	No Service at Charsfield. Please check the magazine for details of other services within the Benefice	
27th November	Kurt Sheila	Sheila

Cleaning Rota	
13th November	27th November
Linda and Kurt	Gill and Beverley
Many thanks to all who clean the Church. Any problems please let Lucy know on 737231.	

Flower Rota			
November 5th	November 12th	November 19th	November 26th
Lucy Fox	Gill Winkworth	Gill Winkworth	Bev Gugenheim

Charsfield Baptist Coffee Pot,
held every
Tuesday morning
10.30am - 12noon in the
Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome



Charsfield Baptist... starting in November, our Sunday services at 11 am will be held in the **Chapel Hall** for the winter months.

Our November Sing-along Supper will be on **Friday 11th November** at **6.30pm**. All welcome. No tickets required.

The chapel will continue to be open for prayer each morning, but do note the change of time for the winter months : 10 - 11 am. Please drop in for as long or short a time as you wish.

Charsfield Recreation Ground Committee

The AGM will be held in the committee room of Charsfield Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th November.

Three of the longest serving members of the committee, Jo Wyatt, John Fox and Jan Pedgrift will be retiring at this meeting due to other commitments. So, this is a recruiting drive! Please do consider joining the committee. We need new blood and fresh ideas if the recreation ground is to carry on as an asset to the village. There are usually only 3 meetings a year but plenty going on in between by way of fund raising and maintaining the field. Give Jan Pedgrift a ring on 01473 737701 to discuss further or just come along on 17th November.

Services for November 2022

Church	November 6th Trinity 21 <i>Green</i>	November 13th Trinity 22 <i>Green</i>	November 20th Christ the King <i>Red</i>	November 27th Advent Sunday <i>Purple</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer and Remembrance (GB)	8.30am Holy Communion (GB)	
Charsfield w. Debach	↓	10.45am Remembrance 3pm Debach Remembrance		10am Holy Communion (GB)
Cretingham	↓	10.50am Remembrance (KM)	10am Holy Communion (GB)	
Dallinghoo	10am Benefice HC (GB)	10.45am Remembrance (GB)	10am All-Age Service (JR)	
Earl Soham	↑	10.45am Remembrance (CW)	10am Holy Communion (WG)	10am Christingle (JR)
Hoo	↑	8.30am Remembrance (GB)		8.30am Morning Prayer (GB)
Moneewden	↑	10.45am HC Remembrance (WG)		10am All-Age Service (APW)
Letheringham	↑	Joint Service with Hoo		

Key to Service Leader: GB = Revd Gary Best; KM = Revd Kathleen Martin;
WG = Revd Wendy Gourlay; JR = Jo Reed, Lay Elder;
MV = Mary Vellacott, Lay Elder; APW = Amber Pearce Williams, Lay Elder;
VM = Veda Berriman, Reader; CW = Churchwarden.

Bible Readings for November2022

Date	Readings	Psalm
Nov 6th	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5 Luke 20: 27-38	
Nov 13th	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19	98
Nov 20th	Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke 23: 33-43	46
Nov 27th	Romans 13: 11-end Matthew 24: 36-44	122

Re-Commissioning of Elders Sunday 4th December St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham

Please join us at St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham, where we will give thanks for the service of our Benefice Lay Elders.

At the service, we will be joined by Bishop Mike who will preach and lead the re-commissioning of our Elders.

Please join us for this special service which will be followed with light refreshments.

All Are Welcome

Contributions to the Magazine

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ASHFIELD NOTES

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2022.

Ashfield will remember its war dead on Sunday 13th November at the end of the Evening Prayer service that starts at 6.30pm. If you wish to come along solely for the Act of Remembrance please be in the church by 7pm.

RG.

CAROL SERVICE 2022.

Because the World Cup Final takes place on the Sunday before Christmas it is necessary to change the arrangements for our Carol Service which will now take place on **Tuesday 20th December** at 7pm. The traditional style service will be led by Revd Gary and as usual be followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

RG.

OVERGROWN HEDGEROWS.

Thank you to all residents who have in recent weeks trimmed back or cut their roadside hedges. This maintenance is important in that overgrown hedges are a danger to pedestrians and motorists alike. The requirements [national standards] are that all hedges should be at least 50cm [20"] back from the edge of the highway to a minimum height of 3m [10'] so as to provide pedestrian refuge. Where this cannot be achieved and particularly where visibility is compromised the hedge should be maintained at a height no greater than 1.05m [42"]. If you are struggling to see approaching vehicles when exiting your driveway the chances are action is required! At the time of writing around eight premises require remedial works to be undertaken.

At the recent Parish Council Meeting it was resolved that Robert Grimsey will visit residences where hedgerows are in need of attention. Anyone with concerns about their hedges or perhaps in need of help to get them cut back is invited to contact Robert [robert@rwgrimsey.co.uk], he will advise and or help if he can.

As a last resort if all other options fail SCC Highways will serve 'hedge cutting notices' requiring the work to be undertaken within a given time-scale, hopefully that will not be necessary in Ashfield! RG.

ASHFIELD NOTES

BLOCKED DITCHES.

Whilst most ditches/watercourses are still dry at present it is important to remember that before long they will be providing vital surface water drainage. All properties with ditches within their curtilage are encouraged to ensure that all rubbish and obstructions are removed so that water can flow away properly. If anyone has concerns about a blocked ditch they are encouraged to contact the landowner concerned [if known] who has responsibility to ensure their watercourses function efficiently! As a last resort contact any member of the Parish Council so that concerns can be addressed.
RG.

FOOTPATHS.

At the present time it is believed that the footpaths within Ashfield-cum-Thorpe are in good order and without obstruction. We are aware of a few missing signs that will be replaced over the winter. Anyone using FP32 [shortcut from Grove Farm to Waddle Goose Lane] is asked to exercise caution whilst crossing the sleeper bridge where a sleeper has rotted. SCC are aware of this yet to date have not been able to provide us with a date when a repair will be undertaken. We will continue to press for this to be done as a matter of urgency. Should you encounter any problems out on the footpaths of Ashfield please let Malcolm Pease or Robert Grimsey know so that appropriate action can be taken.
Thank you and enjoy your walks! AFG.

Events at Ashfield Village Hall

Saturday November 19th 7.30 pm - Wine Tasting, hosted by Richard Ellis. 6 different bottles to be sampled, delicious soup and bread/crackers to be provided for an entry fee of £12 per ticket, to be purchased in advance or on the door.

Saturday December 3rd 7.00pm onwards - Christmas Social. Similar to a pop-up pub but with a Christmas theme. Customers can bring plates of seasonal nibbles if they wish.

Sunday December 11th 10.30am onwards - Coffee morning, all welcome.

LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

The church was beautifully adorned for the Harvest Thanksgiving service held on Sunday 25th September. Non-perishable food items brought to the church were delivered to the Salvation Army, and £100 from the collection was donated to the Salvation Army Kitchen in Woodbridge.



“The Girls of Little America”

Women at War during WW2 specialist and Living History re-enactor Sophie Green gave a very enlightening Monday Mardle entitled “The Girls of Little America”, the untold story of the thousands of American women who answered to call of duty to serve as nurses and soldiers, and in the American Red Cross

in East Anglia during the war.

The Mardle was held at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall and raised £130 towards the church restoration fund.

Our next Monday Mardle will be presented by Graham Murchie, Trustee at Bawdsey Radar, entitled “The Eyes of the Few”, detailing early radar, events leading to the development and establishment of the worlds first operational radar station at Bawdsey, and how it was used during and post WW2 including the Battle of Britain. This will take place at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall, on Monday November 7th at 7pm. Entrance £10 including a complementary glass of wine and nibbles.

This years’ Service of Remembrance will be a joint service with Hoo church, where it will take place at 8.30am on Sunday 13th November.

Letheringham PCC would like to thank Ruth, Helen, Sue, and Paul Clarke for their support on the flower and cleaning rota; we are extremely sad to hear that they are leaving.

Maggie Aggiss, Churchwarden
for St. Marys Priory Church Letheringham.

The eyes of the few

The fascinating story of the development of the worlds first operational Radar Station at Bawdsey in Suffolk



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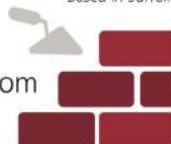
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