

MID-LOES BENEFICE MAGAZINE

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

OCTOBER 2022



Benefice Communion Service

10am

Sunday 2nd October 2022

St. Mary's Church, Monewden

All Welcome

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SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER

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October 2022

From The Rectory...

A time for shared grief... a time of reflection

As I write this lead for the October magazine, I do so on the day of our late Queen's funeral, a day of a nation, a Commonwealth, a global community joining together in saying our final farewell to our late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

On this day, it would be wrong of me not to acknowledge the service that has been undertaken throughout our benefice in respect of churches being prepared with Books of Condolence and churches prepared to welcome anyone who sought a moment of calm and reflection as they focussed on their own memories of our late Queen. A personal thank you goes out to the Churchwardens, the Bell Ringers and the many people who have carried out their roles with dignity and with such respect towards our community and our late Queen.

Being able to share my own thoughts through various services over the past 12 days, was a real privilege as I wanted to focus on Queen Elizabeth's devotion to her faith, a lady who for me, epitomised everything that it means to be a disciple of Christ, a lady who believed that her becoming Queen was God's will, God's calling. Through her many public addresses, including her annual Christmas Speeches, we were always made aware of her devotion to her faith, but through her devotion, we were provided with an example of what it means to serve others with dignity, grace and love.

There are so many examples of her words that any person, of faith or none, can take forward into their lives, making our world a better place, but for me personally, the following words shared through our late Queen's 2014 Christmas Speech, say so much,

‘For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.

A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none.’

May God grace our King in his reign as he graced his mother's in hers.

Love and Blessings, Revd Gary Best



A Prayer for October

Loving, Creator God,

Thank you for your wonderful creation. In these days of concern about climate change and the damage caused by modern lifestyles and choices, help us to be more aware.

Help us to make good choices. Help us to be good stewards of your creation.

We thank you for your generosity. You provide for us, more than enough to meet the needs of all people. Help us to play our part in making sure there is fair distribution of all your provision. Help us to reflect your generosity, your compassion, your justice.

Help us to care for your world and your precious children.

In Jesus name,

Amen

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 .



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

An opportunity for you to have your say on your church and what it might look like for the future in serving our parishes and wider communities.

EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses — St. Mary's	
OCTOBER	Mrs Kerridge / Mrs Roberts
NOVEMBER	Mrs Patterson/Mrs Tinkler
Any Problems Ring Lyn—685278 <i>'Thank you for all the Harvest displays'</i>	

Earl Soham 100 Club

The Annual Club Draw will be held on Saturday 22nd October in the Village Hall at 10am for a 10.30am Draw.

If you have not yet renewed or subscribed please do so by the 30th September deadline.

Application Form and bank details from Chris Pratt on 685745.



Annual Tournament 2022

The Earl Soham Bowls Club Annual Tournament was held on Saturday 3rd September in windy but sunny conditions.

42 players participated in a three-wood triples competition. The winning block came from Stradbroke White Heart Bowls Club and the runners-up were from Needham Market Bowls Club. Third place went to a combined block from Earl Soham and Easton Bowls Club. The traditional £10 spider, which opened the tournament, was won by a player from Earl Soham Bowls Club.

Thanks to the efforts of club members, the support of visiting players and the generous sponsorship of Longstaff Transport a total of £493 was raised during the afternoon for Club funds. The use of The Lawn as a car park was an added bonus which is always much appreciated. Please contact Martin Dorey (Club Secretary) on 01728 684880 for further details of the Bowls Club and its events or if you are interested in joining the Club next year.

ST MARY'S EARL SOHAM



COME AND CELEBRATE HARVEST

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER

7pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

£12 - 2-Course Ploughman's Supper

- Bar - Raffle -

Singing with our own Harvesters

- other turns will be most welcome -

Phone Linda 01728 685343



PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKETS BY 10TH OCTOBER

For tickets phone

Irene 01728 685814 or Mavis 01728 685700

Families Welcome





DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

Summer is without a doubt my favourite season, not least of all because it means that I can spend more time at my home in Suffolk and enjoying all that we love about this great county. From the swathes of farmland, open skies and vibrant market towns to the local produce markets, village fetes and independent retailers, I particularly relish the opportunity to get out and about meeting so many of you and supporting our local businesses, community events and local food producers. So much work goes into the many school and community fetes that take place through the summer months, with community volunteers working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring everything to fruition. Thank you for all that you do to make our villages and communities so special.

But as we now look towards the start of the new school term, for those starting school for the very first time, these are exciting and nerve-wracking times; not only for children but also for their proud parents and grandparents, many of whom I'm sure will be eagerly taking first day photographs of the smart new school uniforms and waving children off at the school gates, determined to put on a brave face.

For those moving up to secondary school, although daunting, this marks an exciting new chapter with greater independence and a whole raft of new activities and subjects to study, alongside existing friends and perhaps some new faces too. Regardless of age, it's helpful to remember that everyone suffers from the same first day nerves – pupils, parents and teachers alike, but this is only natural and it's ok to ask for help or guidance if needed. Remember – we've all been there.

I am delighted to see that once again, so many achieved excellent grades as Suffolk's outgoing GCSE, A level and vocational students celebrated their recent results. These fantastic results are testament to the sheer hard work and dedication shown not only by pupils but backed up by the help and encouragement of teachers and parents. I would like to offer

my congratulations to all those involved and wish you all the very best with the next steps in your education or workplace journeys.

For MPs, the end of the school summer holiday period also marks the return to Parliament following summer recess. So whilst I have very much enjoyed spending more time at home here in Suffolk over the summer, I'm also pleased to be back to business representing the people of Central Suffolk and North Ipswich in Westminster.

That said, the people who live and work in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich always remain my principal focus, so do please get in touch with me if you need my help or contact my office if you would like to book an appointment at one of my regular advice bureaux.

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CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota		
	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
October	Mrs Coe	Mr & Mrs Gourlay
November	Mrs Mayhew	Mrs Oliver & Mrs Walker

HM Queen Elizabeth II - 1926 - 2022

Following the sad news of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth a beautiful Service of Prayer and Reflection remembering her late Majesty took place in St. Peters led by Rev. Wendy Gourlay. An opportunity to give thanks for her life and to comfort one another in our grief.

A Book of Condolence was opened in St. Peter's and candles available to light and flowers to rest - with the church being open 24 hours. A chance to just come and sit in quiet to remember and reflect.

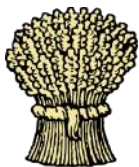
Thank you to our Bellringers for tolling the bell 96 times which I am sure left everyone moved and thoughtful. Also for ringing joyfully at 4 pm on the Sunday when we were able to celebrate the new reign of Charles III, before returning to the period of national mourning.

The Rev. Gary Best led a Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 18th September remembering Queen Elizabeth II with his sermon focusing on her deep faith and reminding us of those many loved Christmas messages.



**COFFEE & CHAT this month is on
Monday 3rd October, 10.30am– 12.30pm in St. Peters
Church, Crettingham. SEE YOU THERE xx**

**We still URGENTLY need offers to clean the church as at the minute it falls to 3 groups alternating. You can choose which month to have and then it is a matter of popping into the church twice a month and a bit of sweeping (we do have a Henry Hoover!) and polishing. It is nice to do with a friend so you can chat aswell! If you can help please let me know
heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk or 01728 685736.
Many hands make like work!**



HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 8th October 7 pm

Brandeston Village Hall

Tickets £10 Adults / £5 Children

Please confirm you can still come through

Pauline 01473 737317

and please advise us of any dietary requirements



**Sunday 9th October
at 10 am**

Join us for our

Harvest Festival Service

An opportunity to be really thankful for our wonderful countryside and the produce it provides.

October Services in St. Peters Church, Cretingham

9 October 10am Harvest Festival - Revd Wendy Gourlay

16 October 10am Holy Communion - Revd Kathleen Martin

30 October 10am Holy Communion - Revd Wendy Gourlay

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

MONNEWDEN NOTES

DATE	FLOWERS & BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSION	COFFEE
Oct 9th	F. Watts	J. Vonberg	B. Martin	C. Saxby
23rd	W. Heath	W Heath	D. Grier	L. Grier
30th	S. Kingston		L. Grier	W. Heath

Readers: October 9th Lesley and David; 23rd Family Service;
30th Brian and Wendy

Coffee Morning: This month on Saturday the 15th October 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 October will take place during the morning.

100 Club Winners: August winners are: 1 £25 Mrs. M. Sills; 2 £15 Mr. D. Grier; 3 £10 Mrs. B. Chamberlain

Pet Service



St. Mary's Church, Monewden,

we will be holding a Pet Blessing Service in the churchyard
(weather permitting), or in the church, on

Sunday, October 2nd at 3pm.

Children bring along your parents and your pets, anything
from a hamster to a hippo (well you know what I mean).
Please could all pets be on a lead or in a suitable container.

There will be light refreshments after the service.

For further information, please contact:

Lesley Grier - lesleygrier@aol.co.uk

Rev'd Gary Best - revgarybest@gmail.com

HOO NOTES



Hoo church held its annual tea party on Sunday 21st August between 2pm and 5pm. The weather was again kind to us and we were pleased to welcome over twenty visitors who enjoyed sitting and relaxing in the open air of the churchyard, which a number of those visitors described as a perfect place of peace. We had several visitors who came to support us from further afield, including some who had not been to Hoo before. It was lovely to hear the constant buzz of conversation, regularly interspersed with laughter. Our grateful thanks to all our visitors for coming and giving us the event we wanted to host, and also for their generous donations, which enabled us to raise £225 to help Ukrainian refugees. Finally, a thank you from me to all those who helped on the day by baking cakes and scones, serving refreshments and keeping up the tradition of our former churchwardens, Perry and Margaret, in giving a warm welcome to those visiting Hoo church.

Francis Whitbread

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.



DALLINGHOO NOTES

Services for October:

October 9th at 6.30pm, Holy Communion

October 16th at 10am, Family Service

October 30th at 10am, Morning Prayer

Come and join us, all are very welcome!

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst the repair work is being carried out in the main church building, during September and early October, services will be held in the Village Hall.



SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION

This was won by Jo Maghoo with a height of 261cm, second was Lily Tyw with 235m.

Congratulations to you both and many thanks to all those who took part.

Churchyard working party for St Mary's, Dallinghoo

Dallinghoo residents are invited to come & help maintain & tidy our churchyard, meeting there at 09.30 on Saturday 22nd October.

We will be checking gutters and drains, tidying around graves and clearing scrub. Appropriate tools would be shears, spades, bush saws, secateurs and trimmers. Refreshments will be provided.

Carpet Bowls at Dallinghoo

Carpet Bowls will begin again in Dallinghoo Village Hall this Autumn. Everyone welcome. We are a friendly group and no previous experience is necessary. Come and join us on

Wednesday October 5th and 19th at 7.30pm.

More details from Cliff Green on 01473737421



Great Tea,
Coffee... and
delicious cake!

Please join us for

Coffee & Chat

on

Saturday 5th November

10am-12noon

Held in the Church Vestry

Woodland Trust Tree and Hedgerow

Packs Offer — 2022-23

The following are offered free:

1. 50 or 100 metres of mixed native hedging (80% hawthorn), with spirals & bamboo canes + an oak for every 10m.
2. Packs of up to 50 trees, 10 each of: Field Maple, Hornbeam, Hazel, Wild Cherry and Oak.
3. There may be further trees available; what would you like?

**Applications to the Dallinghoo Tree Warden,
Jeremy Quinlan, 01473 737700 or JeremyQ@tiscali.co.uk**

as soon as possible.

First come, first served.

Services for October 2022

Church	October 2nd Trinity 16 <i>Green</i>	October 9th Trinity 17 <i>Green</i>	October 16th Trinity 18 <i>Green</i>	October 23rd Trinity 19 <i>Green</i>	October 30th Trinity 20 <i>Green</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	↓	6.30pm Harvest (WG)	8.30am Holy Communion (KM)		
Charsfield w. Debach	↓		6.30pm Evening Prayer (GB)	11am Holy Communion (WG)	10am Morning Prayer (KM)
Cretingham	↓	10am Harvest (WG)	10am Holy Communion (KM)		10am Holy Communion (WG)
Dallinghoo	↓	6.30pm Holy Communion (GB)	10am Harvest (APW)		10am Morning Prayer (APW)
Earl Soham	↓	10am Family Service (JR)	10am Holy Communion (GB)	10am Morning Prayer (KM)	
Hoo	↓	8.30am Holy Communion (GB)		10am Morning Prayer (KM)	
Monewden	10am Benefice HC (GB) 3pm Pet Service	10am Holy Communion (GB)		10am Holy Communion with Baptism (GB)	6.30pm Evening Prayer (KM)
Letheringham	↑				

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;

Bible Readings for October 2022

Date	Readings	Psalm
Oct 2nd	2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10	
Oct 9th	2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19	111
Oct 16th	2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5 Luke 18: 1-8	121
Oct 23rd	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14	65
Oct 30th	2 Thessalonians 1 Luke 19: 1-10	32: 1-8
Please note: Readings may change subject to Harvest Service.		

**The Benefice Holy Communion
on Sunday 6th November
will be held at St Marys, Dallinghoo, 10am.
All Are Welcome**

Choral Festival—Sunday 9 October 2022 - 4pm

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is delighted to be hosting the 2022 Choral Festival, organised by the Suffolk branch of the Royal School of Church Music.

This is the first such festival to take place in Suffolk for some years, so the RSCM and cathedral music teams are particularly excited to relaunch this annual gathering of singers from across the county and beyond, for an uplifting and exciting afternoon of music-making in glorious surroundings!

'Do not be afraid, just believe'

A Reflection shared by Amber Pearce-Williams, Lay Elder

For this months reflection, I wanted to reflect on the words from the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 36, which contains my favourite words in the bible.

I truly believe that no matter what I face in life, God is by my side, holding my hand, guiding me through. That's what gets me through everything. Trying to navigate my way through life as a young adult definitely has its challenges, however I know that God is setting my path in a way that he knows I can deal with.

Recently I found that my faith has been truly tested, this was odd for me and something I found difficult - due to my job I am having constant battles of what I should do because of my faith and what I am expected to do as it's my job. However I could feel God guiding me through and I was constantly reminding myself 'do not be afraid, just believe'. I think we all need to remember that no matter what is going on, no matter how we are feeling and no matter what everyone else is telling us we should not be afraid, God is by our side to guide us, comfort us and help us through everything. We should all take the time to remember that God is with us, something that unfortunately I think so many of us forget and the busyness of our lives takes over and we forget to take that little bit of time to think and to pray. Personally, my life becomes consumed by working long shifts, trying to keep up social appearances and working my way through the mountain of washing we seem to make each week!! However I make the conscious effort to remember God and everything he has helped me with daily, the fears he helps me overcome and the guidance

he has given me just to get through another day. With God by our sides there is nothing we can't face, he will walk by our sides and guide us through everything and we should remember 'do not be afraid, just believe'.

Amber Pearce-Williams, Lay Elder

I would also like to take the time to think about the passing of our Queen, something that many of us will have never experienced and a devastating time for us all, but in the words of Paddington, 'Thank you ma'am, for everything'.

The following is a poem I came across written by the English poet, Joanne Boyle, that I would like to share with you.

1. Phillip came to me today,
and said it was time to go.
I looked at him and smiled,
as i whispered that "I know".

2. I then turned and looked behind
me, and saw I was asleep.
All my family were around me,
and I could hear them weep.

3. I gently touched each shoulder,
with Phillip by my side.
Then I turned away and walked,
with My Angel guide.

4. Phillip held my hand,
as he led the way,
to a world where King's and Queens,
are Monarch's every day.

5. I was given a crown to wear
or a Halo known by some.
The difference is up here,
they are worn by everyone.

6. I felt a sense of peace,
my reign had seen its end.
70 years I had served my country,
as the peoples friend.

7. Thank you for the years,
for all your time and love.
Now I am one of two again,
in our Palace up above.

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Church Rotas		
Date	Readers	Sides person
October 2nd Benefice Holy Communion	Benefice Holy Communion, Monewden. All Welcome!	
October 9th	No Service at Charsfield. Please check the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice	
October 16th Evening Prayer—6.30pm	Stephanie Pauline	Pauline
October 23rd Holy Communion—10am	Ros Linda	Linda
October 30th Morning Prayer - 10am	Antony Margaret	Margaret

Cleaning Rota	
October 9th	October 23rd
Stephanie & Margaret	Fran
Many thanks to all who clean the Church. Any problems please let Lucy know on 737231.	

Flower Rota				
October 1st	October 8th	October 15th	October 22nd	October 29th
Linda Stratton	Linda Stratton	Anthea Pulham	Anthea Pulham	Lucy Fox

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

*Charsfield Baptist
Coffee Pot, held
every Tuesday morning*

10.30am - 12noon

in the Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome



CHARSFIELD BAPTIST— Our HARVEST THANKSGIVING service will be held in the Chapel on Sunday **16th October at 11am**. All are welcome to join us. John Green will be leading our worship.

You are invited to our October 'Sing-along Supper' on Friday 7th October at 6.30pm. Do take the opportunity to come and sing a mix of traditional hymns and more modern songs, and enjoy a buffet supper. No tickets



**Charsfield
Village Hall**

Sat 29th October-7pm

(in aid of St. Peter's Church)

Licensed Bar - Raffle

£10 Adult—£4=5 Child (includes Supper)

Book your place from:

Linda Stratton 01473 737771

Gill Winkworth 01473 737352

Margaret Salter 01473737182



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!



QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 7th October 2022 - 7.30pm

Charsfield Village Hall

Teams of 4

£10 per person including ploughman's supper

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LEATHERINGHAM NOTES



The LPCC fund raising team have certainly been busy from late August through to the end of September starting with the **"Teddy bears are Go"** parachute drop from the church tower on **Sunday 27th August**, which thanks to the sterling effort of the team, raised some £272 from the sale of the Pimms and cream teas. Young and old alike brought their bears along and everyone had an enjoyable time. A special thanks to Maurice Finch, without

his ingenious parachute release mechanism many bears would have ended up in A&E. Also a special thanks to Jonny Ling who kindly brought down from his museum in Dis a full size Dutch mechanical organ that brought a marvellous carnival atmosphere to the event. The bear that won the furthest distance travelled competition was unsurprisingly "Old Ted" beating "Winston" bear by 0.1 metres.



On the 5th September we were privileged to have Air Vice Marshall Bill Rimmer CB, OBE, give a Mardle on his eventful life in the RAF. Bill's talk was very well attended and of the many interesting episodes in his life, one fact which was unknown to most of the audience, except his wife, was that she grew-up in Letheringham Mill and that they were married in Easton Church. Bill's Mardle raised some £300 for the Church Restoration fund.

On Friday 9th September we held our first **Charity Bridge Drive** which was a great success. Our thanks to Janet Ross and Jacks Morecombe for organising the event and all those that supplied the home made cakes and refreshments. A special thanks also to all those that kindly donated prizes for the raffle and to Jacqui Gooding whose donation of a weekend for two, at Letheringham Mill cottages was auctioned at the event. In total Over £800 was raised for the church restoration fund

LEATHERINGHAM NOTES



On **Saturday 10th September** the church was manned and refreshments provided, from 9am to 5pm by a team of volunteers for the annual “Ride and

Stride” SHCT event, and whilst Letheringham did not have anyone participating this year, it was pleasing that some 12 riders signed into the church with many comments on how well the church was kept.

Next Mardle Dates for your Diaries

October’s Mardle

“**The Girls of Little America**” presented by Sophie Green a local Historian, **10th October** 7pm. Sophie focuses on the untold story of the hundreds of American women serving in the US Army Corps, Nursing Corps and American Red Cross (nicknamed Donut Dollies) that arrived in East Anglia from America during WW2 to support their troops.

November’s Mardle

“**Bawdsey & the Birth of Radar**” presented by Graham Murchie, trustee of Bawdsey Radar **7th November** 7pm.

Venue, Letheringham & Easton Village Hall, Entrance £10 includes a complementary glass of wine and nibbles all proceeds to St Mary’s Church restoration fund

Following the death of our Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September, a book of condolences was placed in the church that evening. Our thanks to Polly Ffitch for organising the book and the flowers.

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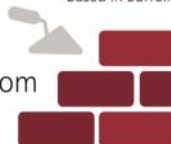
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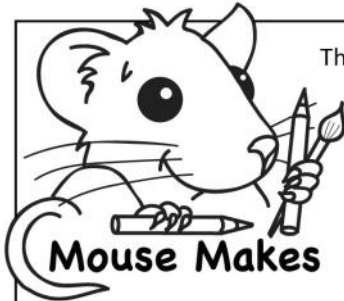
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