

MID-LOES BENEFICE MAGAZINE

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

July 2023



Benefice Communion Service
10am
Sunday 2nd July
St. Andrew & St. Eustachius, Hoo
All Welcome

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The Deadline for contributions to the
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SUNDAY 23rd JULY

MID LOES BENEFICE
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July 2023

From The Rectory...

‘Reverend Gary, what does an Angel look like?’... ‘Do you believe in Angels?’ ... questions from children at a recent assembly that I led in one of our benefice schools. Great questions, which should get all of us thinking.

The topic of the week at the school was Trust, and after referring to Abraham, Jacob and Moses, individuals who showed great trust in God, I settled on Daniel, sharing the story of Daniel in the lion’s den, a story about trust, prayer and an Angel (Daniel 6).

Whilst pausing for a moment before answering, I answered with ‘yes, I do believe in Angels’. However, for me, there is no one look for an angel, they come in all shapes and sizes and they are certainly not an alternative to God, but more of a messenger and guide sent by God.

Within both the Old and New Testaments, there are approximately 300 references to angels and, according to the Collins English Dictionary, where there are eight definitions, the ones that I refer to, are ‘spiritual beings attendant upon God’; ‘a divine messenger from God’, ‘a person, esp a woman, who is kind, pure or beautiful’.

I am sure we have all heard, or used, the expression, ‘he or she is an angel’; ‘you have the voice of an angel’; ‘he or she is my Guardian Angel’, I know I certainly have at different times in my life, but I turn to my late-Grandmother, Phyllis, who demonstrated

in her life everything I imagined an angel to be. Phyllis was someone who demonstrated an openness of warmth, love and kindness towards everyone she met and for me, acted as a guiding light as I was growing up through difficult and challenging times at home. Today, I have no doubt that she watches over me, sometimes gently nudging me, reminding me of who I am and the blessing that has been bestowed upon me in my calling to ministry. Sadly, Phyllis was not with me in her physical self as I began my journey of faith back in 2007, but I certainly know that her presence, acting as my Guardian Angel, watches over me every step I make as I continue my journey.

Whilst Phyllis is close to me, I know that Angels do walk amongst us, having met many other people that I would consider Angels, people who do much for others, caring, supporting and loving others, in a way that is beyond most peoples' expectations. People with roles in hospitals, hospices, Street Pastors, Foodbanks, through church, but most often, people quietly going about their everyday lives, just gently being there, encouraging and supporting others in need.

Taken from a famous Abba song,

I believe in angels
Something good in everything I see
I believe in angels
When I know the time is right for me
I'll cross the stream, I Have a Dream

I believe it is ok to have a dream, it is ok to turn to a Guardian Angel, perhaps we should all look for more in everything we see.
Do you believe in Angels?

Love and Blessings, Revd Gary Best

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

Benefice Choir

The next service where the choir will be present, is being held at:

St. Andrew & St. Eustachius, Hoo

Sunday 2nd July — Choir present from 9am

If you would like more information, please contact

Revd Gary Best or David Irlande.

Revd Gary Best - revgarybest@gmail.com; 01728 685 550

David Irlande - davidirlande@gmail.com; 07931 594 325



*Among their demands were bourbon
biscuits, double fees for weddings, and
Sundays off*

EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses — St. Mary's	
July	Mrs Edmundson
August	Mrs Patterson / Mrs Denton
September	Mrs Pratt / Mrs Lancaster
Any Problems Ring Denise —685234	

EARL SOHAM WI

Is a friendly group with around 50 members, holding interesting, informative, and entertaining meetings normally on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm.



Our next meetings are on:

Thursday 27th July - Garden Meeting

**At D'Urbans Farm, Apsey Green, Framlingham 1P13 7RP
by kind invitation of Rosie Western**

August - No formal meeting

Thursday 28th September - in Brandeston village hall at 7pm

Blood Sweat and Fears

Mary Newton delves into the world of forensic science

Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings.
So why not come along and give us a try.

For more information and to contact Earl Soham WI please find us at www.sefwi.org.uk or contact Eleri Whitham - 01728 628614.

**The deadline for contributions to the
AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2023 edition is
SUNDAY 23rd JULY**

EARL SOHAM
FETE

SATURDAY
5th AUGUST

2.30pm – 4.30pm


ON THE
VILLAGE GREEN

Free Entrance and Free Parking

Traditional Village Fete

***Stalls & Games including:
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**ST MARY'S CHURCH,
EARL SOHAM, IP13 7SB
SATURDAY 8th JULY 7:30pm**

**TICKETS: £15
UNDER 16: £5**

LIZZIE HYDE - 017286 84810
IRENE ELMORE - 01728 685814
MARK SARGEANTSON - 07831255906

**IN AID OF ST MARY'S
CHURCH EARL SOHAM
FABRIC FUND**



Earl Soham Fete 2023

Donations Night

Friday 28th July 2023

Your donations are very important to us because they help make our Fete a success.

Please bring your donations to

Earl Soham Village Hall

from 5pm to 8pm

Contributions of clean, quality items gratefully received.

We would especially love to have:

- pre-loved items
- bottles and preserves
- books, toys, games and jigsaws
- tombola and raffle prizes

**** We will be welcoming donations of cakes, produce and plants on the day of the Fete, as usual ****

Donate for our Fete!

See you at the fete on Saturday 5th August

Questions? Phone 01728 685620

Thank you

Earl Soham Church Fete Committee

CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota 2023		
	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
July	Mrs Walker	Mrs Orford
August	Mrs Mayhew	Vacant *

** No cleaner for August – if anyone feels able to pop in and put a duster around it would be much appreciated. Thankyou.*

Royal British Legion Poppy Collection. Over a period of many years, first Peter Mays and then Liz Jackson, conducted the house-to-house collection across our village in early November on behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. I have undertaken the task over the last couple of years but am unable to do so in future. Is there a volunteer – perhaps someone with armed services connections – who would be prepared to undertake this task which needs to be done in the three weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday (12th November this year)? I look forward to hearing from you. Alister. ☎685335

COFFEE & CHAT

St. Peters Church, Cretingham

10.30am – 12noon

on **Monday 3rd July**



OPEN TO EVERYONE from any village ... just bring yourself for a cup of coffee/tea and biscuit.

July Services at St. Peters, Cretingham.

9th July – 10am Morning Prayer with Revd Kathleen Martin

16th July – 10am Holy Communion with Revd Kathleen Martin

30th July – 10am Holy Communion with Revd Gary Best



Cretingham Church Village Fete Saturday 15th July On Oak Corner 2pm-4pm

Donations for the various stalls will be gratefully received
BOOKS, BOTTLES, PLANTS & PRODUCE - donations on the day welcomed or can be left in church on the Friday before (14th July)

RAFFLE PRIZES to Pauline, Home Farm, Otley Road

TOMBOLA donations week before fete day if possible please to Christine Chenery (Emmerson Cottage, Birds Lane) or Clare Chenery

CAKES on the day please.

Thankyou x

If you are able to offer a game, help out on a stall please get in touch with Alister 01728 685335 or message Heather on

[07895534702 / heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:07895534702/heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk)

Huge thank you to those who have already signed up to help!!

BENEFICE MAGAZINE EDITOR

The Benefice Magazine is seeking a new Editor to manage the editorial content and layout of this magazine. The role of the Editor will involve proof-reading the copy and laying out the pages, as well as having 'artistic licence' to keep the magazine exciting and relevant. A good understanding of Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher would be an advantage. Please contact:

Revd Gary Best: **01728 685 550**

MONNEWDEN NOTES

DATE	FLOWERS AND BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSION	COFFEE
July 2nd	Benefice Service St. Andrew & St. Eustachius, Hoo - 10am			
July 9th	J. Coe	W. Heath	J. Dinwiddy	C. Saxby
July 16th	-	-	-	-
July 23rd	A. Hamilton	S. Sills	W. Heath	L. Grier
July 30th	L. Grier		P. Keeble	W. Heath

READERS FOR JULY: July 9th Caroline, Peter; July 30th Brian, James

100 CLUB WINNERS:

June - 1: £75 Wilf Weeks; 2 - £50 Annie Weeks; 3 - £25 Molly Osjio.

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on Saturday, July 15th from 10am onwards. Coffee, tea, breakfast rolls and bacon rolls will be served. Come and join us, this monthly event is now very popular. The 100 Club draw prizes for July will be drawn at this event.

Advance Notice: There will be a PCC meeting for Monewden on Wednesday July 19th, at 7.30pm. The meeting will be hosted by D. Grier.

The **LUNCHTIME BARBECUE** held at Firs Farm on June 4 was a great success. There was an excellent attendance and everyone enjoyed good food (and plenty of it!) and a chance to meet up with and chat to many friends old and new. The lunch was greatly helped by the excellent weather. Many thanks must be accorded to all who helped in any way to make the event the success that it surely was.

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 President, Maureen Arbon at thearbons@btinternet.com or 01473 737346

We would love to have some new members join us.

Give us a try, come along as a guest and see what we're like!

Planned Speakers for the next two months are:

10th July - Dallinghoo Village Hall 7.45pm

Anglo Saxon Textiles at Sutton Hoo - Sue Moss

Phoenix singers

Saturday, 8 July 2023,

7.00 pm at Framlingham College



CORONATION

Tickets: £15, under 18s free, available from Hall Farm Butchers, 25, Market Hill, Framlingham, William Glasse

william@glasse.org.uk, choir members, and at the door.

reg. charity no. 1076549

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 4th August

THE OLD MILL

At Monewden Village Hall

*dogs
welcome...*

...Kids too

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LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

Concert at St.Mary's Letheringham - Sunday 16th July 6.30pm

We are delighted to announce that

Musica Antica Rotherhithe will be performing '*I Ritratti*'

A programme of arias and cantatas by two of the most prolific female composers of the 17th Century: Barbara Strozzi and Antonia Bembo alongside music by their teacher Francesco Cavalli, and violin sonatas by the renowned convent composer Isabella Leonarda.

Tickets £15 purchased via www.musicaantica.org.uk/ritratti-suffolk or Ticket Office: 01728 747449. All proceeds to The Priory Church of St.Mary's Letheringham Restoration Fund.

Mardles—Monday 12th June

On a balmy summers' evening, we were delighted to welcome Graeme Sagar, who has had a prestigious and long standing career in the art of Silversmithing. Graeme's knowledge of the Silversmith's craft was abundant as he talked us through his career, demonstrated the rudiments of the many processes and showcased his own outstanding work. We all learnt a great deal and greatly appreciated Graeme's very interesting presentation.

Dates of our next Mardles at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall

Monday 4th September 2023

'Langard Fort - Felixstowe through the ages'

Presented by Gerry Dunleavey

Monday 13th November 2023

'My life in UK Customs'

Presented by Jim Jarvae

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SUNDAY 16TH JULY 6.30

● Priory Church of St Mary
Letheringham IP13 6QY

Tickets £15

Purchase: www.musicaantica.org.uk/ritratti-suffolk

Or ticket office: 01728747449

**BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND!**

‘Teddy Bears Are Go’ Sunday 23rd July at St.Mary’s, Letheringham 2-4pm

This was a such a popular event for local families last year, that we have decided to hold it again! Children of all ages (3-99!) are invited to see their Teddy bears parachute from the top of the Church tower. The bear that receives the greatest distance will receive a prize. There will be plenty of refreshments available to purchase as well.

We look forward to seeing you and your Teddy.

A little bit of Letheringham history...

Letheringham Village pump ‘revival’

Assuming that it was a 1950s borehole some local Letheringham residents have recently set about restoring the ‘village pump’. However, after removing many barrows of soil the original brick well was uncovered. There is evidence that it had been electrified at some point, pumping water directly into the cottages in the lane. The original pump was too damaged due to being hit by a tractor and so the restorers replaced it with an antique pump. The water pump is now fully operational and looks amazing. Well done for all your hard work, Maurice and Jim.



CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Cream Teas



Cream teas were held in St. Peter's Charsfield on Sunday June 11th.

Those who came enjoyed scones with strawberry jam and clotted cream, or Victoria sponge, with donations going to church funds.

Cream teas at the church will continue to be held on the second Sunday of each month until September.

All are very welcome!



Cream Teas Charsfield Church 3-5pm

Second Sunday of

July (9th); August (13th); September (10th)

All proceeds to church funds

CADs Revisited

Charsfield Amateur Dramatics (CADs) would like to thank everyone who supported their recent production, 'CADs Revisited' after a three-year Covid gap, with a sparkling revue of favourites old and new. The multi-talented cast of both regular stars together with new members played to sold out performances, and a total of £1,545 was successfully raised for distribution to local charities. Anyone interested in trading the boards with this fun loving cast, please phone: **07881941124**.

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

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

Flower Rota July 2023				
July 1st	July 8th	July 15th	July 22nd	July 29th
Pauline Llewellyn	Margaret Salter	Margaret Salter	Bev Gugenheim	Bev Gugenheim

Cleaning Rota July 2023		
July 2nd	July 16th	July 30th
Lucy	Linda & Kurt	Gill & Beverley

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**

If you wish to discuss the magazine, please contact

Rev'd Gary Best - 01728 685 550

Services for July 2023

Church	July 2nd	July 9th	July 16th	July 23rd	July 30th
	4th after Trinity	5th after Trinity	6th after Trinity	7th after Trinity	8th after Trinity
	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Ashfield		6.30pm Evening Prayer VB	8.30am Holy Communion GB	X	X
Charsfield		X	6.30pm Evening Prayer GB	10am Holy Communion GB	10am Morning Prayer WG
Cretingham		10am Morning Prayer KM	10am Holy Communion KM	X	10am Holy Communion GB
Dallinghoo		6.30pm Holy Communion GB	10am All-Age Worship WG	X	10am Morning Prayer KM
Earl Soham		10am All-Age Worship APW	10am Holy Communion GB	10am Morning Prayer WG	X
Hoo	10am Benefice Service Holy Communion	8.30am Holy Communion GB	X	8.30am Morning Prayer KM	X
Letheringham		X	X	X	X
Monewden		10am Holy Communion GB	X	10am All-Age Worship APW	6.30pm Evening Prayer GB

Key to Service Leader: GB = Revd Gary Best; KM = Revd Kathleen Martin;

WG = Revd Wendy Gourlay; APW = Amber Pearce Williams, Lay Elder;

CW = Churchwarden; VB = Veda Berriman, Reader.

MAGAZINE COPY DEADLINE DATES FOR 2023

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COPY DEADLINE

Sunday 23rd July

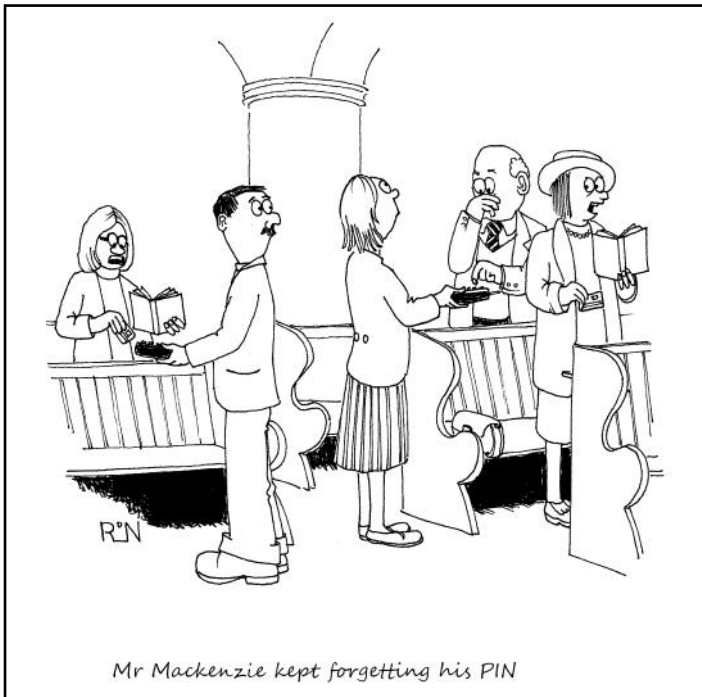
Sunday 17th September

Sunday 22nd October

Sunday 19th November

Bible Readings for July 2023

Date	Readings	Psalm
July 2nd	Romans 6: 12-end	13
	Matthew 10: 40-end	
July 9th	Romans 7: 15-25a	45: 10-end
	Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end	
July 16th	Romans 8: 1-11	119: 105-112
	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	
July 23rd	Romans 8: 12-25	139: 1-11
	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	
July 30th	Romans 8: 26-end	105: 1-11
	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	





**Charsfield Flower
Show**

29th July 2023 2pm in
Village Hall

View the entries
Refreshments
Raffle

Entries evening 25th July 7pm -9pm
in Village Hall
Entries in place by 10:15am
on day

The schedules in the church porch,
Village hall or online

contact Pip Smith
twinklebrown@hotmail.com

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



Sunday Services at 11am every Sunday.

Morning prayer times continue in the Chapel **Tuesday -Friday**,
but only from **10am-10.30am**.

Sing-along Suppers will be held in the Chapel Hall on **Friday 14th July** at **6.30pm** and every second Friday in the following months until November. Buffet supper included. Come and enjoy singing a mix of your favourite traditional hymns and modern songs.
No tickets required.

Everyone is welcome to the
Charsfield Village Hall Bar
Plus Table Tennis!

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT

BAR WILL BE OPEN

Friday 14th July

Friday 4th, 18th August

Friday 8th, 22nd September

7pm to 10pm



Charsfield C of E Primary School

It's been a busy term so far at Charsfield Primary School and the school is a hive of activity and learning.

Class 1 pupils were delighted to invite parents in for a Teddy Bears' Picnic

afternoon in glorious sunshine. There were activities to share and, of course, tasty food to eat! The afternoon was rounded off with our Share a Story, Share a Biscuit Collective Worship – where two pupils shared the story of The Billy Goats Gruff with everyone. We then explored the different School Values within the book, such as friendship, trust, service and wisdom. It was a lovely way to end the week.

As part of our DT curriculum and learning about sustainability and seasonality, all the children take part in the "Grow Your Own Potatoes" competition. The potatoes that we planted in the spring term are, after a spell of cold weather, growing nicely and we hope to harvest them very shortly to make some tasty potato dishes to try.

Children in KS2 are looking forward to visiting Kentwell Hall as part of their learning about the Tudor period in their history lessons. We will be dressing up in Tudor costume and taking part in various different experience activities to see what life was like for the Tudors.

KS2 are also rehearsing for their summer performance of Cinderella and Rockerfella. This involves acting, comedy sketches (the Ugly sisters are hilarious!), singing and dancing. We are really looking forward to inviting families and friends to watch the performance in July.

Later on in the term, we are holding our annual sports day event where the all children work in mixed-aged teams to complete

various different sporting activities, earning points for their “House”. In the afternoon, we invite our families to come along and watch the traditional races and cheer the children on. The PTA (Friends of Charsfield School) organise teas, coffees, cake and tombola for everyone to enjoy.

At the end of June, we are holding a Showcase Assembly where we invite parents and relatives in to share our learning. We’re looking forward to sharing highlights from our Kentwell trip, Teddy Bears’ Picnic and learning from our daily lessons across the curriculum.

On Friday 14th July between 1.30pm – 3pm we are holding a Stay and Play afternoon (Open Afternoon). This is for parents and children who are looking for Reception places in September 2024 and for parents with other primary aged children who are looking for schooling in the area and want to find out more about us. If you’re unable to make this date, we will be holding further sessions in the Autumn term, or we are happy to show potential parents around at other times during the school year.

For more information about our school please see our website: www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk we also have Facebook and Instagram accounts which are updated regularly. Our friendly Admin Team are available on 01473 737347.



Children with their families enjoying the Teddy Bear’s Picnic.



DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

Parliament has just returned from its Whitsun recess and as ever, I very much enjoyed spending more time at home, especially visiting the Suffolk Show and seeing all that makes this county such a special place to live and work.

Since returning, I have been reflecting on last week's annual estimate from the Office for National Statistics of the number of people who have migrated to the UK and I am concerned at the debate in some parts of the national media, that has been provoked.

We must remember that almost 100'000 of those 'migrants' are British citizens returning after prolonged periods of living abroad. Also, a little over 115'000 are Ukrainian nationals, settling here since the Government launched its Homes for Ukraine scheme. I have personally met with and helped Ukrainian families to settle in Suffolk and am incredibly proud of all the support the people of Suffolk have warmly extended to those coming here, seeking safety.

We must move away from the narrative that all migration to the UK is bad and draw a clear distinction between illegal immigration and lawful immigration. In my experience, most people are supportive of migration when people come here lawfully to work, to contribute to the economic life of our country and to pay their taxes.

While at the Suffolk Show, I was reminded how appreciative our farmers and food producers are that the Government implemented the Seasonal Agricultural Workers scheme, allowing vital

agricultural workers to come to the UK to work on farms and ensure our food security.

As a practising NHS hospital doctor, I am also proud to work alongside healthcare professionals who were born and trained overseas but who are now caring for patients in our NHS. In many hospitals, more than 1 in 8 staff are migrants and it is undoubtedly to our country's benefit that they care for patients here.

Whilst lawful migration benefits the UK, there should be no shying away from dealing robustly with instances of abuse of our immigration system. The Government has recognised this and is taking decisive action. For example, in the case of international students paying to study in the UK, new rules will ensure that study visas are specific to the students themselves, and no longer include additional visas for the student's extended family.

Of course, there is still more to do to reduce illegal migration, but as a country we are making progress, and I am proud that in Suffolk we understand the benefits that legal migration can bring to our rural economy and in caring for patients in our hospitals.

REPAIR SQUAD

Calling all 5-11 year olds!

Please join us at this year's Holiday Club taking place Brandeston Village Hall

August 7th / 8th / 9th - 9.30am - 1.30pm

For further information, please contact:

Mary Baker - marybaker555@hotmail.co.uk

Jackie Clark - jwc51@btinternet.com

ASHFIELD NOTES

JOHN GRIMSEY, RIP.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy and support following the recent death of my Father. Those of you who have lived locally for a long time will recall that my Father started his farming career at Low Farm [1958] before moving a few hundred yards across the fields to Woodcroft Hall [1964] which sits just over the border in Monk Soham. In 1983 an opportunity to purchase Raydon Hall Farm at Orford came up and he moved there to a farm that had belonged to his Grandfather until 1942. During his time at Ashfield and Monk Soham my Father served on Ashfield Parish Council for many years as also did my late Mother who along with Harold Youngman of Thorpe Hall were instrumental in the formation of the Parish Council.

Thank you again.

Robert.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council takes place on Monday 10th July in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

FOOTPATHS UPDATE.

Following reports of certain paths not being properly marked or cleared I am in contact with the relevant landowners requesting restorative action be taken without delay. Should you encounter any issues with any of the routes in Ashfield or adjoining parishes please do let Malcolm Pease or myself know so that we can get the problem investigated and put right. When I liaise with landowners an issue that regularly comes up is that of walkers dogs which are sometimes not as under control as they should be! Please keep dogs under close control when out walking and if in fields with or near to livestock keep them on a lead.

Thank you.

RG.

ASHFIELD NOTES

MAGAZINE PAYMENTS.

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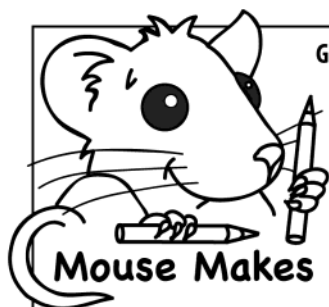
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1 Samuel 17:4

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1 Samuel 17:4

What was Goliath's
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1 Samuel 17:5,6

What weapons did
Goliath carry?



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1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones
did David take from
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1 Samuel 17:40



Where did David's stone
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1 Samuel 17:49

Goliath, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.
"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me
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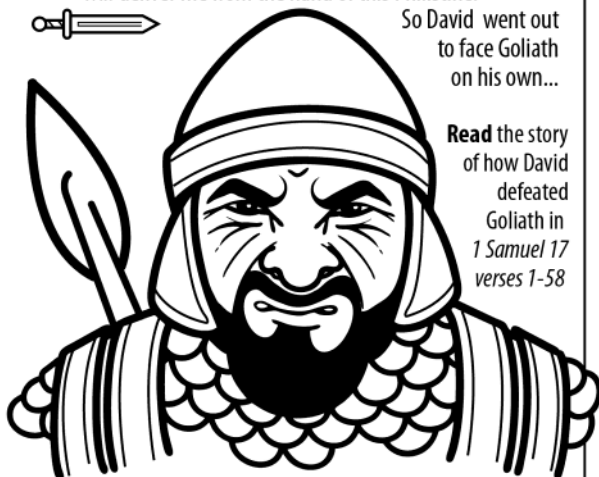
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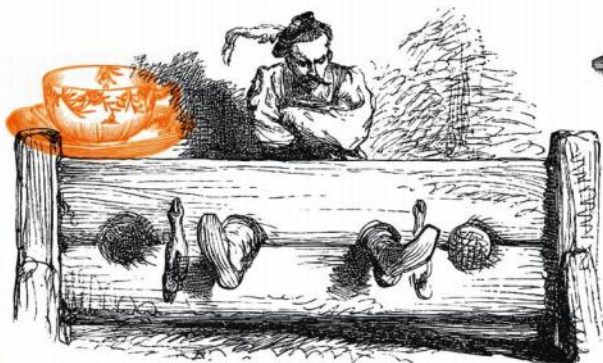
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