

MID-LOES BENEFICE MAGAZINE

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

June 2023



Benefice Communion Service

10am

Sunday 4th June

St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo

All Welcome

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The Deadline for contributions to the
JULY 2023 edition is
SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

MID LOES BENEFICE
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June 2023

From The Rectory...

'I'm bored'... 'there's nothing to do'... 'my friends live so far away'... 'tv is so boring these days'... phrases that I have heard many times before, not just from children, but from adults as well, and these phrases being said in suburbia as well as here in East Suffolk.

These phrases leapt out at me as I was proofing this month's magazine, because they are phrases that could not be further from the truth here in Mid-Loes.

I am so excited to see so many events taking place across the benefice, events that are community focussed, being put together by various organisations such as village halls, schools, the church, each offering something for everyone, across all age groups. Please take time to have a look at the range of events promoted within this magazine, from pop-up pubs to coffee mornings; from music nights to school fetes; from village fetes to film nights; from open gardens to music concerts... quite an extraordinary range of events for everyone to get involved. I also felt a sense of pride in reading of all the events taking place, knowing this is all happening in the area that I call home.

I have written before about hospitality, the act of 'kindness in welcoming strangers or guests' (*Collins English Dictionary*) and that is what each of the events listed in this month's magazine represent.

I know many of the people who have worked tirelessly in putting these events together and I know that a warm welcome awaits everyone to which ever events you are able to attend. Who knows, perhaps we will hear ourselves and others saying... 'so much to do'... 'I don't think I have time to fit it all in...'

I wanted to also take this opportunity to bring you up to date with one or two things that are moving forward within our churches.

The Growing in God initiative is reaching a conclusion, with the Ministry Team reviewing all the responses received to various questionnaires and feedback from Listening Events, from which we will reach three priority goals for our churches for the next five years, an exciting project, and one that I hope will impact many people from within our benefice and beyond in a positive way for the future.

A mid-week Holy Communion Service will begin from Wednesday 14th June, 10.30am, which will be held at St. Mary's, Dallinghoo, a service to which all are welcome.

On Saturday 1st July, the first 'Vicar's Tea Party' will take place at The Rectory, Earl Soham, an event that I hope will become an annual event and one for your diary. All monies made on the day will be shared between the benefice churches and a charity, with this year's nominated charity being EACH, East Anglia's Children's Hospices, who will also be present on the day.

This is an event for everyone, so please do come along.

Love and Blessings, Revd Gary Best

MAGAZINE COPY DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE

Sunday 18th June

No copy will be used if received after this date.

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 Mid-Week Service

**From Wednesday 14th June, there will be a
Benefice Holy Communion Service
taking place at St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo, at 10.30am.**

**This service will then take place every Wednesday
at St. Mary's, Dallinghoo.**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Benefice Choir

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

**St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo
Sunday 4th June — 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

EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses — St. Mary's	
June	Mrs Rothery / Mrs Hinton
July	Mrs Edmundson
Any Problems Ring Denise —685234	

SAVE THE DATE

EARL SOHAM VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST—2.30pm - 4.30pm on The Green
Stalls - Games - Refreshments - Train Rides - Fun!
in aid of St Mary's Church Fabric Fund

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 22nd June - in Brandeston village hall at 7pm.

Wildlife Crime Uncovered

by Brian Calver

Thursday 27th July - Garden Meeting

At D'Urbans Farm, Apsey Green, Framlingham IP13 7RP

by kind invitation of Rosie Western.

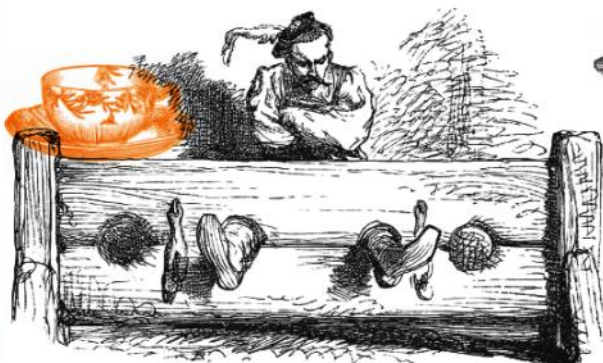
Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings.
So why not come along and give us a try.

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

VICAR'S tea party

SATURDAY 1ST JULY
2.30pm - 5.00pm

- Afternoon tea • Bar • Live music
- BBQ • Fun & activities for everyone
- Revd Gary in the Stocks



Supporting
Mid-Loes
Churches
and



each

East Anglia's
Children's Hospices



Bring
your own
decorated
hat

COMPETITION

THE RECTORY, EARL SOHAM, IP13 7SD

For further information, please contact Revd Gary Best - 01728 685 550



MOVIES AT EARL SOHAM

IN SUPPORT OF EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL
RENOVATION FUND

PRESENTS



WEST SIDE STORY

Musical/Drama/Crime Cert 12 (2021)

Director: Steven Spielberg, with Ansel Elgort and Rachel Zegler. Runtime 2hrs 36mins



An adaptation of the 1957 musical, West Side Story explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds.

7.00 for 7.30pm

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE

Earl Soham Village Hall

Tickets on the door £5.00 Refreshments available



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



THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH
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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 School Fete

Saturday 24th June

All welcome!

Please support Earl Soham School's Summer Fete

on **Sat 24th June 12-2pm.**

Lots of attractions: Bar, BBQ, Music, Raffle, Games for all the family, and much much more. We would love to see lots of people from the wider community at our lovely village school.



MIDSUMMER MUSIC EVENING JUNE 23rd 6-11pm

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CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota 2023		
	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
June	Mrs Sedgwick	Vacant *
July	Mrs Walker	Mrs Orford

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

Magazines. Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards the costs of printing this magazine. The total received is creeping slowly towards the “break-even” point. If you wish to help us meet these costs a contribution (£5 per household is the suggested sum) can be made in cash or cheque (payable to PCC Cretingham) to either of our Churchwardens (see inside cover) or by internet banking direct to our account at Lloyds (Sort code 30-99-85; Account number 00038145; Account name PCC Cretingham). Thank you.

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 Thursday 15th June

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



ST. PETERS PATRONAL FESTIVAL

being held in St. Peters Church, Cretingham
on **Sunday 25th June—3pm**

The service starts at the later time of **3pm** and will be a feast of popular hymns led by Revd Gary Best.

The church will be decorated by our wonderful team of Flower Arrangers showing us the wonder of colours for Summer and each one exhibiting a cup and saucer that has a special meaning.

After the service there will be an opportunity to have a cup of tea in a beautiful china cup and saucer and partake of a scone with jam and cream on a china plate!

We look forward to seeing everyone.



Can you help?

Our Annual Village Church Fete will take place on **Saturday 15th July** on Oak Corner in the afternoon.

If you can help then please contact Alister 01728 685335 or email Heather on heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk.

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

June Services at St. Peters, Cretingham.

11th June – 10am Morning Prayer with Revd Kathleen Martin

18th June – 10am Holy Communion with Revd Kathleen Martin

25th June – 3pm Patronal Festival with Revd Gary Best

MONEWDEN NOTES

DATE	FLOWERS AND BRASSES	CLEANING	SIDESPERSION	COFFEE
June 4th	Benefice Service St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo - 10am			
June 11th	S. Kingston	F. Watts & C. Saxby	D. Grier	L. Grier
June 18th		J. Vonberg		
June 25th	M. Gibson	J. Vonberg	L. Grier	W. Heath

READERS FOR MARCH: June 11th - L. Grier, D. Grier.

100 CLUB WINNERS:

April - £25 B. Chamberlain; £15 R. Aitchinson; £10 D. Mumford.

May - £25 P. Grier; £15 Lisa Grier; £10 S. Rose.

CORONATION AFTERNOON: This event held at the village hall on Coronation Monday and consisting of afternoon tea, followed by barbecue and pop up pub was a great get together for the village to celebrate this historic event. I am informed that the attendance was in the high 50s, which is about 50 per cent of the village population. It was a great success and credit, and many thanks, must go to all the people in involved in the planning and running of the afternoon. A real Monewden event!

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on Saturday, June 17th 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 June will be drawn at this event.

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

THANK YOU

‘Margaret Skeet, James and Nicola would like to thank all those in the Benefice who have offered their kind support to them since Neville’s passing, it has been a great comfort. Thankyou also to Revd Kathleen for giving such an uplifting service to celebrate his life, and to all those who came along to remember him.’

OPEN GARDEN MOAT HOUSE MONEWDEN

CANCELLED - Saturday 24th June

Due to a change in circumstances, unfortunately the open garden at Moat House on 24th June has had to be cancelled for this year.

LUNCHTIME BARBECUE

**at Firs Farm
on Sunday June 4th at 1pm**

Tickets, priced at £10, under 11s free,
are available from Brian Martin (01473 737285)
or David Grier (01473 737298).

The pop up pub will be in attendance.
There will be various attractions during
the afternoon.

In aid of Monewden Church funds.

Neville William Skeet

Sadly, Neville died at home on 12th March aged 79. Neville's health had deteriorated over the last two years but with the devoted help of Margaret and carers he had been able to stay at home, at Marke Cottage, with Margaret.

Neville began his life with his parents, William and Peggy, in Otley where William set up a haulage business. Neville started school at Otley, then moved on to Ipswich School. Neville excelled at running while at Ipswich School and became a cross country champion.

When Neville left school he went straight to work for his father in the haulage business. He said he never considered doing anything else, he gained his HGV license, learned how to build and repair engines and how to run the business. Neville organized the movement of many abnormal loads – which was the speciality of W T Skeet Haulage. The company moved the highest and widest load to be moved in Suffolk, this was the “mustard pot” from Mendlesham to Needham Market, where it still stands today, and is now a working vet's practice.

Neville and Margaret married in 1965 and moved to Ipswich where they became proud parents to James and Nicola.

Neville also had a passion for rallying which he started in the early seventies with a Mini Cooper, he was a competitive driver and moved onto a Cosworth powered Ford Escort, which he entered into the Lombard RAC Rally for two years running. He had his share of spills, but was always back at work on Monday morning, whatever his injuries.

Neville retired from rallying in the early 80's, which gave him and Margaret and the family the opportunity to fulfil his travel dreams. The family moved to Marke Cottage in Monewden in 1988, and quickly fitted into village life in the community, which often involved social functions. Neville would always be the first to

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volunteer for the washing up, and could always be seen at the sink!

In 1995 Neville became a proud Grandpa for the first time to Lauren, followed by Kristin, Yasmine and Leon. They all loved him dearly and have many memories of happy times spent with him.

We all remember Neville as Mr Reliable and Dependable, quietly going about whatever needed doing, he would never let you down if he had to agreed to do something, whether it be cutting the church hedge, cutting grass or with the church Spring clean and all the other jobs which fall upon the churchwarden, which is a post he held for twelve years.

Neville was a good friend and a much loved member of this community and is greatly missed by us all. *Brian Martin*

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:

12th June - Dallinghoo Village Hall 7.45pm

The Fatal Attraction - Dr John Speight

10th July - Dallinghoo Village Hall 7.45pm

Anglo Saxon Textiles at Sutton Hoo - Sue Moss



EARL SOHAM BOWLS CLUB

Earl Soham Bowls Club members play every Saturday afternoon from 22 April until 23 September 2023 at the bowling green (opposite John Hutton Butchers) at 2.30pm.

We are looking for new members to join.

No previous experience necessary so, if you would like to come along one Saturday afternoon and have a go, you would be most welcome.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

Martin Dorey (Club Secretary) on telephone: 01728 684880, or email: martin.dorey58@btinternet.com

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LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

Mardles

We were delighted to welcome local and very experienced beekeeper Michael Doy to Easton and Letheringham Village Hall on Monday 20th March for our very first Mardle of 2023. Michael gave all present a very interesting insight into the life of honey bees - his lovely storytelling and engaging personality had us all captivated!

Our Mardle on 24th April was equally entertaining and interesting, as John Hammond, St Elizabeth's Hospice Ambassador, recalled many stories of interesting, unusual and strange items that had been donated since he and his wife had become regular volunteers at the St Elizabeth Hospice Martlesham Heath Retail Centre. John also recalled how important the work of the Hospice is in the local community. We were all enthralled by his light hearted talk.

CRAFTSMANSHIP IN SILVER

**A Short Overview of
The Silversmith's Craft
Presented by Graeme Sagar**

Easton and Letheringham Village Hall

Monday 12th June - 7pm

Entrance £10 to include glass of wine and nibbles.

All proceeds to Letheringham St.Mary's restoration fund

Letheringham Parish Council

Following the May 4th local elections, Letheringham Parish Council is up and running again. Terence Carlin has agreed to act as Clerk on a voluntary basis until a new clerk can be recruited.

He can be contacted by e-mail at letheringham@btinternet.com.

Or you can contact any of the five councillors directly if you wish to discuss anything.

**They are: Jan McNeil, Trevor Gill, Andrew Maskery,
Malcolm Ross and Paul Clarke.**

MUSICA ANTICA

I RITRATTI

Musica Antica present 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.



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

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

We are delighted to announce that

Musica Antica Rotherhithe will be performing '*1 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.

An opportunity to experience Taizé style worship, on Wednesday, 21 st June, 6.30pm, Priory Church, St Mary's, Letheringham

All are welcome to experience a reflective service in the style of Taizé worship, with scripture, prayer, silence and singing Taizé chants. The chants, words from scripture and psalms, are short simple tunes repeated over and over. In all, the service lasts about fifty minutes.

Midsummer Day at Priory Church, Letheringham, in our Mid Loes Benefice lends itself to a time for spiritual tranquillity. The name

Taizé comes from a tiny French village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy. It was there, in 1940 that Brother Roger, aged 25, formed an ecumenical community whose prayer, three times each day, was at the centre of their life.

Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds go on pilgrimage, to participate in international meetings of prayer and reflection.

Revd Wendy Gourlay

Services for June 2023

Church	June 4th	June 11th	June 18th	June 21st	June 25th
	Trinity Sunday	1st after Trinity	2nd after Trinity	Taize Service	3rd after Trinity
	White	White	Green		Green
Ashfield		6.30pm Evening Prayer VB	8.30am Holy Communion GB		X
Charsfield		X	6.30pm Evening Prayer KM		10am Holy Communion GB
Cretingham		10am Morning Prayer KM	10am Holy Communion KM		3pm Patronal Festival GB
Dallinghoo	10am Benefice Service Holy Communion	3pm Songs of Praise (Percy Mapperley) KM	10am All-Age Worship WG		X
Earl Soham		10am All-Age Worship APW	10am Holy Communion GB		10am Morning Prayer KM
Hoo		8.30am Holy Communion KM	X		8.30am Morning Prayer GB
Letheringham		X	X	6.30pm Benefice Taize Service WG	X
Monewden		10am Holy Communion GB	X		10am All-Age Worship APW

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.

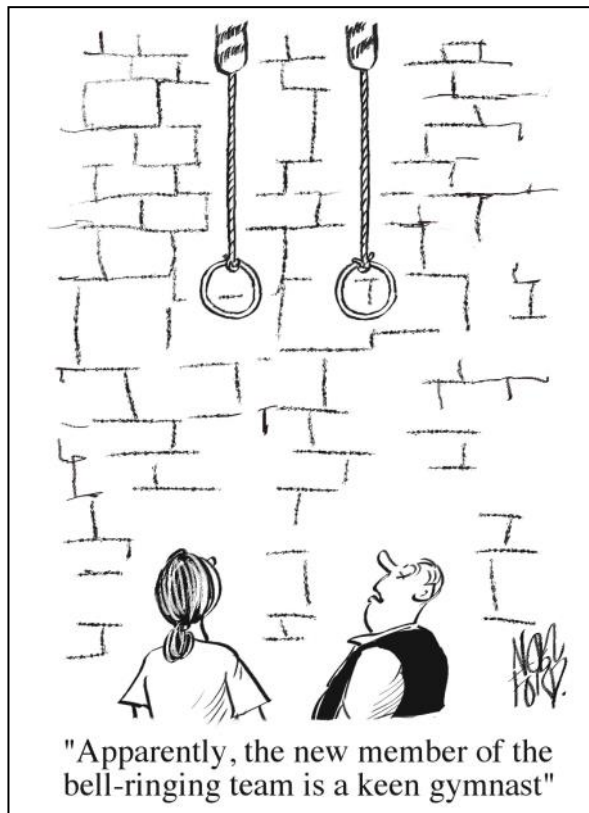
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Bible Readings for June 2023

Date	Readings	Psalm
June 4th Trinity Sunday	2 Corinthians 13: 11-end Matthew 28: 16-end	8
June 11th	Romans 4: 13-end Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26	33: 1-12
June 18th Father's Day	Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35-10:8	116: 9-17
June 25th	Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39	86: 1-10



CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Coronation Cream Tea



Charsfield Church hosted a Coronation Cream Tea event for the village on the Sunday of the Coronation weekend and David Irlande organised some choral entertainment by Charsfield Choir. This was very well attended with about 80 people over the afternoon. It was a very sociable occasion, and the singing was much enjoyed, along with the cream scones and cakes.

We also raised £326 for 'The Prince's Countryside Fund' which helps farming families and rural communities, which the PCC thought was an appropriate charity to support on the Coronation weekend. Many thanks to all the helpers with the catering and clearing up and to David and the choir for all the hard work and rehearsal time that they had put in, especially having sung at the Benefice Service at Ashfield that morning. Also, to Roger Pulham for his accompaniment on the organ.



Cream Teas
Charsfield Church
3-5pm
Second Sunday of

June (11th); July (9th);
August (13th); September (10th)
All proceeds to church funds

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

Church Rotas		
Date	Readers	Sides person
4th June—10am Benefice Holy Communion	Benefice Holy Communion, Dallinhoo. All Welcome!	
11th June	Please check the Magazine for details of services elsewhere in the Benefice	
18th June - 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Gill Margaret	Margaret
25th June—10am Holy Communion	Mike Antony	Antony

A note from St Peter's PCC

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning at Hill Farm on Friday 12 May.

We raised £475.00 despite the awful weather. Particular thanks go to the stall holders, especially those under the gazebo who got pretty wet and cold! Despite reduced attendance, probably due to the rain, it was a most enjoyable occasion with delicious coffee and cake/s and superb bargains of every description.

Thank you to all the contributors, those who came and spent their money and to those who so generously gave donations.

Flower Rota June 2023			
June 3rd	June 10th	June 17th	June 24th
Gill Winkworth	Linda Stratton	Linda Stratton	Pauline Llewellyn

Cleaning Rota June 2023	
June 4th	June 18th
Sheila & Pauline	Stephanie & Margaret



**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

HOO HALL

Open Garden and Concert

Sunday 18 June, 2pm - 5.30pm



Admission - £5 *In aid of Hoo Church*
Teas, coffee and cakes available, and raffle.

In addition, there will be a short **Concert in Hoo Church at 3pm**
with a string quartet featuring music by Haydn and Beethoven.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Hoo Church Building Trust.



DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

As many of our children and grandchildren enter the summer exam term, it provides an opportunity to reflect upon what skills and qualifications are now needed for young people entering the world of work.

The Prime Minister recently announced that in future, all children will need to study maths until age 18. Although compulsory maths until the age of 18 does not, initially, feel very attractive, I believe we can change perceptions of the subject. Applying maths skills in the real world is essential in all jobs and walks of life and offers an increase in self-confidence that will serve our children well throughout their lives.

As a regular visitor to schools across our area, I am proud of the hard work that goes into supporting our children. During a recent visit to Kesgrave High School, I was asked some excellent questions by a student around encouraging young women to take up Science, Tech, Engineering and Maths (STEM) qualifications and retaining that talent for lifelong careers in Suffolk.

It has become clear to me that our young people care deeply about achieving net zero, and I am pleased that along with sixth forms, we have a wide range of educational settings here that offer these qualifications, such as Suffolk New and Suffolk Rural. Our schools and colleges have strong relationships with local businesses and are already seeking opportunities for our young people with Sizewell C.

Suffolk's Energy Coast is internationally recognised as excellent in producing and delivering sustainable, clean energy solutions, offering great careers and underpinning economic growth here in

Suffolk and across the UK. We have one of the driest climates in England with longer hours of daily sunshine and miles of coastline, so it is seen as the perfect location for solar energy and of course, offshore wind.

I have reservations about the proposals for Sizewell C, but until we can find better ways of storing the electricity produced by renewable sources, nuclear power remains an important form of electricity production. We are all striving to be more environmentally conscious and nuclear energy has the advantage of being carbon neutral and so reduces reliance on fossil fuels.

Maths underpins achievement in all STEM subjects which are key to supporting the growth in jobs in Suffolk's energy industry.

Thanks to Suffolk's leading role in the nuclear and renewables sector, our young people can play their part in building a brighter, greener future, but let's not forget that maths is useful in all walks of life. Young people will one day need to manage household budgets, understand mobile phone contracts and arrange mortgages. These skills are workplace transferable, and we must not fail our children when it comes to confidence in maths both for their own lives and in safeguarding a strong economic future for the country.

I am incredibly proud of everything we have to offer young people, here in Suffolk. I couldn't think of a better place to live and work, and I wish all our students all the very best for their exams and hopefully some outstanding results to come.

**The deadline for contributions to the
JULY 2023 edition is
SUNDAY 18th JUNE**

Anything sent after this date will not be included.

ASHFIELD NOTES

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Pastoral Quire

On Saturday 13th May we were delighted to welcome the 'Pastoral Quire' to Ashfield Church for an evening of Madrigals and Bird Song. A most enjoyable evening was had by all present. During the interval drinks and canapés were served. I am pleased to say that as a result the evening raised over £430 for church funds. If anyone would like to find out more about the Pastoral Quire please contact Tim Artiss [Choirmaster] at Poplars, Ashfield for more information.

Churchwarden

We are delighted to report that Robert Grimsey has been elected to serve another year as Churchwarden. Robert will continue to fulfil the obligations of this office to the best of his ability.

170th Birthday

On 30th August 2023 it will be 170 years to the day since Lord Henniker laid the foundation stone of the church building that now serves as Ashfield Parish Church. The previous building had fallen into ruins in the late 1700's. More details of a celebration to mark this occasion will be posted in the next edition. **RG.**

ASHFIELD-cum-THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the recent uncontested Parish Council Election the 'new' Council met on 15th May. Robert Grimsey was proposed to be Chairman for the ensuing year. At present we have just four Councillors and in an ideal world would like all seven seats to be filled! If you or someone you may know would like to join the Council please do not hesitate to contact any standing Councillor or the Clerk.

ASHFIELD NOTES

On behalf of the whole parish I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Councillors following the recent elections in particular Ruth Hart who served as a Parish Councillor for a number of years and Kathie Guthrie who was our District Councillor for something like sixteen years. I am pleased to be able to report that Ruth and Des will continue to look after the defibrillator for us.

RG.

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FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2023

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HOO NOTES

ALISTAIR HEELEY

Our former churchwarden, Perry Branton asked me to prepare a short piece to mark the passing of Alistair.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Alistair, who was a great friend of Hoo church for many years. He provided the lovely decorations for the church porch each year at harvest festival time, which Hoo church was well known for. The porch looked equally good at Easter and Christmas, again thanks to Alistair. When he was not well enough to walk up to the church, his son Stuart took the decorations for him. For many years Alistair undertook the flying of flags at Hoo Church on special days. These flags had been made at home by his wife Ruth. Thank you, Alistair, for all the love you showed our special church over many years.

ROGATION SERVICE 14 MAY 2023

My thanks to the Revd Wendy Gourlay for a lovely Rogation Service at Hoo church on the afternoon of 14 May. Our little church is an ideal setting for a service with a country theme and Wendy's words captured the mood perfectly. Thanks also to all who provided the delicious refreshments we enjoyed after the service.

ERIC BRANTON

Eric sadly passed away on 6 March 2023 at the age of ninety. As our PCC secretary Trevor, Eric's nephew, so aptly put it, "For many years, Eric and Perry were an integral part of the church and village life of Hoo."

Eric was a great support to Perry during the many years she served as churchwarden in unison with Margaret (Doe), doing many maintenance and DIY jobs at the church. Trevor recalls the occasion when his father, Eric's older brother by some years, called in on his way to Hoo church, announcing that he and Eric were going to clear the church gutters that afternoon. In response to a somewhat alarmed question as to why he was undertaking that sort of work at his age, Trevor's father replied that he would be holding the ladder while Eric went up it! After all, Eric was the youngster, albeit he was in his seventies at the time!

On a personal note, I feel very privileged to have known Eric for the last dozen or so years of his life. I have such happy memories of times spent

in his and Perry's company, invariably in the kitchen at Elmtree Farm, Hoo. I was always made so welcome, and if I was a nuisance turning up unannounced while on one of my bike rides, Perry and Eric never let on, quite the reverse in fact. I would be given a large piece of one of Perry's delicious cakes, while Eric would sit in the corner and chat about countryside matters and life in Hoo and the surrounding villages as it used to be. When I left, without fail, Eric would thank me for calling by, and he did so the last time I saw him, at Woodbridge Lodge in February.

I introduced Perry and Eric to my late brother in law, who was also a farming man all his life. Eric and Eddie were very similar in age (they were born a couple of weeks apart, in 1932) and in character, quiet, unassuming and wonderful people. The two of them became good friends and I loved to hear them talk about rural life. Eric would begin the conversation with a question: "Do you remember", "Did you know" or "Did you ever" and they were away. One of Eddie's proudest moments was when he took over from Eric on David Doe's tractor at the Bucklesham Tractor Rally and ploughed his first furrow on Suffolk soil at the age of 81. I can still picture Eric on that day, on the tractor, cap on his head and a broad smile on his face when we greeted him.

Someone who was very fond of Eric told me once that he was like the grandfather she never had. That sums up Eric very well; a kind, modest man about whom people only had good things to say. Thank you, Eric, for your friendship and for all you did for the parish of Hoo over so many years.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 18 June 2023 – Hoo Hall Open Gardens, in aid of Hoo church, from 2pm to 5.30pm.

Saturday 12 August 2023 – Annual Tea Party at the church, hopefully in the churchyard if the weather is fine. The theme for the event is "Find out about your church" and a donation from the proceeds will be made to the DEC.

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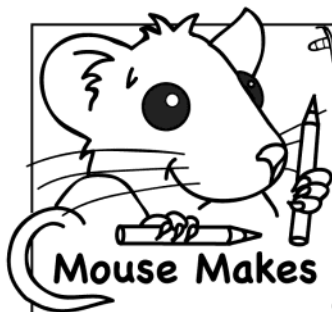
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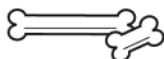
"Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land... The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."



As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...

1

Water turns to Blood
Which water turned to blood?
Read - Exodus 7:19



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6

A Break out of Boils
What did Moses throw into the air before boils appeared on people and animals?
Read - Exodus 9:10

2

A Swarm of Frogs
In which places were the frogs found?
Read - Exodus 8:3-4



3

A Plague of Gnats
When Aaron struck his staff on the ground what became Gnats?
Read - Exodus 8:16-17



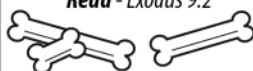
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Swarms of Flies
In which land were the flies not be found?
Read - Exodus 8:22



5

Death of Animals
Which animals that belonged to the Egyptians died?
Read - Exodus 9:2



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7

A Rain of Hail
What also rained down with the hail?
Where did it not hail?
Read - Exodus 9:24-26

8

A Swarm of Locusts
Where did the wind come from that brought the locusts to the land?
Read - Exodus 10:13



9

Darkness over the Land
How many days did it remain dark?
Read - Exodus 10:21-22

10

Death of the Firstborn
At what time would the firstborn in the land die?
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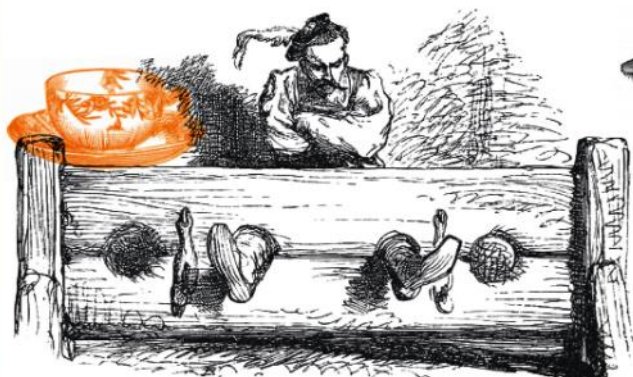
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