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

October 2024



Benefice Service

Dallinghoo - 10am
Sunday 6th October

All Welcome

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Who's Who continues on the inside back cover

The Deadline for contributions panel
November 2024 ISSUE is
Sunday 20th October

MID LOES BENEFICE

Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Charsfield with Debach,
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Letheringham and Monewden

October 2024

From The Rectory...

So, that was Summer. A few good weeks weatherwise, especially the weeks beginning early July and end of August but guess what...the only two days of serious rain caused a postponement of the Vicar's Tea Party on 6th July, and a move to Earl Soham Village Hall on the rearranged date of 24th August. However, out of the face of adversity, the move to the village hall proved to be a huge success for the event, with a total of £1200 being raised to be shared between our local churches and East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA), who were also present at the Vicar's Tea Party.



I want to thank the team at the village hall, especially Candida and Susie, who worked with the VTP team to get the hall set up, and a very big thank you to all those who contributed towards the day, in whatever capacity. Thank you for making the event such a huge success.

I am hoping that the team from EAAA will join us at the Benefice Service, taking place on 3rd November, at St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham,

to receive a cheque for £600. The EAAA team confirmed that they also made a further £234 on the day, for which they were delighted.





Now, our attention has turned to harvest, with various harvest suppers and services taking place across the benefice, so please keep an eye out for them. It would be great to see you at one of the suppers or church services, where all the food contributions will be going to FIND (Families in Need), a charity supported by all 8 churches here in Mid-Loes.

Benefice Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed

This year, a Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed will be held on Sunday 27th October, 3pm, St. Mary's Church, Ashfield. This is a service where we will have the opportunity to come together remembering the loved ones whom we see no longer. The service will include hymns, readings, and time for reflection, with refreshments being provided in the village hall after the service. The service will include an opportunity for names of the departed to be read out and shared with those present. If you would like to have a loved one, or loved ones, remembered in this way, whether you are able to attend the service or not, please email midloesoffice@gmail.com with the name/s. *Love and Blessings, Revd Gary*

BENEFICE SERVICE

St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham

Sunday 3rd November - 10am

Please join us at this service where we will present a cheque to East Anglian Air Ambulance.

The service will be followed with light refreshments at The Rectory.

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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 HOLY COMMUNION & LIGHT LUNCH

**Thursday 10th October
at Firs Farm, Monewden**

A reflective Holy Communion service followed by a light lunch to which all are welcome.

Please let Revd Kathleen know if you are coming in order to help with planning.

b.a.martin@btconnect.com or 01473 737285

BENEFICE SERVICES

Sunday 6th October

St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo

Sunday 3rd November

St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham

The choir will be present for rehearsal from 9am

ASHFIELD NOTES

HARVEST 2024

A Harvest Festival Service will take place at St Mary's on Sunday 13th October at 6.30pm. Gifts of food which will be taken to FIND in Ipswich may be brought to the service or placed in the collection box that is always available in the porch. For details of what is required/acceptable please see elsewhere in this edition or contact Revd Gary please. Let's see if we can fill the donations box for this very worthy cause. Harvest donations should be made before 15th October please although the box is open to receive food all the year round and is cleared monthly.



CAN YOU HELP ST MARY'S?

Ashfield Church is looking for some extra help please! A small but committed team are keeping the church open and available 24/7/365 and we continually marvel at the number of people that come to visit us, since the arrival of Revd Gary we are doing more to reach out into the community. To enable us to continue with this and hopefully expand what we can/do offer we would like some help as follows; A treasurer primarily to book keep and prepare our accounts for annual examination [banking is largely taken care of already].



Churchyard maintenance, could you spare a few hours each month to look after a part or all of the churchyard?

Cleaning the interior of the church, nothing too onerous [unless you want to make it so!]. A quick sweep and dust around during the week before a service is scheduled.

If you think you can help with any of the above please speak to Jane Davidson or myself for an informal chat about what's involved. Thank you.

WINDOW CLEANER

The windows of St Mary's have not had a proper clean since we had the major roof works carried out more than a decade ago now. Some of the windows particularly those that see very little sunshine are particularly grubby. On a sunny day recently I thought how much brighter the church would be with the windows cleaned. Here lies the problem, very few window cleaners will undertake work to leaded light windows such as those we have at Ashfield these days! Does anyone know or employ a window cleaner who would be able to do this for us please? If you can help please speak to either Jane or myself.



ASHFIELD NOTES continued

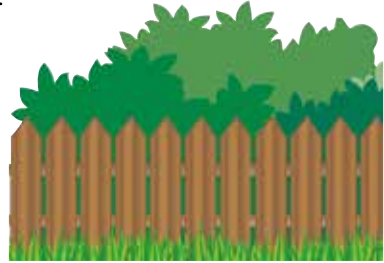
GETTING READY FOR WINTER...

Whilst it seems incredible that almost 12 months have elapsed since Suffolk was hit by Storm Babette as winter approaches it is important that we all make sure any drain/ditches within our premises are cleaned out and ready for what could be ahead. It is much easier to clean out a ditch whilst it is dry or has only a little water in it than wait until it is full/overflowing because of a blockage. If anyone needs help/advice about this please do ask and I will help if I can.



ROADSIDE HEDGES

A gentle reminder to everyone yet to cut their hedges that all roadside hedges should be cut back and maintained to be at least 50cm from the edge of the metalled [tarmac] highway. There are two reasons for this, forward visibility for vehicles and provision of pedestrian refuge. If you haven't already cut your hedges please can you do so soon. Thank you.



Robert Grimsey robertgrimseyactpc@gmail.com



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in Brandeston Village Hall**

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ASHFIELD NOTES continued

SURELY WE ALL BELIEVE THAT ASHFIELD-CUM-THORPE IS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE? WHY IS THAT?



The Parish Council is the means by which a village like ours protects and improves village life. For Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, it gives us the ability to influence the decisions of Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council and hold them to account. District and County Councillors do listen to us - they attend most Parish Council meetings, and always respond to our requests (if not always exactly the way we want!) The Parish Council can also help steer money to the Parish, influence planning decisions, get Highways issues dealt with and more. Without the Parish Council the village would have no official voice.

The Parish Council should have seven members, but currently we only have four. Can you spare 2 hours, 4 times a year for evening meetings? If yes, then why not become a Councillor!

PLEASE READ BELOW AND CONSIDER WHETHER YOU COULD PLAY A PART.

What is Ashfield Parish Council?

- It's a local authority that works on behalf of the people in the village and has an overall responsibility for the well-being of its local community.
- It comprises up seven (but currently only four) volunteer Councillors drawn from the community, and a paid Clerk who advises on procedure and deals with the paperwork.
- It is funded by all Council Tax payers in the village, who pay a sum called "precept" within their annual or monthly payments.
- It has responsibility as the legal owner of the village hall, lessee for the land on which the village hall is built, and also the telephone box.
- In spite of "Parish" in its name, the Council is not associated with the church.

What does Ashfield Parish Council do?

- Represents the local community, negotiating with and influencing other organisations that do make the final decisions (such as the District or County Council, highways, planning, health authorities, police etc).
- Encourages and supports various services to meet local needs.
- Works to improve quality of life in the village.

What has Ashfield Parish Council achieved in the past?

Examples include:-

- Limiting the number of HGVs travelling through the village.
- Dealing with sensitive social issues.
- Arranging for "Speed Indicator" signs and traffic surveys.
- Arranging for potholes to be filled in.

ASHFIELD NOTES continued

What's the future of Ashfield Parish Council?

Somewhat bleak. As the number of Councillors falls, so the workload in individuals increases. There is a risk that if the numbers fall further, the Council will cease to exist.

What if Ashfield Parish Council ceased to exist?

Clearly, life in the village would go on. The legal role would be taken over by the District Council..But slowly, inexorably, the village would experience the effects having no community representation. When it comes to 'good' things (such as grants), other villages would get more. When it comes to 'bad' things (such as unwanted planning permissions) there would be nobody to fight our cause.

Of course, the future, good or bad, can't be predicted. But who would want to take the risk?

What help does Ashfield Parish Council need?

Put simply, more Councillors. The Council is authorised to add new Councillors without running an election by a process known as "co-option".

The Council can run efficiently with limited burden on the full seven Councillors. There are normally just four meetings a year, interspersed with a few short ad hoc meetings dealing with planning etc.

Thank you, Mrs Sarah Clare, Clerk & RFO to Ashfield-cum-Thorpe Parish Council

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Village website: www.ashfield.onesuffolk.net



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES

CREAM TEAS



The last Cream Teas of the season at Charsfield Church saw about 30 people enjoy cream teas. There was a cyclist from Great Yarmouth and some walkers from Uggleshall as well visitors from Dallinghoo and from Charsfield. Cream Teas have made a total of £450 in donations for church funds over the summer months.

Thankyou to all who have come and enjoyed the teas and chat and for the volunteers who have provided scones, cakes and lots of cups of tea!

Cream Teas will return on the third Sunday of the month, 3-5pm, in June 2025.

CHARSFIELD CHURCHYARD



The churchyard, which is being maintained to encourage wildlife, has had its final cut for this year.

Thank you to the all the volunteers who have cut and raked all the dried grass and stacked it into heaps which will provide shelter for hedgehogs and grass snakes and other wildlife during the winter.

CHARSFIELD FLOWER SHOW



The committee of the Flower Show would like to thank all exhibitors, sponsors, judges and everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Charsfield Flower Show 2024.

The AGM of the Flower Show will take place on Fri 22nd November at 1pm at St. Peter's Charsfield.

The next Flower Show will take place on Sat 26th July 2025.

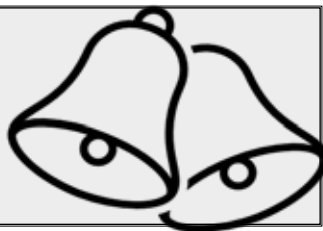
VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

With the Ipswich Hospital Band

St. Peter's Charsfield

Friday 13th December @ 7:30pm

Village Hall Bar Open



ST. ELIZABETH HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Joyce & Dave Whitley Invite you to:-

St. Elizabeth Hospice Coffee Morning, to be held on Saturday 30th November in Charsfield Village Hall 10am-12 noon.



Please come along and meet up with friends for a pre Christmas chat, lovely coffee and cakes, hand made Christmas cards and crafts for sale. Also a Raffle. All proceeds to the Hospice. It is a lovely way to start off the Christmas season! See you there !!!

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES continued

| Date | Readers | Sides person |
|---|--|--------------|
| 6th October 10am Benefice Holy Communion, Dallinghoo | Benefice Holy Communion Dallinghoo All welcome | |
| 13th October | No Service at Charsfield Please check the Magazine for details of Services elsewhere in the Benefice | |
| 20th October 6.30pm Evening Prayer | Stephanie Margaret | Margaret |
| 27th October 10am Holy Communion | Antony Linda | Linda |

Charsfield - October and November Cleaning Rota

| October 12 th | October 26 th | November 9 th | November 23 rd |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Stephanie and Margaret | Lucy | Linda and Kurt | Gill and Beverley |

Charsfield - October and November Flower Rota

| October 5 th | October 12 th | October 19 th | October 26 th | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gill Winkworth | Gill Winkworth | Linda Stratton | Linda Stratton | |
| November 2 nd | November 9 th | November 16 th | November 23 rd | November 30 th |
| Beverley Gugenheim | Beverley Gugenheim | Pauline Llewellyn | Pauline Llewellyn | Margaret Salter |



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We have been delighted to welcome 5 new pupils to our school this year and they have all settled into life at Charsfield well. All our pupils have started their learning with positive attitudes, and we are looking forward to the term ahead! Here are just a few things that we have been up to since the new school term started a couple of weeks ago:

Pupils in Rowan Class have been writing their own narratives based upon the book “The Smartest Giant in Town” by Julia Donaldson. We have had some wonderful character descriptions from our youngest pupils. In science pupils are using our lovely grounds to learn about plants and animals. In PSHE we are learning about our emotions and how they make us feel and act and what we can do when we feel overwhelmed by our emotions.

Ash Class pupils are improving their descriptive writing using the story “Little Red Reading Hood” – this has included taking part in some role play! In maths lessons pupils are learning about place value so they have a good grounding in number work and, in science lessons, along with Years, 4, 5 and 6, pupils are investigating light.

Our oldest pupils in Oak Class have used the first part of the story “Licked by Paul Jennings” to create their own ending to the story in a piece of drama. From this, the children wrote their own comics using an online programme called Book Creator – we had some very funny sketches! Following on from this, we are now writing our own endings to “Licked”. In history we are learning about ancient civilisations. Most recently pupils learned about the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb by Howard Carter in 1922.

We have started swimming lessons at Framlingham College this term. All pupils across the school swim every year and we really notice the difference in confidence when we take the pupils swimming. After Christmas, the pupils will restart their Forest School sessions.

Last year we held several reading cafes where parents and family members come into school to share books and stories with their child – we are looking forward to holding our first one at the end of the half term in October.

Nursery News: We are now taking applications for our Nursery (ages 3+).

***FREE*Parent and Toddler Group:** This takes place every Wednesday afternoon 1.30pm -3pm during term time. Lots of fun activities in a welcoming and nurturing environment. All ages welcome. No need to book – just turn up!

Open Afternoons: These will be held on Monday 21st October, Friday 15th November and Tuesday 26th November – from 1.45pm. All welcome. Other dates/times are available on request.

For more information about any of the above, please contact the school office on 01473 737347 or email office@charsfieldprimary.org.uk

Please look at our Instagram and Facebook pages to see what our school is getting up to – we update these regularly with news.

Mrs Amie Reeve, Head of School

CRETINGHAM NOTES



FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

| | Altar Flowers | Cleaning |
|----------|-----------------|----------|
| October | Mrs Jan Sedwick | *Vacant |
| November | Mrs Lin Walker | *Vacant |

**No volunteers for cleaning this month so if anyone can pop in and put a duster around and sweep it would be much appreciated. Thank you x*

HARVEST SUPPER

Thank you to everyone who came, donated food, had draw tickets, washed/wiped up etc. A great evening and chance to catch up with friends from Creetingham and other villagers. Our competition this year took us all back to those times we played board games, in particular Monopoly! A blank page with just the board and then to recall what each colour road name was, which stations, where the Go to Jail corner was etc. Absolutely brilliant and well done to Sarah Thorne who got 22 right on the night. A little fact – The total cost if you purchase every “street” on the board is £4,590 !!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The church looked beautiful for the Harvest Festival Service with so many gifts just waiting to be given to FIND (Families in Need). Thank you to everyone who gave, created wonderful flower displays etc.



A time for us all to reflect and be grateful for our neighbours and the villages we live in surrounded by the farms and Suffolk countryside.

QUIZ NIGHT

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CRETINGHAM NOTES continued

COFFEE and CHAT

Friday 18th October 10.30 -12 noon.

In St. Peters Church – heating will be on ! Everyone welcome.
Coffee / Tea / Hot Chocolate / Fruit Tea and Biscuits !! Opportunity
to browse the books and puzzles ready for those Winter nights.



SERVICES IN ST. PETERS, CRETINGHAM

13th October Morning Prayer 10am
with Rev. Wendy Gourlay

20th October Holy Communion 10am
with Rev. Kathleen Martin



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DALLINGHOO NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

6th October 10am Benefice Holy Communion

20th October 10am Harvest Festival with Baptism



COFFEE MORNING

2nd November

Due to the Harvest Supper on 5th October there will be no coffee morning this month but we will be back on 2nd November and 7th December. Come and join us at the church for a coffee, cake and chat.



HARVEST SUPPER

5th October 7 for 7.30pm

It's not too late to get your tickets for the Harvest Supper.



VICTORIAN OIL LAMP EXHIBITION

19th October 4-8pm

Come and see a special exhibition of oil lamps in the beautiful setting of the church at dusk. This promises to be a true one-off event. Free entry with donations to church funds.



ADVANCED NOTICE CHRISTMAS FAIR

30th November 11am to 2.30pm

The Christmas Fair is back! Save this date in your diaries for festive fun, refreshments and even an opportunity to get ahead with the Christmas gift shopping. Fun for all ages.



ANNUAL RIDE AND STRIDE

14th September

Thanks to all who took part in this event whether cycling or providing a warm welcome at the church. Despite the unseasonable cold start, it was a great day for exploring the Suffolk countryside and seeing our churches in all their splendour.



**DALLINGHOO PARISH AGM WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 7.30PM 2024 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

DALLINGHOO NOTES continued

DALLINGHOO CARPET BOWLS

Carpet Bowls will start again on Wednesday October 2nd, 16th and 30th. Dallinghoo Jubilee Hall, 7.30pm. Gentle exercise, no previous experience necessary and a warm welcome to everyone. More details from Cliff Green 01473 737421.



RICHARD WEST

We extend our condolences to Sheila West. Richard died of Motor Neurone Disease on 18th June. From apparent good health to death, the end came very quickly. They had just moved into a new home next door. We hope Sheila will be happy there.

Both Richard and Sheila were much a part of the Dallinghoo social scene. As members of the Church Support Committee, limewashing the church interior, contesting the croquet matches and much else; he was Treasurer for 23 years.

We welcome her daughter, Amanda, son-in-law Iain Parker & family who have moved into Valley Farm and hope they will be very happy there.

Sheila and her family would like to offer sincere thanks to everyone who attended Richard's funeral on July 15th, and also for the many cards and letters which have meant so much to us. In addition many thanks for all the donations made to the St Elizabeth's Hospice and the MND Association.

We were sorry that Robin and Helen Tye have departed for the village of Brinkley (still just in Suffolk) to be nearer their children & grandchildren but truly thankful that in their time here they led the Dallinghoo Church Repair Fund in its successful refurbishment of the church. As a going-away gift from the Committee, Chris Pennington made them a model of the church - truly a work of craftsmanship.



We welcome Becky and Craig Calvert to Banyards and hope they will be very happy there.



Harvest Supper

Saturday 5th October 7 for 7.30pm
Jubilee Hall

Join us for a seasonal Brook Farm beef casserole (or a veggie alternative) followed by an array of puddings and entertainment

Tickets available from John or Dawn Gill
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Donations of raffle prizes or puddings gratefully received.

Raising funds for St Mary's Dallinghoo

Church by Historic Lamp Light

St. Mary's Church, Dallinghoo

19th October 2024 – 4pm-8pm

St. Mary's Church is delighted to host
an exhibition of
Victorian Oil Lamps.
Entry to the event is free
of charge, with all
donations being given
to church funds.



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We have many patients requesting support in their own homes, across various locations in Suffolk but in particular – Saxmundham, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Eye, Felixstowe and Stowmarket areas. Visits can sometimes be up to 4 hours, but usually would be much less.

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CHURCH SERVICES

| Church | October 6th | October 13th | October 20th | October 27th |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | 19th after Trinity Green | 20th after Trinity Green | 21st after Trinity Green | Last of Trinity Green |
| Ashfield | | 6.30pm Harvest VB | 8.30am Holy Communion GB | 3pm Benefice Service Thanksgiving Service for the Departed |
| Charsfield | | X | 6.30pm Evening Prayer KM | 10am Holy Communion GB |
| Cretingham | | 10am Morning Prayer WG | 10am Holy Communion KM | X |
| Dallinghoo | 10am Benefice HC GB | X | 10am Harvest Service with Baptism GB | X |
| Earl Soham | | 10am All-Age Worship APW | 10am Holy Communion WG | 10am Morning Prayer KM |
| Hoo | | 8.30am Holy Communion KM | X | 8.30am Morning Prayer GB |
| Letheringham | | 10am Harvest Service GB | X | X |
| Monewden | | 10am Holy Communion KM | 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;

MV = Mary Vellacott, Lay Elder; **CW** = Churchwarden;

VB = Veda Berriman, Reader.



READINGS

OCTOBER 2024

| Date | Readings | Psalm |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------|
| October 6th Benefice Service | Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16 | 8 |
| October 13th | Hebrews 4:12-end Mark 10:17-31 | 90: 12-end |
| October 20th | Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45 | 91: 9-end |
| October 27th | Hebrews 7:23-end Mark 10:46-end | 126 |

FORTHCOMING BENEFICE SERVICES:

Sunday 3rd November

St. Mary's Church, Earl Soham

Sunday 1st December

St. Andrew and St. Eustachius Church, Hoo



"It's either an appeal to youth culture or we can't afford to service the boiler for the Winter season"

EARL SOHAM NOTES

ST MARYS CHURCH FETE - 2024

Once again we had a wonderful day and were blessed with a perfect afternoon's weather on August 3rd this year. Lots of hard work but it was all worth it when the crowds turned up to enjoy themselves and spend money at the stalls and games.

All funds raised go towards the upkeep of our beautiful parish church building and we raised a truly excellent sum. However, as important as the financial aspect is, we believe the Fete also helps to bring the community together and is an enjoyable event for all ages, whether locals or visitors.

So a huge thank you to everyone who helped - maybe by helping to put up (and take down) gazebos, moving tables and chairs, donating items for sale or raffle, baking cakes, helping man a stall or game - we couldn't have done it without you. We are especially grateful to the Sheffield family for allowing the steam train to run for the enjoyment of all and to the dedicated team who worked so hard to ensure the railway track and the engines were in safe and working order.

We would also like to thank the following local businesses who have generously supported us, either by sponsoring a stall or providing a draw prize.

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For ES Fete Committee

SUFFOLK CHUCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024

St Mary's Church Earl Soham welcomed 20 riders to the church. A little bit down on previous years but still encouraging.

One very enthusiastic young boy from our village has raised over £200, which will be divided equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and St Mary's. More stylists needed please!

We have a dedicated bunch of helpers who kindly welcomed the cyclists to our lovely church. The porch is always beautifully decorated, which makes for the perfect entrance.

Thank you to you all.

Mary Patterson



EARL SOHAM NOTES continued

HENCHMAN & CLUBB

After the last few years of giving out disbursements we are looking to consolidate our funds for future payments so there will be no disbursement this year.

EARL SOHAM 100 CLUB

The Annual Draw for 2024 will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 26th October at 1000 for 1030. I will be resigning at this meeting.

If anyone is interested in joining the small team that runs the club please call me on 07395918937 or chris.anne1@btinternet.com *Chris Pratt*

ST MARY'S, EARL SOHAM

We need an Honorary Examiner for the church accounts for 2024. The accounts are very straight forward and would take perhaps a couple of afternoons to do. They are usually ready by February. If anyone feels they could spare the time to help with this important role please contact me on chris.anne@btinternet.com or 07395918937 and I will be happy to go through what is involved.

Thank you. Chris Pratt Treasurer St Mary's Earl Soham

EARL SOHAM BOWLS CLUB

Annual Tournament 2024

The Earl Soham Bowls Club Annual Tournament was held on **Saturday 7th September**.

The Annual Tournament was well supported by players from a wide area of surrounding villages. 42 players participated in a three-wood triples competition. It was won by a team from Stradbroke White Hart BC and second place went to a team from Earl Soham BC. Third place went to a joint team from Kesgrave and Bredfield BC's.

Thanks to the hard work of Earl Soham Bowls Club members, the support of visiting players and the generous sponsorship of Longstaff Transport, Walnes Seeds, Bruce Hinton (Earl Soham Business Center) and P H Betts (Holdings) Ltd, £955 was raised at our Annual Tournament for Club funds.

The season is almost over and we have done reasonably well this year, finishing second in the Bob Wright 3-wood league. After being promoted last year to the Saxmundham League Div. 1, we unfortunately were unsuccessful in remaining in Div. 1 for next season and will be demoted back to the league Div. 2.

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.



EARL SOHAM NOTES continued

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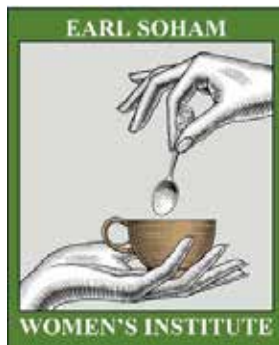
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Due to unforeseen circumstances our arranged speaker was unable to make our July meeting so a quiz was quickly put together. These things happen. It was however particularly unfortunate that we had seven potential new members come. Hopefully they weren't too put off by the impromptu arrangements and we will see them again when we next meet in September.

This will be on Thursday 26th September, as usual in the Wickham Market Village Hall (IP13 OHE). Doors open at 6.30 for 7pm start. It's our AGM. Don't Panic though.....it's more of a social event. We are having the Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue come to give us a short talk about what they do, before we present them with a donation cheque for £250. This is money raised through the Chairmans chosen Charity this year, at our brilliant Fashion Show.

After this we have the business side of the AGM which really isn't as arduous as it sounds followed by the social side, with light refreshments and a raffle. A chance to chat to friends and talk about what the club needs in general. What suggestions you may have going forward etc. would you like to join us on the committee. You would be more than welcome

It would be lovely to see you all after the summer break so please do come. Failing that, the October meeting is on Thursday 24th October. Again at the Village Hall at the same time. The demonstrator will be Wendy Goodliffe – “It's all in a game”. As usual there will be a Sales table, Refreshments and a Raffle. Your first visit is FREE.

Any queries or for more information, please contact either myself (Mandy) on 01728 748039 or Carol on 01394 383666.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Happy August Holidays.

Mandy Pryke



Benefice Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed



**Sunday 27th October – 3pm
St. Mary's Church, Ashfield**

This is a service open to everyone who wishes to come together with others, remembering those whom we love but see no longer.

As we hold their memories before God, we thank him for all that they have meant to us; and we rejoice that the Christian faith assures us that our loved one rest safe in his everlasting arms.

The service will include hymns and readings, and an opportunity for reflection.

If you wish the names of any loved ones to be read out during an act of remembrance, please send the details through to [**midloesoffice@gmail.com**](mailto:midloesoffice@gmail.com).

The service will be followed with refreshments in the Ashfield Village Hall.

HOO NOTES

We were pleased to welcome over forty visitors to Hoo church on Saturday 14 September while the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" event was taking place. This was an excellent result and a tribute to the appeal of our lovely little church, lying as it does "off the beaten track"; I know from speaking to others that we had far more riders and striders than churches in larger villages.



Trevor Branton and I shared the manning of the church for the day and were warmed by the comments we received, particularly from first time visitors who enjoyed the peace and quiet, enhanced by the simplicity of the building. It was nice to talk about the connections with Peter Hall's film of "Akenfield" and share memories of Perry Branton, Margaret Doe and Frances Parkinson, who I got to know from visiting Hoo church when I started coming from Essex on the second Saturday in September for the annual cycle ride in the early 1990s.

I experienced what I can only describe as the magic of Hoo church again a couple of days later. Our PCC meeting in the church having ended, I went and sat on the bench under the tower to eat the rest of the refreshments I had with me, before cycling on. It was a perfect mid September afternoon, bright sunlight illuminating the ancient gravestones of a former occupant of Hoo Hall and his wife close by, the churchyard looked very neat and tidy, as we had been complimented about on Saturday, while a gentle breeze rustled the trees. Other than a solitary tractor travelling along the lane, the sound of traffic was blessedly absent, and as the sun warmed my face, I thought what a perfect place this was to be on an Indian summer afternoon. I could have lingered a long time, and even dozed, as I had for a few moments in the church porch on Saturday, the mood wax so relaxing. It was with some regret that I went on my way, but buoyed by the thought that I will return again soon, because even in autumn and winter the little bench under Hoo church tower is a perfect place to enjoy some warming afternoon sun.

Francis Whitbread

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Forthcoming Services :

Harvest Festival Sunday 13th October 2024 10am

Christmas Candlelit Service Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm



MONEWDEN NOTES

CHURCH ROTAS

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|---------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|
| Oct. 13 | J. Coe | M. Sills | J. Dinwiddy | C. Saxby |
| Oct. 27 | A. Hamilton | L. Grier | B. Martin | L. Grier |

CHURCH READERS

Oct. 13 Margaret, David

AUGUST 100 CLUB WINNERS

1 £25 S. Clarke; 2 £15 Jean Coe; 3 £10 C. Hearn.

COFFEE MORNING

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on **Saturday, October 19th** from **10 a.m. 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 for September and October will be held during the morning.



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The demand for food parcels has risen year on year and FIND now distributes an average of 120-150 parcels every week and even more at Christmas - more than 7,000 every year.

Going Forward

Each church within the benefice has now become a donation point where there are boxes in the church porches in which donations can be left. The donations will then be collected on a regular basis and taken to the offices of FIND. Currently, the food requirements are as follows:

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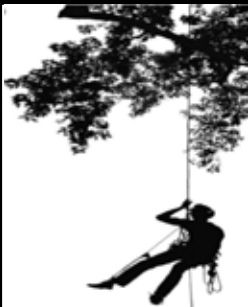
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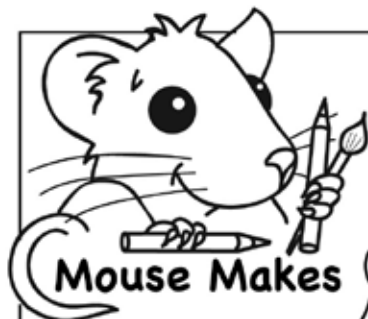
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WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

_____ "
Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12



"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK
WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

WHO'S WHO IN THE BENEFICE *(Continued from inside front cover)*

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Benefice Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed



**Sunday 27th October – 3pm
St. Mary's Church, Ashfield**

This is a service open to everyone who wishes to come together with others, remembering those whom we love but see no longer.

As we hold their memories before God, we thank him for all that they have meant to us; and we rejoice that the Christian faith assures us that our loved one rest safe in his everlasting arms.

The service will include hymns and readings, and an opportunity for reflection.

If you wish the names of any loved ones to be read out during an act of remembrance, please send the details through to midloesoffice@gmail.com.

The service will be followed with refreshments in the Ashfield Village Hall.