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SUFFOLK HEIGHTS BENEFICE NEWS

June 2022

Welcome to the June 2022 edition. As ever, I look forward to receiving your contributions for future magazines.

We are very keen to have photographs of what has been going on in the Benefice so don't be shy about sending them in! **Please DO NOT SEND PDFs if it can be avoided. Only Word docs, Publisher files or Jpegs, black and white.**

The deadline for the July/August 2022 edition is 5pm Wednesday 15th June 2022. Anything received after this date cannot be included.

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SUFFOLK HEIGHTS SERVICES IN JUNE

Join us on Friday mornings at 9.30 at All Saints', Chevington for Morning Prayer. Communion (said) will be celebrated at All Saints', Rede on Tuesday

	5th	12th	19th	26th
	Pentecost/ Whit Sunday	Trinity Sunday	First Sunday after Trinity	Second Sunday after Trinity
All Saints' Chedburgh		10.45am Morning Prayer		10.45am Communion
All Saints' Chevington	9.00AM Communion	9:00 AM Communion	9:00 AM Communion	9:00 AM Communion
St Mary's, Depden			11.00AM Communion	
St Edmund's Hargrave	11.00AM Morning Prayer		6.00PM Evening Prayer	
St Mary's Hawkedon		9.00AM Communion		10.45AM Morning Prayer
All Saints' Rede	10.45AM Communion	TUESDAY 14th June 4.00PM Said Communion		

THREE CHEERS FOR HER MAJESTY!

In April as a nation, we celebrated the Queen's 96th birthday. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history (70 years compared with Victoria's 63 years). Up until recently she attended church every week and did a full week's work!



It is her commitment to serving God and the nation which stands out in her life. Even before she became Queen, she made a promise, which she has kept for over 75 years: *'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service'* (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).

What is the secret of the Queen's consistency of character and service? In 2002 she said this: *'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.'* Here are wise words from somebody who draws her strength from the Christian Faith and inspiration for those of us who want to make our lives count!

The Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others all her life. Six months before her coronation she asked the nation and commonwealth to *'pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.'* Clearly, God has answered those prayers!

I hope that, as we celebrate this very special Platinum Jubilee at all village celebrations, we will toast Her Majesty to continued health and happiness. I look forward to meeting everyone following my licensing to the Suffolk Heights Benefice on 21 June at St Edmunds Church, Hargrave.

Revd. Clive Fairclough
Rector Designate



Rain Matters

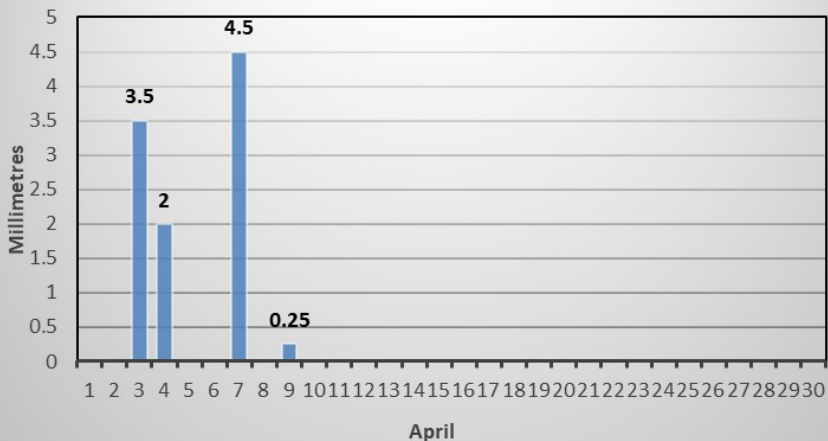
Jamie Robertson

It should come as no surprise that April is a dry month in Chevington. The average for April over the last ten years has been just 24.5mm. Of course, nature being what it is, if you take the average for the last 11 years, that average goes up to 33mm, because 2012 had a very wet April indeed – 119mm. April 2007 holds the record for the driest month in all my records at 0.25mm, and that may have been a measurement error. It could well have been zero.

So, around the end of April there are nearly always dark mutterings of a drought. At 10.25mm (0.4 inches) for the whole month there was some justification for such forebodings. It was as if Nature had said "Ready, steady...." and forgotten to say Go. Plants and lawns had put their heads above ground and then simply stopped growing or at least slowed to a near standstill. The temperature was not exactly balmy and we were getting the worst of both worlds – chilly and dry.

But a dry April does not seem to mean a dry summer. In the summer of the first lockdown, we had a dry April and an even drier May (just 2mm) but then an average of some 70mm a month through to October. Last year too we averaged over 60mm from May to October after just 3.5mm in April.

Chevington April Rainfall



Ramblings of a Reader

What a celebratory month this purports to be, as our communities give thanks for the 70 glorious years of Her Majesty's reign in diverse and joyful festivities, which doubtless will include the eating of the Platinum Pudding!

The Platinum Jubilee weekend coincides with the Church's celebration of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was imparted to the embryonic Christian community. As Queen Elizabeth holds the title of 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England' the significance of this double celebration will not be lost on her. Her faith has been her rock and anchor in times of both joy and sorrow, for which we give thanks.

I have to confess that 61 years ago I would appear to have played truant and missed a day of school – 17 May 1961 to be exact (I assume my parents did get the Head teacher's permission!) This was the occasion of the Consecration of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford, attended by the Queen and Prince Philip. My sister and I waved our streamers as Her Majesty made her way up Stag Hill to the great edifice at its summit. Such an impressive sight – not quite the same today, with the University of Surrey replacing the once verdant pastures. Patiently, we waited the hour and 45 minutes for her Majesty to re-emerge (it was a fine day) and we dutifully waved our streamers again. Then, on the advice of my father (a Steward inside the Cathedral administering the sound system for the service) we ran back up towards the cathedral and down the copious steps on the south side so that we could wave again to the royal guests. I like to think that she might remember those two little girls waving enthusiastically - as we were the only ones there. My mother was not so speedy!

Copious steps reminds me of the Pilgrimage of Song last month, that wound its way from Chevington, o'er field and dell, to the Cathedral neath the royal blue sky. Some eight miles in total – but such wonderful hospitality *en route*. With thanks to the vision and brilliant organising skills of Paul, Jane, Sally, Richard and the former rector. Perhaps we should have called it the Platinum Pilgrimage of Song! Our voices can resound with these words of Richard Gillard

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.*

May God bless you all

Barbara



Open Morning

Saturday June 25th

10.00 am - 12.00

Come along, have a coffee and cake, meet the staff and have a look around our Outstanding Pre-School 2020

Spaces available for September 2022

www.littleteapotspreschool.co.uk

littleteapots@hotmail.co.uk

Tel : 01284 852005

Chevington Road



GARDENER'S SONG

Oh, come into the garden,
George,
The blackspot's at its best,
While aphids crown the apple
trees,
And every kind of pest
Is feasting in the veggie patch,
On every puny pea.
Oh, come into the garden,
George
And see what I can see!

The Robinsons across the road,
(The smug, complacent bods),
Have apples on their apple trees
And peas inside their pods.
Their lawn has not a clover leaf,
No moss despoils its green,
And in their flaming flower beds,
No weeding can be seen!
Forego the football match for
once,
Forego the d____ TV
And come into the garden,
George,
-And stoop, and comfort me!



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHEDBURGH

WELCOME EVERYONE TO THIS CHURCH PAGE

We Thank our Congregation and Friends of Chedburgh Church for their continued support.

Services During June

Sunday, 12th June - Morning Prayer at the church

Sunday, 26th June - Holy Communion at the church

Please note this will be the first service that our new Incumbent, the Rev. Clive Fairclough, leads at Chedburgh. Please attend if you are able.

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

Our PCC's Annual General Meeting was held on 8th May. We successfully elected our PCC members and appointed our Churchwarden, Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer. Many thanks to all those who attended to achieve this. The details will be posted at the church in due course.

Palm Sunday with Baptism

This year the service was a special occasion. Hollie and Jamie Pritchard presented their son George for Holy Baptism.

Barbara Hill, who visited the family, created an excellent service to bring in all the elements of Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism. Barbara also engaged the services of the Rev. Miriam Webb who baptised George. We are truly thankful for their contribution to this service.

The Church was filled with the Pritchard Family's relations and friends. It was a joyous celebration and we welcome George into God's holy family and welcome all those who wish to join us at our regular services.

Chedburgh Correspondent

Floodlighting – Light up Your Celebration

Have you driven past your church in the evening recently and seen how stunning it looks at night when the floodlights are on it? Please help to keep one of Chedburgh's historic buildings floodlit. For just £15 a week you can sponsor the lighting – maybe you wish to remember someone special, commemorate a very special event or just help us light up the church.



To book please contact Christine Lofts, 850479, and donations and dedications will be acknowledged in Suffolk Heights Benefice News.

A week prior to VE Day 2022 a group of 20 people joined in the third of the walking tours around the former areas used by R.A.F personnel between 1942-1946 for living, relaxing, learning, playing, socialising and working at R.A.F. Chedburgh. The 10 sites away from the airfield form the basis for the walks and give an indication of the vast area used to house about 1,800 personnel, and the conditions they would have had to face.

I am grateful for the co-operation of Mr. Wimpres and Jon Cardy for allowing our group onto their land which is normally not accessible to the public. To see some of the former buildings and artifacts found over the years made the subject more understandable as so much of the area has now returned to nature and requires a great deal of imagination and help from map references.

I would like to thank the Councillors of Chedburgh Parish Council for the gift of two large detailed official WD maps of the airfield and the accommodation areas, which will be a constant reminder of the contribution to the war effort made by the gallant servicemen and women of the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F at RAF Chedburgh.

At some stage I hope to arrange a visit to the airfield itself with the approval of the land owners. If this is something you would like to do please let me know and I will talk to the farmers who have quite a lot of information of interest.

Ian Leggett (ian.leggett72@sky.com)

CHEDBURGH COMMUNITY CHOIR

The concert on 9th April finally saw the choir back on home ground at the Erskine Centre, doing what it loves to do—entertain, with a variety of music and songs and its continued introduction of young singers and musicians to the scene. We have our problems like everyone in that many members have, of course, had covid and seven had to withdraw in the run up to the concert because of it. Not quite so difficult for the remaining ladies, but for the very few men left who filled the gap admirably.

The aim of this concert was not only our way of thanking our regular audience for their continued support, but to donate ALL profits and raffle money to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, and wow did it work.....we were completely overwhelmed by the generosity of the audience and choir members for what they were prepared and happy to give and thank you all so much.

So with our other aim being to bring on new youngsters in music and singing and to continue to introduce our regulars who always sing and play with total confidence, we introduced Imogen Dillon, Will and Robbie Shepherd and Joe Lewis all of whom are learning piano and becoming accomplished young musicians and singers. They are part of the family and we hope they will stay on with us while they grow in confidence and ability. We also have many soloists within the choir who either sing on their own or in small groups.

Our leader, Polly Anderson, is herself one of the recent members to have had covid. We were so glad she was able to be back to lead us and also for the attendance of our now regular pianist Luke Ottevanger who comes to final rehearsal and the performance and just sits down and plays.....what would we do without him?

The choir's enthusiasm has not waned and we are already contemplating what we'll be doing for the rest of 2022 so dates for your diary (watch this space and other advertisements in this magazine for confirmation) are:

The Jubilee Celebrations Picnic in the Park on Friday 3rd June at the
Erskine Centre
Summer Concert Saturday 16th July
Christmas Concert Saturday 17th December

So to end on a very big thank you to all choir members, helpers, audience and donations in general, I am thrilled to tell you we are able to donate the grand sum of £800—yes £800!—to the Ukraine Humanitarian appeal.

Chedburgh Parish Council

Your Village Needs You

Could You Help?

The Parish Council has vacancies for Councillors - please consider whether you could be the right person for one of these roles.

What sort of people is the Council looking for?

The most important qualities are an interest in the good of the village and a willingness to contribute a small amount of time to serve it.

What does a Councillor do?

Councillors raise and discuss issues of interest and relevance to the parish and decide how best to deal with those matters. Councillors also monitor expenditure and the effective running of the Council.

Don't I need to be an expert/old/wise to be on the Council?

No - you just need to live or work in the village and be 18 or over. The Clerk to the Council is there to advise and support Councillors and to provide them with the information that they need.

We are keen to ensure that the whole village is represented so if you live in the Mulberry Place/Brocket Park development we would be especially pleased to hear from you.

What is the time commitment?

The time commitment is not huge - there are usually six evening meetings per year and there are no additional committees. Councillors are expected to prepare well for meetings so some additional time is needed to read through papers before meetings.

How do I find out more - or apply for this vacancy?

Because this is a casual vacancy there is no election - please just contact the Clerk and he will be very happy to explain the role and to answer any questions that you have.

Contact: Max Clay, Clerk to the Council, by phone (07514 334941) or email (chedburghpc@gmail.com).

Chedburgh Community Jubilee Celebration

Friday 3rd June 2022, 12.30pm onwards

At the Erskine Centre and on the field

Fish and chips

Free beer

Tea and cakes

Bring picnic chairs/blankets

CHEDBURGH COMMUNITY CHOIR



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A gentle exercise for all ages, which promotes health & well being

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Sunday mornings from 10.00 – 11.00am

At the Erskine Centre, Chedburgh IP29 4UL

Welcome to join at any time, see what it's like.

First class is free, then £8 per session

Contact: Andy Barnetson

01284 850439

andybtaichi@gmail.com

THE ERSKINE CENTRE DIARY - JUNE

THE ERSKINE CENTRE CHEDBURGH

Regular classes in June

Mondays Strength & Balance 11.00 – 12.00 am
Contact Carol cclerkin@btinternet.com Tel: 01787 277734

Mondays Pilates 6.00-7.00 pm & 7.00 -8.00pm
Contact Hayley info@specialist-pilates.com Mob: 07793 542430

Tuesdays Choir 7.30 – 9.15 pm
Contact Sarah sarahalisoncox@btinternet.com Tel: 01284 810813

Wednesdays Yoga 6.30 – 7.45 pm
Contact Caroline cwithcyoga@gmail.com Mob: 07834 908936

Thursday 30th June Little Teacups Toddler Group 10.00 – 12.00 am
Contact Holly hennis1@hotmail.co.uk Mob: 07854 376917

Thursdays Born to Run Dog Canine Massage 6.30 -7.30 pm
Contact Angela Day angela@borntorun.org.uk

Fridays Yoga 9.45 – 11.00 am & 6.30 – 7.15 pm
Contact Caroline cwithcyoga@gmail.com Mob: 07834 908936

Hobbies Club second Wednesday of each month 2.00 – 4.00 pm
Contact Jacqueline derek.sweny@btinternet.com

Sundays Tai Chi 10.00 – 11.00 am - first session free
Contact Andy Barnetson andybtaichi@gmail.com 01284 850439

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For all bookings and enquiries please contact
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHEVINGTON

PARISH PRAYERS

Every week in Chevington we pray for areas of our village and matters of local concern. In June we pray for those living on Mill Road and Tennis Field, all those who work at the Greyhound Pub and in local businesses.

CHURCH LIGHTING

If you would like to support the cost of floodlighting the tower at All Saints' Chevington in memory of a loved one or to mark a significant event we ask for a contribution of £15 a week. To book please contact Simon Williams on 850045.

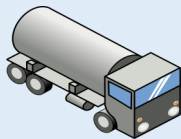


The Community Coffee Club

Chevington Village Hall on Thursdays from 10.00 until 11.30.

Everyone is welcome to pop in for a coffee and a natter! If there is anyone who would like to come but has transport difficulties, please get in touch with Ann on 850714

CHEDBURGH, CHEVINGTON AND DEPDEN OIL SYNDICATE



April was meant to have been the last oil order of the season but following a number of member requests for a midsummer order Jamie and I have agreed to do one for July.

As usual I will send an email reminder to all members around the 1st July for orders and we will have a deadline of **Monday 11th July 2022**.

Hopefully we should achieve a good price as traditionally this is a time that oil should be cheaper due to a lower demand!

And while we are in the mood of forward planning we thought it would be a good opportunity to detail next season's deadline dates for your diaries:

5th September 2022 (A little earlier than usual due to holidays)

11th November 2022

7th December 2022

10th January 2023

10th March 2023

11th April 2023

10th July 2023

Kind Regards
Jamie and Kaz



The Chevington Churchyard Management Project



The Management Project is pretty much in place for this year. The swift boxes are up and a calling system has been placed in the bell tower which plays out the sound of swift calls in the morning and evening and is meant to attract the birds to the tower. However, we cannot realistically expect swifts to come here this year. The quickest recorded response to a calling system is one hour. The slowest is seven years.



Meanwhile on the ground the paths round the church yard have been cut and with one or two small alterations following local requests will remain as such all year round, while the rest of the grass will be cut in July and September and then raked off a week later. We hope to do this on the weekend of 9th-10th July and then have a raking party on **Sunday 17th July**. The grass, having lain on the sward for a week should have dropped its seed and we can rake it into a pile – and cart some of it away. The important thing is not to let it lie too long which would enrich the ground, making it harder for wild flowers to thrive.

The grass cuttings are mostly being put in the brown bin to be taken away by the council, but we are creating grass heaps in partial shade at the east end of the church yard. These could take a year or two to form but may with a combination of cuttings, long grass and some brush from hedge clippings provide a home for grass snakes and frogs, toads, slugs and maybe hedgehogs.

We have also done a brief survey of flowers found in flower in May in the churchyard. We will try to a similar survey every month. If anyone discovers anything we have not seen, please let us know.

Contact: Jamie Robertson on jamierobertson5cc@gmail.com or Barbie Greenwood at barbiegolc@yahoo.com

The following is a summary of the brief monthly surveys of the flowering plants in the church yard carried out by Pip Goodwin. It is by no means an exhaustive list, and hopefully will be added to over the coming months and

English Name	Latin Name	Survey Date	
Cowslip	Primula veris	09-Apr-22	16-May-22
Lesser Celandine	Ficaria verna	09-Apr-22	
Daisy	Bellis perennis	09-Apr-22	16-May-22
White dead nettle	Lamium album	09-Apr-22	16-May-22
Red dead nettle	Lamium purpureum	09-Apr-22	
White violet (sweet?)	Viola odorata	09-Apr-22	
Ground ivy	Glechoma hederacea	09-Apr-22	16-May-22
Barren strawberry	Potentilla sterilis	09-Apr-22	
Dogs mercury	Mercurialis perennis	09-Apr-22	
Dandelion	Taraxacum agg	09-Apr-22	16-May-22
Germander speedwell	Veronica chamaedrys?	09-Apr-22	16-May-22

Smooth Sowthistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>		16-May-22
Cow parsley	<i>Anthriscus sylevestris</i>		16-May-22
Bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>		16-May-22
Creeping buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>		16-May-22
Oxeye daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>		16-May-22
Common sorrel	<i>Rumex acetosa</i>		16-May-22
Ribwort plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>		16-May-22
Red clover	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>		16-May-22
Common vetch	<i>Vicia sativa</i>		16-May-22
Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>		16-May-22
Cut leaved cranesbill	<i>Geranium dissectum</i>		16-May-22
Field forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>		16-May-22
Black medick	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>		16-May-22
Lady's smock	<i>Cardamine pratense</i>		16-May-22
Pignut	<i>Conopodium majus</i>		16-May-22
Hogweed	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>		16-May-22
Stinging nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>		16-May-22
Star of Bethlehem	<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>		16-May-22
Herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>		16-May-22
Green alkanet	<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>		16-May-22
Groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>		16-May-22
Common mouse-ear			
Daffodil	<i>planted</i>	09-Apr-22	
Snakeshead fritillary	<i>planted</i>	09-Apr-22	
Bluebell	<i>planted</i>	09-Apr-22	16-May-22



CHEVINGTON WI



We elected a new President, Shirley Rogers, at our Annual meeting in May. The meeting was a review of the year when we finally got back to having 'normal' meetings. Chevington WI has retained its membership numbers thorough the pandemic which is a great achievement. The institute won the Margaret Hitchcock Cup, awarded by the Suffolk West Federation, which was a record of the activities of our members during the pandemic.

Our next meeting is Thursday 9th June at The Village Hall, Chevington at 7.30pm, the speaker will be Karen Soons, the Suffolk County Councillor. All ladies from the surrounding villages are welcome.

Susan Boor, Secretary
contact 01284 850536 or email s.boor.123@btinternet.com

CHEVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Chevington Village Hall has been open since the beginning of September. So far the only regular bookings are:

- ◇ **Table Tennis:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am - 11.00am. For more information contact Bill Down on 850421
- ◇ **Coffee Club:** Thursdays at 10.00am – 11.30am. For more information contact Ann Sadler on 850714

Anyone may still book the Hall for any available day. Pam Nicholas is now overseeing bookings for the Village Hall on 07470 502979. The email address is:-

chevingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

For more information on **Hobbies Club & Card Making** contact Jacqueline on 850551

CHEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



A Letter From Chevington Parish Council

Hello residents of Chevington,

The PC has just had its APM and read out its achievements for Chevington for the past year, which were many, and which have been achieved through their hard work on your behalf. Some projects are on going and need a regular input and some are completed.

Chevington PC elections - everyone will stay at their posts for another year. Please look at website for details. <https://chevington.onesuffolk.net/>
This website is updated regularly, so keep referring to it for information.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party - The Councillors have been working hard to make this event a huge success. A good sign is that such a large number of tickets have been sold. Watch this space for the lowdown in the next Benefice mag.

The Annual Litter Pick has taken place, and it was decided to move the date for next year's Pick forward to late winter/early spring, as it is much more effective to locate litter before all the vegetation has grown up.

The PC is helping the village hall with ideas for more bookings. If you have any topics you would like highlighted, contact me on 07776783747. One to look out for is a talk on climate change in September which will be the first of many about topical subjects. Refreshments will be provided.

The village hall is crying out for more people to join the committee. The meetings are every six weeks—not too onerous—and the newly revamped hall with beautiful planters on the wall outside are begging you to come in and use it.

The burial ground is looking neat and tidy, hedges are well tended. We plan to fill the gaps with whips, if any are left over from the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. The churchyard is looking amazing and the carpet of mown paths allow one to hear the birdsong at full throttle, one of the numerous pleasures of living in the best county in the UK. I am sure the village would like to join the PC to thank Jamie Robertson and his team for making the churchyard so beautiful and for all his conservation efforts.



**The Chairman and Vice
Chairman
off to the ball!**

Peter Keegan, The Vice Chairman, and I were recently invited by Cllr Margaret Marks, Chairman of West Suffolk Council, to the Annual Civic Dinner in the Athenaeum, a great evening (see photo). The catering was done by the students of West Suffolk College School of Hospitality and Commerce. It was faultless, and these young trainees were outstanding.

I am sure you would all like to join with the Parish Council and wish our District Councillor Mr. Mike Chester a very enjoyable and successful year ahead as the new Chairman of West Suffolk Council. Mike is dedicated to his job and works extremely hard on our behalf.

We are pleased to report that our annual precept has stayed the same at £7,377.00. The PC is very aware that it is your money, and make every effort to spend it wisely, carefully and frugally on your behalf.

Enjoy the summer in the village, and listen out for the beautiful bird song!

**Lucy Agazarian
Chairman**

Who's Who

Councillors contacts: Cllr. Agazarian (Chairman) 07776783747. Cllr Keegan (Vice Chairman) 01284 850628. Cllr McCormack 01284 850277. Cllr Briggs 07789775157. Cllr Surety 07808 974530. Cllr Bleeze 01284 850155.

Clerk to the Parish Council: Mrs. F. Betts 01284 810508

email: chevington-pc@outlook.com

There is one vacancy on the Parish Council

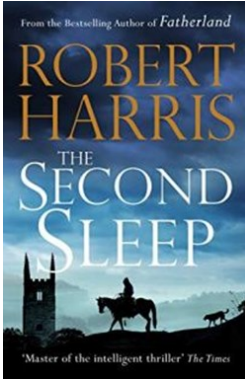
Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Keegan. Cllr Briggs. All enquiries to The Clerk

Planning Applications: Please refer to the Chevington village website <https://chevington.onesuffolk.net>. Refer to this website for updates, minutes of meetings and further information about the village.

Please refer to the PC website for updates, minutes of meetings and more information about the village ie. Litter Picking, Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

CHEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE <https://chevington.onesuffolk.net>

**Next Parish Council meeting Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 7.00pm
Chevington Village Hall**



THE SECOND SLEEP

by Robert Harris

I have previously read several Robert Harris novels and enjoy the 'What if' scenario he often portrays. What if Germany had won the war, as in *Fatherland* for example? *The Second Sleep* follows in that genre of what might have happened if circumstances had been different.

Set in the Year of our Risen Lord 1468 in and around the Wessex village of Addicott St George. Father Christopher Fairfax is sent by his Bishop to bury Father Thomas Lacy, the previous incumbent. Lacy having been found dead at the foot of a local landmark; an earthwork called The Devil's Chair. The service is disrupted by a stranger who is bundled out of the church. Fairfax becomes curious and embarks on a series of unexplained discoveries.

The best way to enjoy this book is not to read about it beforehand, so you may want to stop reading now, it's your choice.

In the parsonage, Fairfax finds books from the Society of Antiquarians (established 1707), which he does not properly understand. He finds a letter listing six possible causes of the Apocalypse, not just the four he is familiar with from the Book of Revelation. Similar books had been burned as heretical in the past and considered dangerous stuff. He finds strange objects – glass of a clarity and smoothness he has never seen before; and what is the little flat thing with the image of a bitten apple?

He soon finds other people equally curious, including Lady Durston and Captain Hancock. They travel to Axford Corn Exchange (in 1468 remember) to attend a lecture given by Dr Shadwell, a travelling scholar, and the disrupter of Father Lacy's funeral.

Shadwell's performance is broken up by local sheriffs who arrest him as a heretic, although he is subsequently bailed into the custody of Hancock. All four return to Addicott and immediately set about excavating the cursed Devil's Chair. Against the odds they make several discoveries; but never find out what happened in 2025 and why the apple had a bite taken from it.

Thoroughly enjoyable, available from Suffolk Libraries.



Bookworm



ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, DEPDEN

DEPDEN

NEWS FROM DEPDEN CHURCH

This Month we will be welcoming our new Rector, Rev Clive Fairclough, and his wife Jo to Chevington Rectory. His installation will be on 21st June at Hargrave church.

It was lovely to host the wedding of Max and Hattie in the church on 30th April. It was good to have the church so full after the privations during the pandemic and delightful to have a fine warm day for their celebrations. We wish them every joy in their married life together.

Thank you very much to all those who have been involved in watering the new cherry trees. It has been particularly important to keep them watered in the dry spell and continuing for the next few months.

A Yard Sale was held at Rookery Farm on 14th May and £150 was shared between the Care Farm and Depden Church.

Green Bites this month will be at **Anne's house on Tuesday 14th June** at 12.30. Please phone Anne if you would like to come.

The next service at Depden will be on Sunday 19th June at 11am and will be Holy Communion.

**Evelyn Payne
01284 850502**

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

STREET PARTY

Saturday 4th June

2 – 4pm

Hall Close Depden

Depden Charities invite all Depden villagers to a street party
to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee

We suggest you dress for the occasion!

Contact Anne Nicolson 01284 850658 for details and to book

DEPDEN



DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Fiona Niven and Andrew Rabett

Neighbourhood Watch Contact: Angela Barnetson, Area Co-ordinator.

Telephone no. 07875 605165 email: abarnetson@gmail.com



ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, HARGRAVE

NEXT SERVICES

- 5th June 11 o'clock. Morning Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- 19th June 6 o'clock. Evening Prayer
- 21st June 7 o'clock. Installation of the Rev. Clive Fairclough, our new Rector for Hargrave and Suffolk Heights Benefice in the presence of our Bishop, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Right Rev. Martin Seeley

HARGRAVE

The APCM of the St Edmund's, Hargrave PCC took place on Monday 25th April when Justin Rabett and Jill Upton were unanimously re-elected to the positions of Churchwarden.

David Williams (Treasurer), Jill de Laat (Secretary) and Ross Wenbourne were also re-elected to the PCC.

St Edmund's church is there for us all for life events and regular worship but it takes a lot of work and funds to keep it so. Any parishioner in Hargrave who would like to help keep our church functioning and prosperous, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Justin or Jill (details on inside backcover).

Your Parish Church Needs You



**To celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee
Sparkling Saturday in Hargrave
Saturday 4th June
4pm onwards**

All Hargrave villagers are invited to the village hall to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. All are asked to bring a bottle of something sparkling – alcoholic or not – to toast the Queen and a plate of food for themselves and for sharing.

If you have some children's games bring them along too.

We look forward to seeing you there

HARGRAVE CROSS COUNTRY 10K RUN AND 5K RUN AND WALK

Thank you to all those who ran and walked our cross country 10k and 5k right back in March. It was lovely to see some familiar faces who ran our last event in 2020, just before lockdown, and welcome some new friends to the lovely countryside we are blessed with.

Congratulations to Tommy Perks and Mia Wembourne, first 5k male and female (and both aged 10) clearly ones to watch!

Tessa Killingbeck (returning in 2022) and Ant Green brought home a very muddy 10k, great work.

The run could not take place without support from 25 marshals, our registration team, the finishing squad and the top tea team, thank you

And you raised over £900 towards our new lighting for the church, a huge thank you.

Next year's run will be on the 18th March – to run or help on the day SAVE the DATE

Justin Rabett



ST MARY'S CHURCH, HAWKEDON

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS ARE UPON US!

On **THURSDAY 2ND JUNE at 6pm** please come to a **SPECIAL CELEBRATION IN WORDS AND MUSIC IN ST MARY'S CHURCH**. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Entrance is free but donations will be welcome.

There is a **Flower Festival** in the church throughout the weekend.

On **SUNDAY 5TH JUNE** there will be a **BBQ PICNIC EVENT** with games on Hawkedon Green. Do come along for this superb village occasion.

See separate ad.

ST MARY'S CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

If you would like to sponsor the lights in celebration of an event or to commemorate a loved one, please contact David Taylor on 789324 at david.taylor1@btinternet.com. The suggested weekly donation is £15.



HAWKEDON

THE HAWKEDON QUIZ

After a two year absence, during which we seemed to have been curled up like woodlice and staying at home, we were free to go out to enjoy an evening in the Village Hall. Seven tables of sometimes brainy locals were able to take part in the Annual Quiz Night, wonderfully master-minded by Ian Trapmore.



The hall has had something of a face lift over past months and the newly-sanded and varnished floor gleamed in welcome, large question marks hung appropriately from the ceiling and we settled down to drinks and chat. It was exciting to be there ready for an evening of fun and head-scratching.

Ian welcomed us and introduced the new electronic scoreboard and the format for the evening. The 'Music' round had 25 questions in which we had to name the tune and the artist, mostly totally unknown to the older quizzers. I guessed Stevie Wonder but could not remember his name and referred to him only as "that blind singer" but this was pooh-poohed by my younger colleagues who chose some other person who I had never heard of. Serves them right!

Other rounds included History, Geography, Cryptic, Food, Mastermind and Pictures. The Mastermind round had the teams arranged on chairs up front whilst Ian channelled his inner Clive Myrie and fired off as many random questions as we could handle in just one minute. Top Twenty had us naming the top twenty wine-producing countries and scoring according to their obscurity. Who would have thought of including Moldova? Failures in this category included Switzerland and Uruguay. It was a round with a difference.

Half time was the break for refreshment which this year was a delicious lasagne, piping hot and served with salad. Everybody approved. These dishes were served by the usual team of suspects who always seem to be there to undertake the necessary chores. Our thanks to all these unsung heroes. Charles Wilson had made all the arrangements for the raffle which produced £146 profit. Very special thanks to Ian Trapmore who goes to

inordinate lengths to research the questions, make the evening different from before, and who hosts the evening with great aplomb and effortless ease.



'Three Lions plus 1'

Hawkedon Quiz 2022 winners

In total £546 was raised for St Nicholas Hospice.



HAWKEDON VILLAGE
**QUEEN ELIZABETH II
PLATINUM JUBILEE**

**BBQ PICNIC ON
THE GREEN**

**SUNDAY 5TH JUNE
12-30PM ONWARDS**

- **BBQ WITH CHOICE OF BURGERS,
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- **GAMES – COCONUT SHY, SPLAT THE RAT,
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, REDE



NOTES FROM ALL SAINTS', REDE

Yesterday, Saturday 14th May, was a stunningly beautiful day of wall-to-wall sunshine, so perfect for our Plant, Produce and Cake Sale. With gazebos up, plants for bedding, borders and veg gardens, wonderful cakes for sale and to be enjoyed with coffee on the green, it was set to be a thoroughly enjoyable morning, provided the punters came along. And came they did, not just from the village but from neighbouring villages and even as far afield as Haverhill!

So many had sown seeds, nurtured and potted-on the seedlings, dug up and split perennials, all ensuring there was a fantastic display for sale. As ever this emphasised that a plant sale is so much more than the couple of hours on the day. Then there were the mouth-watering cakes that would not have been out of place on Bake Off. Not forgetting the team working their socks off, selling, chatting, answering questions, doing deals on pricing, providing coffee and cake, and generally ensuring everyone had thoroughly enjoyable time. It is difficult to know how many customers we had, but the ultimate indication of success is that the whole event made in excess of £400 for All Saints' Church, which was amazing. Of course, the success of the morning was entirely down to the extraordinary amount of work done by so many, with great generosity and kindness. A huge thank you to everyone.

Another Spring Arrival

During May the Warblers have returned to the hedges and ditches around Rede, among which is the Common Whitethroat, a pretty, but frustratingly elusive little bird. It flits about, rarely staying in one place long enough for you to get a good look at it. The easiest way to locate the Common Whitethroat is by its song or call, but having said that, the song is virtually indescribable! Uttered in bursts lasting 3-4 seconds it is throaty and scratchy almost all at the same time, but very distinctive once learned. It took me a several Springs to crack it and that was only when one popped up on the top of a bush so I could at last see its truly white throat.

Simon Pratten

SERVICES

Sunday 5th June: Last month I reported we were planning a Jubilees Service for 6.00pm on Friday 3rd June. This will not now be happening as we are instead having a special **Communion service at 10.45am on Sunday 5th June** for us to truly celebrating the Jubilee. That afternoon there is the **Jubilee Tea Party** on the Village Green making it all in all a very special day.

Tuesday 14th June: our regular monthly 4pm Communion



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, REDE

Garden Party

Hosted by Peter and Ann Cox in their garden at
Churchfield, Rede
to celebrate Summer

Sunday 3rd July

5PM – 7PM

Everyone is very welcome to join us at
a party for all the family to include wine,
soft drinks and delicious nibbles.

Garden games, raffle.

For catering purposes please let either
Ann (01284 789504) or
Jackie (01284 850078) know
if you would like to come.

If wet it will be held in the Village Hall

Donations please to All Saints' Church, Rede

REDE



Rede Platinum Jubilee Tea Party

**SUNDAY 5TH JUNE
FROM 3PM**

ON REDE VILLAGE GREEN

All food, tea and a royal fizz toast provided by the
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THE DREADED WORKHOUSE

Even into living memory nothing struck terror into the heart of a working person like the thought of going in to the workhouse. These evolved from the Poor Laws of 1601 which made parishes responsible for looking after their own poor. Originally administered via grants of food, clothing, food or fuel by 1723, the Workhouse Test Act meant the poor would only be offered a place in the workhouse instead. At first these were just cottages rented for that purpose. Up to 1834 most parishes provided their own workhouse, or poorhouse as they were more often called in the countryside. In Whepstead

it was on the corner where Pages Hill Road meets Church Hill – in spring, you can still see bulbs there that were once in the gardens. In Hartest it is at the top of the aptly named, Poorhouse Hill as you leave the village to go to Brockley. The workhouse in Horringer was once the Guildhall and is today a pretty thatched cottage.



Figure 1 Horringer Workhouse today

Following a reorganisation in 1834 the Thingoe Poor Law Union came into being in 1836. This took over provision of providing for the destitute from 45 surrounding parishes, including our own. The new building in Mill Lane, Bury, could accommodate 300 inmates and cost £5,000 (apparently worth over £692,000 in today's money).

The whole workhouse/poorhouse system was intended to discourage the workshy or the 'un-needy poor' from applying for help. If an able-bodied man wished to enter the workhouse his whole family had to come with him!



Figure 3 College Street old workhouse building

If you became too ill or old to work, or could not find a job, you would be placed in these places which were designed to be draconian as a discouragement. Married couples, even the very elderly, were separated from each other and children, except for the very youngest, were separated from their parents except for perhaps an hour or two on Sundays.

By the 1850s most of the workhouse inmates were old, infirm, orphaned, unmarried mothers and the physically and mentally ill. Hard labour, spartan conditions and poor food were the order of the day. To be placed in the workhouse was the ultimate degradation.

However, not everyone stayed there permanently, some left when seasonal jobs became available only to return and put back on the rough uniform again when work dried up. By the end of the century, following criticism from Florence Nightingale and *The Lancet* medical journal, they had become less harsh and inmates were let out occasionally and allowed treats such as newspapers.

Workhouse hospitals which were staffed by untrained female workhouse residents were replaced with proper 'fever' hospitals and children began to be placed in specialist homes. Asylums were set up for the mentally insane.

Locally, in 1907 the union was amalgamated with the Bury Union. The Thingoe buildings became the St Mary's geriatric hospital. Many elderly people in this area, in living memory, used to refuse to go to there due to its association with the workhouse.

Most of it has now been demolished and replaced with modern housing. The Bury union's inmates moved into the Mill Lane site and only part of the old Bury site can still be seen in College Street.

More generally, in the 1930s workhouse unions were abolished and their duties taken over by local authorities. Again, conditions for inmates were slightly relaxed. After WWII the NHS took over these places and ran them as hospitals (see above) and it wasn't until the 1980s and beyond that these gloomy buildings were mainly demolished.

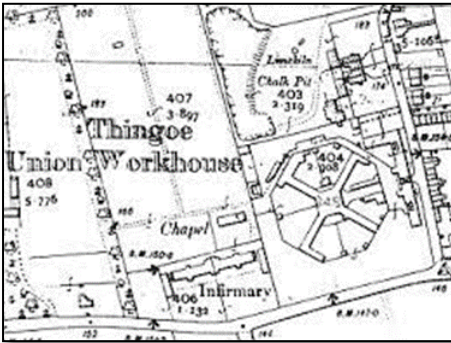


Figure 2 Site map of Thingoe Workhouse

Today social service benefits take the place of the workhouse for most in need and for the mentally ill, the so-called "Care in the Community" is provided. However, as one distinguished guest on Radio 4's "Word of Mouth" pointed out recently, the major part of the care is actually provided by police forces and prisons, at least in the US. The prison reformer, James Timpson (of Timpson's Shoes fame) has said that about one-third of the British prison population is of the mentally ill, so for

some there is not much improvement...

<https://www.in2013dollars.com/uk/inflation/1834?amount=5000>

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https://www.workhouses.org.uk/Thingoe/#google_vignette

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Avere sette vite come i gatti

To finish on a lighter note, I came across this Italian idiom recently. It's the equivalent of saying someone is lucky as he has "nine lives like a cat". However, Italian cats are obviously less lucky than British ones as their cats only have seven (*sette*) lives. Fascinating!



Illustration by Alina Pylypchuk

Want to thank someone, remember someone or just shout about an achievement? Let me know at jackiechubb1712@gmail.com or drop it through the letter box of Four Ashes by the bus shelter in Rede.



HARTEST AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Annie's Plant of the Month for May was *Smyonium Perfoliatum*. She had brought along a couple of stems in full flower, and told us how, although it can take several years to get to this stage, if it is happy in a position it will happily self-seed. Patience is necessary, and a good memory to know where it is, as it dies back every year, and would be easy to dig up. A lovely bright addition to the garden though.

We had been waiting for a couple of years to hear Sally Hepher talk on "Wish I'd Known When I Started Out", and we were lucky to have her come to us in the last week of doing her talks. She described her journey into gardening, and all the things that can happen to a gardener as they learn from their mistakes. She talked about soil, mulches, lawns, plants, hedges, pests and intruding animals, weeds, equipment and clothing. I'm sure many of us recognised some of the pitfalls!

We are now into our season of evening visits replacing meetings in the Institute. Our first, on June 6th, is to Smallwood Farmhouse, Bradfield St. George. The postcode is IP30 0AJ, we will meet there at 7pm. This garden is a combination of traditional and contemporary styles. At its heart is a 16th century farmhouse surrounded by many old English roses, clematis and honeysuckle. There is a herb garden and potager, plus two natural ponds and a more recently planted gravel garden. Paths wind through ancient meadow and orchard. We will be getting to see this delightful sounding garden before it opens for the NGS scheme a few days later. It should be a really inspiring visit. Entry £5 per person, with tea and cake etc. provided at extra cost.

Preparations for the Annual Show are underway, the schedule listing all the classes is now available on our website, as below.

Printing schedules mean that the result of the Plant Sale will have to wait until next month's report, but the weather is looking good....

If you have any questions about the club, please contact me, either via email on gross7702@gmail.com, or by phone on 01787 280134. Our website, with the most up-to-date information, is www.hartestgardeningclub.info.

Geraldine Ross

This Is A Plea To Anyone Sending In Images for Inclusion In The Magazine

You know how much I appreciate your fab pictures and ads for village events. However, even though I **love** them, Publisher **hates** them when they are PDFs. I have to resort to the ever useful Snipping Tool but it can result in a less than perfect image. So, **please, please send Jpegs or Word docs only**. I love them even more when they are in black and white.

Don't forget all of you organising Jubilee events, I would like to get lots of photos for a possible colour insert later in the year to brighten up any winter gloom that may have descended. This time they can, and should, be in colour. But please, just regular Jpeg images.

Cheers

Jill dL



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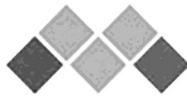
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