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SUFFOLK HEIGHTS BENEFICE NEWS

November 2021

Welcome to the November 2021 edition of the SHBN. As ever, I look forward to receiving your contributions for this and future magazines.

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

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SUFFOLK HEIGHTS SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

	7th	14th	21st	28th
All Saints' Chedburgh		10.45am Morning Prayer		10.45am Communion
All Saints' Chevington	9.00am Communion	10.45am Remembrance/ Morning Prayer	9.00am Communion	6.00pm Advent Carols
St Mary's, Depden			11.00am Morning Prayer	
St Edmund's Hargrave	11.00am Communion	10.45am Remembrance	6.00pm Evening Prayer	
St Mary's Hawkedon		9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)		10.45am Morning Prayer
All Saints' Rede	10.45am Parish Communion All Souls Tuesday 9th November 4.00pm Said Communion	10.45am Remembrance Chedburgh War Memorial		

Join us on Friday mornings at 9.30am at All Saints'. Chevington for Morning Prayer.
Communion (said) will be celebrated at All Saints', Rede on Tuesday, 9th November at 4pm

RECTORY MARDLE

Telephone rings – answered – strange, muffled noises

Daughter: 'Dad? Hello?'

Me: 'Oh hello, darling. Hold on, I'm chasing a worm. It's getting away...speak to your mother....'

Phone handed over.

Over the years we have fostered a menagerie of animals – ducks (filthy birds), geese, chickens, turkeys, dogs, cats – even a couple of chameleons, but never worms before. I read an article saying how a wormery is a good source of plant feed. So, to expound my environmental credentials and reduce the number of plastic bottles of tomato feed at exorbitant cost, we decided to invest in a wormery. It duly arrived this week with 500gms of wriggly worms. The challenge is persuading the worms to stay in the wormery and not escape where their life expectancy would be curtailed by the hedgehogs that pass through our garden. Worms get a pretty poor write up in the bible and yet without worms the fertility of the soil would soon suffer. We just take worms for granted and yet they are essential. Worms probably don't feature in our diet per se and yet without them our food supply would be seriously diminished. Looking back over my 20 years as an incumbent I am very aware of those who just quietly got on with the various jobs. Invariably taken for granted and whose efforts passed many by, but without whom the life of the parishes would have been much diminished. Thank you to you all. I'm not, I hasten to add, wriggling my way out, comparing you to worms! About you the bible is anything but ambivalent. You are the salt of the church and without you we would soon lose our flavour.

The phrase 'A sign of the times' was not coined at the Second Vatican Council but perhaps was redefined. Usually by 'a sign of the times' we imply something that is typical of the (bad) way things are now. The Council, meeting in 1962, addressed the relations between the Catholic Church and the then modern world. Pope John XXIII was urging the delegates to look at how the Church needed to change to live at the heart of society. (Pope Francis has recently renewed the conversation asking how the Catholic Church should respond to today's world.)

I have, over the past year or so, become aware of a sign of the times. I got the time of a funeral wrong, that still haunts me. The other day I couldn't find my mobile phone. I dialled the number and could hear it ringing but to no avail. It was found in the fridge where I had put it under a bar of chocolate. And then my suitcase that has faithfully carried my clerical clobber around these past twenty years has finally lost its last stitch. It's a 'sign of the times', not in a bad sense but an affirmation that it is time to retire whilst I can enjoy the wonderful memories I have been privileged to share. Thank you to you all.

Rev. Dr. Simon Hill

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon for all his support, help and sage advice with this publication over the past four years. It's been a pleasure working with him.

Jdl

Welcome to the November edition of the SHBN. Look out for details of the churches' Remembrance Day services on 14th November and all the other activities that can be enjoyed to the full once again—quizzes, bacon sandwiches, coffee club, Chedburgh Choir and even the chance to meet a Psychic (he'll probably know you're coming.)

You will also be able to read the latest instalment of *Detecting our Past* by David Ellin of Hargrave and a touching poem by Ian Leggett which I had to hold back from last month. Better late than never, I say.

Looking back to the balmy days of late summer, this year's colour insert comprises some delightful photos from around the benefice of uncut verges and hedges. For whatever reason—the 'P' word or even the 'L' word—many sites were not being cut to within an inch of their lives this summer and the results were there for all to see.

Thanks to those who answered my appeal for pictures and, as ever, to Lynne Custance of Rede for putting the section together so beautifully, as she always does. We hope you enjoy it.

Ideas for what you would like to see in a colour section next year, gratefully received.

Yours,

Jill dL

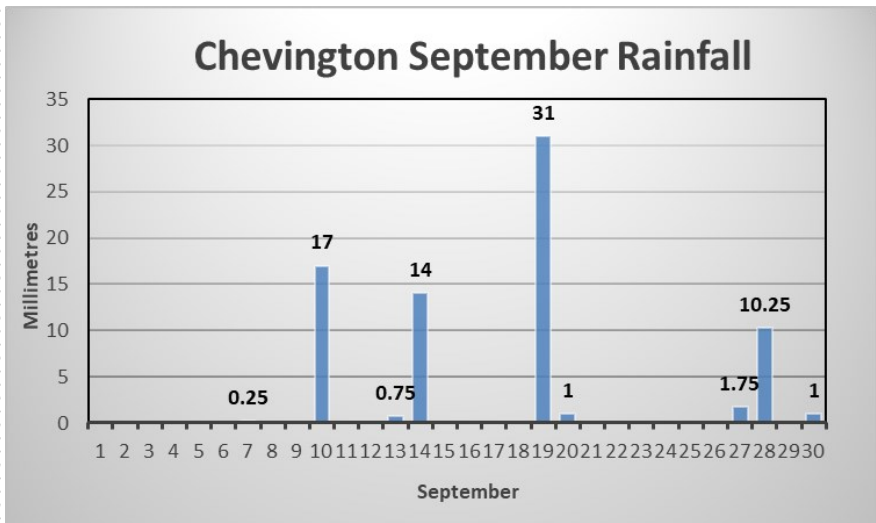


Rain Matters

Jamie Robertson

The drear weather of August continued into September. Unlike previous years the weather did not appear to turn to rain as we passed the equinox. Instead, the month was characterised by a few heavy downpours on the 10th, 14th, 19th and 28th September. In total we had 77mm (3.03 inches) in the month. To my surprise this is the wettest September we have had in 20 years. It turns out that the month is usually very dry. The average over the period has been just 47.67mm (1.87 inches).

But we felt the lack of sun. Fruit picked this autumn has been unremarkable in its flavour, full of water perhaps but with little taste and it has been slow to ripen. Apples have fallen early from the trees too, perhaps giving up waiting for a sunny day. The temperature has been falling slowly but seldom below 5°C. and there is no sign of frost yet.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHEDBURGH



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A service of Remembrance will be held on The Green at the Memorial on Sunday 14th November at 10.45am to remember all the people who lost their lives during wars.

There will be no service in the Church on that date.



QUIZ NIGHT

The Erskine Centre was full for the Quiz Night on Saturday 2nd October. An appetising supper was appreciated by everyone at the start of the evening. A lively quiz followed with everyone endeavouring to answer the questions and become the highest scoring team. A successful evening which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all the helpers.

FLOODLIGHTING YOUR MEMORIES

If you would like to support the cost of floodlighting All Saints' Church, Chedburgh 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 Christine Lofts, 850479, donations will be acknowledged in Suffolk Heights Benefice News.

November floodlighting

Lights sponsored - In memory of Mark Andrew Bromwich. Much loved and missed by all of his family

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AND CLASSIC FEMME

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SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 4PM

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARTEST

DOORS OPEN 3.30

TEA, COFFEE AND CAKES AVAILABLE DURING THE INTERVAL.
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ON 07748327179 LIZZIEHERRING1@GMAIL.COM

CASH ON ARRIVAL

ALSO SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY 18TH & SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

18TH – PERFORMANCE AT ALL SAINTS, PARK ROAD,
BURY ST EDMUNDS, IP33 3QW AT 3PM

19TH – SHORTER PERFORMANCE FOR OUR LOYAL LOCALS 2-3PM
AT THE ERSKINE CENTRE FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND OUR
EVENT ON THE 18TH LIMITED TICKET AVAILABILITY

FINAL DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE DECEMBER BENEFICE NEWS

THE ERSKINE CENTRE—CHEDBURGH

Regular classes in November

Mondays Strength and Balance 11.00 – 12.00 am

Contact Carol—cclerkin@btinternet.com Tel: 01787 277734

Also contact Carol if you are interested in Tai Chi & Qigong

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 25th November Little Teacups Toddler Group 10.00 – 12.00 am

Contact Holly—hennis1@hotmail.co.uk Mob: 07854 376917

Thursdays Messy Play 1.15 – 2.15 pm

Contact Jody—jody@splatmessyplay.co.uk Mob: 07572 384151

Thursdays Dog Fitness Class 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Contact Angela—angela@borntorun.org.uk Mob: 07730 133134

Fridays Yoga 9.45 – 11.00 am and 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

Saturday 6th November

‘Bacon Sandwich Saturday’ 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Come along for a chat, cup of tea/coffee and a bacon sandwich

For all bookings and enquiries please contact
Jackie Chester 01284 850000 or e-mail jec1@btconnect.com

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To start at 7:30 pm

- Raffle
- Homemade cake Sale
- Bar available



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teapotsevents@hotmail.com
with your full name and the
number of tickets wanted.

Tickets in Advance - £12 per
person
Tickets on the door - £15 per
person

All funds raised will go towards Little Teapots Pre School,
Chedburgh, Bury St Edmunds IP29 4UL



"Bacon Sandwich Saturday"
The Erskine Centre, Chedburgh

SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER
10am to 12noon

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR A TASTY BACON
SARNIE, A CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE, AND A CHAT

(Vegetarian option and GF bread also provided)

WE WANT TO MAKE THIS A REGULAR THING SO YOUR
INVOLVEMENT AND FEED BACK IS IMPORTANT

How regular depends on you

FOR DETAILS CONTACT : ANGIE- 850439 OR JACKIE – 850000

RAF CHEDBURGH MEMORIAL BENCH

Many residents gave money to buy a suitable bench to commemorate all those who served at RAF Chedburgh between 1942 and 1946.

The teak bench was purchased last year and I have been waiting for the site to be prepared near the RAF Memorial on The Green in Chedburgh.

I am pleased to say the site is now ready and a suitable plaque has been made to affix to the bench.

We will use Remembrance Sunday, November 11th at 12 midday to officially unveil the bench.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and I hope you can be at the commemoration.

Ian Leggett

Thank you to the residents expressing an interest in the book about the four year period 1942 to 1946.

When the book is ready for print we will let you know. We will also have a formal launch of the book in Chedburgh and ordered copies will include a set of photographs and prints of aircraft of the time as a gift.

It is not too late to pre order, you just have to phone Ian on 01284 850896 or email ian.leggett72@sky.com.

This book will make a fine gift for anyone interested in the recent history of Chedburgh, interested in the RAF, or as a talking point for visitors.

Ian Leggett

RAF CHEDBURGH 1942-1946

*Walking on the airfield on a dark and misty night,
The distinctive swish of four propellers whirling,
Told me it was the infamous plane, the Short Stirling.
I told myself to wake up, this can't be right, I'm sure
This is 2021, not 1944.
Through the mist and darkness, assessing my situation,
I saw the shape of an airman heading in my direction.
I stepped back, but heard a voice say "Please will you wait,
I've been waiting here, my story to relate.
"My job as rear gunner, part of nine in our crew,
The navigator forgot his watch and wore mine, to see this
raid through,
We did our job, then we were hit, I called out all their
names,
Before we hit the ground, all killed in the flames.
I.D destroyed, my body, anonymous, was laid,
Confusion! I.D. and my watch, not matching, on my
comrade".
I told him that his watch, engraved with his name, was
returned after the war,
The airman thanked me for the
news, of parents he had.
The air around went cold and a
breeze rustled through the straw.
Proof, if proof were needed, that
ghosts really do exist,
Of those gallant airmen, on the airfield in the mist.*





What a fun first half term we have had !!!

From Teapots' Trekkers out and about to pumpkin fun.



Curriculum

During the last term of the year we will be looking at nursery stories— Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks, The Gingerbread Man and Little Red Riding Hood. Who can retell their favourite story? Lots to learn this term..... Which of the pigs' houses is the strongest using our STEM activity, baking some gingerbread men and looking at size with goldilocks and the bears ...

Fundraising

Sponsored sing a carol week, Christmas hampers and meet Father Christmas in our secret grotto.

Watch this space for our exciting Christmas Grotto!!!

Jenny, Linda, Ali, Emily, Tash, Faye, Helen, Emma, Jill and Candy



Test and Trace

Lateral Flow Tests

All staff are still testing three times per week . Test results are registered with NHS Test and Trace.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHEVINGTON

PARISH PRAYERS

Every week at the Sunday service at All Saints', Chevington we pray for areas of our village and matters of local concern. In November we pray for those living on Depden Lane, those working in local hospitals and all health workers especially those still deeply involved with treating victims of Covid-19, for those who live alone and those who befriend them.

CHURCH LIGHTING

We have gratefully received anonymous donations to support the lighting of the Church Tower throughout 2021, as both a mark of respect and sympathy for those who have lost their lives during the pandemic, or continue to suffer with the effects of Covid-19, and as a tribute and thanks to those key workers and volunteers who have supported those in need around them.



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.

CHURCHYARD CLEAR UP

On Saturday 20th November we will be holding a clear up of the church yard – putting it to bed, so to speak, for the winter. Everyone is welcome. We will start at 10 am. So just bring a tool to trim the grass, cut back a bramble or two and we'll have some refreshments if it all gets too much.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES 2021 RIDE, STRIDE AND DRIVE

A final word on the riding striding and driving that Chevington folk did in September. Cyclists and walkers from the village raised just over £800. This is almost double the record amount ever raised by Chevington. The money from each participant will be shared equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and All Saints' Church.

TEA ON THE GREEN

Pam Mower was up at 7.30am on Sunday 3rd October making scones for her annual Tea on the Green. It was tempting fate somewhat – October is not a natural month to choose for an outdoor meal, but the rest of the summer had been taken up with barbecues and lunches – not to mention lockdowns and the 3rd October was really the last feasible date. In the event the weather was kind although the wind did at moments threaten to blow away the marquee.

“Some people say I bake too much but I always like to have a good selection of food”, said Pam. “But I love baking. I could bake all day.”

In the end 28 people came, and along with a raffle the event raised just over £400 for All Saints' Church. “Lots of people helped me” said Pam “and I really want to say thank you to all of them.”

CHEVINGTON APPLE DAY

The village's apples have not been as prolific as they could have been. The wet weather, cold frosts early in the year and the lack of sunshine conspired to offer us a disappointing crop. That said, we raised £45 from people bringing what apples they had for pressing, and one five gallon jar was taken away with the intention of turning it into cider.

Apple trees have a tendency of taking a year off, to have a rest, before coming back with renewed vigour the following year. Ever optimistic, we expect a bountiful crop next year.

Thursday Night Music at the Greyhound



If you didn't already know it the first Thursday night of the month is musicians' night in the Greyhound in Chevington. It's not so much a performance or even a series of performances, more a mild jamming session to which diners and drinkers from the bar and restaurant are welcome to wander in and listen.

The players are as occasional as the listeners. Paul Thacker is a regular (at my request he played "I'll be a Wild Rover") but it's often a slightly different gaggle of musicians. Last month Stellios Landis had come up from London. John Short and Jackie were staying nearby in their camper van. Pablo Brown comes from Gipping.

Lloyd Hancock gave a spirited rendering of "Love is all around" hunched intently over his sheet music:

"If you really love me come on and let it show.."

A couple lent, propped on stools, backs on the bar, legs stuck out at near 45 degrees smiling contentedly and humming along;

"Took a lot of pain down in New Orleans

"Big wheels keep on turning..."

"Rolling, rolling on the river..."

Next month, 4th November, an old friend of the village, Ruth Travers, is coming up to play the fiddle along with – well, anyone who turns up really.

CHEVINGTON WI



Up close and personal – an encounter with a Barn Owl and other fine birds!

What a treat was in store for us at our October meeting. We were visited by Clare and Alex, a mother and daughter team based in Bury St Edmunds who enjoy falconry with a passion. They were eager to share their knowledge so that we might enjoy seeing and learning more about these amazing creatures. They explained that the birds had been imprinted on humans and therefore could not be released into the wild as they would soon be attacked by other birds.

First we were introduced to Mylo a female barn owl. Gasps all round when we saw at close hand such a beautiful bird. We were told they have amazing hearing and sight, the fringe around their heart shaped face helps with their hearing. We learnt that their ears are not level either side of their head like humans but just small holes well hidden and either side of their face. They have hollow bones and are incredibly light – all puff and fluff. Every morning their birds are weighed which determines how much food they should be given. They eat mice, day old chicks and other rodents all of which are good for nutrition and provide calcium.

Secondly we met an African Spotted Eagle owl called Enzo followed by a Harris Hawk called Norman.

The owls were absolutely captivating and there were plenty of opportunities for us to get close and take photos. Everyone agreed this was a most enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is Thursday, 4 November at the Village Hall, Chevington at 7.30 pm. Any ladies interested in joining us would be welcome.

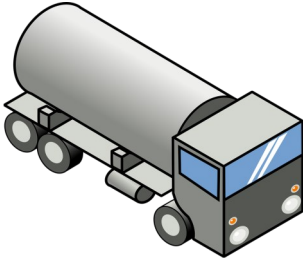
CHEVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

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. Please call Alastair McCormack on 850277

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



CHEDBURGH, CHEVINGTON AND DEPDEN OIL SYNDICATE

The price of oil is on the rise but we still believe the Chedburgh, Chevington and Depden oil syndicate can get you the best price available. By clubbing together we can drive the price down.

There have been issues over getting payment details to the oil companies. They are hampered by GDPR rules which prevent them from harvesting and keeping our details without our permission. We are looking at ways to make this more seamless, but each oil company has a different way of operating so it will take time to make the operation run smoothly.

The order deadline date this month is:

Thursday 11th November

When you wish to place an order please email us at chedburghoil@gmail.com or call or text us on **07985 884172** by **latest 6pm** of the deadline date, If we are unable to take your call please leave a message with your **name, address, contact number and volume of oil in litres**. We will respond to everyone but please be patient if you do not receive an immediate reply.

The aim of the syndicate is to club together and order as many litres as possible to achieve a better price as a bulk buy. Jamie's remit when negotiating with the oil companies is to obtain the best price per litre that he can. By not insisting on a delivery date we are likely to get a better price, but this may mean that delivery can take up to 2-3 weeks after the order is placed. For this reason please ensure that you order before your tank is almost empty.

If you ask us to place an order for you please avoid cancelling, as once the order has been placed on your behalf the successful oil company is expecting to fulfil it.

Jamie and Kaz

My Garden World

by Monty Don



I am not a great gardener, but I really enjoyed the beautifully presented *Gardener's World* programmes during last year's lockdown. Hats off to the producers and directors but also to Monty Don whose timing and presentation style was excellent.

My Garden World, by Monty Don, continues his reflective style, with a gentle wander through a year in the glorious British countryside. It is first divided into seasons, and then into months, running chronologically through the year. Within each month the natural world, as seen by Monty Don in his farm, garden and surrounding countryside is narrated in a series of short, beautifully written, articles. These might be, as in the case of the Wren, just a few lines about this "feathery thimble of a bird", or, as with the Elm, three pages including commentary on the Dutch Elm Disease of 1976.

I confess that I have not yet finished the book. I received it as a Christmas present and, starting in January, Mrs Bookworm and I have worked through each month, reading aloud to each other one or two of the articles every day or so. As I write, we have just finished September. There are about 30 items each month so it works out pretty well at roughly one a day. Reading about the House Martins arriving in April, or the Daddy Longlegs in September; about the Snowdrops in January, or the Berries in October. It is all very familiar, a reminder of the great variety that lives and grows around us, whilst also being unusually informative.

Just a note, this is not a reference book, there is no index of species, they are not even in alphabetical order each month. Instead, it is a homage to our natural world, an insight into how our countryside has changed over years, and a friend to see you through the year. It is my Christmas present recommendation and, with luck, by the end of next year, whoever you give it to will be more knowledgeable as they snuggle down with a glass of something warming, finishing off the final item of this lovely book.

Buy it for someone, or even for yourself.



Bookworm

The Churchyard Management Project



There have been several suggestions from local people as to the way the All Saints' churchyard ought to be managed.

One idea is to place a "bug hotel", similar to the one pictured above in Clare, in the churchyard. It uses wooden pallets to incorporate dead wood, hollow stems, stones and tiles, straw and hay, dry leaves, loose bark, corrugated cardboard and dry sticks to provide shelter for a range of insects. However, there are some conflicting descriptions of how best to make such hotels, so rather than just fling a few bits of wood down in a corner we may have to do some further research. As for positioning the "hotel" there are parts of the churchyard on the east side where there are no graves and which would be out of sight to most visitors.

Another contribution came from a local visitor who said: *"Surely it is imperative now that we gardeners should all be allowing areas of our garden to be wild and untouched. And that means having areas which are never cut, so that animals can feel safe."*

"One place where we could help wildlife to find a suitable habitat could and should be churchyards. They are often a haven, a refuge for wildlife, surrounded as they often are by a vast desert of herbicide and pesticide-drenched agricultural wasteland, which is our farmland today."

Meanwhile we are pressing ahead with the installation of swift boxes in the church tower. They will be invisible from the outside and make minimum impact on the interior of the louvres. Swifts leave no mess behind on the walls where their boxes are installed. But they may take several years before they get established – we must have patience.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the debate please write to the Editor Jill de Laat on suffolk.heights@delaat.uk. We are still in the process of setting up a working party to run the Churchyard Management Project. If you are interested in getting involved contact Jamie Robertson on jamierobertson5cc@gmail.com or Barbie Greenwood at barbiegolc@yahoo.com

CHEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW

A long time ago, way back when, if you had a complaint you telephoned the offices of said problem, someone listened sympathetically and telephoned you back. We all still have things that niggle us, but dealing with these matters needs an entirely different approach. For example, in this village one concern of local residents in Depden Lane Green is the way the canopy of the trees completely block out any sunlight to their houses, a very depressing situation to be in.

If one wants to complain to the council on any matter, there is a procedure that must be followed, otherwise without documentation and a case number your complaint won't be heard. It is simple when you know how. Go to the Suffolk County Council website suffolk.gov.uk follow the links to the department you want and leave your comments, then they will be dealt with.

Or, if this is not possible let us do it for you; we are here to help, chevington-pc@outlook.com.

The Council employees are hard working people, but can only help you if you help them. Like the Parish Councillors of any village who are volunteers, working tirelessly for their individual villages, remember we are a bunch of people trying our best and are not issued with a magic wand!

With kind regards

Lucy Agazarian
Chairman
Chevington Parish Council



Next Parish Council meeting
Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7.00pm Chevington
Village Hall

Council contacts: Cllr Agazarian (Chairman) 07776 783747;

Cllr Keegan 850628 (Vice Chairman); Cllr McCormack 850277; Cllr Briggs 0778 9775157; Cllr Mark Surety 07808 974530 ; Cllr Peter Bleeze 01284 850155

There is one vacancy on the Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Watch: Peter Keegan, James Briggs. All Neighbourhood Watch queries to The Clerk

The Clerk: Mrs Betts 810508. Email: chevington-pc@outlook.com

Planning Applications: Please contact PC Website <https://chevington.onesuffolk.net>

Please refer to the PC website for updates, minutes of meetings and information about the village:

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

Suffolk Heights Benefice News Website <http://suffolkheights.org>

Just a reminder that The Suffolk Heights Benefice News Website is there to provide information for anyone who cares to log on. suffolkheights.org - is a beautifully designed website with lovely photography, church and village news, countryside matters and more.

<https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/lwyl/>



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



Please join us for a

Wine Tasting

on Saturday 13th November 2021

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, DEPDEN

DEPDEN

NEWS FROM DEPDEN CHURCH

First of all we must again say thankyou to Steve Nunn for his bicycle ride around the churches. He raised £424 which was an excellent result!

There will be **no Green Bites in November** but we are holding a **Coffee Morning and Christmas Craft Sale on Thursday 2nd December 10.30-12 noon at Sandra's house, 6, Hall Close (852009)**. Please come along and do let me know if you would like transport.

We will be running a **cake stall** for church funds at **Rookery Farm on Friday 26th November 2-4pm** by kind permission of Tim and Mark. This is to coincide with the fish van. Contributions will be welcome! Please come along and buy some cake or other goodies.

We just hope it doesn't snow this time.

The church service for November will be Morning Prayer at 11am on Sunday 21st.

Advance notice! The **Depden Candlelit Carol Service** will be held on **Sunday 19th December at 4pm**. There will be a service of **Holy Communion** on **Christmas Day this year at 11am**.

Evelyn Payne
01284 850502



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
CHRISTMAS
MEAL

Depden Charities invites all Depden villagers to the annual Christmas meal to be held on Thursday 9 December 6.30 for 7 pm at Hargrave Village Hall. Please bring your own drinks. Let us know you are coming including any dietary requirements. Contact Anne 850658 Janet Paul S or Simon R for details.

Thursday
9 Dec

6.30 for 7
pm

Hargrave
Village Hall

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ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, HARGRAVE

St Edmund's Autumn 'Spring Clean'

Many thanks to Sarah, Jills—de Laat and Upton—Richard and Justin for their hard work in the Church and Churchyard. It was lovely to see the Church clean and fresh for Harvest Festival following the restoration of the Chancel Wall and the Decorating.

Harvest Festival and Restoration Thanksgiving

We welcomed a good congregation for the Harvest Festival. Thanks to Justin for leading our service and to those who read. We had numerous donations of food and toiletries which have now been taken to the foodbank in Bury St Edmunds – thanks to everyone who donated.

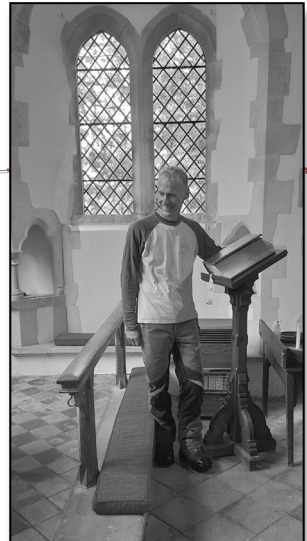
Hargrave Fun Run

The Fun Run was unable to take place on the proposed date in October but has been rearranged for Saturday 19th March 2022, so plenty of time to start/continue your training!

Hargrave Quiz

The Quiz is back! To celebrate St Edmund's day, it will take place on Saturday 20th November in Hargrave Village Hall. Please see separate advert for further details.

Churchwarden Justin Rabett gazes in wonder at St Edmund's new kneelers



To celebrate St Edmund's Day, the PCC of St Edmund's Church, Hargrave is holding a



Saturday 20th November

Hargrave Village Hall

6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Tickets £10.00 each for a Homemade Hot

Supper and Dessert

Teams of six RAFFLE

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

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Proceeds to St Edmund's Church Hargrave Lighting Fund

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David Ellin

MEDIEVAL FINDS II

MADE FOR TRADE AND FOUND IN LIDGATE

HARGRAVE

Over the last five years I have found a total of eight silver pennies from the period of Edward I (AD1272-1307), origins of which are most interesting. Initially Edward issued a mono coin currency of voided long cross silver pennies, which were minted in the name and style of his father Henry III. Voiding of the coins reverse side long cross facilitated cutting of pennies into halves and quarters to yield half pennies and farthings, the latter monetary denomination name having been derived from the term "fourth thing". The fair cutting of pennies into half pennies and farthings was normally completed at the various issuing mints, one of which was located at the abbey in Bury St. Edmunds and operated under the moneyer Robert de Hadelie.

The circulating voided long cross coinage of Edward I and his father Henry III was in generally poor condition and had suffered very badly from clipping; an illegal practice of paring small slivers of silver from the edges of coins. The demonstrably poor state of the circulating coinage ultimately necessitated a total recoinage, which commenced in AD1279. The new coinage featured a solid reverse side long cross with splayed ends, designed to minimise clipping. For the first time in our numismatic history the new coinage also included directly minted round half pennies and farthings. Though proving to be unsuccessful, a silver groat of four pence monetary value was also introduced into our coinage for the first time. The style and monetary denominations of the directly minted Edwardian small change was so successful that it endured for the next two centuries, including an identical coinage issued by his son and grandson (Edward II and Edward III). The recoinage was initially completed by the London mint, but was later supported by 11 provincial mints, including the Bury St. Edmunds abbey mint.

Edward minted a parallel Irish coinage in his name and the Scottish King, Alexander III, followed suit with a similar recoinage. The Scottish coins included stars in the reverse side quarters, rather than the groups of three pellets seen on English coins. Unlike the English minted coins, Scottish Alexander III long cross coins do not include the mint name, but rather used

Like the English and Irish Edward issues, the Scottish Alexander III coins were of well controlled quality sterling silver and accepted into official circulation in England.

The high quality of the new Edwardian coinage was well respected in foreign trade and became widely copied by coin issuing mints in the continental low countries. The low country copies were, depending on detail in the head area of the obverse side, known as sterling crockards or pollards; they were of a lower quality silver and plagued our circulating coinage. To maintain integrity of our circulating coinage, the continental copies and worn officially minted coins were periodically removed from circulation in a series of supplemental recoinages. This practice was continued by Edward's son (Edward II) and initially by his grandson (Edward III). Minting of the long cross Edwardian coins by the three kings occurred over a period of 64 years, necessitating many replacement coining dies. The practice of regular die replacement also gave rise to identifiably unique features in minted coins, resulting in 15 identifiably different classes. The identification of class is now used by numismatists to date and attribute coins to an issuing monarch. Coins of classes 1 to 10 are attributed to Edward I, classes 11 to 14 to Edward II and class 15 to Edward III.

The eight coin finds, originating mint, numismatic class and age comprise:

- **Canterbury mint class 3g struck between AD1280 and 1282**
- **London mint class 9a1 struck between AD 1299 and 1300**
- **London mint class 10cf struck between AD 1300 and 1310**
- **Bury St Edmunds mint class 10cf struck between AD1300 and 1310**
- **Waterford mint (Ireland) Class 1 struck between AD1279 and 1294**
- **Scottish twenty-five-point Roxburgh mint Alexander III struck between AD1280 and 1291**
- **Scottish Twenty-three-point Perth mint Alexander III struck between AD1280 and 1291**
- **Guy of Dampierre pollard struck at Alost (currently Belgium) between AD1290 and 1292**



With exception to the locally minted Bury St. Edmunds coin, which exhibited heavy circulation wear, the other seven coins which were found in three adjacent fields show much less wear and must have been lost shortly after minting. Though still retaining sufficient key identification features, three of the coins had suffered significant post-loss plough damage.

Collectively, the coin finds raise many questions in respect of their origin, a number of which appear less likely than others. A dispersed coin hoard would be unlikely to contain such a high proportion of foreign coins, and the low country pollard in particular. An absence of any associated contemporary evidence of domestic occupation and no finds of smaller denomination half pennies or farthings would tend to rule out general loss arising from either domestic occupation or the presence of an earlier local market. It must, however, be acknowledged that the Edwardian recoinage included the minting of significantly fewer half pennies and farthings. It also appears much more likely that the location of a market granted to Lidgate at this time would have been located closer to the village manorial hall or church. It, therefore, appears much more likely that the coins had arrived at Lidgate as a consequence of higher value long distance trade, and noting that the Guy of Dampierre pollard had been minted in a town noted for its textiles; an origin associated with the Suffolk wool trade appears a much more likely contender. The finding of a seal matrix of a similar age to the coins in one of the fields yielding Edwardian pennies would also support the possibility of coin losses arising from higher value contractual type trade or transactions. The joy of archaeology, always something left to the imagination!

ST MARY'S CHURCH, HAWKEDON



ST MARY'S CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

If you would like to sponsor the tower floodlighting for a week in celebration of an occasion or in memory of a loved one, please contact David Taylor on 789324. The suggested weekly donation is £15.



The floodlighting for the week of 26th September was kindly sponsored by Melissa Freeman and the week of 17th October was sponsored by Emma Lang and Lesley Steward in loving memory of Alison Simpson and Lilly Ellis.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN HAWKEDON

The 9am BCP Holy Communion service on Sunday, 14th November in St Mary's Church, Hawkedon will be followed at approx 9.45am by a short Remembrance Day commemoration and laying of the wreath at the War Memorial. It is hoped that as many as possible of the village community will attend as all will be very welcome.



HAWKEDON

HAWKEDON PARISH CLERK VACANCY

Hawkedon Parish Council has a vacancy for a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer from 1st January 2022. For more details, please contact Rachel on 01284 789449 or email hawkedonsuffolk@gmail.com

HARVEST SUPPER

The village hall was buzzing on the 25th Sept for the Harvest Supper. Five village stalwarts, David Taylor, Heather Phillips, Judy and Charles Wilson, and Linda Cawston did all the hard work to make this a relaxed and fun evening for all. Thank you to you all – it was as ever a delicious meal and a great village occasion.

After our meal, we were privileged to have Helen MacDonald give us a fascinating and moving insight into her book *H is for Hawk*. Thank you, Helen, for so generously giving us such an honest and captivating account.



NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

And so we come to November, possibly surfeited on Pumpkin Soup. I never thought it would come to be a favourite month as it always heralded Winter but now as I, too, begin to wither and things look likely to drop off soon, I can appreciate much more the season of "mists and mellow fruitfulness" and, of course, the special time of Remembrance.



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For the 100th anniversary of the First World War a particular effort was made to add focus to our remembrances. One item was the life-sized perspex outlines of uniformed soldiers that could be placed near graves or seated in church pews. These have continued to be used and if you visit a church where they have been installed the effect is quite amazing. There sit in opaque ghostly outline the Tommies whose names appear on our war memorials. Sometimes there may be two or three in the same pew where they had worshipped as a family. It does make the forgotten presence seem very real and brings home the poignancy of the losses to us in our villages today.

Remembrance Day is the day each year on which I feel most proud to be British. I recall some of my Dad's stories, tales of his friends who were with him in various theatres of war but failed to return. They went because they felt they had to and did their best for the love they bore for our country. Round these parts many who served had never before been to London but suddenly were confronted by totally foreign countries, food, speech and behaviour. Suffolk lads who never questioned why they went and had no time to question why they never came back.



I am proud that in our small communities we huddle together in the cold by our small stone memorials to hear the names of the fallen read out and in our tiny groups thank them for their sacrifices that have enabled us to be here, to enjoy November.

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HAWKEDON CALENDAR 2022

A good number from the village and further afield attended the calendar photo display on 10th October in the Village Hall to vote for their favourite 12 entries. The votes have been counted and the calendar is now at the printers, expected delivery mid-November.

To order, please email Rachel at hawkedonsuffolk@gmail.com. Price per calendar is £8.00, or £7.50 for two or more, all profits going to St Mary's church, Hawkedon. For the winning photos and the latest on delivery, please visit hawkedon.blogspot.com.

Several photos proved very popular, the one receiving the most votes was "The church with the poppies" (those at the vote will know which one!). This photo will feature inside and also on the

SWISS CHOCOLATE AT AN ENGLISH WEDDING

An August wedding in Shropshire.....Lockdown was over! We would be away from home with old friends who we had not seen for a long time. With no responsibilities, no need to drive and no need to cook, our only duty was to celebrate, and be part of Tom and Louenna's wedding day. We put the world on hold, turned off the news, and focused on ensuring we added to the fun. As a good friend tells us, "it's important to be a radiator and not a drain."

The first challenge was making sure that our enthusiasm on seeing old friends the night before was not so excessive that the wedding itself was clouded by hangovers. It fell to one of the more responsible guests to keep us all, including the father of the groom, under control. We were grateful the next day!

After a lazy morning wandering around Shrewsbury drinking coffee and inhaling its history, we arrived at St Lucia's Church in Upton Magna. It is a classic example of a Norman country church with a pub down the road. There was a buzz in the air. The congregation was squashed into the pews, the wide brims of the splendid hats imposed their own fashionable social distance. There were feathers in hair, fascinating fascinators and ushers in freshly pressed suits with over-showered faces, hurrying to place people on the correct side, "bride or groom?"

As tradition dictates, the bride was almost worryingly late, the ring bearer remembered the ring (it seems it's not the job of the Best Man any more) and we knew all the hymns. Reading them in the Order of Service before the start reminded us of past weddings. They triggered memories of funerals too, and of friends and family no longer with us, a moment of quiet in a sea of twittering and happy people.

The service was beautifully traditional then Lisa Knight, the Vicar, produced what appeared to be a long triangular wedding present for the couple. Those chocoholics amongst us (the whole congregation it seems) immediately identified it as large bar of Toblerone chocolate. There was no need to unwrap it.



She explained why she was giving it to the happy couple. The chocolate in a Toblerone is sweet and luxurious. However, there are gritty and crunchy bits that take a little effort and provide texture. They can stick in the teeth and are difficult to remove, sometimes staying well after the chocolate has delivered its sugar rush. She then pointed out that the thin chocolate between each triangular piece is easily broken, so needs special care. We understood the point. You have to expect some grit and thin patches in a relationship but it's well worth the effort.

All this talk of chocolate set us up for the reception at the bride's home. Her parents had moved heaven and earth (twenty tons of it in fact) to make it perfect, with help from the groom's family too. All that effort could not be wasted so the party went on long into the night.

When Theodor Tobler mixed the ingredients for the first Toblerone in 1908, he knew he had stumbled on a great recipe, but I wonder if he ever imagined it would be used as an analogy in a wedding service. I doubt it!

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PS. With thanks to Lisa Knight for conducting such a kind, thoughtful, humorous and memorable wedding service and for agreeing to my repeating her Toblerone analogy, and with huge thanks to the wedding party too for inviting us!

HAWKEDON VILLAGE HALL HIRE

The Village Hall is available at very reasonable rates:

£60 for full day (£40 for Hawkedon residents), £30 for a morning or afternoon (£20 for Hawkedon residents), £40 for an evening (£30 for Hawkedon residents.) For other rates and equipment hire please call for a quote. Contact Charles Wilson on 789376 or charles.wilson21@btinternet.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, REDE

HARVEST REFLECTIONS

Harvest Festival in early October was, as always, a lovely occasion with All Saints' looking its very best thanks to our amazingly creative flower ladies. The church was nigh on full, and the service was wonderful, lead by Barbara Hill, culminating with quite a party atmosphere over coffee, if the length of time everyone stayed and the noise level of the chatter was anything to go by!

The following week was Harvest Supper, with a full Village Hall and ages ranging from Albert at five months, right through to someone not far off 90! Delicious range of food, thanks to our extraordinarily hardworking catering corps, with much demand for second helpings of everything. Wonderful raffle, thanks to very generous donors, Mike Read's renowned selling skills and for which little Albert skilfully drew the tickets.

After supper Moya Long read for us the story below, written by her husband Edward, and which recently came to light when she was sorting through his papers. An extraordinary and moving story, particularly for all of us who knew Edward so well.

After Moya the evening was rounded off with Eric Warner persuading Nigel Oakley to entertain us with a couple of his wonderful stories with their never failing, unexpected and seriously funny punch lines.

Edward Long: September 1941 – April 2018

Edward was born in Bury St Edmunds to a local farming family. He caught polio on holiday in July 1949 and was in hospital for nearly four months. The effects of polio did not hold him back. He qualified as a pilot and travelled the world as an agricultural and horticultural journalist, moving back to live in Suffolk in 1985. The late effects of polio meant that he had to use a wheelchair for the last eight years of his life.

HOSPITAL WARD ROUND IN WET WELLIES

It was still dark so an unusual time for a ward round. Normally by 6.30am the patients in Hut 6 of the Old West Suffolk General Hospital in Bury St Edmunds would have been offered a mug of 'tea' and the washing ritual would have been in full flow. Not today, for the daily routine had been radically revised.

A grim faced consultant with the usual retinue of junior doctors, matron and nurses appeared to be in fancy-dress. Instead of looking smart and business-like in pristinely laundered white coats everyone looked dirty, even matron's dark blue uniform looked in need of a stiff dose of starch. Even more remarkable, and far from normal, for a ward round, was the unusual footwear worn that morning – wellies of all shapes and sizes. It was clear that whilst some of the white ones were standard issue hospital operating theatre or path lab boots, others seemed to have previously seen service in sticky clay-land gardens of South Suffolk. But they were all still wet - not just evidence of a recent attempt at sterilising them before a ward visit But proof that the wearers had very recently been involved in something unusual that early November night. The acrid smell of burning was a clue as to what had happened, this was neither the vivid imagination of an 8 year old boy, nor a dream.

When I woke up that November morning in 1949 I was surprised that all the ward lights were on, then I noticed that on the floor between my bed and the next one there were three people in sleeping bags and there were three more on the other side. They had not been there when I went to sleep.

Then 13 year old Ellis, who had been in the next door bed for as long as I had been in the ward, noticed I was awake. "You slept right through it and missed all the action", he said. "There has been a huge fire and the main hospital block has been destroyed. There was so much noise as the evacuees were brought here – I'm surprised you managed to sleep through it all".

Hut 6 was a stone's throw away from the main part of the hospital, just past the operating theatres and out-patients department.

As the news sunk in I noticed that another group of doctors and nurses were congregating arounds beds close to the nurses' station in the middle of the Nightingale-styled ward. This group also comprised wellie-wearing, scruffy looking souls who looked exhausted. They had obviously been up all night rescuing patients.

Then a more familiar rescuer arrived at my bedside – my father. I was surprised to see him so early. As I was to be discharged later that morning he was not expected for several hours. He explained that he had been among the many people who had helped evacuate trapped patients, and as the firemen had managed to contain the blaze he knew the huts were safe so I was in no danger.

Normally visitors to Hut 6 were restricted to just two hours a week with an hour between 2-3pm on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. But as I was a child in an adult male medical ward my parents enjoyed more flexibility, although they had never before come in before breakfast.

It appears that after popping in to see me the night before to check that all was OK to collect me the next day, he had joined his friends for their regular Friday evening session in the Angel Hotel. Only a few pints of Greene King's finest had been downed when the wail of Bury's fire alarm sounded. They rushed outside onto the Angel Hill and could immediately see a bright red glow over to the west. Fearing it could be the hospital they jumped in their cars and shot off to see what was happening.

On arriving they found Hospital Road blocked off and a big fire raging so their vehicles were abandoned and they rushed to help get the patients out of the burning building.

After successfully getting everyone out of the main block they stayed to help transport them on trolleys and in wheelchairs to alternative accommodation – mainly in the huts. Even the one used by the West Suffolk's physiotherapy team was taken over.

Back in Hut 6 the main ward round was rapidly approaching where Ellis and I were waiting – and listening. We heard the on-duty ward sister give the consultant a brief outline of the present state of the patient's health. If there was any sign of life his name was listed as going home asap. This happened to most of the patients, then the group paused at the end of my bed, but on hearing that I was due for discharge that morning anyway, the relieved looking team swiftly moved on.

I was pleased to be going home after nearly four months of being paralysed from my neck down following a nasty case of polio, or as it was then known, Infantile paralysis. The physios had worked hard to get me walking again but I was still very weak.

That evening my mother 'wrapped me up warm' so I could be pushed down the garden in my wheelchair to watch our fireworks and enjoy the fire!

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All Saints Church, Rede

Followed by refreshments

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THE SLAVE TRADE – A DIFFERENT VERSION

I doubt there is anybody out there who is unaware of the horrors of the slave trade where captured Africans were taken in barbaric conditions to the 'New World' and basically worked to death in the sugar and tobacco fields and cotton plantations of the Caribbean and the Americas.

Less well-known is that Europeans were also captured as slaves, albeit in small quantities compared to Africans. Here is the story of three different places in Europe which suffered this scourge for many years:

1. Cornwall, Devon and Dorset

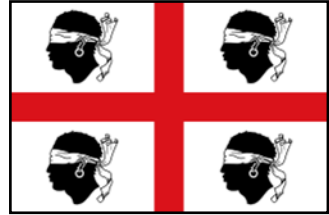
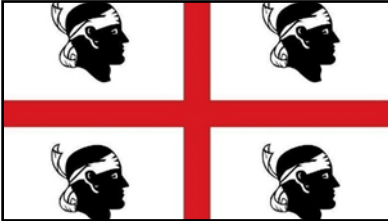
Piracy and slavery were the scourge of the West Country for over 300 years. One such raid in 1625 saw Corsairs raid Mount's Bay in Cornwall and capture and enslave 60 men, women and children. There appeared to be about 60 Barbary men-of-war prowling the coasts and attacks were almost daily on land and sea. Charities were formed to which people donated in order to pay ransom for Europeans, women apparently costing more than men to buy back. Eventually concerted diplomatic and naval action by Britain, US, France and Spain in 1816 saw over 4,000 "Christians" freed and the end of this trade.

2. Corsica and Sardinia

Today the former is a part of France and the latter Italy, but both retain a fierce independence and their own dialects. Interestingly, Corsican is closer to modern Italian than is Sardinian, but then Corsica is closer geographically than Sardinia! The Romans used both sets of islanders as slaves in large numbers. However, they were not popular as slaves due to their defiant attitude and the well-known 'fact' that they would murder their master given half-a chance!

In the Middle Ages Corsicans and Sardinians were, like the English, terrorised by North Africans, known as Moors. A legend tells that soldiers beheaded the invaders as a deterrent and that led to the distinctive flags which both islands use today. Both flags have altered at various times with the Moors shown facing both ways and blindfolded or not. Even the Internet could not agree on which version is used these days, but it appears that it is the Corsican flag on the left and the older Sardinian version on the right.

This flag was still being widely, and proudly, displayed last time I visited Sardinia – and, rather than being a symbol of racism, is actually symbolic of the fierce independence of both sets of Islanders. Both islands are autonomous regions of their respective countries today.



3. Austria and Eastern Europe

The Ottoman Empire ruled much of Eastern Europe for many centuries reaching its 'high' point with defeat at the Siege of Vienna in 1683. Many countries which to us seem unequivocally 'European' and 'Christian' continued to be ruled by the Moslem Ottoman Empire until the end of the First World War in 1918 when the Empire collapsed. This included, at different times, parts of Austria, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia, Albania, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus as well as the whole of the Arabian Peninsula and all of North Africa.

During history the 'frontier' between the Ottomans and Christian countries (mainly the Hapsburg Empire – latterly the Austro-Hungarian Empire – and the Russian Empire) moved back and forth with each side's military fortunes and saw huge swathes of land abandoned by traumatised refugees. Indeed, some areas of Eastern Europe are still sparsely populated for that same reason today. Slaves would be taken to slave-markets where they would be paraded naked and whipped to show their physical prowess, just as African slaves were later shown to European buyers. At one point, after the retreat of the Ottomans, the newly Catholicised area of Royal Hungary sold Protestant Pastors as slaves to the Kingdom of Naples, but this generated so much revulsion it was never tried again. Seems there are no limits to Mankind's cruelty to those it sees as different...

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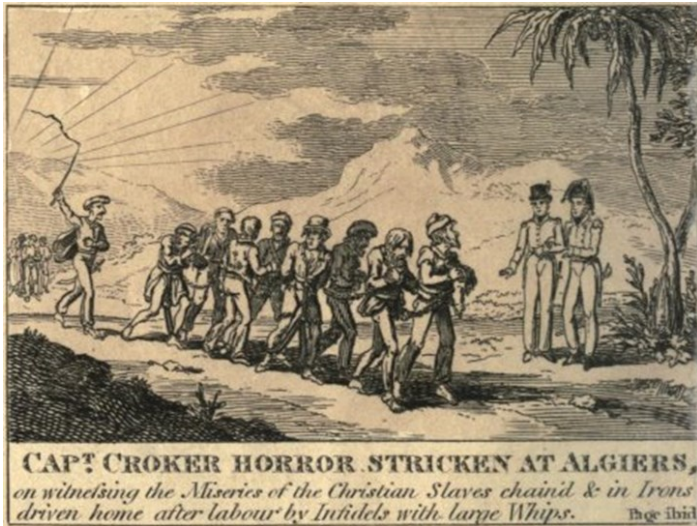


Illustration - After the capture of 240 Cornish people in 1645, Parliament send Captain Edmund Cason to Algiers to negotiate the ransom and release of the captives – he freed 250 people before running out of money and spending the last eight years of his life trying to arrange the release of a further 400.

Terminology:

Man-of-War

a warship or frigate

Corsairs

another name for pirates

Barbary Coast

The North Coast of Africa including Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya.

Moors

Another name for North Africans. Othello was a Moor in Shakespeare's play. Roman Emperor Septimius Severus was either a Moor or Black African (interestingly, he visited the British Isles in AD 208 – amongst the Roman soldiers stationed here were other black soldiers.)

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"Danubia" by Simon Winder

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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

The talk at our October meeting was very topical, all about Climate Change. Jim Paine, from the Walnut Tree Garden Nursery, explained the difference between weather and climate, before clarifying what has caused the changes in climate, how it is likely to affect us in the future, and what we can all do about it. Although his talk necessarily involved a fair amount of science, it wasn't too heavy, or full of doom and gloom, and the illustrations he showed helped. A very interesting evening, with a good chat after the talk had finished.

At the next meeting on November 1st, we will be given a talk about the East Anglian Air Ambulance. As the AGM will also take place during the meeting, there will be no charge for entry, so we hope that generous donations will be made to this incredibly important resource, that survives purely on donations.

During the AGM, we will discuss the last couple of years, as well as revealing our plans for 2022. We are still looking for a new Treasurer, so please have a think and get in touch with me as below if you might be interested. After no subscriptions last year, we will collect the £10 Annual fee for membership. Kings Seeds catalogues can be picked up at the meeting - a 50% discount is available for members.

We start at 7.30pm, in the Institute Hall at Hartest. Visitors are always welcome to come along to our meetings, with no pressure to join.

Advance warning – there will be no meeting in December this year.

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 is www.hartestgardeningclub.info.

Geraldine Ross



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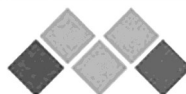
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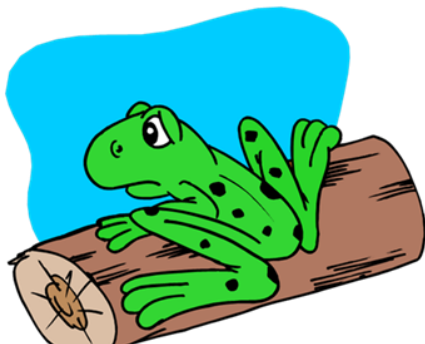
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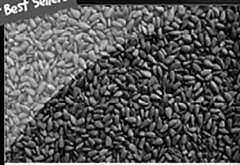


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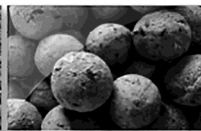
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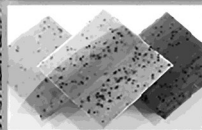
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MOBILE LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Chedburgh – Thursday, 4th November at the Erskine Centre—3.30–4.15pm

Chevington – Tuesday, 23rd November at 17 New Road—11.50–12.05
and Tan Office Lane— 2.10pm-2.30pm

Depden - Thursday, 4th November at Hall Close— 3.05–3.20pm

Hargrave - Saturday, 27th November (no visit in December) at Orchard
End— 9.30-9.50am

Hawkedon - Friday, 26th November (no visit in December) at the Old
Queen's Head—10.50–11.10am

Rede - Friday, 26th November (no visit in December) at the Village Hall—
10.30–10.45am

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