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BENEFACTIVE SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
	All Saints' Day	Third Sunday Before	Second Sunday	Christ the King	Advent Sunday
All Saints' Chedburgh		10.30am Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance		10.45am Morning Prayer	
All Saints' Chevington	9.00am All Saints' Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance	9.00am Parish Communion	9.00am Parish Communion	10.30am Benefice Advent Communion
St Mary's, Depden			11.00am Parish Communion		
St Edmund's Hargrave	11.00am Morning Prayer for All Saints		3.00pm Evening Prayer		
St Mary's Hawkedon		9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) followed by an Act of Remembrance		10.45am Parish Communion	
All Saints' Rede	10.45am Morning Prayer				6.00pm Advent Reflections

Every Friday, Morning Prayer will be said at Chevington at 9.30am
There will be a said communion at All Saints', Rede on Tuesday,
3rd November at 4pm.

Every Sunday there will be a Zoom Service. Please go to
www.suffolkheights.org for details and the joining instructions.

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Simon writes

From Sunday, November 1st through to Advent Sunday on November 29th is the Season of All Saints. At the time of writing it remains unclear as to whether we will be able to hold the services we would normally plan for this season. In particular we are awaiting further guidance for Remembrance Sunday (November 8th) I'm sure that we will be allowed to mark this special annual event in some way, especially as this year is the centenary of the Cenotaph and the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. In the meantime, we continue to try and make our services as safe as possible whilst remaining welcoming and friendly! To help us, please continue to observe the guidance to minimise any potential risks from Covid-19 by:

- ◇ **using the hand gel as you enter the church, before and after communion and as you leave;**
- ◇ **to only sit where there is a service booklet;**
- ◇ **to wear a face mask during the service and as you leave the church building;**
- ◇ **by remaining seated throughout the service, unless otherwise indicated in the service book, as well as for reading or leading the prayers;**
- ◇ **at the end of the service, to remain seated until you are directed to leave, so as to avoid a free for all at the church door; and**
- ◇ **to take your Order of Service home with you.**

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

We are giving a lot of thought on how to celebrate Christmas. More details in the December Suffolk Heights Magazine but we are planning to hold two Christingles at All Saints', Chevington on Christmas Eve at 2pm and 4pm as well as Christmas Reflections in all the churches across the benefice on Sunday, 20th December at 4pm. You will be asked to 'book a place' so that we can ensure adherence to government guidelines on social distancing.

Rectory Mardle

President Trump believes that his recent bout of Covid-19 was a 'blessing from God'. Now, we know that God moves in mysterious ways, so let's take the President's statement at face value. Because the question that arises is whether the Almighty does indeed send plagues, to pull us up at best or to chastise us at worst. But does God act in this way?

Have you ever wondered when something unpleasant has happened, looking back, and thinking it was for the best? Are God's blessings two-edged? It's a thought because usually we express our gratitude for God's blessings. So if Covid-19 was God's blessing on the President, should we not all be beseeching the Almighty to shower those pesky bags of RNA upon us too? Perhaps this explains why we are faced with a second wave. God is blessing us! It's all about the Ah! factor—understanding what the Almighty is up to. (SAGE take note.)

President Trump may be closer to the truth than we care to relish. After all, the plagues sent by God upon the Egyptians were a blessing for the Hebrews in slavery in Egypt. Although on the other hand, in the Book of Job, surely the greatest treatise on the question of suffering, God only allowed Satan to send such dreadful woes upon Job. God didn't heap such sufferings on Job's head per se. But this is splitting hairs.

We may not say it in so many words, but do we ever wonder what someone has done to deserve their fate? But to bring God into this question is surely a misconception of God's mysterious ways? I have no difficulty in praising God for the good that can come through suffering, but to equate its causes to the Almighty? I prefer to hold onto my understanding of God as love and not one dishing out punishments.

At the end of worship the officiant invites those present to, 'Bless the Lord', to which those gathered reply, 'Thanks be to God'. I've often wondered what it means to 'Bless the Lord'. I like to think it's about giving God a hug, surely a wonderful blessing — to both the hugger and the hugged. But the greatest of wonders is that God, *sans* mask, hugs us whatever we may or may not have done, even when we are suffering with Covid-19. Perhaps that's what President Trump meant.

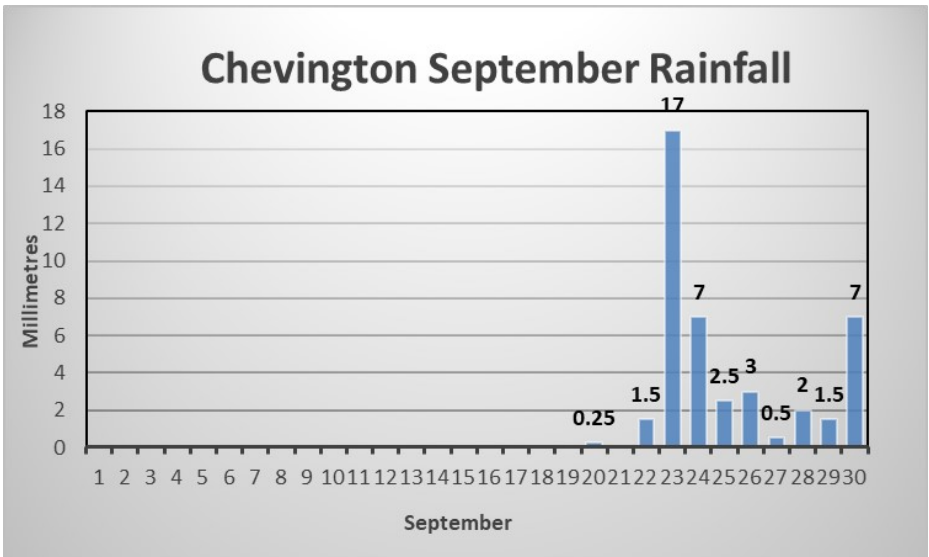


Rain Matters

Jamie Robertson

The graph below perfectly illustrates – more so than even last year—the change in weather that came with the equinox. Around 21st September after a dry start the rain came and the temperature dropped. In fact in the first half of the month we enjoyed something of an Indian Summer. The 2nd of September was the hottest day of the month. And nationally it was the hottest September temperature of any day in the UK and the eighth-hottest day overall in the 20th century. Bawtry in South Yorkshire had the hottest temperatures in the country at 35.6 °C (96.1 °F).

As for rain the total for the month in Chevington was 42.25mm (1.66 inches), which puts it somewhere near the average for the past ten years. September rainfall seems always to be fairly light, ranging from about 20mm to 60mm, and we usually have a dry patch at the beginning and a wet patch at the end as the northern hemisphere turns it face from sun.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHEDBURGH



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.

Lights sponsored for 11th -18th October

**Sponsored by Tjitske Leary in fond memory of Maurice
"The Love of my Life"**

OLIVE MAVIS PERMAN 1924 – 2020

Olive passed away peacefully on the 30th September. A simple family funeral service followed by a cremation took place on the 16th October 2020.

Olive was born in Wimbledon and had six siblings, only her youngest sister is still alive. During the war she left home in Surrey to work for Mullards in Blackburn, Lancashire to help set up production lines to increase the output of valves for military radios and radar. She had memories of VI Flying Bombs (Doodlebugs) flying over during 1944 – 45. During this time she met Peter, her late husband and they were married on the 30th March 1946.

In 1968 Olive moved to Bury St Edmunds with her husband and their three children. In 1982 they moved to Majors Close in the village of Chedburgh. Olive lived on her own from 1995 when Peter passed away up until 2019. Having lived with dementia for a number of years it became very apparent that she was no longer able to live alone and the family made the very sad decision to move her into Cornwallis Court.

Olive leaves behind her three children Martin, Blair and Diane, four Grandchildren and three Great Grandchildren. She will be missed by all her family.

RAF CHEDBURGH

IAN LEGGETT

This year we should have been able to celebrate the end of WWII with a VE DAY event. Although we did manage a scaled down tribute we did not do the event full justice. Another opportunity was missed with VJ DAY as the pandemic was still with us. In fact the 80 years since the Battle of Britain took place was also an opportunity lost.

This village was such a small place in 1942, and the 100's of workers who assembled in the area to build RAF Chedburgh must have been quite a shock. Not only the airfield, but hangars, fuel stores, offices, workshops and of course accommodation area. Chedburgh had about 1,800 air force personnel in this area and they were spread about in groups mainly north of the A143, that is Queens Lane and Chevington Road.

The footpath that runs between the two villages goes right through SITE 5, and on two occasions in the past few years we have opened up an air raid shelter on that site to look at, this year with an information board. Recently we have been fortunate to have been offered the chance to expose a number of the pathways and remains of accommodation units on that site. Also exposed is the roadway built to take airmen to the airfield. A large fuel store was put here also to supply aviation fuel to the airfield in case the airfield store was attacked. We were able to see the control valve for turning the supply on. A second air raid shelter has now also been cleared of brambles to enable visitors to see it.

The removal of tons of bramble has left some areas which we hope to turn into a grass space and form a lasting tribute to the airmen and women based here. We hope to be able to put a bench or two on that area so you can sit and enjoy the wildlife that has taken over (today we saw five robins flitting from tree to tree). This site held about 200 airmen in 32 separate living quarters. A site map will show their locations. It will also show this site in relation to the other sites around Chedburgh, including Queens Lane, Elizabeth Drive, Kings Park, Chestnut Crescent, Lancaster Close and Majors Close. Of course the Mulberry Park area was much used for Administration, WAAFS accommodation, NAAFI, Grocery Store and a communal area. Why not take a walk and reflect on those troubled times and the almost 400 airmen who were killed flying from RAF Chedburgh? LOCATION; From Factory Lane, Chevington. Follow footpath sign opposite Stonehouse Farm.

From Chedburgh take footpath from Elizabeth Drive, past stables into the wooded area. If you have ideas of a lasting tribute please let us know. If you have a bench no longer required that would be a welcome seating addition.



**12 November 2020
at 7.30pm**

**Chevington, Chedburgh, Depden
and Rede Community Council
Trustees of the Erskine Centre**

AGM VIA ZOOM

Use the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/CCDRCC-2020>

Meeting ID: 928 4970 8286

Passcode: 365515

Please join us if you can.

**We need help and ideas
from the Community to
take the Erskine Centre
into next year and we
need willing volunteers
to join our team.**

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

— *Winston Churchill* —

Chedburgh Overcomes Virus In Delivering

This has been a very challenging year for all of us but that does not mean everything has to stop. Clearly taking precautions has been essential but with 80% approx of all news items being Covid-19 related I believe there had to be other subjects we should concentrate on both for the benefit of the village and the wellbeing of the individual.

Back in March at the height of the early pandemic we were able to have the inclusive roundabout installed in the children's play area at the Erskine Centre. This followed two years of fund raising and it has been a well used play item.

In May we were due to have a large VE Day event. Determined to mark the occasion we did have a small number of people at the RAF Memorial on the green with Rev Simon Hill, followed by a wreath laying, and then some suitable songs and dancing at various locations in the village.

During the year we have continued with our dog meet sessions on the playing field every morning which I believe has benefited those involved, with the banter and occasional jokes and cake swapping.

In September a Cake and Cuppa was held in aid of MAGPAS (Air Ambulance). This was quite a challenge following the ever-changing guidelines for numbers and hygiene matters, but it went ahead and £350 was raised. This was followed in October by our annual **Children In Need Ramble** from Chedburgh to Hargrave. Although a very wet day we completed the walk and raised £425 for this good cause.

We are now on a venture to install a bench in memory of the RAF airmen and women who served at RAF Chedburgh between 1942 and 1946 near the recently uncovered area which was home to almost 200 airmen. Looking on the bright side has to be the way forward otherwise it could be a long weary winter. There are so many opportunities to make things better for someone, just sharing a cuppa, popping round to lunch, having a chat, enjoying a hobby, or planning a fund raiser. With me, taking the dog for a walk every day is a favourite pastime, enjoying the wonderful countryside and meeting so many people from the local villages.

Ian Leggett

Chedburgh Ramble

3rd October

Julie Thomson sent in these photos of the annual Chedburgh Ramble which this year was for **BBC Children in Need**



Soggy people on a refreshment break in Hargrave Village Hall on the wettest day of the year!



Sam, the biscuit thief



Chedburgh Gardening Club



WELL!!! This has been a very surreal year and I am so sorry we could not have our September get together with a short AGM.

It has been great to speak with most of you every so often and to know that we, collectively, seem to be holding up so far.

We were able to have some great meetings until March, they were as follows:

- * Bulbs Galore, Autumn Planting for Spring Colour – Matt Long
- * Funny Garden Features – Andrew Sankey
- * It's nearly Christmas! A sociable time out of the fray!
- * Eco Friendly Composts – Ian Tinton
- * Your Own Mediterranean Climate – Rodney Tibbs

Unfortunately we had to cancel the rest of the talks and also our summer visits due to Covid 19 and government restrictions. Such a disappointment! However, all our Summer visit hosts from this year will be pleased to have us next year. Something to look forward to!!

We canvassed our members' opinions and have sadly taken the decision that for health and financial reasons we cannot go ahead with our Winter schedule. We are so sorry about this. We will review the decision in light of any new information from the government in January. No subscriptions will be collected for the coming year.

I am very grateful to the Secretary and Treasurer for their work again this year. In view of no face-to-face AGM we have not been able to have a vote on your officers for the coming year, so are presuming the status quo.

We are looking forward to seeing all our members as soon as it is deemed possible and will look forward to welcoming new members.

Anne Evans, Chairman

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHEVINGTON

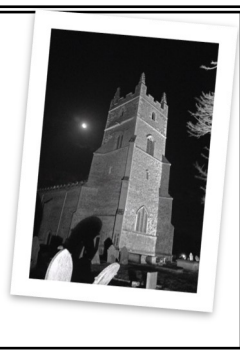


Parish Prayers

Every week at the Sunday service at All Saints, Chevington we pray for areas of our village and matters of local concern. Over the past few months we have been praying for those worst affected by the pandemic and continue to pray especially for the lonely and frightened and those whose lives have been blighted by the pandemic and the lockdowns.

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.

Yasmine Young has sponsored the lights this month in loving memory of her mother Betty Lohdi who died last November.



Opening the Church

All Saints' Church is now open for private prayer and for weekly Sunday services. If you wish to enter the church there are instructions on the church door as to how to act to minimise the chances of Covid-19 transmission:

- A bottle of hand sanitiser is provided at the door.
- Please sign the visitors' form. This is to help track and trace if any visitors contract coronavirus.
- Please use the plastic chairs for sitting and not the wooden pews. A cleansing spray is also provided.
- If you pick up any guide book or prayer sheet they must be taken from the church with you when you leave.

Thank You

HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE

A BIG thank you to Marian and Tony Booker, Geoff Nicholas and Rosanna Waspe for getting on their bikes and riding for All Saints' Church on a lovely day in September. Also many thanks to the kind folk who "church-sat" to welcome visitors - we had more this year than ever before!

I have sent off £350 to the Trust - so well done everyone!

Ann Sadler

THE CHEVINGTON ALL SAINTS ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT

A few weeks ago a leaflet was distributed introducing everyone to the proposed 'Accessibility Project' at All Saints' Church, Chevington. The three main components of the project are to lay a water supply to the church; install an internal toilet at the west end of the church, and to re-lay the path to the church, removing the present steps down into the church porch to give ease of access to the building for those with mobility issues. Just to reassure you, again, our beautiful church will still look the same but with better facilities and ease of access hopefully our church will continue to be at the heart of our village.

What is becoming very apparent with the continuing Covid-19 situation is that the levels of anxiety are increasing amongst our community. Many are continuing to shield. Post this pandemic, the need for small community gatherings will be paramount to bring people back together and address the sense of isolation (and desolation) that many are experiencing. On completion, this project will provide us with the physical infrastructure to meet this challenge head on and, as a church, we are ready so to do!

The good news is that we have received the final permission to go ahead and we will shortly be appointing a contractor. Before we can begin the building work though, we need to raise further funding. We have raised over £30,000 so far but there's still some way to go! We are busy applying for grants but your support would be so much appreciated. If you are able to contribute to the building fund, please contact our Treasurer, Simon Williams on 01284 850045.

The church email address is allsaintschevington@gmail.com

The church BACS details are as follows: All Saints Chevington Fabric Fund account at NatWest Bury St Edmunds. Sort code 60-04-16. Account no 56476671.

JEAN FANCE - 1932-2020



The sad loss of Jean Fance on 2nd October, at the age of 88, has brought to an end a long stewardship of the Greyhound, firstly as Del's "other half" and then as Landlady in her own right for the last 24 years.

Born in Southend on 6th April 1932, but with long-established family connections in Suffolk as well as Essex, Jean had lived in Chevington for longer than she had resided anywhere else and could, therefore, be regarded as nearly a local!

As well as being the matriarch to her eight surviving children, and running a family business, Jean also found time to serve on Chevington Parish Council and contribute to local charitable causes, including the Deaf Society and Little Teapots, not to mention overseeing a fund-raiser to help restore the roof of Chevington Church after it suffered from nefarious activity.

Having been a tenant for a good number of years through a deteriorating financial outlook for the licensed trade, the opportunity arose to acquire the freehold of the Greyhound during that time. It was Jean's intention that the Greyhound should continue as a public house and this will remain the case for the time being, until the ravages of the current global situation are mitigated.

It is understood that both Jean and Del's ashes will be laid to rest in the parish cemetery, and that there will an opportunity to accompany the family from the Greyhound to interment, when circumstances (and social -distancing) allow – an announcement will be made in due course.



It's the end of an era.

Alastair McCormack

CHEVINGTON WI



We are planning a series of small meetings of no more than six members in The Village Hall in Chevington, a get together for a chat but no refreshments. Our 5th November meeting 'Artistry in Cocoa' we hope to have via Zoom. Details nearer the time.

Sue Ebbens, our President, continues her daily emails. Thank you Sue.

The Buddie Calls, for members who wish, are still taking place at the weekends.

If you would like more information about WI or need help with anything please contact Susan Boor, Secretary 01284 850536. You do not have to be a member.

Chedburgh, Chevington and Depden Oil Syndicate

The Chevington and Chedburgh Oil Syndicate is still going strong and we are keen to get as many members on board as possible. The more people involved the better the deal we can get from the oil companies.

Please check your oil tanks and let us know if you would like to order oil this month. The deadline date is 6pm on 11/11/2020. Call us on **07985 884172** or email chedburghoil@gmail.com with your name, address, contact number and volume of oil in litres. (Minimum order is 500 litres)

If you are new to the area or would like to join the syndicate, please let us know.

Kaz Morris

The Village Hall



Chevington Village Hall has been open since the beginning of September. However, many of the regular events have been suspended for the immediate future.

The regulations for Covid Alert Level Medium, Tier 1 which covered Chevington at the time of going to press states:

“Activities, such as organised indoor sport, indoor exercise classes and other activity groups can continue with more than six people present provided that groups of more than six do not mix. Where it is likely that groups will mix, these activities must not go ahead.”

Under these restrictions the Village Hall can take a party of 20 people, so long as the groups of six within that party do not mix. For instance, the WI is planning a get together next month will release details shortly.

So anyone may book the hall for any available day for events that fulfil the conditions outlined above. More details are available on the government website at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-level-medium>.

Please call Alastair McCormack on 850277 for more information.

Council contacts: Cllr Agazarian (Chairman) 07786 706277; Cllr McCormack (Vice Chairman) 850277; Cllr Doyle 850734; Cllr Keegan 850628; Cllr Briggs 0778 9775157.
The Clerk: Mrs Betts 810508. Email: chevington-pc@outlook.com

THE CHEVINGTON ONLINE QUIZ

For the first time ever the Chevington Quiz went online, and despite the absence of a sit-down supper, proved to be a great success. The tradition is that the winners of the previous year run the next year's quiz, so Pip Goodwin, Jamie Robertson, Victoria and Simon Lovegrove and Jo and John St Clair Roberts, whose team "Pants" won in 2019, hosted the contest.



The teams all joined via Zoom and were able to move into "Breakout Rooms" after every round. The

members of the teams were spread out about the village and the country: so Kaye McEvoy's cousin Marianne joined them from Cornwall; the Williamses were joined by Megan in Cambridge and Johnathan in Catterick and the Robertson children formed a team based in London, Edinburgh and Leeds.

The general feeling in the Pants team was that the ten rounds should be moved along at a fair pace to keep up people's interest and enthusiasm, so it was thought a two minute "Breakout" should suffice. On reflection that may not have been enough as it seems a degree of panic spread throughout the teams as they had to confer over the answers under the threat of a 120 second stopwatch.

Jamie Robertson read out the questions, aided by several glasses of whisky which greatly increased his fluency as well as his tendency to collapse into giggles at the slightest provocation. Pip pressed the appropriate buttons so as to relieve her husband of the effort of having to do two things at once,

The winning team, Still Thinking (so called because when asked what their team name was – that was what they said) captained by Nick Parsons will run the quiz next year – hopefully live from the Village Hall. But if we can't do the quiz face to face we have at least proved we can have a great deal of fun doing it online.

The quiz was technically free but donations for the church fund from the teams amounted to around £460.

APPLE PRESSING AND THE 200 CLUB DRAWS

Despite a fairly persistent drizzle (and a pandemic raging through the country) the Chevington Apple Pressing Day was the most successful ever. We lost count of how much juice was pressed in the old coach house at Chevington Lodge Farm, but it was well in excess of thirty gallons. There were some notable pressings – Jane Thacker insisted that her cookers should be unadulterated by any other apple, and they came out a pure white juice, and delicious. Bob Chapman raided an apple tree on the corner of Depden Lane which he assured us was disgusting, but was a true Snow White apple, a deep dark red, and which produced an unexpectedly fine, very red juice. Contributions from those who came and took part was a generous £112.

Because the pressing was one of the few public events in the village Simon Williams took advantage of it by holding the 200 Club Draw with a few apple enthusiasts huddled round the press. The 200 Club is a club whose aim is to raise funds for the repair and maintenance of the building of All Saints' Church, Chevington.

Each member is allocated a number at a cost of £5 a month and there are three draws a year with the following prizes - 1st £500, 2nd £250 3rd £25 x10. This year we had to cram two draws into one, as both the April and the August draw had been missed – for obvious reasons.

The 200 Club is a vitally important part of the church's fund raising activities, and a chance for all the members to win a sizeable amount of money, so the more people who sign up, the better.

For further information and joining details on the 200 Club please contact Simon Williams on 01284 850045 or email allsaintschevington@gmail.com

The winners are listed over the page:

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, DEPDEN



News from Depden Church

As the Covid-19 restrictions continue to bite we have fewer options for socialising and fundraising activities at present. However, we are holding a sale of cakes, cards and other goodies at Rookery Farm to coincide with Adam and his Fish Van one Friday in November. This will take place on Friday 13th November from 2pm in the car park.

We may also be holding a Remote Wine Tasting in groups of six if we can work out the logistics.


Church services are happening around the Benefice and the Zoom service each Sunday is usually well attended. Please ask Simon for details of the Zoom service if you would like to give it a try.

It is very strange not to be able to sing hymns in church but it gives us a good opportunity to listen to some organ music. In Depden we have really appreciated Mark's playing.

In Depden the November Parish Communion service is on Sunday 15th at 11am.

Evelyn Payne

01284 850502



Buy Christmas cakes and other cakes and biscuits at our pop-up stall. Also, craft items. Purchase with card preferred, no change given for cash purchases.

Cakes & Crafts

**FRIDAY 13
NOVEMBER**
From 2pm
Rookery Farm
Depden

For St Mary's Church Depden



ZOOM WINE TASTING

Join Charles Eaton of Nethergate Wines

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 7PM

**Taste five bottles of wine for £40 in your household
bubble**

Local delivery with tasting notes. Purchase in advance to guarantee early delivery. Provide email address for zoom connection.

Subject to change depending on Covid regulations

Organised by St Mary the Virgin Church Depden

RSVP anne.nicolson@outlook.com or 01284 850658



DEPDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mark Leadbeater

Councillors: Dennis Bibby, Peter Ebbens, Nicky Moncrieff, Andrew Rabett and Andrew Read

Neighbourhood Watch

Contact: Angela Barnetson, Area Co-ordinator. Telephone no. 07875 605165 email: abarnetson@gmail.com

Next Door Website

Keep in touch with local news and events with Next Door Neighbourhood website

<https://nextdoor.co.uk>

Planning Applications

DC/20/1274/OUT Outline planning for a dwelling on land adjacent to The Willows, Depden was supported by the Parish Councillors but has been refused by West Suffolk Council.

DC/20/2600/EIASCO Water Pipe line from Bexwell to Rede. Parish Councillors supported this application but raised concerns about duration of work, noise and hours of operation, number of HGV movements crossing Depden Green and the effect on traffic flow on A143.

Local Plan

West Suffolk Council is producing a new Local Plan called "Issue and Options". Consultation period 13 October to 22 December 2020. To pre-register an interest <https://westsuffolk.inconsult.uk/>

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council should be Tuesday 10 November 2020 in The Village Hall, Chevington at 8pm. Government rules permitting.

Website

Information about the village, including minutes of previous Parish Council meetings, are available at the website www.depden.onesuffolk.net

email

If you would like more detailed information concerning the Parish Council please phone or email the Parish Clerk at s.boor.123@btinternet.com

Susan Boor

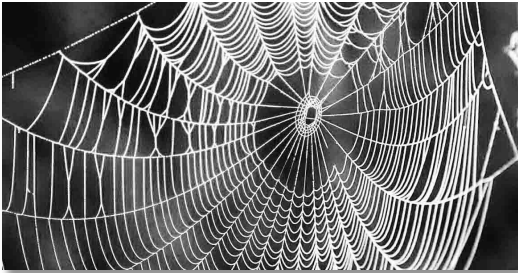
Clerk to Depden Parish Council

Tel. 01284 850536

WILDLIFE OVER SUFFOLK HEIGHTS

Will Smith

Summer passes for another year, and now, early winter has begun. For November, the early, misty mornings are perfect to show the dew covered spiders' webs along the hedgerows. Spiders build webs all year round, but now is the best time to spot them outdoors. Morning dew and mist droplets suddenly reveal a multitude of hidden webs that were



previously virtually invisible thanks to the transparent nature of silk.

Four UK spider families make this kind of web. Three coat the silk with sticky glue to hold captured prey in place. A new web takes about two hours to build.

Step one is to drift a silk line across a gap on the breeze. After strengthening this supporting strand with extra threads, the spider adds the radial and spiral threads. To finish up the web, the spider removes the central knot of threads and replaces it with a lattice.

The birds that have been absent from our gardens during the summer months, will now start to drift back, looking for all important food being put out for them.

Birdsong will now be less impressive, due to the breeding season being well over. Winter migrants will also be starting to show across the Suffolk countryside. Probably the most

common, and noticeable, are the Redwing and Fieldfare, returning from their summer breeding grounds. Members of the Thrush family, but much more nervous than their family member, the Blackbird.



The last remnants of autumn colours along the hedgerows, will cheer up the bleak conditions ahead, and although the countryside can seem pretty lifeless this time of year, it's still worth a stroll on your local patch, to see what's on offer. Even if it's only the landscape itself, which can be quite dramatic, depending on the weather and time of day.



ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, HARGRAVE

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride

Thanks to three hardy families—the Reddicks, the Uptons and the Rogers—riding for Hargrave, we raised £900 for this event, half of which will go towards St Edmund's Church.



Harvest Festival was celebrated in St Edmund's Church on Sunday 4th October and as these photos show a stunning harvest display was put on by Jill and Harriet Upton and Justin Rabett.





HARGRAVE HERITAGE WEBSITE GOES LIVE



Hargrave
Heritage

Hargrave Heritage has achieved its first major milestone: on Friday 30th October its newly developed website - www.heritage.hargrave-suffolk.co.uk - opens to the public, offering free online access to Hargrave's history, both ancient and modern.

The content of this archive continues to be work in progress, gathering material on families, memories, properties, photos and history. Most importantly it is a **community heritage project**, giving past and present residents the opportunity to ensure their contribution to this ancient community is captured for future generations, rather than lost when people move on. There has been enthusiastic response from many past and present residents so far, as the articles show. The project group hopes that by publicly showing the form and content of the website now, in the development phase, the community will better understand where and how their unique history can fit.

To encourage participation, the project team is promoting several initiatives to engage residents and secure valuable information/data for the archive, including:

- A village "census" to identify the origins of current residents.
- A prize draw for contributors of articles on their Covid pandemic experiences/reflections, a major event in modern history.
- Doorstep selfies to build a pictorial record of residents in 2020.
- A "Dig up your ancestors" competition for children to encourage interest in family history.

The prizes will be awarded at the project completion event planned for summer 2021, pandemic permitting. By then a heritage exhibition in St Edmund's church will have been completed for the grand opening and celebration of this very significant progress in discovering and recording Hargrave's history.

Hargrave Heritage is a partnership between Hargrave Parish Council and St Edmund's PCC, funded by the Heritage Fund, using money raised by the National Lottery, to inspire, lead and resource the UK's heritage to create positive and lasting change for people and communities.

If you have material to offer the project or would like to join the project group, please make contact at hargraveheritage@gmail.com or phone Peter Reddick on 01284 850593.



We are searching for

- *Information**
- *Recollections**
- *Photos**

**about/of Hargrave's
past licensed
premises, including:**

- * The Bull Public House.**
- * Cocks Head Public House.**
- * Kicking Dickys, Birds End.**
- * A Beer Retailer on Hargrave
Green in early 19th century.**

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HARGRAVE ANNUAL POPPY COLLECTION DOOR-TO-DOOR NEW ARRANGEMENTS

Some of you may have heard that the British Legion Poppy Appeal door-to-door collection is not going ahead this year. This is a great disappointment, partly because I like tramping the roads in the dark but, more importantly, it is the biggest fund raising effort of the year for the Royal British Legion

So, I have made alternative arrangements which I hope you will feel able to take advantage of.

I will have a supply of poppies, pins and badges etc and while we are strictly forbidden from offering them door-to-door, I can have them at my house. Anybody who would like to is more than welcome to leave a donation in one of the cash bags provided and pop it through my letter box. The poppies and other regalia will be in a box at the top of my drive so please help yourselves. For those of you who don't know, I can be found at Salix Cottage, more or less opposite School Cottages.

Hargrave always gives generously to this worthy cause at this very special time of year and I hope that this year will be no exception, despite everything. Any queries, don't hesitate to ring—01284 850463

Many thanks

Jill de Laat



ST MARY'S CHURCH, HAWKEDON

ST MARY'S CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

The floodlighting in October was in remembrance of Jean and Walter Cawston and for the week of 23rd November the lights are in loving memory of Don Phillips.

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 donation is £15.



REMEMBRANCE DAY IN HAWKEDON



The 9am BCP Holy Communion service on Sunday, 8th November in St Mary's Church, Hawkedon will be followed at approx 9.40am 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 and, of course, social distancing will be carefully maintained. (Please be aware that any significant changes to government guidelines may have an effect on these arrangements)

A Royal British Legion's Poppy collection box will be in Hawkedon Church as usual. Hand sanitiser for use before and entering and as you leave the church is available. However, there will not be the usual house-to-house collection this year. At this particularly difficult and challenging time donations are even more crucial and local generosity would be very much appreciated.

HAWKEDON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting is to held on Wednesday 21st October so will miss this magazine's deadline. The agenda is likely to include a new build house on Cresslands Lane and the missing Scoles Gate post box.

The minutes will go on the Hawkedon blog; hawkedon.blogspot.co.uk.

REMEMBER, NOVEMBER

Although the weather this year has been what they say in these parts just "daa-rft", we can be sure that November will have its usual misty, moist, mustiness. Walking through the woods we will smell the decomposing leaves and see the conkers, already on the ground, crunch acorns underfoot and feel the approaching winter. It is a time for reflection, to think back over this extraordinary year, a time to remember.

This year, remembering has already been particularly poignant. Victory in Europe, Victory in Japan have both been commemorated, movingly, and with great dignity. Somehow the death of Vera Lynn, who had served in so many theatres of war, somehow seemed appropriate and she became part of national mourning and remembering. I rejoice that I kissed her once! It has been the end of a long period of remembering and seventy five years really is a long time. Those of us closer to the events naturally hope these memories, the memories of those who were involved in any theatre of the wars, and the effort behind them, will remain, together with those of us who were only very small at the time. The memories of families, of nations, the memories of heroism and of loss should continue to be part of the package that November particularly brings into focus.

I am old enough to remember both victory occasions. The fireworks for VE Day in Croydon frightened me much more than the years of bombardment we had suffered during the Blitz. My father had been away fighting from El Alamein right through to Austria and beyond. One late afternoon in Austria he went for a walk and came across a British soldier wiping the gentle snow that had just begun to fall from a small piece of land. Dad enquired why he was doing that and the soldier replied in a broad Northern accent, "Sorry, Sir, but that is where they just buried my brother." No answer to that. A young British lad from Burnley, out of his depth, just doing what his country demanded of him and left with just a few silent moments of solitary, personal grief. Please remember him.

At school in the fifties a boy joined my House. He was related to me and had never known his father. He himself died a few years later in a motoring accident. I never told either him or his mother that I knew his father had been crucified to a tree on the Burma Road. Surely, even though it had been the truth, would it not have been too much to bear?



I remember the sound of troops singing hymns, and the Italian Prisoners of War working in the Mess Kitchen happily singing the Italian pop songs of the day. I remember the sound of the siren that got us scurrying into the Morrison Shelter in our dining room. I remember along with so many others, and of course later generations will remember what their seniors have told them. It is important they do and important they pass on these precious snippets of family record. They should treasure old letters, medals, jokes, photographs little scraps of conversation, "Dad brought back a parrot!", "Uncle threw his solar topee into the Channel", "Nanny's brother went down on the Hood". All these go to make the fabric of our history which in so many cases made us who we are.

In our village lived Eric Dobson. He lived in a small cottage facing the church for many years right up to his death. As a young man he had got his Call-Up papers, received some pretty basic training and within a few short weeks, though he had never been to London, found himself on a Naval Light Landing Craft arriving in Anzio, north of Naples. The Anzio and Salerno Landings became famous episodes in the Italian campaign as the Eighth Army began to march up the length of Italy to defeat not just Mussolini but Hitler too. And in there, in the middle of this and making it possible through his own best effort, was an innocent Suffolk lad, our Eric.

These lads disgorged from the landing craft to face a furious and relentless resistance of shells and mortar fire to stop them reaching the beach. From there, once on dry land, each man had to scramble to find somewhere that might just be sufficiently safe to keep him alive. Many did not. How did a Suffolk lad, unacquainted with travel, lacking in geography, react to such a ferocious reception in a land where everything was unfamiliar? Dear Eric came back and was the local postman for many years. Modest to a fault, he only spoke of his war when pressed to do so, he never complained but he did tell me once that it was "a bit rough".

November, again. A month to respect and remember.



Martin Kinna

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, REDE



NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS', REDE

Our Harvest Festival was held on Sunday 20th September and was like no other any of us had ever attended because of the no singing rule. Before the service it was difficult to imagine what it would be like and wondering where we would be without 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter' and all the other old favourites? However, entirely due to Simon Hill's great talent for planning special services it was a lovely occasion with a wonderful selection of readings.

The church was as full as it could be under Covid rules and it was great to have four Rede farming families represented for our Harvest Festival. It was sad that because of social distancing we had to cancel our Harvest Picnic the evening before, but this disappointment was made up for by the great enjoyment of the Harvest Festival.

Since we were able to hold services again in July it has been fabulous that they have been so well attended and with people from across the Benefice. While we are unable to have singing, we have been so fortunate that the organ has been played by David or Rachel and many people have said how this has made the services feel so special for them.

Simon Pratten



FREDDIE'S CHURCH WALKS

Last month I wrote about our Border Terrier, Freddie, and his plan to walk



*Freddie and Simon outside
Hawkedon church*

to 50 churches in October by way of a fundraising escapade for our church, All Saints'.

Freddie started his walks on 1st October and, as I write this in mid-October, he has completed six and visited 24 churches, so just about halfway.

Walking in rain or shine he will have completed all 12 walks and visited the 50 churches by 23rd October (and walked some 60 miles).

He is enjoying it immensely, walking where he hasn't been before and visiting some lovely churches, although sadly, but not surprisingly, many of them are locked.

Freddie has had such generous support from so many people and at this point has raised £1,740 which is way over what he had dared hope for. A high point for him has been receiving two donation letters addressed to The Rev. Freddie Pratten!

Photos have been taken at every church by way of a record and here are a couple of them for you to see.

Simon Pratten



Freddie in Chevington church



*Freddie and Jackie in Hargrave
church*

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We welcomed back everyone to a slightly different Little Teapots in September. Unfortunately due to government

guidelines we were unable to allow parents into the setting.

However, the children adapted amazingly and have settled into the awe and wonder that Little Teapots brings everyday.



Summer Holidays 2020

The staff at Little Teapots were very busy during the summer The room has been painted throughout, new ceiling displays installed, garden extended and fences painted.

New for 2020

We managed to secure grants from the Suffolk Community Foundation and the national lottery, also a donation from Chedburgh Parish Council for a new outdoor learning space..... as part of Covid 19 it has been recommended children spend as much time as possible in the outdoor space so we decided to incorporate a new "outdoor learning hub".

Due to delay in delivery, opening of our lovely new outdoor space took place recently. This space will allow outdoor work throughout the year and a quiet space for children to explore and reflect. Watch this space for the latest photos

Opening Times: Monday – Friday 7.30 am – 4.00 pm

Due to the current pandemic we are unable to take any additional Ickworth Park children who were not booked in on the 7th September.

This will allow us to keep the children in their respective bubbles at the pre-school and also primary school.

Looking forward to a busy term ahead

Jenny, Linda, Tash, Ali, Emily, Jill, Helen, Lorna and Candy

Rede Scribe



Another Dastardly Quiz

Answer all before checking the answers, please...

1. Which county in England has the longest coastline? – and bonus if you can get fairly close to the correct length.
2. Which county has the 4th, 6th and 7th largest islands in England?
3. Which county has the nature reserve with the most wildlife per square foot in the whole of England?
4. Which county in England has the second most amount of country lanes, after Devon?
5. Which county has the oldest wooden church in the World?
6. In which county was the first ever radio musical broadcast in Britain made?
7. Which county has the town which was the first capital of Britain and its oldest town?
8. In which country can you find Britain's oldest battlefield?



Answers

1. Essex with 305 - 350 miles. (Although it all depends how you measure the river estuaries apparently. I also saw figures of 562 miles for Essex, but 675 miles for Cornwall. So, a point for either Essex or Cornwall, methinks.)
2. Essex: Foulness Island; Canvey Island and Mersea Island.



- 3 Essex – Canvey Wick on Canvey Island has more wildlife per square foot than any other nature reserve in England with over 1300 species. It was once earmarked as a site for a huge oil terminal before common sense prevailed.
- 4 Essex! Are you seeing a pattern here?
- 5 Essex – St Andrews at Greenstead dates to around 654.
- 6 Essex – Chelmsford from Marconi's factory in 1920.
- 7 Essex – Colchester.
- 8 Essex – Northey Island was the site of the battle of Maldon in 991 against Viking marauders.



I'm a proud Essex girl (though my bit of Essex has been consumed by Greater London) and I never knew most of these before reading Peter Caton's excellent book "Essex Coast Walk". I had visited the church in Greenstead in 1994 when I walked the Essex Way long-distance footpath - a very pretty walk indeed. Hopefully, this has made you look at the much-maligned county of ESSEX in a new light. It really is the most under-rated and overlooked county with its mixture of commuter belt, leery seaside resorts, deserted and barren coastline, long river estuaries, abundant birdlife and pretty villages to rival Suffolk or even Cornwall. Since international travel is so restricted (and stressful) perhaps a visit to some of the jewels of Essex is what is required this year!

Useful links

For rights of way issues and defects:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/report-a-public-right-of-way-issue/>

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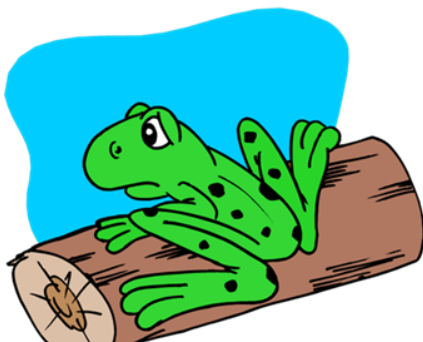
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