

# ELEVEN SAYS

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# Necessity, Trust or Stupidity?

As I write, Rev John and I have to creep into the garage through a different door because the blackbird has built the most ridiculously blatant nest perched on top of a random wood pile. With no camouflage or cover she is sitting on four blue eggs.

Working in the greenhouse has become a very monastic affair as I silently plant up my seedlings whilst a robin, sitting



on two eggs, nestles in one of last year's plastic pots on the workbench. Her partner, bobbing around outside, is waiting for me to disappear!

With gratitude to the hawk and owl trust we have been watching the progress of the peregrine



falcon chicks perched high above Norwich on the cathedral spire. The wind howls and the rain lashes in this most exposed position as the parent birds incubate and then feed their young.

#### Is this necessity, trust or stupidity I ask myself?

I, as I am sure you do too, continue to be distressed by the migrant situation, in particular the fatalities in the Mediterranean. What must life be like, how bad must life be to put yourself and your children in a flimsy boat or raft, with an untrained captain, made unstable by the hundreds of other people also seeking a place of security, a home in an unknown land.

The Italian rescuers called her 'Francesca', her mother called her 'Gift'. Whilst travelling from Libya to Italy the baby's mother, Stephanie Samuel, endured 8 hours of child bearing labour on one of these awful 10 hour journeys.



Despite the dangers of crossing, it cost her 530 euros in a boat packed with 100 other people, some of whom died. She was prepared for the risk. "I am not scared" she said," I make up my mind, and I am not scared



because I believe there is a God". After working in Tripoli for two years the financial situation became so bad she knew that although heavily pregnant she had to escape and leave her husband behind.

### Is this necessity, trust or stupidity I ask myself?

Around the world a great many people live with such insecurity that they have to risk everything so that they may have 'a home', be it a tin shack, a tent or a dwelling of some kind.

The majority of us reading this newspaper however do so in the security of our own homes, having worked hard, sometimes for a lifetime, feathering our own nests as it were. We know comfort and can easily presume that what we have earned is ours to keep.

Not always so! As those who experience sudden and unexpected change, debilitating sickness, financial stress, bereavement or breakdown in relationship will tell you. Suddenly life can become very different as many of those spending the night in shelters or on city streets experience. It could happen to any of us.

Perhaps this begs the question, 'In what or whom do we put our trust, when we have plenty and when we have nothing?'.

Jesus didn't have a home. He took on poverty by choice, as do those who follow Him and live in monastic communities living from necessity, trusting in God, and often being called stupid by the world.

Life is precarious, and whilst it is wise to be responsible for ourselves and those who have been entrusted to us, we cannot take life for granted or have ultimate control. So let us not judge others this day, let us be grateful for what we have and be willing to share our homes with those who may not have one.

Is this necessity, trust or stupidity?

**Rev Wendy Shaw** 



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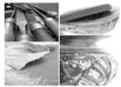
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# A Welcome Service For Chris Ellis

Rev'd Chris Ellis, whose appointment as Rector of the Thurton Benefice was announced in the April/May edition of Eleven Says, is to be formally installed in his new post at a service in Bergh Apton Church at 7.30pm on the evening of Tuesday 30th June 2015.

There are two phases to this service whose origins lie in the Middle Ages but whose current form is comparatively recent. Chris will be instituted (given the 'cure of souls') by Bishop Alan, Bishop of Thetford, who will then invite the Venerable Stephen Betts,



Archdeacon of Norfolk, to induct Chris into 'possession' of the Benefice. In this second phase of the service Chris is, in effect, given church buildings and a home to help in the task given by the Bishop.

This impressive service of Institution and Induction, that includes welcomes by representatives of all the villages in the Benefice, marks the beginning of a new phase of ministry for Chris. A new home and neighbours for Chris and his wife Melanie, and a new chapter in the life off his parishioners in the five villages within the Thurton Benefice.

Thankfully, the seating capacity of Bergh Apton Church, at a little over 200, should accommodate all the invited Clergy and Lay guests involved in the ceremonial and, as well, those of our Church Group who would like to attend. We look forward to seeing those of you who would like to be there.

# **COOKIE AID**

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

For 5 years the Bramerton Group has been baking biscuits every month for Stoneham, Archway Housing Project Hostel in Norwich which shelters single girls and mothers.



If you would like to join us in making some biscuits they would be very much appreciated. The biscuits will be taken to the hostel on:

12<sup>th</sup> June

10<sup>th</sup> July

14<sup>th</sup> August

11<sup>th</sup> September

(2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month)

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For further details contact **Rev John Shaw.** Telephone: **01508 538619** or email: **revjohnshaw@gmail.com** 

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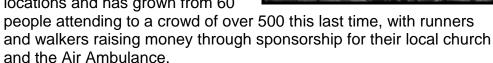


# Archdeacon's Charge

This is a picture (taken by Angie Broadberry) of Rev. Mandy Ansell with her supporter husband Brian! crossing the finishing line of the Archdeacon's Charge held at Houghton Hall on Bank Holiday Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

In case you are not aware, the Archdeacon's Charge was started 5 years ago after the Archdeacon of Lynn's wife was involved in a very serious head on car crash resulting in serious life threatening injuries. Her life was saved through the quick response of Paramedics and the Air Ambulance.

Every year since then, "The Charge" has been held in various locations and has grown from 60



All 3 Bishops attended and all walked at least one circuit with the Bishop of Norwich congratulating everyone as they finished and presenting them with a medal and goody bag.

It was a fabulous day finishing with a picnic and eating ice creams while listening to the Aylsham Brass Band.

Hopefully I will have raised over £120 whilst having fun, so a big thank you to all my sponsors and especially Brian for taking me there and walking alongside me.

**Mandy Ansell** 

# Wednesday Fellowship

Wednesday Fellowship, a meeting for ladies and men, is held in Alpington & Yelverton Village Hall from 2 - 4pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We have Christian and secular speakers followed by tea, cake and fellowship. All are welcome.

**June 19th** - Hannah Limbach and her Group speaking about their time in Kosovo.

**July 8th** - Picnic/Outing. Please telephone Jo Threadgold on 492656 or Pat Barter on 493570 for times and details.

In August there is no meeting, instead on Wednesday 19th The Friends Of Yelverton Church are holding a Coffee Morning (see Friends notice)

# **KOSOVO TEAM TOUR**

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**Rockland St Mary WI** Second Tuesday each month at 7.30pm

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Alpington, Bergh Apton & Yelverton TWIG

Quite a crowd of ladies greeted aptly named Mr. Holdstock who came to talk to the Alpington & Bergh Apton & Yelverton Women's Independent Group about 'The corner Shop" on April 1st. The surprise was that the corner shop turned out to be Harrods of London. Tales of special, some of them Royal, customers and their quirky ways kept us amused. One would not have normally assumed that the job was so very entertaining.

On 6th May TWIG ladies were treated to the most well prepared and illuminating talk by Mr. Brian Bugg, kindly supported by his technical assistant Barrie Hutchins, on the subject of History of Education. You could tell that the gentleman used to be a headmaster. He was so clear and to the point. His slides underlined the story he was telling us. A most enjoyable evening.

Rockland St Mary & District WI

If you live in Rockland St Mary or surrounding villages why not join our local WI. We are a mix of ages and, apart from interesting talks, we always have something to do like darts, tenpin bowling, craft tuition, plus, of course, the social aspect with teas and cakes.

At our meeting on June 9th there is a talk on Tortoises. We meet in the Margaret Mack Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. We will be part of the Village Festival with exhibitions of craft and WI history.

Thurton, Ashby St Mary & District WI

In February Lynton Johnson gave a most interesting talk on Norwich & Norfolk during World War 1.

The speaker for March interested members with the history and work of the East Anglia Air Ambulance.

The April meeting opened in the usual way with the minutes being distributed around the hall and a programme of events detailing the various outings and events for the coming month. Members from other Institutes had been invited to this meeting and there was a trading stall and an amazing selection of refreshments.

The speaker for April was Bob Lloyd who entertained the audience with tales about his occupation as a Toastmaster as well as mentioning his other tasks such as acting as Father Christmas and as a Town Crier.

#### LODDON FLOWER CLUB

#### Diary dates for 2015

2nd June - Adele Kent The Flower Club Committee

14th July - Terrie Potter A World of Flowers **COMPETITION - My Garden PETITE** 

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Wednesdays 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August (Normally 1st Wed each month) anytime between 12 and 2pm

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# Yelverton 'All 4 Sunday' service

At our 'All 4 Sunday' service on 26th April the south aisle of St. Mary's, Yelverton, was transformed to the beach beside the Sea of Galilee with the help of a blue tarpaulin, some sand and a barbecue.



At this service, which is especially for the young and the young-at-heart, we thought of the resurrection appearances of Jesus.

Using the chancel as the upper room, we walked to the west end of the church as we remembered the story of the road to Emmaus and gathered there to break and share bread. We then headed to the 'beach' where we recreated Jesus's breakfast with the disciples with bread, fish fingers and chipolatas. Not very biblical, perhaps, but an enjoyable end to the service.

Chris Mallett can be seen in the Christ-like role of the cook, and Katy and Harry Mallett were two of the readers of the Bible narratives.

Our next 'All 4 Sunday' service will be on 28th June at 4.00 pm. in St. Mary's Church, Yelverton, everybody is welcome to this lively and varied service.



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# From the Registers

#### FUNERALS, BURJALS, CREMATIONS, INTERMENT OF ASHES

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	Bertram DAINES (93)	
18/04/15	David ELEMENT (84)	Carleton St Peter
21/04/15	Ivy ALDRIDGE (Interment of ashes)	Rockland St Mary
22/04/15	Roger SIMMONS (69)	Kirby Bedon
11/05/15	Ian Roger STEWARD	Ashby St Mary
13/05/15	Elizabeth Rosalie FORD (73)	Surlingham

# St Columba – the man who brought Christianity to the UK

June 9<sup>th</sup> 597 is the anniversary of the death of St Columba who founded the monastery on Iona.

Columba was born in Donegal, Ireland, and entered the monastery of St Finnian as a young man with the name Colum ('the dove'). He spent 15 years preaching and teaching in Ireland and founded a number of monasteries. He was skilled at illuminating Biblical texts and it was alleged that he made a copy of the Psalms from the edition belonging to Finnian.

Columba's model for reaching people has a lot to say to us today. In contrast to our one-to-one evangelism, he used a team approach to reach people in a settlement. He would establish a community by inviting seekers to join, or by bringing them into a community of faith. Within this fellowship, those seeking faith could engage in conversation,

ministry, prayer, and worship. In time, they would be invited to commit their lives to Christ.

This approach is similar to courses like Alpha or Christianity Explored, which have proved very effective today.

Columba died in 597 AD aged 76. He left behind a flourishing network of monasteries giving lona a central place in the Celtic Church which continues today.

'Be a bright flame before me, 0 God, a guiding star above me. Be a smooth path below me, a kindly shepherd behind me today, tonight and for ever. Alone with none but you, my God I journey on my way; what need I fear when you are near, 0 Lord of night and day? More secure am I within your hand than if a multitude did round me stand. Amen.' (St Columba).

#### The U in JesUs

"Now go into the world and tell them it's true That the love I have shown is not just for U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,

Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,

He'd like them to know.

But it all starts with U.

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.



# Extracts from tributes at her Service of Thanksgiving held in St Peter's Church, Bramerton.

Brenda made a tremendous contribution to Bramerton. She served on the Parish Council for almost 20 years, being the Chairman for 4 years and Vice-chairman for three periods totalling a further 9 years. Whilst she was in the Chair, Bramerton celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the management of the Village Pond was improved to reduce flooding across the Street, the bus shelter was replaced after major damage in a gale, the management of the Site of Special Scientific Interest on the Common was agreed with English Nature (Natural England), and 30 mph speed limits were extended in the village.

Brenda liked Council meetings to finish on time and would do her best to achieve it. She was good at listening and connected well with people, bringing their views and concerns to the Council. At one Parish Council meeting Brenda was very excited to inform the Council that Great Crested Newts had been found in the Recreation Ground Pond, which was typical of her love for nature. She then set out a plan for making the Pond a better environment for newts.

Brenda was also Tree Warden for the whole of the time on the Council and was very proud of her training. She instigated many tree planting initiatives in Bramerton. Trees and hedges were planted on the Common and on the Recreation Ground as well as along certain road verges. Good use was made of saplings provided by South Norfolk Council each November. However planting trees in November can be a dirty business, yet Brenda managed to assemble and play her part in working parties of volunteers.

Brenda also played an important role in the life of St Peter's Church and gave substantial support to her husband, Christopher, the Church Warden. She put her flower arranging skills to good use in the Church and played a leading part in decorating the Church for major festivals. Her interest in the theatre, drama and poetry was channelled not only into her own readings in services but also into poetry events in the Church to bring people together and to raise money for church funds. There have also been raffles at Harvest Lunches, stalls at Coffee Mornings, Christmas cards, which she made and sold for Church funds, and hospitality at Squirrels Drift Bar-B-Q's.

Bramerton has much to remember and thank her for.

#### **Geoff Shaw**

Geoff has talked about all that Brenda did for this village, but her generosity of spirit went even further than that: Brenda was a born teacher, it had been her great passion during her working life when she taught at Woodside, Wensum View, Lakenham and Heartsease Middle School, so when Christine Wheeler asked Brenda to teach people how to speak out in church when they were reading the lesson or saying the prayers, Brenda jumped at the chance. I had expected that we would simply be taught how to project our voices in a fairly boring way, but that was to radically underestimate Brenda's talents. She had us all acting the part of the witches in the witches' scene from Macbeth!

Brenda loved drama and for 17 years was schools' liaison officer working with Dick Condon at Norwich Theatre Royal. She also took a leading role in the Bramrocks for many years.

I think Brenda would want to say to us today:

#### Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me.

I want no tears in a gloom filled-room, Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too much and not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take and each must go alone; It is all part of God's perfect plan A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart go to the friends that we know and bury your sorrows in doing good Miss me, but let me go.





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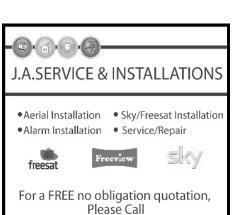
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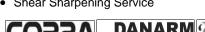
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# Alpington & Yelverton

# Locals big litter pick success

On Saturday 28 March the local community made a concerted effort to help reduce litter and improve the appearance of the local area by taking part in the Big Litter Pick 2015.

Nine adults concentrated on the lanes and roadsides throughout most of Alpington and Yelverton, collecting 20 large sacks of litter and



identified seven fly tipping sites. The valiant pickers had to segregate litter sacks into refuse and also recyclables, and take them to the Village Hall for later collection by South Norfolk Council who promoted this campaign. The fly tipping included garden rubbish dumped and blocking ditches, many tyres and also a large tip of cardboard and rotting fruit and vegetables.

Local organiser on behalf of the Parish Council, Kevin Gotts, said, "Once again a big thank you to the volunteers who gave up a Saturday morning to help make a difference to our lovely villages. This activity helps protect the environment, as otherwise the rubbish gets grown over and remains there for years to come."

#### **Report and Photo from Kevin Gotts**

Alpington & Bergh Apton C Of E VA Primary School

Thursday 7th May saw the Grand Opening of the new school hall at Alpington & Bergh Apton Primary School by the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Reverend Graham James.

A service giving thanks and celebrating the new building was well attended by parents and invited guests who were able to enjoy music and singing by the pupils as well as the splendid refreshments organised by parents.



The building of the new hall is a tremendous success for the school as it offers additional space for PE, drama and whole school events such as Collective worship, performances for parents as well as dining and cooking facilities for the pupils.

The extra amenities will continue to enhance the education of both local children and the community as we move into the 21<sup>st</sup>
Century. The project also included a complete revamp of the school's early year's area and cloakroom facilities for the youngest children. The school has an excellent reputation for delivering high quality education and the new areas will enhance this further.



Thanks were given to architect Tim Powter-Robinson and Gill Builders as well as to the Norwich Diocesan Board of Education who were able to secure 90% of the funding for the building via a fund for Voluntary Aided Schools. The remaining 10% was raised by donations.

# CASCADE CLUB COFFEE MORNING

#### Tuesday 16 June 2015 at 10.30 - 12.30

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**16 June** - Coffee morning in members garden.

**2 July** - OUTING to Wisbech for the Rose Festival. Tickets are £12.00. We leave Alpington Village Hall at 9.30 am, and return approximately 6.30 pm.

21 July - The Sentinels of Time with David Payne

Unless otherwise stated all meetings held 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 2.00 – 4.00 pm, Alpington & Yelverton village hall, Church Road, Alpington. Raffle. Tea and biscuits served.

Chairman – Eileen Minns 01508 494894 Secretary – Pat Barter 01508 493570

# Bergh Apton

# Bergh Apton & District Branch of The Children's Society

The recent box collection raised a total of £643.76. Thank you very much to all those who contributed.

Anyone who is interested in having a Children's Society box please contact Christine Ebbens: 01508 480729.

### Bergh Apton Community Arts Trust

### The Candlemas Play, 2016

Free workshops for this play: Creative Writing workshops with Hugh Lupton to develop the script on **Wednesdays 1, 8 and 15 July**. These workshops will take place at Pat Mlejnecky's home starting at 10 am and finishing at 12 ish.

Lantern making workshop with Kate Munro on **Saturday 10 October** at Bergh Apton Village Hall from 10 am – 4 pm. Lunch and tea provided.

Numbers for these Workshops are deliberately kept small. To take part a place must be reserved so if interested, and to see if a place is available, please ring Pat Mlejnecky 01508 480696.

Making stars from reeds with Liz McGowan **Saturday 14 November** at Bergh Apton Village Hall from 10 am - 2 pm. This is a drop in workshop, no need to reserve a place, so come at any time during these times, make your star and stay as long as you like! Tea and coffee provided. The stars will hang from the Church's ceiling.

For those taking part in the play, come and make costumes and props and enjoy what is going on in Bergh Apton Village Hall on Wednesday 20 January 2016 starting at 1700. Bring any materials etc you need.

There will be a filming workshop, if you are a techie this will interest you. Date to be decided as yet.

Here's looking forward to hearing from you.

### The Bergh Apton Candlemas Play 2016

On 28 April the Tribes of Ton gathered to hear what was next in store. (The Tribes of Ton were devised by Hugh Lupton during last year's Cycle of Mystery Plays, Bergh ApTON, alpingTON, YelverTON, ThurTON, HellingTON, BramerTON, ClaxTON and CarleTON St. Peter. These tribes have close ties with Fram. Pigot, Ashby, Surlingham and Rockland.)

At this recent gathering we realised, on hearing an outline of the proposed play, that it will be very different. It is still evolving and input from the Tribes will be helpful and welcome. At the moment there are two performances both in Bergh Apton Church at the end of January and the beginning of February so weather might be a challenge. Charlotte Arculus who will be directing the play was full of original ideas and technical wizardry. You may remember that there were three events shortlisted for the Norfolk Arts Theatre Education Award of which the Mystery Plays were one. Charlotte with her Theatre of Adventure in Great Yarmouth was a well deserved winner. If you Google it you can see what a sparky and imaginative group this is. She comes with a wealth of street and community theatre experience. It is obviously going to be great fun working with her plus an awakening of a rich seam of new ideas and community experience.





The play is quite a different kettle of fish to last year's plays and so it should be, we do not want to get in a rut. It is shorter, is performed inside at a different time of the year, there will be a much smaller cast; it will stand in its own right. It involves changes of mood, changes of light; all adding up to a magical hour.

For the Mystery Plays the script was written for us but we have set ourselves a new challenge, we're writing our own! With this in mind we have planned some workshops. You might only think you WRITE shopping lists or Christmas cards so here's a chance to have a go at something different. If you would like to be involved in this please get in touch with Pat Mlejnecky, 01508 480696 or e-mail p.mlej@btinternet.com. Work shops are kept deliberately small so do let us know if you would like to join in.

Also there'll be workshops (see page 8) to make lanterns and stars and film clips. They'll be open to all. And we're calling all bakers of cakes the start of the Great Bergh Apton Bake-off.

It's going to be an exciting time. If you would like to have an idea of the play we can send you an outline as it stands at the moment but knowing Charlotte it will get even more exciting. She has a head full of ideas for the play, shadow puppets, humanettes, the church walls grow trees, the cutty wren flies, bees buzz among the trees. Can't wait!

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU. Actors, Musicians, Practical Doers, Helpers. If you're interested, keep an eye on Bergh Apton's website, <a href="https://www.berghapton.org.uk">www.berghapton.org.uk</a>, or you can ask any of the Tribes of Ton who came to the meeting or you can contact Pat Mlejnecky 01508 480696 <a href="p.mlej@btinternet.com">p.mlej@btinternet.com</a>

It'd be great if you want to get involved – old or young, newcomers or long-sufferers, beauty or beastly! Please do!

**Christopher Meynell** 

# Bramerton

### Bramerton Bunglers nearly blew it!

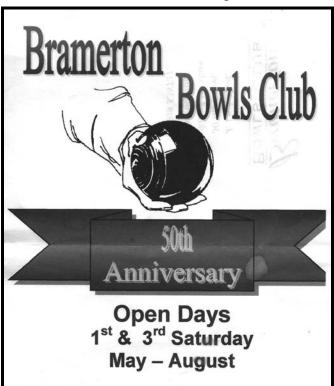
#### Hot off the press, news from the Bramerton Group Quiz.

A very entertaining and good humoured event was held at Bergh Apton village hall, with teams from all around the Group. Wits and pencils were sharpened ready for the annual showdown. Our evening was expertly chaired with humour and pace, and with a range of questions to suit all.

After a tense and exciting match, wrangles over obscure facts and all the Jokers played, the 'electronic' scoreboard was totted up for the final scores. Much to their surprise – and consternation - the Bramerton Bunglers were declared the victors. Aghast that their competitive natures had got the better of them and at the unexpected prospect of hosting the quiz in 2016, a recount was called for.

Tense moments as the numbers were reviewed... to find Bergh Apton were indeed the victors once more. The Bunglers conceded their triumph with relief.

Thanks Bergh Apton for hosting a smashing event with a lovely buffet. We shall look forward to coming a close second next year!



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### TREASURE HUNT

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# Carleton St Peter

The PCC would like to thank everybody who decorated the church for Easter, the flowers looked beautiful. Thank you also to the Rev. John Shaw for a lovely service.

#### **Future events**

Saturday August 1st and Sunday August 2nd - Musicals and Flowers by Friends of the Church from 10.30 am to 5 pm on both days and a Church Service on the Sunday at 11 am. There will be a tombola and light refreshments will be available.

**Saturday October 10th - Harvest Supper** in Carleton St Peter & Claxton village hall at 7.30 pm. Food by Lynton Johnson and entertainment by the Thurton & Bergh Apton Players. There will also be a raffle. Tickets are £12.50 each. Please telephone 01508 480325 to book your seat.

**Wednesday November 25th - Cookery demonstration** by Lynton Johnson. Raffle, coffee/tea and biscuits. Tickets £6.50. Please call 01508 480325 to book.

# Claxton

#### **News and Events**

Thank you to everyone who braced unspring-like weather to support our Easter Fayre in March. Easter themed craft activities, tombola, book sale, cake and produce stall, the sale of teas, coffees and delicious homemade cakes resulted in a total of £158.45. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, produce, raffle and tombola prizes and helped on the day.

July 4<sup>th</sup> - It's Quiz Night in the village hall and, if previous Quiz Nights are anything to go by, it promises to be another very enjoyable evening. Teams will consist of 6 people. If you cannot get a team of 6 together, do come along and we can organise you into a team on the night. Tickets are £8 per head with a delicious two course meal included. Drinks will be available to buy at the bar and there will be a raffle.

We would like people to arrive from 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. As we expect demand to be high, please ring Lesley Hamblin on 01508 480422 to book your place and for further details.

Watch this space for details of future events for autumn and winter which we are already planning!

# Claxton & Carleton St Peter Social Club

Saturday June 27th - **WADDO** 

Friday July 3rd Joining evening - Susan James

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# Rockland St Mary

## Rockland Broad Drama

Four people were rescued from a sinking rowing boat on Rockland Broad one afternoon in April.

The boat got into difficulties in the shallow part of the broad. Apparently it hit an underwater stake that made a hole in the 60 year



old timber boat and the passengers ended up in muddy water that came up to their waists.

The incident could have been much more serious if a Broad's Authority boat had not come quickly to their rescue. Broad's Authority Ranger Edgar Hoddy pulled the family to safety and managed to save most of their belongings. The family was shaken but unharmed. Only two of the four people were wearing life jackets and if help had not come quickly who knows what might have happened. The incident shows the importance of wearing life jackets at all times on water and to stay within the marked channels. The family have now bought more life jackets.

The fire brigade attended the scene and were ferried out to the drama in the good ship BLOT.

### Past Times In Rockland Church

As part of the Rockland St Mary Village Festival over the weekend of **June 27**<sup>th</sup>/**28**<sup>th</sup> this year. Rockland church is staging an exhibition of living history by displaying items that many will remember perhaps in their parents/grandparents or even their own homes.

We would welcome loans of domestic and household/gardening/ newspaper articles/photos/or music items, anything that will bring back memories of past times for others to appreciate and enjoy.

All your precious items will be carefully handled and looked after and the church will be locked when no one is manning it.

Please contact Jean Carr on 538260 or Mandy Ansell 538654 if you have items you would like to be displayed.

To bring the Village Festival to a close there will be a "Songs of Praise" on the Sunday evening at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along from the Benefice and Group.

# Hellington and Rockland St Mary Community Reserve

Spring has well and truly arrived on the Reserve. We saw the first orchid leaves on 2nd May; the hedge has sprung into leaf; we heard the first cuckoo two weeks earlier and identified much flora and fauna to expand the survey started in March.

We have received a positive survey report from Norfolk Wildlife Trust. The area that was surveyed is of considerable wildlife interest, meeting the selection criteria for County Wildlife Sites in Norfolk, and it has therefore been added to the CWS register. This recognises the area as being among the best remaining wildlife areas in Norfolk, outside of legally protected sites. Currently a management plan is being compiled with the support of an Easton College Student.

A permanent bridge, sign boards and compost toilet are to be installed this spring and we look forward to picnics, surveys and yoga on the reserve. However, we will need help to remove ragwort and to keep the

paths cut.

In April a drawing event was held and a willow weaving workshop led by Jane Frost produced good basketwork and a screen for the Reserve that acts as a landmark or meeting place.

Philip Halstead, Chair



# RSM Gardening Club

We are now into our summer garden visits which are always much enjoyed. Our visit on **May 28**<sup>th</sup> is to the Dutch House in Ludham and in June we visit Manor Farm at Coston.

Our meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month. For outings we meet at 6.30 pm in the car park next to the Parish Room. We will have our annual Summer Show as part of the Festival.

# RSM Village Festival

Our village Festival is on **Saturday and Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June**.

Exhibitions of WI Centenary and local craft by the WI will be in the Margaret Mack Room. The Church will host an exhibition of Past Times. The Gardening Club have their annual Summer Show with plant sales. There will be 15 open gardens, a host of scarecrows and garage sales. Teas and cakes on offer throughout the village and some strawberries.

Admission to all events will be by programme, £2.50 per adult, available in the shop and around the village nearer the time. Come and join us.

# Surlingham

# Rockland St. Mary and Surlingham Community Action Group

Another successful year for the community action group. Our organised events have all been well attended. Some 35 people enjoyed our rook ramble, we have over 20 who regularly enjoy Bossel, our willow workshops were well attended as was the drawing event at the Community Reserve in Hellington.

The Surlingham Bossel team, with the help of some of Rockland's residents, won by a huge margin, enjoying a delicious meal at the Gull and ensuring Surlingham is the first name on the trophy. On **Sunday 27**<sup>th</sup> **September** another hard fought Bossel competition will blow away the holiday cobwebs.

Surlingham village fete will be on the school playing field on the 1st. Saturday in September.

On **October 16<sup>th</sup> and 18th**. we will entice local talents with another drawing event to the Reserve and Staithe. **The 8<sup>th</sup> November** is earmarked for the next successful Rook Ramble through the local countryside. **Monday December 28th** during the winter holidays the 'spirited' Xmas Bossel will again combat our calories intake.

In 2016 we will try and engage more of you, our sole aim. All of our activities will be advertised on posters further to the date. Please feel free to come to any of our open meetings, should you want to organise an event, or have ideas for a future event.

Our next Community action group meeting is at **7.30pm**, **Tuesday 29th September** hosted by Jane Paterson, 27 The Street. Best wishes to all in Surlingham, Bramerton and Rockland St. Mary who enjoyed our past activities. from the RASCAG team.

#### Ingo W.

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# Thurton

### Tea Afternoons

The next **Tea Afternoon** is on **Monday 22nd June**, **2 - 4.30pm** at **Thurton & Ashby Village Hall**.



We are so pleased that the tea afternoons are going strong . . . must be the good company! It's really great that so many men come along too. So if you're thinking of coming along for the first time, do give us a try . . . we are there with the kettle on. Just call in for a cup of tea, there are cakes, you can catch up with old friends and make new ones!

Tea afternoons 'happen' every six weeks or so and if you want more information contact Angie on 01508 480477 or Rosalind 01508 480440.

### Thurton Holiday Club

Our annual Holiday Club starts at 10am on **Monday 3rd August** and runs for five days before finishing with a special service at 11am on Sunday 9th August.

It takes place at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall and is for all 5 - 11 year olds (on 31/08/15)

For more details and to book a place contact Angie (480477) or Rosalind (480440).

# Thurton Primary School - OUTSTANDING in all areas!

The staff and governors are proud and humbled to be graded as outstanding in every area. Ofsted inspectors said the school had met every single part of the outstanding judgement in the Ofsted framework!

I was particularly pleased that the school's work to keep pupils safe and secure was judged to be outstanding. Inspectors stated that the broad, balanced and superbly enriched curriculum promotes effective spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and provides valuable opportunities for pupils to experience life beyond Thurton, including a residential to London. This ensures that pupils not only appreciate and understand fundamental British values – they live by them and develop an excellent understanding about life in modern Britain.

The school was particularly proud that the behaviour of the pupils was judged to be outstanding. Inspectors found them to be polite, well-mannered, respectful and extremely keen to talk to inspectors about their work and school life generally.

They are exceedingly confident young people but at the same time they demonstrate humility and celebrate their own and each other's achievements with equal pride. The children live up to their value statement of doing my best, being my best and trying my best.



Parents are thrilled as well, and many have told the staff that they weren't really surprised as Thurton Primary is such a lovely place to come.

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to thank the school community for the continued support to ensure that Thurton was able to become the best school it could be at this time: now we aim to be even better!

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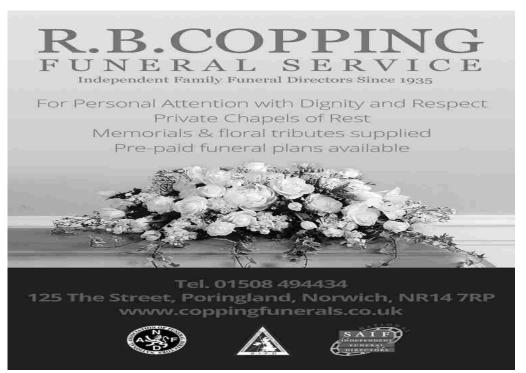
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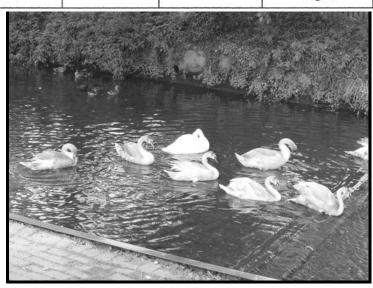
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Thurton	Join Ashby St Mary	11:00 HC	11:00 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday service in VH	11:00 MP	Join Yelverton	11:00 HC	11:00 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday service in VH	18:00 Songs of Praise	Join Framingham Pigot
Yelverton	Join Ashby St Mary	09:30 MP PT	09:30 HC	16:00 All 4 Sunday	11:00 Benefice Service HC	09:30 MP PT	09:30 HC	16:00 All 4 Sunday	Join Framingham Pigot

**CODE:** HC = Holy Communion; **E. Praise** = Evening Praise; FC = Family Communion; FW = Family Worship; MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer; PT = Parish Team; VM = Vestry Meeting. \* Denotes a Book of Common Prayer service. First Thursday of each month: Holy Communion at Yelverton at 10:30.

#### Bible Readings Sunday by Sunday: June 2015 - July 2015

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
07/06/15	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20	2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1	Mark 3:20-end
14/06/15	1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
21/06/15	1 Samuel 17:32-49	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-end
or	1 Samuel 17:57–18:5,10-16		
28/06/15	2 Samuel 1:1,17-end	2 Corinthians 8:7-end	Mark 5:21-end
05/07/15	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
12/07/15	2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
19/07/15	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Ephesians 2:11-end	Mark 6:30-34,53-end
26/07/15	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Ephesians 3:14-end	John 6:1-21
02/08/15	2 Samuel 11:26 - 12.13a	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35

Please note: at Holy Communion, where only two readings are used, the first reading will usually be the epistle, and the second will always be the Gospel reading. At other services where two readings are used, the first will usually be the Old Testament reading, and the second can be either the epistle or the Gospel readings.



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