

SURLINGHAM NEWSLETTER

Reports from Surlingham Parochial Church Council and Surlingham Parish Council, and notices provided by village groups of forthcoming events in the village.

Delivered by volunteers to every dwelling in the village.



St Mary's Church

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

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St Mary's is now on the Historic England Buildings at Risk Register.

Our beautiful Church is there for everyone and provides a place for celebration, reflection and as a community venue that most of us will use at some point in our lives. It is a listed heritage site and has many unusual features including its round tower with 14th century bells, its font, brasses and unique windows.

Unfortunately over £100,000 worth of repairs are required. The safety of the tower was of particular concern and urgent repairs are necessary to the nave roof. The PCC is also being advised by an ecologist in respect of a colony of natterer bats which will need to be accommodated.

We need help....

Work for this important Heritage project will start in September on funding applications to the National Lottery Heritage fund and others. We have many professionals in our village with skills in administration, marketing, publicity, bid writing, legal work and project management etc. The PCC would be delighted if you could help us in this project. Please help our village by offering some of your time to save St Mary's for future generations to enjoy. Please contact Derry Kelleher 538597, or any member of the PCC.

Thank you

Church services in St. Mary's

August

15th 9:30am Morning Prayer

24th 9:30am Holy Communion

September

19th 9:30am Holy Communion

26th 10am Family Service

There will be a Harvest Festival in September. The date will be published when known.

Celtic Prayer at St. Mary's is at 10am every 2nd & 4th Tues.

Art Cafe begins again online on Wednesday September 8th at 10.30am. Please contact Rev Nick Garrard 538014 for an invite.

Multifaith Climate Pilgrimage

A national pilgrimage of people of all faiths and none is being made to the COP 26 Summit in Glasgow. Walkers on the Great Yarmouth to King's Lynn branch route will be hosted overnight at The Barn before continuing through Surlingham on 23rd August.

The walkers will be collecting messages to be presented to the Prime Minister at the Summit. These can be letters or prayers. You're welcome to send yours to The Rectory by 22nd August.

RIP Sylvia Russell

Sylvia was born in Surlingham and lived here all her life. She was hard working and opened the village shop and post office in her garage 18 years ago. In 2016 Sylvia won the inaugural village 'Unsung Hero' of the year award. She is pictured opening the fete that year.

Sylvia was one in a million and a truly wonderful character. She brought so much joy to so many lives and touched the souls of every generation in the village who used her shop.

She will be sadly missed and remembered by everyone who met her.





Parish Council

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Parish Council meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

All parishioners are welcome at our meetings.

Parish Council Minutes and Agendas are available from the Parish Clerk or at surlingham.org

Janet Rogers 01508 538921
 (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Parish Hall hire

Hall hire costs £7 per hour

For all bookings, please contact:

Rachel Hardingham 537151

Thorne House, Ferry Road

This newsletter is just a very small overview of what's happening in our village.

For lots, lots more, visit surlingham.org.



The out of the ordinary is right under your nose

8-12 & 22-26 September 2021

Weekdays 10.00-2.30 – Sundays 12.00-3.00

A Bergh Apton Arts Production

WITH MARY LOVETT, HUGH LUPTON, LIZ MCGOWAN, CHARLOTTE ARCULUS

A Trail like none other

1½ miles via wild wood & marsh, river & meadow – approx. 2 hours

Stop, Look, Listen Halts

Experiences, Readings, Music. Puzzle full of trickery – reward possible.

ROUGH GROUND, BOGGY GROUND, STEEP GROUND

Tickets £10 & Information from <https://bacat2021.wixsite.com/bacat>

Enquiries: 01508 480696

Select arrival at 20-minute intervals & create or join a Group of 6.
But DO book early – Bergh Apton Tickets sell fast.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council have purchased a **PPE recycling box**. It's inside the parish hall with a black bin by the defibrillator for when the hall is closed. Please do not deposit swabs.

Volunteers are needed to help manage the rotation for the **Speed Activated Monitors SAMs** and to capture the data. Please contact John Broom 538929 for more information.

Many thanks to the residents of Padmaloka who helped **remove weeds and ivy** from the Parish Hall last month.

Please would property and landowners check that **overgrown hedges, trees, shrubs** etc are not endangering road users causing people to take avoidance by walking further into the road or impeding the view of drivers, cyclists etc. In the event of accident and injury, and if the obstructions are deemed to be the cause, there is the possibility that legal action could be taken against the property owner to recover damages.

The Parish Council are investigating options for an **outdoor play area**.

Surlingham Local History Group

A small group of keen local historians has since January been undergoing training in cataloguing and digitising documents showing our village as it was in the past. The aim of the group is to create a 'community archive' for the benefit of all who are interested in what life in Surlingham was like in the past. Another aim will be to record the memories of older residents who have experienced the changes that have taken place in the village over their lifetimes. A start has been made on recording these memories; more sessions are planned.

The stories that are told by documents and photos as well as the memories given orally will be made available to all via existing platforms such as surlingham.org and in the future through dedicated web pages linked to the county Archive Centre.

The role of St Mary's Church is central to the stories of Surlingham and it is expected that the group will base some of its activities in the Church in the form of exhibitions training and interpretation panels.

Further updates and progress will be reported here and on surlingham.org
 Please contact Ann Wood on 538678 for further information.

Dates for your diary...

Watch for posters or check on surlingham.org

Events

Many regular village events have either been cancelled or deferred because of Covid-19.

It is to be hoped that a full programme will be running later this year.

Please will all organisers contact the editor with details of their events when they are scheduled please.

Reports from local organisations welcome. Please forward details to

surlinghamnews@outlook.com

or phone the editor on 538234

by 17th September for the next edition