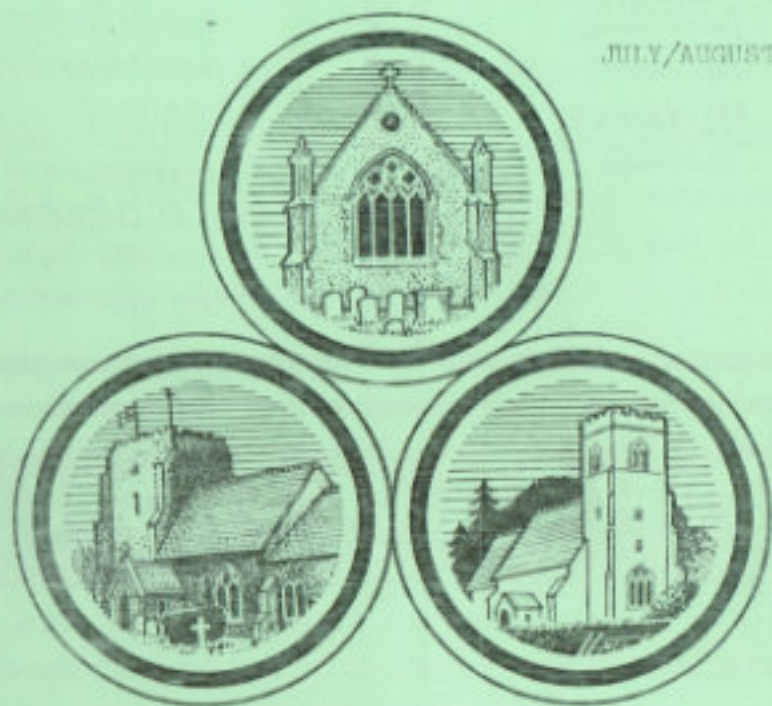


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COME AND MEET THE CHURCH

3rd July St. Thomas' Day

10.00 a.m. John Cohen ordained priest in the Cathedral.
6.30 p.m. RAYDON Celebration service for the four
parishes. John Cohen presides at
Holy Communion for the first time.

4th July

7.30 p.m. STRATFORD ST MARY Parochial Church Council
Meeting.

10th July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9.30 a.m. HOLTON ST MARY Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. STRATFORD ST MARY The Village Communion.
Youth Service.
11.00 a.m. RAYDON Matins
6.30 p.m. STRATFORD ST MARY Evensong

12th July

7.30 p.m. HOLTON ST MARY Parochial Church Council
Meeting.

16th July

HOLTON ST MARY Gift Day and Flower Festival

17th July Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30 a.m. HOLTON ST MARY Young People's Service
9.45 a.m. HIGHAM Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. STRATFORD ST MARY The Village Communion
11.00 a.m. RAYDON The Village Communion
(Prayer Book)
6.30 p.m. STRATFORD ST MARY Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

24th July Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30 a.m. HOLTON ST MARY Matins
9.45 a.m. HIGHAM Matins
10.00 a.m. STRATFORD ST MARY The Village Communion with
Holy Baptism.
11.00 a.m. RAYDON Holy Communion with hymns
6.30 p.m. STRATFORD ST MARY Evensong

27th July Assada Day

7.30 p.m. STRATFORD ST MARY Bellringing
8.00 p.m. STRATFORD ST MARY Service of Praise followed by
Barbecue in Rectory Garden
and bonfire.

<u>31st July Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
9.45 a.m.	HIGHAM	Holy Communion
10.30 a.m.	HOLTON ST MARY	United Services of Holy Communion
10.00 a.m.	STRATFORD ST MARY	The Village Communion
6.30 p.m.	STRATFORD ST MARY	Evensong
<u>6th August The Transfiguration of Christ</u>		
8.30 a.m.	RAYDON	Holy Communion
7.30 p.m.	RAYDON	Concert
<u>7th August Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
10.00 a.m.	STRATFORD ST MARY	The Village Communion
6.30 p.m.	RAYDON	The Festival Service. Preacher: The Very Revd. W. Baddeley.
<u>8th August</u>		
7.30 p.m.	RAYDON	Concert
<u>11th August</u>		
7.30 p.m.	RAYDON	Folk Concert
<u>14th August Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
9.30 a.m.	HOLTON ST MARY	Matins
9.45 a.m.	HIGHAM	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
10.00 a.m.	STRATFORD ST MARY	The Village Communion
11.00 a.m.	RAYDON	Holy Communion
6.30 p.m.	STRATFORD ST MARY	Evensong
<u>18th August Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
9.30 a.m.	HOLTON ST MARY	The Family Service of Communion
10.00 a.m.	STRATFORD ST MARY	The Village Communion
11.00 a.m.	RAYDON	Matins
6.30 p.m.	STRATFORD ST MARY	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) with laying on of hands
<u>21st August Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
9.30 a.m.	HOLTON ST MARY	Matins
10.00 a.m.	STRATFORD ST MARY	The Village Communion
11.00 a.m.	RAYDON	Matins
6.30 p.m.	STRATFORD ST MARY	Evensong

ARMADA
1588 saw the defeat of the Spanish Armada. 29th July was the day.

All over our country there will be celebration 400 years afterward - this year, in 1988. At Stratford St. Mary we shall ring the bells, have a service in church and light a bonfire in the Rectory garden. There will be a barbeque afterwards. Do come and join us!

The Spirit of 88 is our theme. Our country is perhaps the brink of a new age, the second Elizabethan era. There are signs of such life.

A New Age?

It would be appropriate if it came now. In 1538 the English Bible was established by Royal Decree. Henry Eighth ordered a Bible in English to be placed in every church. In 1588 the Bible was translated into Welsh.

It was in 1738 that John Wesley's heart was strangely moved and the great spiritual awakening associated with him began.

Much, much further back, in 988, Christianity came to Russia. And a thousand years later revival is coming there at last as glasnost grows.

Christian Heritage

I find that nearly everyone in our four villages wants to be identified as a Christian in some way. The congregations are indeed growing, but not as one would expect such a situation.

Where do you and I stand with regard to our Christian heritage of faith and behaviour? This has made England truly great.

Let the Spirit of 88 start a change in us all!

Your friend and pastor,

Michael Hamilton Sharp

We would both like to thank everyone for their help, support and prayers during the last two months. We have had so many cards, letters and calls that it is impossible to acknowledge them all individually.

Whilst John was first in Ipswich and then in London, in hospital, it was a great comfort to know that so many of you were thinking of us, and that we had so many friends here to whom we could turn if needed.

He is now well on the way to what the doctors expect to be a complete recovery. We would still value your prayers as John continues his convalescence throughout the summer and tries to regain the strength and weight he has lost, as well as his hair.

John and Rosalind Cohen

P.S. John's ordination to the priesthood is going ahead as planned. The service will be at Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral at 10 a.m. on the 3rd July, and all are welcome to attend.

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CHURCH NEWS

ST. MARY'S, RAYDON

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism: We welcome into the family of God
Annabel Scarlett Long.

LITTLE ANGELS

Next meeting on Wednesday, 13th July, at 2.15 p.m. - a
Toddlers' Garden Party! All under-5's and Mums welcome.
NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets every week at 10.15 a.m. in Raydon Church. Please note there will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on the 3rd July.

Our summer holidays are from 31st July to 4th September inclusive.

ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL 6th - 11th August

Our programme has been slightly revised and is now as follows:

Art Exhibitions

12 PM (a group of twelve printmakers). Pottery by Graham Eccles, Francine Caesar, Patricia Dean, Roy Lee and Barry Stevenson.

Concerts

Saturday, 6th August: Martin Plackett, Classical
Guitarist.

Wednesday, 10th August: Timothy Miller, Organ
Ronald Blythe, Poet
with the Stratford St. Mary Handbell Ringers.

Thursday, 11th August: 'Go Day, Come Day' Folk Group.
Patricia Reeves

HOLTON ST. MARY

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

To reduce the burden of mowing the grass which has been taken mainly by two of our stalwart P.C.C. members in recent years, it was suggested at the P.C.C. meeting on the 18th May that if five or six families each volunteered to maintain one part of the churchyard, using the church mower, the workload would be spread more widely. Would anyone wishing to help in this way, please see a Churchwarden.

FLOWER AND CRAFT FESTIVAL AND GIFT WEEKEND

A final reminder that this is to be on 16th and 17th July, as detailed last month. Tea and coffee will be available both days in Church Square and the Saturday

stalls will include second-hand books, bring and buy, cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, and a display of African craftsmanship. We hope for some exhibits of local crafts on show or sale and possibly a concert in the Church during the weekend. Quite a few helpers will be needed and lots of things to sell - we want this to be a big village occasion, as well as raising money for Holton Church running costs.

MRS. M.M. IRWIN ("MOMO")

We were all very sorry to have lost the oldest member of our P.C.C. with Mrs. Irwin's death. Chris Haste has delved into the old minutes books to discover that Col. and Mrs. Irwin were both elected P.C.C. members in March 1945 when they first came to Squirrels Hall. Over 40 years' service (with a short break in the 1960's) is a remarkable testimony to her devotion to our church. Active to her last day at 84, she will be much missed by everybody. We are grateful to Jean Camp for the warm tribute which follows.

Chris Amour

May 30th saw the sad passing of a very dear friend to the many who knew her. Mrs. Irwin had lived at Squirrels Hall since 1945. She fell in love with the farm and just had to buy it.

After the tragic loss of her dear husband, Colonel Irwin, she later moved into the little cottage next door where she maintained her independence with her little dog right up until the day she died.

She drove herself to her beloved little Holton Church only the day before, to take her last Communion. Mrs. Irwin was an active member of the Church Council for over 40 years and gave her generous support in many different ways. She was a kind and loving lady, always thinking of others. Some days she would make two or three visits to friends and never without a gift of fruit, vegetables or flowers, or a nice cake - especially if she had been to a coffee morning where she would buy some to deliver to friends on her way home.

Mrs. Irwin loved all beautiful things. Especially, her love for flowers was so wonderful that she had a way of showing others all the beauty there was in each flower, tree and shrub. She always saw the very best in everything and everyone. She also had a great sense of humour and was always a happy person and a great lover of family life. She would often tell stories from her childhood and her days abroad with the Colonel to end with - what fun!

She loved others to be happy too, especially at Christmas and in their early years here, Colonel and Mrs. Irwin had children's Christmas parties so they too could share in the fun, and the Colonel would dress up as Father Christmas.

Mrs. Irwin also loved to mix with the workers on the farm. At currant picking time in the 1960's she would bring a large urn of tea when all would queue with their cups for Mrs. Irwin to fill at mid-day, and again at 3 p.m. when she would also give out free raffle tickets for prize produce from her garden.

She was so brave over her last years as she lost so many of her dear friends - now she herself, a very special person, will be greatly missed by so many of us.

Her family and friends certainly expressed their love for her by filling our Church at a most beautiful service taken by members of her much loved family.

Now at rest with the Lord.

Jean E. Camp

SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE

The sponsored bicycle ride in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust will be held this year on Saturday, 10th September. I hope many people will take part in what is both a worthwhile and enjoyable event. Sponsor forms and stickers can be obtained from the local organisers: Mrs. J. Lucas of Broomlea for Naydon, and Mrs. C. Favell of Mayfields for Holton.

Julia Hanford,
Area Organiser.

CHRISTIAN AID

The amount collected for Christian Aid week in Raydon, Holton and Gt. Wennam was £95.90. Thanks to those who supported this good cause.

V I L L A G E N E W S

RAYDON AND SHELLEY GARDEN CLUB

We were delighted to welcome again Mr. Don Hubbard who spoke to us at our meeting in Raydon Village Hall on 9th June. No one who has seen the horticultural displays for which he is responsible in the Ipswich Borough Council's parks and gardens will be surprised that he gave us a fascinating and stimulating talk about plants for the home and the greenhouse with a dazzling array of colourful specimens on the table before him.

We are looking forward to two evening visits. The first is to be on 14th June to the garden of Mr. Lewis Hart in Hadleigh and the second on 14th July to that of Mrs. Peggy Cole in Charsfield.

The Flower Show will be on 13th August in Raydon Village Hall. Schedules were distributed early in the year; replacements for mislaid schedules may be obtained from the committee. Please note that in response to popular demand, there are some open classes again this year.

Alec Halliley

RAYDON VILLAGE HALL

The "Stall in the Hall" boot sale held on 4th June in aid of the Fighting Fund proved a great success despite adverse weather conditions, and made a net profit of £146.00. There were 16 tables and a plant stall outside did good business. We are most grateful to all who helped prepare for and run the sale, especially Mrs. Cooper who supervised bookings and her husband who ran the successful raffle, the prizes for which were given by numerous generous friends. Refreshments - including light lunches - proved popular and these were served by teams of ladies throughout the day: our thanks to Mesdames Pettingale, Crisp, Green, Pixzey, Short, White, Keeble, Fleet, Trombetta, Halliley and Brock for working so efficiently and cheerfully.

The next fund-raising event will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 16th July, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be a raffle and stalls.

Alec Halliley

RAYDON WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On 18th May Brenda Elliot opened the meeting by explaining that as Mrs. Phillips was unable to give the planned cookery talk, Vera Gostling had kindly agreed to demonstrate the art of cake decoration, or sugar craft.

Vera explained that she had first become very interested in this craft after attending classes in Sudbury, and now she is kept busy icing cakes for her many friends.

As well as having three of her beautifully decorated cake and floral decorations, all in icing, on display, the members were shown how to make a Christmas Rose, Stephanotis, Water Lilly and a Rose.

Whilst making these, Vera answered members' questions and also tried to impress on everyone how easy it all was. This was difficult to believe as the finished work was so delicate and artistic.

Vera's patience and, above all, her enthusiasm for her work, was a joy to behold, and a thoroughly happy, instructive and entertaining evening was enjoyed by everyone.

Daphne Whittle

On 1st June Mr. Warnes (Butcher) of Wix made a very welcome return visit to our Women's Fellowship meeting. He explained the various cuts of pork, lamb, beef and turkey, and demonstrated how to stuff a very economical breast of lamb, all interspersed with humorous remarks. He brought with him sausages, chicken drumsticks and, with all the meat he had prepared for the freezer during the evening, offered them for purchase to the members. Price lists were distributed of meat and frozen foods as well as for pies, sausages, etc. cooked on his premises to his original recipes.

Isobel C. Whittle

RAYDON VILLAGES HALL CENTURY CLUB DRAW

May 1988

£25 Mrs. P. Songer Tkt. 66	£5 Mrs. M. Griep	Tkt. 55
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£10 Miss S. Ramshaw 32	£5 Mrs. C. Reeve	62
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Doreen Keeble

THE SPASTICS SOCIETY

The recent collection in Raydon for the Spastics Society amounted to £45.01 and thank you all for your generous support.

Betty Dunningham

The collection in Holton St. Mary amounted to £39.66. Many thanks.

Gretel Maddison

COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning will be held at Laits Barn, Holton St. Mary, on 27th August, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital Wishing Well Appeal. Stalls: Bring and buy, cakes, plants, children's books. Coffee and biscuits will be served.

Sally Pearce

EVENING CLASSES

The Community Officer, Dave Oraston, is interested in the possibility of running evening classes at Raydon. I would be most grateful if anyone would let me know of any classes they would like to be arranged in the village. Please contact me on Colchester 395034 in the evenings with any suggestions.

Lyn Leeks, Parish Clerk

Please note that there is now an Emergency Dental Service available on Sundays and Bank holidays. For details of the Duty Dentist, telephone Ipswich 715623 before 9 a.m. A fee may be charged either for N.H.S. or for private treatment.

Lyn Leeks, Parish Clerk

RAYDON VILLAGES CLUB - CAR TREASURE HUNT

This annual event took place on Friday, 10th June, with ten cheerful car loads of entrants setting off to search for the answers to 30 clues on a 20-mile course. Competition was fierce and congratulations are due to the winners, Lionel Lightfoot and Gwen Brown who keep the trophy until next year when they have the dubious privilege of setting the 1989 treasure hunt for us! Well done!

The village hall was well attended afterwards and the hot dogs were much appreciated.

Chris Armour

ST. ELIZABETH HOSPICE APPEAL

Can anybody locally help with some typing - an hour or so - now and again in a voluntary capacity?

There is a typewriter, not in its youth, available at the Old School, Holton St. Mary, or material could be brought to the volunteer's house.

Please contact Mary Whidborne, Great Wenham 310176.

ST. ELIZABETH HOSPICE SITTING SERVICE

Volunteers are needed to help with a new project being launched under the auspices of the St. Elizabeth Hospice to relieve carers of the terminally ill in the community.

The scheme will involve volunteers visiting patients' homes to give the carer a break, looking after the sick person for a short time. The carers, whether they be spouse, family or friend, are under tremendous stress both physical and emotional.

Although they have excellent professional help and advice from doctors and nurses, they are in an environment where a time spent in 'normality' can work wonders for the carer and refresh them.

Compassionate and kind-hearted volunteers are wanted. A series of introductory meetings have been arranged to recruit and explain the service to volunteers.

On 1st September there will be a meeting in the Nurses' Sitting Room at the Bartlett Hospital, Undercliff Road, Felixstowe, and on 5th September in the Lecture Hall at

the Nurse Education Centre, Ipswich Hospital, Heath Road, Ipswich. Both start at 7.30 p.m.

The Volunteer Co-ordinator will explain the service and then a MacMillan Nurse will describe the sorts of situation volunteers will experience. Those interested will be asked to leave their names and addresses and take an application form.

It is hoped that the service may be ready to start at the beginning of November but, of course, it will depend on the volunteers.

Any enquiries can be made to Mrs. Mary Waidborne, The Old School, Holton St. Mary. Telephone: Gt. Wenham 310176.

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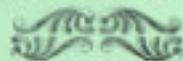


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