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The Parish Magazine

For Higham, Stratford St Mary, Raydon and Holton St Mary

Volunteers needed

Having managed, for the last two years, with fewer people who have done a magnificent job, we now seek reliable adult animal care volunteers for the following tasks:

Cleaning dog, cat and chicken pens, feeding the cats, chickens and rabbits, walking the dogs and grooming the cats. There are sometimes other jobs about the site to be done on an ad hoc basis.

Whichever area you choose to work in, we ask that you commit to the same morning each week and let us know if you are unable to come in. We ask for adults as we already have plenty of young people at the weekends.

We particularly need people interested in chickens

If you would like to help care for the animals, please ring 01787 210888 and leave your name and number or email your interest and contact details to: info@sesaw.co.uk
Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Reg.Charity No.1124029, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP.

Large bag of leather offcuts,
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Help us with our campaign!

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Editors Corner

Well, I don't know about you, but after a couple of days of sunshine I'm beginning to think winter might be coming to an end! I do hope so, I want to turn the heating off before it breaks the bank!

I think a lot of you are beginning to feel a bit like spring too, and there are even more Jubilee Events showing up in this month's pages. I think Jubilee weekend will be a lovely way for us all to get out and meet neighbours and get back 'into things' again. Lets hope for good weather!

This month of course, we've Easter to celebrate. Geoff Horrex will be leading a 'Walk of witness' around all four parishes on Good Friday - why not join in, engage with the Easter Story and find your way round some local footpaths. There are more details on page 10.

Well, that's enough from us - flick through the pages - as usual we're full of things to do, interesting articles from local people and loads of useful information on local services.

Happy reading
Anne and Jane.

Articles for the Quartet are included if we have room, and if, in the opinion of the editors, they are of general interest to our readers. Please remember all articles will be subject to editing. We prefer you to contact us via email where possible.



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Rev'd Manette Writes

Dear Friends

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar because we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. On Good Friday, we remember that Jesus Christ died on the cross. When his body had been taken down from the cross, he was buried in a cave that was cut out of a rock. The tomb was guarded by soldiers and a big stone was rolled in front of the entrance so that no one could steal Jesus' body. After three days, on what we now celebrate as Easter Sunday, some women visited the grave and found that the stone had been moved and that the tomb was empty.

On that day, Jesus appeared to Mary and to some of his friends, and for forty days afterwards he was seen by many other people. From now on his followers believed that God had raised Jesus from the dead and that everything he had told them was true.

This time last year we were tentatively planning to reopen our churches after the lockdowns, and even though we were able to have some Holy Week services and Easter services in all four churches, everything looked still very uncertain and we were not allowed to sing. It is wonderful that this year we can look forward to our usual services, the Good Friday Walk, the Easter Vigil with Bonfire and to being able to sing those lovely Easter hymns!

We are very fortunate that Rev'd Joyce Willis has offered to lead a **Quiet Day for Lent** for us. Those of you who came in Advent know wonderful it was to learn with

Joy and to spend time in collective silence. We will be thinking about the significance of the cross of Christ throughout the ages on **Monday, 4th April at 9.45 for 10am in the Lady Chapel in Stratford St. Mary.** Coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

Join us for the journey through Holy Week and then for a joyous celebration on Easter Day when we will have an Easter Praise service in Stratford St. Mary and an Easter Communion in Raydon, both at 10am.

We are also very excited that we have two groups of Confirmation candidates in Higham. The younger ones meet regularly for the Higham Hangout and both groups will be meeting for Confirmation preparation in the weeks leading up to their Confirmations.

Bishop Mike will be leading our **Confirmation services on Sunday, 14th August and on Sunday, 18th September.** Please come and support our candidates and their families, and pray for our young people as they prepare for this important milestone on their Christian journey. Did you know that adults can be confirmed, too? If you haven't been confirmed but would like to know more about this, do get in touch with me.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Yours in Christ, Rev'd Manette



Stratford St Mary



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www.hallfarmshop.com

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Parish Room

At last we are open for business, subject to any government restrictions of course.

Please contact John Taylor on 01206 323908 for details and to book.

Coffee Morning

We have recommenced the monthly coffee mornings which take place on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

10.30 am in the Parish Room Do come along and socialise - £2.00pp. Money raised to date has contributed to the purchase of chairs and garden furniture for the Parish Room

STRATFORD ST MARY INSTITUTE HALL

Please note that requests should be made through the bookings email address: ssminstitute.bookings@gmail.com Information supplied to book should include a name with contact details and the nature of the event.

This results in a natural queuing system which ensures that first come is first served. I check this address every day and will respond accordingly.

Steve Kite
42 Strickmere
Stratford St Mary, CO7 6YG



Jubilee celebrations

keep the ideas coming!

The Open Village meeting held on 3rd March generated lots of positive ideas for celebrating HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Ideas and details are still being developed and are likely to include:

- Village 'scarecrow' trail - Royal theme - (2-5th June)
 - Everyone encouraged to decorate their houses to take part in the village event
- Cream teas in the Parish Room (Sat. 4th June)
- Village picnic and games (Sunday 5th June) Institute field
 - Kiddies fancy dress - Royal theme (Sunday 5th June)
 - Evening party / BBQ or Hog Roast with local Band - Institute field (Sat. 4th June)
 - Classic car show
- Pub Quiz night - Royal theme (Friday 3rd June tbc)
- Civic Church Service to commemorate HM the Queen's 70 years of service (Sunday 5th 10am in the Church)

The next Open Meeting is being held on THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 7.30 pm in the PARISH ROOM

Get involved - come along to discuss how Stratford St Mary will mark this historic event.

All welcome!

Stratford Chapel

Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary

Pastor: Mr. Adrian Gates

Youth and Children's Pastors: Jamie & Beckie Wyncoll

We are an independent mainstream Evangelical Church of around 60 people encompassing and providing for all age groups. We particularly specialise in the areas of Children's and Youth work, Bible Teaching and Evangelism.

Services and Groups:

Every Sunday:

10.30am Morning Worship and Junior Church

6.30pm Church Prayer Meeting

8.00pm Bible Teaching Group (currently on Zoom)

Monday: 8.00pm House Group (on Zoom)

Tuesday: 7.30pm Discipleship Group (at the Chapel)

8.00pm House Group (on Zoom)

Friday: 5.00pm "Sparks" Children's Club for ages 7 – 11 (at the Chapel)

7.30pm "Ignition" Youth Club for ages 12 – 16 (at the Chapel)

Other activities will be re-commenced shortly.

Web-site: stratfordstmarychapel.com

Enquiries: Children's & Youth: Jamie & Beckie (01206 323095) email: Beckie.w@live.com

General enquiries: Maggie Chapman (01473 311436)

SSM Parish Council Meetings

9 May

11 July

12 September

14 November

Stratford St Mary Church

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Church Parochial Church Meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 27th April at 7pm in the Parish Room.

Your invitation to:

“THE COFFEE POT”

Which has recommenced again at Stratford St. Mary Chapel on Tuesday mornings between 9.45AM - 11 AM

All are welcome to come for FREE Coffee or Tea and Cake and enjoy a time of fellowship.



Want to grow your own fruit and veg?

Dedham Allotment Association has plots available from £13.00 pa.

(Stratford residents only)

For more information contact Diana.

email: dedhamaa@btinternet.com

SAVE THE DATE

Hadleigh Choral Society

Are back in

Stratford St Mary Church

With a fabulous evening of music & entertainment

18th June 2022

7.30pm

Tickets £10.00
To include light bites
Call Julie for further information
07989639583

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 25th April 2022

at the

Parish Room, Upper Street.

Commencing at 7.30pm

All parish residents welcome.

Please come along and hear reports from your local government representatives and from various organizations and clubs active in the parish and join in with discussion about how the quality of our community life might be improved.

A Parish Council depends on periodic input from its residents to function effectively and this is the perfect opportunity to provide it, so please come along, make your suggestions and contribute comment on those of other residents.

Notice of attendance will be appreciated
parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.ac.uk

Help

To enable the Parish Room to continue to be a valuable asset to the village, help is required to:

Take bookings, Keep the accounts
Minor Maintenance

Offers to take on one or more of these jobs would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Don Umfreville on 01206 322626



Winners of SSM 100 Club

Winners March 2022

S Kill (No 64) £50

M Wheelhouse (No 66) £10

A few places available in the 100 Club.

For just £1 per month be in with a chance of winning £50.

All surplus funds go towards the upkeep of the Institute Hall.
Each member can hire the hall for free once a year.

Contact either Norman Woodard on Norman.woodard@fatbloaters.com or Phil Brown on philipbrown123@hotmail.co.uk for details



Institute Hall Caravan Rallies

Caravan rallies will be held at the Institute Hall and grounds on the following dates:

8th to 10th April 2022 - South Essex Caravan and Motorhome Club.

14th to 18th April 2022 - 007 Caravan Club Easter Rally.

Ever thought of becoming a Parish Councillor?

There are two vacancies at the moment. With elections coming up in 2023 why not try it for a year?

It's an important part of local government with the aim of working towards improving community well-being and providing better services.

You have to attend 6 meetings a year, but it's a case of getting involved in the issues of Stratford St Mary, seeing what the issues are that affect residents and working to resolve them.

There's an article here <http://stratfordstmary.onesuffolk.net/.../Parish-Councils...> but why not call Bill Davies on 01206 322990 to have a chat?

Higham

SHOP
LOCAL

In Higham

Brett Valley installations - Oil boiler
servicer - 01206 337316

HC Smith Builders - 07468 456772

Derek Allen Fresh Fish (Thursdays)
07967 755771

Rmk Chisnall - mower repairs 07557
771721

Higham Church Maintenance Morning –

Saturday 2nd April

We are planning a Spring cleaning and maintenance day at the church for Saturday 2nd April between 9.30am and 1pm.

There are a variety of indoor and outdoor jobs to be done and we would be very grateful for some help from anyone who can spare a bit of time on Saturday morning. Refreshments will be provided.

Many Thanks.

On Friday 15th April (Good Friday)

I will be leading a walk around the 4 Mary's Benefice (Raydon, Holton, Stratford & Higham) using mostly off road paths. Good footwear is needed as some footpaths may be muddy in places. Dogs on leads most welcome, and bring a packed lunch. Hot Drinks provided on route but bring a bottle of water. Easter is not all about Easter Eggs and who doesn't like a chocolate egg. !!! However, if you would like something different and more meaningful, then please come along and join us.

This year we start at Raydon Church, so please arrive at 8.45am for a short opening act of worship and part 1 of the story which unfolds as we reach each Church. We have time for a hot cross bun & coffee then leave **Raydon at 9.30 am** and head across the fields to Holton Church which normally takes about **3/4 hour**. On the way you may see Buzzards, Red Kite, Rabbits, Bluebells, and even perhaps a fox amongst other nature. Part 2 of the story. The great drama of the "PASSION" – the story of Jesus, arrest and crucifixion is told in Holton Church, then we have a toilet stop at village hall before heading for Stratford St Mary **leaving 11.00am**. This will **take about 1 hour** so arriving about 12.15 latest. Another toilet stop available here, then Part 3 of the drama to unfold before setting off to the Parish Room (**about 20 mins**) for your own packed lunch, however hot drinks will be provided at this venue. We must leave by 2.00pm latest and head to Higham Church (**3/4 hour**) for the final part of the drama followed by some short prayers to finish off the day at approximately 3.00pm.

If walking all the route is not possible join in at any of the Churches, or come by car or bike, we would love to see you join us at each Church and Parish room (Don't forget your lunch).

ALSO :- On Easter Saturday at Raydon this year we hold a short vigil outside in the Churchyard at 7.30pm standing around a small fire, where you will witness the Lighting of the Paschal Easter candles, followed by a few short readings and prayers inside the Church. These candles are then taken by the Churchwardens back to their respective Churches to be used at Easter Sunday services plus any Baptisms throughout 2022.

All are most welcome to attend all Easter Services around our Benefice.

Geoff Horrex. CW Raydon.



Raydon



In Raydon

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DIY Livery - 07710 540926

Infusion Grill - 07584 573474

Swift Garden Services - 07947 322429

Rheal Coatings - 07539 377740

Franklyn Nevard - Architect 07515
351894

Fresh Eggs - Roadside stall Fox Farm

Katies Little Beauty Box - 07802
847628

Tarbins Bakes and Cakes - 07922
129825



Fair Trade coffee morning

A quick mention of our last month's Fairtrade coffee morning which was on February

22nd. There was sunshine and showers but a stiff breeze, so we were inside the Church again today. It was very well attended with some of our regulars venturing out for the first time since last year.

Our next Fair Trade coffee morning was March 22nd, and with temperatures warming up, we had several tables outside. We ended up having to bring out more though as we had a bumper turnout. The sunshine was lovely and we were able to celebrate the birthdays of three people, all of whom had attained the same age. I'll tell you who they are, but not how old everyone is. Geoff was the first, then I followed 4 days later and our "Frinton Friend" Bryan is today. As usual the Fair Trade coffee was wonderful and the cakes, cheese scones and sausage rolls were a real celebration. So Happy Birthday to all. Our next Fair Trade coffee morning is on April 19th, the day after Easter Monday. We hope for glorious sunshine again and another bumper crowd, it was so nice just catching up with everyone so do try and come along. The Church with be decorated with Easter Lilies donated by families in memory of their loved ones. The display is always lovely and if you'd like to have a lily included then contact Angela on 01473 311120 who will be able to help you. Love Refills and the Library van will be here as well.

Thank you as ever for your support and see you on April 19th.
Wendy Mumford 01473 312123

RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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raydonpc@gmail.com	
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Councillor Trevor Sayer	07747 610317
Councillor Jayne Tann	01473 828283
or 07887 767478	

RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022 (all at 7.30pm in the KGF Pavilion)

Tuesday 12 April (Annual

Parish Meeting)

Tuesday 3 May (AGM)

Tuesday 14 June

Tuesday 12 July

Tuesday 13 September

Tuesday 11 October

Tuesday 8 November

NB: if you would like to see copies of the minutes of any Raydon Parish Council meetings, please visit www.raydonpc.org, or contact Jane Cryer, Parish Clerk.



ENJOY: GOOD FOOD, GOOD COMPANY, AND A WARM WELCOME

Raydon and Lower Raydon District Lunch Club.

This is a friendly newly formed club to bring our community together for social interaction.

Everyone is welcome who has connections to the area.

All welcome both young and old.

We meet at the Pavilion (King Georges Playing Field) in Raydon on the B1070. On the 2nd Thursday of the month.

A home cooked two course lunch with tea or coffee is served at 12.30pm

The cost is £4.00.

We run a raffle with lots of prizes!

Bookings for lunch: Jayne on 07887 767478

Come in your car there is plenty of parking.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Future lunch dates for your diary:
Thursday April 14th
Thursday May 12th
Thursday June 9th

A new Venture in Raydon

I have been given this opportunity to say hello and introduce you to my new home baking business, **Tarbins Bakes & Cakes**.

We moved to Raydon in August 2021 and received a warm welcome by our neighbours and other residents walking past our new home which we really appreciated. I grew up in Hintlesham and have some family in Raydon so I knew the village a little.

I have thought about starting a baking business for a few years now. I grew up in a house with freshly baked cakes each week, my gran always had freshly baked brown bread rolls and I developed my own love of baking. I have passed this love on to my children too who will often find their way in to the kitchen and whizz up a batch of cupcakes, cookies or brownies.

Moving to Raydon has given me the perfect opportunity to try and start my business. We had a lot of uncertain times during Covid, as most people did, our jobs were at risk (I'm an accountant by trade), home schooling for 3 children alongside working from home - things were busy, baking was a hobby and a lifeline in some respects. I remember my excitement at finding a source of yeast and flour when panic buying had fully taken hold and the baking shelves in the supermarkets were empty.

Thankfully, those days are gone. We now have a beautiful kitchen which can be shut off from the rest of the house so my young Labrador can stay well away from my bakes, my husband once again has job security and I've had to admit; I'm not getting any younger – so it's a now or never time to do what I love and I know how lucky I am to have the opportunity to pursue my dream.

Having followed a dairy free diet for 16 years, I specialise in dairy free baking (I must point out that dairy allergens are present in my kitchen).

I can cater for other dietary requirements (again, other allergens are also present in my kitchen). I will offer things like afternoon tea, large cakes, tarts, cupcakes, cookies, flapjacks, brownies... I am literally now starting up so am going to be spending a few weeks trying to get some photos on social media – you can find me on Instagram and Facebook.

I can deliver to the residents of Raydon if there is anyone that would like something but, for whatever reason, cannot get to my home to collect. I have a small advert in the Quartet with my contact details on if anyone would like to find out more (email is best as I'm often too busy to answer the phone!) and hopefully this is the start of something wonderful –

Claire x

07922 129825

claire@tarbinsbakesandcakes.com



Raydon and District Garden Club

It's April once again and "SPRINGTIME" is back and in full party mode. What a wonderful time to enjoy as the gardens come into full glory once again along with lighter nights and warmer weather. Last month we enjoyed the late winter and then early springtime flowers such as the snowdrops, aconites, hellebores, crocus etc to name a few quickly followed by daffodils and early tulips along with several flowering shrubs. An inspiration to all gardeners which makes you want to get up and go and start planting, weeding, cutting the lawns, but also to take time out to view nature and flowers and trees coming out in leaf once again all around us and further afield in the outer countryside. As I write these notes, a pair of blackbirds carry nesting material deep into a shrub, also a Red Kite floating overhead so majestically. Remember 10 years ago you never saw them in Suffolk but, like the Buzzard, they have become more common place. Seen a couple of newts in garden pond today 18th March and a few pond skaters, but no frogspawn.

Thank you all those members who have paid their subs and continue to support R&DGC. For those of you who have not been able to come to this year's meetings as yet there is still time to re-join.

At least this year we are looking forward to a full programme of guest speakers and local garden visits plus a Spring and Summer show. However the coach outing

is in doubt !!! once again, but your committee are in the process looking at other options for members only, more details at April 28th meeting. Talking of shows, the Spring show is on Saturday 9th April. The venue will be the KG 5th playing field pavilion for the first time. I will open the hall at 8.15am and you have till 10.00am to bring your exhibits in. A new venue will no doubt cause a few problems, so please bear with us as we get to grips with these, also can you please bring your exhibits as early as possible to give us plenty of time to ensure all exhibits are put in correct sections ready for judging. The hall layout may differ from what we were used to previously but I am certain it will all look very spring like on the day. Don't forget if at all possible pre book your entries by Wednesday 6th April as this helps your committee get the correct spacings on show tables ready for show day. Check in your show schedule all the rules and conditions that apply to save disappointments on show day. If you're unsure, please phone any committee member to get help or advice. The show is open to general public for viewing from 2.30pm – 4.30pm and our new President Diana Hunt will take the prize giving at 3.30pm. This will be followed by refreshments of tea or coffee, cold drinks and biscuits followed by a grand raffle and of course lots of fun and chatter. Exhibits to stay on show tables till 4.15pm. Come and enjoy a traditional village spring show. Please note no dogs allowed inside the pavilion on the day.

Advance notice :- April meeting on Thursday 28th April. Guest speaker Matthew Tanton-Brown and the subject "Plants for Problem Places" in the garden. Followed by May meeting outside garden visit on May 26th with a visit to the Shelley Garden of Sarah Cook & Jim Marshall. These will both be fascinating and



informative evenings so please come and support.

Your committee looks forward to meeting all the members and non-members at all these events.

Geoff Horrex, 310422/07810086143



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Tel 07748 842750 or email
marksmout@gmail.com

EASTER LILIES

In St Mary's, Raydon

**EASTER SUNDAY
17TH APRIL 2022**

If anyone would like to have lilies displayed in the Church in memory of a loved one for Easter, please contact: -

Angela King on 01473 311120

I would appreciate orders by
Thursday 7th April please



Please join us at 10am outside King George's Playing Field Pavillion.

Please wear suitable shoes and clothing and bring gloves, hi - vis jackets and litter picking sticks if you have them. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.

Contact Amanda 07925 108373 for further details

Raydon Club

The Raydon Club opens every Wednesday evening at the Pavilion.

By popular request, from the start of 2022, the bar will open earlier, at 7:30pm, and will close at 10:30pm.

A good selection of beers, ciders, wines and spirits are available at considerably less than pub prices.

Membership of the Club is open to all residents of the village (over 18s only) and anyone wishing to join is welcome to come along on a Wednesday and enjoy a drink and a chat."

Holton St Mary



In Holton

Love Refills mobile shop -
www.loverefills.co.uk

Ann Mason Care - 01206
233372

Freshen Up Decorating -
07900 242 141

Slow Stitch

The Slow Stitch group is meeting again on the third Thursday of the month at 2 - 4pm in the Village hall, Holton St Mary. Whether you sew, knit, crochet, embroider, or enjoy tapestry, you are all welcome to join our drop-in group. We are not providing refreshments at the moment but you are welcome to bring along a cup of tea.

The aim of the group is to take our time as we enjoy stitching and we are happy to help beginners. Thank you for all the donations of wool that the group have received this summer. This is much appreciated as we complete a number of community projects to support the Marie Curie Charity and Women's Refuge in Ipswich.

For more information contact Jeanette Appleton 07768418942

First Friday of the Month Lunch Club



On the first Friday of every month (except August) there is a Lunch Club in the Village Hall for past and present residents of the village of Holton St Mary. All ages welcome!

A Light Lunch will be served between
12.30 - 2.00 pm
at a cost of £3.50 per head.

If you would like to join us for lunch please contact

Frances Torrington: 312046/
familytorrington@btinternet.com
or
Sally Thurlow: 312080/
salthurLOW@gmail.com

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the lunches and help on the day.

HSM Social Club

Every Friday in the Village Hall 17:30 to 22:00. New members always welcome. If you want any further information contact Bob Holmes
Email bobholmes55@icloud.com
Tel No 07966 266293

The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Holton St. Mary.

Our Village Diamond Jubilee celebrations begin with the lighting of the beacon on the Millenium Green. We have registered our village as one of the official beacon locations and will follow the national timings for the celebration. **The Beacon will be lit at 9.45 pm on Thursday 2nd of June.**

We are honoured that one of our residents, Eileen Starling who was present at the Coronation itself, has agreed to light the Beacon. A choir from our Church will sing the song composed for the occasion called 'A Life Lived with Grace'. We would very much like a bugler or piper to play the other pieces specially composed so would love to hear from anyone able to do this. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help.



Holton St Mary Social Club are proud to organise a celebration party

Saturday 4th June 2022 6.00pm
Millenium Green, Holton St Mary

Dancing to the Sweeting Swing Band

Members £20 Food Served 7.00pm
Guests £25 50's dress appreciated

For tickets or more information, please contact:-
Bob Holmes 07966 266293, or Debbie Holt 07359 160124 or
Erik Ellis 07969 459944

The First Friday of the Month Lunch Club will be providing a special jubilee lunch in the village hall in the style of a **street party on Friday 3rd June at 12.30**. To book a place please contact either Frances Torrington on 312046/family Torrington@btinternet.com or Sally Thurlow 312080/salthurlow@gmail.com

The Social Club have organised a **dance which will take place on Saturday 4th June** in a marquee on Millenium Green with live music from a swing band, a hog roast and a bar at club prices.

On Sunday 5th June at 5 pm, Songs of Praise for the Platinum Jubilee will take place in St Mary's Church, Holton St Mary.



The Holton St Mary Slow Stitch Club are planning to **'yarn bomb'** Church Square with various knitted and sewn items in red white and blue and so we will be able to appreciate this spectacle throughout the bank holiday period. It will look wonderful! They are also involving the children of the village to make their contributions to the decorations.

On this subject, our village could look amazing if people decorated their front gardens with the red white and blue theme. Lets all join in and 'colour bomb' the village.

Janice Cheng
Chair of HSM Parish Council
Elm Lodge, Hadleigh Road.



Green Gym

The Green Gym meet at 10.30 in Church Square on Saturday 2nd April. We'll be planting hedgerow saplings, so please come and join us! Bring a spade and a good pair of gardening gloves.

Holton St Mary Millennium Green Trust

Thank you all for your support for the Century Club Draw, our only fund raising for the year. The first 3 months' draws were made on 4th March and the winners were:

January: £30 No 63 Marjorie Haste, £15 No 95 Peter Butcher, £10 No 1 Caroline Favell, £5 No 36 Sam Thurlow-White
February: £30 No 54 Bill Priestley, £15 No 26 Bob Holmes, £10 No 43 Oliver Greene, £5 No 19 Lyn McWatt
March: £30 No 82 Eileen Starling, £15 No 2 Keith Hyland, £10 No 62 Tom Perry, £5 No 54 Bill Priestley

Please note that the AGM will be held as part of the Parish Meeting on Wednesday 13th April in the Village Hall. In the past we have held this AGM a quarter of an hour before the PM but the Parish Council have asked us to report during their meeting and we feel that, as both Annual and Financial Reports will be made along with open questions, this will fulfil our obligation. The Parish Meeting starts at 8pm.

Marjorie Haste
Secretary

Annual Parish Meeting

An Annual Parish Meeting is held in April, the activities of the Parish Council, Village Committees and groups from the past year are reviewed – this is a chance for electors to come together and discuss parish matters.

This year the Annual Parish Meeting is planned to be on April 13th 2022 at 8pm in Holton St Mary Village Hall.

The agenda for this meeting will be displayed on the website and on the notice boards at least 7 clear days before the meeting. All Villagers are welcome to attend, this is an opportunity to find out more about what is happening in Holton St Mary.

Holton St Mary Parish Council

Holton St Mary Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. There is an opportunity to ask questions in the Public Forum Section of the meeting or comments can be sent to hsmparishclerk@gmail.com.

Future meetings:
Annual Parish Meeting April 13th,
Parish Council meeting May 11th

Holton St Mary Village Hall

The Hall is back in use and taking bookings again. Please contact Tanya Kunz on 01473 311570



Whats it like to be an Arborist in the aftermath of Storm Eunice?

Well what can I say, the last few days have been the busiest but most exciting in my career. Although I have no actual obligation to attend any fallen tree, I do feel an inner responsibility to act quickly and efficiently. Similar I assume, to how a plumber feels when a client calls them in a panic with a leak!

The phone started ringing on the Friday of Storm Eunice and hasn't stopped since. It's been hectic but definitely interesting and I have managed to attend every client that has contacted me. My team and I worked through the storm on Friday, clearing trees from the road etc. We then continued to work all through Saturday and Sunday subsequently managing to squeeze in 11 jobs on Monday. By the time you read this, all of the local emergency jobs will have been attended to and made safe.

The thing that's interests me so much about this storm is the random nature of the most affected areas. One might assume that the most exposed trees would suffer the most, but in this storm it hasn't seemed to work out that way.

The main difference to the October 1987 storm is that 35 years ago the broadleaf trees were still displaying dense foliage,

meaning each canopy acted like a huge sail. Therefore, the destruction of trees was even worse than in recent Storm Eunice where we've seen mainly conifers affected.

I sincerely hope that people reading this were not too adversely affected by the storm and I hope that you now have your electricity and internet services restored. I am aware that large areas of the Dedham vale were without power for a number of days.

Speaking personally, the most frustrating aspect of the damage caused by this storm is that over half of the trees we have attended could have been saved using good proactive tree management involving regular inspection. I hope that a positive outcome will be that there is a better understanding of how powerful nature can be. There is a definite need to act now and to try and reduce climate change otherwise unfortunately, I believe it won't be another 30 years until we have another storm like this.

My recommendations for planning your garden and trees going forward would be to make sure any newly planted trees are well staked and supported with the correct type of straps. Always think about the suitability of what is planted with regards to location, soil type and irrigation. There's a shift in the arboricultural community from planting only UK native tree species to planting more diverse types of tree that will thrive and withstand the challenges of our changing climatic conditions.

Thanks for reading

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Harry

MD at Dedham Vale Tree Surgery Ltd



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The weekly Newsletter, with Mass times, is always displayed in the cabinet alongside the Church's front door and may also be read on the regularly updated website www.stmarksparish.org.uk together with other Parish news. Fr Bineesh Elanjikkal is the Ipswich Hospital Catholic Chaplain assisted by Deacon Rev Clive Brooks (01026 396319)

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Services planned for April 2022

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Sunday 3 LENT 9am	2nd SUNDAY OF Mass
Tuesday 5 9.20am 10am	Eucharistic Adoration Mass
Sunday 10 THE PASSION OF OUR LORD 9am	PALM SUNDAY OF Mass
Tuesday 12 WEEK 9.20am 10am	TUESDAY OF HOLY Eucharistic Adoration Mass

Thursday 14	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Friday 15	GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday 17 9am	EASTER SUNDAY Mass
Tuesday 19 9.20am 10am	EASTER OCTAVE Eucharistic Adoration Mass
Sunday 24 EASTER 9am	2nd SUNDAY OF Mass
Tuesday 26 PATRON OF ENGLAND 9.20am 10am	ST GEORGE M Eucharistic Adoration Mass

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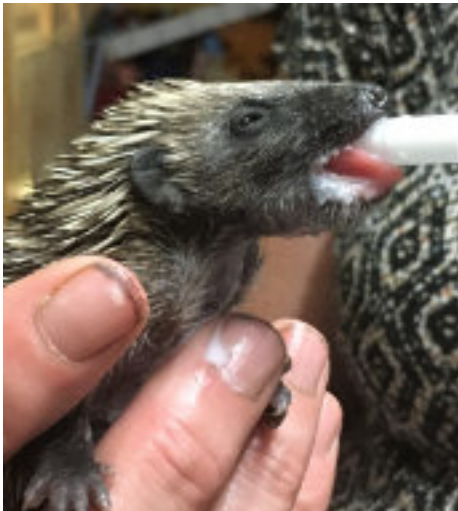


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SESAW NEWS

If you read this in time and can get there, do treat yourself to a cuppa and cake at our Easter Fair on Sunday 3rd April. Open 10-3pm at the Old School in Long Melford, CO10 9DX with our usual wide selection of stalls, crafts, plants, Tombola, Raffle and our volunteer, Frank Payne, signing copies of his autobiography.

Looking ahead, the Nayland 10K family-friendly run takes place on Sunday 10th July, starting at Little Garth School, Nayland, CO6 4JR. The event raises money for local charities including SESA, there are routes to suit all ages and abilities through Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Book your place at www.nayland10k.co.uk

Now Spring is here, keep a look out for hedgehogs as they emerge from hibernation, sleepy, very thirsty and heading for the nearest source of water. Hedgehogs are good swimmers BUT many die in garden ponds as the sides are too steep for them to climb out. Please make your pond hedgehog-proof by creating a sloping edge and a ramp or green thick coated wire anchored at the top and bottom of the pond to provide an escape ladder.

Take care if you are pulling down old sheds or buildings, you may find a hedgehog under there. Finally, when using a strimmer make sure there are no hogs in the vicinity, many suffer serious injuries every year from strimming accidents. In fact, I'd better check the garden for our prickly friends before Mum calls all the dogs for dinner, including me,

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Anyone who has previously worked in health and care is encouraged to register, with interest sought from all former staff members such as administrators, care assistants, GPs, nurses, physiotherapists, paramedics and pharmacists.

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Our new season has started & membership options are on the website now, with junior membership starting at £5. Go online at: clubspark.lta.org.uk/dedhamlta for details of memberships, coaching groups & how to book courts.

Why not pick up that racket & join Dedham Tennis Club?

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Many interest groups are now active such as walking, garden visits, sports and dining. Emerging new groups include pickle ball and poetry and play reading. Regular quiz evenings are always popular.

Monthly coffee mornings in the Lambe School East Bergholt on the first Friday of the month from 10am until noon. Please visit our website for more information and contact details u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley

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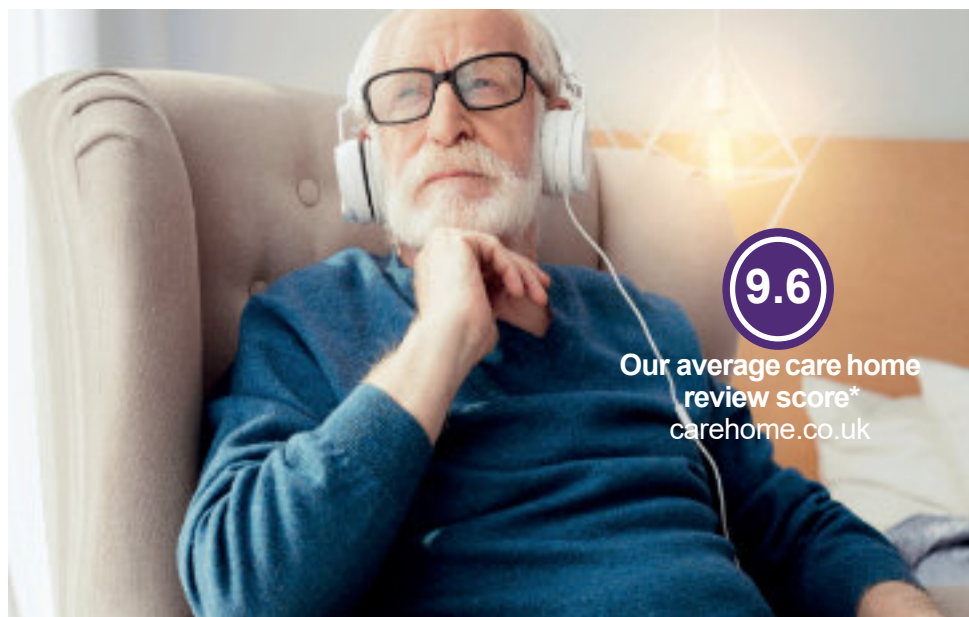
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If you would like to receive Home Communion, please contact Rev'd Manette or Rev'd Nicola.



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Church Services for April

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Sunday 3rd. April 10am: Holy Communion Stratford St. Mary
5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday 10th April 10am: Holy Communion Higham
Palm Sunday 5pm: 'Sacred Space' Service for Palm Sunday Raydon

Monday of Holy Week 7pm - Compline Raydon
Tuesday of Holy Week 7pm - Compline Stratford St. Mary
Wednesday of Holy Week 7pm - Compline Higham

Maundy Thursday Morning Service at the Cathedral
7pm – Maundy Thursday Communion with Stripping of the Altar in Holton St Mary

Good Friday Walk of Witness commencing at Raydon 8.45am - Holton 10.15 am - Stratford 11am - 2.00pm - Higham 3pm concluding Service of Readings, Reflections & Music (timings include the re-telling of the Passion story at each church and refreshment breaks).
Everyone is welcome to attend the reflective Good Friday service in Higham whether or not you have taken part in the walk.

Holy Saturday 7.30pm Raydon Easter Vigil with Bonfire

Sunday 17th April 10am: Easter Praise Stratford St Mary
Easter Day 10am: Easter Communion Raydon

Sunday 24th April 10am: Holy Communion Raydon
2nd of Easter 10am: Family Hour Stratford St Mary

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For the time being, the congregation received Communion in the form of bread wafers only.

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Family Hour in Stratford St Mary at 10am

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