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St Mary**

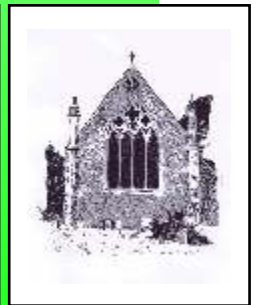
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**Holton
St Mary**

Raydon

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Do you need help with your any odd jobs?

(Leaf blowing, lawn mowing, cars cleaned etc, I have my own leaf blower)
I am also available for babysitting, with 3 siblings and 9 younger cousins I have plenty of experience....

Competitive rates of only **£5 per hour**

I am a strong, reliable 15 year old trying to raise money for a turtle conservation trip to Malaysia so please contact me:

Sam Herbig on
sam_herbig@me.com and let me know how I can **help!**

FOR SALE: Small Double Sofa Bed

Not mechanical.
Beige Faux Suede

56" Long X 29" Deep X 22"
High (32" Inc Back Cushions)

Suitable for a small space,
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Good Condition. Buyer
Collects.

£ 30.00 O.N.O.

Contact Dave 07930 390517

Softwood sleeper, brown, surplus
to requirements, measures 2.4m x
225mm x 115mm

Original cost £23.47 from Nelson
Potter

£10. Buyer collects, please.

Michael Wilson: telephone 01206
298192

CLEANER NEEDED

Stratford St Mary church needs a cleaner who is prepared to go in once a month at the beginning of the month to vacuum, dust and clean the brasses. We can pay up to £30 a month. If you are willing to help us in this way, please contact Jonathan Dewey on 01206 322148.



**PALE GREEN
OCCASIONAL
CHAIR**
VERY GOOD
CONDITION - £40

CONTACT
JOAN COOK
01473 311653

You can place items for sale or wanted on the Small Ads Pin Board for free.
Just email quarteteditor@hotmail.co.uk with your advert.
We will place it for one month space permitting.

Small Ads pin board

Welcome



Dear friends,

I hope none of you suffered damage to yourselves or your property in the

extraordinarily high winds in the night of 17/18 January. My cat came and curled up beside me at 4 in the morning, clearly not sure what was going on - it must have been even more fearsome than my snoring, as he stayed there till it was time to get up.

Please make sure you have a look at the centrefold this month, as the services in March will be in a different rotation from usual because of Mothering Sunday on 11th. We do hope as many families as possible from around the Benefice will come and join us at SSM that day for a special service to celebrate all the wonderful things that mothers do for their children. We shall have posies for children of all ages to give to their mothers of all ages to say thank you.

As I mentioned in last month's introduction, Lent begins on 14 February, with Ash Wednesday. The tradition is that on Shrove Tuesday (the night before Ash Wednesday) you should use up all the good things in your house for a 'feast'; most people make pancakes that day. It's called Shrove Tuesday because on that day people used to go to church to be shriven, or forgiven their sins of the past year. Nowadays we tend instead to have a service on Ash Wednesday where the priest will make the sign of a cross in ash on everyone's forehead, to show that we are all sorry for our sins, that we know that

Jesus died for us on the cross, and that through his death and resurrection he will help us to do better in future. The ash is made from the palms of the palm crosses from the year before.

So Lent is a time for us to slow down and think deeply about how we behave and how God can help us to be better people. The hymn 'Be still and know that I am God' is very appropriate at this time of year. So many of us spend our time in busy-ness, unable to sit still and just be. One of the great benefits of silent prayer, which a group of us do once a month in the Rectory, is that we can just sit still for half an hour and listen for the voice of God speaking to us in the stillness. If you can, you could try to do that every day to give yourself more peace in your heart and in your life.

May God bless you, and may you feel his love very close to you this Lent.

Rosalind Paul
Rector



The Quartet Diary



February

- 7 Men's Probus Club Meeting
- 14 U3A Meeting
- 21 Men's Probus Club Meeting
- 22 R&DGC Meeting
- 23 HSM Social Club Whist
- 24 Pimlott Foundation French Evening
- 27 Raydon Fair Trade Coffee Morning

March

- 4 HSM Annual Sunday Lunch
- 7 Men's Probus Club Meeting
- 10 SESAW Fair, Whatfield
- 12 SSM Parish Council Meeting
- 14 U3A Meeting
- 21 Men's Probus Club AGM
- 22 R&DGC Meeting
- 24 Hadleigh Choral Society, Snape
- 27 Raydon Fair Trade Coffee Morning

- 30 HSM Social Club Whist

April

- 7 R&DGC Spring Show
- 22 SESAW Fair, Long Melford
- 23 SSM Parish Council Meeting
- 24 Raydon Fair Trade Coffee Morning
- 25 HSM Annual Parish Meeting
- 26 R&DGC Meeting
- 27 HSM Social Club Whist

May

- 14 SSM Parish Council Meeting
- 22 Raydon Fair Trade Coffee Morning
- 24 R&DGC Meeting

June

- 19 Raydon Fair Trade Coffee Morning
- 24 R&DGC Coach Outing

July

- 9 SSM Parish Council Meeting

Editors Corner

Christmas is well and truly over it seems, as I write this, the skies are leaden, there is a fine drizzle in the air and it's feeling distinctly cold and damp - a very British winter!

I'm sure like me, you are looking forward to warmer, sunnier days when things start happening again and you feel like getting out and about more. Well, it will happen, I'm sure, but you will be pleased to know that our good old regulars are still there for you, come rain or shine, the Garden Club, the Fair Trade Coffee morning, the Rambling Club and there's a few extra things happening too - look in the back pages to find out!

One more thing I would like to bring to your attention, as it didn't quite make the January edition - the consultation period for the creation of a single Council is nearly over. If you want to have your say, see page 17 and act quickly! Consultation finishes on 7th February.

Wishing you a warmer and drizzle free February,

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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Stratford St Mary

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Power Cuts

Support may be available free for those with medical needs, people of pensionable age or with children under 5.

Register on UK Power Networks website
<http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/help-and-advice/priority-services-during-a-power-cut/>
or contact Hilary Cairns on 01206 323417



PARKED CARS

If your car is going to be parked for any length of time, on the public highway, please ensure it is not blocking driveways, post boxes, notice boards etc, as this can make access extremely difficult.

Thank you!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

12th March

14th May

9th July

10th September

12th November

7.30pm until 10pm

Stratford St Mary Parish Council can now be followed on FACEBOOK. "Stratford St Mary Parish Council" is the page name so please like it and follow it for updates about all things Parish Council related going on in our village.



Stratford St Mary Speedwatch Figures for 2017

Vehicles caught speeding	358
Letters sent by police to Offenders	162
Incidents of police discretion	176
No trace of vehicle registration details	20

Our speedwatch scheme has been in operation for 5 years now and the figures above demonstrate how serious a problem speeding vehicles are throughout our village.

We have a dedicated team of volunteers who give their time in order to make our village a safer place for all our residents but we would welcome a few more members. You only have to commit to one or two hours per month, so please give the matter consideration and contact me for further information.

Thank you.

Bill Davies, 3 Spanbies Road...Tel 322990...email billdav@hotmail.com

Stratford St Mary for Churchyard Clean Up Day.

Saturday March 17 2018.

9-30 to 12-30 .



Bring your own tools.

Refreshments will be provided.

Family Hour @ The Parish Room

Every 4th Sunday families and friends come together for breakfast followed by a 30 minute interactive church service.

- Breakfast is from 9.30
- Includes coffee, tea, juice, bacon rolls
- Followed by a short modern service
- A relaxed cafe style
- Everyone welcome
- No charge

Come and join us!



IGNITION Youth Club
Stratford Chapel
Every Friday night
7.30 to 9.30
 Age 11 - 16
 contact Beckie.w@live.com

100 Club winners

S. Ablitt £40.00
 L. Shead £10.00
 G. Ablitt £5.00



SSM Rambling Club

Main contact is the chairman, Don Umfreville on 01206 322626. Unless stated otherwise, we meet up at 09:45 at the Parish Room, Upper Street, Stratford St Mary.

STRATFORD ST. MARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(also known as Stratford Chapel) Upper Street Stratford St. Mary CO7 6JH. We are an evangelical/charismatic free church, community based and attended by all age groups.

Sunday Services:

10a.m. Morning Service and Junior Church followed by refreshments
 6.30pm Prayer and Praise time

Mid-week Groups:

Various House Groups meet at Stratford, Dedham and Capel St. Mary

Men's Recreation Evening: Meeting 3rd Wednesday monthly. All men welcome.
Friday 5pm to 6.30pm Sparks for children aged 7-11 years
Friday 7.30pm to 9.30pm Ignition Youth Club for ages 11- 16 years

For further information: Tel: Phil Wyncoll (01473) 310728 or email: philipwyncoll@btinternet.com

STRATFORD St. MARY PARISH ROOM

Letting fees are as follows:

1 session - £17.00.

2 consecutive sessions - £30.00.
all day - £38.00.

A session is 5 hours i.e. morning -
afternoon- evening

Special rates for regular bookings.

Heating and lighting are included

For booking please see or ring
Don Umfreville at Christmas Cottage,
Upper Street.
Tel : 322 626.



Transport to medical appointments.

If you live in Stratford St Mary and have difficulty in getting to and from medical appointments our friendly team are happy to help.

We can also help with transport to visit people in hospital.

Please give us as much notice as you can.

**ring:. Charlie Ablitt on 01206 322684
Jenny Symons on 01206 322636**

The Institute hall

can be hired at reasonable rates for a wide range of social activities. For more information please contact our booking secretary, Norman Woodard on 01206

323015, his email is
ssminstitute.bookings@gmail.com and
his home address is 12
Swaynes, Stratford St Mary.

Many thanks to all our 100 Club subscribers for your continued support in helping us to maintain your village hall.

Membership costs only £1 per month and you could win £40 first prize in our monthly draw. Contact Norman Woodward (address and phone number as above) if you wish to join.

Stratford St Mary Institute Committee



**Need to email Stratford St Mary Parish
Council?**

You will need to use

parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk

BOOK OF MEMORIES

Research continues into items for the book of memories which will document life in Stratford St Mary from quirky history to today's stories and characters. We still want to hear your stories because it will be your book! So dig out your old photographs or tales that you would like to share then send them to Julie@jj-associates.co.uk or call me on 07989639583.

We are also continuing to arrange a number of get-togethers in the Parish Room or the village pubs etc to get the old memory cogs working to help identify information for the book. These might be coffee mornings, cheese and wine evening and so on, where we can chat and perhaps get some of the old photographs out. They will be for everyone, all ages and old and new to the village so we can share stories and ensure they continue into our history so keep your eyes open for posters around the village and in the Quartet.



Stratford St Mary Parish Council website has now been updated. Please pop over to www.stratfordstmary.onesuffolk.net and let us know what you think. If you would like your event advertised on the website as well as in the Quartet, whatever it may be, please let the parish clerk know on parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

This has been in operation since 2013 and is run by village residents giving their time in order to make our village safer for residents of all age groups by encouraging motorists to drive through our village at no more than the legal limit of 30mph.

We would, however, welcome a few more volunteers into the scheme so if you could spare just 1 or 2 hours per month please consider joining us.

Please contact
Bill Davies, 3.Spanbies Road,
tel 01206 322990 for more details.



Community
First Responders

Interested in becoming a CFR?

Why not find out what it is about?

Look at the CFR link on the East of England Ambulance Services website.
You can even apply on line!

If you watch the training video - do not be alarmed - you are never expected to do mouth to mouth.

For further information, please contact your local co-ordinator.

A Christmas Tree of Mince Pies



Many thanks to all who contributed to the Mince Pie Christmas Tree at Higham

Christian Aid will be delighted with £140 raised (doubled to £280 by UK Govt)



Tree Planting Volunteers Wanted!

Help support conservation in the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley
Everyone welcome!

Time approx. 10am to 3pm

Free tea, coffee, biscuits!

The Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley team have got over a thousand trees to plant in early 2018, to increase biodiversity and improve the environment

If you could help we would be delighted.

Work-parties are usually on a week day between 10 am and 3 pm but any time you could spare is welcome.

No special skills required, just bring waterproofs and lunch.

Teas, coffees and biscuits are provided.

FOR A LIST OF DATES
please contact Alex Moore Da Luz,
River Stour Project Officer on
07734 967782 or email
Alex.mooredaluz@suffolk.gov.uk

Raydon



Fair Trade Coffee Morning

A grey old start for our first Fair Trade coffee morning of 2018, but at least the rain held off until the

afternoon. However, the Church was lovely and bright as we still had all the windowsill decorations, Crib and Christmas tree on display.

Our "Frinton friends" kindly brought along their famed cheese "Scaffins" today, so with the lovely Fair Trade coffee we were all set for catching up with news after the Christmas holiday. Seems like most of us had opted for a quiet Christmas after all the celebrations and events just prior to Christmas. Many of us have holidays and celebrations planned for the next few months though!

Most of our regulars remembered the new times of 10am-11.15am, the change is due to the library van adjusting their times for calling at the Church which is now 9.50am-10.30am. So take the opportunity to change your library books then join us for coffee before heading back home!

Our next gathering is on February 27th, for various reasons we've had to cancel the January 30th event but the library van will still be calling.

So thanks very much for your support and see you again on February 27th.

Wendy Mumford
01473 312123

Sketchers, Doodlers, Artists, Designers, Cartoonists

We would very much like to have a couple (more or less) of designs in black and white, to reproduce as post-cards to have for sale in the church. Must be of Raydon Church from any angle – inside or out.

Suggestions so far:

A wonky gravestone
Mowing the churchyard
Cleaning the Church
The War Memorial
The Vestry doors
East window pinnacles

All designs will be displayed in the Church for choices to be made
To express interest and for further details please contact
Simon Tennent 01473 310320
Geoff Horrex 01473 310422



Raydon Century Club Draw

JANUARY 2018

£25 29 Rosemary Griggs

£15 17 Mr & Mrs Aldous

£10 111 Mrs M Burls

£5 37 Mrs V Gostling

£5 59 Chantel Gregory

£5 39 Mrs E Nunn

£5 100 Mr Gregson



Raydon Club

is open to residents of this parish and
will in future be held on Wednesday
evenings each week
from 8.30 till 11 pm.

Licenced bar, pool, darts etc.
Look forward to seeing you!

Highways Issues in Raydon

The Parish Council has requested a site meeting with Suffolk County Council to discuss a number of issues, including lorries turning into Woodlands Road, speeding and extending the 30mph areas. In the meantime, please continue to report issues such as potholes and signage problems via the Suffolk County Council website.

Many thanks

Jane

Jane Cryer
Clerk to Raydon Parish Council
01473 824287 / 07920 713940
raydonpc@gmail.com



If you would like to see copies of the minutes of any Raydon Parish Council meetings, please contact Jane Cryer, Parish Clerk on 07920 713940, or email her at raydonpc@gmail.com.

Raydon and District Gardening Club

We are half way through January as I write these notes and the nights are getting lighter. We have already gained at least a half hour already since shortest day 21st December, which if you're like me it means more time in the garden as the months progress. Have you noticed how the lawn grass has changed colour and started to grow. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to get the lawn mower out to be cleaned, serviced & I always like to start the engine (use fresh fuel) & leave running for about 15/20 minutes before putting it back in shed till required which is possibly only 4 – 5 weeks away depending on weather. Have a walk around your patch to see the snowdrops(now showing colour) along with aconites, hellebore and the earliest bred daffodils. Along with the wild bird song which is starting to increase, it's a wonderful time called "Spring" to look forward to.

I always get very enthusiastic this time of year but of course have to hold back till conditions improve to get in the garden and "get going" however you can't get too ahead or else you get behind !!!!! (old Suffolk saying) if the weather turns wet & cold after planting.

Our first meeting for 2018 will soon be here. It is on Thursday 22nd February @ 7.30pm in the village hall when we will enjoy the evening with our guest speaker Mr Ian Tinton whose subject is Quality garden products/composts etc to increase production, being user friendly, & also better for the environment. Hopefully the day will be kinder this time as we had to cancel last year's meeting due to stormy

weather and Ian had a wasted journey. Then on March 22nd we welcome back Jan Nichalak whose subject will be Viscountess Byng / Restoration of Thorpe Hall. This will be followed on 7th April for Spring Show. Then on 26th April our Club President will give us another interesting evening talk & slides.

Club coach outing will be on Sunday 24th June so make a note of the date in your diaries. Hopefully on the first meeting night I will be able to tell you the venue and costs so you can provisionally book your seats. Reminder:- Membership fees (£12.50 is due) if not already paid please, and Note:- Guest fees on the night will be £2.50. Looking forward to meeting you all once again on Thursday 22nd February as we start our 38th year of this garden club.

Geoff Horrex (01473 310422)



Raydon Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors are:

Nev Davenport 01473 311548
Christine Hempstead 07891 236245
Kathy Herbig 01473 310024
Keith Lovering 07939 075143
Sue Newton (Chair) 07808 818847
Amanda Pyall 01473 310050
Jayne Tann 01473 828283
Jane Cryer - Parish Clerk 07920 713940

The PC would like to remind residents of the importance of keeping hedges under control to improve visibility and safety for neighbours and motorists.

Raydon Parish Council Schedule of Meetings All at 7.30pm in the KGF Pavilion

Dates to be advised

NB: if you would like to see copies of the minutes of any Raydon Parish Council meetings, please contact Jane Cryer, Parish Clerk
Sunnyside Cottage, Overbury Hall
Road, Layham IP7 5NA
07920 713940 /
raydonpc@gmail.com



A note for Everyone

Just a reminder for house names/numbers to be visible. If an emergency vehicle needs to find your house at night, will it find it easily?

Lots of names/numbers are hidden behind bushes - it would only take a few minutes to clear it but those few minutes might make a huge difference if the emergency vehicle finds your house first time.



Ideal for your special event

The Rayon Pavillion is for Hire
Fully carpeted room for up to 80 people

Kitchen and preparation room

Easy parking

Available Morning, afternoon, and evening.

For Details Call Clive Duddridge
Tel 01473 310162

Holton St Mary

The ever popular Holton St Mary



Annual Sunday Lunch

run by the Church Fundraising Group,
and supported by the HSM Social
Club

will take place on

**Sunday 4th March 2018
In the Village Hall**

Price £15 adults £10 children

If you would be willing to help, please
contact Sally Thurlow 01473 312080
or salthurlow@gmail.com

There will be several serving times to
stagger the serving queue,
between 12.30 and 13.30.

If you email or leave a message,
please say if you prefer an early or
later serving (we will try to
accommodate this), how many in your
party (and any children) and any
special requirements (especially
vegetarians and non-pork/beef eaters
please)

This popular event is always fully
subscribed so book early to avoid
disappointment.

To book your place, please Frances
Torrington 01473 312046 or
familytorrington@btinternet.com

The 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 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 £2.50 per
head. The lunches are a collaboration
between some of the organised groups in
the village and are non-profit making!
Any surplus funds will be reinvested.

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.

Holton St Mary Social Club

Please remember that WHIST is always
last Friday of the Month
All are welcome, so please do come along
Next Dates :-

Friday 23rd February
Friday 30th March
Friday 27th April

And for those who have not already done
so:-
Membership Renewal.
As from the 1st January, subscriptions for
2018 are now due. Charges are as below.

Senior(60+)	£2.00
Adult	£4.00
Junior(under 18's)	£ 1.00

thanks

Peter

Peter Longmate
quaywallslongmate1@btinternet.com
Home :- 01473 314150
Mobile :- 07957 910608

HOLTON ST MARY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Will take place on 25th April 2018
at 8pm in the Village Hall

All residents are welcome to attend

HOLTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

is looking to appoint a new Parish
Clerk.

For further information, job description
and person specification please
contact parish clerk on
hsmparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk

The Parish Council is looking to
consider applications mid Feb.

Holton St Mary Village Hall

can be hired at very reasonable
rates!

Available during the day and most
evenings (not Friday) from £17.00
Saturdays from £35.00

For further information and booking
please contact Rachel Eagle on
01473 310550

**The Holton St Mary United
Charities Trust** has some funds
available to those resident in the village of
Holton St Mary who are in need.

If you feel you might want to make an
application please contact: Paul Torrington
on familytorrington@btinternet.com or
01473 312046.

December Carol singing

Many thanks to all those, young and older, who joined in carol singing round the village on 17th and 18th December. A special thanks also to Jacqueline Unwin and Martin and Caroline Favell for their splendid hospitality.

The weather was kind to us on both evenings and it was particularly good to have the opportunity of singing by lantern light 'Under the Greenwood tree' on Bacons Green.

The sum of £211.88 has been given to the Children's Society. A big thanks to all those who contributed.

Rosalind Field



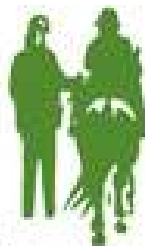
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Experiencing a power cut? No matter who your provider is, **105** is the new number to call to get help and advice, free of charge on mobile and landlines. You can also call 105 with any welfare concerns related to a power cut, or if you are worried about the safety of over or underground electricity cables or substations.

A Member
Group of

RDA



**Riding for the Disabled Association
Incorporating Carriage Driving**

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have some spare time to help with leading the ponies or sidewalking the riders for Ipswich RDA?

Our sessions are as follows: Adults on Tuesdays 10 - 11.30 a.m. Children on Thursdays 1 - 2.30 p.m. term time only.

You do not need to do a session every week - just as often as you like!

If you would like to know more or come along to visit during a session at Bentley Riding School please contact

**Frances Torrington on 01473
312046/07711080658**

You will receive a very warm welcome, make new friends and be involved in something that is very rewarding!

Previous experience with horses helpful but most certainly not essential.

One form to fill in and an Advanced DBS check required unless you have had an

Nayland Horticultural Society

Notes for your diary!

The Spring Show is on the morning of Saturday 24th March 2018 at the Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland.

Come along for coffee, cake, raffle and a friendly chat! Everyone is welcome to have a go at exhibiting daffodils and other Spring flowers. The schedule is available from Trevor Smy at 28 Harper's Estate, Nayland, CO6 4LB, telephone: 01206 262022 or e-mail him at trevor.smy@gmail.com or via the website.

Our Spring Speaker is Ian Seager who will be talking about Wildlife Gardens and Conservation on 27th March. This is held in the Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland, 7.30pm for 8 o'clock start and it is Free! All welcome but get there early as the hall fills quickly!

Our AGM is due to take place in the Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland on 17th April. There is usually coffee, a raffle and a Fun Quiz with a horticultural twist to test your gardening knowledge and win a prize! Come along and meet other like-minded, green-fingered folks!

Why not join us? Single membership is £3 per annum, joint £5. Contact Trevor or Margaret Smy, details on the website.



We are listening - the creation of a new single Council

There will be an engagement period for members of the public running for eight weeks, until **Monday 5 February 2018**, and we welcome all responses, via the email addresses below, from residents, from community groups, from businesses and of course from our town and parish councils.

This engagement will help shape a detailed business case for the creation of a new single council in the heart of Suffolk. When it is complete it is this business case that will be considered by our councillors in the New Year.

Of course we want to do more to discuss this with you. We took the opportunity to discuss the proposals with you at the recent Liaison Meetings, but if you missed those you can also contact us directly to ask any questions you may have, via our dedicated email one.council@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

You can give us your opinions on the proposals directly at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OneCouncil and find more information, including various FAQs, at www.babergh.gov.uk/OneCouncil and www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/OneCouncil

You can also share these links with your residents, with businesses in your areas and with anyone you feel could help shape the business case for the creation of a new single council.

We are listening: visit our website, have your say, and help shape the future of local government right here in the heart of Suffolk.

Jennie Jenkins Babergh District Council
Nick Gowrley Leader, Mid Suffolk District Council

**East Bergholt High School
Association**

Registered charity no. 1017476

Table Top Sale

East Bergholt High School
Sunday 25th February
10am – 12noon

Admission 50p
Indoor 'car boot' sale
Refreshments and free car park available

For sellers: Tables in advance - £5 or
On the day - £7.50
Doors open 9am to set up

☎ 07802 810080

Pimlott Foundation invite you to a 'French Evening at Old House Barn'

Old House Rd, Great Horkesley, CO64EQ
7.30pm on Sat 24th Feb 2018

Join us for an evening of food, wine and
music.

Enjoy a 3 Course French Meal, with
French Music for voice and piano
performed by Daniela Bechly, Christiane
Behn and Friends.

Tickets £25.00 Available from;

Daniela Bechly; 01206271291

Helen Thorne; 07814506988
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Future Meetings & Diary Dates

At our meeting on 14 February Robert Burridge will speak on "Scott, Amundsen & The Race To The South Pole". He will concentrate on the personalities of both men, their leadership styles and the equipment they used to show their characters & their epic achievements in the face of huge difficulties.

"The Life And Times Of Sir Alfred Munnings" is the subject for the 14 March meeting. Marcia Whiting, Curatorial Associate at The Munnings Museum will give an illustrated presentation exploring his life & wide ranging subject matter, including portraits, landscapes & rural scenes as well as the horse paintings for which he is so well known.

Membership

Our main purpose is to encourage lifelong learning for those who are no longer in full time employment and emphasis is always placed on making learning active and fun as well as helping in developing friendships. We have a wide range of groups including language study, chess, mahjong, science, singing, country walking, computer studies and gardens, churches and historic buildings visits. In the main, membership is drawn from communities in the lower Stour Valley and adjacent areas including Brantham, Capel St Mary, Dedham, East Bergholt, Holbrook,

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Meeting Venue

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Recent Meetings

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Future Meetings Diary Dates

Our two meetings in February are on the 7th and 21st when Dudley Chignall talks on "Journey to paradise" and David Whittle on "How the Victorians developed Dovercourt" respectively. On Wednesday 7th March Grant Elliot returns again and this time his subject is "The Life of Chic Murray" We hold our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21 March.

Meeting Venue

We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB

New members

Our Club endeavours to be simple in structure, be free of the constraints and obligations of service clubs, and involve members to a minimal cost. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, and provide the opportunity for development of acquaintances. New members are welcomed by Stour Valley Men's Probus Club, we meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10 for 10.30am. Please contact Speaker Secretary Dave Carman on 01255 880202 for further details.

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Kenny's SESAW news

Well I've seen it all now. Mum lets Rupert the pig out around 5am, (he sleeps in a crate in the office like all well mannered porkers), deals with her emails then gives him his breakfast. The other morning he was strangely quiet and no wonder. There he was, IN the feed bin, helping himself to MY biscuits with only his loin chops showing!

Ollie says we have some lovely cats waiting for new homes including Lunar and Jensen, a friendly family pair who are used to dogs. There are also another four who came in together when their owner died. Geordie, one of the four, looks just like Ollie to me - but don't tell him I said so!

The fundraising events start in March with an Easter Gift and Craft Fair on 10th at Whatfield Village Hall and a Book Sale on 24th at Hintlesham & Chattisham Community Centre. If you want to make some holiday money and have nice things to sell, phone 01206 263269 to book a table at our Spring Fair on 22nd April at Long Melford.

Although Christmas seems long ago, we are still enjoying goodies from the parcels kind people dropped off over the festive season. Mum didn't get to see all of you and specially asked me to thank you. Which reminds me, that not-so-small pig is heading back indoors so it's time to check there are still some dog biscuits for me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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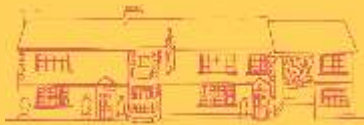
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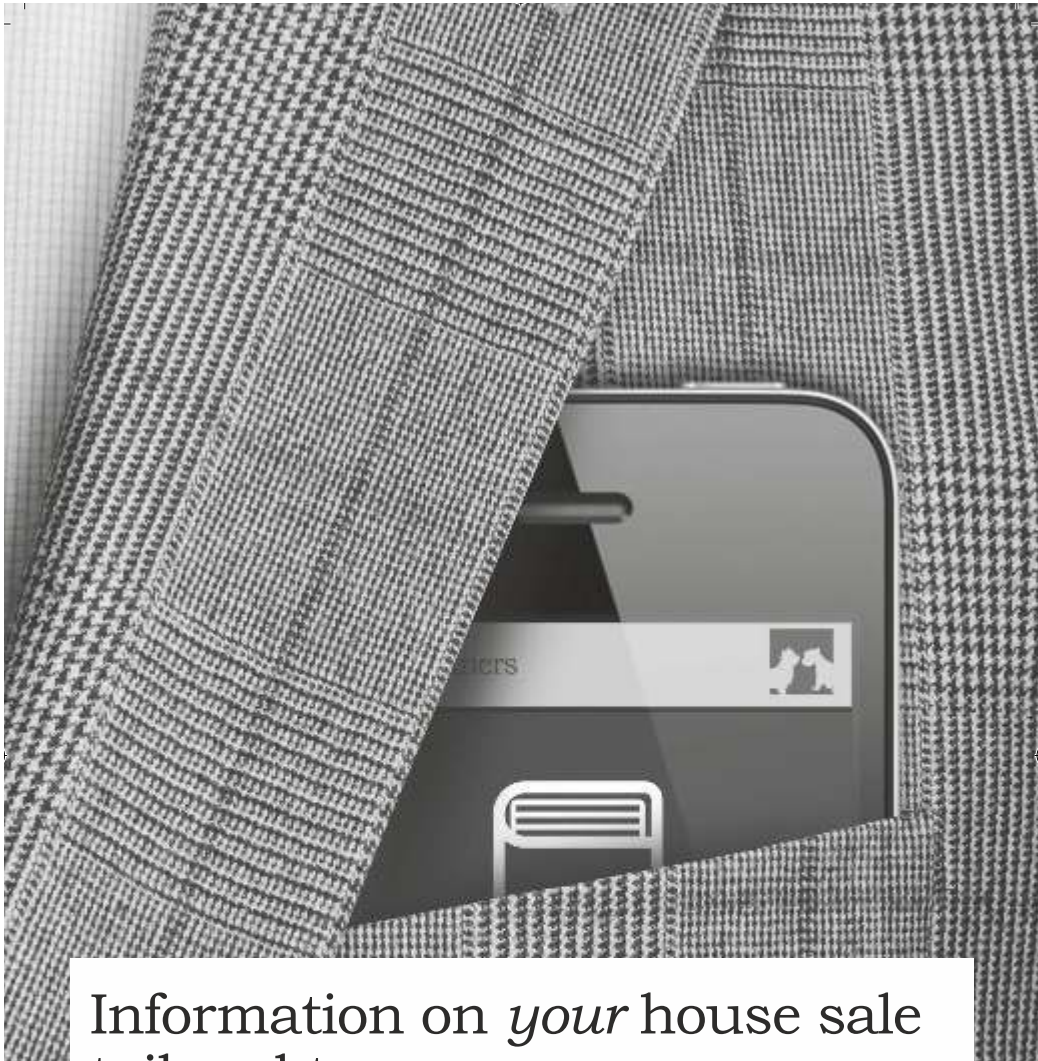
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Midweek Communion

This month's short service of Holy Communion in the Parish Room at Stratford St Mary will be at 10 a.m. on **21 February**.

Lent Group

A new Lent group on the Resurrection will meet weekly at 5 Veyes End from 2.30 to 4 p.m. on the following dates: 15 February, 22 February, 1 March, 8 March and 15 March. Do come and join us to talk about what the resurrection means to us as Easter people.

Silent Prayer Group

We have decided to resurrect this group, to meet at the Rectory on the first Monday of each month from 11.30 a.m. for an hour on the following dates: 5 February, 5 March, 9 April, 7 May, 4 June, 2 July. All are welcome.

Services in February and March

		10.00 a.m.	NB. 5 p.m.
4 th Feb		SSM	Holton
11 th Feb		Higham	Raydon
18 th Feb		Holton + Baptism	SSM
25 th Feb		Raydon+SSM Family Hour	Higham
4 th March		Higham	Holton
11 th March		SSM Mothering Sunday	Raydon
18 th March		Holton + Baptism	SSM
25 th March		Raydon + SSM Family Hour	Higham

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, 14 February, at 6.30 p.m., SSM will host the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes.



New Testament Readings and Collects for weekdays in February

4 February: *2nd Sunday before Lent.* Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5th 2 Timothy 4.1-8

6th 2 Timothy 4.9-end. The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

7th Titus 1

8th Titus 2

9th Titus 3

10th Philemon. Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c. 543

11 February: *Sunday next before Lent*. Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives; set straight our crooked hearts and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12th Galatians 1

13th Galatians 2.1-10. *Shrove Tuesday*

14th 1 Timothy 6.6-19. **ASH WEDNESDAY**

15th Galatians 2.11-end. Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045

16th Galatians 3.1-14

17th Galatians 3.15-22. Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977

18 February: *Lent 1*. Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert; help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

19th Galatians 3.23-4.7

20th Galatians 4.8-20

21st Galatians 4.21-5.1

22nd Galatians 5.2-15

23rd Galatians 5.16-end. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c. 155

24th Galatians 6

25 February: *Lent 2*. Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way may we come to share in his glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

26th Hebrews 1

27th Hebrews 2.1-9. George Herbert, Poet, Priest, 1633

28th Hebrews 2.10-end

1st Hebrews 3.1-6. David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601

2nd Hebrews 3.7-end. Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

3rd Hebrews 4.1-13

PCC Meetings

15 February SSM, 7.30 p.m., The Old Kennels

19 February Holton, 7.45 p.m., Oaks Farm House

21 February Higham, 7.30 p.m., Kingfisher Cottage

26 February Raydon, 7.30 p.m., The Rectory



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