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12	SSM Parish Council Meeting	12	Raydon Parish Council Meeting	
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14	HSM Parish Council Meeting	Nove	mber	
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Augu	st	8	SSM Parish Council Meeting	
10	Fair Trade Coffee Morning	9	Raydon Parish Council Meeting	
14	R&DGC Summer Show (Cancelled)	10	HSM Parish Council Meeting	
27	Higham Art Exhibition preview evening	25	R&DGC Social Evening (TBC)	
28-30	Higham Art Exhibition	30	Fair Trade Coffee Morning	
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7	Fair Trade Coffee Morning	12	HSM Parish Council Meeting	
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Editors Corner

Rev'd Nicola Writes

Well, I think you deserve a thank you this month! Slowly but surely we are getting more and more people engaging with the Quartet and sending in recommendations and requests for inclusion in Shop Local. We've had a lot of interest from advertisers too and you will find a host of services that you probably didn't even know existed lif you dive through the back section this month. We do hope you find it useful and will keep using the Quartet for local information.

The other area of local news that the Quartet was always a font of information is local clubs, societies and gatherings. Are you thinking of starting a local group/club? Or perhaps you are a member of one please feel free to email us with details of what's going on, it's free for charities and not for profit organisations, so tell us what's going on and we can let everybody know!

You'll find all your regular articles here this month and a few specials for your interest and I hope you will agree, gradually things are coming back to life and sounding positive. Keep it up!

Happy reading

Anne and Jane



Send us details of companies living near you that offer services or things for sale - we'll contact them and offer free lineage in the Quartet. We can build a really useful directory of local resources!

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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Dear Friends

The Church of England, having celebrated Ascension Day, The Feast of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, all in May this year, now enters a period of 'Ordinary Time' lasting for the next five months through until the end of October. After the last eighteen months of a global pandemic I find myself, like many, barely able to look ahead just a couple of months, let alone five. The next two months will be especially eventful for me, and far from 'Ordinary'. Having been ordained a deacon a couple of months late, back in September, the diocese is now making up time and ordaining me and my fellow cohort of Deacons as Priests on Sunday 4th July. The service will be at the Cathedral, and although the time of the service has not yet been finalised, my hope is that if restrictions remain in place and therefore numbers at the service are limited that you will all be able to join with me online if not in person. The Benefice has been so very kind and supportive over the last few years and your love and prayers have been invaluable to me as I have sometimes waded, at other times glided, through the training and formation process.

What is the difference between being a Deacon and a Priest? Well may you ask. In some ways not a lot and in others a huge amount. All priests are deacons and remain deacons first and foremost to serve the Church, the community formed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through our baptism we are all (and I mean <u>all</u>) enlisted in the service of Jesus Christ. We all live out our Christian life

serving the needs of others in the things we do every day, being kind to our fellowman. We are all called to work out the exact part we will play. For me it turned out to be as a shepherd as well as a servant, leading and guiding the people of God. I hope I will do it with humility (and a bit of fun!)

There are things after 4th July I will be able to do that I couldn't before, such as giving a blessing and saying an absolution. One of the most visible will be celebrating the Eucharist, and so the following Sunday, 11th July, please come to St. Mary's, Higham at 11am and join with me as I celebrate that very special sacrament. At the moment the plan is that this service will be followed by a bring and celebrate/share lunch. More details will be given out nearer the time, depending on government guidelines and the weather!

In the meantime may I ask that you hold me in your prayers, as I will you, and that together we will all continue to do God's work.

In his love

Nicola



Stratford St Mary



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Stratford Mary and Langham Community First Responder Group

The Stratford st Mary and Langham Community First Responder (NZ581) group has had another successful year.

The group still comprises of Peter and Stephen as the active responders. We did have another potential responder but she had to drop out of training due to a change in personal circumstances.

Peter and Stephen share the bag between themselves and try to be on call for a least part of every day.

During the last financial year they recorded 1113.25 hours on call, this was again an increase over the previous year, the previous year was 676.5 hours. During the vear they received 78 alerts or direct calls from Ambulance control. Out of these alerts they attended 37 of these. On the others. they were stood down by control (for numerous reasons such as a crew on scene, control deciding it was beyond the remit of Community First Responders or the person has passed away).

The pandemic greatly reduced the amount of calls the group was receiving. This was to protect the responders from being in contact with Covid patients. Extra PPE was provided for responders to wear to all calls attended. Stephen and Peter still went on call though, just In case any alerts came through. Even with all the additional procedures and protection in place both Stephen and Peter contracted Covid19. Both are now fully vaccinated.

The group purchased a new pulseox meter to replace the old one that was starting to give errors to readings. The NHS trust also provided new equipment to the group, this

comprised digital thermometers and blood pressure equipment. Peter and Stephen had to do additional training to enable them to use this new equipment.

In the first part of 2020 both Stephen and Peter volunteered to drive front line ambulances. They attended driving courses run by the Police in Ipswich, a two day course in Newmarket training on equipment and then a day course which was familiarisation of the Ambulance stations and Hospitals in North Essex and South Suffolk. A matter of days after completing the familiarisation course they were on the road, helping to relieve some of the pressure that the regular crews were experiencing during these difficult times.

They both continue to do this volunteer driving alongside the Community First Responding.

The group finances remain in a healthy state with the only expenditure being for the Pulseox (£453.60) and the renting of the Parish Rooms (£30) to enable us to carry on training as and when we are allowed to. We got a refund from the Langham Community Centre (£198) as we were not allowed to do training. donation Boxes brought in £37.54 and Easy Funding raised £43.20. There are still three donation boxes outstanding from the Black Horse, the Anchor and the Shepherd, these will be recovered as soon as they can be. This puts the group with a healthy bank balance of £5,109.69. The group would still like to increase the number of active responders it has, 2020 did see training for new responders halted making recruitment very difficult. This has now been re started so recruitment and training should return to normal. Hopefully this year as the Pandemic starts to settle down we can make a push to advertise and recruit new people. The trust is trying to recruit new responders as well, they have a target of 5 responders per kit bag , a tough target to achieve. So if anybody hears of anyone who is interested, please get them to contact me on 07775 667753 or peterdaw50n@hotmail.com

Peter Dawson, group co-ordinator.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Community First Responder?

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 vour local co-ordinator.

Stratford St Mary Parish Council Emergency Team

If an emergency does arise, please contact one of the following team members:

Norman Woodard

12 Swavnes 01206 323015 Norman.woodard@fatbloaters.com

Chris Griffin

Brook Farm. School Lane 01206 337363/07885 807567 chrisbrookfarm@gmail.com

Steve Kite

42 Strickmere 01206 322482 07958 515573

Bill Davies

3 Spanbies 01206 322990 billdav@hotmail.com

The current Emergency Team members are all over 70 years of age and, in the current climate, we would like to welcome younger village residents to join the team to assist anywhere in the village if called upon to help. If you feel you can be of use in any such emergency, please contact the parish clerk Mrs Jenny O'Hanlon on parishcouncil@statfordstmary.org.uk

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE/STRIDE/WALK – SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2021



11 Sep - a date for your diaries.

With permission from Government, it is hoped that SHCT, in its normal format, will take place in 2021.

I will pass on sponsorship forms to those who have taken part in previous years, when I receive them. Newcomers are very welcome to take part, to support any church of your choice, and can contact me on 322259, or call into Rosebank, Lower Street, to collect a sponsorship form.

David Isaac



48 J. Thompson £40.00 8 C. Reynolds £10.00 119 (84) J. Marshall £5.00

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 recommence the monthly coffee mornings on

Wednesday June 23rd at 10.30a.m. in the Parish Room.

Do come along and socialise at £2.50pp

The Village Emergency Telephone

If you are with a person who you suspect has had a cardiac arrest, immediately call 999 as normal. An ambulance will be dispatched as soon as possible, however due to the location of Stratford St Mary, this may take a while.

You will probably be alone with the patient and cannot leave them to go and get the village defibrillator, so we have a group of 10 volunteers who will respond to a telephone call from you. All the volunteers are on the same number and if a volunteer is available you give them your location, they will collect the defibrillator and come to your location, they will then assist in CPR and using the defibrillator until the ambulance or medics arrive.

The number to call these volunteers is :-

01206 700919

STRATFORD ST MARY PARISH HOUSEHOLD COMMUNICATIONS

Council notices through your letterbox are likely to cease after the Annual Parish Meeting 2021, unless you have requested continued delivery of paper-based documents.

Have you registered an e-mail for your household?

Complete the form delivered to your household in February and return it to one of the addresses provided on the form, or e-mail: household identity, post code and e-mail address to data.manager@stratfordstmary.org.uk

Need a new form or have questions/ concerns about the register?

Contact the Data Manager at above address, or

speak to a Parish Councillor.

See Parish Council » Stratford St Mary Parish Council (onesuffolk.net)



Get in touch with Christine Cousins if you have any questions: 01206 322530

Subject to restrictions lifting.



Higham

Raydon



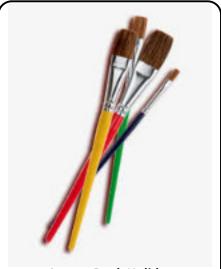
In Higham

Brett Valley installations - Oil boiler servicer - 01206 337316

HC Smith Builders - 07468 456772

Derek Allen Fresh Fish (Thursdays) 07967 755771





August Bank Holiday Higham Church Art Exhibition of Paintings

Evening Preview Friday 27th August

Exhibition open

Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th and Bank Holiday Monday 30th August



In Raydon

Blackwell Barn Holiday Let www.cottages.com

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Gordon Short Decorator 01473 313053

SW Stiff Builders - 07811 005241

Earth&Turf Garden Services -07922078241

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Infusion Grill - 07584 573474

Swift Garden Services - 07947 322429

Rheal Coatings - 07539 377740

Franklyn Nevard - Architect 07515 351894

Fresh Eggs - Roadside stall Fox Farm



Fair Trade coffee morning

Several days of heavy showers of rain and hail made me wonder if our Trade Fair coffee morning on May 18th

would go ahead as we are still meeting outside. However, I needn't have worried as the day dawned with a beautiful blue sky and sunshine, with the showers due for later in the day. We did have a slight hitch to start with though, no electricity !! Thankfully Geoff was able to track and solve the problem so all got under way if a little on the drag.

Our "Frinton Friends" arrived loaded with scones and sausage rolls, and I had made some "Doughnut muffins" It would be lovely to have a "Guest Baker" now and again, so if you have a favourite recipe and would like to be the "guest baker" then just let me know!

The library van arrived and so did "Love Refills" also the stall had several customers so all was busy busy.

I think everyone was appreciative of the easing of a few more restrictions, and so we had a great turnout today. It was lovely to welcome several new faces (and dogs) and hope to see them again.

Our next gathering is on June 15th, and again I think this will be outside. Hopefully we should be into warm sunny days by then and we'll be pitching "camp" under the trees for shade.

Many thanks again for your continued support Wendy Mumford

01473 312123

MARGARET HAMMOND

The family would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind messages of sympathy for the loss of our much loved sister Margaret. Because of the covid restrictions we had a family only funeral service for which we would like to thank the Revd Manette, Geoff and Simon. Would also like to thank all those who waited outside the Church gates for Margaret, and also those who formed a "Guard of Honour", THANK YOU ALL. Cindy.



RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2021

(all at 7.30pm via ZOOM until further notice)

Tuesday 15 June

Tuesday 13 July

Tuesday 14 September

Tuesday 12 October

Tuesday 9 November

NB: if you would like to see copies of the minutes of any Raydon Parish Council meetings, please contact

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

St Mary's Raydon Church Stall

A big thank you to everyone who is donating books, bric a brac and plants to our stall. And of course a huge thank you to everyone who stops to make a purchase.

I meet many people while I am "stocking up" two or three times a day and am always delighted to hear where they come from and how they love to stop and find a treasure or two or a nice plant.

Thank you also for reading the notice regarding what we are able to accept, and items that sadly we can't.

Keep up the good work!!

Thanks again Wendy Mumford 01473 312123

Suffolk Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride.

September 11th is the date for this event and it's getting nearer!

I've seen many cyclists and walkers out and about and I hope all of them are practicing ready to take part. I also need people to sit in the Church to welcome visitors when they arrive, and to offer them refreshments as well as sign their forms.

If you're new to the village and would like more information on this event then just give me a call.

Many thanks Wendy Mumford 01473 312123

Raydon and District Garden Club

Hello to all club members and hopefully you are all enjoying your gardens this spring time. At last some much needed welcome rain as things were starting to dry out, and along with the colder spring things are a little later showing life or flowering. The biggest problem now of course after the rain is "weeds" which of course grow very quickly so it's out with a gardener's best friend the "Dutch or swan neck Hoe". I prefer a small swan neck hoe which had a past life as I used it for chopping out sugar beet and it had a replaceable blade. It's very light to use and sharp ends to the blade, ideal for getting those weeds that always seem to grow close to the plant you want left in place.

June is busting out all over and growth is at its maximum with hopefully pleasantly long warm daylight & short nights, but also the old saying "a dripping June keeps things in tune" which means of course frequent showers are necessary. In the veggie patch of course harvest time has arrived for broad beans, peas, lettuce, early potato, spring onion, beetroot etc to name but a few.

Now club news; Things are starting to improve with the virus situation, however we will not be rushing too fast to get back together. After a lot of thought and talking to committee members our biggest problem is social distancing indoors and to that end we will not hold a summer show in August once again. Main reasons are:-1) the obvious virus. 2) the venue !!!. Once we start up club functions again we will be using the King George Fifth playing field pavilion which is not as large as the old village hall. 3) We will need to "prune down" the number of classes to fit, so until we have had more time to access the physicality of operating a show, and more importantly the afternoon viewing by general public it's too early to consider this year but by next Springtime show a smaller event it should be worth waiting for.

Note Monthly meetings for the remainder of this year hopefully planning for a start on Thursday 23" September but here the problem may be getting a guest speaker. Darren has already been trying to organise but has found a reluctance by some speakers to want to come out this year !!! but of course this may change as we continue to move forward and things get better so we won't give up trying just yet. <a href="Wedgesigne: Wedgesigne: Wedgesi

It's all very frustrating for your committee as we have not had a proper face to face meeting since March 2020 so quite difficult to organise anything but plan we must and just hope that we will be able to achieve at least 3 club meetings this year. In the meantime enjoy your gardens, perhaps trips out and about in the wider country side, and as we are all looking forwards at last that makes me enthusiastic for a return to more normal times and many more years of great gardening. As they say look on the bright side of life and things will only get better. See you all at our next club meeting in "September".

Geoff Horrex, 01473 310422 or 07810086143



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



The Parish Council would like to thank all the parishioners who have taken the time and trouble to collect litter whilst out and about on their walks - this is much appreciated, especially as we are currently unable to organise an official 'litter pick' due to the current restrictions. Thank you very much for helping to make the village a nicer place to live.

Raydon Quiet Lanes Initiative

Thank you to everyone who responded to the public consultation Raydon Parish Council conducted on 8 March with regard to the Quiet Lanes initiative in Lower Raydon. To clarify a few points raised:

- · Suffolk County Council is subsidising this scheme following a successful pilot project in East Suffolk. They have recently announced an increase in their subsidy which means, following encouraging comments from the public forum, we will apply to include Wades Lane and Noakes Road in the scheme.
- · The aim of the scheme is to raise awareness of other road users. It is not intended to draw further motorists to the area and therefore we do not foresee an increase in parking issues related to this initiative.
- · Our current plans use existing signposts only, no additional signposts will be needed.
- · Further information about this initiative can be found at www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk.

Given the majority of positive responses, Raydon Parish Council agreed at its March meeting to proceed with the scheme.

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

Holton St Mary



Ann Mason Care - 01206 233372

Holton St Mary Social Club

Hopefully the club did open on the 21st of May (had to send this in before the date) we currently only plan to open the club on Fridays (17.30 to 22.00). We will review this as further government guidelines are issued but it was felt that people would take the opportunity to see family, friends and have a holiday so we would only open on Friday's at the moment.

Don't forget to bring masks as you will still need to wear them until you sit down. There will be table service (max 6 per table), payment needs to be by cash or card but sorry no cheques.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers on the bar rota (and with a bit of luck there may be a few others in the future), the village hall for waiving the hall fees this year and Kevin OConnor for taking on the secretary duties of the social club. You can contact Kevin (Kevinoconnor414@gmail.com) or myself (bobholmes55@icloud.com) if you have any questions our queries.

Looking forward to seeing both new and old members.

Take care Bob Holmes 07966266293



Holton St Mary Lunch Club

We hope to resume the Lunch Club in the Village Hall on the First Friday in JULY

If you are looking forward to good food and good company again, please sign up by either calling or emailing me so we know how many to cater for

Many thanks

Sally Thurlow - 07721 625313 or salthurlow@gmail.com

Holton St Mary Parish Council Meeting Dates

The planned dates for full Council meetings for the coming year are:

14th July 2021, 8th September 2021, 10th November 2021, 12th January 2022 9th March 2022, (Annual Parish Meeting) 13th April 20220, 11th May 2022

Volunteer needed for Village Local History Recorder Holton St Mary

A volunteer is needed for the role of village recorder. Marjorie Haste has been the recorder for 15 years noting changes in the street scene, recording events, collecting memorabilia and writing an annual report for the Ipswich Records Office. If anyone is interested in taking over this role further information is available at slhc.org.uk or contact myself and I will pass your details to Marjorie. Liz Sims Parish Clerk at



hsmparishclerk@gmail.com



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Register on UK Power Networks website http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/help-and-advice/priority-services-during-a-power-cut/

Anyone for tennis? Join us at Dedham Lawn Tennis Club!

Whether you've never held a racquet or are a budding Andy Murray or Heather Watson, we'd love to welcome you to our friendly village tennis club on the playing fields in Dedham.

With club sessions, teams in local leagues, coaching for adults and juniors and a wide range of membership options available, we're always on the lookout for new members.

And with Spring having sprung, there's no better time to come and join us!

Search online for Dedham LTC to find out more and see how you can get involved



Retired? No longer in full-time employment? Join nearly 400 local U3A members and 40 groups organised locally to keep you fit, both physically and mentally. Groups include walking, table tennis, language, kayak, singing, photography, garden visits and travel.

Monthly meetings and lectures are currently via Zoom - June "Walt Disney: Struggles of a Legend" and return to our usual venue, Constable Hall, East Bergholt, thereafter.

Visit the Stour Valley website u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley for full information. New members are always welcome.

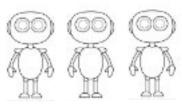
Barry's Page

The advancement in Artificial Intelligence is clear to see everywhere from vehicles on Mars rummaging around to artificial prosthesis that can be controlled by those wear them as normal. Elon Musk's Tesla S type electric car is built entirely by robots, an incredible feat design and application. As we get older AI will help with our everyday survival, but be careful what vou wish for!

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They have taken away our motor cars They have taken away the plane They have taken away the phone box So we can not complain They have given us devices To monitor every move They have taken our independence So we can no longer choose They have given us head sets To visualise our dreams That placate our aggression And control us so it seems They have issued us a robot that is all ours to keep That will do the daily shopping and put us all to sleep That will switch off all the lights at our own command And organise the Xmas list and switch the heating on And stream the music to our heads That are our favourite songs

And this they call progress and although It all seems futile it's just to reduce our carbon foot print So we are carbon neutral.



We had our food adjusted so we exercise less

And put on fewer calories So we no longer need to dress Because we never go anywhere And rarely need a poo We are fixed into our virtual world Where there's always lots to do In my old world I was a dustman Clearing all the crap In my virtual world I'm a surgeon And I'm very good at that I only treat private patients Hips and other joints I'm very very expensive And they pay me with bit coins But the controllers watch me carefully In deep contemplation of how much time to give me Before my termination They have already readjusted my chair To suit the new incumbent And placed an upgraded headset On the table near the air vent Where it says I'm carbon neutral So they have achieved their goal And will switch me of at midnight And drop me in a hole For when the real bank balances hits zero And we don't have another plan That's when they say my friend Everything hits the fan!

Barry Davison

The Medical Consultation

The practice of medicine has always been an art (empathy and communication) as well as a science (knowledge and understanding of disease). It has been said that, "It is a greater medical triumph to leave the patient feeling better, but thinking little of the doctor, than to leave him worse, but deeply impressed". Clearly, the ultimate triumph should be for the patient to feel better and deeply impressed with the doctor. The eloquent and charismatic doctor is not always the most knowledgeable one.

Getting the best out of any medical consultation should be the shared goal of both patient and doctor. This article provides a very brief outline of how to best achieve this shared goal. Its focus is on the hospital doctor but much also applies to the GP.

What does the patient want?

Patient experiences of any consultation are important. This has been explored by the Picker Institute, an organisation and charity which has worked with the Healthcare Commission to assess patient experiences. Their research identified the following eight areas that patients considered important:

- 1. Fast access to reliable health advice (reliable means accurate and honest)
- 2. Effective treatment delivered by trusted professionals
- 3. Involvement in decisions and respect for preferences
- 4. Clear information, communication and support for self-care
- 5. Attention to physical and environmental needs
- 6. Emotional support, empathy and respect

- 7. Involvement and support for family and carers
- 8. Continuity of care + smooth transition (e.g. from hospital to community care)

What does the doctor want?

A detailed account (which doctors call the 'history') of the patient's symptoms: what precisely they are; when they started; what makes them better or worse, including if there is any diurnal variation and whether any previous treatments were helpful. They will also want to know if the patient has: any other symptoms (the doctor will decide if these are relevant); any concurrent or previous medical or surgical disorders and any medications (prescribed or over-thecounter); their life-style (specifically, smoking, alcohol intake and exercise) and whether anyone else in the family has had similar symptoms. Clearly, this is a lot of information and it is often helpful for the patient to write it down and to give a copy to the doctor. I found this very useful with many children I saw with complex impairments referred for second or third opinions.

What will the doctor do?

Most medical consultations comprise of the 'history' and also the 'examination'. It is important to understand that a probable or even definitive diagnosis of any disease or condition will be made in approximately 80% of consultations based only on a thorough and accurate history; if undertaken, the examination will simply confirm the diagnosis.

Tests may be then arranged to either confirm the likely diagnosis or to exclude others. This is because there will usually be a differential diagnosis (a list of other possible diagnoses) for a patient's symptoms. Patients should feel able to ask what the differential diagnosis is and the purpose of the tests as this information is not always forthcoming from the doctor. However, others would prefer to wait for any confirmed diagnosis before asking questions.

Giving the diagnosis and discussing treatment

When this is done well, it can reduce dissatisfaction, confusion and fear; conversely, when done badly, it may result in mistrust and anger that may adversely affect future relationships between the patient and any healthcare professional.

Any medical consultation must be a dialogue, a two-way communication and the doctor must listen as well as talk. Patients will always have questions about the diagnosis, its treatment and prognosis. Unfortunately, many doctors fail to ask for questions and their own demeanour and pressure of time may discourage questions. No questions lead them to

assume that the patient fully understands all that has been said: this is often a false and potentially dangerous assumption. Consequently, patients should always ask their questions. It may be helpful for a patient to ask permission that they be accompanied by a 'medical advocate' (who may or may not be a relative or close friend) when a consultation is expected to be difficult or stressful: most doctors accept this approach. I have done this for friends and neighbours and it has enabled me to ask relevant questions on their behalf, particularly when they have been unable to do so themselves. Finally, they should ask for clarification if the answers to their questions are unclear.

I always think it helpful for patients to provide some feedback to their doctor irrespective of their experience of the consultation. It may help with future consultations with their patients.

Richard Appleton

Consultant and Honorary Professor in Paediatric Neurology



The wonder of wildlife - Swifts

Among some of the positive elements to result from lockdown has been a greater appreciation for the incredible wildlife that surrounds us in Suffolk. With long days stuck at home, taking walks and pottering in our gardens has been a source of great comfort for many and given us time to stop, look at & listen to the natural world like never before.

The sound of bird song was particularly wonderful this Spring as migrants returned from their foreign holidays to bring new life to our shores. One such recent arrival was the Swift. I wonder if anyone has had the joy of hearing their screeching calls overhead yet? An amazing bird, the Swift lives here from late April /early May until early August. One of the fastest and most graceful of birds, it spends almost all of its life in flight. It feeds, drinks, mates and even sleeps on the wing, only landing to nest, lay eggs and raise its young.

As supreme aerialists, Swifts have few natural predators, but despite this they are in serious decline. Their numbers have fallen by 58% over the past 25 years, partly due to the dramatic drop in the number of suitable nesting sites, such as in the eaves and loft spaces of buildings. While in the past older properties tended to have lots of and crannies. modern nooks refurbishment, building techniques and materials now deny Swifts access. With this in mind, The Save our Suffolk Swifts initiative is helping to support these precious birds and is encouraging communities to mount nest boxes on homes and local buildings.

Boxes need to be at least at second floor height to allow fledglings the space to gain momentum when they finally come to leave the nest. As they like to nest in colonies, boxes are best installed in groups of at least three, and ideally a swift call will need to be played for short spells of time to attract their initial interest. They are very clean birds and many people can have them nesting without even realising it!

I'm thrilled to report that, in our local area, the Constable Country Medical Practice in East Bergholt has just put up six Swift Boxes, which were kindly put in place by Sharon & Frank Barker of the Manningtree Swifts project and generously donated by The Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The surgery is playing calls morning and evening to attract the birds. Do take a peek when you next drive by!

If you would be interested in helping Swifts by putting up your own nest boxes, saving traditional nesting places or boosting insect life through wildlife friendly-gardening, you can find out more via the website: www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/swifts, or contact me directly at claire.rowan@suffolkwildlifetrust.org or 01473 311 531.



SESAW News

My old tummy trouble flared up last month so Ollie stepped in to write our news. He also provided the best laugh I've had in ages when Mum caught him trying to converse with a toy parrot! Seeing the superior 'cat who walks by himself' failing to get a response from a stuffed toy cheered me up no end! Next time he mocks my canine intelligence I'll call him Pretty Ollie!



Although we are not holding any fundraising events, our trusty volunteers attend sales and markets including the Community Markets in Langham. We have received £250 generously donated by Polstead Community Shop, thank you to both the proprietors and customers. It feels as if life is getting back to normal with the return of the Nayland 10K Run on Sunday 11th July. SESAW is one of the charities to benefit from this excellent event. More details at www.nayland10k.co.uk

Over the last year the demand for pets has increased dramatically and theft is rife. Dogs have been taken, not only from owners and walkers whilst outdoors but

from kennels and gardens in broad daylight. Please stay vigilant at all times to keep your beloved companions safe and avoid the heartbreak of a missing pet. We have a few dogs for rehoming including, Tasmin and Tarla, lively five and six year old staffies, homeless through no fault of their own. They are spayed, microchipped, vaccinated and ready for lots of walks and cuddles in a loving home.

It's time to accompany Mum on her evening rounds before nightfall then it's a cosy bed by the fire for me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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Hadleigh u3a

Restarting live activities in July – Come and join us!

We are all looking forward to the promised easing of restrictions from June 21 and we at Hadleigh u3a are planning to celebrate the relaunch of our regular activities with our annual Summer Party on Monday 12TH July at the Guildhall. After that our monthly speaker meetings will return to our usual venue at the URC in Market Place, Hadleigh on the afternoon of the second Monday of each month at 2.30 pm. During the covid period we have replaced these with a Zoom presentation at the same time every month.

Don't know about the u3a?

Maybe wondering how to re-engage with people after so long at home? If you are no longer in full-time employment and looking for something interesting to take you out of home and daytime television? And who isn't after the year we have just had? Then read on.

Our motto is Learn, Laugh and Live!

Here at Hadleigh u3a we have over 200 members. Now we are about to cast off the shackles of lockdown, we are more keen than ever to welcome newcomers. Nationally there are well over 1.000 u3as with over 430,000 members. And almost half a million people can't be wrong! Founded in 1982, the u3a is a UK-wide collection of locally run groups that provide a wide range of opportunities to come together to learn for fun and enjoy exploring new ideas, skills and activities together. Apart from being friendly and relaxed it also provides the perfect antidote to the issue of loneliness for anyone who has been left feeling a bit bereft of human company over the past year. There are no age limits and no formal qualifications required or to be gained.

Membership here in Hadleigh is normally £15 for a year (but currently only £12 per year due to reduced activities in covid period) and for that you get a monthly open meeting with a professional speaker, with the emphasis on interesting and entertaining subjects, plus the opportunity of joining one of over twenty small special interest groups ranging across a wide variety of interests. Have a look at our website for more information – just google Hadleigh Suffolk u3a.

We also organise theatre trips, days out to lots of places of interest and a Christmas lunch at Hintlesham Hall in December. All these are charged at cost and all the more enjoyable when shared with like-minded people. All members also receive a quarterly national magazine called Third Age Matters, full of interesting articles and what other u3a's are doing around the country.

To find out more do have a look at our website or contact me for an information pack.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sue Witham - Chairman

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Suffolk and North East Essex ICS to help lead NHS routine care recovery plan

Health and care leaders across Suffolk and north east Essex have said £10m awarded to the system will accelerate the recovery of routine NHS services.

NHS England has today announced Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System is to receive a share of £160m in funding and extra support to implement and evaluate innovative ways to increase the number of elective operations they deliver.

As a result of the extra funding, more patients will receive access to faster treatment for elective care procedures from teams of hard working, dedicated health care professionals from across the system.

Examples of what works well in Suffolk and north east Essex and the other 'elective accelerator' sites will feed into both the regional and national plan for elective recovery.

Nick Hulme, Chief Executive at the East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust, said: "This additional funding is strongly welcomed.

"Treating so many Covid patients over the past year along with additional safety measures has inevitably had a knock-on effect on non-urgent care, but with the virus in retreat thanks to the extraordinary success of the NHS vaccination programme, our system's mission now is to rapidly recover routine services."

East Bergholt WI

2020 was a difficult time for all of us. However, as a group we were pleased to be able to keep in touch in many ways and enjoyed sharing news and activities with each other through e-mail and meeting up in small groups when restrictions allowed.

As the latest restrictions start to ease, we are making more positive plans for the months to come. We have used Zoom successfully for our last three main meetings. Our Craft group have been getting together virtually once a fortnight and we have also had lunch time and evening get togethers for members who wish to join in.

From 2021 the WI subscription year will run from April to March. Due to savings made in 2020, through the cancellation of our monthly meetings, we are pleased to be able to offer our members a reduction and our annual subscription for 2021 will be £34.

We would be pleased to welcome new members to share in our activities and friendships. If you would like to join us please contact our President Tina Hurley on 01206 298223, Gill Rattray on 01206 298380 or through our website. We look forward to meeting you.



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With most people across Suffolk and north east Essex reporting a very positive experience of receiving their COVID-19 vaccine, all those being vaccinated are being urged to continue to give their feedback on their experience.

Whether it's a first dose or a second dose, health care service commissioners from the Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System (ICS), are keen to hear from everyone to whom the vaccine has been administered.

That feedback is integral to ensuring the ongoing vaccination programme is smooth and efficient and best meets the needs of local people.

Already 4000 people have completed the online survey explaining how the vaccination process has been for them and people are asked to complete the survey here -

Suffolk and North East Essex ICS survey here - https://sneevaccine.org.uk/give-feedback/

Sophie Martin, the Head of Patient and Public Involvement and Experience for the Suffolk and north east Essex clinical commissioning groups, said: "Overwhelmingly, people feel very positive about getting their vaccine, most would recommend it to someone else and very few people can think of ways the administering of the vaccine could be improved.

"Some people told us that getting their first vaccination was an anxious and difficult experience, which is why it is so important people tell us how they think the process could be improved.

"So, if you've been vaccinated please take a few minutes to complete the online questionnaire to share your experience."

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Ipswich Road, Brantham CO11 1TB Parish Priest: Fr. Paul Vincent OCD Assistant Priest: Fr Bineesh Elenjikkal OCD 180 Hawthorn Drive Ipswich IP2 0QQ Tel: 01473 684963. www.stmarksparish.org.uk

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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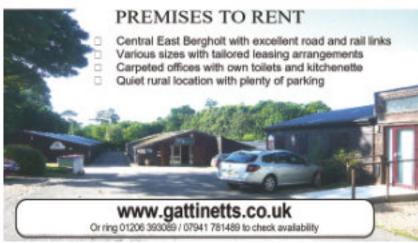
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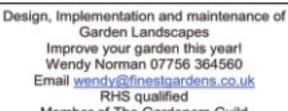
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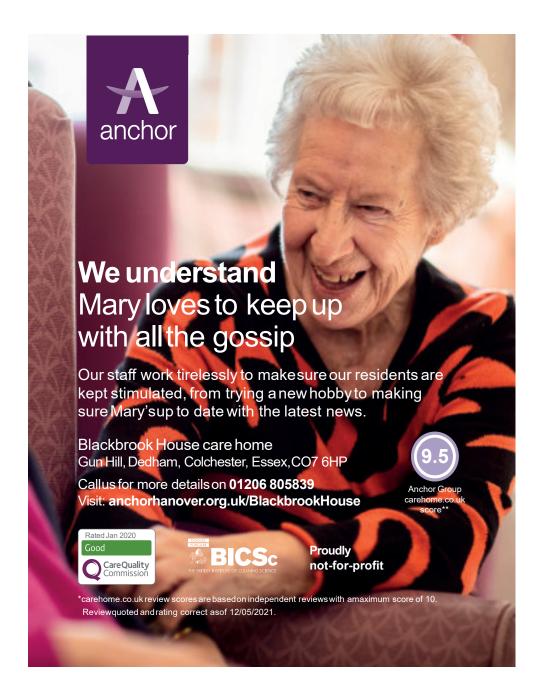
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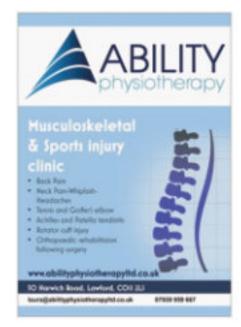
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Services for June.

Please check our Facebook pages and the 4Marys website for details and updates. If there are any significant changes, and if there is an online recorded service, those who are on our regular email contacts list will be notified.

We hope that many of you will be able to join us for the following 10am services:

Sunday 6th June - 10am: Stratford St. Mary Holy Communion 1st after Trinity and Music Sunday

Sunday, 13th June - 10am: Higham Morning Praise Service 2nd after Trinity.

Sunday, 20th June - 10am: Holton Holy Communion 3rd.after Trinity

Sunday, 27th June - 10am: Raydon Holy Communion 4th After Trinity.

10am. Stratford St Mary Family Hour in the Parish Room

Music Sunday falls this year on 6th June. Join us in celebrating the role of music and musicians in church life. Most of us have missed the singing in church and we have enjoyed singing a few hymns outside which is currently allowed. We hope that the government will soon lift restrictions on congregational singing.

All the more reason to celebrate Music Sunday this year!

Looking ahead to July:

Rev' Nicola will be ordained Priest on 4th July and she will be celebrating her first Mass (Holy Communion) on **Sunday**, **11th July at St. Mary's Church in Higham**. This service will begin at **11am**, followed by a shared lunch.

Please pray for Nicola as she prepares for her ordination.

We hope to be back in the parish room from June onwards, using the outside garden space when we can. More details will be circulated before the service. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children and their families again.

All best wishes from the Family Hour Team.



Mid-week Morning Prayer in Stratford St. Mary.

The monthly midweek morning service is temporarily suspended and we will keep you updated when these services will be restarting again.

Elders

Our Benefice is fortunate to have three lay elders, appointed locally and licensed to help and assist with certain aspects of church ministry. For example, they may undertake pastoral work e.g. visiting people in their homes or in hospital, work with young people in running family and children's services and assist with general church services. The lay elders work as part of our local ministry team and may be contacted about local church matters if churchwardens are unavailable.

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If you wish to be added to our regular email mailing list to receive updates about what is going on in our benefice, please contact Rev'd Manette at: revmcrossman@gmail.com

Benefice churches open for private prayer

Our Benefice churches are now open every day for private prayer.



Traditional Prayer for the Trinity Season:

Almighty and eternal God, you have given your servants who confess of the true faith the duty to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and to worship the true Unity in the power of the divine majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith, and always defend us from all adversities; for you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Source: Historic Collect for the Holy Trinity, Late Gregorian

Please pray for:

Higham:

Amanda Berry, Val & Ian Boothman, Penny Watkins, the Vickers family, and for Lindsay Francis, Peter Snelling and their families mourning the loss of Margaret, Tim and John Cox.

Raydon:

Margaret Lugger and Janie O'Brien and their families, Cindy and the family of Margaret Hammond.

Stratford St. Mary:

Nancy Ablitt, Laura Kerry.

Outside our parishes:

Helen Gregory, Brian and Julia