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Editors Corner

Well, it's an action packed magazine for you this month! With so many events for the Jubilee happening right across our four parishes. I hope we have been able to bring all the information together in one place for you, so you can plan your busy long weekend!

Thank you to all those people in our villages who have put heart and soul into organising the various celebrations. Lets hope the weather stays fine and we can all enjoy ourselves.

Of course, life goes on afterwards as well and you'll find regular articles and events in the pages too this month. Please don't forget to let us know of local events, and if you want anything publicised within the four villages of the Quartet, you can always email us at quarteteditor@hotmail.co.uk. It's also useful to let us know if your regular event changes time or date - we like to be up to date!

Wishing you all a good June,

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,

It was an absolute joy to see that HM the Queen has been able to fulfil some public duties again after she had to cancel several engagements due to mobility issues. She was smiling and seemed to enjoy the finale of the Windsor Horse Show, even though there were some emotional moments when Princess Louise drove her grandfather's carriage and when the Queen's own horses and fell ponies were led round the arena. I hope that HM is able to look forward to the Jubilee celebrations as much as we all are. Only three other kings worldwide have been able to celebrate a platinum jubilee, Louis XIV of France in 1713, Johann II, Prince of Liechtenstein in 1928 and King Bhumibol of Thailand in 2016. This is the first time a British monarch has marked a 70 years on the throne and therefore our nation is right in marking this occasion with great joy. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information on all the celebratory events that have been planned in our villages. On Sunday, 5th June our churches will mark the occasion with joyful civic services, concluding with an evening celebration in Holton at 5pm.

On 5th June we also celebrate Pentecost even though this important festival is somewhat overshadowed by the jubilee celebrations this year. At Pentecost we remember how the disciples and many others received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church and the start of the Church's mission to the world.

Last month, we had the privilege of hearing Julian Crisp, a former Raydon boy, talk about his calling to mission in Guatemala. He gave us a fascinating insight during our morning service in Higham and our Sacred Space service in Raydon into the wonderful work he is doing for and with the poorest people of Guatemala. He is involved in projects to provide clean drinking water by the digging of wells and the installation of a water purification plant. He has also been able to gain support for the installation of stoves with flues to avoid the smoke from cooking on open fires filling people's huts with smoke and leading to respiratory illnesses, especially in women. Another project is a soup kitchen for the children in the poorest communities in the mountains of Guatemala. All of this amazing work is supported by local volunteers, and his charity, Feeding Faith, aims to help people to help themselves whilst being respectful of local culture and traditions. You can find out more here <https://www.feedingfaith.org/>

We continued to think about mission and how we are called to Christian discipleship on Christian Aid Sunday in Holton. We are all called 'love one another as Jesus loves us'.

I wish you a wonderful jubilee weekend and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in Christ, Rev'd Manette

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Stratford St Mary



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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

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.



When you hear church bells ringing, do you ever wonder how it's done?
Why not spend an hour finding out, at our
OPEN TOWER EVENT
Saturday 25th June, 2pm until 5pm
St Mary's Church Stratford St Mary,
in the ringing chamber
3 X 1 hour sessions, each constituted as follows
Short talk (15 minutes) 'The history and craft of bell ringing'
Change Ringing demonstration
Feel the weight of a bell (hands on experience)
Visit the bell chamber and your questions answered
Restricted space in the chambers means that numbers must be strictly limited. Why not reserve your place?
Telephone 07850668064 or
e-mail: brisnuck@btinternet.com

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

11 July
12 September
14 November

SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOLS



Stratford St Mary Primary School

are collecting the 'Sports Equipment for Schools' tokens which appear in the Ipswich Star and East Anglian Daily Times, from Monday May 9 till Saturday July 16. Every school that collects more than 1,000 tokens will receive a pack worth over £120.

The schools collecting the most tokens (taken as a ratio to pupils) will receive a full primary athletics kit worth over £1,000 plus a visit from a professional athlete who has represented Great Britain. Second prize will be a Sports Hall triathlon kit worth £750.

If you have any tokens please drop them off at Stratford St Mary Primary School.

Thank you for your support

Hadleigh Choral Society

Are back in

Stratford St Mary Church

With a fabulous evening of
An eclectic mix of music & entertainment
including

Songs of the British Isles
Fantasia on British Sea Songs
Beatles
Kings of Swing Medley

18th June 2022
7.30pm

Tickets £10.00
To include light bites
Available from Hall Farm farmshop or call Julie for further information
07989639583



Winners of SSM 100 Club

The winners of the 100 club draw are :

£50 E Pring (No 58)
£10 Steve Garthwaite (No 98)

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



Stratford St Mary Celebrates the Platinum Jubilee Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June

THE ITINERARY

- Visit the church - decorated for the Jubilee (Thurs - Sunday)
- Pub Quiz - Royal theme at the Anchor - Thursday 2nd 7.30pm, (teams of up to 5 people or we'll find you a team to join)
- Village 'scarecrow' trail - Royal theme - (Thurs - Sunday)
- Everyone is encouraged to decorate their houses to take part in this village event!
- Classic Car Show - Saturday from 2pm. Institute Field (Beer tent opens)
- Cream teas in the Parish Room - Sat. 4th June from 2pm
- Bake-a-cake competition, Parish room - Sat. 4th June from 2pm
- Quintuple Games & Tug O' War Saturday from 4.00pm - Institute Field
- Evening party / BBQ with beer tent and live music - Institute field - Sat. 4th June from 7.00pm
- Civic Church Service to commemorate HM the Queen's 70 years of service in SSM Church - Sunday 5th 10am
- Village picnic, games and sing-a-long with ice cream – yeah!! Institute field - Sunday 5th June from 2pm
- Kiddies fancy dress - Royal theme - Sunday 5th June
- Photo booth - pose as your favourite 'royal'

Do get involved, have fun and help to make this a truly memorable occasion!



Periodic Report 2020-2022

For obvious reasons, **VillageLife** has not been operational during the period of the pandemic although it did fund the provision of a notice board at the River Garden and members have continued to maintain the Millennium and River Gardens for the village. Time has nevertheless marched relentlessly on and the members of the organization's Executive Committee have inevitably grown older and less active with its passing.

VillageLife (VL) was created, following the demise of the Friends of Stratford St Mary Church, as a vehicle for ongoing stimulation of community activity in our Parish and from its formation in 2013 to the start of lockdown in 2020, it did, we believe, have some modest success in doing so.

Many of you may recall the series of annual Constable Country Fairs organized by the Friends and hosted at Hall Farm and it was the success of these that encouraged a residual group of Friends Committee members to commit to a new organization that would focus, not on fundraising but on the generation of an ongoing sense of community in our Parish. Over the following years, **VL** staged 2 Village Gatherings at Stratford Hills, a Mediaeval Fayre and HMQ90 at the school, The Village Open Day (2017), the annual Quintuple (pub-games) Challenge at the Swan, the 'Christmas Light-up' at the millennium garden and various social events including traditional country dancing evenings, Race Nights and periodic 'Stories by the Fire' evenings;

The Interruption of the lockdown years has however taken its toll and our Executive team members (who were in any case all in the vulnerable person category at the start of the pandemic) now find that they no longer possess the energy and drive required to initiate and organise the social

events that they once had such success with.

But the **VL Executive** don't want to see **VL** sink into oblivion if that can be avoided. We believe that it still has a valid purpose and that with an injection of new blood in the form of younger members, **VL** could rise to the challenge and again enhance the social life of our community.

VL has a bank balance, not a fortune but still a meaningful sum that would help to support and underwrite, ongoing activity. It also has a stock of more or less useful equipment that together with the cash could be available to assist rebirth, provided **VLs** objectives were broadly carried on.

The **VL Executive** therefor invites an approach from seriously interested individuals or groups who might feel able to take such a project on.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The VL Exec.

villagelife@stratford-st-mary.org

STRATFORD ST MARY RAMBLING CLUB

Invite you to join them on their walks. Distances vary from 4 to 5 miles with shorter evening walks in the summer. Do join any of the following June walks

Wednesday 1st Coggeshall 4.5 miles

Saturday 11th Little Hawksley 5 miles

Tuesday 21st Holton 4.5 miles

Sunday 27th Nayland (evening) 3 miles

Sunday 3rd July Polstead 4 miles

For more information, please phone Don Umfreville 01206 322626

Higham



In Higham

Brett Valley installations - Oil boiler servicer - 01206 337316

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Altar Frontal Project – 2022 St Mary's, Higham

Are you able to do a little sewing? Would you like to make a lasting contribution to our Church in honour of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee this year?

We would like to create a new green altar frontal as the previous one has faded badly and is falling to pieces. Thoughts at the moment are that there is a gold cross in the centre made up of individual squares that people can sew.

If you have a connection to St. Mary's Higham, either as a resident of the village/ Benefice or perhaps you were married there or have a family member buried in the churchyard and would like to take part in creating a lasting contribution to the furnishings of the church please contact Kate - peterbrookson@hotmail.com

★ Higham Jubilee Street Party ★

Come and celebrate The Queen's Jubilee with an afternoon of live entertainment, tea, cake and games on Sunday 5th June.

The programme of events will start at 12.30pm with a Higham village photo planned for 1.00pm.

Please BYO picnic lunch, drinks, seating and/or blankets.

Tickets £10 per person to include entry and afternoon tea. (Children under 10 go for free). All surplus money raised will be split between the SCF Jubilee Fund and Higham Church.

Dress code: Anything red, white or blue.

Location: On the Fenwick's field, over the road from Higham Church.

Please RSVP no later than Friday 6th May.

Any queries or to purchase tickets please contact Caroline Lloyd on 07790 012098 or highamjubilee@gmail.com

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Franklyn Nevard - Architect 07515
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Fresh Eggs - Roadside stall Fox Farm

Katies Little Beauty Box - 07802
847628

Tarbins Bakes and Cakes - 07922
129825



Fair Trade coffee morning

May 17th was the hottest day of the year so far, and our monthly Fair Trade coffee

morning. I was not in charge of the coffee pot this morning so it was lovely just sitting in the shade of the Churchyard trees with lots of friends, and putting the world to rights! The cakes this month were again all home made and seemed to have a theme of ginger, but also the lovely "Frinton" cheese scones and sponge cake.

We're nearly half way through the year already, so it will soon be time for a couple of special events. The first one will take place at our August 9th (weather permitting) Fair Trade coffee morning. It's a return visit from Rev. Manette and her horse Oriente. He really enjoyed himself meeting everyone last year so make a note of the date and come and say hello. An apple or carrot in your pocket would go down well with him!!

We also have the special fundraising event on September 10th, the Suffolk Historic Churches trust sponsored ride, stride and drive. Will we have our fantastic team of exercise bike riders again???? Watch this space!! We will also need help with checking in visitors, making refreshments and sponsoring our riders, so please keep the date. I'll have more information at our next coffee morning.

Hope you all enjoy the Platinum Jubilee, make sure you come and visit Raydon Church over the weekend and see the red, white and blue flower arrangements. Look forward to seeing you all again on June 14th, at our next Fair Trade coffee morning and many thanks for your continued support. Wendy Mumford
01473 312123

RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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 or 07887 767478

RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 14 June
 Tuesday 12 July

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.



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For Details Contact Mark Smout
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***Raydon Community Lunch Club ***

Join Us in celebrating on the Field for

The Jubilee Big lunch

Sunday June 5th

Our renowned, Bard, Gerry Donlon will be
 telling stories for all ages 😊

Members only

Membership is free join Today!

Jubilee Prize Bingo, Raffle and a table for
 All ages to make crowns and flags

Ready for the Big Picture

We will be having Afternoon Tea

Members £5.00 Including hot drink

All food needs to be booked and paid for
 by 1st June.

Email: raydonlunchclub@gmail.com

Telephone Faith; 07999018049

Lunch club at

The Pavilion King George V Field,
 Raydon, IP75LT

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th July 11.30am until 3pm

Tuesday 16th August 11.30am until 3pm

Tuesday 13th September 11.30am until
 3pm

Raydon and District Garden Club

Our 42nd year is moving forwards too fast. Here we are 6 months through the year already. June is a wonderful month for gardens and fields as well provided the old Suffolk saying follows :- "A dripping June keeps things in tune". but we do not want a month of wet days, just a nice mix of showers and warm sunshine.. June of course is the month of "Roses" which are now starting to appear and will of course continue right through summer and autumn with fantastic blooms and fragrance. I hope you are all getting out into your gardens as much as possible to enjoy all the flowers that just keep following one after the other. If you're lucky enough to be able to go for country walks, now is the time to see and hear many different birds including Nightingale, Skylarks, Yellow Hammer, Linnets, and many more. You may also spot fledglings taking their first flights, and perhaps a cuckoo flying passed.

April 28th was our normal monthly meeting and another fantastic speaker in Matthew Tanton -Brown who has given us many great talks accompanied by slides over the years. They are always first class, because of Matthew's knowledge of everything gardening, especially trees and shrubs. What a great turnout of members which reflects on the subject matter and quality speaker.

Hopefully we had a good number of members at our first, this year, open garden (26th May) visit to Shelley, more details next month.



Looking ahead to Thursday 23rd June we have our second local garden evening visit this time in Hadleigh. Arrive for 7.30pm start if possible. If you travel up Angel street as far as Gray's fish and chip shop, on slight hill, turn left into Aldham Road and then it's on your right hand side. Linda will be looking out for us. Parking will be on the road so please do not park in anybody's gateway. I have been reliably informed that whilst this garden is on the small side the contents are more than enough to keep your interest and here's hoping for a fine evening. I am really looking forward to this garden as it will be a first time for this club to visit. We will need to take light refreshments as usual please along with drinks, paper cups etc to avoid "washing up". It would be nice to know numbers coming in advance please.

Then on Thursday 28th July the meeting will be in pavilion again at 7.30pm and the subject "Asian Woodland Plants". Our guest speaker will be Helen Chen, (Holder of a National Collection) so this should be another fascinating and intriguing evening and a chance to see plants unknown probably to most of us. I wonder which ones would stand our climate. ?? we will soon find out. Refreshments and bar will open at end of talk, followed by a raffle which will conclude the evening as usual.

So we will then be looking forward to the main event of the Summer Show which includes flowers, vegetables, handicraft, photography, baking / cookery, and several classes for children. This show will be held both inside and outside the KGV pavilion on Saturday 13th August. We had first trial run back in April for the smaller Spring show and all worked well and to plan.

Then as autumn starts our September meeting will be on Thursday 22nd in the pavilion. Speaker Jan Michalak whose subject is to be confirmed

Your committee hopes you all enjoy the coming summer time and holidays etc. We look forward to meeting you at all, or some of our planned events. We are almost at 50 members so if you know anybody who would like to join let us know and we can adjust membership subs accordingly for the remainder of this year and pass that barrier. Remember the more paid up members, the more quality speakers can be afforded by the club which is essential for all of us. Also do you have any particular favourite subject that you would like us to consider for next (yes next year's speakers) as we have to start booking them in September because, if they are good, then they are in great demand. Thank you all as always for your continued support.

Geoff Horrex 01473 310422/07810086143

KEY POINTS FROM RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL'S AGM HELD ON TUESDAY 3 MAY 2022

- Sue Newton was re-elected Chairman and Amanda Pyall was reappointed Vice Chairman.

- Public Forum - parishioners raised several issues, including CIL money – funds for the current year had not yet been allocated but councillors would be discussing this at a future meeting. To date, a large proportion of CIL funding had been spent on resurfacing the Pavilion car park and the lay-by outside the church, during the financial year 2020/21. The questionnaire circulated to all residents in 2018 had highlighted the problem of speeding – the PC had introduced a Community Speedwatch scheme but this had been suspended by the police due to a number of issues; it was hoped to be

able to reinstate the scheme later in the year. Grass verges - letters had been sent to all those residents affected, inviting their views on what should be done; contractors had been approached to quote for various different options. Communications – the PC had set up a communications working group which would be meeting shortly.

- Colin Chapman was co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect.

- Babergh DC - The Government's energy rebate payments of £150 had been made to households who paid council tax via direct debit; those who did not would receive their payment later in the month. The Women's Cycle Tour in June would be passing through Raydon and Upper Layham.

- Suffolk CC - with regard to the campaign urging households to recycle glass properly, changes to the current arrangements were being considered, including kerbside collections. Visit <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/> for more information about where to recycle glass currently.

- Quiet Lanes
It was agreed that the Parish Council should make an additional donation of £100 to Quiet Lanes Suffolk, bringing its total contribution to £250. The PC thanks everyone who responded to our public consultation last year regarding this initiative - for your information, the signs have been ordered and will be installed by our volunteers over the next few months.

- National Grid's 'East Anglia Green' consultation - it was agreed to set up a working group to prepare a response to the consultation; the deadline for responses was Thursday 16 June. It was noted that Sir Bernard Jenkin MP was setting up a group to look into an offshore option.



The Big Jubilee Lunch Raydon

Sunday 5th June 2022

12pm to 4pm

King George's Field

We would like to invite residents, their friends and families to help Raydon celebrate the Queens platinum jubilee.

**Bring your own picnic, blanket, chairs.
Some outdoor seating will be available**

The bar will be open and there will be a BBQ selling burgers, hotdogs and veggie options

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."

St Mary's Church, Raydon



Teas, Teas, Teas

Here comes Summer!

Sunday 3rd July

Sunday 7th August

Sunday 4th September

Sunday 2nd October

St Mary's Church Raydon

3.00 – 5.00

Come and join us!



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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.

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

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.

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/salthurlo@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. Let's all join in and 'colour bomb' the village.

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



I would like to thank all friends and neighbours who attended Daphne's funeral on 10th of May and thank them for their condolences and support.

Ron Hood

Holton St Mary Parish Council -

Dates for Meetings	
Parish Council Meeting	July 13th 2022
Parish Council Meeting	September 14th
Parish Council Meeting	November 9th
Parish Council Meeting	January 11th 2023
Parish Council Meeting	March 8th 2023
Annual Parish Meeting	April 12th 2023
Parish Council AGM	May 10th 2023

Holton St Mary Village Hall

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



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

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Green Gym

We won't meet this month, as we met to do a tidy up before the Jubilee celebrations at the end of last month. We will meet again on July 2nd - 10.30 in Church Square. Everyone welcome to join in. Bring a pair of gardening gloves and help out for as long as you want to. We generally spend about an hour weeding, sweeping and generally tidying the village.



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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)

All are very welcome to attend Holy Family services; it is not necessary to be a Catholic and enquiries about the Catholic Faith are always welcome. Please contact The Priory, as above, or a local person

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Services planned for June 2022

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Sunday 5 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
9am Mass

Tuesday 7
9.20am Eucharistic Adoration
10am Mass

Sunday 12 **THE MOST HOLY FAMILY**
9am Mass

Tuesday 14
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10am Mass

Sunday 19 **THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**
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Tuesday 21
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10am Mass

Sunday 26 **13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9am Mass

Tuesday 28
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10am Mass

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SESAW NEWS

There goes Kenneth, the smallest dog at SESA, strutting around the garden like the big boss. He is oblivious to me, quietly sunning myself whilst engaged in a little bird watching. Of course I have no chance of catching the blue tits as they dart in and out of an old nesting box. Those conscientious parents enter with fat grubs and exit with their babies' white droppings. I'm glad I'm a cat!

A robin accompanies Tanya as she loads the wheelbarrow with the dogs' evening meals. He helps himself to the dinners, flying back and forth to his family. Blackbirds forage about the garden for food, probably descendants of those nursed back to health by Mother. Avian Flu restrictions were lifted at the beginning of May, just in time for our geese. The female is sitting on a clutch of eggs and woe betide anyone who gets too close!

Turning to the animals awaiting rehoming, this is an appeal for Polly, a devoted mother cat and her one remaining kitten. She was found in a poly tunnel with five offspring, all but one now rehomed. Why? Because, like me, they are black and so they are overlooked. If you are the person who can offer them a loving home, please

leave a phone message or email straight away.

It's nearly dark and time for a snack before to patrolling the grounds. One of my ex-SESAW pals who now lives outside Hadleigh says he is tantalised by Nightingales singing at night.

He will have to resign himself to dinner in the kitchen, just like me,

Ollie (the Black) Cat.

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Please visit our website for more information and contact details u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley

Welcome to our friends from Ukraine – a new guide to support health and wellbeing

Health and care partners from across Suffolk and north east Essex have created a practical and useful local guide for those people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and seeking shelter in Suffolk and north east Essex so they know which services are available and how to access them.

With the government having guaranteed free access to NHS health care, including hospital services, GP and nurse consultations, vaccines and screenings, it is vital that guests are aware of these entitlements and know how to access them.

Called **Welcome to our friends from Ukraine** the handy 16-page guide is available in Ukrainian, Russian and English language formats. It can be download [HERE](#) and will be distributed as hard copies by health and care partners to host families throughout the area.

The guide is aimed at helping people establish themselves in our local area so they can live as happily and healthily as possible, and to ease their transition to living in the UK.

Features include how to register with a GP practice, how pharmacies are a good source of help and advice, where to access mental wellbeing support, the 24/7 support available from NHS 111 and advice on keeping physically well.

Dr Ed Garratt, chief executive, Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System, said: "Our local area has a proud and rich heritage of welcoming those in need, and we stand with the people of Ukraine at this tragic time of violence and loss of life.

Bin collections

Week Commencing			
	30 th May	Recycling Week	BH Week
	6 th June	Refuse Week	
	13 th June	Recycling Week	
	20 th June	Refuse Week	
	27 th June	Recycling Week	
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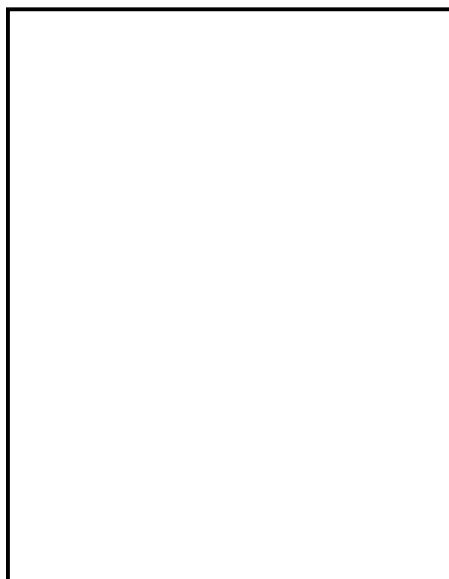
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Please contact Rev'd Manette if you would like to know more about Baptisms or Weddings, or if you need to arranged a loved one's funeral.

Bishop Mike will be leading **Confirmation services** on **14th August** and on **18th September**.in Higham. Please talk to Rev'd Manette if you would like to know more about being confirmed.

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

Regular updates about what is going on in our parishes can be found on the Benefice Facebook page:

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Church Services for June

Please check our Facebook pages and the 4-Marys website for updates. If there are any significant changes, those who are on our regular email contacts list will be notified.

Sunday 5th June 10am: Civic Service to celebrate HM The Queen's Pentecost and Platinum Jubilee
10am: Jubilee Commemoration in Raydon
12noon: Jubilee Commemoration in Higham in Fenwick's Field
5pm: Evening celebration for Pentecost and the end of the Jubilee weekend in Holton St. Mary

Wednesday, 8th June 7.30pm Archdeacons' Visitation with swearing into office of our churchwardens.

Come and support our churchwardens who have offered to take on this important role for another year.

Sunday 12th June 10am: Holy Communion Higham
Trinity Sunday 6.30pm: Evensong Raydon (BCP)

Sunday 19th June 10am: Holy Communion Holton St. Mary
Trinity 1

Sunday 26th June 10am: Holy Communion Raydon
Trinity 2 10am: Family Hour Stratford St Mary Parish Room
4pm Higham Hangout

We are still seeing Covid infections in our benefice and some people have been quite unwell with this. Contracting Covid is also very disruptive for everyone involved and it can lead to more serious illness in those who are elderly or vulnerable. When meeting in church or in other places, please observe social distancing and respect that many wish to avoid physical contact such as shaking hands.

If you feel in any way unwell, or you have a cough, a temperature, a sore throat or a runny nose, even if you don't test positive for Covid, please stay at home until you feel better.

For the time being, the congregation receives Communion in the form of bread wafers only but this is currently under review and we will keep you updated..

Family Hour in Stratford St Mary at 10am

Family Hour in the parish room is on **Sunday, 26th June**. All are welcome to join us for this short family service, bible input and craft fun! Breakfast (bacon rolls / juice / tea / coffee) served **from 9.30 am**. We look forward to welcoming you!

The Family Hour Team.



Sunday Hangout in Higham

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Join us for an hour at St Mary's Church, Higham on:
26th June from 4pm. As this is Rogation Sunday, we will be going on a walk – please bring sturdy shoes. We look forward to seeing you!

Chat, Prayer & Coffee every 3rd Wednesday of the month
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Benefice House Group

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** Please note the change of day.*

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Suffolk Jubilee Prayer

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Bless our Queen, and all who call upon your name,
and help us to be a blessing to others.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,
Amen.

Please pray for all those who will be preparing for Confirmation over the coming months.

We pray for those who are in pain, distress and grief. May we hold the Christ light for them and be alongside them in their darkness.
Please pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers:

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Outside our parishes: Helen Gregory, Poppy Adams and Rev'd Joyce Willis
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