

**Stratford  
St Mary**

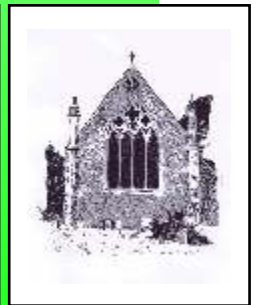
**Higham**

**Holton  
St Mary**

**Raydon**

# Quartet

The Parish Magazine



**November 2016**

Issue 339

### **FOUND**

A small wallet has been found on the main road in Holton St Mary.

Contact Anne on - 07941 781489

### **SEASONED HARDWOOD LOGS**

Sourced from our coppiced woodland here in Higham  
£50 per trailer load  
Try before you buy sample sack £3  
(Larger loads also delivered)

Contact Seb Marno  
07474 707120

### **Wanted:**

Washing Machine  
In reasonable  
condition for short term  
use  
Can collect locally

Contact: Frances on  
07711080658

### **Good quality seasoned logs for sale.**

Collected or delivered.

Call Rob at  
Stratford Hills Farm on  
**07979 237868**



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

# Small Ads pin board

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# Welcome



Dear friends,

I would like to say a big thank you to all who have expressed

their support at this difficult time in our local churches' history. I have had to rearrange my life quite a bit to take on my new duties as Acting Rural Dean, but I am glad to say that I have wonderful colleagues across the Deanery, and not least the Ministry Team in our own Benefice. So please forgive me if I am not able to do everything I would wish to in our own parishes because of having to minister across a wider area. I hope you know that I am still there for you all in any time of need - do just give me a call or email me.

As we head into the month of November, we are once again getting close to Advent - the period of 4 weeks before Christmas when we think about waiting for the birth of Jesus. It's a time when that birth should make us look at our own lives and how we could improve them in the light of his teachings about love, healing and justice for all.

This year we are all beginning to feel the bite of the Brexit vote - my 500 litres of oil have cost me nearly £100 more than they did last time, and a recent pilgrimage to Belgium brought me up

short when I only got 1 Euro to the pound. We are told that the price of food and many other commodities will start to rise inexorably. Most of us are still able to lead the lives we have become used to, but I wonder if those who voted to leave the EU thought about how their vote would radically affect the neediest in our society, besides leaving vital services like the NHS depleted of core workers.

There is a movement that began in America some years ago called WWJD - What Would Jesus Do? That's what we need to be thinking about at this time of year, as the lives of our poorest neighbours become more stressful. Jesus would look around at the weakest in the world and encourage us all to offer our help whenever we can.

And if you are one of those who are finding it increasingly hard to make ends meet, please don't be too proud to ask for help. We are here to support you in any way we can.

With warmest pre-Advent wishes to you all,

With very best wishes to you all,

Rosalind Paul  
Rector

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# The Quartet Diary



## November

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|----|--|----|--|
| 2  | Stour Valley Men's Probus Club   | 24 | R&DGC AGM/Social Evening                               |
| 3  | SSM Rambling Club  | 26 | Raydon Christmas Fair<br>Christmas Coffee Morning, HSM |
| 4  | HSM Social Club Bonfire Night  | 27 | Advent Carol Service, Raydon                           |
| 5  | Nayland Bonfire & Fireworks<br>SSM Community Fireworks<br>Raydon Bonfire Night |    |  |
| 8  | Raydon Fair Trade Coffee<br>Morning  |    |  |
| 9  | Stour Valley U3A Meeting<br>Valuations, Brantham                               |    |  |
| 10 | Valuations, Dedham   |    |  |
| 11 | SSM Rambling Club  |    |  |
| 12 | Headway Suffolk Awards Ball,<br>Woodbridge                                     |    |  |
| 14 | SSM Parish Council Meeting   |    |  |
| 15 | Raydon Parish Council Meeting  |    |  |
| 16 | Stour Valley Men's Probus Club   |    |  |
| 19 | SSM 2 <sup>nd</sup> St Edmunds Pie Dance<br>Hadleigh Choral Society Concert    |    |  |
| 20 | SESAW Christmas Fair, Long<br>Melford  |    |  |
| 21 | SSM Rambling Club  |    |  |

## December

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| 1-3 | Nayland Pantomime  |
| 6   | Raydon Fair Trade Coffee<br>Morning  |
| 7   | Stour Valley U3A Christmas Lunch<br>Stour Valley Men's Probus Club                     |
| 10  | Phoenix Brass Concert Raydon<br>SSM Christmas Fayre<br>HSM Social Club Christmas Dance |
| 11  | HSM 9 Lessons and Carols<br>SSM Carol Service  |
| 15  | Raydon Parish Council Meeting  |
| 17  | Stratford Christmas Light Up   |
| 18  | Higham Carol service<br>Raydon Carol Service   |
| 21  | Stour Valley Men's Probus Club   |
| 22  | Christmas Singing, Constable<br>Singers  |
| 24  | SSM Crib Service<br>Raydon Midnight communion  |

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# Editors Corner

We seem to be thundering towards Christmas at a very unhealthy pace! No sooner has the summer sun disappeared behind the grey clouds of autumn and the festive season seems to be in everybody's minds. Well, I suppose it's not such a bad idea to be prepared!

We've news of several Christmas Fayres to help you prepare both around the villages and beyond this month, as well as preparations afoot for Carol services and Christmas concerts (Phoenix Brass is back in Raydon this year - see page 15)

Before we get too wound up in Christmas though, don't forget it's bonfire night soon! There's events in Holton, Raydon and Stratford, so pop along and enjoy the fun!

Changing the subject entirely, we have a few new advertisers this month which is nice to see. I'll single out Lillies of Raydon for a quick mention here - and wish Diane the very best with her local enterprise. Her advert is on page 29

Changing tack again and for the last time, we've been asked to draw your attention to the article about noisy cars in the Holton section (see page 17) Sally would love to hear from you if you too have experienced the same problems that seem to plague Holton, but live in other villages.

Here's wishing you all a happy and successful November, and remember, Christmas is nearly here!

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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**19<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

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# Stratford St Mary

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## Are you interested in local History?

Stratford St Mary is looking for a new Archivist. This will be someone who is responsible for collecting and ensuring the care of historic journals, letters, photographs and other works relating to Stratford St Mary. The Parish Council currently have the present information stored, but if the right person is able to keep to documents safely and securely at home this would be an advantage but not absolutely necessary. Also if anyone is interested or has experience in converting documents to electronic format this would also be a bonus. Please contact a member of the Parish Council or the Clerk on [parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk).

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## 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.

## Closure of Public Telephone Kiosks

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BT has advised us of its intention to disconnect the telephone lines in many public phone boxes in South Suffolk owing to a lack of use by the public. We have two kiosks in Stratford St Mary, one in Upper St and the other in the Ipswich- bound lay-by on the A12 just outside the village.

Do residents have any opinion on whether we should ask BT to keep the telephone lines operational for possible future use in the event of an emergency given the indifferent mobile phone coverage experienced in the past throughout the Dedham Vale or should we simply agree to having the phone lines disconnected? Would anyone like to see the phone boxes taken over by the community for alternative use or simply have them removed completely?

If you have any views on this please contact the parish clerk by email on [parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk) or attend our next council meeting on Monday 14th November at the Institute Hall, Higham Road commencing at 7.30pm when our decision on this issue will be made.

Stratford St Mary Parish Council

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## POPPY DAY APPEAL – 2016

I have taken over responsibility from Eileen Platford, after her many years of sterling work, providing poppies for the above appeal in Stratford St Mary. It will take time to organise door-to-door collections, so I hope you will forgive me if I place Poppy displays this year in the following locations, so that you can purchase a poppy:

Farm Shop/Restaurant  
Anchor Public House  
Garage  
Post Office/Stores  
Swan Public House  
Black Horse Public House  
Primary School  
Church  
Rosebank, Lower Street

It is a worthy cause, to support servicemen and woman who, at the behest of the Government in power, fight on our behalf to keep this country safe. The injured require ongoing care, help and support.

Thank you

David Isaac



Stratford St Mary Parish Council website has now been updated. Please pop over to [www.stratfordstmary.onesuffolk.net](http://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](mailto:parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk)

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Please note the following dates for the Parish Council meetings:

November 14th 7.30pm

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## Stratford St Mary Parish Council Emergency Team

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

### Hilary Cairns – Emergency Team Leader

6 Mors End 01206 323417

07712 591379

[hilcairns@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hilcairns@tiscali.co.uk)

### Norman Woodard

12 Swaynes 01206 323015

[Norman.woodard@fatbloaters.com](mailto:Norman.woodard@fatbloaters.com)

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Brook Farm, School Lane 01206

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42 Strickmere 01206 322482

07958 515573

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3 Spanbies 01206 322990

[billdav@hotmail.com](mailto:billdav@hotmail.com)

## SUFFOLK CHURCHES ANNUAL BIKE RIDE – SAT 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

Money from sponsors has now been collected and the total achieved by bikers and donations this year was £1320.00. Half of that sum will go to St Mary's Church and the other half will be held in a central fund, from which churches/chapels can bid for help with projects and repairs.

Mr Bill D excelled again this year with 44 churches visited and 94 miles covered in the allotted time.

Thank you to all the bikers, to the financial supporters, sponsors and to the marshals and helpers in the church.

Judi Isaac

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I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who gave me flowers, gifts, cards and well wishes after working at Stratford St Mary post office for the last 10 years, I am truly overwhelmed. I am sure I will see lots of you around especially at village events.

Ronnie

### Stratford 100 Club Winners

October.

85	G. Ablitt	£40.00
138	B. Gardiner	£10.00
149	M. Dennis	£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.

Dave George 01206 322297

### SSM

#### Open Gardens 2017

#### *Be Prepared*

SSM is proposing to host an "Open Gardens" event next year in either May or June so wanted to give everybody time to prepare. We intend to combine this with refreshment stops and some form of entertainment along the way so please let us know if you would consider opening your garden to the public for the day.

***More the merrier so drop a line to Julie on:***

***[Julie@jj-associates.co.uk](mailto:Julie@jj-associates.co.uk)***







*Be part of it*

***Stratford St Mary Book of Memories***

Work is currently in progress to collect stories, anecdotes and pictures capturing interesting or humorous incidents from life in and around the village of Stratford St Mary from the second World War to the present day. These will be collated into a book that residents can browse themselves or share with family and friends. If you have a memory to impart, a story to tell or photo's that we could copy, join us at the Swan between 7.30 and 10pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October.  
e-mail [villagelife@stratford-st-mary.org](mailto:villagelife@stratford-st-mary.org) or call Julie 0798 963 9583



***The 2nd  
St Edmunds Pic Dance***

The Stratford St Mary Institute Hall  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - 7pm until 11pm  
***Pie & Mash Supper followed by country dancing  
to the Haywainers - Licensed Bar***  
Tickets: £12.50 per head (inclusive of supper)  
available from The Post Office,  
call Brian: 323091 Chris: 337363. David: 322259, Norman: 323015 or  
e-mail [villagelife@stratford-st-mary.org](mailto:villagelife@stratford-st-mary.org)

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 4pm - Millennium Garden.  
***Stratford Christmas Light-up***

Start your festivities with Santa Clause as he visits  
Stratford St Mary to light-up the village Christmas tree.  
Carols, Seasonal fare available at the Swan

[WWW.stratford-st-mary.org](http://WWW.stratford-st-mary.org)

## Christmas Fayre

(raising money for SSM church roof fund)



Tea & Cakes  
Local crafts and bric-a-brac  
Musical interludes  
Children's activities  
Village Archives



Stratford St Mary Church  
Saturday 10th December  
11.00am – 2.00pm

Whether you're an artist, a baker, a candlestick maker or indeed if you simply want to de-clutter, any items you wish to donate for the stalls are all greatly appreciated

(call Julie on 07989 639 583)

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## 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**  
**Lynn Badcock on 01206 323788**

## STRATFORD ST. MARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(known also as "Stratford Chapel")

Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary CO7 6JH

We are an evangelical/charismatic and community based Church attended by all age groups

### Sunday Services:

10 a.m. Morning Praise & Worship  
followed by refreshments

10.15 a.m. -11.15 a.m. "Sparks on Sunday" for children aged 5 – 11 years  
and Youth Group for ages 12-16 years.

6.30 p.m. Prayer and Praise

### Mid-Week Groups:

Tuesdays 9.30 am – 11.30 am - Mums & Tots (during term time)

Tuesday 7.30 am -9.30 am - Men's

Recreational Evening (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues every month)

Wednesday 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm - Bible Discussion and Fellowship Evening

Friday 5 pm – 6.30pm – "Sparks on Friday" for Children ages 7 – 11 years

Friday 7.30pm – 9.30pm – "Ignition"

Youth Club for teens ages 11 – 16 yrs

### For further information:

Telephone: Phil (01473) 310728

Email : [philipwyncoll@btinternet.com](mailto:philipwyncoll@btinternet.com)

<http://www.stratfordstmarychapel.com>





Congratulations to Sue and George - celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary with the village in October.

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**With immediate effect, the new e-mail address for Stratford St Mary Parish Council will be [parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk). All other details remain the same.**



## SESAW Christmas Fair



Sunday 20th November, 10-3pm at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX.  
Seasonal gifts, decorations & cards, crafts, jewellery, glassware, jigsaws, boxed games, pet stall, tombola, raffle, snacks, refreshments, free parking.  
Adult entry 50p

A fundraising event for Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Reg.Charity No.1124029. Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. 01787 210888  
[www.sesaw.co.uk](http://www.sesaw.co.uk)

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## 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](mailto: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**

## **Community Fireworks**

### **Display**

# **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Stratford St Mary Primary School (Playing Field)**

**Gates open at 6pm**

**Online Tickets now available from [www.ssmfireworks.co.uk](http://www.ssmfireworks.co.uk)  
or Primary School Office, Post Office & Hall Farm**

**(Please note that due to popularity and restriction on numbers this is a ticket only event so  
please purchase in advance to avoid disappointment)**



## **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.



**IGNITION Youth Club**  
**Stratford Chapel**  
**Every Friday night**  
**7.30 to 9.30**

Age 11 - 16  
contact [Beckie.w@live.com](mailto:Beckie.w@live.com)



Colin the fishmonger has his fresh  
fish van in the lay-by at the bottom  
of Church Hill in Stratford every

Thursday morning from  
10.30am to 1.30pm

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# Raydon



## Fair Trade Coffee Morning

Our Fair Trade coffee morning on 11th October saw a much cooler start to the day and

unfortunately problems for quite a few of our hardy regulars. It seemed as if anything that could happen had happened today! Like cars breaking down (so no Frinton goodies!) gas fitters requiring house access, opticians changing dates etc. and me having to rush off early leaving others to wash up!!

The "Devilish Quiz" was one of our topics today, with those who were unable to come wanting to know what they'd missed, and those who were able to come saying how good it was and when were we going to have another one! It's good to hear that the event was enjoyed and also that we managed to make around £200 for the much needed Church funds.

Our next Fair Trade coffee morning is on November 8th, but before then we have our "Books and Bric a Brac" sale in the Church at 10am-12noon, the date is November 5th! So don't just "Remember, remember the 5th of November" for the grand firework display that night, but for our sale as well! A busy day.

Well, many thanks for continuing to support Fair Trade through our coffee morning, I look forward to seeing you again on November 8th.

Wendy Mumford 312123

## Sale of Books, Collectables, Vintage & Bric a Brac.

Also Other large items  
Inside Raydon Church

On Saturday 5th November 10am-12noon

Refreshments available

In aid of fabric funds

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

Tuesday 15 November  
Thursday 15 December  
Thursday 19 January 2017

***NB: if you would like to see copies of the minutes of any Raydon Parish Council meetings, please contact Jane Cryer, Parish Clerk (details below)***

**Jane Cryer  
Clerk to the Council  
Sunnyside Cottage, Overbury Hall  
Road, Layham IP7 5NA**

**07920 713940 / [raydonpc@gmail.com](mailto:raydonpc@gmail.com)**



**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!



## The Marenzio Singers

will sing for a

### Carol Service

to celebrate the start of Advent

St Mary's, Raydon  
Sunday 27th November 5.00pm

## Devilish Quiz.

The Devilish Quiz was Devilish good fun and I think enjoyed by all who came. A very big thank you as well to our question master, score keeper and "raffle lady" and all the helpers.

A big thank you to everyone for your support and for raising around £200 for the Church funds.

## Raydon Century Club Draws:

### OCTOBER

£25 44 Mr K Newby

£15 41 Mr P Cousins

£10 78 Mrs C Neckrews

£5 88 Mrs G Mason

£5 86 Mrs J Bridgewater

£5 9 Charlie Cook

£5 147 Mr & Mrs Bancroft

Raydon Village Hall



Saturday 26th November

10am -noon

Craft stalls Bric a brac Tombola Cakes  
and more

Raffle and refreshments  
If you would like to have a stall

please ring Betty Cooper  
on 310088



# Raydon and District Gardening Club

As we head into winter once again I hope you have all enjoyed Spring, Summer & Autumn of 2016. As gardeners, of course, this is the start of the new gardening year as we now start to prepare the ground for next Spring. Time to tidy up but think of nature around you so don't be too tidy, they need food, water and shelter to help get them through the worst weather winter can deliver until we come to Springtime once again. We need them as much as they need us.

All your new Spring bulbs should be planted already and it's now time to plant Tulip bulbs ready for a great show in mid April / May. If it's not too cold or frosty then any bare rooted plants, shrubs, trees etc can be dug up and moved to new sites if you wish.

Due to holiday, these notes are written before we had our annual open Charity night so I hope it was another successful evening, (more on this in December Quartet).

Now, all members, please come to our last meeting in 2016 on Thursday 24th November at 7.30pm. It's time to have your say and pick a new committee for 2017. Meet our special guests and club president while you enjoy a glass of wine or fruit juice. Have fun doing the table top quiz, then at 8.00pm a short AGM, (only 30 mins) then enjoy a cold

buffet, followed by quiz results (winners get small pressie), then the evening finishes off with a grand raffle.

Advance notice:- Dates for your new diary,  
First meeting in 2017 is February 23rd.

Members Spring Show 8th April 2017.

Annual coach outing Sunday 25th June,

Summer Show will be Saturday 19th August

Geoff Horrex, (01473 310422)



[www.raydon-gc.org.uk](http://www.raydon-gc.org.uk)

## **SPEEDING – HELP TO MAKE RAYDON SAFER**



**communityspeedwatch**

It is a matter of extreme concern to your Parish Council that speeding traffic in the village is becoming more prevalent by the day - and statistics show an alarming picture.

Your Parish Council is determined to try to alleviate this problem and is considering a number of speed detection devices suitable for our road conditions and effective as deterrents.

Research has involved a lengthy consultation with neighbouring parishes who have already acquired such equipment and operated it for some time. We can report that the most effective means of curbing speeding, based on our consultation, appears to be Community Speedwatch. Some parishes say that the results have been conclusive - speeding has been noticeably reduced.

However, this would require volunteers to operate the equipment. Please contact me if you would be prepared to participate, should the PC decide to go ahead with this initiative – full training would be given. You can find out more about Community Speedwatch by visiting:

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/safetyadvice/roadssafety/knowthelaw/speeding/communityspeedwatch.aspx>

**Jane Cryer**  
**Clerk to Raydon Parish Council**  
**01473 824287 / 07920 713940**  
[\*\*raydonpc@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:raydonpc@gmail.com)

## **Bonfire Night at Raydon**

**Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>**



**Bonfire lighting at 7pm approx**

The big night out - come & enjoy  
BBQ and Bar

Even more fireworks this year so  
please give generously to the  
bucket collection.

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## **Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride/Stride.**

Just to say a huge “THANK YOU” to the Raydon bike riders this year. The whispers that I had heard about how much you raised were correct and so far the total is £550.00 !! Half of which comes to Raydon Church.

Well done and thanks again on behalf of Jan Hyland.





Tickets, including wine and light supper, £8.50  
available from 01473 310320 & 01473 312123

In aid of Church Fabric Fund

# Higham



Did you know you can download posters from the internet to welcome trick or treaters or ask them not to call?

Use a search engine to find Halloween posters - they are usually available on Police websites.



## 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 Advanced DBS check with another organisation within the last six months.

# Holton St Mary

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## Hooting!

I am writing this short article to ask if anyone in any of the surrounding Villages is having the same experience as Holton St Mary.

Intermittently, over a number of years, a car drives through the Village in the sleeping hours, beeping their horn repeatedly. The most recent report was just before 02.00 one morning, but previous incidents were more normally after 04.30 and before 06.00.

It has wrecked the sleep pattern of a number of residents and has been reported to the Police on more than one occasion. It was reported upon in one of our Annual Parish Meetings and after that, it went very quiet for a number of months, leading to all sorts of speculation about who might be the perpetrator.

The Parish Council in Holton St Mary is considering what further action to take but it would be very helpful to understand if this is a Holton-only problem or whether other communities have experienced similar anti-social behaviour.

Please contact me, or the Parish Clerk, if you prefer, in the first instance.

Sally Thurlow [salthurlow@gmail.com](mailto:salthurlow@gmail.com) or  
01473 312080  
[hsmpparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hsmpparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk)

## First Friday of the Month Lunch Club



On the first Friday of every month 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 on 312046 or Sally Thurlow on 312080 or email Frances on [familytorrington@btinternet.com](mailto:familytorrington@btinternet.com) or Sally on [salthurlow@gmail.com](mailto:salthurlow@gmail.com)

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

## Christmas is coming! Do you want to save time and money?

For a small donation the Holton St. Mary Church Fund Raising Group will publish your good wishes to your friends in the Quartet area via Quartet And Church notice board, saving you the time and expense of writing Christmas Cards.

To let me know how you would sign for you and your family,

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**Closing Date NOVEMBER 8th**

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**A Big Thank You** to all who made cakes, provided raffle prizes, donated and attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning, and all who helped out, on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September!

It was a big success, lovely to see so many people attending such a good cause.

We raised a total of £745.56!

Thanks again, from Paula Partridge & Janet Cracknell

Hope to see you All again for Next Year's!

### Holton St Mary Social Club

**Whist** – Last Friday of the month

**Bonfire Night** – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
– On the Millennium Green – Fire to be lit around 7pm as normal – Bucket Collection for Donations

**Christmas Dance** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December – See John Partridge/Erik Ellis for details

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**September:** £25 Judith Morgan, £15 Bob Holmes, £10 Russell Thompson, £ 5 each to Don McWatt and Robin Hood

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## **HOLTON ST MARY CAROL SERVICE**

There will be a service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Holton St Mary Church on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30p.m.

Choir rehearsals will take place in the church at 7.30p.m. – 8.30p.m. on:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

And on 11<sup>th</sup> December from 4.30p.m. – 5.30p.m.

Anyone wishing to join the choir will be very welcome.

Jean Styles [jean.styles@uwclub.net](mailto:jean.styles@uwclub.net).

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## **S t o u r V a l l e y M e n ' s P r o b u s C l u b**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October our speakers' Anne & Dennis Kell subject was "Natural History of Bats" and on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October David Ablewhite presented a talk entitled "Wallace & Edward". Both events proved popular with our Members.

Our November speakers are:

2nd ~ John Stark "Mid Suffolk Light Railway"

16<sup>th</sup> ~ Homestead Senior Care "Senior Fraud"

Our December meetings are: 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Robin Finch "Entertains"

21<sup>st</sup> ~ Paul Oliver "Christmas Quiz"

We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB. 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 10.30am. Please contact Secretary Brian Rolfe on 01206 393665 for further details.

## **Constable Singers**

You are welcome to join us each week. We meet at the Lambe School East Bergholt each Thursday at 6.45pm apart from the 2nd Thursday when we meet at the Congregational Church East Bergholt.

We sing songs from the shows and popular music, no audition, just come and enjoy singing along to CD's. Words are provided and the first session is free so you can sample kind of songs we sing.

For further information contact Yvonne 01206 298408 or Mel 01206 298628

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### Collection Schedule 2016

November 2016						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

 Recycling this week

 Rubbish collected this week

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All teams have maintained their positions in their respective Colchester & District leagues this season.

## Stour Valley U3A



On Wednesday 12 October after our AGM, Andrew Phillips OBE (Lord Phillips of Sudbury) talked on "Life in The House of Lords". He gave his views on the House of Lords, that he knows inside out, as an institution and added some reminiscences from his 17 years there.

On Wednesday 9 November Adrian Wright FRGS will talk on "Earth on Fire". Hawaiian larva oozes continuously while Krakatoa & Vesuvius have been ~ dormant for decades - sometimes centuries- between cataclysmic events. This illustrative talk examines volcanic variety, exploring reasons for such diversity.

Whilst we do not have a speaker meeting in December our popular Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 7th December in the Constable Hall.

We meet at The Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2.15pm. Annual membership costs £12 a year and this entitles members to attend the meetings that take place on the second Wednesday of each month, except August and December.

We have a wide range of groups including language study, 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, Lawford, Manningtree, Raydon, & Stratford St Mary. We are affiliated to the ThirdAge Trust, have over 230 members and 21 groups. For further information please visit [www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk](http://www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk) where membership secretary Val Pretty may be contacted.



## Kenny's SESAW News

Take cover my fellow animal friends, it's firework season! Why not ask your Humans to visit an organised display instead of letting off a few bangs in the back garden. Remind them also that although you may dread seeing the vet, he is your best friend at this stressful time of the year. Whilst on dark thoughts, Ollie is most concerned about Orvill and Wellington, two delightful five month old kittens, dumped in Ipswich when they were about twelve weeks old. Guess why? Rejected again because they are black. Have you room in your heart and house for these siblings that so many consider the wrong colour?

Thank you to all the nice people who helped raise £150 at our Book Sale. I hope you have noted 20th November is our Christmas Fair at the Old School, Long Melford. The doors will open at 10am to reveal an Aladdin's cave of gifts, crafts, jewellery, glass, jigsaws, seasonal goodies and lots more plus a raffle, tombola and snacks. Adult admission 50p, parking free. We hope to see you at this, our last event of the year. Looking ahead to next year, I bet Barbara has already started collecting items for another sale in Stratford St. Mary. Perhaps Mum will let me help this time!

I really must return to my place by the range before the others come in. These chilly days don't suit a chap with Mexican DNA like me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!



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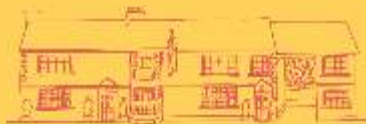


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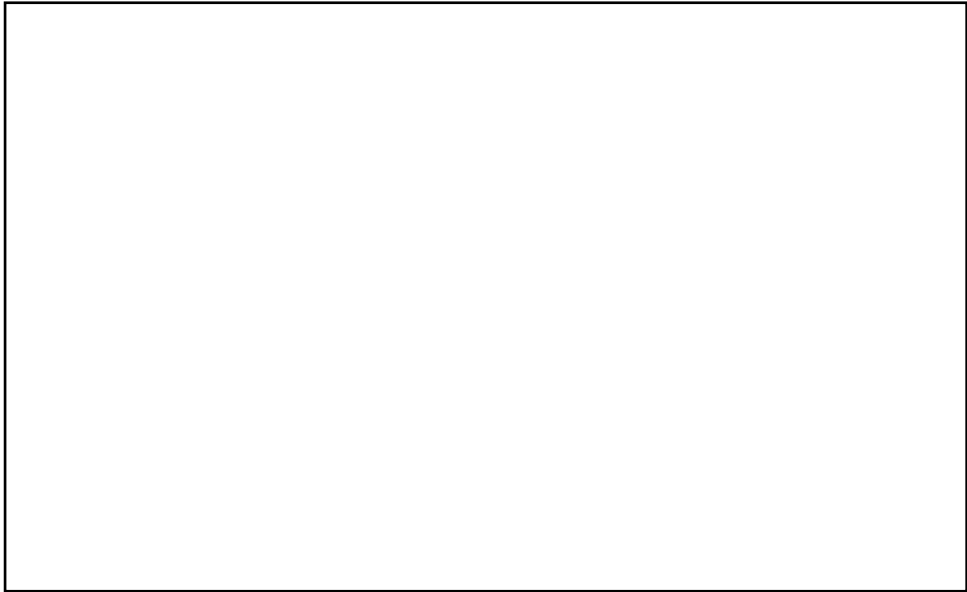
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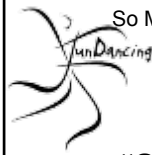
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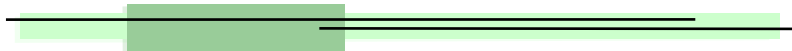
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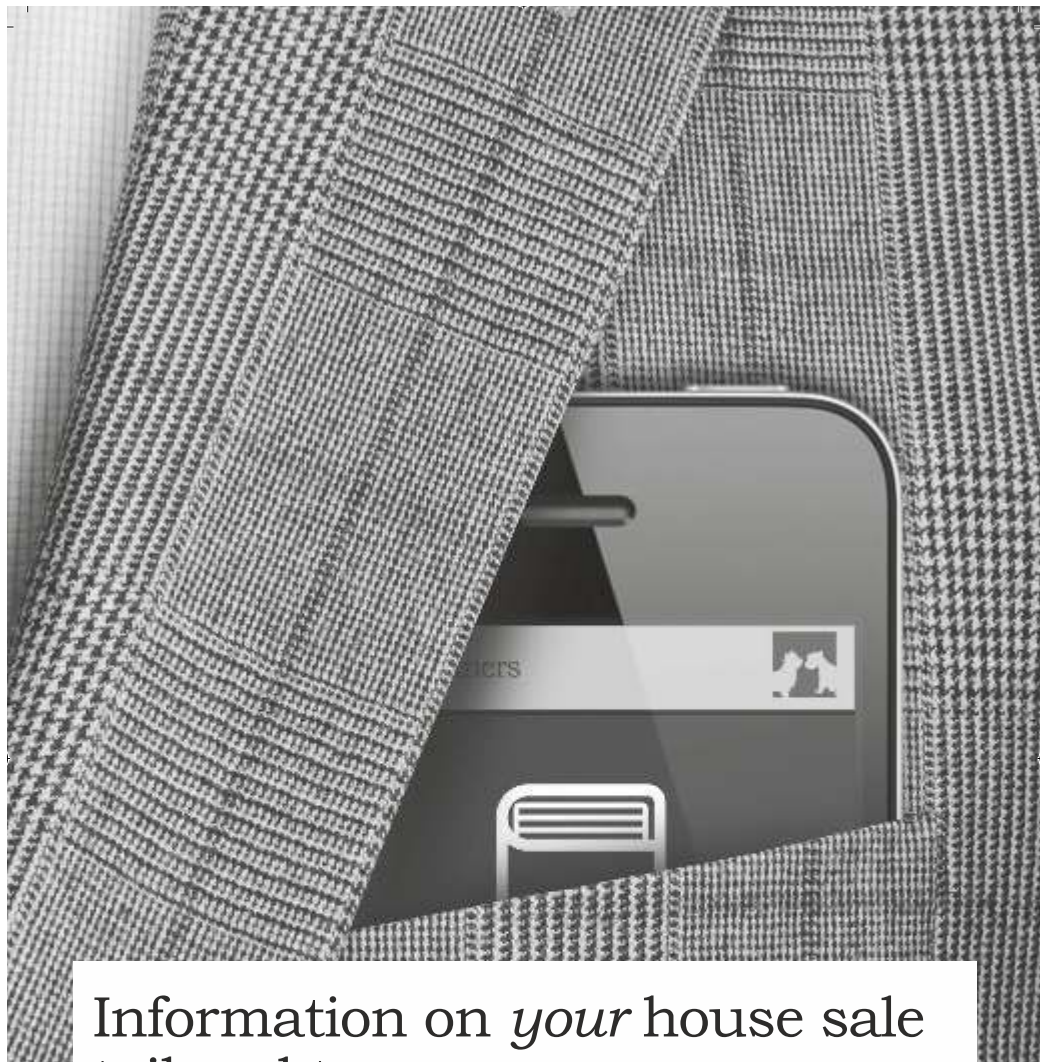


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Monday 14th: 9.15 a.m. SSM  
Thursday 17th: 9.30 a.m. Higham  
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### Midweek Communion

This month's short service of Holy Communion in the Parish Room at Stratford St Mary will be at 10 a.m. on **16 November**.



## Services in November and December

		<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	<b>NB. 5pm</b>
6th		SSM	Holton
13th		10.50am Remembrance Sunday	All churches
20th		Holton	SSM
27th		Higham (family hour +HC)	Raydon Advent Carols
4th		SSM	
11th		Higham	4.30 p.m. SSM Carol Service 6.30 p.m. Holton Carol Service
18th		<b>Holton</b>	4.30 p.m. Higham Carol Service 6.30 p.m. Raydon Carol Service
24th			4.30 p.m. SSM Crib Service 11.30 p.m. Raydon Midnight Communion
25th		Higham (Christine Cousins) Holton (Rev'd Rosalind + Richard Appleton to preach)	



## New Testament Readings and Collects for weekdays in November

30 October: *Fourth Sunday before Advent.* God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

31st Revelation 1. Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

1st Luke 9.18-27. **All Saints' Day**

- 3rd Revelation 3.1-13. Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist,  
Teacher of the Faith, 1600
- 4th Revelation 3.14-end
- 5th Revelation 4

6 November: *3rd Sunday before Advent.* God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end that earth may know the peace of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 7th Revelation 5. Wilibrod of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739
- 8th Revelation 6. The Saints and Martyrs of England
- 9th Revelation 7.1-4, 9-end. Margery Kempe, Mystic, c. 1440
- 10th Revelation 8. Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith,  
461
- 11th Revelation 9.1-12. **Armistice Day**
- 12th Revelation 9.13-end

13 November: *2nd Sunday before Advent.* Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation; stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess, and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 14th Revelation 10. Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North  
America, 1796
- 15th Revelation 11.1-14
- 16th Revelation 11.15-end. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist,  
Reformer of the Church, 1093
- 17th Revelation 12. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200
- 18th Revelation 13.1-10. Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia,  
Philanthropist, 1231
- 19th Revelation 13.11-end. Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680

20 November: *Christ the King.* God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service whose kingdom has no end, for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

- 21st Revelation 14.1-13
- 22nd Revelation 14.14-15.end
- 23rd Revelation 16.1-11. Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c. 100
- 24th Revelation 16.12-end
- 25th Revelation 17. Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century
- 26th Revelation 18

27 November: *Advent Sunday.* Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

- 28th Revelation 19

29th	Revelation 20. Day of Intercession for the Missionary Work of the Church
30th	John 12.20-32. <b>Andrew the Apostle</b>
1st	Revelation 21.9-21. Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916
2nd	Revelation 21.22-22.5
3rd	Revelation 22.6-end. Francis Xavier, Apostle to the Indies, 1552



#### PCC meetings

31 October	Raydon, 7.30 p.m. The Rectory
2 November	Holton, 7.45 p.m. The Oaks Farm House
10 November	SSM, 7.30 p.m. at Sarah Brass's house
17 November	Higham, 7.30 p.m. at Andrew Potter's house



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