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St Mary**

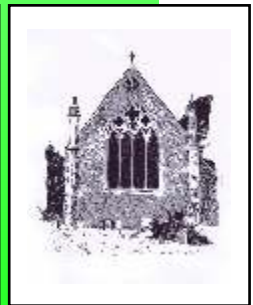
**Higham**

**Holton  
St Mary**

**Raydon**

# Quartet

The Parish Magazine



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### **Do you need help with your any odd jobs?**

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

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[sam\\_herbig@me.com](mailto:sam_herbig@me.com) and let me know  
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E : christmas@raydonagricultural.co.uk  
M : 07456022934  
A : Blackstump Cottage, Woodlands Road,  
Raydon, IP7 5QD  
Near Raydon Railway Walk



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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 am writing this in the wake of Hurricane Ophelia, which on 16 and 17

October struck the Pembrokeshire coast, amongst other places. It's an area I know very well, as I have been going there on holiday since I was 14, to stay in a tiny little cottage up on an isolated mountainside. It was very odd to think of the beautiful beach below the cottage being lashed by huge waves, and the winds - which always blow pretty strongly around the cottage - wreaking havoc around that whole area. I haven't heard of casualties there, but please do pray for all who have been affected, both there and elsewhere across this island, as well as more profoundly on the island of Ireland.

The effect here in Suffolk, apart from slightly higher winds than normal, was visible in the extraordinary yellowish-brown colour that the day took on, followed by a dazzlingly brilliant red sunset - all apparently caused by sand from the Sahara and smoke from the fires in Portugal being taken up in the winds. This earth and its weather and atmosphere are at times very strange things - who could have dreamed them up?!

We are sorry that we had to cancel the Suffolk MIND course on 7 October owing to the illness of the speaker, but here is advance warning that it will take place on 27 January instead; more news about that nearer the time.

We had a wonderful morning with Magdalen Houlihan on Silent Prayer in SSM on 10 October, and following on from that we are going to resurrect our own Silent Prayer Group, starting on 6 November at 11.30 a.m. at the Rectory. It's a time to be silent before God before sharing some time together talking about what is important in our lives at present. If enough people are interested, we could also have a light lunch together afterwards. If you plan to come, it would be good to know, so please be in touch.

Here is another reminder that on 10 November at 7.30 p.m. in Holton church we shall be doing a reading of St Luke's Gospel in the King James Version. As you sip a glass of wine (or something else!), readers from around our parishes will take turns in reading the beautiful stories that we all know and love from that Gospel. Please bring a cushion for your own comfort!

Please don't forget to read the pull-out pages in the centre of this edition so that you will know all about the events and services coming up over the Advent and Christmas season.

May God's blessing be upon you.

Rosalind Paul  
Rector

# The Quartet Diary



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Raydon
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Stour Valley U3A Christmas Lunch
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Raydon Carol service
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## 2018

## January

- 2 Raydon Fair Trade Coffee Morning
- 30 Raydon Fair Trade Coffee Morning

# Editors Corner

Christmas draws ever nearer, and we are getting more and more seasonal events in the pages - particularly those at the beginning of December, just so you can plan ahead!

Have you sorted out all your Christmas presents yet? Well, not to worry, there are quite a few local Christmas Fayres on offer this month, where perhaps you could pick up something special and have a lovely time out as well! See page 8 for Stratford St Mary, Page 10 for Raydon, and page 16 for Holton. If that's not enough, there are other Christmas events further afield beyond the Holton section of the magazine as well!

Let's not get too ahead of ourselves though, and remember we haven't even had Fireworks night yet. Events are programmed in Stratford, Holton and Raydon again, so look in the appropriate section for details of the event closest to you.

Happy reading, and as the Christmas season approaches, we hope you are all able to stay calm and relaxed and enjoy events, family and friends without getting too stressed!

Anne and Jane,

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



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# Stratford St Mary

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## **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.

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## **coffee morning**

**On Wednesday 22nd November**

**in aid of the Lifeboat institute,  
in SSM Parish Room  
10.30am - 12.00pm.**

Coffee and seasonal refreshments with a charge of £2.50 will be available. Raffle and a bring and buy stall with some lifeboat related items also available to purchase.

Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause, the men and women who 'man' the lifeboats are volunteers & receive no government funding.

Margaret Snelling

## **POPPY DAY APPEAL – 2017**

British Legion Poppies will be available at the following locations in Stratford St Mary for 2 weeks prior to Remembrance Day.

Farm Shop/Restaurant  
Anchor Public House  
Garage/Village Shop  
Swan Public House  
Black Horse Public House  
Primary School  
Rosebank, Lower Street

Hopefully you will support this worthy cause in respect of 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

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Local Stratford St Mary resident Mrs Anna Marshall who has just celebrated her 90th birthday would like to thank all her friends and acquaintances for all their kind gifts and wishes on this wonderful occasion.

## 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



Need to email Stratford St Mary Parish Council?

You will need to use

[parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk)

**Power Cut? Call 105 | The New Free Way to Report Issues**

**[www.powercut105.com](http://www.powercut105.com)**

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

## SSM Village Life

Do you fancy trying a spot of traditional set dancing?

### **THE STOUR VALLEY REELERS**

Meet twice monthly on second and fourth Wednesdays at the Parish Room Stratford St Mary, starting at 8pm.

The music is live and no previous experience is necessary.

The dances are simple to do and the movements are in any case, explained and called.

In addition to Dance Nights, the group also enjoys several party nights throughout the year, with celebrations for Robert Burns in January, St George in April, St Andrew in November and others in between.

**Seems like your kind of fun? Why not give us a try.**

Call Brenda or Brian on 01206 323 091 for more information.



**Family Hour @ The Parish Room**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday families and friends come together for breakfast followed by a 30 minute Interactive church service.

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

Come and join us!

## 100 Club winners

104 S.Gotelee	£ 40.00
112 S.Davies	£ 10.00
42 L.Pragg	£ 5.00

## 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:

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>

## 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.



### **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)



# Stratford St Mary

## Community Fireworks Display

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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, Vale Garage Shop & 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)

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#### The bell ringers appeal

In Higham and Stratford St Mary, they ring bells at the drop of a hat,  
Be it hand-bells or tower bells, (or potentially cow bells)

But there's nothing the matter with that.

It's a skill that's as English as England, claimed by noble and peasant, the same,

Yet it ranked with the long-bow and cider (that's Strongbow),

Keeping England ahead of the game.

But we're needing a few extra ringers if this traditional skill's to survive.

Learn the ropes on a Friday and it will soon be your day

To keep ringing on Sunday alive

So do please see if you can join us, come on now just give it a try,

The skills we can teach you if we can only reach you,

So please give us a call, don't be shy.

**Martin: 01206 337 325 or Brenda & Brian: 01206 323 091**

## **SUFFOLK CHURCHES ANNUAL BIKE RIDE – SAT 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

Money from sponsors has now been collected and the total achieved by bikers and donations this year was **£1185.00**. 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 triumphed again this year, reaching 37 churches and achieving for the first time 100 miles covered in the allotted time.

Once again, 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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## **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 Institute Committee

## **Stratford St Mary Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 18th November**

**10.30am-3pm**



Unique and locally made Christmas gifts, children's activities, food and refreshments, Santa's Grotto, and much more!

Free entry

At Stratford St Mary Primary  
School

All proceeds go to abc preschool  
and Stratford St Mary Primary  
School PTA

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## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AT THE INSTITUTE**

13th November

7.30pm till 10.30pm

## BOOK OF MEMORIES

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

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



Stratford St Mary Parish Council website has now been updated. Please pop over to [www.stratfordstmary.onesuffolk.net](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)



## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

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

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

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



Community  
First Responders

Interested in becoming a CFR?

Why not find out what it is about?

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

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

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

# Raydon



## Fair Trade Coffee Morning

A rather cool morning and slow start for our Fair Trade coffee morning today, but with the arrival of sun dried tomato and cheese

Scoffins and chocolate banana cake everyone seemed to swarm in together. We are so lucky to have "Frinton" friends like this and very much appreciate all the baking. The photograph of our "Twinned Toilet" had arrived! It's very pleasing to know that we are helping a family to better health and hygiene. It was suggested that instead of our own families buying us Christmas presents we should ask them to club together and twin our toilets at home. Brilliant idea! I have the forms and there are some at the back of our Church, so hope the idea takes off!

The shoe box scheme for "Operation Christmas Child" was suggested for next month, we've taken part in this several times so we know what to put in them. We have a few shoe boxes so bring any items you collect and we'll put the boxes together whilst enjoying our usual good coffee and good company.

Meanwhile, thanks to all the coffee morning models and audience who supported the Edinburgh Woollen Mill fashion show. We had a really fun evening and managed to raise £315.00 for the fabric fund.

Thanks as usual for your support and see you again on November 7th.

Wendy Mumford 01473 312123

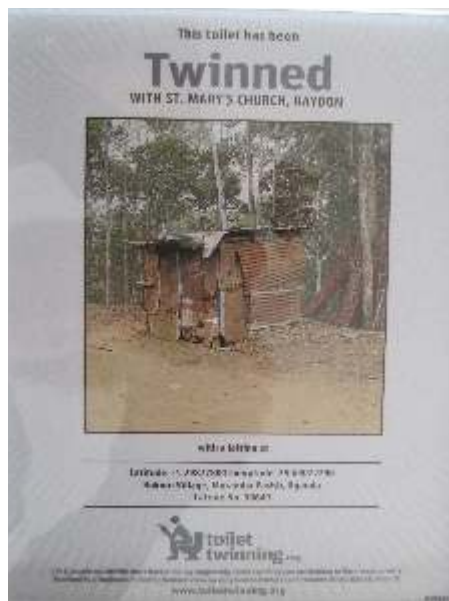
## RAYDON VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 10-  
NOON

A VARIETY OF CRAFT STALLS,  
CAKES, TOMBOLA

BRIC-A-BRAC REFRESHMENTS,  
RAFFLE

There is room for another stall. If you are interested, please call Betty on 01473 310088





# Celebratory Christmas Concert

by  
**Phoenix Brass**

Saturday 2nd December  
at 7.30

St Mary's Church, Raydon

Tickets including wine & light supper £10.00

Available from 01473 310320 or 01473 312123



# Raydon and District Gardening Club

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On a very cloudy day in mid October as I look out of the window it reminds me how we will have to get used to this over the coming months. But do not get too despondent because this time of year often brings lovely sunny days if but a bit chillier early mornings & nights. The birds are building up the fat reserves to see them through the cooler times ahead & the squirrels are digging holes to bury hazel nuts once again. Now as gardeners the New gardening Year starts with moving shrubs, plants etc to new spots in the garden or planting new bulbs to enlighten us in Spring time, veggie gardens need compost dug in, tender plants need protection either with fleece or moved to a greenhouse-shed for added warmth so there is plenty to do.

Don't forget to compost the last of the leaves but not too tidy, save some for wild life to hibernate in as they need warmth as well as us.

The October meeting with guest speakers Jim Marshall & Sarah Cook was a delightful evening as ever as they "rub off" each other with their knowledge of all things gardening, with humour, words of wisdom & encouragement to inspire us all to greater things. The only disappointment was a low attendance (most unusual) but many people have late holidays so this may have contributed. Certainly no reflection on quality of our guest speakers.

So to November 23rd which is our last meeting in 2017, and the time for all members to come along for our AGM business & Social evening (AGM only takes 1/2hour) then it's table quizzes, wine, cold buffet, grand raffle, may even be a guest appearance from local gardening world, all to be enjoyed with invited guests & friends + any new people who wish to join the club on the night. Members note it's time to renew your membership for 2018, our 38th anniversary year. Thank you all for your continued support and hope you enjoy the club as much as your committee enjoys running it. Hope to see you all on the night,

Geoff Horrex (01473 310422)



## Raydon - Bonfire Night and Fireworks -



King George's Field

**Saturday 4th November - 7.00pm**

Bar and BBQ  
the biggest Bonfire for smiles  
Free Entry, Bucket Collection

On behalf of St Mary's Church Raydon - a huge thank you to the 21 riders who attended our church for the annual Bike Ride-braving the rain to make this a successful event.

Thank you also to the support staff and sponsors without whom this event would not take place. The Churches desperately need this sponsorship money in order to help maintain their upkeep-as you can imagine old churches need constant repair- in order to be a safe place for worship and as a focal point the local community.

Please can sponsor monies be dropped by the beginning of November to:

Jan Hyland

Hunters Moon, Raydon, (next to the Church)

Many thanks

## Raydon Century Club Draws:

OCTOBER 2017

£25	52 Mrs J Edwards
£15	125 Mrs J Lee
£10	139 Rosemary Coe
£5	24 Mr Y Hajaig
£5	126 J-M Simonet
£5	96 Mr & Mrs Girling
£5	74 Miss J A Hammond

## SALE of Books, Collectables, Vintage & Bric a Brac

Also

OTHER LARGE ITEMS

Inside Raydon Church  
On SATURDAY Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

10AM-12noon

Coffee/tea and biscuits available  
In aid of fabric fund

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

Tuesday 21 November  
Tuesday 19 December

*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 / [raydonpcc@gmail.com](mailto:raydonpcc@gmail.com)

## Raydon Parish Council

### Your Parish Councillors are:

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

### RAYDON PARISH PLAN SURVEY 2017 – RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Parish Council received 62 completed questionnaires – 140 residents were represented, which is 28% of the population. Typically a survey of this type gets a 10% return rate so we are particularly pleased with this response.

It is worth noting that approximately 15% of children under 16 were represented; 19% of working age adults were represented; 63% of people aged 60+ were represented. It was very pleasing to note that nine children aged 11- 18 completed the questionnaire.

The survey results include a lot of valuable information and opinions on transport, housing, facilities and the environment around Raydon. The Parish Council will be able to use this to guide our decisions on future activity.

Thank you to all those parishioners who completed the questionnaire.

The full results can be found on the website: [www.raydonpc.org](http://www.raydonpc.org) – and are also displayed on the noticeboards (next to the church, and on Sulley's Hill).

I would like to thank everybody who gave donations at Cliff's funeral. The total amount donated was £1,060 - a cheque for £582.50 will be sent to St. Elizabeth Hospice and a cheque for £477.50 will go to the Boxford & Hadleigh Health Centre. I am so pleased with the amount, also thank you for all the cards and letters you sent, they are greatly appreciated.

Betty Cooper



### PARKED CARS

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

Thank you!

# Holton St Mary

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## Christmas is coming!

Do you want to save time and money?

For a small donation, the Holton St Mary 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 sending Christmas cards.

To let me know your preferred message, e-mail me on [jean.styles@uwclub.net](mailto:jean.styles@uwclub.net),

Phone 01473828532 or put a note in the box on the church bookcase.

**CLOSING DATE : NOVEMBER 9TH**

## Holton St Mary Village Hall

can be hired at very reasonable rates!

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

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

## The First Friday of the Month Lunch Club



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

A Light Lunch will be served between 12.30 - 2.00 pm at a cost of £2.50 per head. The lunches are a collaboration between some of the organised groups in the village and are non-profit making!  
Any surplus funds will be reinvested.

If you would like to join us for lunch, please contact Frances Torrington:  
[312046/familytorrington@btinternet.com](mailto:312046/familytorrington@btinternet.com)  
Or Sally Thurlow:  
[312080/salthurlow@gmail.com](mailto:312080/salthurlow@gmail.com)

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

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

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

## Holton St Mary Social Club

Please remember that WHIST is always last Friday of the Month  
All are welcome, so please come along  
Next Date :- Friday 27th October

### Quiz Night including Supper

The time and the Place is  
Village Hall Saturday 28th October  
Quiz Master :- Tony Howard  
Teams of up to 6 people £8 per person.  
There is an entry form on the Notice Board in the Hall.

### HSMSC Annual Fireworks

Millennium Field Friday 3rd November.  
Please Note that the collection for the Bonfire will be on morning of Saturday 28th October.  
Donations for the collection for the fire are gratefully accepted. Please remember that all donations are key to this continuing as a Village event.

Very many thanks to all for your messages, gifts and calls following my recent hip operation. All is going according to plan and I am well on the road to recovery.

Marjorie Haste

## 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 29th September!

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

We raised a total of £698.28!

Thanks again, Paula Partridge & Janet Cracknell

## Christmas Coffee and Shopping Morning



**Saturday 2nd December  
2017**

**Holton St Mary Village Hall  
10 am to 12 noon**

**Roger Shipley's Carved Wooden  
Products**

**Crazy Chicken Ceramics  
Forever Living**

**Tiny Caps and Anassa Jewellery  
Tombola and Made in Holton Stall  
'Holton-bay' Stall – donate a new or  
nearly new item to sell.**

**60% of sale price returned to seller, 40%  
to go to the Church (min fee of £5).**

**plus  
Coffee, Cakes and Chatter and Bacon  
Butties**

**Proceeds to Holton St. Mary Church**

**For further information please  
contact Frances Torrington  
01473 312046 or  
familytorrington@btinternet.com**

## HOLTON ST MARY CAROL SERVICE CHOIR

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday 17th December at 6.30p.m. A warm welcome to anyone who would like to sing in the choir. Rehearsals will be held in the church on:

Wed. 29th November  
Thurs. 7th December  
Thursday 14th Dec

All at 7.30p.m. in the church and Sunday 17th December at 11.30a.m.

Singers are asked to attend all rehearsals if possible. For further information please contact Jean Styles 01473 828532. E-mail [jean.styles@uwclub.net](mailto:jean.styles@uwclub.net).

## Hadleigh Choral Society

St. Mary's Church Hadleigh  
Saturday November 18 2017  
7.30 p.m.

Rossini : Petite Messe  
Solennelle  
Rossini : O Salutaris Hostia  
Albinoni: Adagio in G Minor

Conductor Christopher Phelps  
Piano John Cooper  
Harmonium David Butcher

Tickets : £14, £12(con), £2 children  
from The Idler Book Shop, Hadleigh,  
members of the choir or on the door .

### Holton St Mary



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The watchdog wants to hear from people that are currently using home care services, have used them in the past or those who may need help at home but have been unable to obtain support in the county.

Domiciliary care is care provided in a person's home. Sometimes it is called home care or 'Support to Live at Home'. Home care can include support with things like helping people to get out of bed, washing, dressing, getting to work, cooking meals, eating, seeing friends, caring for families and being part of the community.

Healthwatch Suffolk will use your feedback to help it understand the issues that people face when accessing care at home and what needs to be explored in detail as part of its developing project. As the health and care watchdog for Suffolk, it can use the things that people share to shape, influence and improve care to our county's most vulnerable residents.

### **Sharing your experiences couldn't be easier**

If you are currently using a service, Healthwatch Suffolk is asking people to take part in a short survey. You can access it using the following link:

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If you are not currently accessing support or would prefer not to feedback online, please contact the Healthwatch Suffolk team on 08004488234 (Freephone) or by email to [info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk). Hard copies of the survey and other formats are available on request.



**Do you receive care in your home?**  
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## Nayland Horticultural Society

### Joint Talk with Nayland Conservation Society

Monday 13th November

The speaker will be Pip Wright, on 'Whistlecraft: notorious poachers of Rickinghall Suffolk'. Nayland Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.30 pm. Free. All welcome!

### Christmas Fayre

Sunday 2nd December 10.30-1pm

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We held our AGM followed by a most interesting talk "Being a Woman Racing Driver & Racing at Le Mans" by Celia Stevens on 11 October. She talked of her experience of racing historic cars three times at Le Mans Classic, once at Nuremburg & all over the UK. And she is still racing !

On Wednesday 8th November Event Organiser Eve Regelous, who worked closely with Harrods, will give a glimpse of behind the scenes of day to day life in this world famous company including its history.

We do not have a speaker meeting in December but have our popular Christmas lunch at the Constable Hall on Wednesday 6 December. This is always a popular event and so early booking is advised.

Our main purpose is to encourage lifelong learning for those who are no longer in full time employment and emphasis is always placed on making learning active and fun as well as helping in developing friendships. We have a wide range of groups including language study, 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 300 members and 30 groups. For further information please visit [www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk](http://www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk) where membership secretary Gillian Gibbs may be contacted. We meet at The Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2 for 2.15pm. Annual membership costs £12 a year and this entitles members

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## Stour Valley Men's Probus Club

Our first October meeting was on Wednesday 4th when Andrew Morton talked of "The work undertaken by the Colchester Food Bank" followed on Wednesday 18 October by David Ablewhite, who returned again, this time to present "The Royal Family".

Our two November meetings take place on 1st & 15th when Ted Wheatley & Dennis & Ann Kell will present "Overland to India" & "Wildlife in the Falklands" respectively.

On 6 December Paul Oliver presents his popular Christmas Quiz and at the final meeting of the year Barbara Faulkner will tell us about "The Man in Red" on 20 December.

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 for 10.30am. Please contact Speaker Secretary Dave Carman on 01255 880202 for further details.

## Waste & Recycling

### Collection Schedule 2017

## November 2017

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 collected this week



Rubbish collected this week

## PCC PUBLIC MEETINGS 2017

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore launches his 2017 series of public meetings in each of the 18 Safer Neighbourhood areas. The meetings are an opportunity for the public to ask questions of the PCC and the Constabulary, and to find out more about policing in the county. Each meeting will involve a quick overview from Tim Passmore and the local Superintendent and then the public will have an opportunity to ask questions. The local Inspector responsible for policing in the local area, will add operational context.

There is no need to book, please just turn up. All meetings start at 7pm, tea and coffee will be served from 6.40pm.

**Wed 15 November - Hadleigh Area**  
**Village Hall, The Street, Capel St Mary,**  
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## Kennys SESAW news

He's done it again! While I was meeting my Public at our Autumn Fair, Ollie (the Black) Cat wrote our news last month. Mind you, I feel sorry for him now, he has a big abscess on his face and is under house arrest! Anyway, thank you to all that attended our Great Bentley sale. It was lovely to meet new and established supporters and over £2500 was raised.

We all enjoy an early morning run but those of us who are "vertically challenged" come in with a damp undercarriage! And I don't mean just dogs, Rupert the pig squeals in disgust when the grass is wet. You should have seen Button's face when the little porker first arrived and chased her around Mum's legs. Our resident Norfolk Terrier was not impressed!

Mum says we have many cats and kittens including eight year old Izzy and Chloe who are looking for a home together for the second time. They were rehomed by SESAW years ago but unfortunately their owner passed away. They are a friendly pair although Izzy is very shy.

The volunteers are holding a Christmas Fair at The Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX, 10-3pm on 19th November. There will be lots of festive things on offer plus lots of prizes in our big raffle. Mary is busy preparing her ever popular Tombola which never disappoints the winners.

Remember to keep your pets safe during bonfire season. I can't impress upon you enough how scary fireworks are to all animals, including me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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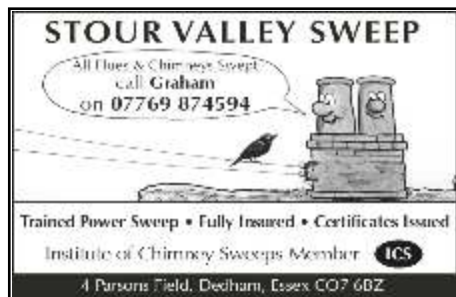
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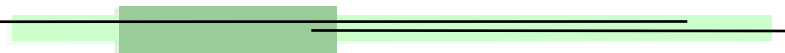


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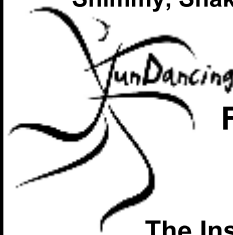
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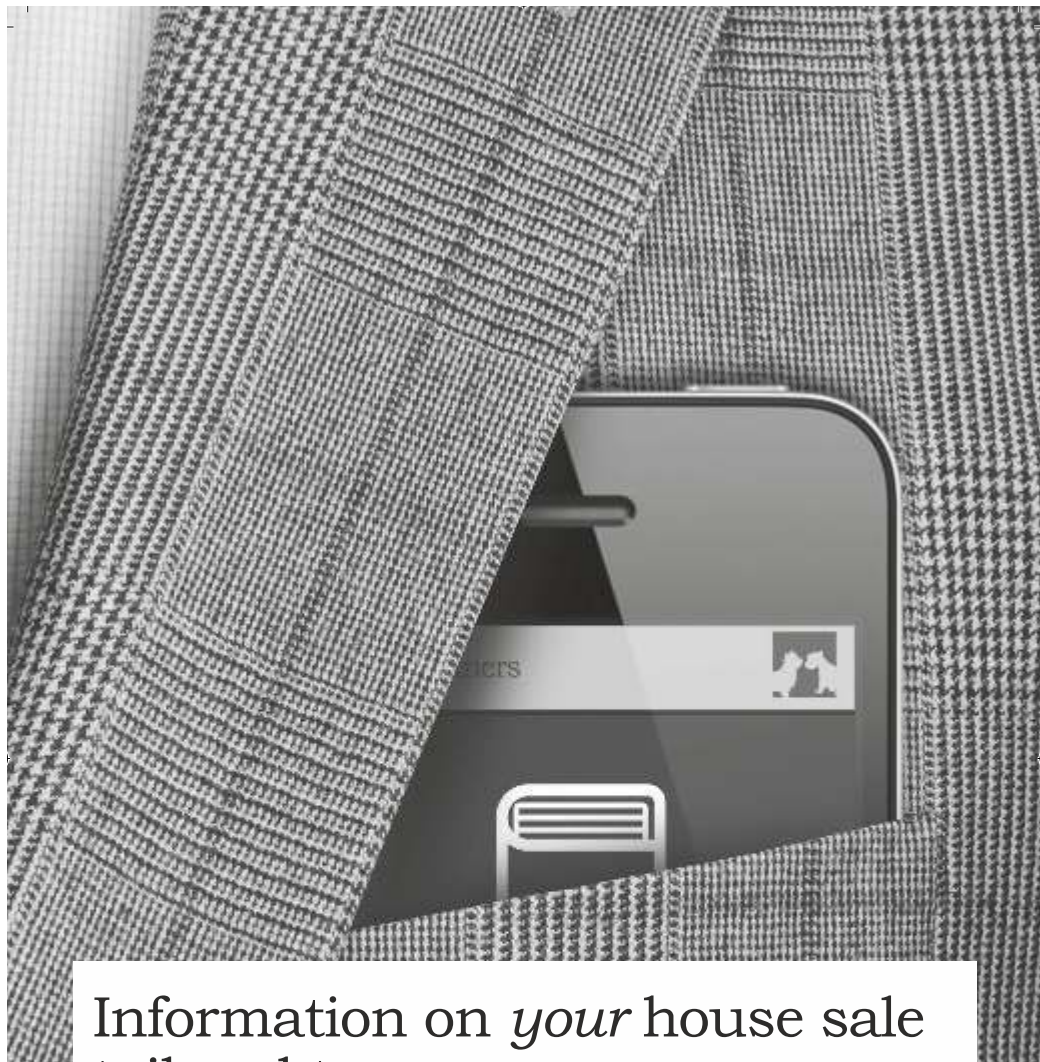
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### Home Group

The home group started in September and will continue to meet at 5 Veyes End in SSM from 2.30-4 p.m. on the following dates: 9 November, 14 December. We have already had some lively discussions about what is the common good in these times of uncertainty, so do come and add your voice!

## Services in November and December

	8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	NB. 5 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov		SSM	Holton
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov		<b>10.50</b> all parishes Remembrance Sunday service	
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Holton	SSM
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Raydon + SSM Family Hour	Higham
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec		Higham	Holton <b>Advent Carol Service</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Holton	<b>4.30 SSM Carols</b> <b>6.30 Raydon Carols</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec		SSM Parish Room Nativity	<b>4.30 Higham Carols</b> <b>6.30 Holton Carols</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Raydon Crib Service	<b>11.30 Higham</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec		SSM (Revd Rosalind), Raydon (Christine Cousins)	
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec		<b>SSM Deanery Eucharist</b>	



## New Testament Readings and Collects for weekdays in November

5 November: *4th 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.

6<sup>th</sup> Matthew 1.18-end. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944

7<sup>th</sup> Matthew 2.1-15. Willibrord of York, Bishop, 739

8<sup>th</sup> Matthew 2.16-end. The Saints and Martyrs of England

9<sup>th</sup> Matthew 3. Margery Kempe, Mystic, c. 1440

10<sup>th</sup> Matthew 4.1-11. Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461

11<sup>th</sup> Matthew 4.12-22. **Armistice Day**

12 November: *3rd 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.

13th Matthew 4.23-5.12. Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836

14th Matthew 5.13-20. Samuel Seabury, 1st Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796

15th Matthew 5.21-37

16th Matthew 5.28-end. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093

17th Matthew 6.1-18. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

18th Matthew 6.19-end. Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231

19 November: *2nd 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.

20th Matthew 7.1-12. Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870

21st Matthew 7.13-end

22nd Matthew 8.1-13. Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, Patron Saint of Music, c. 230

23rd Matthew 8.14-22. Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c. 100

24th Matthew 8.23-end

25th Matthew 9.1-17. Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century

26 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. Amen.

27th Matthew 9.18-34

28th Matthew 9.35-10.15

29th Matthew 10.16-33. Day of Intercession for the Missionary Work of the Church

30th John 12.20-32. **Andrew the Apostle**

1st Matthew 11.2-19. Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916

2nd Matthew 11.20-end



### For your diaries

- 6 November 11.30 a.m. Silent Prayer Group, the Rectory  
10 November 7 p.m., Holton, Reading by candlelight of St Luke's Gospel in the King James Version  
18 November 10-3.30, Southend Catholic Church, Magdalen Houlihan 'Christmas for Grownups'. If you would like a lift, please let Revd Rosalind know.

### PCC Meetings

- 6 November Raydon, 7.30 p.m., The Rectory  
13 November SSM, 7.30 p.m., Church Cottage  
16 November Higham, 7.30 p.m., The Old Vicarage



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