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Holton St Mary

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Quartet Diary

Details of events can be found within the magazine. **It would be advisable to check with organisers if regular events are happening, we may not have been informed of last minute changes**

November

- 1 Raydon Social Club
SSM Mums and Tots
- 3 HSM Social Club Bonfire Night.
Holton Lunch Club
SSM Youth Clubs
- 4 Green Gym, Holton
- 7 Raydon Parish Council Meeting
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SSM Race Night
Holton Social Club
SSM Youth Clubs

- 28 Fair Trade Coffee Morning, Raydon
SSM Chapel Coffee Morning

- 29 Raydon Social Club
SSM Mums and Tots

December

- 1 Holton Lunch Club
SSM Youth Clubs
Holton Social Club
- 2 Green Gym, Holton
Christmas Shopping in Holton
- 5 SSM Chapel Coffee Morning
- 6 Raydon Social Club
SSM Mums and Tots
- 8 Holton Social Club
SSM Youth Clubs
- 12 SSM Chapel Coffee Morning
- 13 Raydon Social Club
SSM Mums and Tots
- 15 Holton Social Club
SSM Youth Clubs
- 16/17 SSM Christmas Tree Festival
- 19 SSM Chapel Coffee Morning
- 20 Raydon Social Club
SSM Mums and Tots
- 22 Holton Social Club
SSM Youth Clubs

Editors Corner

It's nearly bonfire night! I was only thinking the other day about the last time it rained on Bonfire Night - I couldn't remember. Let's hope this coming weekend will be kind and not dampen the events planned! There are adverts for displays on pages 18, 20 and 23, so there should be one near you if you want to go.

Have a look on page 17 for a very special occasion happening in Raydon. Raydon is one of the first churches in the country to have commissioned a painting of the coat of arms of King Charles III and they are hoping that the Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk will unveil this on Sunday 26th November.

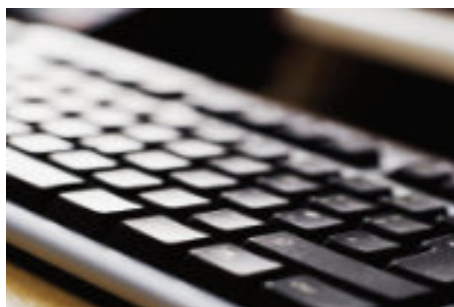
Please do spend a moment to read Manette's letter (opposite) - It's written this month by Lindsay Francis and she gives an overview of various refugee initiatives in the area.

Christmas looms - don't forget the deadline for getting articles into the Christmas edition is 19th November! The earlier you submit an article, the better chance you have of getting it in before the pages fill up. The Quartet becomes a very useful guide to everything going on over the season from Christmas fairs to Church services, so don't forget to let us know if you know of something going on near you.

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

Following a recent chat with Rev'd Manette about my involvement in various refugee support initiatives, she asked me if I would write a piece for the Quartet.

The generous response of local people towards those fleeing the war in Ukraine, has been immensely heartwarming. Hopefully, this response will have helped to bring about a better understanding of the similar situation faced by people fleeing conflicts in other parts of the world, such as Afghanistan, Syria and South Sudan. The Refugee Council website (refugeecouncil.org.uk) has useful information about people seeking asylum in the UK under the 1951 UN Refugee Convention. 72% of refugees live in countries neighbouring their country of origin; the UK is home to only 1% of the 27.1 million refugees who were forcibly displaced across the world as at the end of 2021. Those who come to the UK mainly do so either under UK Gov. refugee schemes, or because they have family in the UK, or because they speak English. There is nothing in international law to say that refugees must claim asylum in the first country they reach.

In our area there are a organisations seeking to help to resettle refugees from Afghanistan. Those people who were airlifted from Kabul had been involved with the UK military in Afghanistan. Others made their way to France and now have no option but to attempt to cross the Channel. There are no "safe routes" for Afghan refugees. A refugee support group made

up of parishioners from several Catholic parishes in the Colchester area, sponsored by Caritas Brentwood (caritasbrentwood.org), has been able to provide a house for one of the Afghan families. Other Afghan families have been helped by Essex Integration (dnanetworks.org), a church-based initiative in Colchester providing free advice, support and practical help to refugees, asylum seekers and migrant workers throughout Essex. RAMA (Refugee Asylum Seeker and Migrant Action) (rama.org.uk), a voluntary organisation based in Colchester, offers assistance to individuals and families in need, supporting newcomers who are navigating the challenges of resettlement, and including providing English language lessons. Finally, Calais Light UK (www.calaislight.com) is a volunteer organisation which provides practical support to refugees based in Essex bridging hotels. They are seeking volunteers to help the refugees to settle into life in the UK. All of these groups would be very grateful for any support. As the Refugee Council's website makes clear, refugees make a huge contribution to the UK: for example, there are about 1,200 medically qualified refugees on the British Medical Association's database. Refugees are not a burden but an opportunity for us to welcome those fleeing persecution and conflict abroad, and to help them to make a positive contribution to this country.

Lindsay Francis

Stratford St Mary



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Save the Date

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May Ball

Back at the Talbooth

24th May 2024

Further details to follow
shortly

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Steve Kite
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Stratford St Mary Church
PRESENTS



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Over the weekend join us to view Christmas Trees and enjoy Coffee, Cakes, Breakfast, and Lunch. We will also have Children's crafty corner, live music and festive goodies for sale. Then round off the weekend with Carols by Candlelight at 4 pm on Sunday afternoon.

If you fancy getting in to the Christmas spirit early, join us on Friday 15th for our preview evening with canapes and a performance from the Constable Singers for just £10

For more information, to enter a tree or buy a ticket for Friday evening, please contact Christine (07791648806) or email Harriet (harrietannaruth@gmail.com)

Stratford St Mary Parish Council Meeting Dates 2023

13th November
8th January 2024
11th March 2024
22nd April 2024 (Annual Parish Meeting)

Stratford St Mary Parish Council currently have 1 vacancy for a Councillor – If anyone is interested or would like more information then please contact the Clerk - email parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk address



STRATFORD ST. MARY CHAPEL

COFFEE MORNINGS

We are pleased to announce that the Coffee Mornings will re-commence on Tuesdays between 10am – 11 am beginning on Tuesday 12th September. Beverages and Cakes will be served (free of charge)

This will form part of our warm space scheme for the Winter months.
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Money from sponsors has now been collected and the total achieved by bikers and donations this year was **£2192.50**. 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 can bid for help with projects and repairs.

Despite extreme weather conditions Bill D visited 32 churches, covering 86 miles in the allotted time.

Once again, thank you to the bikers, financial sponsors and helpers in the church. Your support is much appreciated.

David Isaac

Stratford St Mary Parish Room

Our comfortable, well-equipped hall in the centre of the village is open and available for hire.

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NOVEMBER
24TH

7.30PM

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Proceeds for repairs of the Parish Room.



Stratford St Mary Parish Council meeting held on the 18th of September:

Please find below some bullet points of information from the meeting:

Michael Pearce was co-opted and welcomed as a Councillor onto the Parish Council – we still have 1 vacancy left, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

- Lack of maintenance by both Babergh and Suffolk County Council was discussed, and the Parish Council have sent letters out with their concerns.

- The Parish Council have signed a new lease for The River Garden.

- Noticeboards – it was agreed that the noticeboards in the village need some maintenance work, and this will be arranged.

- Proposal to put a bollard in front of the gate at The River Garden to stop cars from driving on and to move the noticeboard sideways to make it more accessible.

- Councillors all in agreement to arrange regular scheduled walks around the village to look at the condition of assets, potential problems, and opportunities.

- The Parish Council are looking into purchasing a new speed sign for the village with a solar panel to prolong the battery.

- Purchase of maintenance equipment is being looked at to assist with village maintenance.

- The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed – this will be held on the 22nd of April 2024.

Full details of this meeting are available to view on the Parish Council website – www.stratfordstmary.onesuffolk.net

STRATFORD ST MARY *Village Harvest Lunch*



The proceeds from our Harvest Lunch on 1st October

resulted in a very pleasing 87kg of food gifts and £130 in monetary gifts for the Colchester Foodbank. The organisers at the Foodbank have asked us to pass on their thanks!

We would also like to give special thanks to Christine, Sarah and the catering team for another excellent lunch, enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Well done everyone who made desserts, prepared and served the lunch and / or made donations, it was a magnificent effort!

Charlie Warburton

from Langham Hall Estate has written an article on the National Grid giving information on the implications of the proposed works – to view this article please go to www.stratfordstmary.onesuffolk.net and the article can be found on our notice board



Future events
underway:

- **15th, 16th & 17th Dec. - Christmas Tree Festival** in SSM Church combined with Advent Window displays – we're going to make a weekend of it with fun evening celebrations 😊

We are also thinking about ideas for the 2024, and wanted some feedback from the village:

- May Ball
 - Barn Dance
 - Open Gardens (June)
 - Summer Fete / Picnic at the Institute field
 - Village pram Race (possibly as part of the above)
 - Wattisham MWC
- Register your interest at villagelife@stratford-st-mary.org

particularly if you would like to attend the May Ball or will open your garden in June and let us know if you have any thoughts or suggestions for future events.

Watch this space for further info and get involved!

email us at: villagelife@stratford-st-mary.org or phone Sandy on 0770 660 2749 or Julie on 07989 639583

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Monday: 8.00pm House Group (on Zoom)

Tuesday: 7.30pm Discipleship Group (at the Chapel)

8.00pm House Group (on Zoom)

Wednesday 9-11am Mums and Tots

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).

Web-site: stratfordstmarychapel.com

Enquiries: Children's & Youth: Jamie & Beckie (01206 323095) email: Beckie.w@live.com

General enquiries: Maggie Chapman (01473 311436)

Higham

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In Higham

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PCC Secretary needed in Higham

The PCC meets four times per year. The secretary is a voluntary post and involves preparing and sending out the agenda, taking the minutes at the meetings and distributing them to the members. There will be some additional admin during the year and extra preparation for the Annual Meetings.

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Fair Trade coffee morning

Heavy overnight rain left the grass very wet, and a blustery wind as well which meant we held our Fair Trade coffee morning in the Church. It was a very busy morning, with many coming to pay their sponsorship money to those who took part in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust ride, stride and drive. I will reveal our final total at our halloween Fair Trade coffee morning on October 31st. I think you will be surprised at how well our participants did.

We're hoping for some "pumpkin" flavoured refreshments, so have a look in your recipe books and see what you can find.

There were still some of our regulars on holiday and we hope they are having a good time. I'm on an adventure myself before our next gathering, I'm visiting family in Cornwall and usually drive. This time though I decided to use the train, I am taking advantage of the assistance scheme, something that is available to help us "older" or disabled travellers to navigate the underground and train changes. As they say "watch this space" and I'll let you know how it all went (providing I don't get stuck there due to a train strike!)

Many thanks for your continued support and see you on October 31st

Wendy Mumford
01473 312123

Raydon and District Garden Club

Mid-way through another month (Oct) as I write these notes and we are looking at November already. Each year seems to go quicker than ever, which reminded me of a poem from many years ago, I will print next month. Autumn comes quickly and must remember it's time for muddy boots complete with attached fallen leaves to be removed before heading indoors for a coffee or tea etc. Hope you members have all enjoyed another great gardening year so far. Just think back to last year and we had all been worn out by the constant carrying of water cans just to keep things alive, whereas this year except for a few weeks we have received enough water thankfully to keep everything growing and fresh. As the summer flowers fade so Autumn colours take over and what a fantastic sight to behold and enjoy before the colder, duller days of winter set in. Don't be in a rush to tidy up the odd wilder parts of the garden as nature (Insects, mice, voles, ladybirds and other creepy crawlies) need places to sleep over. Just think if you went to bed but found somebody had removed the duvet!!!! we would not be happy, We all need nature and nature needs us, so be considerate and leave the odd places for them. The wild birds that visit the gardens are feeding up for the long cold nights ahead and of course it's time to start wrapping up tender plants (if not already done). November is the time to plant tulip bulbs ready for next Spring display. It's also time to plant trees, shrubs, or move plants around to a new spot in your garden if needed. Now is the time to remove all the dead rhubarb leaves and any straw covering from last winter to leave the crowns exposed till after Christmas, making sure the soil is sloping away from the crowns to take excessive water away to avoid crown rot. November is of course the start of the new gardening year as far as preparation is concerned,

with digging and the incorporation of good quality "farmyard muck" or compost to help enrich the soil ready for the next growing season. Don't forget the leaves when raked up, instead of throwing away or burning, put them in a plastic bag or better still make a leaf bin with wire surround and store them for use next Autumn as a garden mulch (and it's all free).

Our October meeting was a very interesting evening all about the "Bamboo" with our guest speaker Helen Chenn, giving out lots of advice on this possibly mis – understood plant. I for one did not realise there were so many different varieties, should have guessed I suppose. One has to be careful and check when buying that you get ones that do not spread too much, unless you have a very large garden, then it's not so critical so best to ask an expert like Helen (who grows about 100 different ones) for advice first.

On Thursday 23rd of November it's our members evening with wine, cold buffet, Any offers of food gratefully received, and please inform Wendy Mumford what you will bring (to avoid duplication), table top quizzes, and of course a short (half hour



max) A.G.M. Please come along and vote for your existing committee or perhaps you would like new replacements !! (a new Chairman perhaps) to take your club forward into 2024 which will be our 44th year. The evening will finish with a grand raffle as usual.

Members are reminded that it's time for renewal of membership and with current speaker costs still rising please expect a small increase again this time.

For New Members joining please note there is no club meeting in December or January. It's our winter rest period, just like your garden. The new year starts on Thursday 22nd February 2024 here in pavilion at 7.30pm.

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Councillor Lorraine May

We have a new website <https://www.raydonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2023
(all at 7.30pm in the KGF Pavilion)

Tuesday 7th November

NB: if you would like to see copies of the minutes of any Raydon Parish Council meetings, please visit www.raydonparishcouncil.gov.uk, or contact the Parish Clerk.

Raydon Club

is open to residents of this parish and is held on Wednesday evenings each week from 8.30 till 11 p.m. At the Pavillion

Raydon Christmas Trees

We have around 3,000
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early to avoid dissapointment

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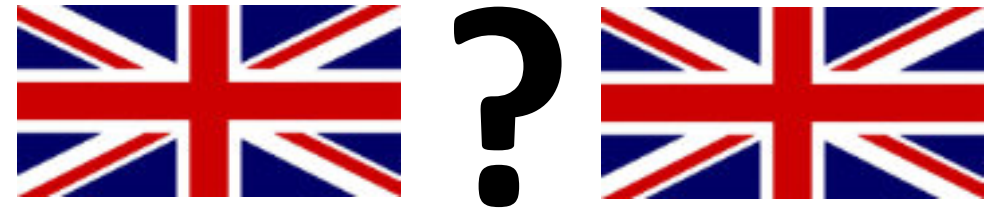
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Holton St Mary



In Holton

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Christmas Coffee and Shopping Morning

Saturday 2nd December 2023
Holton St Mary Village Hall
9.30 am to 12 noon

Stalls will include:

- Roger Shipley's Carved Wooden Products
- Tombola
- Made in Holton Stall
- Christmas Crafts and Gifts
- Stall for children
- More to follow
- plus
- Coffee, Cakes and Chatter

Proceeds to St Mary's Church, Holton St. Mary

First Friday of the Month Lunch Club

The next First Friday of the Month Lunch Club will be on Friday 3rd November. Please do book via Sal or Frances (salthurlow@gmail.com or familytorrington@btinternet.com) so our wonderful volunteers don't over or under-cater.

Since the pandemic, a small group meets regularly on the Millenium Green from 5pm on warm, dry Thursday evenings, just for an hour or so, bringing our own drinks and occasionally nibbles, to natter and pass the time in a pleasant place, in pleasant company. Please feel free to join us.

Holton St Mary Social Club (HSMSC) Update

Live music from Lee Rose of Bacons Green

On behalf of the HSMSC and everyone that attended the live music on 8 September, we would like to thank Lee for another fantastic live music performance at the village hall. It was certainly an entertaining evening and we are hoping that we will be able to persuade him to do others in the future, so please keep an eye out in the Quartet or the HSM Facebook page.

Quiz night 7 October

On behalf of the HSMSC and everyone that attended and participated in the quiz night, we would like to say a huge thank you to Sarah Jukes. It takes so much time and effort to pull all of the rounds together and everyone loved it. The chocolate round really tested people, who knew there were so many that look so similar when cut in half.

Future events

Bonfire night 3 November (from 5.30pm)

There will be a village collection of garden waste and wood on Saturday 28 October in the morning, any other materials will be left as they cannot be used. If you have things that you would like collected, please contact Bob Holmes or another committee member and we will arrange that. If you take waste over to the field, please do not do this until Saturday 28th October.

We will open the bar in the village hall at 5.30pm, ahead of the bonfire lighting at 7.15pm and fireworks being lit at 7.45pm on Friday 3 November. After the fireworks there will be beer, the village hall after approximately 8pm.

The church committee will also be raising money by selling soup on the Millennium Green before the lighting of the fireworks.

Please remember to bring some cash to the fireworks, as it is the donations that we receive at the field that helps to fund future firework night.

CANCELLED: New Year's Eve Saturday 31 December 2023

The New Year's Eve event will be cancelled for this year.

New Year drinks and nibbles Sunday 14 January 2023

Please join the HSMSC committee on 14 January to welcome in the new year, keep an eye out for further details.

Free membership

If you aren't a current member of the HSMSC and would like to be, it is free to join, just contact Bob Holmes on 07966 266293/ bobholmes55@icloud.com to sign up.

As always, we welcome suggestions for what HSMSC members would like us to arrange in terms of events, so please feel free to get in touch.

The Holton St Mary Social Committee

Bob Holmes, Lee Barton, Kevin O'Connor, Suzie O'Connor, James Lancaster, Steve Sleigh, Sally Longmate, Vaughan Vanniekerk and Lou Dolan



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 Parish Council

Scheduled meeting dates:

November 8th 2023
January 10th 2024
March 13th 2024
April 10th 2024 Annual Parish Meeting
May 8th 2024 Annual General Meeting

A Parish Council meeting for Holton St Mary was held on the 13th of September 2023, Please find below some points that were discussed at this meeting:

Concerns raised with regards to a stile on footpath 9 which is not accessible, the PC agreed to write to the landowner to advise of the issue.

Update from District Councillor John Ward given on the planning application for the Care and Rehabilitation Centre at Holton Hall Farm - this will be going to the planning committee on the 15th of November and a representative from the Parish Council will be given 3 minutes to speak.

The planning application for Brett Vale Golf Club in Raydon will also be going to the planning committee on the 1st of November.

Issues with overgrown footpaths and verges were raised with County Councillor Georgia Hall - there is an online Highways reporting tool available on the Suffolk County Council website where any issues can be reported.

The Parish Council have agreed to fund

the cutting of the 2 green triangles outside Roseacre due to the Councils infrequent work in this area.

Proposals made by a Parishioner on how CIL monies could be used in the Village - please see the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting online at our website for more details - www.holtonstmary.onesuffolk.net

The Parish Council would welcome any suggestions from Parishioners on what they would like to see CIL money being used for.

Update received from the Village Hall Management Committee - They now have agreement to commence a feasibility study which will be able to show what is and what is not feasible for the Village Hall.

The Parish Council has signed up to the 20s Plenty Campaign.

Parish Council Vacancies

Holton St Mary Parish Council currently have 3 vacancies for Councillors - If anyone is interested or would like more information then please contact the Clerk

- email hsmparishclerk@gmail.com
address hsmparishclerk@gmail.com

Holton Christmas tree of Good wishes

If you would like to send greetings to all your neighbours this Christmas in an environmentally friendly way, why not sign the Christmas tree of Good Wishes, published in the Quartet December edition. A donation in lieu of Christmas cards not bought is all we ask!

Send your 'Good Wishes' to Frances Torrington familytorrington@btinternet.com



Green Gym

We next meet at 10:30 on 4 November to plant bags and bags and bags of daffodil bulbs. We have multiple pairs of hands to conceal these benign brown blobs that will triumphantly transform into breathtakingly beautiful blooms in the spring. The ground will be sympathetically soft to permit perfect planting conditions. There is time for you to drop off some bulb donations on the day in Church Square or even help bung in some bulbs and in part of the village of your choice.

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SESAW NEWS

Is it too early to mention the 'C' word when bonfire smoke has yet to fill the chilly evening air? I hope not because one of our supporters has the ideal gift for avid readers. They say everyone has a book inside them. Well in Frank Payne's case it's not one, not two - but three!

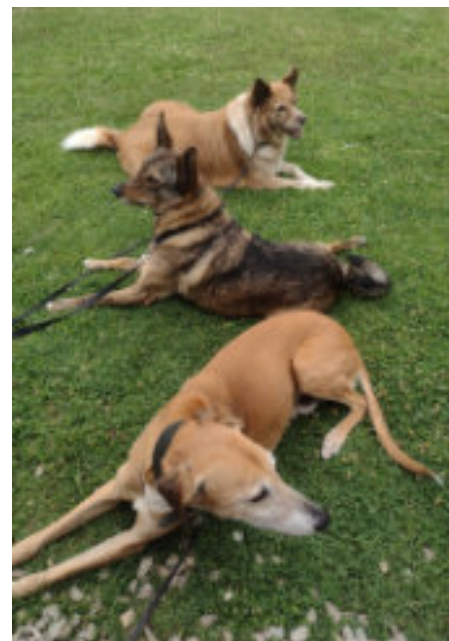
Frank Payne started to chronicle his full and interesting life during lockdown, as a fundraising exercise for SESA. "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow" began with his childhood in wartime London to a promising career in sports journalism cut short by National Service. "Well Worth Waiting For" charts extreme highs and lows in sales and advertising, whilst raising a family and rescuing dogs.

The trilogy is completed with "It All Kicks Off on Sunday" which lifts the lid on the inside story of football after forty three years as a referee. Our awesome author is offering all three volumes for £12, a perfect Christmas present or enjoyable holiday reading for you. Frank is donating all proceeds to SESA, please phone him on 01206 263006 or email cahors@live.co.uk to place an order.

Look out for our SESA stall at the Charity Craft Fair on Sunday 18th November at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX. A bumper festive event, open 10am-3pm.

Please keep your pets safe during the firework season and check for hedgehogs before you build a bonfire. Mum says now the clocks have gone back (where to, I know not!) and Autumn has arrived, our opening hours are subject to change so please check before visiting us. Mum also says that's quite enough writing from me, I'm not to get any big ideas, the world is not ready for the memoirs of me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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Frank's three rescue dogs relax!



Pulses will race as Hadleigh Choral Society performs an evening of Mozart and Haydn at our Autumn concert at St. Mary's Church in Hadleigh on 18th November 2023, a night not to be missed!

The evening will include the well-known and ever-popular Mozart Requiem plus a special concerto for flute & harp and other choral gems.

We will be joined by professional soloists Zoe Brookshaw, Laura Smith, Ashley Catling and Andrew Tipple and the Colchester Symphony Orchestra, all conducted by Christopher Phelps.

The concert will start at 7:30 pm. Tickets are £15 (free admission for those in full time education) and will be available on line through www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk, members of the choir, The Idler bookshop in Hadleigh, or on the door. For more information contact 01473 823 791.

Boxted Methodist Silver Band

presents a Welcome to Advent concert on Saturday December 2nd at St Mary's Church Stoke by Nayland starting at 6pm.

Free admission but retiring donations welcomed.

Join us to listen to festive music and sing along with advent carols. Enquiries to 01206271511.



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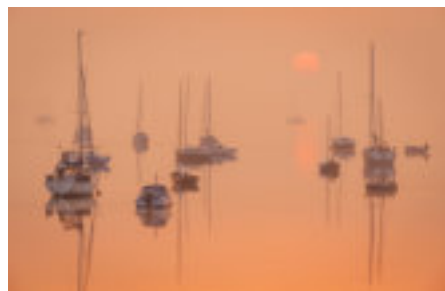
Last month we enjoyed a field trip to Wivenhoe Woods, a club workshop and our first prints competition of the season - 'Open Colour', which was judged by Vic Hainsworth ARPS, DPAGB, APAGB.

Meetings for November include:

November - Field Trip to Green Island Gardens
9th November - Presentation by Barbie Lindsay - 'Pick n Mix'
23rd November - PDI Competition - 'Open Mono' Judge: Tony Bramley FRPS
30th November - Presentation by Roger Hance - 'People, Portraits & Photojournalism'

Please visit our website for details of our full programme together with competition results, photo albums and further club information. We continue to have fun with our Facebook Challenge and our public Manningtree Photographic Club Facebook page also features various club news and activities.

This month's featured image, 'A New Day' by Andy Soar, won a recent PDI Competition - 'Reflections'.



We are a small group of photography enthusiasts with a wide range of photographic experience and knowledge. The club aims to provide a friendly environment for members to enjoy the development of their photographic skills

through a variety of activities in the company of like-minded individuals

If you are interested in photography, at whatever level, you would be most welcome at M&DPS and we would like to invite you to come along to a free club meeting. We meet at Mistley Village Hall, on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thursdays of the month between September and May at 7.30pm.

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Please take a look at our website www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley for more information and contact details.

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The Presbytery, 180 Hawthorn Drive,
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revgoymour@googlemail.com

Weekday and Sunday Masses and devotions

All are very welcome to attend services; it is not necessary to be a Catholic. The following are the usual mass times but please check the parish website for updates in case of changes: www.stmarksparish.org.uk or the noticeboards outside the churches.

In November Father Luke has been called for jury service and daytime weekday services may well be cancelled. Please check the newsletter on the parish website. Usual mass times are:

Saturday 17.30 St. Mark's vigil
mass with confessions from 17.00
Sunday 09.00 Holy Family
Brantham

11.00 St. Mark's
Tuesday 10.00 Holy Family
mass with Adoration from 09.20

Wednesday 09.15 St. Mark's
Thursday 09.30 St. Mark's
Friday 12.15 St. Mark's mass
with Adoration from 11.40

**Father Luke's Sunday sermons are
available at anchor.fm/fr-luke-goymour**

St. Teresa of Avila's Bookmark Prayer

**"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing
frighten you, all things are passing;
God only is changeless. Patience
gains all things. Who has God wants
nothing."**

St. Teresa of Avila was a celebrated Carmelite nun, mystic and Doctor of the Church, who wrote this prayer in the 16th century. It's called St. Teresa's Bookmark

because, according to tradition, this great saint carried it around in her prayer book, where it was found after her death in 1582.

Events & Diary Dates

The popular **Bring & Buy Coffee Morning** at Viv Szitasi's home, Paddock Gate, Whitehorse Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TR will take place on **Thursdays October 26th and November 30th** 10.30 to 12. Everyone is most welcome.

11th November Renewal Day at St. Mark's with Father Simon Penhalagon
10am - 4.30pm. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available.

Alpha Course: Starts November 15th
with lunchtime and evening sessions - please check the parish newsletter/ website for more details or the noticeboards outside the churches.

Living Stones prayer group meet on the first, third and fifth Mondays each month at 6pm at St. Mark's, beginning with guided adoration and at St. Mary's, Ardleigh (CO7 7LD) at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. New members welcome.

The Sick & Housebound

Please let Fr Luke know of anyone who is ill at home, housebound or in hospital, so that they may receive appropriate pastoral care, he may be contacted at The Presbytery, 180 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ on 01473 684963.

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A reader has recommended the lovely breakfast had at **The Runway Cafe** situated Acacia Road, Notley Enterprise Park, Raydon CO7 6QD on the old airfield! Also do lunches and teas.

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Email: john.ward@babbergh.gov.uk

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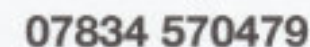
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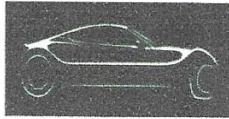
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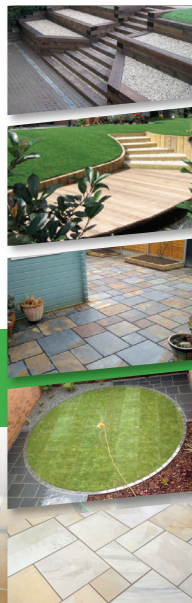
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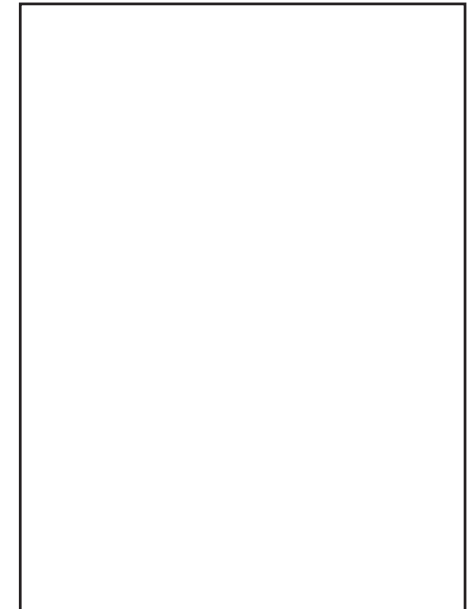
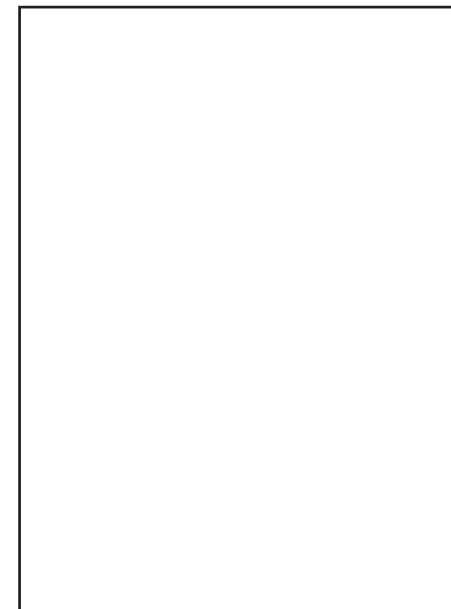
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If you would like to know more about Confirmation, please get in touch with Rev'd Manette.



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Church Services for November

Sunday, 5th November: 10am Stratford SM Holy Communion
All Saints' Day

Sunday, 12th November: 10.50am: Higham
Remembrance Sunday 10.50am: Holton St. Mary
10.50am: Raydon
10.50am: Stratford St. Mary

Sunday 19th November 10am: Holton Holy Communion
2nd Sunday before Advent

Sunday 26th November 10am: Raydon
Christ the King

**Service with unveiling of a specially commissioned painting
of the Royal Coat of Arms of HM King Charles III by
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All warmly invited to join us on this special occasion!**

10am: Stratford St Mary Family Hour (in the Parish Room)

4pm Christingle Service in Higham

*Singers warmly invited to join the Benefice Choir for our
upcoming Carol Services. Please contact Rev'd Manette*

We are very grateful for the generous donation of new hymn
books to the four churches in our benefice. Grateful thanks go to
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For editorial reasons we have only been able to publish an
abbreviated version of Lindsay Frances' letter about her
involvement in various refugee support initiatives in the local
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Family Hour in Stratford St Mary at 10am

Family Hour is back this month, ready for the new term. This month we
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etc will be served from 9.30 am. Do join us for our informal half-hour
service, bible story and kids craft activity. We very much look forward
to seeing you.
The Family Hour Team.



5th Sundays in the Benefice

On 5th Sundays we meet for a more **informal Family Communion**.
This is a shorter service which begins with a Café Church style
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Come and join us for fellowship and a more contemporary
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The arrangements for 31st December will be advertised in the
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**Chat, Prayer & Coffee every 3rd Wednesday at 10am
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Benefice Bible Study / House Group

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Silence: a Sonnet for Remembrance Day

November pierces with its bleak remembrance
Of all the bitterness and waste of war.
Our silence tries but fails to make a semblance
Of that lost peace they thought worth fighting for.
Our silence seethes instead with wraiths and whispers,
And all the restless rumour of new wars,
The shells are falling all around our vespers,
No moment is unscarred, there is no pause,
In every instant bloodied innocence
Falls to the weary earth, and whilst we stand
Quiescence ends again in acquiescence,
And Abel's blood still cries in every land
One silence only might redeem that blood
Only the silence of a dying God.

Rev'd Malcolm Guite

Prayer pointers

We pray for all those who are ill, in pain or in any way unwell, for those personally known to us and also for:

Nicky Bull, Steve Meech, Maureen Hammond and Ann O'Connell (Ann Davenport's Mum (Raydon)

Amanda Berry and Penny Watkins (Higham)

Annie Marshall (Stratford St. Mary)

We remember all those who have recently died, among Dennis Hammond, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for their families and all who mourn them that they may be comforted in their grief.