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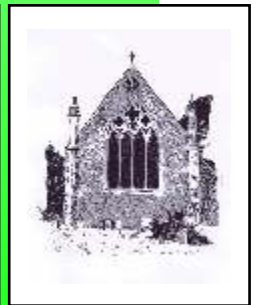
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**Holton
St Mary**

Raydon

Quartet

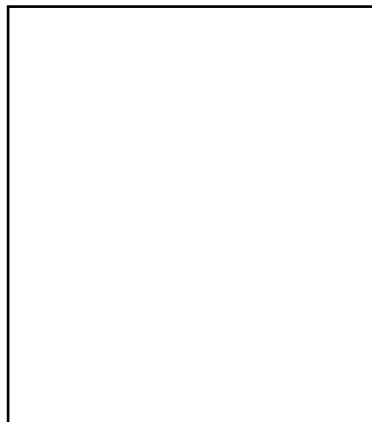
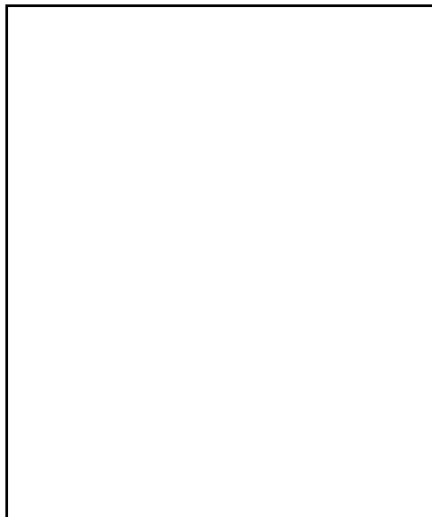
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Just email quarteteditor@hotmail.co.uk with your advert.
We will place it for one month space permitting.

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Editors Corner

Things are hotting up for Christmas in the Quartet this month. Christmas Fairs, book sales, a craft fair in Hadleigh, and thoughts for the Holton residents about Christmas greetings - we even have Christmas trees advertised for sale (in the ads section p41) If you were thinking of getting a real one this year, then pre-order from Kevin soon and get one from a local grower.

Before we go too mad for Christmas though, there's bonfire night to go to! As you look through the pages you might notice many of the local churches are holding churchyard clean up days to coincide with Bonfire Night - it's a good idea all round! Do lend a hand if you can, it really does make a difference to see our village assets well maintained. You will see Bonfire celebrations mentioned in the various village sections.

A quick mention too for the Public Meeting to be held in Capel St Mary on the 11th October. I know many of you are concerned about the level of traffic in our villages and on the major roads. This is your opportunity to speak to highways and the police and have your say.

Happy reading for another month!

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

Stratford St Mary Church Clean - Up Morning

Saturday 19 October 2019 between 9-30
am & 12 noon.

Bring Secateurs, Gloves, Sheers, Hoe,
Trowel, Edging Tools,

Waste Bags for weeds & clippings.

Refreshments will be provided.

Thank You.

Jonathan Dewey.

(Church Warden).

STRATFORD ST MARY INSTITUTE HALL

Please note that requests for bookings
should be made through the
bookings email address:
ssminstitute.bookings@gmail.com.
Information supplied to book should
include a name with contact details
and the nature of the event.

This results in a natural queuing
system which ensures that first come
is first served. I check this address
every day and will respond
accordingly.

Steve Kite
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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.

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. To
book the hall and for general enquiries,
please phone John Taylor on 01206
323908

Stratford St. Mary Christian Fellowship
(known as Stratford Chapel)
Upper Street, Stratford St. Mary CO7 6JH

We are an evangelical free church serving the
Community and attended by all age groups.

Sunday Services: (every Sunday)
10 am Morning Service and Junior Church followed
by refreshments
6.30 pm Prayer and Praise

Midweek Activities:
House Groups at Stratford St. Mary, Dedham and
Capel St. Mary

"The Coffee Pot" for everyone
Tuesdays 9 am - 11 am during term time

Men's Recreation Evening meeting monthly on
The 1st Wednesday of each month

Sparks Children's Club each Friday during
Term time from 5pm - 6.30pm for ages 7 - 11.

Ignition Youth Club each Friday from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
For ages 11 - 18

For further information: Contact Adrian Gates Tel 01473-311919
Or Beckie Wyncoll at beckie.w@liva.com



**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.

100 Club Winners September

H.Garland £40.00

S.Brass £10.00

L.Pailo £5.00

Stratford St Mary Parish Council Emergency Team

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

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Stratford St Mary Parish Council website has
now been updated. Please pop over to
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



Family Hour @ The Parish Room

Every 4th 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!

Transport to Medical Appointments.

If you live in Stratford St Mary and have difficulty in getting to and from your doctor's surgery our friendly team are happy to help you.

Please give us as much notice as you can.

Graham/Diana Pearce 01206 321297

Jenny Symons 01206 322636

SSM Parish Council Meetings

11 November

The Village Emergency Telephone

The Stratford St Mary Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) is now up and running.

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

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

The number to call these volunteers is :-

01206 700919

Stratford St Mary Parish Council

There are two vacancies on our parish council so if any village resident would like to apply to become a councillor please contact our clerk, Jane Rose, by email on parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk or you can contact our chairman, Bill Davies, on 322990 if you would like to discuss the matter before making a decision.

POPPY DAY APPEAL – 2019

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/PO
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

Kath Gardiner and Diane Bruce would like to thank everybody for their cards with such lovely messages following the sad loss of Basil. Thank you all for attending Basil's funeral; it was lovely to see so many people and thank you Nicola for such a wonderful service.

Barbara Sparrow would like to thank all very much for the get well cards and good wishes that you sent to me after my recent accident. I am feeling a bit better now but still have a long way to go.

Thanks again

Barbara



Stratford St Mary

Community Fireworks Display

Saturday 2nd November 2019

Stratford St Mary Primary School (Playing Field)

Gates open at 6pm

Online Tickets now available from 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)



The JRSOs would like your help; they would like you to save your old inner tubes.

Don't bin your old inner tubes, we're collecting them! We are collecting blown out inner tubes for Cycle of Good who send them to Malawi.

Cycle of Good create quality handcrafted goods using recycled materials (like your old bicycle inner tubes) by training tailors in the world's poorest places so they can earn a decent living.

All money made by Cycle of Good pays for childcare and non – profit social enterprise in Malawi.

Cycle of Goods mission is to save every single inner tube in the UK from going to landfill. They have collected 11363 inner tubes so far. Please bring your old inner tubes to the school office.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Jones and the JRSOs
Stratford St Mary Primary School

Your Church Needs You!!!!

Our beautiful old church is in constant need of repair so we are trying to raise funds through a series of events such as the quiz night, cheese and wine evenings, concerts in the church and so on. We have a superb team of volunteers that run the church but we'd like to establish a specific fund raising team to help protect this building and would welcome some new faces and ideas.

Please call Julie on 07989 639 583 if you would like to get involved.

**Need to email
Stratford St Mary Parish Council?**

**You will need to use
parishcouncil@stratfordstmary.org.uk**



"The Coffee Pot"

-at-

Stratford St Mary Chapel



Stratford St Mary Christian Fellowship welcome all to their community coffee morning. We are situated within the chapel lounge where there is a safe area for children to play whilst you catch up over freshly made coffee, tea and cake.

Every Tuesday morning
between 9am and 11am
during term time only.

At around 10.30 am each week there will be Story time and songs for any children and a brief 'thought for the day'

Further information

contact:beckie.w@live.com

Raydon



Fair Trade Coffee Morning

A lovely day for our September Fair Trade coffee morning with sausage rolls and chocolate biscuits

to go with the lovely Fair Trade coffee. No Frinton goodies this time though as our friends were on holiday.

There was a last minute flurry of cycle riders collecting sponsors for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust event on Saturday, and final instructions for the gallant volunteers who would be recording all the visiting riders.

We had another "first" this month as well, we actually ran out of our great coffee! We have an urn full each month but this time it wasn't quite enough. Nobody seemed to mind though!

We were also chatting about our forthcoming harvest service on September 22nd and looking forward to a great display of flower arrangements and produce. Do come along and enjoy the display.

Our next Fair Trade coffee morning is on October 8th, do hope you can come and join us.

Many thanks as ever
Wendy Mumford
01473 312123

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

A perfect day for riding, striding or driving and a huge "thank you" to our intrepid participants. We recorded 30 visitors, 9 of whom were Raydon fundraisers

Watch this space to find out how much was raised for our funds

Many thanks to all those who sponsored the participants
Early payment would be much appreciated

Many thanks from Wendy Mumford

RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2019 All at 7.30pm in the KGF Pavilion

Tuesday 8 October
Tuesday 12 November

NB: if you would like to see copies of the minutes of any Raydon Parish Council meetings, please visit www.raydonpc.org, or contact Jane Cryer, Parish Clerk: 07920 713940 / email raydonpc@gmail.com

Raydon Church Fundraising

We'd like to tell you about our fund raising events held at Raydon Church, over the past few months and thank you for your support.

In late June, our summer concert in the church, with the cellist Yalda Davis and her friends, gave us a superb evening of light classical music which was well appreciated by all those attending –no doubt greatly helped by a lovely summer's evening, together with the Pimms, Prosecco and Canapes served outside during the interval!

On Saturday 27th July we held our '3B's Event – BBQ, Books and Bric-a Brac – a scaled down version of our usual summer event. As always our chefs' culinary skills were excellent and queues soon formed for the Burgers and Hot Dogs.

On the first Sundays of June through to September, we served our traditional Afternoon Teas at the church and again were blessed with fine sunny weather on each occasion. As always, the array of homemade cakes available was, literally, mouth-watering and we attracted a good attendance every time – our regular cyclists' club, other passers-by and our loyal locals.

Now we're busy preparing for our Annual Christmas Concert with the Phoenix Brass Band – always a popular event so please note the date for your diaries –Saturday 7th December in the church. Ticket details will be given in future editions of the Quartet. Besides all these events giving great pleasure to those attending we are very grateful for your continuing financial support which enables us to maintain and insure our medieval church building.

David Luggier



Christmas Fair,

Saturday 30th November,

Raydon Village Hall.

10 am -12.00.

Craft Stalls, Cakes, Gifts, Raffle and Refreshments



Giant Book Sale

Saturday 16th November

Raydon Church

10.00 – 12.00

Hardback, Paperback, Novels,
Childrens, Reference and
much more

inc Bric-a-Brac



Broadband Issue

The Parish Councils of Holton St Mary and Raydon have jointly been considering the issue of broadband connectivity in the villages and particularly performance and reliability.

To take this forward requires two key actions:

- 1 Check your own system - if it is not set up properly or capable, the bandwidth from your service provider will not reach your screen.
- 2 Check the line speed - this has to be done at the point of entry to remove issues from point 1 above.

In order to gather information on performance we have set up a shared site to gather data.

If you have any familiarity with google and spreadsheets you will be able to access the form online at Google Drive.

Feel free to complete the form with as much information as you wish to share. Note this is a public access site and all data will be open access. Please provide your email address to raydonpc@gmail.com and access to the site can be sent to you.

Once we have a few weeks of information we should be able to ascertain if there is a pattern to the problems encountered to support any action with the service providers.

The form contains a tab with information on how to action points 1 & 2 above.

So - to join please email raydonpc@gmail.com and we will send you the link and contact information.

Raydon & Holton St Mary Broadband
Keith Lovering & Sally Thurlow

Good News!

St Mary's Raydon has been awarded a grant towards the cost of repairs to the gutters and associated roof elements on the north side of the aisle roof. This has been a worrying issue for some time as it is helping to cause damp within the lavatory/Vestry. The grant comes from Historic England who are running a project for the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport called the Taylor Review Pilot. The aim of the Pilot, which is taking place in Manchester and Suffolk, is to test some of the recommendations of a Review on the sustainability of English Churches and Cathedrals. Unlike some Continental churches there is no automatic funding from Government for places of worship in Great Britain, except for the reimbursement of VAT. Various organisations provide grants for 'Heritage' buildings but these are reducing and for some very small parishes a daunting task for which to apply. And of course Heritage is much more than ancient churches!

The grants being awarded at the moment are designed as 'just-in-time' solutions to problems, that if not tackled will become major ones in a few years. St Mary's are delighted that we have been able to satisfy the requirements of Historic England and so can deal with exactly this type of problem, keeping the church in good order for many years to come.

Simon Tennent

Date for Your Diary: 7th December

Phoenix Brass Christmas Concert
St Mary's Church, Raydon

Start your Christmas with music from the big shows, and sing the popular carols

Bonfire Night at Raydon

Tuesday, November 5th

Bonfire lighting at 7pm approx.

The big night out - come & enjoy Fantastic fireworks BBQ and Bar

Please give generously to the bucket collection.



Ideal for your special event

The Rayon Pavillion is for hire

Fully carpeted room for up to 80 people

Kitchen and preparation room
Easy parking

Available Morning, afternoon, and evening.

For Details Call Clive Duddridge
Tel 01473 310162

Your Raydon Parish Councillors

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Jayne Tann
01473 828283

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Sunnyside Cottage, Overbury Hall Road
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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 p.m.

Licensed bar, pool, darts etc.
Look forward to seeing you!

Raydon and District Gardening Club

Autumn time once again is here, so we can all enjoy nature's colours of yellow, orange, reds, and even brown made especially better on the brighter, sunny days at this time of year. The daylight hours are getting shorter and plants are starting to shut down so it's time for a bit of tidying up (but don't do too much, spare a thought for wildlife) as they need somewhere to hibernate, or hunt for food in the winter months ahead.

Fallen leaves always seems to be a problem for some people, but why not collect them and store them to produce free leaf mould ready to mulch around plants and shrubs etc next year. I use an open wire container so as I collect leaves I can just tip them in loose, tamp down, and just leave. October is the time to re-arrange those plants that perhaps are in the wrong place due to size, or colour clash with its neighbouring plants, perhaps did not perform very well, or even died through lack of rain or disease.

Bulb planting for next year's display but if it's tulips, November is a better time to plant, also ensure they are planted at the correct depth, this helps to avoid disease and you get stronger plants and better flowers. It looks likely that we are going to need more water for our gardens each year as climate change progresses and water restrictions may result, so I have invested in two more 270 litre water butts (already have five) to collect free water whenever we get any.

So onto club news.

October 24th will see a familiar guest speaker in Matthew Long from Monks Eleigh, subject of Bulbs- Autumn & Winter Flowering for gardens and house. Now as you mostly will know, Matthew runs a bulb centre supply store/ sales and collection, or they can be delivered (carriage cost involved).

Advance notice:- November 28th is our annual members social evening (1/2hr AGM) held in the village hall followed by Wine, table top quizzes, cold buffet food, grand raffle, and something different !!!!!!! so come along and enjoy, bring new potential members to join on the night, pick your new committee (or the same) to carry the club forward into 2020 our 40th year of this village garden club. Your committee looks forward to meeting you all once again at all our club events

Geoff Horrex (Chairman)
01473 310422



Higham Church

Autumn Clean Up Morning

Saturday 12 October

Any help with a bit of polishing, hoovering, hoe-ing, hedge clipping etc, (which can be combined with a cup of coffee and a chat), even for just 45 mins, sometime **between 9.30am and 1pm** would be enormously appreciated.

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

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.

Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore and Chief Constable, Steve Jupp are staging a series of public meetings across the county and are encouraging Suffolk residents to attend.

There will be a meeting in each of the three policing command areas, in Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft. The meetings are an opportunity for the public to ask questions and to find out more about policing in the county. Each meeting will involve a quick overview from the PCC and the Chief Constable, then the public will have an opportunity to ask questions. There will be a senior police officer, responsible for policing in the local area, to add operational context.

The west area meeting which covers the towns of Bury St Edmunds, Stowmarket, Sudbury, Haverhill, Mildenhall, Newmarket and Brandon and surrounding villages will be held on Tuesday 24 September at Bury St Edmunds Rugby Club, Southgate Green, Bury St Edmunds – [click here for further details](#)

The east area meeting which covers Lowestoft, Leiston, Framlingham, Eye, Beccles and surrounding towns and villages will be held on Thursday 10 October at the Wherry Hotel, Bridge Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft – [click here for further details](#)

The south area meeting covers Ipswich and the towns of Woodbridge, Felixstowe and Hadleigh and surrounding towns and villages will be held on Thursday 31 October at the Ipswich Community Church, Wilberforce Street, Ipswich – [click here for further details](#)

All meetings start at 7pm and there is no need to book.

Holton St Mary

The First Friday of the Month Lunch Club



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 p.m. at a cost of £3.50 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
Or Sally Thurlow: 312080 salthurlow@gmail.com

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

Defibrillator Training

Interest is growing and I will now look at booking a date as soon as possible on a Saturday morning.

More details next month

If any one else would be interested in a refresher course, or would like to learn how to operate it, please email the Parish Clerk; hsmparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk



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 Bookings secretary
Tanya Kunz 01473 311570

Holton St Mary Social Club

Please remember that WHIST is always last Friday of the Month at 8pm

All are welcome, so please do come along

Next Dates :-

Friday 25th October

Friday 29th November

Early Opening on Friday.

Please note that the next date for early opening is:- Friday 11th October

Quiz Night

Saturday 12th October. with Fish & Chip Supper included @£8pp. Our quizmaster for the evening is Bob Holmes. If you wish to enter a team then there is still time, so please enter your name and contact details on the poster in the village hall or alternatively contact Bob Holmes on 07966 266293 or Lee Barton on 07876 443317

Bonfire Night & Bonfire Collection

Collection day is on the morning of Saturday 2nd November. Please have your rubbish ready for collection to make it easy for our team of collectors. Donations are welcomed as the money goes towards making the display the great evening it is.

Display is on Friday 8th November

peter longmate

quaywallslongmate1@btinternet.com

mobile:- 07957 910608

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CHRISTMAS TREE GREETINGS

It's that time of year again!

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 the Church Notice Board, saving you the time and expense of writing Christmas cards.

To let me know how you wish to sign for you and your family, e-mail me jen.styles@uwclub.net,

Phone 01473 828532 or put a note in the box on the Church bookcase.

Closing Date: November 8th

Holton St Mary Millennium Green Trust

Winners of the Century Club Draw for the past 3 months are:

July: £25 No 54 C W Priestley, £15 No 10 Paul Smith, £10 No 46 Anne Wicks, £5 No 111 Joe Wells and £5 No 64 Richard Appleton

August: £25 No 60 Rosina Mann, £15 No 59 Jeanette Appleton, £10 No 109 Peter Cheng, £5 No 39 Michael Wilson, and £5 No 13 Shirley Suckling

September: £25 No 59 Jeanette Appleton, £15 No 101 Claire Rowan, £10 No 13 Shirley Suckling, £5 No 96 Natalie Unwin and £5 No 15 Nadine Mallam

Marjorie Haste, Secretary

'Getting away with Murder'

Professor Richard Appleton

Expert Witness in Paediatric
Neurology

Saturday, 5th October at 7.30pm

Holton St Mary Village Hall

Tickets: £8: includes a glass of
wine

(Tickets from
Jeanetteappleton@hotmail.com

or on the door)

Proceeds to St Mary's Church,
Holton St Mary

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER IS CHURCHYARD AND CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY IN HOLTON ST MARY FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.00 NOON

Are you able to help?
(For as little or as long as you like.)
If yes please contact Frances
Torrington on
familytorrington@btinternet.com
Refreshments will be provided.
Please bring your own tools!



You are invited you to a public meeting
on the

11th October to discuss the A12 and the A14.

Discussions will include A12 junctions;
the Copdock interchange; delays and
noise pollution on the A14; safety and
speeding; and the Orwell Bridge; along
with any other topics raised.

Representatives from Suffolk County
Council, Highways England and Suffolk
Constabulary will also be in attendance
to answer your questions.

The meeting will take place on Friday
11th October at Capel St Mary Village
Hall, IP9 2EP from 2.15pm.

The Holton St Mary United Charities Trust

has some funds available to those
residents 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 or 01473
312046.

Partridge's of Hadleigh - a shop full of intrigue

An exhibition on the fascinating history of Partridge's shop in Hadleigh will be displayed in The Guildhall, Market Place, Hadleigh, on Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October.

Mounted by Hadleigh Archives Group of the Town Council, it charts nearly 200 years of trading on the same site.

Mention Hadleigh to anyone who has been to this Suffolk market town and they will invariably say something along the lines of: "Ah, Partridge's, what a wonderful shop". It has built its reputation as the sort of place where a person can go in and buy anything from a single lost nut, to a lawnmower or a teapot.

In fact, it started off as an ironmongers in 1819 when the then owner, Thomas Pritty, "Respectfully informs the inhabitants of Hadleigh and the Public in general" that he had commenced business as an ironmonger, but selling china, glass, earthenware, as well as "goods of every description". That pretty well sums up the range of products today.

Over the centuries the business changed hands several times and grew to be a major supplier of agricultural implements ranging from Ransome's ploughs to combine harvesters – delivered by train to the Hadleigh branch line. Items such as "chaff engines" and "oil-cake breakers" also featured. At one time its foundry, the manufacturing section, employed no less than 15 men and boys, including one apprentice.

Interestingly, the owner was targeted as a wealthy man. On 27th October 1838 the Ipswich Journal reported a daring highway robbery a mile out of Hadleigh during which Mr Pritty was stopped by "two foot-pads" who knocked the lamps on his four-wheel chaise to pieces and robbed him of a silver watch and £3-£4 of gold and silver while holding him down with a strong neckerchief.

Not a word was spoken during the episode and the thieves were never caught.

Another tale involved the "dreadful murder" of a shoemaker and corn chandler who lived in two cottages, 3 & 5 George Street, which later became part of Partridge's, retailing area. He was shot with a musket by a neighbour, while locking up his storage premises at night, having just sold some oats. "The musket was loaded with a marble, which passed through his neck, struck the door, (which is indented) and ultimately broke in half," said a report. The neighbour, Edward Offord, 65 and retired, once a sergeant in the Suffolk Militia, then tried to take his own life by slashing his throat. However, he was apprehended, sewn up, and subsequently faced trial where he was found guilty, but insane.

Few people will know about this grizzly crime while browsing through the household and gardening sections of the delightfully timbered building!

The owners having moved away, the future of M W Partridge & Co is yet to be determined. Many Hadleigh residents hope that at least a part of the iconic shop will be retained and some of the unique 'Partridge culture' will be maintained.

Several bundles of old property deeds, no longer required for legal purposes, were generously donated to the town by the owners Mr Keith and Mrs Ann Young. They are now stored in the Hadleigh Archives' office at The Guildhall where they are kept securely, have been catalogued, and are accessible to any member of the public.

The exhibition will be open from 1.00 am to 4.00 pm. Entry, via the churchyard entrance, £2, children over 12 free, with all proceeds going to the Hadleigh Market Feoffment Charity.

SESAW NEWS

It is the season of mists and yellow fruitfulness, darker evenings and the SESA W £1 at Newton Green! Yes, we are back at the Village Hall, School Lane, CO10 0QS on 12th October with bargains for friends, family and pets, a raffle, homemade refreshments, free entry and parking.

Meanwhile, at the Sanctuary are several dogs in need of new loving homes. Bruno is a two year old Jack Russell and Chihuahua cross. This little chap loves his walk and is fine with dogs his own size but afraid of bigger dogs. He would best suit an adult only household or maybe one with older children only. We also have Boris, a friendly Bedlington cross, only eighteen months old. He would do well with a hearing companion dog as he is deaf. Lady is a friendly, two year old female crossbreed. She needs an active owner as she is full of energy, would do well at agility and should be the only pet. As the days grow shorter we spend less time in the garden but there is something interesting going on in the shed. The fundraisers are busy sorting goods for the £1 Sale and they always include lots of doggy treats so I think it's time they were supervised by me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua

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Constable Country Patient Participation Group News

New appointment system

In July the PPG Vice Chair, Mike Huard and I visited the GP practice at Leiston to discuss their experience of using the call back system, which they introduced early in 2018. They told us that patient feedback had been very positive. We hope that you have the same positive experience with the new system at the Constable Country practice – but if you do have any issues please let the practice manager know using the feedback forms. Alternatively you can fill in one of the PPG comment cards or email us at constablecountryppg@gmail.com

OneLife Suffolk

At our July meeting we had a very informative talk by a representative of OneLife Suffolk. They are employed by the Public Health arm of Suffolk County Council to provide services to people across the County. Their services include help with: losing weight, becoming more fit and active, stopping smoking, providing fun physical activities for children and young people including holiday clubs and in-school activities. Leaflets are available at the surgery and you can see more information at www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk You can also contact them on 01473 718193.

Getting help to get active

Janet Lawrence from Suffolk's Active Wellbeing Service will be working at the practice every Thursday, starting in September. Any member of staff at the practice can refer a patient. The service is free and patients will meet with Janet to discuss how they can incorporate more activity in their daily routines. Please ask for more information at either surgery.

Issues with the pharmacy at the Capel Surgery

We continue to receive comments on the service at the pharmacy in Capel. As you will know it is a separate business from the Constable Country practice. We would encourage you to register any compliments or concerns you have either on the Healthwatch Suffolk website www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk or on one of the PPG comment cards.

Kathy Pollard, Chair, Constable Country Patient Participation Group. Tel: 01473 311384

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The theme of our meeting on 11 September was "Great Composers Of Film Music". Steve Johnson, a film enthusiast, recalled the history of music in film from the beginnings of sound, with emphasis on specific composers who have made significant contributions to music in film.

Jenny Gibbs will talk to us on "An Englishwoman's Life in Rural Turkey" on Wednesday 9 October. Her stories capture a simple, serene, pastoral way of life in a Turkish mountain village unchanged for centuries, from the day she first arrived there 25 years ago to today.

On 13 November Magistrate Graham Higgins will talk of "Tales From The Bench". He will look at our legal heritage, particularly the part played by Suffolk. He will relate how the role of magistrates and local events have played a part in this history and will bring us up to date with an opportunity to decide how a defendant should be sentenced by briefly outlining a case. He will also include some of his unusual experiences on the bench.

We don't hold a speaker meeting in December but instead a Christmas lunch and this year it is being held on Wednesday 11 December at the Ipswich Best Western Hotel, Copdock IP8 3JD. This is always a very popular event so an early reservation is advised.

Each month, the Coffee Grinders meet at The Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt, CO7 6SD from 10-12 noon. This meeting especially welcomes new members but gives all members the

opportunity of meeting the activity Group Leaders and the Committee whilst enjoying a cup of coffee. The next meeting is on Friday 30 August.

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 370 members and 35 active groups. For further information please visit www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk where our membership secretary Val Pretty may be contacted.

We meet at The Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2 for 2.15pm. Annual membership costs £12 and this entitles members to attend the meetings that take place on the second Wednesday of each month, except December. Whilst Visitors are welcome to join us on a limited number of occasions, paying a donation each time, Members are given priority, for safety reasons, due the halls limited capacity.

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Stour Valley Men's Probus Club

Our speaker on 4 September was Mervyn Linford introducing us to the river from "Cattawade Bridge to Ha'Penny Pier" and Ted Wheatley returned again and his subject this time was "Speakers' Corner" on 18 September. Both meetings were much enjoyed by Members.

On 2 October David Prynn will talk of "China, past and present" and two weeks later on 16 October Cherry Mullins will present "Confessions of a Tour Manager".

Andy Malcolm will talk about the good work undertaken by "The Fishermen's Mission" on 6 November and two weeks later on Wednesday 20 November Sara Waterston of local Hunnabale Funeral Directors will talk on "The Humorist Side Of Funerals".

Our speaker on Wednesday 4th December is Simon Gallop introducing us to "The unknown Constable Country". We end the year with our popular Annual Christmas Quiz and it is rumoured that there are some valuable prizes to be won on this occasion.

We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB

New members are welcomed. 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. New Members are always very welcome at meetings of the Stour Valley Men's Probus Club, just join us at 10am on a meeting date. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, and provide the opportunity for development of acquaintances. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10 for 10.30am.

Please contact Chairman Dave Carman on 01255 880202 for further details.



Constable Singers

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If you would like for us to come and sing to your group/club/society Please Contact Paula tel Number above



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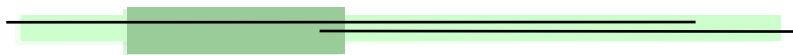
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The Quartet benefice Newsletter and events schedule

Dear Friends

Now in the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, the harvest is safely gathered in and the children safely back at school after the summer break. The churches of the Benefice have all celebrated the harvest with thanksgiving services and lunches, with good support from the communities.

As we move through this month we are beginning to think about the time turning back, the coming of the darker nights and cold winter days, and possibly how you should design the carving of your pumpkin in readiness of Halloween.

Growing in popularity Halloween is almost exclusively an American secular holiday, spending over \$5 billion dollars annually, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday. Many who celebrate have no concept of its religious origins or pagan heritage. Christians however are enlightened by the truth of God's word, and maybe we need to remind ourselves of its Christian roots. Celtic people of Europe and Britain were pagan Druids whose major celebrations were marked by the seasons and where, in Northern Europe, people made preparations to ensure winter survival, harvesting the crops and slaughtering animals that wouldn't make it. Life slowed down as winter brought darkness, and the imagery of death symbolised by skeletons, skulls and the colour black remains prominent in today's Halloween celebrations.

Halloween for the early Christians was a day set aside (All Saints day or All Hallows' day 1st Nov), for the solemn remembrance of the Martyrs and saints. All Hallows' eve (31st Oct) began this time of remembrance and was eventually contracted to Hallow- e'en which became 'Halloween'.

Mercifully God has shined the light of the gospel into the dark, superstitious pagan world and early and newly converted Christians armed themselves with truth denouncing former pagan spiritism in accordance with Deuteronomy 18. 9-13

On that note as we think on how we can celebrate and enjoy all the good gifts around us, giving thanks to God for the light of His love.

Janet Dewey
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20 th Oct	Holton	SSM
27 th Oct	Raydon Family Hour - SSM	Higham (5.00pm)
November - please note changes to normal pattern of services		
	10.00am	5.00pm
3 rd	Holton St Mary	SSM
	(with The Very Reverend Joe Hawes, Dean of St Edmundsbury)	
10 th	10.50am Services in all churches in the Benefice CW Eucharist - Higham	

Midweek Communion: A short service of Holy Communion will be held in the Parish Room at Stratford St Mary at 10am on Wednesday 16th October.

Morning Prayer: A service of Morning Prayer will take place on Thursday 24th October at Higham Church at 10–10.30am, followed by coffee. All are welcome or do just come for the coffee.

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