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Tunstall: Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley : Reedham :
Wickhamton

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Puffins - see 'View from the Pew'. (Photograph taken in Orkney, not Norfolk!!)

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View from the Pew

Puffins usually mate for life. A recent BBC nature programme showed film of young puffins & commented that these young males are now old enough to look for commitment. I wonder if that's how the young male puffin sees it – 'time to buckle down to a lasting relationship'. Or just looking for a mate & then doing what comes naturally to puffins?

'Commitment' is a vogue word. Companies, public bodies, proclaim their commitment – to quality, customer service, fast response or whatever. The word means 'pledge or bind oneself to a course of action, especially an engagement or involvement that restricts freedom of action' [Concise Oxford Dictionary]. A former colleague of mine liked to quote, 'In a breakfast of eggs and bacon, the hen is involved, the pig is committed!' No doubt those bodies which use the word do desire quality, customer service, and the rest. We may, however, wonder whether they really see themselves as pledged in a way that restricts their future freedom of action or whether they'll feel free to pursue another tack whenever it's more convenient to do so.

This month we will remember in many ceremonies those who fell in this country's wars, especially in the two World Wars and are commemorated on our War Memorials. Most of those names are of the dead of the 1st World War, the bloodiest in our history. Until conscription was introduced in January 1916, all those who served in the forces were volunteers: approximately 300,000 in the first 6 weeks of the war, 1,186,000 by the end of 1914, 1,280,000 in 1915. They knew they were laying their lives on the line. The pledge they were making would bind them in the most drastic way possible. They didn't reserve the right to change their minds if it suited. Their commitment to 'the cause wherein their King and country sent them' cannot be doubted.

Their motives of course were varied; for some no more than a wage and three meals a day; for others something more elevated. 'The contrast which presents itself to their imagination is between duty on the one hand and gain on the other, between self-sacrifice and self-interest, between their country's need and their own ease ...' (F.S. Oliver, *Ordeal by Battle*, 1915). But whether their original motives were noble or not, they served faithfully. War memorials record those who lost their lives; locally, we shall read their names aloud on Remembrance Sunday. Many more suffered wounds or mental trauma that damaged the rest of their lives. They show us what commitment really looks like. We rightly honour their memory.

Nicholas Cowen (Reader)

Parish Registers Funerals

We commend to God:-

Paul Daniel McSweeney, aged 60, at Acle Cemetery on 4th October.

Roger Kerrison Mutton, aged 94, at St John the Baptist, Reedham on 10th October

Lawrence Sydney Mutton, aged 92, at St Peter & St Paul, Halvergate, on 11th October

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Acle Royal British Legion

Meetings of the Acle and District Royal British Legion are held on the first Friday each month, 2p.m. in the Bure room at Acle Recreation Centre.. New members most welcome, do come along and join us.

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 20th at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. We will be trying our hand at making cards under the expert tuition of one of our members, Connie Waters. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

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Acle Churches Together

7.

On the morning of Thursday 19th September at St Edmund's Parish Hall, Acle continued to demonstrate its excellent ecumenical credentials when a coffee morning was held to raise funds for the group "Acle Churches Together".

The event was attended by the group's leaders, Roman Catholic Deacon Revd. Peter Glanville, Church of England Rector Revd. Martin Greenland and Methodist Minister Revd. Andrew King. They are pictured (on the back page) flanking Methodist parishioner Isobel Ashworth, who manned one of the several stalls selling a variety of products.

The occasion was very well supported by a healthy cross-section of members of the public and it raised the respectable amount of £303.56.

John Kenny

Sponsored ringing

The Reedham bells are in need of some maintenance work. They were last re-tuned and re-hung in 1935, using the original 19th century frame. We have already done some work to make sure that they are safe to ring, but they will need more money spent on them to keep them in a reasonable ringable condition. We have been given a quote of around £1400, some of which we have already in the bell fund.

In order to raise the balance, we are offering to ring for individual special occasions not associated with a church service – for example the birth of a child, a special birthday or wedding anniversary, even a proposal of marriage. We would ask for a minimum donation of £25. The sponsor of the bells could choose a time convenient to them and us and then we would publish a notice in The Outlook and provide a certificate as a memento of the occasion.

We could also provide gift certificates, so that you could give a loved one a sponsored ring as a present.

Interested? Contact the Reedham Ringers. We would love to ring for you!

Mary Jones 01493 701388

Events coming up at Reedham Village Hall in November

8.

Friday 1st Nov 9.30am Zumba Gold classes commence with Samantha from Affirmation Fitness.

Sat 2nd Nov Bonfire and Firework Celebrations
Bonfire Night 2nd November 2019

The annual Bonfire and Firework display put on by Reedham Community Association. Bonfire to be lit around 6:20pm followed by fireworks around 7pm. BBQ, Bar, raffle, glow sticks, tombola and more. We shall be having the bonfire on the playing field and in order to have control on the size and what goes onto the bonfire it will be stringently supervised. Burnable materials will be accepted on the 1st of November. After this, we will not allow anything else to be placed on the bonfire and it will then be barricaded off. This is necessary for preparations for the evening event. The bonfire and firework display could be cancelled on the night, if strong winds or adverse weather condition; you will be advised of another date in the Mercury, Facebook, on notices boards and on our WEB site www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk

The village hall will **NOT** allow any unsafe combustible items, i.e. mattresses, sofas, foam cushions, glass with or without frames, tyres, and plaster board or any material that will give off harmful smoke into the atmosphere. You will also be limited on the size of tree branches or posts etc to 4" in diameter. We hope that you will understand that for Health and Safety and Environmental reasons why these measures have to be in place. Bonfire could be cancelled and given another date!

Friday 8th Nov 7.30pm Showing on the big screen will be the romantic comedy Yesterday 12A directed by Danny Boyle and written by Richard Curtis. Jack Malik is a struggling singer songwriter living in a seaside town (scenes filmed in Gorleston) After a freak bus accident Jack wakes up to find the Beatles never existed and becomes an overnight sensation performing Beatles songs to a world that has never heard them before. For tickets tel 701 107 price £4.50 or on the door and online at Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading, despite the fierce devotion and support of his childhood best friend, Ellie. After a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed. Performing songs by the greatest band in history to a world that has never heard them, Jack becomes an overnight sensation with a little help from his agent.

Only £4.50 each. Bar, refreshments and raffle. Book your tickets on 01493 701 107 or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/reedham-community-association> or pay on the door. Free Parking.

Mon 11th Nov 2.00pm I.T classes Free classes to learn more about your laptop, iPad, P.C or mobile Sunday 9.

17th Nov Christmas Fayre 1.30p.m. Join us for our Christmas Fayre with craft and gift stalls why not start your Christmas shopping early Cards, gifts, games, crafts decorations, festive bakes, confectionery, Grand Raffle, Santa's Grotto and a performance by the RCA stage school. Refreshments available

Monday 18th Nov Monthly cash bingo. Eyes down 7.30p.m Look out for posters with jackpot details

Weds 27th Nov 2.00pm Whist Drive in the lounge. New members most welcome.

Looking ahead to December:-

Weds 11th Dec Christmas Quiz 7.30p.m. £2 each, to book a table call 01493 701107.

Fri 20th and Sat 21st Dec 7.00p.m. RCA stage school will be performing a Christmas Spectacular of singing dancing and acting. Book tickets online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/reedham-community-association> or pay on the door.

If you would like to hire the hall please contact Angie on 07585 504199 who will be happy to help or contact her through the website www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who supports or helps at the events we hold.

Reedham Community Association Committee

Reedham and District WI

Reedham and District WI enjoyed their 45th birthday party on Tuesday 1st October. We invited neighbouring WI groups to join us as we danced around the world and shared a buffet supper. The dances were simple circle dances, easily learnt and no need for partners, fake tans or special spangly dresses, although there was some scarf waving. An enjoyable evening, and if you want to come and see what we get up to in the village hall on the first Tuesday of every month, please contact us via the WI website. At our next meeting we will be constructing Christmas crackers, complete with bangs and poor jokes.

Mary Jones www.thewi.org.uk

All Prize Christmas Bingo with Raffle

At Reedham Village Hall on Monday 25th November.

Doors open 7pm. Eyes down 7:30pm

Refreshments and Bar available.

Funds raised will be given to local animal charities.

Jayne Brister

Wednesday 20th 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall 11.
7.30pm Ladies' Christian Link – 36 The Green, Freethorpe
Friday 22nd 6.00pm Family Xmas Bingo – Reedham Vikings Social Club
Saturday 23rd 10.30am – noon All Saints' Drop In – Beighton Village Hall
7.30pm Quiz & Chilli – Beighton Village Hall

SUNDAY 24th CHRIST THE KING

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
9.30am Morning Prayer – Halvergate
9.30am Holy Communion - Limpenhoe
11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham
11.00am Holy Communion – Acle
11.00am Morning Prayer – Freethorpe

Wednesday 27th 2.00pm Whist Drive – Reedham Village Hall
Thursday 28th 2.30pm Advent Course – Acle Methodist Church
Saturday 30th 10.00am Holly, Ivy and Starlight – Acle Church Hall

Looking forward into December:-

SUNDAY 1st ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
9.30am Holy Communion – Beighton
9.30am Matins - Halvergate
11.00am Morning Prayer – Acle
11.00am Joint Carol Service – Freethorpe Village Hall
4.00pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Reedham

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church
Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church
Sundays 6.30pm Reedham Gospel Hall Meeting

At Reedham Village Hall

Mondays 9.30am – 10.15am Dancing Dimensions
Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am Music group, 1.45pm – Over Fifties Club.
Wednesday 10.30am -12.30 noon - New Age Kurling.
Thursday 10am – 12 noon – Badminton Club.
Thursdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm Yoga.
Fridays 1.00 - 3.00pm Affirmation Fitness (parent & children).
Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am - Aerobics, Reedham Village Hall

At Limpenhoe Village Hall

Wednesdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm & 8pm – 9pm Yoga

At Freethorpe Village Hall

Mondays 5-6pm Rainbows
6:15-7:30pm Brownies
Tuesdays Art Club(morning) Zumba (evening)
Thursdays 6:45-8:30 Cubs

At Halvergate Village Hall

Wednesdays 1st & 3rd 10.30am – 12.30pm – Coffee Morning

At Acle Church Hall

Tuesday 1st 2pm – 49+ Group

Mondays 2nd & 4th - 2pm Canasta Group

Weekly –

Tuesdays 10am – 11am & 11am – 12 noon – Fitness for Seniors

Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon – Acle Art Group

Wednesdays 7.30pm – 9pm – Invidia Voices

Benefice Notes

St. Edmund's Church Gift Day will again be held at the Farmers' Market, St. Edmund's Parish Hall on Saturday 9th November, between 9am and 12 noon.

Gifts can also be made on-line: www.justgiving.com/aclepcc

Beighton with Moulton are having a *Quiz & Chilli* evening at Beighton Village Hall on Sat 23 Nov (7 for 7.30pm start).

Acle Churches Together will be marking Advent on Thursday afternoons from 28th November: 2.30 – 4.00pm at Acle Methodist Church. *Carols on the Green* will be on Thursday 5th December, 7.00pm (in St. Edmund's Church if the weather is bad). A collection for charity will be made.

Memorial Garden - As a footnote to October's piece about the opening of the Memorial Garden at Acle War Memorial Recreation Centre, I remember being puzzled when, on first moving to Acle, my blood donor appointment letter told me I had to go to "Acle War Memorial" – to me, that meant the cross in the churchyard! The computer field wasn't long enough to hold the full Recreation Centre title, the origin of which was explained later by a copy of the *Blofield Deanery Magazine*. That reported a meeting on 13th February 1919, which "decided, with practical unanimity, that steps be taken to provide a Recreation Ground for young people and a Tablet in a prominent place ... as a memorial to the 27 Acle men who have laid down their lives for King and Country". The Recreation Centre is the successor to that Ground.

It's unusual that Freethorpe's War Memorial is located in the burial ground at the Methodist Church. A local source came up with this explanation:

"The Chapel was better-attended than the Church: nearly all the men who died were Methodist. Most of them worked for Mr. Sutton: if they did not attend Chapel on Sunday, their wages (paid on Monday) were docked!"

Martin Greenland

Freethorpe Church

No Coffee Cake and Chat in the Church this month, Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday 27th March 2020 10.30-12.00 A date for your new Church Diary.

Jean Thompson

Snapshot of Blofield Deanery

An opportunity to meet our new Diocesan Bishop, Graham Usher

WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER AT LINGWOOD VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

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on www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/snapshot-of-blofield-deanery-tickets-67803019657

REEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Craft Fayre – The Parents and Friends of Reedham Primary School has a stall at the Christmas Fayre at Reedham Village Hall on Sunday

17th November 1-3.30pm. We have lots of Christmas treats, handmade decorations, stocking fillers and games to play.

Family Christmas Prize Bingo – Friday 22nd November at The Vikings Social Club. Doors open 6pm. Eyes down 6.30pm. Everyone welcome of all ages.

Acle Versus Arthritis Support Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 until 12 Noon at Acle Library. Meetings include a cuppa and a chat, peer support, information booklets and tips on self-management if you would like any further details please email: c.preston@versusarthritis.org or Tel: 0783 4418472.

Reedham Village Show

The Garden Club will be holding a meeting on Saturday 16th November at 11am in the Glover Lounge at Reedham Village Hall to discuss next year's Village Show and a possible group visit to Sandringham Flower Show in July 2020. Please come along if you are interested and would like to join us and have your say regarding the Village Show schedule. At the Show this year people expressed changes they would like for future Show days. Next year's show is Sunday 23rd August 2020.

Reedham Gardening Club

After the torrential rain in October the summer bedding really looked sad. It is time to replace it with Winter and Spring flowers such as violas, pansy, bellis and bulbs which will make roots in the moist soil. Paper White narcissus, amaryllis and prepared hyacinths can be planted in pots for Christmas presents.

While we are enjoying sprouts, leeks and cauliflowers, we can begin planting broad beans – this avoids the troublesome black fly in Spring. Celery and leeks need earthing up to give longer white stalks.

Janet

Women's Night Out

This month's speaker will be Malcolm Metcalf on 'Riding the Iron Horse across America'. The meeting is on Wednesday 6th at 7.30pm at Freethorpe Village Hall (or Pavilion).

Reedham Churchyard

14.

The Churchyard Maintenance group will be holding an autumn clear up at St John the Baptist, Reedham on Saturday 26th October @ 2pm . We have chosen a weekend as we would love to welcome families and people who may be working during the week. The children can hand-weed some of the untended graves and we plan to have a bonfire with marshmallows etc. There will be tea and cake to make it a social event as well as a working party. If you intend to come and help, please bring hand tools/loppers etc if you have them, as our own supply of tools is limited. Wheelbarrows are always useful. Please let me know if you are coming so that I get in touch should the weather be filthy and also make sure that the cake is large enough!

Mary Jones

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Wickhampton Scarecrow Festival & Benefice Harvest Service: 29 Sept 2019

Spirits were lifted, on a slightly soggy Sunday, by the appearance of several “celebrities” at the inaugural Scarecrow Festival held at St Andrew’s church at Wickhampton on 29 September. The event was timed to coincide with the Benefice Harvest Festival taking place at the church, and the congregation was swelled by some 15 “extrawdinary” characters!

The Friends of Wickhampton Church, who organised the event, were delighted to welcome all the Scarecrows, but were particularly pleased that Her Majesty the Queen and Prime Minister Boris Johnson had both found time to pop in!

The standard was extremely high, with a great deal of imagination and effort having gone into making the scarecrows, and the very difficult job of choosing a winner fell to David Clayton from Radio Norfolk – he’d drawn the short straw!

David was impressed with all the entries, and felt they were all winners, but 1st prize of a family ticket to BeWILDerwood went to “Henry Blogg” (1876-1954), the most decorated RNLI lifeboat man in history who served for 53 years on Cromer’s lifeboats.

The event raised over £85 for church funds, which will be added to the £773 already raised at the Teddy Bear Parachute Day in August, so a very big THANK YOU to everyone who joined in with the fun!

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Holly, Ivy and Starlight

Saturday 30th November 2019

10.00am – 1.00pm

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*With all best wishes for a
wonderful Starry Christmas !!*

See you all soon !! xx

OVER FIFTIES CLUB

18.

Well another month has gone by and the club has gained three new members. If you would like to join just come along on any Tuesday at 1.30pm onwards at Reedham Village Hall. Our club is open to all villages and anybody over 50; our oldest member is 91. Come along and try it. We are now looking forward to our Halloween Buffet. Next week one of our members will be 80 and we will be having a buffet and of course birthday cake!! If you live alone and cannot get to us give me a ring and if we have someone living close we will do our utmost to get you to the club. Our members now come from all surrounding villages plus Hemsby, Lowestoft & Gorleston. We also have a considerable number of male members. They all have a good chat and exchange experiences of life over refreshments.

We are now planning our Christmas party and Christmas lunch which is free to our members. We will be having a grand Christmas raffle packed with Christmas fayre at our party and another at our lunch.

Our flyer was won by Linda Sharman. A lovely winter warmer hamper was donated by Jane for first prize in our free weekly flyer raffle.

This is a chance to make new friends and to catch up with old friends – don't sit at home alone - come and spend a couple of hours with us.

See you soon!!!!

Angie Woolsey Treasurer/Secretary

After a break last year for the Xmas Tree Festival, we are again holding the ever popular Christingle Service.

So...

You and your family are warmly invited to

CHRISTINGLE

Reedham Church * 4pm * Sunday 1st December
darkness * oranges * candles * light

Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2019 at Reedham Village Hall

There were 6 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Grant Nurden and Lewis Treloar from the Broads Authority. 4 members of the public were in attendance. The Council meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

The Council still has 3 vacant Councillor positions. If you are over 18 and have lived, worked or own property or land in the Parish for at least the last 12 months then you are eligible. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested or for further details.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury gave the following report: there was one issue with the play equipment safety inspection for October, a top disc on the multi climbing frame is broken. The September Cash Bingo jackpot was not won so the jackpot now stands at £240 in 49 numbers or less. The next film will be Yesterday, to be shown on Friday 8th November at 7:30pm. Bonfire night is on Saturday 2nd November from 6pm, fireworks will be lit at approx. 7pm. The Village Fete made over £800 profit. Escape the Room the “Creepy Cafe” was once again well attended and raised £450 for the light and sound fund.

One planning application was considered: a proposed two storey extension at Dreemskerry Cottage, 4 The Hills, NR13 3TN - the Council had no objections. Notification was received that the application for extensions at The Pink House, 38 Riverside has been approved.

There are currently no plots available at the allotments but if you would like to go on the waiting list please contact the Clerk or any member of the Allotment Association.

The crime statistics for August and September were: 1 making off without payment from The Ship; 1 theft of a motorbike from New Road; 1 harassment (domestic); 1 burglary on New Road; 3 criminal damage (domestic); and, 1 ABH assault (domestic).

The Parish Council received legal advice for the proposed Agreement for the Permissive Path. It is consulting with Norfolk County Council and the Broads Authority on the matters raised and has temporarily suspended further negotiations with the landowner. The Council agreed to work with Halvergate Parish Council to campaign for better signage and enforcement of weight restrictions on the Halvergate Branch Road. Please let the Clerk know of any concerns you have regarding this road and any suggestions for improvements.

Please continue to use the Parish recycling bottle banks on Riverside and at the Village Hall. These bring in funds for projects around the village.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 4th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

DOG FOULING IS AN OFFENCE. PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG.
THERE IS A **£100** FINE IN BROADLAND FOR NOT CLEARING UP AFTER YOUR
DOG IN A PUBLIC SPACE. IF THERE IS NO BIN NEARBY TAKE IT HOME WITH
YOU.

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www.reedhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

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Left:-
Acle Churches Together
Coffee Morning

Left to right: Peter
Glanville, Isobel
Ashworth, Martin
Greenland, Andrew
King.



Above - Freethorpe Church Garden Fete - which made £608.



Above:- Freethorpe Churchyard Working Party



Right:- Wickhampton Scarecrow Competition.



Her Majesty and Boris Johnson and (far right) the winning Scarecrow, Henry Blogg, with David Clayton

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