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Tunstall: Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley : Reedham :  
Wickhampton

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Right: Noctilucent Cloud at  
Reedham (see article).

Photo: Kati Cowen



Left: Red Deer stag at  
Wickhampton.

Photo: Bob Ottaway

OUTLOOK

## ACLE & BURE TO YARE BENEFICE: WHO'S WHO 2.

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Even if the weather doesn't reflect it, living in the Norfolk Broads means that there will be plenty of reminders this month that these are the summer holidays, when families get away for relaxation. The institution of a summer holiday is a relatively recent one in this country: originating in the 19<sup>th</sup> century for those who could then afford it; and as recently as 1938 as a legal right for the majority of workers. The concept of a holiday is far older, and linked to faith in its origin as a *holy day*, when work was set aside to enable worship. But where this is prescribed in the Jewish scriptures, it is generally just for a single day: an economy based on agriculture doesn't readily permit extended breaks during the growing season or if there is livestock to tend. Nevertheless, provision for a significant holiday break during the year reflects, on a different timescale, the ordinance of the Sabbath at the end of each Jewish working week, evoking the rest which God took at the end of his week of creation. Admittedly, a holiday with an active young family may not involve much in the way of rest! But the break from normal routine and the chance to spend time together in conducive surroundings are restorative – witness the derivation of the word *recreation* from *re-creation*.

In the gospels we see Jesus walking through the cornfields on his day of rest, affirming that *the Sabbath was made for [the benefit of] human beings*. As such, Jesus, considered it the ideal day to bestow healing – which so incensed his opponents. But the location of that ministry was often the local synagogue, emphasising that the Sabbath was primarily intended to enable people to pay attention to God.

Not that activity can't put us in touch with God. The highly active St. Paul urged the Corinthians to always excel *in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain*. Yet activity can also mislead us to trust in ourselves and lead us in the wrong direction. In a verse from Isaiah often read at Night Prayer, the Lord tells those of his people looking to take their future into their own hands, *in returning [i.e. repentance] and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength*.

The Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier would agree; we know him as the author of *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*. Romantically evoking Jesus' *Sabbath rest by Galilee*, he wrote of *our words and works which drown the tender whisper of thy call*. Isaiah told his hearers that a certain kind of restfulness could put them in touch with the God who *waits to be gracious to you*. Maybe those holidaying on the Norfolk Broads (our own Sea of Galilee?) are more open to the spiritual dimension of life than at other, more demanding times.

Ultimately, *rest* is a biblical description of our final goal: the letter to the Hebrews urges us to strive to enter the *Sabbath rest of the people of God*. This is the eternal dimension of Augustine's prayer, *You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you*. 4.

Wishing you a restful August,

Martin Greenland

## **Parish Registers**

### **Holy Matrimony**

Christopher Robert Pont to Chelsey Micha Pardy on 29<sup>th</sup> June at St Peter & St Paul's, Halvergate

### **Holy Baptism**

Maisie Mabel Davies on 14<sup>th</sup> July at St Edmund's, Acle

## **Parish Notes**

Clergy changes in the deanery: on 29<sup>th</sup> July we welcome the Revd Dave Hanson (formerly in Preston) as the new Rector of Yare Valley Churches (Brundall). The Revd Kevin Billson will retire from Blofield at the end of September. We then look forward to November, when the Revd Jane Morris (currently in Shropshire) will take up the vacant post at Lingwood. Given that we have only five incumbents in the deanery, this represents a significant change of personnel! M.G.

## **Mrs Freda Porter**

Julie and Mel Porter would like to thank everyone who generously donated in memory of their Mum, the late Mrs Freda Porter of Acle.

Julie says:

The monies have now all been collected and the total comes to £192 which, with additional gift aid, the Rev'd Martin Greenland assures me will take this total to well over £200 to support Acle Church which is fantastic.

I would also like to thank everyone who has supported and helped me personally in what has been a very sad time. I truly appreciate it.

On an additional note, Mum enjoyed delivering the Outlook magazine to two roads in Acle for many years and a special mention goes out to Mr John Lambert who has kindly offered to take this over.

Julie and Mel Porter

## **Women's Night Out**

All are welcome to join WNO members on Wednesday August 7th at 7 30pm in Freethorpe Village Hall when members of The East Anglian Air Ambulance will be giving a talk.

Brenda Pawsey



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## **ACCESS 4 ACLE**

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We are delighted to announce we have achieved our first financial goal for 'Access 4 Acle.'

Sufficient funds are now with our Treasurer for the Feasibility Study and drawing up of plans. Our Architect can go ahead to advise the PCC how St. Edmund's church can be made step free and improve accessibility for everyone.

Thank you all those who helped to organise the various events and everyone who contributed to raise the first amount needed.

We shall continue with an eclectic mix of events to provide funds for the next stage.

Our next event is the Wensum singers on Sunday 28 July from 3 to 5pm in the church.

Diane and David Wynne-Fitzgerald

## **1<sup>st</sup> Freethorpe Scout Group**

Our Beavers have been busy with lots of fun activities to help them achieve their Gardening Badge. They finished this theme off by exploring a local farm in Beighton.



Our Cubs have been enjoying the outdoors by attending the District Cub Camp at Eaton Vale with lots of adventurous activities including archery, grass sledging and canoeing!

Scouting is open to both boys & girls, and has sections for different age groups. Beavers is for 5 ¾ to 8 years old, Cubs is for 8 to 10.5 years old, and Scouts is for 10.5 to 14 years old.

If you would like to get involved either as a young person or as an adult volunteer, you can register at: <https://eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk/join/>

If you would like any further information, please email [p.thurston@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:p.thurston@norfolkscouts.org.uk)

## **Reedham Ringers Tower Tour – see picture on back cover, middle left.**

The picture shows us, and a local ringer, on the very unusual Ringing Chamber steps at Shotesham Church, during our Tower Tour on 24<sup>th</sup> June (St John the Baptist's Day, appropriately enough). We also visited Woodton, Brooke and Bergh Apton, with Tea at Green Pastures at Bergh Apton Garden Centre. Each tower has a very individual flavour – in one, you have to put the floor down, blocking the stairs, to get enough room to ring. It also had a Tenor cast in about 1480. The sun shone, we didn't break a rope or stay; but sadly Jayne wasn't well enough to come. And Diana had a lesson in scything .....

Kati Cowen

## **Freethorpe & District Flower Show - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

We hope you will be able to come along and support our show, either as a participant (entries accepted between 9.30a.m. - 12.00 noon) or just popping in after 2.30p.m. to view all the exhibits and perhaps buy something in the auction at the close of the show. Schedules on Facebook.

Cheryl Nicholls

# AUGUST CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: Norfolk Wildlife Trust

## Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church (except 27<sup>th</sup>)

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

## SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

9.30am Lammas Service - Tunstall

9.30am Holy Communion – Wickhampton\*

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Holy Communion - Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Reedham & District W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Acle & District R.B.L 'Wally's Quiz' – Bure Rooms

7.30pm Women's Night Out - Freethorpe Village Hall

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 9am – Noon Farmers' Market – Church Hall, Acle

11am – 1pm Jumble Sale – Reedham Village Hall

## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Benefice Service – Beighton

11am – 4pm Teddy Bear Parachute Jump - Wickhampton

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> MOBILE LIBRARY DAY – Limpenhoe, Cantley and Beighton

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 9am – noon Breakfast Café – Limpenhoe Village Hall

## SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate\*

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

11.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> MOBILE LIBRARY DAY – Halvergate, Reedham  
& Freethorpe

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm Art Exhibition - Acle Parish Hall

10.30am – 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-In – Beighton Church

2.30pm Freethorpe & District Flower Show -

Freethorpe Village Hall

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Reedham Churchyard Day

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**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle  
9.30am Matins – Halvergate  
10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton  
11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Monthly Service – Swallowtail Place, Acle.  
(Visitors welcome)

Looking forward into **SEPTEMBER:-**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate  
9.30am Morning Worship - Limpenhoe  
11.00am Holy Communion - Acle  
11.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe\*\*

REEDHAM VILLAGE SHOW.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

*\*no service at Limpenhoe*

*\*\*no service at Reedham*

**Reedham Jumble Sale Saturday 10th August 11-1pm**

Where? At The Village Hall

We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Come along and grab a bargain.

We will be collecting in the Village on Thursday 8th from 8am until 2pm. You can bring items to the Village Hall on the 8th or on Saturday 10th from 8-10pm. I looked in the shed, under the bed, the bottom drawer, the loft, the wardrobe and anywhere else I thought I might have things I no longer use or never used. I found quite a lot.

Now I can fill those spaces up again.

You can drop off at 5a Church Road from the beginning of August and call 701685 if you need help.

Many thanks.

See you there.

*Amanda Hampton*

## Reedham School



We have had a busy spring and beginning of 10. summer at Reedham Primary and Nursery School. We have lots of positive changes to share including the news that Reedham's application to convert to an academy and join Consortium Trust was approved by the DfE. Beth Spaul will continue leading the school as academy head in September. We are looking forward to working with the staff and children of all the Consortium schools and building on the growth and positivity of this year.

Some of our highlights this term included a picnic on 6/6/24. This marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day and to commemorate the significance of the day, we hosted an assembly, which offered an overview of the events along with some historical context for the children. We wore red, white and blue, children took part in some class activities and then we invited families and friends of the school to join us on a picnic. Our PFA provided strawberries and cream and we watched some country dancing and our choir perform some Vera Lynn songs.

Our PFA also hosted a bingo night at the village hall, where family and friends enjoyed refreshments and lots of bingo! This night helped the PFA to raise £768! Our PFA are so proactive and supportive of the school; we are very fortunate to have them.

The PFA also supported our school teams to host a school fete challenge on 21/6/24. Each team had £25 to set up stalls. Parents and friends visited for the afternoon and we raised a grand total of £471.40 - thanks to our PFA for helping our children to improve outcomes and finances!

At the beginning of our first week back, we started with a residential trip for KS2, at our future partner school Winterton Primary School & Nursery. Otter class slept over at their Field Study Centre on Monday and Owl class slept over Tuesday night - Herons visited the centre for the day on Wednesday. The whole school took part in lots of beach activities, digging holes, building sandcastles, creating sculptures, team games, a tug of war and even some paddling. For tea we had chippy chips and s'mores on our camp fires. This experience was the first time some of the children had been away from home; it has left us with some great memories and helped us to build on our relationship with Winterton school.

On 14/6/24 we hosted parents to showcase some of our experiences so far this year. On the same day, we visited a project being completed by BAM to improve the drainage of the river Yare near our school.

A great big well done to our choir, who joined in a charity event, led by Ann Smith, to raise funds for Cancer Research. They sang at the concert at Epic Studios on Sunday 23/6/23, helping to raise money and awareness.

Lastly, looking ahead, we are looking forward to sports day and swimming in our swimming pool - at last, it is up to temperature and the sun is shining!

**B Spaul, Interim Headteacher**

## **Cantley Flower Show (not just flowers)**

11.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 2pm in Cantley Village Hall. Please come along and support our Show. Perhaps you would like to enter this year. Full details are on our website at [cantley.org/flowershow](http://cantley.org/flowershow). Look out for your yellow programme and entry form (Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood only). You can now enter online. Do have a go. Hope to hear from you soon.  
Robert.

## **Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)**

In July we enjoyed our summer social gathering – a pot luck supper at Reedham village hall. We were entertained by a showing of a film made to record the village commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the USAAF bomber crash over Reedham marshes. Many WI members were busy providing refreshments at the village hall on the day so we missed the service at the War Memorial. What a moving occasion it was, and how filthy the weather. Thank you to Chris Bradbury for bringing it along so that we could share the occasion.

Our August meeting on Tuesday 6th will be a life drawing session led by Rob Spray. The title is Barely Believable and materials will be provided.

We welcome new lady members, so if you enjoy sociable walks, meals out, trips to shows and exhibitions, a choir, a book group and regular monthly meetings with talks on a range of subjects, then perhaps the WI is for you. Why not come and find out on the first Tuesday of the month at Reedham village hall?

Mary Jones [reedhamwi@btinternet.com](mailto:reedhamwi@btinternet.com)

## **WICKHAMPTON NEWS**

### **Saturday 22 June 2024, 7pm at St Andrew's, Wickhampton "The signs of the times" – how to read Medieval Art**

Once again, our friend Imogen Corrigan entertained and educated us, this time about the wealth of signs and symbols left behind by our ancestors, particularly in church art and sculpture. Our thanks to Imogen; to everyone who joined us for the evening; to Graham Allcock for the excellent sound system, and to the Friends of Wickhampton church for providing refreshments and professional parking assistance! £145 raised for church funds.

### **A hive of activity!**

It was all buzzin' at Wickhampton church at the start of July, with the appearance of a very large swarm of honey bees that had attached itself to the masonry of the west door – quite an amazing sight. Apiarist Andy Jameson from Stokesby, suitably suited and booted, shepherded the swarm of around 12,000 bees into a large box, and took them with him on what was probably a noisy trip home! He is one of a group of volunteer beekeepers who collect wandering swarms, and will give "our" bees a thorough health check before they move in to one of his 30 hives, and start making "Stokesby Honey". Thank you Andy.

### **Hardware sale: 9-11 July 2024 Wickhampton**

A huge "thank you" from Keith and Sue for the wonderful support at the above sale of leftover stock from Wilkerson's - nearly everything went - and Keith was particularly grateful for the many good wishes from everyone.

## REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 in the Village Hall

There were 8 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Nurden and 8 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

The new Clerk to Reedham Parish Council from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July is Stephanie Shackleton

D. Cllr Nurden advised that the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage Barn Owl development has finished public consultation and is being put to the Planning Committee.

Chairman of the Village Hall Chris Bradbury gave the following report:

There has been no play equipment safety inspection for July yet.

The June Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won, the jackpot stands for July at £210 in 55 numbers or less.

The Fun Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> June had a steady number of people, with a great performance by Laura Daisy who sang a selection of 60's hits and Country songs, the RCA stage school also performed a few of the songs from their upcoming production of Wizard of Oz. There was a Bouncy Castle, Vikings and Saxons re-enactors, and we were also entertained by the African Drummers. The afternoon finished with a selection of races for children.

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, we will be showing on the big screen The Color Purple.

On 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm and again on 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2.30pm the RCA Stage School performance of The Wizard of Oz.

No planning applications were received for consideration.

Some issues have been reported to the Parish Council regarding unauthorised parking in the disabled parking bay on Riverside, and bicycles blocking wheelchair access. This is a Highways matter, and any public concerns should be raised directly with them.

The defibrillator at Riverside has still not been reinstated, although there is a portable version sited in the Quay Rangers hut this is not available 24 hours a day. Cllr Hale to investigate current situation.

A site for a defibrillator in Church Road was also discussed

In June the speed sensor was located on Mill Road at the junction with Churchview Close facing the railway bridge. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 27.5mph, the fastest speed was recorded at 45mph. The average vehicles per day was 534.

The referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Reedham Village Hall.

The vehicle restrictions planned for Middle Hill are still outstanding.

The pothole at the top of Middle Hill has been filled

Witton Green drainage issues – the Parish Council is awaiting an update from C. Cllr Hemsall.

### **Time and Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. Further details will be published on the website, Facebook page and notice board by the Doctor nearer the time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

## **Royal British Legion, Acle & District Branch**

**13.**

See photo on back cover - Peter Kingsley, President, Patrick Peal MBE founder of East Anglian Air Ambulance, Jayne Smith, Secretary and Bob Pochin, Chairman of Acle & District RBL

On Wednesday 3 July, Patrick Peal MBE one of the original founders of The East Anglian Air Ambulance, gave an extremely interesting presentation on the history and the running of The East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Instead of a monthly meeting in August, we will be holding "Wally's Quiz " to raise funds for Acle & District RBL Branch funds

This will be in The Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre on Wednesday 7 August.

6.30pm for 7pm start. £2 Per person with max of 6 in a team. Open to everyone. Small prizes for the winners. Teas & Coffees provided.

Jayne Smith

## **Reedham Churchyard Day – 21<sup>st</sup> August 10am onwards – and Reedham Churchyard Maintenance.**

We are still having problems with the Churchyard grass contract, so by this date the annual 'Hay Mow' may not have taken place, but volunteers would be very welcome to join us to do what tidying we can, in particular those with petrol or battery operated trimmers, to trim the sides of the pathways and drive. Please bring your own hand tools and kneelers where possible as well.

### **Maintenance**

We are well aware that the state of the churchyard is causing distress to many villagers and visitors. The main problem is that Reedham Churchyard is very difficult to maintain – lots of curbs, grave stones, raised plots, ornaments, bumps and lumps as well as our friends the rabbits and moles. It isn't at all like mowing a lawn or playing field. The Parish Council have been trying very hard to find a contractor to do it. However, the bids received, such as they are, have been much more than the Budget can afford.

We are rather proud of our conservation efforts – the flowers have been especially lovely this year and we keep finding new species, including an orchid. The birds have been benefiting, too, from the insect and small mammal rich terrain. Something which would help is if we could form a local Conservation Group to look after the Conservation areas, so reducing the area the Contractor was responsible for. This would mean a working party armed with scythes, power Strimmers and rakes tackling the areas in mid to late July, with possibly a smaller tidy up in late October. Would any vigorous and healthy people be interested? Cake would be provided.....

Kati Cowen

### **Noctilucent Cloud – see front page photo'.**

Looking out to the north on the night of 28<sup>th</sup> of June at 11.20pm, I noticed a strange bright cloud. Northern Lights? Not right for that, so I looked it up. Apparently it was a 'Noctilucent' or Night Shining Cloud. Wikipedia tells me that these are the highest clouds in Earth's atmosphere, located in the mesosphere at altitudes of around 76 to 85 km (249,000 to 279,000 ft). They are formed of ice crystals and, being so high, are lit by the sun, which has already set from the observer's point of view. Did anyone else notice it? Sadly, I missed the Aurora Borealis which was seen by many round about that time.

Kati Cowen

Well, here we are again, another month has flown by. On July 16th we had our July birthday buffet which was lovely and a birthday cake was made by Linda. Thank you once again to the committee and various members who helped with the food. Christine surprised us by making extra cakes which was an added treat.

We meet at Reedham Village Hall every Tuesday from 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Our bingo caller Jane is making good progress and should be back with us soon, Carol is doing a splendid job as her replacement. Beryl has returned to the club after her illness and we are all pleased to see her back.

I have a ticket for Thursford left so if you would like to go it is on Dec 18th and it is for the afternoon performance, just give me a ring.

### LOTTERY NEWS

The lottery was won by Mrs Audrey Wilson after only four weeks, her prize was £192.00, and Audrey kindly gave the club a donation.

If you would like to join just give me a ring I run this to help support our club and it is open to non-members as well, it is £1.00 per week.

Angie Woolsey

Secretary/Treasurer  
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### Reedham Village Show

All houses in Reedham should have received a schedule for the show which is being held on the Sunday 1st September.

Please browse through the schedule to see what categories you could enter. If you don't want to enter, please give us a visit to see our wonderful entries on display. Entries received 8.30 - 11.00 am.

Hope to see you all there.

Ken Tungate

## Dean of Norwich Cathedral's Visit

On 7<sup>th</sup> July we had a visit from the Very Revd. Andrew Braddock, Dean of Norwich Cathedral. He celebrated Holy Communion at St Botolph's, Limpenhoe and then at St John the Baptist's, Reedham. The Cathedral Clergy are trying to strengthen links with the parishes in the Diocese by taking parish services about once a month – which is also a great help to the local clergy. (Martin was enjoying some very well deserved leave.) Andrew was telling us that he served his curacy in the Benefice of Ranworth with Panxworth, Woodbastwick, South Walsham and Upton – so he is no stranger to this area. It was a delight to welcome him.

K.C.



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Raffle



Below: Andy Jameson removing the large swarm of bees from Wickhampton.

Centre: RBL talk at Acle on the East Anglia Air Ambulance - see article.



Left: Reedham Ringers' Tower Tour.



## Alternative Summer Art Exhibition



Sat. Aug. 24  
Acle Parish Hall  
opp. co-op  
10-4  
Free Entry  
Donations Welcome  
In aid of Church funds



Above top: The Dean visiting Reedham on 7th July

Above: Beighton Strawberry Teas, 29th June.