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A photograph of a forest path covered in fallen autumn leaves, with tall trees lining the path. The path is a narrow, winding trail that leads into the distance, flanked by tall, slender trees. The ground is covered in a thick layer of brown and orange leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The trees are mostly deciduous, with some green leaves still visible on the upper branches. The lighting is soft and natural, creating a serene atmosphere.

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From the Editor

Here at the Contact team we are all pleased to be back in print. There have been countless questions about when we would be printing again. Thanks to John Roberts and his team for their forbearance.

This issue includes several items on events the Church in Loddon would normally run at this time of year, often with adaptations to allow for current restrictions but, hopefully, giving many of us a chance to get out and experience some of the pleasure of living in this community and meeting friends, old and new.

There are also several pieces on environmental matters around our communities which we hope will interest you. There are actually quite a lot of such initiatives ongoing and often you can join in yourselves. Some relate to wildlife in all forms and others, such as Ros Hoffmann's new project, look to recycle a lot of items we all regularly use —page 45.

Roger

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Ministerial Musings

St. Francis of Assisi is remembered on October 4th. In most people's minds he is the patron saint of animals and birds and there are many pictures of him surrounded by all sorts of creatures.

However, there's much more to Francis than this. He was a most unlikely candidate for being made a saint. He was born in the late twelfth century, the son of a wealthy merchant. He liked the high life and wore expensive clothes. He was very much one of the lads and his life was one of pleasure seeking.

In 1202 Francis became a soldier at a time when Italian city states made war on each other. He was captured and kept a prisoner for a year, during which time he became ill. After his recovery whilst on his way to join another army, he had a dream in which he was told to return to Assisi. He did so and devoted his time to fasting and prayer.

One famous story about Francis is that he went to pray in the ruined church of St. Damiano and heard a voice which seemed to come from a cross, telling him to rebuild "my church". He hurried home, took some of his father's rolls of cloth and sold them. He gave the money to the priest who refused to take it. Francis threw it out of the window. His father was furious and tried to bring him before the authorities. Francis refused so his father brought him before the Bishop. Francis stripped himself of all his clothes so that he had nothing of his father's. He renounced worldly goods and family ties. He identified with the poor. He rebuilt the church of St. Damiano and some others too. He began preaching outside church buildings, which as a layman he was not supposed to do. Others were attracted to him and he sought the Pope's blessing on his group. Thus the Franciscan order of friars was established. They not only embraced poverty but sought to live a life of sacrifice for others. He tried to make the Bible understandable to ordinary people. We can thank him for our Nativity scenes because he set one up with real animals.

Francis had a great respect for the natural world. He called the sun his brother and the moon his sister. Perhaps if we feel overwhelmed by the environmental problems of our age we can remember what he said. "Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

Rev. Ros Hoffmann



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Services of **Morning Worship** are held in Loddon and Hardley.

XPRESSIONS CAFÉ is on the first Sunday every month at All Saints, Chedgrave. This is a relaxed and contemporary way of 'doing church'. Open between 10am and 12 noon, you can come and go as you please for coffee, cake, discussion, crafts, games, stories, reflection and much more.

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All Together Worship is designed to be as inclusive as possible: a mixture of formality and informality; traditional and modern; activity and stillness. In short, we will attempt to provide a service which will have points of connection for children and adults—indeed people of all ages and all backgrounds.

Last Sunday Praise is held on the last Sunday of the month at St John's: a chance to sing old and new Christian songs and worship together.

XTRA! is an exciting, informal service every Thursday after school in St John's Church. Refreshments from 3.15pm, service starts ~3.45pm. Open to all; particularly suited to children and young people.

In Loddon and Chedgrave there is an opportunity to enjoy a chat over refreshments after the service.

There are toilets and baby-changing facilities at All Saints, Chedgrave and St John's, Loddon.

Families are welcome at all of our services but are particularly catered for on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in Chedgrave.

Home Communion: If you would like home communion, because you are unable for any reason to get to a Sunday service, please contact the clergy or the Church Office and we will arrange for someone to bring communion to you.

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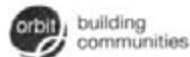


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Thanksgivings & Baptisms

You are welcome to request thanksgiving and baptism for your children.

Thanksgiving Services will be held again by arrangement with the clergy after the emergency. An opportunity to give thanks for the gift of a new child ‘

Baptisms are usually held within the Sunday worship in our churches. They are an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the new life we have in Jesus and to welcome a child into God’s family, the Church.

Monday Mardles has started again but will only take place in the church grounds until further notice.



If you like a relaxed and informal chat with others or are looking to meet some new friends, join us at a Monday Mardles and remember social distancing.

Bring your own refreshments and use the benches set out near the porch.

Mardles are held every **Monday 10am-12pm**. Come and go as you choose. On average there are about 12 people who come to Mardles, and there’s room for more! You will be made very welcome.

(‘Mardle’—in Norfolk it means a good old natter!)

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If you’ve been widowed or have lost your life partner come and join us at St John’s Lecture Hall on the **first Thursday of the month**. Make new friends, enjoy tea or lunch together.

If you are interested in joining the group when it resumes ring Jill on 01508 520248.



Small Groups- Some of us like to meet during the week in small groups where we can enjoy each others’ company, study the Bible together and pray for one another and for others. To join, or just to know more, please contact David Owen or the Church Office.



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From the Parish Registers

Thanksgivings

At this challenging time we give thanks for all the new lives born into our community and we pray for their good health and long life.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for all children. Surround them with your blessing that they may know your love, be protected from evil, and know your goodness all their days.—Common Worship

Funerals

Gillian Waud who died on 4th July 2020

Funeral : 15th July 2020 at Waveney Crematorium

Nellie Margaret Curtis who died on 19th July 2020

Funeral: 5th August 2020 at Langley.

Jean Thelma Catchpole who died on 30th July 2020

Funeral: 24th August at Waveney Crematorium.

Hazel June Gray who died on 29th July 2020

Funeral: 25th August at St. Faith's Crematorium

Kathleen Killington who died on 30th August 2020

Funeral 29th September at Hardley.

Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. So we will be with the Lord for ever.

1 Thessalonians 4. 14, 17b



Advent Doors in the Community – Advance Notice

We think that Christmas will look very different this year in terms of what we plan as Chet Valley Churches. Certainly, we are not planning a Crib Service. However, that gives us an opportunity to do something exciting and different. We are thinking of having a ‘Live Advent Calendar’. Different households will host a door during Advent which you will be able to open.

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Harvest was mostly completed and in store by the end of August. Large grain lorries are once more having to negotiate some of the sharp corners in our lanes. Grain quality and quantity seems variable, the weather again. Shortages of bread wheat may affect prices when it comes to loaves of bread. Wheat, cropping at an average of 3.4 tonnes per acre will end up as 5,780 loaves of bread, so a 30% drop in the crop can be quite serious. Grain from abroad also helps to feed their rising populations, so import costs may rise. Food is a vital commodity and much can be done to raise awareness about how it is grown. 'Country file' the other Sunday was a revelation in public relations between children and farmers. Over 500 farmers are regularly in contact via social media with schools, showing crops on their mobile phones, and explaining what is going on to children in their classrooms. The children's are full of interest, one farmer said that after a season of crops he was surprised how quite young children were extremely knowledgeable, asking increasingly complex questions about farm operations! a splendid portent for the future. Visitors are welcome to come for a quiet time in Sisland Church, but because of Corvid 19, it is only open occasionally, see the Chet Churches website for details. How-ever, the car park and Churchyard are always open, and there are seats to rest.

Sislanda

Hi, Freddie here. I sometimes have to stay at home when T. & J. go shopping – I love going, lots of nice smells, but I'm not allowed into most shops. When they return the car noise tells me long before they get here. J. can't understand how I know, but I have very good ears which tell me things they can't even hear! Such as Mr. Paul cutting down a tree miles away! His chopping thing makes a very funny noise. My nose works well too, which would be handy if I could go exploring sometimes, but they worry about me – I can't think why! T. and I were not keen on the hot weather this summer, he got quite growly when wasps found his plums – which we all like – and one bit him, I kept well out of the way for a time! Did you see the cricket? They really know how to bat a ball. T. said they go faster than our car, but they don't have dogs chasing them, which would be fun. The groundsman's dog – who has a very smart coat – just sits and watches! Do you know that when I hurt my leg, I was allowed to go to bed in the sitting room, but now it is better I might have to go back to my bean-bag in the kitchen. I'm trying to limp a bit, so they don't notice!



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Next Parish Meeting: Wed. 28th October online at 7.30 pm. All welcome to join. Contact the Clerk if you would like to attend. Agendas are posted on the brick bus shelter notice board opposite Masala Garden and on the website 3 days before the meeting. Minutes are put up in the same places.

Provision of Hand Sanitisers by South Norfolk Council – As part of the Confidence Campaign we are grateful to SNC for the hand sanitiser stations, outside the entrance of Masala Garden and the BP Garage. They are installed to improve public health and increase confidence in our community.

Hales Roundabout and Associated Works –The Parish Council received confirmation from Norfolk County Council that the hump will be reduced. Signage will be improved to enforce the one way system at the BP Garage. Trees and hedge planting will also be rectified. Thank you to residents for voicing their concerns regarding the bund/hump at the junction between Yarmouth Road and A146.

SAMS – The Parish Council has received positive feedback regarding our application for a grant from Norfolk County Council for the installation of a mobile speed activated sign on Yarmouth Road. All being well this is likely to be installed in Spring/early Summer 2021.

Dogs – The Dog Walking Code is a best practice Countryside Code for dog owners. Look out for it on our website and Facebook pages. It will also appear as a notice in areas where dogs are walked and exercised in Hales and Heckingham. We appreciate your support in following these guidelines.

Footpath along A146 to the Beccles Bound Bus Stop –The work to widen this footpath has had to be delayed until next year. The Parish Council will revisit this project.

Hales & Heckingham Playground – The Parish Council has agreed to go ahead with installing a combined five-a-side football posts and basketball hoops. It is hoped to be completed before the end of the year. We will also be improve some existing equipment.

Hales Green Common – There have been some issues with footpath entrances onto the Common. If you have any concerns please advise the Parish Clerk and South Norfolk Council. Follow the Countryside Code and Common Byelaws when using the Common.

Footpath Issues – If you see any problem on a footpath advise South Norfolk Council at <https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>. Also, please advise the Parish Clerk.

2 Parish Council Vacancies – If you are interested please get in touch with the Clerk. It is only necessary to attend two thirds of the meetings held each year. The workload is not great and you can choose to concentrate on the issues that interest you. The aim is to have as diverse a representation as possible so that residents feel involved in the village.

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Hand Sanitising Stations: South Norfolk Council are encouraging us all to 'Shop with Confidence' so they have kindly installed five hand sanitising stations throughout the Village. They are positioned at The Staithe, Church Plain, the pavement area on George Lane, Co-op and outside the Post Office. Please let the Parish Council know if they need replenishing.

Anyone for Tennis? This is the perfect weather for tennis! Loddon Tennis Courts can be booked online, visit www.loddonpc.org.uk to book. There are 2 courts available at £5 per hour per court. All proceeds to the Playing Field Committee.

Facilities: The Play Area, Skate Park and Staithe Public Conveniences have reopened. Please ensure social distancing guidelines are kept and sanitiser is used to help protect us all.. The Information Office for Tourists remains closed.

Pyes Mill is looking particularly beautiful at this time of year, so please enjoy it! Although Pyes Mill is owned by South Norfolk Council, the Parish Council regularly cuts the grass at the picnic area. The Parish Council is aware of the damage to the foot bridge and has reported it.

George Lane Junction: South Norfolk Council and South Norfolk Police are aware of issues with cars parking on double yellow lines on the junction with Bridge Street. Please do not do this, even to collect food, it creates a dangerous hazard.

Streetlights: Loddon PC has formally adopted the streetlights from South Norfolk Council. Please report any bulbs out to Loddon Parish Council.

Hall Hire: The rear hall of the Library Annexe is available for hire at a very reasonable rate of £10 for one hour for local community groups, or £15 per hour for birthday parties. To hire the hall for a regular booking, or an event, please contact the Parish Clerk or see the website for more information .

Allotments: Now is the growing season and vacant plots are available.

Future Meetings of Loddon Parish Council: The Agenda will be displayed on the notice board on Church Plain and on the Council's website at least 3 working days before the meeting. The next meeting date of the Parish Council is Wednesday 14 October 2020. Parishioners are welcome to attend via GoTo Meeting to minimise risk of infection from Covid 19.

Contact Loddon Parish Council: Tel.01508 522020 / email the Clerk; Emily Curtis; clerk@loddonpc.org.uk. The office is in the Library Annexe, 31 Church Plain, Loddon and is normally open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings between 9.00am-12noon. It is currently closed due to Covid 19, but appointments can be made to visit in person. More information on the Parish Council's website: www.loddonpc.org.uk or follow us on Facebook for regular updates:

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Following a break during August, the Parish Council held a virtual meeting on 3rd September 2020 (in line with Coronavirus Act 2020). Copies of the minutes are available at Loddon Library, on the Parish Council noticeboard and website.

Coronavirus: For urgent help, including for those not “on-line”, please contact South Norfolk Help Hub on **01508 533933** or earlyhelphubsouth@s-norfolk.gov.uk

Councillor Vacancy: Richard Seel was co-opted to the council.

Play Areas: *The Pits* – open - parents are reminded to ensure children observe social distancing. Frequent use of hand sanitiser is recommended. *Grebe Drive* – will remain closed on safety grounds and while awaiting refurbishment.

Brian Clarke Rooms: Currently closed but plans are being made for re-opening.

Planning Applications: Numerous planning applications were dealt with by the Planning Sub Group during August, as follows. Full details can be found on the South Norfolk Council Planning Portal

2020/1154 – Land East Of The Manor, Norwich Road, Chedgrave,

2020/1149 - 20 Langley Road, Chedgrave, NR14 6HD.

2020/1270 - 2020/1271 - 3 Norwich Road, Chedgrave, NR14 6ND .

2020/1324 - Mr & Mrs Ball, 2 Rectory Lane, Chedgrave, NR14 6NE.

2020/1149 –20 Langley Road, Chedgrave, NR14 6HD, has been approved with conditions.

Neighbourhood Plan: The council is currently considering collaborating with Loddon Parish Council on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. A final decision will be made at the October meeting.

Wherryman’s Way: The PC expressed frustration at the lack of a full response from NCC on some matters and will follow up.

Faulty street lights, potholes, problems with roads, footpaths or public rights of way, road safety, flooding and overgrown trees and verges should be reported to Norfolk County Council on 0344 800 8020 or online at www.norfolk.gov.uk Criminal & illegal activities, public disorder & nuisance, anti-social behaviour, speeding, uncontrolled dogs, should all be reported to the Police on 999 or 101(non-emergency) and can be reported online at www.norfolk.police.uk

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Choir for Carols

Hooray! The community choir is coming together once again this year to sing. However, it seems unlikely that we will be holding the usual carol services so we will be carol singing in the neighbourhood instead. We will sing on several evenings in different parts of the Chet Valley community.



People of all ages are welcome (~7 - 90+). We will not be having any rehearsals so it will be helpful if everyone is familiar with traditional Christmas carols.

This is what one of the younger members of a previous community choir said:

“It is a lot of fun. We all enjoy the singing and getting to know others in the community.”

We will adhere to the Covid guidelines in December.

Carol singing in Chedgrave likely to be on Sunday 20th December.

Carol singing in Loddon likely to be on Sunday 13th December.

More precise details will be given nearer the time.

Both may finish at a pub near you!

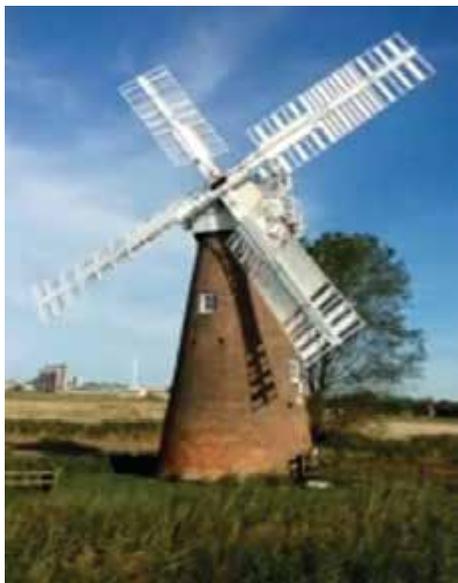
If you would like to take part please contact Alison Ball

e-mail: ball880am@btinternet.com or 01508 528126

Many thanks,

Rev Alison

Hardley Mill



Volunteers Needed

Would you like to be involved with this historic Wind Pump?

We need volunteers to help with various roles when the mill is open to the public, from providing refreshments to showing people around the mill and visitor centre.

We also need people with practical skills to help maintain the mill.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Mill
please contact Francis Kirkpatrick
01508 520331

A short History of Hardley Mill

One hundred years ago windmills working alongside our rivers to drain the adjoining marshes were a common sight. Hardley Windmill was one such drainage pump operating beside the River Yare..

The mill was built in 1874 for Sir Thomas Proctor Beauchamp of Langley Hall (now Langley School) by Ludham millwright Daniel England. It operated until around 1950 when it was tail winded and badly damaged

In 1991, with the mill derelict, volunteers under the inspirational leadership of architect and mill enthusiast Peter Grix started work on restoration. By 2005 structural work on the tower was complete. With the award of funding from Leader+ in 2007/08 work on the cap and sails moved on apace. The cap was lifted onto the top of the tower in April 2009 and the sails finally turned on 9th October 2009.

The internal workings were completed in 2013, with the mill pumping water again under sail power for the first time in over 70 years.

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Our Norfolk Swift Response Service is available 24/7 by calling 0344 800 8020 and choose option 1 when prompted. Swift Response provides help, support and reassurance when someone has an urgent, unplanned need at home but doesn't need the emergency services. The Swift Response team can assist with emergency care needs if, for example, your usual carer is suddenly unavailable. If you have fallen, but are not injured, the team can use special lifting equipment to help make moving as safe as possible. Staff wear Personal Protective Equipment and social distancing measures are also used where appropriate to minimise the risk of infection to staff and those they are supporting. Can you help us share this information with friends and family who may be vulnerable?

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News From Your



South Norfolk District Councillor

Now that we have finished our fundraising, between 10am – 11.30 am on **Saturday 10 October** we are launching our new ChetChat group, aimed at helping and supporting our over-60s friends and neighbours. We'll be standing outside the Co-op, handing out our free mugs and fridge magnets, showing our ChetChat phone number.

Please come and see us, and if you ever need any help give us a ring on **0787 60 50 110**.

In other news, I'll be spending next Sunday morning litter-picking and helping to get the playground up and running alongside the Langley with Hardley Parish Councillors.

My regular surgeries will resume when it is safe to hold them again. In the meantime, please ring me anytime on **07733323581** if I can help you.

Thanks for putting your trust in me when you voted last year. We're here to work for you, and must never forget that.

All the best.

Councillor Jeremy Rowe

Church Services

4th October

| | | |
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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | St Mary, Sisland |
| 9.00am | Informal Holy Communion | All Saints, Chedgrave |
| 10am—12 noon | Xpressions Café | All Saints, Chedgrave |
| 10.45am | Holy Communion | Holy Trinity, Loddon |

11th October

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | St Margaret's Hardley |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) | All Saints, Chedgrave |
| 10.45am | Morning Worship | Holy Trinity, Loddon |

18th October

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| 10.45am | Holy Communion | Holy Trinity, Loddon |
| 11.00am | All Together Worship | All Saints, Chedgrave |
| 5.00pm | Evening Prayer (BCP) | St Mary, Sisland |

25th October

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints, Chedgrave |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship | St Margaret, Hardley |
| 10.45am | Morning Worship | Holy Trinity, Loddon |

Church Services during the Covid-19 pandemic

The government has allowed our churches to open for worship. We continue to explore how we might do this whilst following guidelines so that all remain safe. ***The dates and times given are indicative of services that may happen in the Chet Valley; please look at our website for up-to-date information.*** On Sundays, our services are available on our YouTube channel: Chet Valley Churches. The URL for each service and a pdf are on the church website (www.chetvalleychurches.org). If you would like a paper copy of the Sunday service, please contact one of the clergy.

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| Every day Morning Prayer 9.00am <i>All Welcome</i> | Monday | Holy Trinity, Loddon |
| | Tuesday | St. Margaret, Hardley |
| | Wednesday | All Saints, Chedgrave |
| | Thursday | Holy Trinity, Loddon |
| | Friday | St Mary, Sisland |
| | Saturday | All Saints, Chedgrave |

Holy Trinity (Mon-Sat) and All Saints (Mon-Sun) churches are open for private prayer . We have to adhere to government and Church of England guidelines about maintaining social distancing, use of hand sanitisers... in the buildings. Please be mindful of instructions when you visit.

| Other Services in St John's, Loddon | |
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| Currently suspended | Roman Catholic Mass |
| Tuesdays 7.30pm-8.30pm | COME AND PRAY If you would you like to spend some time in prayer with a small group of people you are welcome to come along to 'Time for Prayer and Space for Reflection' 3 rd Tuesday Midweek Communion with Blessing |
| Thursdays during school term | XTRA! Join us for an exciting, informal service. Refreshments from 3.15pm, Service starts 3.45pm More from Rev David 01508 522993 or Rev Alison 01508 528126 |

Please contact Rev Alison (ball880am@btinternet.com) about arrangements for **XTRA!**

Please contact Rev Jill (jillhaylock@aol.com) about arrangements for Tuesday Prayer and Reflection.

Please contact Father Padraig (office@east-angliadiocese.org.uk) for details of Catholic services.

COMMUNITY GROUPS NEWS & EVENTS

Loddon Flower Club

Contact Tricia Godfrey on 01508 480522 or tricia646@aol.com or take a look at our new website at www.loddonflowerclub.co.uk We are available to arrange flowers

Chedgrave & District Women's Institute

Our usual meeting place is The Church Rooms at All Saints Church, Chedgrave on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm. Chedgrave & District WI has not met since the beginning of the Coronavirus lockdown. There are no plans as yet to resume meetings and members have been kept informed of WI news throughout the County. Please contact Angela Dance, 01508 521120 for further information.

Langley with Hardley Women's Institute

The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month, starting at 7:30pm at Langley with Hardley Village Hall. Further details from Secretary Gillian Ball 01508 528182 or President Judy Wilson 01508 522051

Loddon & Chedgrave Ladies 8 o'clock Club

Sadly, not operating at present due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We are a friendly group meeting each month for a talk from a guest speaker and refreshments. Usual time 8pm at the Brian Clarke Meeting Rooms, Mallard Close, Chedgrave. For more information contact Hillary 01508 520457 or June 01508 528853

Loddon Indoor Bowls Club

Did you know there was one?.....It's sited in the 'Old Town Hall' in The Swan yard. There is a competitive league each evening from September to March. Roll Ups and Cup Competition each Mon., Wed. and Fri. 2-4.30pm. Also Tues. am 10-12. Contact Paul Clemence, 218078 or just turn up!

Patient Participation Group

Our meetings are not currently taking place and we will advise all through Contact when normal service is likely to resume.

Footballers Wanted!

A friendly, relaxed group of guys of all ages and abilities who meet at Hobart Astroturf every **Monday** evening from 8.30pm-9.30pm for a non-competitive kick-about to keep fit and socialise. We are looking for like minded people to join us once restrictions are lifted. Cost £2.50 per session, first session free.

For more details, please contact Terry on:

tezzahayden99@gmail.com

Facebook: Loddon Men's Football Club



Hobart Badminton Club

We meet on **Fridays** 7.30-9.30pm at the Sports Hall, Hobart High School. We play socially and are not in a league. New members, aged 18 and over, welcome. Some previous playing experience required.

Trial Members: £4 per session for 4 weeks. Visitors: £5 per session

Full members: £10 annual subscription and £4 for each week you play.

Further info. from Barbara Boardman: Email: tomenelli@btinternet.com



Short Tennis Club

Come and join our friendly non-competitive club on **Tuesdays 11.30am - 1pm** at the Jubilee Hall. All welcome. For more information call 01508 520589.

Hales & Loddon Cricket Club

For details contact Pete on 07931711323 or Pete.dye@canaries.co.uk

The Club run teams in the Norfolk Alliance as well as the Norfolk League, as well as teams at U9/11/13 age groups.

If you would like to play, whatever your age or ability, you'll be very welcome at Hales and Loddon. All our Youth Coaches are DBS checked and are qualified to work in youth Cricket. Just off the A146 after the roundabout near Hales. Garage.



Ashby St Mary Cricket Club

We are a small village club, who plays home games at Ashby Hall "The Meadow", a wonderful location. We play competitive friendlies on a Sunday afternoon, also midweek 20 over games April—September. If you are new to the area, not played for a while, or perhaps want a change in clubs - call us.

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Loddon and Chedgrave District Society

Contact June on 01508 528853 for further details unless otherwise stated.

All bookings for lunches, walks, events etc. must be made in good time through the person named. Events marked with an * must be booked or paid in advance by the date noted to guarantee a place.

Loddon Women's Institute

At the moment we are not planning to resume our monthly meetings, members have been issued with a questionnaire so we can assess how everyone feels about the future, a decision will be made later this month. Meanwhile, we are trying to keep in touch with emails and newsletters and a few members enjoyed a socially distant picnic in August. In July we organised a flower arranging competition, using photographs of the entries. Mr Lynton Johnson, who would have been our July speaker, kindly judged the photographs. The winners were: 1st Jane Chapman, 2nd Tina Jones, and 3rd Joy Fletcher. In September we invited our members to write a short murder mystery story – they won't be judged but will be sent round for members to read and (hopefully!) enjoy. Meanwhile, best wishes to all."

Contact us through our website; or Facebook, or via LoddonWI@gmail.com.

A CHANCE FOR NATURE?

During our recently enforced 'lockdown', many of us have been enjoying the delights of nature around us, having time to spend in and around the area.

Two local groups, in particular, are now both keen to work with us all to create a better environment for the future and need your help.

To this end a small display has been placed for viewing in the window of Young's Funeral Directors in Loddon.

Do take a look when passing up and down the High Street.

For more information on The Chet Valley B-Line and The Wild Patch Project you can look on line or contact Carol on.....01508 500602



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Loddon Community Gym

As you read this I had hoped that I would be saying that the Gym is now open, albeit in Covid-19 compliant fashion. However, it is not proving easy to achieve, bearing in mind social distancing, the cleaning of all equipment between users, allowing everyone 9 square metres space each at all times, not handling money or programmes and so on and so forth. It is also complicated as we share the Jubilee Hall with other users and bookings have to allow for cleaning before and after each session.



The safety and comfort of our members and Louise, our personal trainer, is of paramount importance and so a re-opening date is not as yet decided. When we have a date for reopening, those on our e-mailing list will be informed by email. Also check social media and our website for update www.loddoncommunitygym.com

Take care, until we meet again at Jubilee Hall, George Street, Loddon

Mon.: 1.30pm-6pm, Tues.: 4.30-8.30pm, Fri.: 10am-1pm.

(times may alter slightly)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - LODDON AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Thank you all for making our socially distanced VJ Day in August a memorable and fitting occasion - we even had a mention on BBC Look East - and for your kind comments about the branch display in Young's window.

We are unsure how Novembers's Remembrance commemorations will be arranged, but we will give you final details in next month's issue when we know them.

However, we understand that any local arrangements will definitely be taking place outdoors so winter clothing is highly recommended !

As to the branch Annual General Meeting scheduled for the 17th November, that again is still up in the air. We advise that you contact Secretary Christine Hartley (01508 521136) nearer the time as, by then, things should be a lot more settled.

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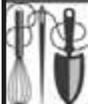
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Chet Valley Photography Club



Monthly meetings at Hobart High School are still suspended but we now have “virtual” monthly meetings via Zoom. A new concept for many members but well attended and working well. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact me secretary@chetvalleyphotography.org.uk or have a look at our website www.chetvalleyphotography.org.uk The club is open to everyone. regardless of their photography knowledge.

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Rev. Ross Hoffmann would like to thank all who supported the recycling of cat/dog food pouches earlier this year and now draws everyone’s attention to a new initiative, shown on page 45 of this month’s Contact!

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Local wildlife groups have come together to create a 3 km wide pollinator friendly corridor along the Chet from its source in Poringland to the Yare. Pollinators as with much wildlife have suffered from loss of habitat and the way we use land. There are things we can do though to turn things around and we are pleased that Loddon and Chedgrave now have a number of projects linked to the B-Line.

What you can do to help:

- **Avoid harmful pesticides**-Synthetic pesticides are harmful to bees. Using them in your garden can not only keep bees away, but also endanger their lives. If you must treat your garden, opt for organic pesticide options and spray at night when pollinators are least active. We are pleased that Chedgrave Allotments have gone pesticide free. Herbicides can also kill wildflowers vital for food.
- **Plant pollinator friendly flowers**-Wildflowers are best as they and the pollinators have developed together over thousands of years, but many other common garden plants are just as good. Look out for the RHS plants for pollinators symbol. Try to plant flowers in patches - bees like to focus on one flower type at a time. Bees are becoming active earlier in the year and early spring flowering trees, shrubs and bulbs are particularly useful. Top Tip: the best shrub for spring is Blackthorn, which flowers just as the hungry Queen Bumble Bees wake up.
- **Provide a home**-A source of water is important for all wildlife, whether it's a pond or a bird bath. Leave an area of long grass, cut it down once a year in autumn or not at all. An undisturbed plot will help many insects, including ground-nesting bees. The tree bumblebee often uses bird boxes, but there are also leaf cutter bees and mason bees that live in holes in wood and in brick walls.

Top tip: the South Yare Wildlife Group website is great for advice. www.southyarewildlifegroup.org

Be(e) involved. We need your help. We are recruiting for help with a range of tasks; promoting the aims of the project by speaking to Councils, local clubs and societies; advising on pollinator friendly gardening; lobbying for change; helping with planting projects; monitoring and recording pollinator numbers. Training provided where necessary.

Bergh Apton Conservation Trust is leading this project with support from South Yare Wildlife Group, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Buglife, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group .

Recent news and a big thank you!

All 3 medical practices in the Chet Valley B-line pollinator corridor have joined us. Heathgate and Old Mill in Poringland and Loddon Surgery was one of our first planting schemes. All have new pollinator friendly grass cutting regimes. A survey at Old Mill in Poringland by South Yare Wildlife Group members identified 60 wildflower species and saw (the increasingly rare) Common Blue butterfly.

For more information:email: chetvalleybline@gmail.com or follow **Chet Valley B-Line** on **Facebook**

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Chet Staithe Probus Club

Have you recently retired or just moved to the area? Are you missing male company, on your own, or just want to get out and meet new people? Why not visit the Chet Staithe Probus Club which is held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the White Horse, Chedgrave. Meetings start at 10am and finish around midday with the option of staying for lunch. Several of our members do.

We are a friendly informal club, jackets and ties not required. Members range in age from 60 to almost 100. We have guest speakers with topics range from clocks, Whitehall, cartoons, space and even stagecoach journeys to Norwich.

Meetings re-started in August. Please contact Clive Boyd on 01508 520547, or e-mail cliveboyd@btconnect.com

Chet Valley Probus Club

The Chet Valley Probus Club (for retired Professional & Businessmen or any who have held some measure of responsibility in any field of endeavours) meets at the White Horse Chedgrave on the second and fourth Tuesday morning, monthly. Good company, speakers, and food.

All meetings are regrettably cancelled due to the current health crisis.

Undaunted, and despite being a non-profit organisation with limited funds, the Club has decided to contribute the generous sum of £500 to the Cambridge University Covid-19 Research Programme - <https://shar.es/aHqXxZ>. This is in addition to its usual more modest donations to local charities each year.

For further details contact the secretary: John McCormack, 5a Norton Road, Loddon NR14 6JN. 01508 521899.

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Loddon & District Local History Group

Sadly again I have no monthly meeting to report. but August was an interesting and busy month. We have been having regular contact Robin & Laura re the Archive Project and an initial virtual face to face meeting with them on September 2nd.

We heard from the Loddon Library Manager, busy resorting the shelves in preparation for the reopening the Library, that our Archive Material, would need to go from the Local Studies Room We have been fortunate to have the use of this room for many years, and it has enabled access to the Archive Material whenever the Library was open. Sadly the albums, files and boxes are now removed and currently in temporary storage with Carol & me. The plus side is that for the first time in five months can get on with updating the catalogue and digitising pictures etc.

To help with this work we are looking for volunteers; to type up handwritten lists of contents of albums/files and to help in listing the contents of others. Interest and enthusiasm to enter text into a prepared Excel sheet required. The reward is getting a close look at some of the interesting photographs and /or information in the archive.

If you would like to know more contact me at Elvie.Herd@uwclub.net

Over the years Michael Gunton, who died in April, had collected many photographs and ephemera of local interest, which he had generously shared with us. His collection has been donated to the History Group and is currently being merged with our own Archive. We are very grateful to his family for this donation.

From the Archive this month is brief. Woods Sadd Moore had a long running milling business in Loddon. But what of the gentlemen themselves?

Mr Arthur C Sadd 4th son of a Suffolk farmer had moved to Loddon by 1891 and lived for over 20 years at the Beeches, he was described as Merchant, Maltster & Miller. Sons Neville and Henry joined the family business and also lived in Loddon at the Beeches and East Hill respectively. Incidentally East Hill was built adjacent to the brick Tower Mill, just as it was demolished. A picture of the mill was in Michael Gunton's collection. Mr Alfred Woods 1827-1912 who in 1893 was described as senior member of the firm; originated in Lowestoft and learned the trade of a tailor later moving to London running a successful business as a dressmaker & costumier. By 1888 he also owned Elm Farm, but retired to Ingate St. Beccles becoming Mayor in 1891. Presumably he helped to finance the company. Mr W H Moore 1860-194 is more of a mystery. He appears to have been a young American who married Amelia Cross, the sister in law of Arthur Sadd in 1884, the marriage ended in divorce in 1903 and he returned to America, taking their children with him despite his wife having custody. She followed, to be reunited with her children.

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Read Any Good Books Lately?

“One Thousand Moons,” by Sebastian Barry

A very unusually written book - written as if the central character (a young native American girl) is the narrator. Her tribe was massacred when she was very young, but she wasn't killed, although the rest of her family were. She was rescued by two English men and brought up by them and an Indian woman, with whom she still lives. This extraordinary book has a background of distrust between the white Americans and the native Indians as well as between different tribes and different kinds of love. All of this is set in a rural part of America two centuries ago. At times it isn't easy to read because of the unusual narrative, but it is really thought provoking.

“The Lost Lights of St. Kilda,” by Elisabeth Gifford

In 1930 the tiny Hebridean island of St. Kilda was evacuated because there were so few able-bodied inhabitants (many of whom were very elderly) that they couldn't grow sufficient food for everyone, and boats were no longer bringing post or items to help with the day-to-day survival of the island. Consequently the tiny population was relocated to the Glasgow area of Scotland 90 years ago.

This novel transports the reader to a feeling of being one of those islanders, it is written so well. The central character is a woman called Chrissie Gillies, a single parent of a now teenage girl, who has begun to ask questions about her father; as a result of that the story of Chrissie and a Cambridge University student unfolds. The author sometimes tells the story from Chrissie's viewpoint and sometimes from the view of Fred, the student. The story takes us right up to the end of World War 2 and just beyond. It is totally absorbing and all the more so because of its unusual setting.

“Old Baggage,” by Lissa Evans

This could easily be one of the best books you have read for a very long time! Set in London (Hampstead) in the time shortly after the activity of the Suffragettes, the author has created a wonderful selection of characters of various ages. Most importantly there is Mattie Simkin, who lives right near Hampstead Heath with a friend called Florrie Lee, who is a Health Visitor. Mattie is a force to be reckoned with and is dedicated to seeing that the younger generation of girls should never grow up to be subservient to any man: they should be educated, not simply domesticated!

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Read Any Good Stories Lately, continued

“Any Human Heart,” by William Boyd

The life story of (fictional) Logan Mountstuart. This is written as if it comprised entries in a journal. According to the author, Mountstuart was born in 1906 and lives for 85 years. During that time he is a fairly rebellious schoolboy, bored by the Sixth Form years, but with two particular friendships featuring the same two friends for nearly all of his life. He becomes a writer and develops a very knowledgeable interest in Art, as well as having liaisons with several women - some more meaningful and successful than others. William Boyd doesn't hesitate to introduce his character to real people, in particular the Prince of Wales and Mrs. Wallis. Mountstuart becomes a spy during World War 2 and is imprisoned in Switzerland. Later he goes from wealth to poverty in London, Paris, the USA, back to London and eventually to a small village in France. He is an interesting character to have been created, with an eventful life story. There are times when reading this novel can be a bit hard-going – not, however, during the final few years.

Zoom Quiz – how does that work?

This is our first Zoom Quiz but this is how we think it will work:

Form a team , family/friends (no more than 8 in a team). If you are able to be in one location for the quiz that is great; you need only one person to log-in to the Zoom meeting and you can easily work together.

If you have are in different locations, you can each log-in and then use a different medium to keep in contact with your team : WhatsApp, Skype, FB messenger.... Apologies to those, like me, who would find this a challenge.

I will need: the name of the team captain, together with their e-mail address; a list of team members that need the log-in; and the team name.

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Teams will mark their own answers. Team captains will be asked to give scores at the end. It is just for fun; no prizes this time.

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Nature Notes

Writing these notes in early September it has been very noticeable how the transition from Summer to Autumn appears to have happened overnight. Daylight hours are also visibly shrinking. This morning I was reminded that at any time you can see the unexpected that can lift your spirit, for me it was watching a Hobby maneuvering acrobatically while it failed to catch a small bird. It was only in my eyeline for a few seconds, definitely a “wow” moment to my morning.

Our lockdown garden bird list is up to 79, both additions seen through the kitchen window in our Buddleia . The first a Reed Warbler and the second a couple of Willow Warblers, the latter are much more colourful than the usual Chiff Chaffs we see.

Autumn migration is now in full swing and there have been various birds up and down the Norfolk/Suffolk coast, though I have refrained from going on any twitch to date. Early in August there were good numbers of Pied Flycatchers around, unfortunately the males are no longer in their resplendent black and white plumage. Last Spring, I was fortunate to see a male bird in Lowestoft while walking from where I had parked my car to the opticians and again on the return journey. Normally you would have to travel west to see such a sight.

I did venture to Winterton in the first week of September to give the dogs some sea air. There had been some Skuas and Shearwaters passing down the coast earlier in the week. I did not actually hold out much hope as the wind now was in the wrong direction for good sea watching. Having scanned the horizon from the dunes for a while and shared my lunch with the dogs I decided to let them have a run on the beach. It was then that I saw some Sandwich Terns noisily flying over the water. Their calls became more agitated and I realized that something else was around and quickly discovered an Artic Skua giving chase to them. The skua was not that persistent and quickly gave up and settled onto the sea, giving me good views. For the last four days a White Winged Black Tern has been at Cantley so on two consecutive days the dogs had a walk from Hardley Staithe towards Hardley Mill. I reckoned that I would be able to see it as long as it was flying, and sure enough I was successful on the second trip. That is not the first time I have viewed a rare bird that was at Cantley from our side of the river. A few years back I was able to see a Sea Eagle there perched on a gate post from near the end of Langley Dyke.

Once more, but only the once, I have seen a bat at the bottom of the garden while shutting the chickens in for the night. We are now in a period when anything could turn up, especially along the coast, curlew sandpipers, little stint, spotted redshank, osprey, red backed shrike, wryneck plus a variety of warblers are all around now. Think I might just head out with the dogs again.

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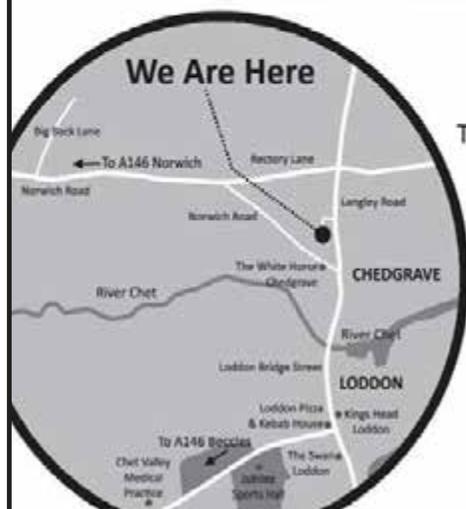
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From the Garden

This month I shall finish planting bulbs in pots, using a mixture of hyacinths in blues and cream or maybe yellow, with smaller pots planted with crocus and lily of the valley. I think fragrance in a garden is as important as colour especially by the front door. All my bulb planting will be in pots this autumn as I am moving to a new garden, well a new house with an area that will become a garden.

We've seen deer in the new garden and found chewed bluebells leaves earlier in the year, so I have been checking the internet to find plants that deer don't like. The RHS advises they tend not to eat hellebores, herbaceous peonies, rhubarb, skimmia and jasmine, so not a big choice. I have not grown peonies before, but I have discovered several very colourful and fragrant varieties, Bowl of Beauty and Eden's Perfume have caught my eye. The deer society suggests providing native plants, such as brambles, rosebay willowherb, dandelion, campion and yarrow for the deer to eat instead, these will also benefit other wildlife in your garden.

It will be exciting to start a garden from scratch, garden designs have changed so much over the last 50 years - summer bedding is less formal and we are able to buy and grow many more exotic plants, perhaps too much choice!

From the Allotment

I was recently asked where to obtain old Norfolk apple varieties. So for anyone else interested here is the web site <http://www.applesandorchards.org.uk/>. The Apple and Orchards Project is based near Fakenham and you will be surprised how many old local apples there are. At the moment, they are giving free trees to Norfolk schools. Order now for winter delivery when the trees are dormant. After recent winds firm the soil around your Brussels sprouts and check if they need staking. October is usually the last month for harvesting autumn raspberries, runners, courgettes, and squashes. Your pumpkins can be safely harvested and stored once they are a deep orange and ring hollow. Leave a long stalk and keep in a sunny place for about 10 days to develop a tough skin then store until Halloween or required. They can last a couple of months in a cool garage.

It is also the time seed catalogues pour through the door (earlier every year I think), but spare a thought for local suppliers like Loddon Garden and DIY who also stock a large range of seeds, bulbs, plants and other sundries. Andrew Carver kept serving through lock down and kept many of us going, sourcing plants and materials at a time of scarcity demonstrating the value of local shops. The shop itself opens soon making it easier to browse the seed packets.

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