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From the Editor

Preparing the June issue has been a bit fragmented with so many people who regularly contribute being busy in other arenas with all the fuss at the beginning of May. One thing I picked up from it all and it's a broad theme I've touched on before, is how many people within the community get involved in what we do here and often in more than one area.

On another occasion I remember saying that around two hundred people, adults and children, are probably involved in delivering Chet Contact, but the celebrations of early May most have involved many hundreds more—not including all those eating the ice cream, cakes and so on that were there for all! A big Well Done also to our Parish Councils and churches who were in the forefront of co-ordinating much that took place.

Summer is soon going to be with us, although it was pouring down a little while ago as I'm writing this. The summer birds are returning and I'm sure things will soon really get going. I have even got one tick ahead of Richard Hull on our Nature Notes page for a change, seeing a Swift over All Saints church late in April. Mind you, he's ahead in everything else! Look out for events to come in the pages that follow, lots of different opportunities.

Roger



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Ministerial Musings

Did you watch the coronation? I wonder which part you liked best.

I wonder what you thought about the secret bit, where they put screens around the king so nobody could see what was happening? Did you hear the words which were sung while this part was going on?

Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon king.

And all the people rejoiced and said, "Long live the king!"

They were pouring oil on King Charles's head. But why? And what does Solomon have to do with this?

Anointing—pouring oil on someone's head—was used in ancient Israel to set the high priest aside for God's purpose and was later done to set people aside as kings; the first of whom was Saul, about 3000 years ago. After Saul came David and then his son Solomon, who was anointed by the high priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan.

When Saul was anointed by the prophet Samuel, God's Holy Spirit descended on him and he began to prophesy, something which he had never done before. So, for thousands of years, anointing with oil has been associated with the spirit of God. And the anointing of King Charles III was just the latest in this long tradition.

We also use anointing at other times: for instance, when someone is baptised or confirmed or ordained as a priest. In all of these instances, the oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, whose coming to the early Christians we celebrate at Pentecost (or Whitsun) on 28th May this year, fifty days after Easter.

One of the things about God's Holy Spirit is that it is unpredictable; if you ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration you never know quite how it will turn out. Sometimes the Holy Spirit might turn up unannounced; just ask me how I started my journey back to faith!

Have you ever wondered about faith; about God; about Jesus? Perhaps you've dismissed it but still have a nagging little feeling that there might be something more? My challenge to you is to ask for the Holy Spirit to come and see where that might take you.

Happy Pentecost!

Rev Alison



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Worship in the Chet Valley

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Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at one or other of the Chet Valley Churches, either Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship, with an informal Holy Communion monthly.

Morning Worship is held regularly in Loddon and Hardley.

Evening Prayer on the 3rd Sunday of the month in Sisland.

Xpressions Café is on the first Sunday of the month at Chedgrave. This is a relaxed and contemporary way of 'doing church', with coffee, cake, discussion, crafts, games, stories, reflection and much more.

All Together Worship is on the third Sunday every month at Chedgrave, with a shared lunch available in Jan, March, June and Sept.

All Together Worship is designed to be as inclusive as possible: a mixture of formality and informality; traditional and modern; activity and stillness, which will connect with children and adults of all ages and backgrounds.

Last Sunday Praise is held on the last Sunday of the month in Loddon: a chance to worship together including hymns & songs which are old and new.

Xtra! is an exciting, informal service after school, every Thursday at 3.45pm in St John's Church with refreshments from 3:15pm.

Loddon and Chedgrave regularly offer a chance to enjoy a chat over refreshments after services.

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Families are welcome at all of our services

Home Communion: If you would like home communion, because you are unable for any reason to get to a Sunday service, please contact the Rector or one of the clergy.

Times and details of the services can be found in the centre pages of the magazine.





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Thanksgivings & Baptisms



You are welcome to talk to us about thanksgiving and baptism (christening) for your children. Thanksgiving Services give an opportunity to come to the church and give thanks to God for the gift of a new child. Baptisms (Christenings) 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.

Baptisms and Thanksgivings are both held within Sunday morning worship in our churches.

Please contact Rev Alison on 01508 528126 ball880am@btinternet.com

Noah's Ark

A drop-in group for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers at St John's, George Lane, Loddon.



Wednesdays 9:15am-12:00noon.

All are welcome. For further details please call Rev Alison on 01508 528126 or e-mail: ball880am@btinternet.com

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. Those who attend find their small group a real help and support. To join or just to know more, please contact Rev David on 01508 522993.



XTRA! Join us in St John's Church for an exciting, informal service every **Thursday after school**. Refreshments from 3:15pm. Service starts 3:45pm. More from Rev David 01508 522993 or Rev Alison 01508 528126

Friends and Neighbours

If you've been widowed or have lost your life partner join us at St John's Lecture Hall on the **first Thursday of the month**.



Make new friends, enjoy tea or lunch together.

On **1st June** the meeting begins at 1.30pm with a demonstration of period costume, followed by afternoon tea.

If you'd like to join the group, please ring Rev Jill on 01508 520248.

Monday Mardles

If you like a relaxed and informal chat with others or are looking to meet some new friends, join us at a Monday Mardles for refreshments and to swap books at Chedgrave Church Rooms.



Mardles are held every **Monday 10:00am-12:00 noon**. Come and go as you choose. On average, there are about 8-12 people who come to Mardles, and there's room for more! You will be made very welcome.

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Baptisms and Thanksgivings

*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.*

Weddings

Funerals

Judith Mary Rake who died on 13th April 2023
Funeral: 16th May 2023 at Waveney Crematorium

Ronald Fuller who died on 23rd April 2023
Funeral: 26th May 2023 at Aldeby Churchyard

Nancy Barbara Payne who died on 24th April 2023
Funeral: 25th May 2023 at Holy Trinity, Loddon

*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.*

I Thessalonians 4:14, 17b

To arrange a thanksgiving or baptism (christening), please contact Rev Alison on 01508 528126, or ball880am@btinternet.com.

To arrange a wedding, please contact Rev David on 01508 522993, or david.chetvalley@gmail.com.

To arrange a funeral, at any of the churches in our area or at the crematorium, please contact Rev David on 01508 522993, or david.chetvalley@gmail.com.

Rev David can also be contacted about interment of ashes.

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Firstly, thanks to all who voted for me in the district elections. It's an honour to be re-elected as a district councillor for our area. I will do my best for you over the next 4 years.

It was fabulous to see how many people turned out to support the coronation celebrations in Loddon and Chedgrave, a massive effort by all our volunteers and council staff and fellow councillors. Thanks to all who donated raffle prizes. Proceeds will go towards a community project. Using the car park at church plain for this event was extremely successful and this is a personal project of mine to try to get more communal space in the middle of Loddon which is more pedestrian friendly.

An update on the telephone mast at Chedgrave. Despite being promised it would be switched on three weeks after they finished building it, it has taken a lot longer. I understand that it's a power issue, now resolved, so we should finally see this vital piece of infrastructure working.

If you have any issues or I can help in any way, please contact me at kay.masonbillig.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk **Councillor Kay Mason-Billig**

Firstly, many thanks to everyone who voted for me to continue to be your District Councillor. I was very proud to be re-elected, and will continue to do my best to serve you in this role.

I'll keep my promises, hold regular surgeries, reply to every communication and regularly attend the meetings of every Parish Council. Congratulations to Kay for also being elected, and best wishes to the other candidates who put themselves forward.

I'd also like to thank everyone involved for the fantastic Coronation events held here, which I know that people thoroughly enjoyed.



As ever, our ChetChat group volunteers are always on hand, giving help and support to our over-60s friends and neighbours. If you ever need any help ring us - **07944 858929**.

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Councillor Jeremy Rowe

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Things are a little out of kilter at the moment as council meetings have not been held at their usual times, but hopefully this will keep you up to date.



Coronation: Changeable weather didn't stop the coronation celebrations which were enjoyed by many with local houses and businesses dressed for the special occasion. Thank you for entering the best dressed house competition which at the time of writing has not been judged. The winner will be announced next month!

Election: For the first time in many years, there was a contested election for seats on Chedgrave Parish Council. This is positive as it suggests lots of interest in getting involved in decisions affecting our village. Congratulations to those elected: Deborah Carol-Ann Downer, Simon Downer, Diana Drecin, John David Lurkins, Kay Frances Mason Billig, David Stuart Richards, Robert Daniel Demain, Joanne Lesley Sinfield and Andrew Walker Woodman. Some councillors are brand new, others have served before or are members of other councils. Either way, all are to be thanked for putting themselves forward to contribute to village life: **Thank You!**

Outgoing Councillors: Cllrs Colin Gould and David Johnson opted not to stand for re-election and the council thanks them for their hard work and dedication over recent years. Colin has been involved in many local matters and David spearheaded efforts to have the Wherryman's Way completely re-opened which will hopefully happen this year. Cllr Phil Varney was not re-elected but played a huge role in securing Chedgrave Common for the village and in doing so saved the council a very large amount of money on legal fees. **Thank you Colin, David and Phil.**

Chedgrave Common: The parish council now has "Possessory Title" of the majority of Chedgrave Common. This is really positive news for local people and visitors who enjoy this natural open space. The council will be looking into how it manages Chedgrave Common Charity, the day-to-day and long term management of the area. More details soon.

New resident in The Pits: The council welcomes a new toddler springer in the pits! The farmyard duck replaces the one which was broken and will hopefully provide fun for the younger residents in Chedgrave.

Neighbourhood Plan: There will be 2 consultation events, a chance to hear more about the plan, view the policies and speak to those involved in developing it.

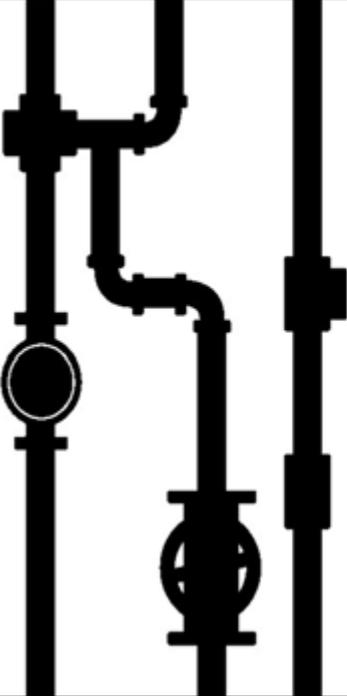
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Coronation Celebration – Sunday 7 May 2023: Thank you so much to you all for supporting the event and thank you so much to everyone who decorated their properties, Loddon looked fantastic! Congratulations to Pennington Opticians and 46 Bridge Street and 13 Oak Avenue.

We also need to thank so many people for making the event a success!

Kai and Titch for compering the fantastic performers; Martin Sisley, The Mod One, [Discord & Rhyme](#), [Matthew Harris](#), [Nigel boy Syer](#) and [Chet Valley Voices](#). Also, Robin for operating the PA system. Ros, Ann, Julie, Carol and Sharon for the great games in the Hollies. Kevin and [Loddon United Football Club](#) for helping to put up the bunting. Marquee, gazebos and transporting the chairs and PA System. The [East Anglian Play Bus Co.](#), the circus workshop ran by [Face Painting by Mandy Moo](#) and the [Broads Authority](#) for bringing the Chet medieval boat. All the community groups in Holy Trinity Church and the stalls in St John's Chapel, to Hobart and the Chet Valley Medical Practice for allowing their car parks to be used and to Cllrs, staff and volunteers that worked so hard. The local businesses that generously donated raffle prizes and businesses that kindly sponsored the event. We are also incredibly grateful for grants received to help fund the event, [Making A Difference Locally](#), [The National Lottery Community Fund](#) and [Chedgrave Parish Council](#).

We love to put on these events, but volunteers are essential. If you might be interested in future event planning, please get in touch, we would love your input!

Freedom of Loddon: The Council were grateful to receive so many excellent nominations this year. The Council felt Mr Gibson deserved recognition for his community work. Mr Gibson was described as the “unsung hero of the Loddon & Chedgrave Food Bank”. Mr Gibson collects donated goods from the Co-op and Churches Collection Points and takes them to the Norwich Distribution Centre. There he collects all the Food Boxes and returns them to the store in St John's, Loddon. Since the pandemic, he has delivered the boxes to people's homes, ensuring total confidentiality. He has spent many years doing so much work in the community and he is also the caretaker of St John's Chapel, Lecture Hall. A much respected and committed person in Loddon and surrounding villages. It was commented that “he works quietly and diligently in the background, often without recognition”.

Flower Towers: Thanks to Chris Knott, LPC's Cleaning Contractor: Top2Bottom for sponsoring two flower towers on Church Plain. If you would also like your business advertised on the recently planted flower towers, please contact us.

Meeting dates, contact information and updates can all be found on the Parish Council website: www.loddonpc.org.uk or call 01508 522 020.



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Our next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 27th June at 7:30pm.

All our meetings are held at the Hales Assembly Hall, Briar Lane, Hales. Agendas are posted on the notice board in the brick bus shelter opposite Masala Garden and on our website 3 days before the meeting. Minutes are displayed in the same place.

Appointment of new Clerk.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Martine Storey as our new Parish Clerk. Martine has been inducted into the role, ably supported by Craig Broadley-Naylor, who since December, has been central to the running of the Parish Council. As a resident of the parish, Martine brings a wealth of experience, and we wish her well in her new role.

Our heartfelt thanks to Councillors stepping down after long service.

We would like to express our deep thanks and gratitude to the following, who after long and valued service have taken the difficult decision to step down from the Parish Council. **Sheila Beckett, Andy Woodman** and **Luisa Ferrari** have served on the council for a distinguished number of years, and we thank them on behalf of all residents for their time and dedication to improving parish life.

Welcoming a new Parish Councillor and Chairperson.

We are pleased that Keith Beever has been duly elected to represent residents on the Parish Council. We are also pleased to announce that Georgina Buckle has been elected as Parish Chair. We wish both much success over the coming year.

Community Volunteering Scheme.

We continue to seek your help in supporting community projects to improve village life. Let us know if you would like to get involved by emailing our new Clerk.

Masala Garden's After Party

We would like to thank Manik and all his team at Masala Garden for hosting a fantastic King's Coronation After Party. The celebrations were enjoyed by all with an array of delicious cuisine being served throughout the afternoon. All proceeds raised on the day and soon to be published, will be going to Hales and Heckingham Community Fund to be used to enhance village life.

Hales Green Common.

We kindly remind residents and visitors to abide by the bylaws which are displayed on the public notice boards around common.

Dog walkers.

Please pick up your dog's poo. If you or your dog have walked somewhere, chances are others will too.

Loddon Country Market

Come and join us in the Hollies for our friendly market, selling home bakery, preserves, fresh local eggs, cut flowers, plants and crafts, 10 to 11.30 every Tuesday.

We are looking for new cooks to join our team. Interested? Come in and see us on Tuesday or contact;

Sheila Ford ,Chairman 01508 520752 for more information.

Davy Place .

We have bingo every Monday at 2pm

Bowls is now starting up on Wednesdays at 2pm,

Hoy is the last Saturday in the month 7pm

All donations very gratefully received. **Carol Castle 01508 826 488**

Chet Valley Art Society

Are there any artists out there that would like to join Chet Valley Art society. We meet every other week at Highways Garden Centre.

We will book a trip to London in the summer and other days to visit galleries. Do get in touch if you would like to join us. Phone Vee on 07557402211



Chet Valley Community Larder Appeal

Helping each other out,

reducing surplus food waste,

sharing with the whole community.

Stocks are low...we get some supplies from outside the village but we need our community to help us to help those who continue to struggle. Can you organise a food collection at your workplace, or with friends or donate a tin or two yourself? Collecting dry store cupboard food is preferred.

Please call Julie on 07976 902487 if you have anything to be collected.

Many thanks from the Volunteer Team.

Langley with Hardley Parish Council

All enquiries please contact the Parish Clerk: Emma Webster
Tel: 07516 361239 Email: langleywithhardley.pc@gmail.com
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Parish Council budget for 2023/24: The Council has set the budget for next year and does not propose any increase in the Parish precept

Renovation of the telephone box community library: Thanks to all who have donated books to the library since last month's appeal in Chet Contact.

Volunteer URGENTLY wanted for SAM2: Roger Stone is kindly currently looking after the SAM2 vehicle speed regulator for the Parish Council. If you would like to be part of this safety measure, please contact our Clerk

Langley with Hardley Village Hall

To view the hall to look at its facilities, to book the hall,
or to ask about cost, phone Tibby or Jane on 01508 520184.



LODDON WI

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June 24th 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
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Loddon Bell Ringers



We rang the bells at Holy Trinity to celebrate Easter. A quarter peal of 1260 Plain Bob Triples was rung on Easter Sunday afternoon followed by another of eleven mixed doubles methods at St. Mary and St. Margaret's, Norton Subcourse.

Quarter peals have also been rung by our members at St. Peter Mancroft in Norwich, Saxlingham Nethergate, Haddiscoe, Aldeby and Raveningham. Some also enjoyed a few days ringing quarter peals at all the towers on the Isle of Wight recently.

On Saturday 22nd April, we had our annual ringing outing to some nearby churches. This gave the newest members of our band the opportunity to ring some different bells away from their home tower here at Loddon. We rang the bells at Rumburgh, Huntingfield and Wissett in Suffolk and included a fine lunch at Huntingfield. We have also helped out by ringing for a wedding held at Ditchingham recently.

Following the Coronation of King Charles III at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, we celebrated the event as at many other churches by ringing our bells for a quarter Peal of 1260 Plain Bob Triples. The ringers who took part in this most historic event were. 1. Michelle Clutten 2 Rona Sporle 3. Jeannine Roe 4. Adrian Edwards 5. Ann-M Webb 6. Katie Wright 7. David Webb (Conductor) 8. Levi Lovelock



The ringers of the Coronation Quarter Peal rung at Holy Trinity on Saturday 6th May.

Steve Rabong.

Notes from Sisland

Writing this on the day after the Coronation weekend, with the sound of thunder above me, we are all, I'm sure, grateful for the weather being so kind in the last couple of days, whatever you have been doing. On Sunday the village ran a tombola in Loddon and thank you to all who supported us, either through donations or by buying some tickets. Yesterday, in Sisland, the village gathered to commemorate the occasion with the planting of a tree in the geographic centre of the village. We followed this with tea and cake at the church. So lovely to see so many villagers, old and young, coming together to catch-up and spend some time together.



There will be another opportunity for spending time together and welcoming others to join us on June 17th at Lodge Farm, Sisland when we will be offering Strawberry Teas. The afternoon will run from 2pm until 5pm and all are welcome to join us during the afternoon. The church thatch requires some attention on the north side and although the work is not substantial, we need to take every opportunity to raise funds to enable the continuous maintenance of this very special building.

For those who are able to visit us this spring and early summer, the grass in the graveyard is left uncut as we want to welcome the wildlife and wildflowers as well as humans to our corner of the parish. It is looking stunning as I write this with bluebells, vetch and meadow saxifrage. We want to allow them to be able to seed before cutting, which we always try to do before the Sunday teas in August. We are looking forward to the latter and welcoming friends, old and new, for tea and cake. The church is open throughout the year, even if the door is closed, it will be unlocked so please take the opportunity, if you can, to visit us and find a quiet space for reflection.

Rowena Bryce

Churchwarden, St Mary's, Sisland



The Regulation 14 Consultation on the draft neighbourhood plan will take place from 5 June to 30 July. It will be your opportunity to provide comments on the policies we've written to influence planning decision in Loddon and Chedgrave.

All the consultation documents will be available to view on our website www.chetnp.info This includes the Chet Neighbourhood Plan and all the supporting documents such as the Design Codes, Local Green Space Assessment and Views Assessment. There is also a Summary Document which provides a shorter version of the plan with all the policies listed.

Hard copies of the Plan and Summary Document, together with a short survey, will be available in Loddon Library and Chet Stores. Copies of the Summary Document will also be available from the Jubilee Hall entrance hall, the Brian Clarke Rooms, Loddon Garden & Seed, Rosie Lee's new venue.

There will be two consultation events, which will be an opportunity to hear more about the plan, view the policies and speak to those involved in developing it.

Thursday 8 June, All Saints Church Rooms 1.30pm or 3pm

Saturday 17 June, The Hollies, Loddon, 10am or 12pm

Please look out for further information on posters around the two villages, on our website, on Loddon Eye and our Facebook page.

To have your say complete a short survey – by scanning the QR code above or follow the link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ChetSurvey/> or you can write to the steering group neighbourhoodplan@loddonpc.org.uk or written responses can also be left at the Parish Council Office in Loddon, behind the Library.

Have your say as part of the Regulation 14 Consultation on the draft Chet Neighbourhood Plan 5 June to 30 July

Thank you
Chet Neighbourhood Plan Team

www.chetnp.info

LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

Big south Norfolk Litter Pick:

Join us on Church Plain on Sunday 11 June 10.00-12.

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CHET VALLEY B-LINE



Following recent changes managing B-Line in this area we would like all those displaying a B-Line roundel in their gardens to please get in touch. Hopefully, we can then keep in contact with you all in future with a B-Line newsletter containing useful information. If you are happy to contact Rodney on rodnealdis@ymail.com with your e-mail address or telephone number, for more info., along with the address of your B-Line site, we will then be able to update our contact list for future correspondence. You can also keep in touch via Facebook at ([https://www.Facebook.com/ Chet.valley.b.line/](https://www.Facebook.com/Chet.valley.b.line/)) We hope to see your wonderful wildlife gardens in their full glory this summer and our insect life increase by leaps and bounds.

LODDON FLOWER CLUB



Tuesday 6th June - 'Where in the World'. A flower arranging demonstration by Pat Barton. There will be a competition with the same title for members.

Tuesday 4th July - '65 Floral Years'. A flower arranging demonstration by Terri Potter. This will be an evening celebrating our 65th anniversary with a special demonstration and celebratory cake.

These meetings will be held at St John's Church, George Lane, Loddon. Doors open at 6-30pm for a 7pm start. A raffle will be held at the end of the evening for the arrangements and refreshments will be available. Visitors £7-50.

We have a coach trip to Sandringham Flower Show on Wed. 26th July. with local pick-up points. If you would like to join us please contact Tricia for details.

To celebrate our 65th anniversary we are holding a Flower Festival at Holy Trinity Church, Loddon from 22 - 24th September. The title is 'Hobbies and Pastimes'. We would like to invite clubs who have entries in this magazine to advertise their clubs within the festival. Please get in touch with our Chairman Tricia if you would like to take part and maybe sponsor a flower display.

For more information contact our Chairman, Tricia Godfrey on 01508-480522 or tricia646@aol.com or Secretary, Alex Pinder on 01508-493869 or nmark@aol.com.

Church Services

4th June Trinity Sunday

8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Mary, Sisland
9:00am	Informal Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:00-12noon	XPRESSIONS CAFÉ	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:45am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Loddon

11th June Trinity 1

9:30am	BCP Holy Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity, Loddon

18th June Trinity 2

10:45am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Loddon
11:00am	All Together Worship	All Saints, Chedgrave
5:00pm	BCP Evening Prayer	St Mary, Sisland

25th June Trinity 3

11:00am	Confirmation	All Saints, Chedgrave
10:30am	Morning Worship	St Margaret, Hardley
10:45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity, Loddon

Confirmation Service in Chet Valley Benefice

We will be welcoming Bishop David Gillet to All Saints Church, Chedgrave on Sunday 25th June, when several of our congregation will be confirmed.

If you are interested in exploring confirmation, and adult baptism (if you have not been baptised before), please speak to either Rev David Owen (522993) or Rev Alison (528126). You will be strongly encouraged to join one of our congregations as you explore whether confirmation is for you.

Other Services in Chet Valley Churches

Prayer at Home	<p>‘Time for Prayer and Space for Reflection’</p> <p>If you would like to receive the weekly prayer and reflection sent out by email, please contact Rev'd Jill (jillhaylock@aol.com)</p> <p><i>All are welcome</i></p>	
Thursdays during school term	<p>XTRA!</p> <p>Join us at St John's for an exciting, informal service. Refreshments from 3:15pm. Service starts 3:45pm. More from Rev David 01508 522993 or Rev Alison 01508 528126</p>	
Every day Morning Prayer 9:00am <i>All Welcome</i>	Monday	St John, Loddon
	Tuesday	St Margaret, Hardley
	Wednesday	All Saints, Chedgrave
	Thursday	St John, Loddon
	Friday	St Mary, Sisland
	Saturday	All Saints, Chedgrave

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Branch members are always welcome to help support Veterans and Branches in Norfolk and other nearby Counties (passport not included for over the border into Beccles).

We meet on the 3rd Monday each month. 7pm, at The Lecture Hall, George Lane. Loddon.

For information or support, Contact Colin or Christine on 01508 521136.

Social Whist



We meet every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Usual start time of 7:30pm for a 7:45pm start in the back room of The Hollies. A chance to chat, play some whist, enjoy tea/coffee with a biscuit, all in great company. No partner needed or to have played before, just an enjoyable evening out. If you need a lift, please call me (Jane) on 528875.

Looking forward to seeing our regular players and meeting any new ones.

Chet Valley Voices



Chet Valley Voices is a community choir aged from 15-80+.

We enjoy singing music in a variety of styles from classical to modern. Come along, make new friends and get to know others in the community. Singing is good for your mental health and well-being, so you will leave rehearsals feeling lifted. Rehearsals: Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm (doors open 6:45pm) in St John's Chapel, George Lane, Loddon. Subs: £5, £3 for under-18s. Free first session. New members are always welcome.

Contact, Sue 01508 528069; suemartin303@btinternet.com or chetvalleyvoices@gmail.com. Follow us on Instagram @ChetValleyVoices, on Twitter @ChetValleyVoice or on Facebook. www.chetvalleyvoices.co.uk

Sport

Footballers Wanted!

A friendly, relaxed group of guys of all ages and abilities who meet at Hobart Astro Turf every **Thursday** from 8:00-9:00pm for a non-competitive kick about to keep fit and socialise. £3:00 per session. First session free. More information from Terry: tezzahayden99@gmail.com



Jubilee Short Mat Bowls Club

At the moment we are taking a summer break.

We will be back on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 - so watch this space!

More information from Sara 01508 521958



Loddon Ladies Hockey Club

Feel like you want to get involved in a new sport, or perhaps you used to play when you were at school and fancy giving it another go?

We welcome new members of all ages (13+) and abilities. Come and get fit, have fun and meet friendly women from in and around the local area. We train on **Tuesday** nights at Langley School (NR14 6BJ), 7:00pm-8:30pm.

For more info: www.loddonhockey.com or email hello@loddonhockey.com



Loddon Tennis Club

The launch of the Tennis Club in June has been very successful and there are now over one hundred people regularly playing together in Loddon. Pay and Play is available for £5 per hour via www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/LoddonTennisClub.

Coach Paul Solomon is also delivering junior coaching, group coaching, and cardio tennis sessions; email: loddontennis@loddonpc.org.uk or phone 07368 684806.



Hobart Badminton Club

Players wanted! Come and join our friendly club of all ages from 16+. Playing experience desirable. We meet at Hobart sports hall, **Tuesday** evenings from 7:30-9:30pm. Cost £5:00, first session free!

For more information contact Terry on: tezzahayden99@gmail.com



Loddon Junior Badminton Club

Wednesday evenings 6.45-7.45pm: 8-14yrs

Thursday evenings 7.30-8.30pm: 15-18yrs

Open to all children aged 10-16 years regardless of ability. on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45pm; Jubilee Hall. £4 per session; Rackets and shuttles provided.

For more info contact Paul on paulr2677@gmail.com or 07903 794613



Chet Valley Churches Holiday Club 2023

It was very odd during the covid lockdown when we were not able to run our usual annual holiday club. And it was absolutely wonderful when we were able to re-open again with 'Come and Celebrate' in 2021; a real celebration of being able to gather together again when we shared stories of the times that Jesus ate with all sorts of people. Last year saw us in a Baa-Baa Shop—sheep stories, all from The Bible, and some fairly bad sheep jokes abounded.

This year's holiday club will be set in Godwins, a holiday camp. Plans are already afoot for a week's worth of fun. There will be food, craft, stories, songs, jokes, games and other activities all based around the life of Jesus.

Holiday Club will run from Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August, 9:30am-12:00 noon, and will lead into a Holiday Club Xpressions Café on Sunday 6th August. It is open to all children who have completed a full year in mainstream primary education (ie those who have completed Year R to Year 6). Booking forms will be available in the Loddon primary schools soon and children from other local schools are also welcome—just e-mail Rev Alison (ball880am@btinternet.com) for information. We are normally fully-booked and priority is given to those who can attend every day.



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Godwins

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From now on the Gym will open at some part of every day Monday to Friday: Mon. 1:45–5:25pm; Tues. 4:45–7:05pm; Wed. 9:00–11:20am; Thurs. 6:00pm–8:20pm; Fri. 10:15am–12:35pm.

I hope you enjoyed the Fair on Coronation weekend when communities came together to celebrate all that makes our part of South Norfolk such a good place to live. Maybe you popped in to the Library Annexe to see the Gym and were impressed by just how good a facility it is – excellent equipment, highly qualified instructor, 2 hrs free parking on Church Plain, great value for money.

Many reading this will not choose to join the Gym but nevertheless see it as a valuable community resource and want to ensure that it continues to benefit the local community. One way is to join the Gym's 200 Club. For £12 per year (just £1 per month) your chosen number goes into a raffle and the number drawn out each month gets £50. At present with 80 members, even with my maths, it gives all a pretty good chance of winning. To support the Gym in this way get in touch.

- * Next month—a special offer for 16 – 18 yr olds during the summer holidays.
- * Watch out also for the start of the chair-based classes coming soon.

For more information visit www.loddoncommunitygym.com or ring Louise on the number above or when the Gym Open sign is on the railings outside the Library on Church Plain, why not pop in and see for yourself what is on offer. We are a relatively compact Gym, you will need to book sessions via www.picktime.com/easternriverscommunitygym or to book a first session, ring Louise-number above.

Loddon & Chedgrave District Society

We are a friendly group of people who like walking, visiting interesting gardens, historic buildings, and the occasional social evening. Membership fee is £6.00pa. Members will receive a programme. New members welcome. For more information about our events, contact: June at junecs@btinternet.com Tel: 01508 528853

June 24th. Saturday 7pm – 11pm

Midsummer Frolic Come and help celebrate our wonderful Summer. Relax on the river bank and enjoy the sunset. Bar, music, BBQ etc. Walk from Hardley Staithe or catch the minibus from sign posted car park. Bus running from 6.30-7.30 pm and 9 – 11 pm. £1.00. each journey. Contact Frances 520331.

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Chet Staithe Probus Club

We are a club for retired gentlemen, and friendship. The atmosphere is relaxed, jovial, with little formality. Dress code, is casual. We have a good mardle, and a different speaker every meeting on varied subjects. Afterwards, members either go home, adjourn to the bar, or stay for a pleasant lunch. Your choice.

We meet at The White Horse every first and third **Tuesday** of every month, start time 10:00am.

June 6th Pip Wright The Watery Places In Suffolk

June 20th Dr Ian Bedford British Butterflies in a Changing World

Come along to a couple of meetings and try us out; no pressure to join.
Clive Boyd, Secretary, 01508 520547 cliveboyd@btconnect.com



Chet Valley Probus Club

Chet Valley Probus Club welcomes people who are retired, semi-retired or approaching retirement and who have had some measure of responsibility in their working life. We are friendly and excellent company, enjoy fascinating talks on a variety of subjects, good food and meeting others of like mind. Why not come along and give us a try with no obligation? We meet at Chedgrave White Horse at 10:30am and lunch is optional.

Next meetings:

13th June Norwich Aviation Museum: Speaker Trevor Eady

27th June The Jarrold Story : Speaker Peter Goodrum

11th July The V2 Rocket: Speaker Richard Mann

Contact:

Hon. Secretary John McCormack 01508 521899. probusonline.org/chet-valley

Chet Valley Photography Club (CVPC)

Our monthly club meeting in June is on Monday 12th in St John's Methodist Chapel, George Lane, Loddon. Doors open 6.45pm for 7pm start. This evening will be a practical session based on "studio photography" so please bring your camera along with you. You do not need expensive equipment at all – really good images and creative images can be taken using a mobile device (phone, tablet) or a basic "point and shoot" camera. If you want to take photographs and want to know more please come along to one of our meetings. New members will be made very welcome. The club is open to everyone regardless of their photography knowledge or experience.



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Community Groups, News and Events

News from Local Branches of the Women's Institute



Loddon and District Women's Institute

May has been another busy month, with lots to enjoy. Some of us spent another evening at Hotter Shoes in Norwich; there was a walk in the beautiful Raveningham gardens in support of Women Walk the World; the usual monthly evening meeting, the book club and Knit and Natter, and last but by no means least our 'Victoria Sandwich' stall at the Coronation Fete!

This month, some of us are hoping to attend the Little Lifts Fashion show at John Lewis on June 15th. *(John Lewis are kindly hosting a Fashion Show with a difference. The models for the evening have all been affected by breast cancer and are a special part of the Little Lifts Community. If you would like more information here's the link: https://www.littlelifts.org.uk/new_event/the-little-lifts-and-john-lewis-fashion-show/)*

Next meetings: Wednesday 21st June 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. St Johns Chapel, 'English Country Dance' - A mixture of talk and dance by Chris Davies

Thursday 8th June - Knit & Natter: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Loddon Library

Saturday 24th June - Sewing and Craft Day 10.00 - 4.00 p.m. St Johns Lecture Hall. Open to the Community. £5.00. Bring packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. A chance to spend a relaxed day, without interruptions, working on whatever you are creating. Ring 01508 528912 to book a table.

New members are always welcome. For further information, we can be contacted through our Facebook page or by ringing 01508 528912.

Chedgrave & District Women's Institute

At our April Meeting Members enjoyed a lovely spring flower demonstration by Diana Blyth. At our Meeting on 27th June we will be welcoming June Strickland who is going to talk about her time as a Marriage Registrar.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

Our Meetings are held at All Saints Church Centre, Chedgrave, on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm. Contact our President, Margaret 01508 528531, or Secretary, Lucille 07720 845451, for more details.

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Loddon and District Horticultural Society

We have a garden visit in June instead of an indoor meeting. On 29th June we will visit Raveningham Gardens for an evening visit when we can look at the gardens and also have a tour of the house along with tea and cake afterwards. Our meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month.



Looking ahead, our Annual Open Show will be held on Saturday 2nd September at the Jubilee Hall. This show is open to both members and non-members and if you would like a schedule please contact Tricia on patricialoades@btinternet.com or 01508-520273. We have classes for vegetables, fruit, flower arranging, cooking and ones for children. Plus some of the local WI's take part in the WI Trophy.

For more details contact Jean Cope (Chairman) on 01502-710024 or jeancope52@gmail.com or Hazel Copland (Secretary) on 01508-520890 or email happyhaze50@gmail.com. It is £10 per year to join our Society and follow us on our Facebook page.

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Sue Mason (Secretary)

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Contact June 01508 528853 or Hillary 01508 520457.



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Next meeting Wednesday 7th June: The History of Cartoons: from William Hogarth to Private Eye by Ian Keable.

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Loddon and District Local History Group

Rowena Burgess gave us an informative and interesting talk in April about 'The Evolution of Education in Norfolk'. She started by explaining how literacy rates were assessed in the nineteenth century using marriage registers. In the 1780's 68% of men but only 39% of women could sign their name on the register and hence were seen as literate. By the end of the nineteenth century literacy rates had reached nearly 100% and Rowena proceeded to outline the reasons for the change.

Almost all agreed at the start of the 19th century on deficiencies in existing schools. Basic education offered was of poor quality with superficial learning and for the rich too much attention was given to ornamental accomplishments. Many believed the poor should not be educated above their station, others debated educating girls.

As the nineteenth century began, education was not compulsory, there were few schools apart from, Dame schools offering limited education to the poor; charity schools, often run by the churches, who believed education would prevent ignorance, vice and debauchery; Ragged schools started by Robert Raikes for working children to attend on Sunday; Sunday schools run by churches and grammar schools for middle class boys. Some of these types of schools increased during the century so that by 1851 three quarters of working class children received some kind of education even though it might just be on a Sunday. Teaching reading was priority, not writing skills, so that children could access the Bible.

In 1833 the government began annual grants to both the Church of England and the Dissenters to help develop schools but government inspections were also introduced. As there were few qualified teachers the Monitorial system was introduced where older pupils taught small groups within a large class. In 1870 the Education Act created the first state system of elementary schools, creating School Boards to provide schools where churches were not providing enough places. In 1880 education was made compulsory up to the age of 10 and in 1891 it became free. A dual system developed where non denominational board schools received government money and operated alongside church schools which survived on grants and subscriptions. Many of these church schools are still in existence today.

Debates continued. Instruction for all included moral and religious teaching as well as social discipline. Writing was still not seen as an important skill while girls often had a limited education. More education acts were to follow in the next century.

Next meeting: June 21st 'Defending Norfolk 1940-1942: The Home Forces' by Chris Kolonko.

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Our Wives Under the Sea by Julia Armfield

This is a haunting horror story of love, with parts of it feeling almost hallucinatory. It tells the story of Leah and Miri, a married couple who have been reunited after Leah's return from a submarine exercise that went wrong. I finished this book slightly reeling from the absolute heart-wrenching sense of impotence and loss that Leah goes through. It's also the type of tale that leaves almost as many questions as it answers. It would be perfect for a book club – I imagine many animated discussions!

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

Hannah is an artist who has recently married and gained, along with her husband, a teenage stepdaughter, Bailey. When her husband disappears and everything that they'd previously known about him turns out to be a lie they uncover a very different person, and history, to the one they both thought they knew. It's a great depiction of a dysfunctional step-daughter/mother relationship, which is strengthened by their desire to find out the truth, even when thwarted by everyone along the way. This fast-paced story is a fun mystery, although I did think there were a few details missing at times!

Around the World in 80 Trains by Monisha Rajesh

I would love to do this! It's the account of her and her partner's adventures circumventing the globe in eighty train journeys. From travelling through Russia and down to China on the Trans-Mongolian express to the bullet trains of Japan, even venturing into North Korea, it's a refreshing account of people, places and hours spent on trains.

I am hoping to read...Winnie and Nelson by Jonny Steinberg

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Nature Notes

It is June, flaming or otherwise, always plenty to stimulate our senses. I'm writing in early May, overcast with showers but walking round Hardley Staithe and the Yare this morning, I saw my first Swifts plus a Kingfisher carrying a fish, presumably back to its nest hole. Rachel saw her first swift on the last day of April.

There seem fewer butterflies around this year. We've seen a couple of Brimstones, a few Peacocks, Commas, Green Veined, Tortoiseshell and Holly Blue, Rachel has also seen Orange Tips. Cold April winds may be the cause.

The dawn chorus is interesting, each day may have different birds singing. For example, today, no Chaffinches singing early on, Other days Robins or Song Thrushes silent, I don't know why, other than possibly temperature and wind strength.

I made a bad choice a month ago. At lunch time, I heard that two Night Herons were at Lound Lakes. It is a Suffolk Wildlife Trust reserve between Loddon and Great Yarmouth. They are usually in southern Europe, but several turned up around the UK. I'd never seen one but they decided not to rush, they would be bound to be around for a few days. Big mistake, had disappeared by the next day.

Overall, though an interesting month. Early in April I was at Hardley Staithe and noticed a bird of prey over the fields. I lost it but found it again flying towards Hardley church. I had a clear view of a banded tail, confirming it to be a female Hen Harrier, brilliant. It got even more exciting as I was walked along the bank the Yare. A Merlin flew almost straight at me chasing a small Jack Snipe. I was privileged to watch this for ages as the two birds were locked into a one-sided aerial battle. It was breathtaking watching the story unfold as finally the Snipe managed to lose its pursuer. Another walk found a couple of Wheatears in the same area as they pass through to their moorland breeding areas

Another day in Hardley Street by the muddy dyke I have mentioned before, a Stoat was playing hide and seek with me. Often posing on its back legs, great for a photo but unfortunately with two dogs on leads wanting to join in the fun and games, prevented me from optimising this opportunity.

Other highlights of April were a Yellow Wagtail in Hardley Street, once common here, this was the first one for some years. Then walking from Hardley Church to the Chet, a Grasshopper Warbler singing. I couldn't see it as they tend to sing well hidden in bushes, but whilst searching for it a Cuckoo flew through I finally caught up with a Little Owl on the way to Seething but still no sign of Grey Partridges.

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From the Allotment

It's early May and it is mild and wet, it should encourage plants to grow after a slow start. It also means hoeing as 'weeds' will grow too. If you have suitable mulch apply it wherever you can to reduce hoeing and hold in moisture. Important on my sandy soil. I plant through weed suppressing fabric where I can, e.g. brassicas, and also use cardboard, wood chip, grass cuttings and straw as mulches.

For strawberries I use weed suppressing fabric **and** straw— one to suppress weeds, the other to stop strawberries sitting in damp. I have replanted my strawberry bed with drought resistant varieties as 90% died last year in the drought and run a weeping hose through the bed in case the same happens again. I will also be ready to shade it. Too much sun can also damage raspberries causing white drupelet - the small individual fruits forming aggregate fruits like blackberry and raspberry.

Frost danger is just about gone so time to get on with planting out what you have been bringing on in a seed bed or greenhouse like courgettes, pumpkins and squash.

If you still have over-wintered leeks, finish these now, even small ones go to seed. May is really the last chance to sow parsnips and main crop peas.

Andrew Milner

From the Garden

Shirley is away this month so we will all just have to get out there and use our imaginations in the garden—or take a sneaky look back to last June's issue to see if that helps, perhaps. **Ed.**



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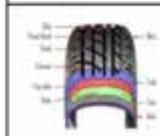
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