



The Benefice of Acle and Bure to Yare

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Tunstall: Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley : Reedham :
Wickhamton

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Otters at Strumpshaw Fen Reserve

Photo: Kati Cowen

OUTLOOK

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The Platinum Jubilee

On February 6th 1952 a twenty-six year old princess was staying at a wild life lodge in Kenya with her husband. They were enjoying a short holiday before embarking on an extensive Commonwealth Tour on behalf of her father King `George VI who was suffering from lung cancer and too frail to travel. Having unexpectedly become king in 1936 George had been unable to tour his extensive empire because of the onset of the Second World War. It had been his intention on his accession to travel first to India and be crowned its Emperor but in the political upheaval after the War India had won independence and it was clear that colonialism as a political system had run its course. Sadly the stresses of war and a chain smoking habit had destroyed the king's health. In the dreadful winter of 1947, the king, queen and their daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret Rose had embarked on a tour of South Africa which it was hoped would restore the King's health, sadly that would not be the case. Having had a lung removed in the autumn of 1951 George went to Sandringham to begin his convalescence. It was while there that he died unexpectedly after a day spent shooting.

The young princess had become queen and had to return immediately to London where she was met by the Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Seventy years later that young princess has become our longest serving monarch. When she was 21 the then Princess Elizabeth had made a broadcast to the Commonwealth dedicating her life, 'however long or short ', to the service of her peoples wherever they may be. This sacred promise she has honoured in an amazing way never once reneging on that commitment. Times have changed drastically since 1952 and the monarchy is not held in the same respect as it was then. What is more, an increasingly inquisitive press and the scrutiny and accessibility of social media have encroached more and more on the institution of monarchy. It must also be said that from time to time members of her family have made life difficult for the queen but she remains a source of stability and decency in a troubled world.

Her Majesty has been supported throughout her reign, its trials and tribulations by a deep Christian faith. Henry VIII (1509 - 47) had written in 1519 a pamphlet in support of the Catholic Church entitled, 'Assertio Septem Sacramento' a reaffirmation of the importance of the seven sacraments to the Universal Church. As a reward Pope Leo X had given Henry the title of, 'Fidei Defensor' (Defender of the Faith). As part of the Act of Uniformity 1559 at the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth I Parliament confirmed this title making the monarch head of the Church of England and succeeding monarchs have continued to adopt it. The queen regards her duties vis a vis the Church as being of enormous importance. During the Bank Holiday weekend in June Her Majesty will go in state to St Paul's Cathedral to give thanks for her long life and extraordinary reign. On February 6th and the days, weeks and months that follow we should give thanks to God for the Queen's long years of dedicated service and wish her continued good health and happiness.

God Save The Queen.

Parish Registers

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Funerals

We commit to God's keeping:

Elsie Mace, aged 85, on 31st December at St John the Baptist's, Reedham

Irene (Renie) Hazel Willimott, aged 93, on 4th January at St Peter and St Paul's, Halvergate

Michael Arnold Key, aged 71, on 5th January at St Peter and St Paul's, Halvergate, followed by committal at St Botolph's, Limpenhoe.

Parish Share

The pandemic has affected the income of many businesses and charities: churches are no exception, with fewer in-person services, reduced attendances and fundraising events cancelled - but with some significant expenses (e.g. insurance) unchanged. Thank you to all those who have continued to give, by one means or another, to your local church; including those responding to Acle St. Edmund's **Gift Day**: £2,100 donated, with hopefully an additional £350 of Gift Aid to claim: a result comparable to 2019, for which we are most grateful!

All this enabled our parishes to pay **85% of our parish share** (what we contribute towards the cost of the clergy and wider support for mission and ministry) in 2021. That's worth celebrating, since in 2020 we only managed 67%.

That has got to give us hope that this year we can continue this recovering trend and aim to get back to 2019's 95% - or better. Of course, things are not yet "back to normal"; while energy and some other costs will increase dramatically this year: a reminder to heed Vic Walsham's prompt last month to look at whether we ought to increase our giving - if only to keep up with inflation.

Martin Greenland

Bell Ringing at Acle.

Would anyone be interested in forming a Church Bell ringing team at Acle? There is the possibility of being trained at the Mancroft Ringing Discovery Centre, managed by Nikki Thomas, who many will remember as the manager of the Lloyds Bank in Acle. She recently was interviewed for the December edition of the Norfolk Magazine. If you would like to join in, please contact Diane on 07969341943.

Diane Wynne-Fitzgerald

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Acle and District Royal British Legion

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At last Friday's meeting (January 6th) of Acle Branch of the Royal British Legion its chairman Mark Lockwood and president Peter Kingsley welcomed its latest recruit Tony Fish, a former Royal Air Force corporal who spent 22 years in the Service, serving worldwide and now living in Stokesby. Also at the monthly meeting, President Peter Kingsley presented to Godfrey Rope a certificate in appreciation of his many years of service to the Legion – see picture on the back page.

The next meeting will be at 2pm on Friday 4th February in its usual venue, the Bure Room at Acle Social Club.

All interested parties will be most welcome.

It is not a requirement to have served in the armed forces.

John Kenny

Reedham Village Hall

Well done to all the children who took part in RCA stage schools A Christmas Carol – see the back page photograph. The shows were well attended and we received good feedback from the audience. RCA stage school runs on Wednesdays 6-9yr olds 6-7:30pm and 10-16 yr olds 7:30-9pm.

Cash bingo on 21st February at 7:30pm. Check posters for Jackpot details.

23rd February Quiz Night. 7:30pm start. £2 per person. Call 01493 701107 or email reedhamvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk to book a table.

Interested in acting, singing, dancing or technical theatre then come along to RCA Theatre Company Tuesdays 7:30-9:30pm. All new members welcome. For more information contact rcastageschool@yahoo.com

Zumbini on Saturday mornings for 0-4yr olds from 10-10:45 with Lisa. Contact lisasole45@gmail.com for more information.

Benefice Readings and Carols at Halvergate

Michael Nicholas conducting a 30-strong Benefice Choir led a candlelit service of traditional lessons and carols in Halvergate Church, well attended by a large congregation determined to shrug off any viral threats and enjoy the true essence of Christmas. Both choir and congregation were in fine voice, taking full advantage of the excellent acoustics in a large church, and appreciating the musicality and enthusiasm of a well-rehearsed choir whose standards continue to rise with each performance.

Familiar bible readings and carols were interspersed with arrangements by Michael Nicholas of less well known Scottish and Irish melodies; and a rendition of T S Eliot's sombre and reflective "The Journey of the Magi".

The service was preceded by a demonstration of the art of handbell ringing, and the exertions of the choir were well rewarded with mulled wine and German Stollen cake to round off the evening in festive style.

Nick Butcher

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: St Martin's Trust

Tuesday 1st 7.30pm Reedham & District W.I. - Reedham Village Hall

Friday 4th 2.00pm RBL – Bure Rooms, Acle Social Club.

Each Saturday at 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass at St Edmund's, Acle

SUNDAY 6th 4th Before Lent/ The Accession

9.30am Morning Prayer (Accession Service) – Halvergate

9.30am Holy Communion – Limpenhoe

11.00am Morning Worship – Acle

11.00am Holy Communion – Beighton

11.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer (Accession Service) - Reedham

Monday 7th Mobile Library Day

Saturday 12th 9 – 12 noon Farmers' Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 13th 3rd before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe

Monday 14th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Wednesday 16th 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I – Cantley Village Hall

SUNDAY 20th 2nd before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

Monday 21st 7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 23rd 7.30pm Quiz Night – Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 26th 10.30am to 12.30pm All Saints' Drop In – Beighton Church

SUNDAY 27th Next before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

9.30am Matins – Halvergate

11.00am Holy Communion - Reedham

Looking forward into March:-

Wednesday 2nd ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30am Holy Communion – Acle

7.30pm Evening Prayer or Holy Communion – Reedham

SUNDAY 6th 1st of Lent

9.30am	Morning Prayer – Halvergate
9.30am	Holy Communion – Limpenhoe
11.00am	Morning Worship – Acle
11.00am	Morning Prayer – Beighton
11.00am	Holy Communion – Freethorpe
11.00am	Morning Prayer – Reedham

Introducing a revised pattern of services for the Benefice

Some adjustments to our pattern of worship are taking place in February. The actual cycle remains a 2-month one: see the website or *Outlook* each month for precise details. Acle's 11am services will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month (with an 8am service on the 2nd, 4th & 5th, as now). As a result, Beighton gets to host an extra "cluster service" (on the 4th Sunday, alternating with Reedham). With Simon having moved away, Limpenhoe will reduce to one service per month. Wickhampton is also reducing its services to a more occasional basis, focussing mainly on the summer, plus its established festivals of Harvest Thanksgiving, Carol Service and Plough Sunday. M.G.

Sunday	8am	9.30am	11am
1 st		Halvergate, Limpenhoe (sometimes Wickhampton)	Acle, Beighton, Freethorpe, Reedham
2 nd	Acle		Freethorpe or Benefice Service
3 rd		Halvergate	Acle, Freethorpe, Reedham
4 th	Acle	Halvergate	Beighton or Reedham
5 th	Acle		Benefice Service

**Nomads Theatre Company Pantomime POSTPONED**

Nomads Theatre Company in Reedham has postponed the performances of the pantomime Dick Whittington until later in the year due to covid. Revised dates to be confirmed. Call Kerri-Anne on 07824468242 or follow Nomads on Facebook for more information.

Happy and a healthy new year to you all !!

After a short break in December we re-opened on January 4th and it was great to all be together. It was lovely to meet up with friends again and hopefully we will gain some new members and make new friends. If you are alone do come and join us every Tuesday at 1.30pm Reedham Village Hall. Yearly membership is £7.00 and it is £2.50 per week. Refreshments are served which are included in your £2.50.

On occasions e.g. Burns Night, Valentines, Easter etc. we do buffet food which again is all included in your weekly subscription.

Our club is open to all villages, just turn up you will be made very welcome. Come and join our ever-growing family and meet old friends and make new ones.

Regarding lottery news, the game this time did not run for many weeks the jackpot of £187.20 was won by Sue O'Neill Cooper from Acle. If you would like to join it is £1.00 per week, just ring me on 07585504199. This lottery helps to support our club and is open to non-club members.

Don't sit at home alone come and join us !!

Angie Woolsey
Secretary/Treasurer

Reedham Gardening Club - Jobs for the garden Feb2022

February always feels like a turning point in the garden. It's still cold outside but there are signs of spring arrival everywhere you look with the bulbs poking their heads up through the ground.

Cut down deciduous ornamental grasses left standing over winter, before fresh shoots appear. Divide clumps of Snowdrops and Winter aconites after flowering and replant to start new colonies.

Pot on and pinch out autumn-sown sweet peas to encourage side shoots to form. Firm back down any plants that have been lifted by frost or loosened by wind-rock. Spread a layer of well-rotted manure around roses and shrubs. Remove netting from ponds.

Chit first early potato tubers, by standing them in trays in a light frost-free place.

Finish winter pruning of fruit trees and soft fruits including apples, autumn raspberries and black currants and gooseberries.

Ken Tungate

Cantley School Association Lottery results.

December 2021

1st Don Brown 208

2nd B McIntosh 324

3rd Phil Burton 346

4th M Palmer 431

Barbara Tuck



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Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th February at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Pete Goodrum and the title of his talk The History of The Norfolk Broads. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

Cantley Flower Show 2022 (not just flowers!)

This year's Show is on Saturday 3rd September at 2pm. The photographic subjects are; Roses, Country Lane, Church, Boats, Markets and Freedom. There are lots of other classes to enter including Flowers, Handicraft, Fruit, Cookery, Vegetables, Flower arranging and Children's classes. Full details of how to enter are on our website at www.cantley.org/flowershow.

TROPHY WINNERS 4th SEPTEMBER 2021

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Congratulations to all our trophy winners and a big thank you to those who took part and those who attended or helped on the day. Martin Halliday, from Community Rail Norfolk, presented the awards assisted by Robert Beadle, Chairman of Cantley and District Flower Show. The winners are listed below.

**** HIGHEST POINTS IN EACH SECTION**** GOLDEN JUBILEE CUP for Children 7 to 10 years, TOBIAS NICHOLLS-TAYLOR * MARY JAMES CUP for Children 11 to 16 years, ALBERT GOODRUM * REEDCUTTER CUP for Flowers, SUSAN BURTON * JOHN SMEETHE CUP for Vegetables, JOHN BURTON * SHIRLEY MORRISH CUP for Flowers & Vegetables Combined, JOHN BURTON * WHERRYLINES COMMUNITY RAIL CUP for Fruit, JOHN BURTON * FACTORY FIRST CUP for Cookery, JANE CROSSLEY and CAROL DREW * HANDICRAFT CUP for Handicraft, JOSEPHINE TAYLOR * EDNA MORRISH CUP for Handicraft & Cookery Combined, ANE CROSSLEY * DIAMOND JUBILEE CUP for Photography, SARAH SCOTT * BURGESS CUP for Flower Arranging, CAROLE GRIMES **** BEST IN CLASS **** JOHN DITCHAM CUP for Best Rose, CAROLE GRIMES * CYRIL CROSSLEY CUP for Best Runner Beans, JOHN BURTON **** BEST IN SECTION **** DR. BLAKE CUP for Best Flower, NEIL NICHOLLS * E.A.R.P. CUP for Best Vegetable, JOHN BURTON * BRITISH SUGAR CUP for Best Cookery Item, CAROL DREW * CANTLEY COCK CUP for Best Handicraft Item, MARCUS EVMY **** BEST IN SHOW **** HENRY PRESTON CUP for The Best Exhibit in Show, JOHN BURTON (Collection of 6 vegetables)

Our next Show is on 3rd September 2022. We look forward to seeing you then. Further information and pictures of previous shows can be found at www.cantley.org/flowershow. Robert Beadle Chairman Cantley Flower Show 01493 701231.

BLESSING THE PLOUGH SERVICE

St Andrew's Church, Wickhampton: Sunday 9 January 2022

The Blessing the Plough Service was held at St Andrew's Church, Wickhampton, on Sunday 9 January 2022, attended by members of the Acle and Bure to Yare Benefice, who joined the friends of the village church for united worship.

This age-old tradition of blessing the plough was reintroduced into the farming community in 2008, and has been held annually on the edge of the Broadland Marshes. The observance of Plough Sunday, on the first Sunday of Epiphany, goes back many ages before Victorian times, and was associated with the first working day after the twelve days of Christmas.

Reverend Martin Greenland conducted the worship; lessons were read by Peter and Elisabeth Ledward and Edward Gilder, and the organist was Brenda Pawsey.

During the singing of "We Plough the Fields and Scatter", the congregation was led out onto the church green by Edward Gilder, who carried the processional cross. Everyone

gathered around the 8.5 tonne John Deere tractor with its 5-furrow reversible plough, driven by Alfie Dunthorne from Limpenhoe Hill Farm. After the Blessing ceremony, Carl Dunthorne brought forward a bag of corn seed for blessing, and then prayers were said for farmers, farm workers and farms. All said "God speed the plough!" as it made its way back to the fields for work. Everyone returned to the church for Holy Communion, followed by warming refreshments. **14.**

REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 6th December 2021 in the Village Hall

There were 7 Councillors present, the Clerk, and 3 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Norfolk County Council and Broadland District Council both have assistance funds to provide households with support to get through the winter. Norfolk County Council have the Norfolk Assistance Scheme and Broadland have a help hub with support for a wide range of issues include assistance with finance. Please see their websites for further details.

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

There were no issues found for December safety inspection. The November Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won, the jackpot stands for December £230 in 47 numbers or less. This month's Cash Bingo is on the 20th December at 7:30pm.

On Wednesday 22nd December we have a Christmas Quiz Night, starts at 7:30pm, and a max of 6 people per team.

The RCA Stage School will be performing A Christmas Carol on 17th, 18th & 19th December.

Christmas Fayre was well supported, the hall was full of stalls, my thanks to everyone who helped, and the children had a chance to see Father Christmas.

No new planning applications were considered.

The speed sensor was located on New Road facing East in October. The 85% centile was 20mph. 47% of vehicles were travelling between 15-20mph and 3 were travelling over 30mph. 1 November the speed sensor was located on Freethorpe Road in the 40mph limit. The 85% centile was 40mph. 11% were travelling between 40-45mph. These are similar statistics to those recorded further up the road.

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group met on the 29th November to discuss the heritage assets, important views and green spaces identified in the village. Assessment of these is still ongoing so if you have any suggestions for inclusion please contact the Clerk. The next meeting will be on the 27th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

The Council approved the budget and precept for 2022/23. The precept will be £21,668.00.

Please consider using the bottle banks at Riverside and the Village Hall. Proceeds from claiming recycling credits from Norfolk County Council go towards helping the Village Hall.

Meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022 in the Village Hall

There were 9 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Grant Nurden, County Councillor Lana Hemsall and 5 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested or would like further information please contact the Clerk. Applications will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 7th March. 15.

Broadland District Council will be charging for street naming and numbering changes from the 1st April 2022. These are new charges and will apply to both property owners and developers. A district-wide food waste collection service will begin in October 2022.

Norfolk County Council will increase their budget by 1% with 1.9% for Adult Social Care. A larger increase was not felt appropriate at this time. The savings that have to be made have been published but are still under consultation.

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

There were no issues with the play equipment safety inspection for January. The December Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won, the jackpot stands for January £240 in 48 numbers or less.

The RCA Stage School's 3 performances of A Christmas Carol were well attended. The children gave a great performance and we are very proud of them.

We are hoping to start film showing again in February or March.

No new planning applications were considered.

The speed sensor was located on Station Road, between Yareview Close and Barn Owl Close. The 85% centile was 28mph. 600 vehicles were doing 30-35mph, about 5%. 89 vehicles were travelling between 35-40mph, and 2 were travelling between 50-55mph.

Please consider using the bottle banks at Riverside and the Village Hall. Proceeds from claiming recycling credits from Norfolk County Council go towards helping the Village Hall.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 7th March 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Further details will be published on the website, Facebook page and noticeboard by the Doctor nearer the time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The Parish Council have been in contact with Acle Medical Partnership to inquire about the reopening of the Reedham Surgery. We have been informed that they had hoped to have it open at New Year but have as yet been unable to get things in place; however it is under constant review.

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Left: Nativity Play at Limpenhoe, with Spice the Donkey.

Below: Cast of 'A Christmas Carol' - RCA Stage School at Reedham Village Hall.



Below Right: RBL President presenting certificate to Godfrey Rope in appreciation of his service.
Below Left: Godfrey at the Acle War Memorial.



Below: The Blessing of the Plough and seed on Plough Sunday at Wickhampton.

