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Wickhamton

JANUARY
2023
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Freethorpe Church in the frost

Photo: Kati Cowen

OUTLOOK

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I wonder whether January represents a return to the cold light of day after the warmth of the festivities? We strongly associate Christmas with the idea of *home*: feeling that it's only right to celebrate it in a place of familiarity and security. That's somewhat at odds with the Christmas story: Luke locates Jesus' birth 70 miles away from his parental home; and not in a place fit to call home. The great Christmas reading from John's Gospel does speak of the Word coming and dwelling among us; but the reference is to the tabernacle: a tent which travelled with the people, not a fixed house of God. There is to be a restlessness about Jesus' ministry: *foxes have holes and birds their nests: but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head*. He is at home on the road.

At Halvergate's Carol Service, the inclusion of Matthew Guite's poem *Refugee* highlighted that, according to Matthew, Jesus and his parents were to flee the wrath of Herod and seek sanctuary in Egypt – something the church marks 3 days after Christmas Day, on the festival of the Holy Innocents. As I observed at Halvergate, the Christmas story brings out the best and worst of humanity: witnessing that human life is capable of embodying the divine; and equally capable of seeking to exterminate it. The presence of Ukrainian refugees in our own villages tells us that not everybody is able to celebrate Christmas at home – whether literally, or in the sense of being in a place of familiarity, warmth and security.

Yet Jesus is close to us in such circumstances. From the flight to Egypt to his death on a cross, Jesus displays the commitment of God the Son to dwell among us in human flesh. He didn't come to show us a heavenly home by which we can escape the responsibilities, temptations, dilemmas and suffering of this one.

Although the gospels make no further references to Jesus' birth once he embarks on his ministry, they never stray from what they have said about it. To deploy a musical analogy, the truths we celebrate at Christmas establish a home key, which continues to underpin the music, even when it modulates away; and to which the movement will return for its climax and completion.

God has made him home among us and asks us to find our home in him. Having secured the endpoints, he invites us into the New Year on a journey with Jesus of discovery, sacrifice, joy and redemption.

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Parish Notes

A reminder that all Benefice Services will now start at 10.30am: this month they are at Acle on 1st Jan and Wickhampton (Plough Sunday) on 15th Jan (as announced last month, our normal service pattern is running one week later this month).

We will be sharing in two New Year Covenant Services at our local Methodist churches: at 11am on 8th Jan at Freethorpe (also covers Reedham and Halvergate: no services at those churches that Sunday); and 11am on 22nd Jan in Acle.

There are also two opportunities to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th - 25th Jan) also hosted by our local Methodist churches: at Freethorpe on Sun 22nd Jan at 6.30pm; and at Acle on Tue 24th Jan at 10.00am.

9th January Benefice Council meets.

No Farmers' Market this month.

Parish Registers

Funerals

We commend to the keeping of God:-

Ronald James Crosswell, aged 81, on 28th November at St Andrew's, Wickhampton.

Wilfred Charles Honeyball, aged 87, on 1st December at St Edmund's, Acle.

Elsie Cooper, aged 95, on 14th December at St Edmund's, Acle.

Holy Matrimony

Jessica Joy VandenBosch and Christopher James Sutton on 3rd December at St Edmund's, Acle.

Friends of Limpenhoe Church - Bulb Planting at St Botolph's, Limpenhoe (see photo on the back cover).

On a bright Saturday morning, 19th November the Friends of St Botolph's made a start on the living memorial for Michael Brook who was our church warden. We were delighted that so many could join us which meant we were able to plant in excess of 4000 daffodil and narcissi bulbs in Mike's memory; he was a great enthusiast and expert in daffodils. We also managed to clear the gravel path to the church of weeds that had accumulated over many years and to lay a new covering of gravel. The daffodils will form a blanket of colour alongside the new path in the Spring. At the entrance to the path we now have a lovely new oak sign, very kindly and expertly crafted for us by Paul Ryan. We were also able to plant several varieties of white climbing and bush roses in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II along the West wall of the church garden. There is further work and planting to be done for both of these memorials but we have made an excellent start and are very grateful to all those volunteers who gave up their valuable time to help us. Anyone wishing to donate towards daffodil or rose plants please contact the Friends of Limpenhoe Church.

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OVER FIFTIES CLUB

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Well, what a month this has been for our club. At the end of November we had our party at the village hall. We had food, music and laughter with friends - what more could we ask for? We had our Christmas raffle with 64 prizes. First prize was a beautiful food and drink hamper donated by Jane & Mick; Michael and little Dennis also donated hampers. On Dec 6th we had our Christmas lunch at Acle Bridge. 52 members attended and the Bridge as always did us proud. Jane presented Angie with a gift to say thank you for all her efforts; Angie responded with a thank you to all members for making Tuesday afternoons such a joy. Carol read out Xmas cards from members, and then we had a lovely raffle with 8 food baskets as prizes donated by Angie & Ray.

We are now closed for our Christmas break. We will re-open on January 10th when our yearly memberships are due, so please try for 1.30pm that day. If you are thinking of joining us, we meet every Tuesday at Reedham Village Hall so just come along at 1.30pm - you will be made very welcome.

I take this opportunity to thank members for all the bingo and raffle prizes they have donated to the club through-out 2022. They are so appreciated and this is what makes our club so special; we all work together to make our club a place people want to come. This month we have given a donation to Prostrate Cancer (in conjunction with the Mens Breakfast Club) and Reedham Village Hall through our lottery.

LOTTERY NEWS

At the time of writing this report (Dec 6th) it has not been won and the jackpot continues to grow.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy 2023.

See you on January 10th when we start another year of fun and laughter with our friends every Tuesday. Come and join us, our current members cover quite an area now from Ormesby, Gorleston, Lowestoft and surrounding villages.

Angie Woolsey Sec/Treasurer

Reedham Ringers

Advent is the ringing season so we have been extra busy. We rang to celebrate the Feast of St Edmund at Acle at the end of November – always a pleasure because although the bells sound peculiar in the ringing room due to their set up, we know that they sound delightful as soon as you reach the font and they handle well. We then rang at Reedham for the Christingle service and again for the school nativity play, where for once we had a full church, although they had not come to listen to us! The handbells have been dusted off for Christmas carols and this year we have welcomed a new member to the group. We rang them at the Wickhampton Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 11th, at Joseph House Care Home on 12th, and for the school carol concert on 15th. We even have a new handbell group at the school and some children will perform at an assembly before the end of term. As usual, we intend to ring for the Reedham crib service on 24th and, if we can rustle up a band, for Christmas Day communion. There is something magical about the bells proclaiming Jesus' birth on a cold winter's morning.

If you are interested in what we do, please get in touch. We are always happy to share our enthusiasm for bell ringing, both on big and small bells. You do not have to be a member of the congregation to join in.

Mary Jones

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JANUARY CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: St Martin's Trust

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

SUNDAY 1st The Naming and Circumcision of Christ

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion - Acle

SUNDAY 8th The Epiphany

9.30am Holy Communion – Limpenhoe

11.00am Morning Worship – Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer – Beighton

11.00am Covenant Service – Freethorpe Methodist Church

7.30pm Nomads Quiz – The Ship, Reedham

Monday 9th LIBRARY VAN DAY

7.30pm Benefice Council

7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 10th 1.30pm Over Fifties Club restarts – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 11th 7.00pm RBL – Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre

Friday 13th 7.30pm Film Night – 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris' – Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 15th 2nd of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Plough Sunday Service – Wickhampton

Monday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 18th 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall

SUNDAY 22nd 3rd of Epiphany

9.30am Morning Prayer - Limpenhoe

9.30am Holy Communion - Halvergate

11.00am Morning Prayer - Beighton

11.00am Covenant Service - Acle Methodist Church

11.00am Morning Worship - Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

6.30pm Service for Christian Unity – Freethorpe Methodist Church

Tuesday 24th 10.00am Service for Christian Unity – Acle Methodist Church

Friday 27th 7.30pm 'Dick Whittington' – Reedham Village Hall
 Saturday 28th 2.30pm 'Dick Whittington' – Reedham Village Hall
 7.30pm 'Dick Whittington' – Reedham Village Hall

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SUNDAY 29th Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
 11.00am Matins - Halvergate
 11.00am Holy Communion - Beighton

Looking forward into February :-

SUNDAY 5th 3rd before Lent

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

Wreath Making Evening at Limpenhoe Village Hall

Our thanks to all who supported Limpenhoe Village Hall with their Wreath Making including cheese and mulled wine evening. We raised £ 380.76.

Sue Goodchild

Reedham Village Hall

Film Night: Mrs Harris goes to Paris. Friday 13th January at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £5 each and can be booked online through our website or call 01493 701107.

Cash Bingo 16th January at 7:30pm please check Jackpot posters for details.

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped our events during the year. Reedham Community association wish everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cantley & District W.I.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. This will be our annual meeting and there will be a talk by our local tree warden.

For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always welcome.

Cantley Flower Show (not just flowers)

This year's Show is on Sat 9th September 2023. This is a week later than our usual date. Our photography subjects are black & white, transport, weather, concrete, trees and pets. Children 0-6 yrs :- pets, 7-10 yrs :- countryside and 11-16 yrs :- transport. Our themed flower arrangement is :- song title.

Our website is www.cantley.org/flowerhow. There is a full list of classes to enter and a list of last year's winners.



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Tickets are £7 adults and £5 children/concessions and can be purchased from Reedham PO in advance or on the door. (First come first serve). Shows start at 7:30pm both days and a matinee on Saturday at 2:30pm. Alternatively, you can call/text Kerri-Anne on 07824468242 or email on kerriannewatson@hotmail.com.

We will also have refreshments available and a raffle. This year's cast consists of existing and new members, and for some their first ever show! We've also welcomed some new young members from Reedham Primary School this year. We are very excited to finally perform our production of Dick Whittington!

I would also like to thank Tony Noon for hosting the Nomads quiz on Sunday 11th December at The Ship in Reedham to raise money for the Nomads. A total of **£54** was raised for Nomads Theatre Company.

The next quiz will take place at The Ship on Sunday 8th January at 7:30pm. Teams of 4-6 and it is £1 per person. The monthly quizzes usually take place on the first Sunday of every month until the spring and raise money for the Nomads Theatre Company. Also, special thank you to The Ship for their continued support.

Kerri-Anne, Nomads Theatre Company.



Acle & District Royal British Legion 12.

On Friday 11th November at 11am at the War Memorial in the grounds of St Edmund's Church, Acle, villagers congregated to celebrate Armistice Day. Peter Kingsley, the Branch President, recited flawlessly, without notes, The Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph – see back cover for picture.

We are extremely pleased to announce that the Poppy Appeal District total raised in 2022 is an incredible £9550.57.

As always we are extremely grateful for all of the support. A huge thanks to the team of collectors, the shops, businesses, churches and schools who all play their part in making it such a success. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Moving forward, next year the Acle & District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding their meetings on the first Wednesday of every month in the Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre starting at 7pm. This is now an evening meeting on a different day to try and encourage more people to attend. You do not have to be linked to the services to join the group. We are hoping to have a varied agenda over the coming months and new members would be very welcome.

Due to the Christmas and New Year break, the first meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th January; thereafter, Wednesday 1st February and Wednesday 1st March.

‘Encounters with Jesus’

The Sisters of Bethany will be offering a weekly time of prayer, reflection and hymns during Lent.

As we journey to Jerusalem in preparation for Holy Week and Easter, we will explore some of the encounters that people had with Jesus throughout his ministry.



You are welcome to join us each Thursday, 11am -12pm,
from 2nd March to 30th March 2023.

Venue to be confirmed.

The reflections will be made available online by video for anyone who is not able to attend in person.

We look forward to praying together with you.
Sister Elizabeth Pio SSB and Heidi p.SSB

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Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022 in the Village Hall

There were 8 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Grant Nurden, and 4 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Broadland District Council has a Land Owner Tree Planting Grant for up to £1,000 for 120m worth of trees or hedgerow, or a maximum of 600 trees. See their website for details.

Norfolk County Council Children's services are currently having an Ofstead inspection.

Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Chris Bradbury gave the following report: There were no issues with the play equipment safety inspection for November. The village hall hire charges went up a small amount from the 1st November, also hall membership: single £10; family £15; affiliated £20. If you wish to join you can download a membership form from Reedham Village Hall website.

Fundraising:

The October Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won. The jackpot stands for October is at £340 in 59 numbers or less. This is the highest it has ever been.

The Psychic evening with Steven Treadaway was very popular with over 80 people attending. We have booked Steven again for March next year.

Our Halloween Quiz Night was very well attended with 9 tables.

Our cinema night's attendances are beginning to grow in numbers.

Our Bonfire and Fireworks display was very busy and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. A big thank you to Nick and Jason James for another fantastic fireworks display. It was a shame about the weather on the night.

No planning applications were received in the month.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Broadland and the Broads Authority for pre-consultation comments. It is hoped the final consultation and referendum will be completed by the Spring. A copy of the plan can be found on the website and all residents are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

The sensor was located on Station Drive in September facing the Ferry. The average speed was 31.1mph, with a maximum of 75mph. 18,000 vehicles were recorded in 31 days.

In October it was on Station Road facing towards the station. The average speed was 28.3mph, a maximum speed of 65mph, and 13,000 vehicle movements were recorded, 412/day. Vehicle numbers are on the rise.

Please note Freethorpe have recorded persistent speeding vehicles in their 30mph zone on Reedham Road leading up to the village hall. Vehicles are regularly travelling over 40mph and one was clocked at 90mph! Please be as considerate as you would want Freethorpe drivers to be travelling through Reedham. Police are doing more speed checks in the area

Meeting dates for 2023 were approved, subject to the hall availability:

January - Monday 9th

February - no meeting

March - Monday 6th

April - Monday 3rd

*Annual Parish Meeting - Monday April

17th

Annual Parish Council Meeting –

Thursday 11th May

June - Monday 5th

July - Monday 3rd

August - no meeting

September - Monday 4th

October - Monday 2nd

November - Monday 6th

December - Monday 4th

All financial information can be found on the website, including quarterly Actuals vs Budget information.

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The unofficial recycling figures for Broadland District Council for 2021/22 are 50.6%, one of the highest in the Country, with 21.4% recyclable materials, 4.6% food, and 24.6% garden waste. A bin app is being launched on the 19th December (trialling from the 12th December) which will include information on bin collection days, notifications, the ability to report problems, and a fun information game.

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

There were no issues with the play equipment safety inspection for December.

Fenland Leisure should be commencing work on the swings in the fenced play area, and the other small items on the play equipment, on the 18th December.

Fundraising: The November Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won, the jackpot for October stands at £350 in 60 numbers or less. Still a record jackpot.

On Friday 13th January we have another film showing, "Mrs Harris goes to Paris", at 7.30pm This is a viewer's request.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre, and to the RCA Stage School for performing a mashup of Christmas songs. Also thank you to everyone who helped on the day, and who donated prizes for the grand raffle. It was a great day with many stalls and games, and the children enjoyed seeing Santa in his grotto.

I planning application was considered:

BA/2022/0459/PN: proposed ARQIVA smart metering I No. omni at 13.83m, ARQIVA GPS antenna at 12.4m and ARQIVA 3G omni antenna at 3.8m on 12m streetworks pole. Proposed ARQIVA smart metering equipment enclosed to be installed on roof foundation at Land at Reedham Sewage Treatment Works, Low Common. Cllr Smith has submitted a person objection to the application due to public health concerns. The Council did not wish to comment.

The sensor was located on Station Road in November facing south. The average speed was 28.2mph, however the maximum speed registered was 80mph! 17,000 vehicle movements were recorded, up from 11,000 in April 2021, which equates to 250 more per day.

*The Annual Parish Meeting will now be on Monday 13th March.

Tree safety work at the Woodland Walk was approved, to take place early 2023. **15.**

The budget and precept for 2023/24 was agreed at £12,752. All financial information can be found on the website, including quarterly Actuals vs Budget information.

Time and Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 9th January 2023 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.

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Answer to last month's Pathfinder Puzzle

Sing lullaby!

Lullaby baby, now reclining,

Sing lullaby!

Hush, do not wake the infant King.

Angels are watching, stars are shining

Over the place where He is lying:

Sing lullaby!

Anglican Hymn Book 115 verse 1.

Lyndsay Fisher

Reedham Gardening Club – Jobs in the Garden for January

Plant bare-root roses, shrubs, hedging and ornamental trees, as long as the ground isn't frozen.

Dead-head winter pansies and other bedding regularly, and remove any foliage affected by downy mildew.

Check for rot on stored bulbs or tubers.

Winter prune apple and pear trees.

Sort out your seeds, throwing away empty or out-of-date packets and noting down any to buy for the coming season.

Order seed potatoes, onions, shallots and garlic bulbs for planting in Spring.

Ken Tungate



Left: The Over 50's Christmas Party

Below: Peter Kingsley, President of the Acle Branch of the R.B.L (foreground) with the local Army cadets, scouts and 6th formers.

Photo: John Kenny



Below: Wreath making at Limpenhoe



Below: Daffodil planting at Limpenhoe.



Below: Christmas Carols at Wickhampton

Below: RCA Stage School in their performance of 'Search for the Christmas Star'

