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Walsingham

JANUARY
2025
50P



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OUTLOOK

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GREETINGS & (RAMBLINGS) FROM AN OLD HAS-BEEN,

I will start by saying that I hope you have / had a Happy Christmas (depending on when you received this issue). And, on a safer footing, wish you all a Happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

We should, of course be celebrating the Epiphany soon with the visit of the Magi, Kings, or Wise Men, as they are variously referenced, with their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh and, of course, their homage to the Christ Child. Epiphany is a funny word generally recognised as meaning 'manifesting forth' but in many Eastern Orthodox Churches is called 'Theophany' which, rather, means 'manifesting God' which, I feel gives, perhaps, a sharper focus on just whom Jesus (the purpose of their journey) is. At Epiphany I often reflect on the fact that Jesus is a greater gift to us than we (or the 'Kings' etc) might ever offer him. (A thought for another time - let's get back to the New Year)

I have, and do, wish you all a Happy New Year but do reflect on the fact that we don't all, necessarily, look forward to it with the same degree of enthusiasm (depending on our circumstances – and for some of us the new Government's decision to axe the winter fuel benefit may have a real bearing on that). And I wonder how you view the re-election of Donald Trump into the position of President of the USA? Is there any chance it could be a good thing?

As I get older I do find myself looking back, and reflecting, not only on the past year but over the last several years – and in particular on my ministry during that time. When Christine and I moved to Acle the intention was to retire from that ministry but, as many of you know, that wasn't the way it worked out and I reflect now that I'm truly glad that it didn't because my 10 years ministry here have been a real blessing to me (as I truly hope they have to at least some here).

A large part of that has come from spending time on pastoral issues – in particular leading services in Care Homes and Martin and I will, by the time you're reading this, have led Carol Services at The Limes and The Old Rectory again. While I was going to confirm a date for the service at The Old Rectory Christine & I were having lunch in The Vault (Cafe in Acle) when one of the Care Team from there came in with one of the residents (celebrating her birthday). We got chatting to the lady and were amazed to discover that she had lived in a village very near where I was born. Her parents were married at the same church as I did my 'Reader' (now 'Lay Minister') training placement – (what a wonderful experience that turned out to be for me) and where I preached my first sermon. It was a real delight to talk with the lady concerned.

So, perhaps, the start of a New Year may be a good time for us to take a **4.** little time out to also look back, and reflect on the many blessings we have received in the past and realise that there may be others yet to be enjoyed – whatever our circumstances and expectations may be. Vic Walsham

Parish Registers

Funerals

We commit to God's keeping:-

Geoffrey William Thomas Meale, aged 87, on 22nd November at St Edmund's, Acle

Antony Alun Jones, aged 62, on 6th December at St Margaret's, Cantley

Parish Notices

As usual in January, there are a number of ecumenical services. For the congregations of Freethorpe All Saints', Halvergate and Reedham, the joint Covenant Service at Freethorpe Methodist Church will be on Sunday 5th at 11.00am. The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** runs from Saturdays 18th – 25th: on Sunday 19th, the joint Covenant Service for St. Edmund's will be at Acle Methodist Church at 11am; while all are invited to a special service for the Week of Prayer at Reedham at 3.00pm. The monthly service at Swallowtail Place on Tuesday 21st (10.30am) will also have a Unity theme.

We will be celebrating **Plough Sunday** at Wickhampton at 10.30am on Sunday 12th. As well as the usual plough and seed, members of the congregation are invited to bring a garden tool to be blessed as part of the service, to mark our own tending of the soil. Please mark it if it will aid people to take the right one away at the end!

The Benefice Council will meet on Thursday 23rd January, to consider, amongst other things, a date for a joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Sun 11th May?) and the planning of *Celebrating Care* (a special service and exhibition on Sunday 31st August). It's also the 10th anniversary of the formation of our benefice; and of our benefice choir.

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday January 15th at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. The speaker for the evening will be Cheryl Cade, who is a cheese sommelier. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.



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We have now come to the end of yet another year, and for our club it has been once again very successful. We have gained new members and look forward to 2025 with enthusiasm for gaining more. On December 3rd members enjoyed their Christmas lunch at Acle Bridge; this is free to members. The lunch was wonderful and as usual the staff looked after us very well. Our club now has a break and we re-open at 1.30pm on January 7th 2025. We meet every Tuesday at Reedham Village Hall and our club is open to all surrounding villages not just Reedham. In January our yearly memberships will be due £7.00 per person; we are holding our weekly subscriptions at £3.00. The weekly subscription includes refreshments every week, and our monthly buffets to celebrate members birthdays, and a free raffle. Once a month we have a cash raffle for which we sell tickets as this helps to maintain our club. We also have a bingo lottery which is £1.00 per week which is also open to non-members this again helps to support our club. If you would like to join our lottery, please just give me a ring; our last game lasted for eight weeks and the lucky winner was Sandra Nicholls from Freethorpe who won the jackpot £369.60. Sandra gave our club a donation for which we are very grateful. So, if you are alone and want an afternoon out come and join us on January 7th. We will be very pleased to see you and perhaps you will make some new friends.

I take this opportunity to wish the committee and all our members a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2025, and KEEP WARM!!!!

Angie Woolsey
Sec/Treasurer
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Limpenhoe - Pictures on the back page

The first one is the wreath making evening at the village hall. Pat Bennett and Sue Goodchild arranged it in aid of the pulmonary fibrosis charity and raised over £450.

The second shows the village sign after it was put back up last week. It was repainted by village artist Sue McNeil. Sue designed the sign back in 2011 and it was lovely that she was able to repaint it for us.

Sunday 12 January 2025 at 10.30am: Plough Sunday Service

Gear yourselves up for a chilly January morning, and celebrate the Blessing of the Plough at Wickhampton church. At last year's service someone's garden fork was blessed, apparently resulting in a bumper crop of veggies, so bring along your forks or spades for a blessing – we gardeners need all the help we can get!

JANUARY CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: St Martin's Trust

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church (except 21st)

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

(from 7th January)

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

SUNDAY 5th The Epiphany

9.30am Holy Communion - Limpenhoe

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Methodist Covenant Service – Freethorpe Methodist Church

Monday 6th MOBILE LIBRARY DAY – Halvergate, Reedham
and Freethorpe
7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 7th 7.30pm Reedham Belles (W.I.) – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 8th 7.15pm Acle & District RBL – Acle Recreation Centre

Thursday 9th 7.30pm Acle Evening W.I. – Acle Church Hall

Saturday 11th NO FARMERS' MARKET

SUNDAY 12th The Baptism of Christ/ Plough Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Blessing of the Plough Service - Wickhampton

Wednesday 15th 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall

Thursday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Saturday 18th WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS

9.00am – Noon Limpenhoe Breakfast Café – Limpenhoe

Village Hall

SUNDAY 19th 2nd of Epiphany

9.

- 9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate
11.00am Methodist Covenant Service – Acle Methodist Church
3.00pm Christian Unity Service – Reedham

Wednesday 22nd 8.00pm Compline by Zoom

SUNDAY 26th 3rd of Epiphany

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

Sunday Afternoon Concert – St Edmund's, Acle*

Monday 27th MOBILE LIBRARY DAY – Beighton, Cantley & Limpenhoe

Looking forward into FEBRUARY :-

SUNDAY 2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

*No details yet about the Concert - Look out for posters *Editor*



Busy Life?

Difficult to find time for Christian
Fellowship?

Join us on Zoom for Compline - a quiet and
simple service at the end of the day,
at 8pm on Wednesday 22nd JANUARY

For the joining link, please contact jnlonsdale@me.com

As you can see, we have decided to continue with the Zoom Complines, at least during the uninviting months of winter. All welcome to attend. It is a very simple service – no sermon, and we have even had to drop any attempt at music (technical difficulties!) NC, KC and JL.

Acle Evening WI

Another busy and enjoyable year has come to a close for the members of Acle Evening WI. Firstly, at the beginning of the month, we returned to How Hill for a delicious Christmas lunch followed later in the week by our monthly meeting when we gathered for a nostalgic trip down memory lane with Steve “Dr Vinyl” Burns. Steve entertained us with music from the 60’s and 70’s.

Our programme for 2025 begins on January 9th with a return visit from Maria Pennington. Maria is well known for her talks on pearls, but this time she will be sharing her expert knowledge of Fabergé.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in The Church Rooms, Acle. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Please call Frances Mobbs, President, on [01603 270416](tel:01603270416) for more information.

Cantley Flower Show (Not just flowers)

Happy New Year. Here is a date for your new diaries:- Cantley Flower Show (Not just flowers) Saturday 6th September 2025.

Our photography subjects are, The night sky, See the wood for the trees, Churches, Green, Water sports and Wild animals. For Children 2-7, 8-12 and 13-18 Theme Park. You may notice that we have changed the age ranges of our Children's sections.

Please start taking your photos for September. We look forward to seeing you then.

Robert

P.S. Don't forget our website at cantley.org/flowershow.

Reedham Ringers

We hope that you enjoyed our ringing during the Advent season!

We rang for the Reedham Christingle service, the Reedham school nativity play, the Acle school carol concert and we dusted off the handbells for the Beighton carols and for a carol service at Swallowtail House. We are always on the look-out for new ringers and to tempt back people who may have rung in the past, perhaps as teenagers, and now have the time to re-engage. Our band is a friendly, supportive group and we practise at 4pm every Monday afternoon. If you are interested in ringing, either tower or handbells, then please get in touch.

Mary Jones mpcjones@hotmail.co.uk

REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

11.

Meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024 in the Village Hall

There were 9 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Nurden and 6 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Cllr Hale announced that the Council have received official notification that the Reedham Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted by Broadland District Council and the Broads Authority.

He also notified the council that the Vice chair Liz Bassett has resigned and asked that a card was sent thanking her for her service to the Parish Council.

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

The annual Bonfire and Fireworks display night was enjoyed by a large crowd, and over £1000 in donations was taken towards the fireworks.

The November Cash Bingo jackpot wasn't won, the jackpot stands for the 18th December at £260 in 60 numbers or less.

The Village Hall Chairman also reported that there has been anti-social behaviour with cars parking and dropping litter outside the locked gates during the late evening.

A planning application has been received for the demolition of the Gospel Hall in Reedham and erection of a residential dwelling.

The council had a long discussion regarding this and raised concerns about the following: access issues from the road for the property, access and traffic issues during the build, and possible engineering difficulties during the build causing slippage and subsidence. It also noted that the Gospel Hall is mentioned in the Neighbourhood Plan as a non-heritage asset.

The council agree in principle with the planning application but will make comments to Broadland District Council planning department regarding their concerns.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase a new public access defibrillator from Heart2Heart at a cost of £1500, this will be installed at the Humpty Dumpty Brewery

Work has been taking place to improve the Woodland Walk. The overhanging ivy has been cleared from the top footpath, new bench installed at the level crossing end and the top half of the steps have had the wire replaced to make them safer. A tree safety survey will be carried out shortly.

Speed sensor - In November the sensor was located on the new post in Church Road facing east towards Pettitts. The 85th percentile was 33.6 mph; the average speed was 23.2 mph. The average vehicles per day was 188.

Cllr Pittam attended a full day Carbon Literacy training session hosted by Broadland District Council. He reported that it was very interesting and comprehensive, and it indicated 'things are worse than we thought'. The information received showed that Reedham's CO₂ emissions are slightly higher than the Broadland and National average, due to the reliance on oil for heating.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 6th January 2025 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall lounge. Further details will be published on the website, Facebook page and notice board by the Doctors nearer the time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Acle & District Royal British Legion

At our branch meeting in December, we were delighted to award a certificate of appreciation to Bob & Brenda Berry in recognition of their long-term commitment looking after the war memorial in Acle Churchyard. In addition, a printed, illustrated, and framed poem "The Dogs of War" written by Wally Woollands was presented to him following his retirement as treasurer after many years on various branch committees.

The first branch meeting of 2025 will take place on Wednesday 8th January starting at 7.15pm in the Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre. As stated previously, you do not need to be a member of RBL or ex services to attend. We are a friendly group of men and women and offer a warm welcome to everyone. Teas & coffees are provided, with Social Club Bar open for other refreshments. We have a varied programme of speakers & presentations lined up for the forthcoming year, beginning with The Story of British Sugar, Cantley, on Wednesday 5th February.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported and donated to the RBL Poppy Appeal this year. The district total is an amazing £13573.78.

With best wishes for the New Year
Jayne Smith
Secretary & Poppy Appeal Organiser
Acle & District RBL
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The initial letters spell CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Vowel Play

GOOD KING WENCESLAS LOOKED OUT,
 ON THE FEAST OF STEPHEN,
 WHEN THE SNOW LAY ROUND ABOUT,
 DEEP AND CRISP AND EVEN:
 BRIGHTLY SHONE THE MOON THAT NIGHT,
 THOUGH THE FROST WAS CRUEL,
 WHEN A POOR MAN CAME IN SIGHT,
 GATHERING WINTER FUEL.

Lyndsay Fisher

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21st December

18th January

15th February

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Bookings will be confirmed*



*Community Cafe in
support of the Village
Hall and Church*



Left: Acle Carol Service Choir

Below: Over 50s Christmas Party



Above: Wreath Making at Limpenhoe & Right: Repainted Village Sign



Left & Right: Acle & District RBL (see report)

