

OCTOBER 2025 50P

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'Celebrating Care' at Acle Church, Sunday 31st August.

Photo: Kati Cowen

OUTLOOK

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Harvest Thanksgiving is not the community event it once was: most of our church celebrations are attended only by the faithful. It is still marked in our local primary schools, highlighting where our food really comes from, the value of gratitude and the call to share with those who don't have enough to live on.

Living where we do, we're aware of harvesting, of course; but the idea of communal rejoicing that all is safely gathered in would probably be viewed by most people as belonging to our agrarian past. Thinking about it, the industrial revolution undermined harvest in a much wider sense. Stop/start processes with a beginning and an end are inefficient: continuous production is the goal. So the satisfaction of completing the making of something was replaced by work on a production line, where the machines just keep going and the job is never done.

You can get away from them for a night's sleep or a day off, but they'll still be running when you return. And so it is, I imagine, with much of modern working life – indeed, modern life in general. Certainly, one of the challenges of ministry is that the job is never done: harvest moments – the completion of a major service, or finally putting your feet up on Christmas Day afternoon – are few. Or consider working in a hospital: there may be a brief moment's satisfaction when a patient has recovered sufficiently to go home; but you'll probably never get to hear how they get on after that; and there'll be someone else ready to move into their bed space.

The benefit of harvest moments is the opportunity to pause, review and find fulfilment; not everything will have been perfect, but there will be positives to celebrate. Rarely is the achievement a solo effort: others will have been involved: there's the chance to express gratitude and to rejoice together. We recognise that by creating harvest opportunities where they might not otherwise exist: award ceremonies, anniversaries, annual reports; maybe DIY or recreational activities – maybe that's what jigsaw (or crossword) puzzles are about.

In the Bible, harvest is a metaphor for the way that God will bring everything to completion. Life may go on – but it won't go on for ever. And so with our individual earthly lives. A funeral can be a harvest moment: marking the completion and fruit of a human life – even if feels like it's been cut short. A Christian funeral will see 'the harvest of our lives' not just as an account of what we have sown and reaped, but our place in God's harvest of all life, in which we are the grain, as well as the reapers. Plenty of food for thought there.

But maybe there are some lesser harvest moments we'd like to mark before we get to that one?

In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Caitlin Janet Meyer and Curtis James Robinson on 30th August at St Peter & St Paul's, Halvergate

Ashley Lauren Cater and Ross James Parker on 12th September at St Edmund's, Acle

Funerals

We commend to the keeping of God:-

Robert George Crowe, aged 88, on 8th September at St Edmund's, Acle

Ma Kiu Tang, aged 96, on 9th September at Acle Pyebush Lane Cemetery

Parish Notes

What was Acle Farmers' Market has moved to the first Saturday in the month (9.00am – 12 noon) and will now be known as the Village Market, signalling the possibility of a wider range of stalls (are you interested?) supplementing the regular fruit & veg, fish, beef and bread (which can be ordered): contact Diane on 07969 341943. If anyone would like a stall to sell items to raise monies for their church we shall be offering a space for the benefice churches.

It's time for St. Edmund's Church annual Gift Day. A letter for Acle residents is in preparation setting out various ways a gift can be made, including bringing it in person to the Village Market on Saturday 1st November.

Several of our churches will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 5th (Acle, Freethorpe, Reedham and Wickhampton). Harvest gifts (perishable and non-perishable) will be collected from St. Edmund's Church that afternoon for The Well at Gorleston Baptist Church (hot meal and foodbank provision).

Reedham Village Jumble Sale

This, according to many of you is the best Jumble around. A huge thank you for all your donations and to those that came along and grabbed a bargain. We could not do this without the volunteers that help us, so thanks a million to you. See you in February 2026 for the next Rumble at the Jumble.

Reedham Village Show

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September's Zoom Compline

Apologies to those trying to join this – all my fault. I set it all up, as I thought correctly, then couldn't work out the way to open the meeting until it was far too late. ② K.C.

Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)

We welcomed guests from several local clubs to our birthday meeting in September, when we enjoyed a lovely buffet followed by a session of country dancing. The film club supported the local screening of The Salt Path, followed by a trip to Norwich to watch the recently released Downton Abbey. We walked around Ranworth in wonderful sunshine, visited Cambridge (a beautiful day if windy) and dined out at cosy Clippesby Base Camp.

Our speaker on Tuesday 7th October will be talking to us about "Walking without Pain" (no doubt those taking part in the overnight "Shine" walk will be listening intently!) and we have a "knitless natter" planned to raise our spirits as the Autumn sets in. New members are always welcome to our very friendly group. Follow us on facebook (search Reedham Belles) to find out more.

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On Wednesday 1st October the branch will be holding their AGM. This meeting will start at 7.15pm in the Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre.

The annual <u>Prize Bingo & Grand Raffle</u> raising funds for the 2025 Poppy Appeal will take place on Saturday 11 October in the Main Hall, Acle Recreation Centre. Doors open at 6.30pm for eyes down at 7.30pm. £10 for 10 games. Great prizes to be won. To book a table, email jaynesmith 15@btinternet.com

The Seasiders Ukulele Band will be performing a concert on Sunday 2 November starting at 2pm in the Main Hall, Acle Recreation Centre. Tickets are £7 on the door or £6 in advance available from Acle Post Office or Acle Chocolate Pet & Toolbox. All proceeds to Acle & District Poppy Appeal.

Reedham Village Hall

Cash Bingo 20th October at 7:30pm. Please check posters for jackpot details.

RCA Theatre Company proudly present after their successful VE show, The 39 Steps a hilarious comedy based on the Alfred Hitchcock film on the 3rd and 4th October at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £3.50 for under 16.

Film night 10th October Mr Burton

The story of the wild school boy Rich Jenkins, son of a boozy miner, and an English teacher who recognised his talent. Tickets cost £5.50. Either book online at www.reedhamvillagehall.co.uk or call 01493 701107.

Halloween Quiz Night on 29th October at 7:30pm. Entry cost £2 includes food. Prize for the best dressed team. Call 01493 701107 to reserve a table.

Reedham Churchyard Morning - Tuesday 7th October

The Churchyard Day we had on 2nd September was a great success, and we got loads done, from strimming between those pesky gravestones set so close together in the lower churchyard, to getting weeds out from round the Tower, and even making some of the plaques marking ashes interments more visible. Many, many thanks to those who came and helped – and especially to Mary for providing some delicious biscuits – see photo.

We thought we should have one more morning before the weather gets bad, so anyone who can join us on Tuesday, 7th October, starting from 10am, would be most welcome. Please bring hand tools and kneelers if possible, or cable free strimmers if you have them – but they need to be quite powerful as churchyard grass is tough. Let's hope for dry weather – we will cancel if it is really bad.

Kati Cowen

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: Royal National Lifeboat Institute

Weekly

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

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass - Acle Church

Wednesday Ist 7.15pm AGM of Acle & District RBL – Bure Room,

Acle Recreation Centre

7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

Friday 3rd 7.30pm 'The 39 Steps' – RCA Theatre Company –

Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 4th 9.00am – Noon ACLE VILLAGE MARKET – Church Hall

Note the new date and time!

7.30pm 'The 39 Steps' – RCA Theatre Company –

Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 5th 16th after Trinity

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

9.30am Harvest Holy Communion - Wickhampton

11.00am Harvest Festival - Acle

11.00am Harvest Holy Communion - Freethorpe

11.00am Harvest Festival – Reedham

Monday 6th Mobile Library Day – Beighton, Limpenhoe, Cantley

7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 7th 10.00am Reedham Churchyard Morning

7.30pm 'Reedham Belles' - Reedham Village Hall

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

Friday 10th 7.30pm Mr Burton – Film at Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 11th 7.30pm Bingo – Main Hall, Acle Recreation Centre

SUNDAY 12th 17th after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
10.30am Holy Communion – Beighton
2.30pm Holy Baptism – Limpenhoe

2.30pm Afternoon Tea & Quiz – Acle Church Hall

Monday 13th Mobile Library Day – Halvergate, Reedham, Freethorpe 9.

Tuesday 14th 5.30pm Evensong at Norwich Cathedral at which the Rector is to be made an honorary Canon

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

Thursday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Saturday 18th 9am – Noon Limpenhoe Breakfast Café –

Limpenhoe Village Hall

SUNDAY 19th 18th after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate

II.00am Holy Communion – AcleII.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

II.00am Morning Worship – Freethorpe

Monday 20th 2.30pm 'Searching for Home (2)' – Acle Methodist Church 7.30pm Cash Bingo – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 21st 10.30am Ecumenical Service at Swallowtail Place, Acle

Wednesday 22nd 8.00pm Compline by Zoom.

Saturday 25th 10.30am – 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-In – Beighton Church 7.00pm Jazz with a light supper – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 26th Last after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

9.30am Matins – Halvergate

10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton

II.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe

Wednesday 29th 6.45/7.30pm Bingo – at the Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre – raising funds for Acle Churches Together. 7.30pm Halloween Quiz Night – Reedham Village Hall

Looking forward into NOVEMBER:-

Saturday Ist 9.00am - Noon Acle Village Market - Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 2nd All Saints' Sunday

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate 11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

II.00am Morning Worship - FreethorpeII.00am Holy Communion - Reedham

2.00pm 'Seasiders' - Main Hall, Acle Recreation Centre

7th Teddy Bear Parachute & Zip-line Day: 17 August 2025 at Wickhampton Church

What a fabulous day of fun in the sun! The weather was perfect – just the gentlest of breezes – meaning no parachutists were blown off course into trees or sugar beet! It was our most successful Parachute Day yet, raising over £1600, some of which will go towards refurbishing the wonderful Victorian oil lamps in the church. Thank you to everyone who came and joined in on the day – humans, cherished toys and bears – and a big thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes and atop the tower! No doubt many tired toys slept well after all their outstanding bearavery! Friends of Wickhampton Church.

Saturday 23 August 2025 at Wickhampton Church: "The Politeness of Princes".

A heartfelt thank you to Medieval Historian Imogen Corrigan for educating and entertaining us yet again, this time with wonderful images from medieval wall paintings, witty wood carvings from churches and tales of the myriad do's and don'ts involved in medieval manners and etiquette. Indeed, the reason why children are told not to lick their plates has its origins in the best manners at medieval banquets! Thank you to everyone who came to the talk and feasted and quaffed so delicately!

New Roadside Nature Reserve (RNR) at Wickhampton

A new RNR has been designated along the verges of Church Road in Wickhampton, following concerns raised by the Friends of Wickhampton village that the wonderful display of wildflowers along the verges was prematurely cut down in June whilst still in full bloom and, more importantly, before they had set seed.

We are grateful to Freethorpe Parish Council for agreeing to take this on board, and for submitting a bid to obtain RNR status (with the help of information provided by the Friends) which proved successful. The reserves are marked by wooden posts at each end to identify the stretch of special interest; the verges will be strimmed, rather than cut by machinery, in late summer/early autumn, when flowering has finished and seed has been set, and the vegetation raked up; the verges will still be cut at road junctions as required for safety reasons. We hope that this will allow residents to enjoy the wonderful variety of wildflowers, as well as helping to increase biodiversity and create an important corridor for wildlife.

Norfolk County Council have increased the number of RNRs in the county, which now number about 300, protecting over 100 miles of verge. David Brown, Friends of Wickhampton Village.

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 15th at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. The subject of the talk for the evening will be The Horsey Seals. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

OVER FIFTIES 11.

The time is moving fast and Autumn is on the doorstep.

We have had another good month in our Over Fifties Club and gained two new members from Acle. Welcome to John and Sandra you are now part of our Over Fifties Family. If you would like to join now is the time, come along to Reedham Village Hall any Tuesday around 1.30pm as club starts at 2pm. You will be made most welcome. We are open to all the villages; at the moment we have three memberships available so don't delay join now!!

We are now coming to the party season soon, firstly we have a lunch at Acle Bridge which is free to all members in September, October it is Halloween, November we have a Christmas party at Reedham Village Hall and then all rounded off with a Christmas lunch at Acle Bridge. The club does free calendars to members that would like one.

Since our last newsletter our club lottery was won by Jane Ryan, the jackpot was £266.40 and Jane very kindly gave the club a donation from her prize. If you would like to join it is £1 per week and is open to non-members as well, just give me a ring to join.

Until next month take care of yourselves.

Angie Woolsey Sec/Treasurer Mob: 07585504199 (Sorry last month's news was missing – it is presumably still floating round the internet ether, waiting to land, as it never arrived in my in-tray! Ed.)

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Norwich Castle Museum

As well as the 'Royal Palace Reborn' at Norwich Castle, there is also a fascinating exhibition of Life in the Middle Ages. There you can see the head from the brass commemorating John Berney which was once in Reedham Church – we have tried to get it back on 'Long Term Loan' so it can be replaced where it belongs, but were told it was part of an exhibit. This presumably is the Exhibition in question – but it was good to see it actually out on display instead of stored away unseen. There are also some floor tiles, some of which I recognised as being from Reedham Church – including a falconer on horseback and a 'Soloman's Knot'.

It is a bit pricey to get in (though cheaper booked on-line) but as well as being free to Museum Pass Holders, it is also free to those on means-tested benefits and their children; and only £2.50 within an hour of closing (not bookable).

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Outlook issues

Apologies that last month's copy was so late out -1 sent the cover in good time, but failed to notice it had not been acknowledged. The original email is presumably still floating around, looking for somewhere to land. When I re-sent it, using a different sending address, we were then delayed by the Bank Holiday.

You will notice that I have changed the address for sending in copy to kncowen@gmail.com as this seems more reliable. I will still look at the other address, so it isn't a big issue if you use it.

Meeting held on Monday 1st September 2025 in the Village Hall.

There were 9 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Nurden and 5 members of the public.

The Clerk gave an update to the Council: The lettering on the American War Memorial has been repainted, free of charge, by Abbey Memorials.

The Woodland Walk steps handrail has been repaired urgently on safety grounds after part of it collapsed in July. Reedham Parish Council won a £200 prize, to spend in the local community, in the Big Broadland Litter Pick Prize Draw.

The mooring charges at Reedham Quay were discussed again; the response from the Full Council meeting of Broadland District Council has been circulated to the Parish Council. The District Council confirmed that in their opinion the mooring charges are legal. After further discussion the Council asked the Clerk to approach the Broads Reform Action Group (BRAG) and offer their support to the opposition of mooring charges and also register their interest in joining the proposed Commons Council of Management. D. Cllr Nurden advised that Jerome Mayhew MP is still keen to work with the Parish Council on this and requested that the Clerk contact the MP's office with the current update.

The Parish Council discussed options to provide a memorial to Keith Sales to honour the contribution he made to the community. Cllr Hale will contact the family for their agreement before any decision is made.

Cllr Allen reported that there have been comments from residents about the volume of the music played at Pettitts Animal Park and suggested that maybe the Council could send a polite letter asking them to moderate the volume. The Council agreed this was the right course of action.

A Management Plan for the Woodland Walk has been received by the Council, this is for renovation and conservation works, the Clerk suggested that due to the length of the document a Working Group should be set up to examine the plan in more depth.

In July the speed sensor was located on Church Road, facing West collecting data from traffic leaving the village. The speed limit here is 40mph. The 85th percentile was 34.4 mph; the average speed was 25.6 mph. The average vehicles per day was 201. In August the speed sensor was located on the same post in Church Road, turned round to face East collecting data from traffic entering the village, again with a speed limit of 40mph. The 85th percentile was 33.8 mph; the average speed was 26.1 mph. The average vehicles per day was 210.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 6th October 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.

I think we are on a roll at Acle Evening WI with yet another excellent speaker invited to entertain us at our monthly meetings. It makes all the difference when speakers capture our imagination, enlighten us on a wide range of diverse subjects, and make the meetings so enjoyable. September was no exception, as we welcomed our speaker, Joe Crossley, the CEO of the St Edmunds Society in Norwich. Joe spoke passionately about his work with St Ed's, the collaborative vocational learning hub in Norwich for young people aged II to 16 and above. This centre of learning helps to increase self-esteem, develop employment opportunities, and enhance genuine life prospects.

He really left a great impression on all of us. At St Ed's, they do things differently, and it works. President Frances Mobbs was delighted to present a donation of £550 from the proceeds of their Afternoon Tea at Lunchtime event held in June.

Our next monthly meeting takes place on Thursday, 9th October, when our guest speaker will be Cindy Brookes. Cindy is a former secretary of the Norfolk Federation. She will be coming to share her experience of 'Becoming a British Citizen' Cindy was a student teacher, taking an opportunity to travel from her home in the USA through Europe, and then came to England, choosing Norwich as her final destination. Cindy met her husband here, and the rest, they say, is history.

New members are always welcome, please contact Frances Mobbs, President, on 07780681865

Acle Evening WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7 for 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, Norwich Road, Acle.

Freethorpe Bingo

Sadly, this fund raiser has had to end -a £50 loss was made on the last event.

Revd. Martin Greenland

We are pleased to report that Martin is to be made a Canon of Norwich Cathedral on 14th October at the 5.30pm Cathedral Evensong. Unfortunately, this is an honorary appointment (means he doesn't get paid any more), but it is a recognition of all his hard work over the past years ministering to our Benefice's very disparate parishes and also acting as Rural Dean during a period with a great number of vacancies.

It would be good if some of us could get to the Cathedral for this service to support and congratulate him. (Cue - lots of jokes about him being fired, or Canonised etc. etc.)

K.C.

Women's Night Out

Wednesday October 1st at 7 30pm Freethorpe Village Hill.

All are welcome to attend when Holly White will be giving a presentation on "How to keep Houseplants".

Breakfast cafe

Limpenhoe Village Hall

18th October 15th November

20th December

Time: 9 to 12

Bookings: Pat Bennett 07980 326347 pbfalconhouse@hotmail.com Bookings will be confirmed



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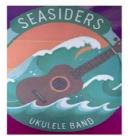
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Above: Fun in the Sun - Reedham Churchyard morning, 2nd September. Photo: Mary Jones Right: Wickhampton Teddy Bear Parachute Jump. Photo: Sara Stephenson



Prize Bingo

RBL Poppy Appeal



Saturday 11 October

Main Hall, Acle Recreation Centre

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start

For more information or to book a table please contact Jayne Smith 07584 825749



Below: Wickhampton Roadsides.



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