

CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW BECK VALLEY ST MARGARET SOUTH ELMHAM 2023

SOUTH ELMHAM COMMUNITY NEWS JULY – AUG 2023

ST MARGARET SOUTH ELMHAM SHOW TIME

St CROSS CAKE and ALE PARTY

St PETER BOULES

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EDITORAL

Its so nice to phone an organisation or company and actually talk to a human being, being told repeatedly that you can do this on line ,when its online that directed you to phone their number in the first place,and after quite a time someone does answer its such a shock ,you can't remember why you phoned,and thats after you pick yourself up off the foor after falling off the chair. Appreciate the small things

GPC www..oneflixton.onesuffolk.net

The Grouped Parish Council of Flixton, St Cross and St Margaret South Elmham met at Flixton Village hall for the Annual General meeting. Apart from the members of the council ,County Councillor Judy Cloke and newly elected District Councillor Anthony Speca were present. The chairman was nominated and appointed ,, he signed the Declaration of acceptance of Office. ViceChairmen were also proposed and appointed. Retiring District Councillor Judy Cloke thanked former Disrict Councillor David Ritchie for his exceptional work while in office including the Lowestoft Gull bridge. Judy also gave a resume of her time as a District Councillor including funding Parish council projects and assisting with the conclusion of the long running Grange hill flooding saga. Newly elected Green party District Councillor Anthony Speca introduced himself and his fellow District Green Party Councillor Toby Hammond who was unable to attend. Cllr Mann reported that the Annual Audit has breen completed ,including internal audit , forms have been completed and returned. The annual Flixton Defibrillator service contract and hall fee were approved. A meeting with the Flixton estate to discuss the reopening of the Lake path was unsuccessful. Finance for a vision mirror and dog fouling signs at Flixton were approved.

Next Meeting Sept 12 Batemans Barn St Cross

MOLE

Its been a busy time, and the weather being a bit contrary, only confuses the body more. Congratulations to Ken and Sue Warnes on celebrating their Golden wedding. According to sources it was on the way to the celebrations that a couple were surprised by a lorry stopping and the driver jumping down and starting to undress! He proceeded to apologise, but could they look at at his now bare back ' I think I have been stung by a wasp and I'm allergic' have you got an epi pen he was asked ,'yes its in the cab'. They looked at the area but there was some redness but nothing else and both parties continued their journeys. Well that was their excuse for being late. You probably heard the tale of a Flixton resident who was asked by his father to get some shopping, which was fine, until he could not find the Dove soup, it was later translated as Dove soap., At St Margaret David and Tracy are doing their garden and even won a couple of classes at the Flixton and South Elmham District Flower and Produce show ,not bad for their first time. At St Cross Tom Brooke and his crew have had a tidy up in the churchyard. Meanwhile up at the top of the hill the Hills and Dick Brown have been preparing tractors for the Pink Ladies tractor run for Breast Cancer, all decorated with pink ribbons and regalia well done, the fund has passed £1million this year. The same group were

also suppling tractors to the Countryside Evening and Classic Vehicle show.



Quite a variety of creatures and flora about lately , Kingfishers ,although what they are feeding on with the Beck dry I don't know they even brought off a clutch of youngsters. . Then so far a pair of Oyster catchers have been sitting in the middle of a grass field for a week ,they are a wading bird whose normal diet consists of whelks, oysters ,shellfish and craneflies. Well there are no shell fish or welks here ,so they must be living off craneflies. Sadly the number of trees dying is increasing the age or type seems irrelevant. Oaks,several of them are mature, fir trees and these are are about 40 years old ,and a big beech which was late coming into leaf this spring ,even then only the last six inches of the branch was in leaf for about a month before turning brown and dying. The majority of these are as a result of last years drought. Even the young ones that have been planted recently have gone the same way. The swifts and swallows are still here, swooping catching insects., with the swifts screaming as they plunge down.

St MARGARET DIARY

August 27 2pm- 4pm Garden Party Red House Farm St Margaret S.E September24 12.30pm Harvest Lunch VILLAGE HALL Tickets 07974126902 October 13 7.30pm Fun Quiz Village hall Refreshments, Bring your own drinks £6 BOOKING 07974126902.

November 7 7.30pm FUN QUIZ Refreshments, Bring your own drinks £6 BOOKING 07974126902,

November? CURRY NIGHT Village hall December3/4 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Church December 10 Christmas Lunch 12.00-12.30pm VILLAGE Hall



COUNTRYSIDE EVENING BECK VALLEY ST MARGARET S,E

The grass was cut and rolled, 30 tractors were lined up, some all rbboned up for the Pink Ladies tractor run, many thanks to their owners for bringing them. Robert Earl had the burgers and hotdogs grilling, the gundogs were ready to do their display, with a little human help, the thirty something Countryside Evening was underway. Sue Smith did the commentary on what the dogs and handlers were doing. Local 'Boy' Robert Tilney demonstrated firearms through the ages, with a lot of smoke. Ben Loughrill demonstrated his mobile saw cutting a tree into planks

,which he allowed to be auctioned for the nights charity RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute). Sally Chapman and her flowers and Waveney Beekeepers were there and newcomer Lucy with her shotgun cartridge portaits. RABI bucket collection amounted to £209.



CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW

The first Classic Vehicle Show in the Beck valley,had over 40 tractors and more than 30 cars and some motor bikes.stationary engines, BBQ and teas and cakes and also a bar, the sun came out and the people came, many from the last nights Countryside Evening. Car boot sale, raffle and hoop la. Many thanks to Simon and Harry Murton for the loan of the marquee.. Its easy to forget vehicles that did't have all round brakes, electric windows, power steering, entertainment centres let alone heated seats. The show made over £1300 for St Margaret Church, thanks to all those manned the car park, tea tent, bar, bbq, especially Rodney and Sue.

FORAGE RYE

Forage rye grows to hieghts of 5 to 6 feet and is harvested for silage much goes to the AD plant at Ellough Beccles. Where as this is harvested before the grain is hard, and the crop is green ,unlike grain rye which is combined when the grain is hard and the straw yellow, the grain is saved and the straw either chopped or baled. This is direct cut by a Forage harvestor that cuts the standing crop and the chops into very short lenghts before blowing it into trailors either pulled by a tractor or a lorry, this then tips its load at the Beccles plant before returning. The load is pushed up into a big heap, tractors are constantly running this down squeezing out all the air. When the heap is big enough the heap is sealed with polythene sheets. The crop in the heap now should pickle itself. At some time later the resulting silage is mixed with maize silage and sugar beet pulp and fed into the digester, the resulting gas is then fed into the national grid.

HOMERSFIELD

In June a group under Mark cleared around all the newly planted trees in Church Woods. We also checked as we cut back the cleavers and nettles if each tree had survived the droughts. We found around thirty of the trees has died. The guards and stakes have been removed and stored for future planting. The plan is not to replace trees on the dry top of the woods. Planting on the slope has seemed more successful.

Thanks to Emma, Sally and Keith for all their cutting and weeding activities in and around Church Woods. Also all other volunteers making a difference to the village.

Homersfield Parish Council

Homersfield Wood

On June 24th a group of six volunteers, led by Mark Timms, our Tree Warden, cut back Alexanders and Cleavers from the new trees that had been planted.

There are more volunteer days planned for Saturday mornings on September 16th, October 14th and November 25th, so please come along and help keep our wood in good order. No skills are required except a willingness to have a go at a task, which will be clearly explained by Mark. Bring some hand tools, if you have some, and wear gloves.

We meet at the picnic table in the wood at 10.00am.

If you would like to go on the email reminder list for wood working parties, then please email lucyhammondpc@gmail.com.

Phone Box Displays wanted

Would you like to put up a display in our phone box? It could be historical, geographical or perhaps nature related or something else? Please get in touch with Sally, our Parish Clerk, to put forward your idea. We would be glad to hear from you.

Daffodil Planting

Judy Cloke (our Suffolk County Councillor) is kindly donating some daffodil bulbs to the village using her budget. They will be bulbs suitable for the 'wild' rather than the garden variety and will be planted around the village. If you are able to help on planting day, that would be fantastic. Keep an eye on the noticeboard or the website or email lucyhammondpc@gmail.com to receive notification of planting day. Meeting Dates and Contact Information

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 6pm.

Meeting dates/agendas etc can be found on the village notice board and, on the website, http://homersfield.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council, please phone or email our clerk, Sally Chapman, on 07774 734411 - Email: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/nabe.10.2016/nabe

News from St Mary's Church, Homersfield

Black Swan Fete Bric-a-brac and books stall

Please think of us if you are having a clear out of books or other items that can be sold on our St Mary's Church stall at the Black Swan fete on August 5th and/or come along and buy what someone else has donated! The fete is in aid of Nelson's Journey and is always a lovely event with a BBQ and lots of things for children and adults to do and buy. Items can be left with Sally at 9 Glebe Cottages, Homersfield, or Lucy at Mill Cottage, Homersfield. If it helps for us to collect, we can do so. Please contact Sally on 01986 788947.

Love your Church and Churchyard day – Saturday 9th September 2023
Saturday 9th September 2023 is the date of this year's Suffolk Historic Churches
Ride and Stride. We take the opportunity of using this day to clean and tidy up our
church and churchyard (from 10am until 3pm) and also sign in and provide
refreshments for those people visiting our church on foot or by bike. So maybe you
would be able to help us with our cleaning and tidying or maybe you would like to
take part in the ride and stride (50% of money raised goes to your nominated
church). Do contact Jo Westgate, our churchwarden in either case. Her email is

jowestgate2@gmail.com.

Thank you Sally and team

Thank you Sally for raising money for St Mary's Church, Homersfield at the Wortwell fete by selling bric-a-brac and books. The gift of your time is much appreciated.

Your gift of time and that of your volunteers (Emma, Keith, David and others) is also very much appreciated in keeping the churchyard in such good order.

Church Services

Services in St Mary's Church, Homersfield are on Sunday 20th August (Holy Communion at 10.00am) and Sunday 17th September (Evening Prayer at 5pm). Everyone is very welcome as always.

St Mary's, Homersfield - Parochial Church Council

Summer Things

This may be a very short rhyme Composed in Northumberland this time,

Two ageing ladies on holiday again, Unfortunately there's alot of rain, But what a beautiful place to be, Lovely people and lots to see.

There's been alot going on down the St. Margarets Road, Tractors, old vehicles and lots of food, Gun dogs displaying their brilliant training, Lucky for us all...it wasn't raining, A familiar chap with an impressive moustache Firing old guns with a bang and a flash.

I hope it's sunny tomorrow as we're in a very wet field As I've left my wellies in Homersfield.

Sally (HOMERSFIELD'S Pam Ayes)

St PETER

The bric a brac and plant sale was a great success again this year raising £553.50 for church funds on a gloriously warm and sunny day. Many thanks to everyone who donated plants and bric a brac.

It's been a good year for our fish pond. We are usually overrun with moorhens by now but these all disappeared at the same time we spotted a fox on our driveway camera. Pond plants have therefore been able to grow unmolested and we have hundreds of fry, also known as future heron food. In the last week or so though, a couple of moorhens have made a return and have made a start on dismantling the water lilies. If anyone has a number for the fox....

We also have a bit of a rabbit problem but some of these are also meeting a sticky end. These are being consumed on site and so it could be the cat we share with Ilketshall St Margaret or maybe a buzzard. We could do with a bit more productivity on their part but it's a start.

The 49 club was won in June by Mrs Aldrich and in July by Greta Parsons. Numbers are still available from Pamala if you would like to take part, proceeds to the church.

By the time you read this the 9th running of the (until Covid) annual boules tournament raising money for the church may well have happened on 23rd July at Ilketshall St Andrew Village Hall. Around 26 teams took part in superb / appalling conditions. (Please delete as appropriate). Well done to all involved in the planning and to all the participants and remember, Win as if you were used to it, lose as if you enjoyed it for a change.

South Elmham & District Local History Group

Thursday 27th July - 'Secrets of the seats - a closer look at Medieval wood carvings' by Stuart Bowell

<u>Saturday 12th August - 2pm</u> - Robert Tilney will talk about and demonstrate his guns. The venue for this event will be in the garden of our Chairman Stephen at St Cross

Thursday 28th September - 'Doggerland' by Julia Blackburn

Everyone is most welcome, you do not have to be a member to attend. £3 on the door, £1 members, including refreshments.

For further information, ring Sue 01986 782244

St Cross News

Welcome to Amanda and Leon who have moved in to The Cottage with daughters Lily, Ruby, Annabelle and Eva. And not forgetting Ralph the dog.

Joyce Brittain

Sadly we have to report the passing of Joyce on 20th June at de Lucy Care Home, Diss.

Joyce moved to Sarenchel Cottage in 1988 with husband Roy. Joyce was a keen horsewoman and she and Roy kept one or two ponies until their later years in St Cross. She loved being outdoors and was always to be found in her garden preferring that environment to the confines of being indoors. As both she and Roy

became frailer they had to make a difficult decision to leave the home and village they loved and move into a care home.

Joyce passed away peacefully in her sleep. Thoughts are with Roy, their daughters Sarah, Rachel and Helen and granddaughter, Hannah.

Cakes & Ale A village picnic in St Cross

Bring a picnic and a cake to share while catching up with neighbours old and new.

On SUNDAY 10 September from 2 to 5 you are invited to Minster Cottages Green for a get together. There will be beer and ice cream, face painting and lots of chat.

We have a marquee in case of bad weather, bring your own rug or picnic tables and chairs.

No parking and no loo so enjoy the walk and make sure you go before you leave!

NEWS FROM FLIXTON

Golden Celebration

On a lovely summer's evening in June , Sue and Ken Warne hosted a gathering of friends and relatives to celebrate 50 years of married life . In the very relaxed environment of the Buck , with the sun gently warming guests as they recalled memories and chatted about village life and their families , superb refreshments provided added enjoyment for the occasion . Sue presented her own poem which seemed to reflect some of the "communication difficulties" often experienced when the "male of the household" is desperately wrestling with trying to balance one task in an increasingly high pressured world . Ken then followed with a pen picture story of their shared life together . A truly charming event .

"Mac"millan Acheivements

So , Chris Mac and Lin Smith had a great time at Race for Life , meeting lovely people who all had tales to tell of their loved ones , at times quite emotional but nevertheless real incentives to raise money for a very worthy cause . Chris and Lin would like to thank all relatives , neighbours and friends for being so kind and "always coming up trumps" towards their acheivment of £860 . Reflecting on her 9 years of Macmillan Garden Parties and the Race for Life , Flixton Village , Friends and Families have contributed to raising nearly £12,000 .

The next Race for Life needs some extra members and Lin Smith is looking to get together a Flixton Flyer Spitfire Girls team to do the event in the New Year . Lin can

be contacted on 07803838550 or linsmith@btinternet.com . Come on ladys , don't be shy .

Don't forget the **Garden Party** for Macmillan will be at Chris's in Church Road , from 12 noon on Saturday , 16th September . Entrance is £4.50 , and that includes endless tea/coffee/soft drinks plus a wonderful buffet , not to be missed . There's always a raffle with great prizes and sometimes even an auction . Chris and Cassie look forward to welcoming you .

Buck Pub

The Buck welcomes new chef, Matt, who recently joined the team and also Justin who will be managing the pub's events calendar.

July 29th and 30th are diary dates for their Beer Festival and , by the time you read this , "grill nights" will have begun on Thursday's , 6pm until 9pm .

Don't forget also that each Tursday from 2pm until 4pm is meet up time for those who are at a loose end, with free coffee and tea.

On 31st August, Steven Treadaway will be hosting another clairvoyant evening (don't ask me how I know!). These are proving to be popular events.

The pub menu has recently been updated and can be found on their Facebook page .

As always, keep an eye on their blackboard.

April 2023

1st. V Hall. 86 2nd B Johnson 87 3rd. P Maddersmith. 48

May. 2023 1st. Dexter Wong. 69 2nd. Sue Warne. 99 3rd. Douglas & Loraine Stewart. 49

June 2023 1st. Paul Hunt. 43 2nd. Dave Rice. 68 3rd. Stan Caley. 24

NEWS FROM ST JAMES – July 2023

CHURCH NEWS

This summer, the churchyard has been well-kept by an army of volunteers. Many thanks to all of them .

Our most historic church is always in need of funding, as a building, this ancient ,needs frequent maintenance and vigilance for its preservation. There is a QR Code next to the Visitors' Book, if anyone would like to make a donation towards its maintenance and better still, the PCC would welcome any ideas you may have for fund-raising.

Please contact Jane or Bernard.

HALL AND VILLAGE NEWS

Our August event will be:

An Evening of 60s and 70s Music with SOUL ALLIANCE

FRIDAY, 18th AUGUST from 7.30 pm

St James Village Hall

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AND RAFFLE

BOOKING with Jane on 01986 782413 OR, pay on the door.

Bring your friends, let your hair down, and enjoy a bit of nostalgia or experience new music(if you're too young!).

You can find info on SOUL ALLIANCE on www.musicglue.com/soul-alliance OR

www.facebook.com/soulallianceuk.

All our usual sport sessions continue through the summer, - Badminton, Table Tennis and Pilates. For details, please contact Caroline on 01986782545.

Any private bookings, please contact Jane on 01986782413.

Flixton and South Elmham Annual Flower and Produce Show.

Well, we have done it again. Another highly successful show was held on Saturday 8th July.

By Wednesday evening I was worried that we had very few entries, especially in the vegetable section. However, following a few phone calls, I seemed to muster up some enthusiasm.

It has, after all, been a difficult spring for growers, and we are one of the early shows, but come on, we are also one of the longest running shows in the area, and we didn't want it to be a failure.

By the morning of the show it was looking good, all draped and arranged.

By 8.30 exhibitors began to arrive, and it became very hectic. All in all we had 30 exhibitors who entered 150 exhibits. This included people who have never entered before, and had never even been to the show!

Following judging, and getting organised, the doors were opened to see who had won. Cream teas were served and visitors viewed the exhibits.

Our trophies were handed out, and these are really historical pieces going back to the time of Flixton Hall.

Jenni Baker gained most points in the show, and most points for the flower section. Roger Webb was runner up to most points, with only three points difference, he also won the trophy for most points in the vegetable section. Roger also won the cup for the best collection of vegetables.

The Treherne cup was awarded to Mu Gurbutt for the flower arrangement section, and what a wonderful display of arrangements there was.

Libby ffrench Mullen gained most points in the cookery section, and a special award for her victoria sponge.

The LeGrys cup was awarded to Yvonne Seaman for the handicraft section,and the childrens cup was awarded to Peter Aldous.

Finally the Les Speed award for the best potato exhibit went to Albert Gillingwater. It was good to see some of the old faces again, and also the new ones.

We discovered that Daniel cannot count, but neither could the judge, as he was awarded first for six eggs, when there was only five on the plate, and first for six cheese straws, and two had mysteriously disappeared!

Oh well it is all in a days work, looking forward to next year, but I must just say a special thank you to those who stayed at the end to help us clear up. It is a hard day, and this is very much appreciated.

POLICE information

I thought it would be better if I sent you the links for information you may find helpful in the future, please ignore if you are already aware or have this information.

Non-Emergency Reporting - Report an incident or crime to Police including Anti-Social Behaviour - <u>1. Report something | Suffolk Constabulary</u>

Contacting the Police – multiple online options of how to contact police for different advice or incidents - Contact us | Suffolk Constabulary

Police Connect – Police Connect is a messaging service connecting you to the very latest policing news for your area via e-mail. This is a Free Service (I usually advertise my Events and Street Meets on here.) - 11. Police Connect Sign Up | Suffolk Constabulary

Community Speedwatch - The Community Speed watch programme empowers communities to play an active role alongside the Safety Camera Partnership in tackling the problems of speeding in their neighbourhood.- Community Speed Watch | Suffolk Constabulary

Police UK – The National Website for Policing in England, Wales and Northern Ireland where you can search for your local area policing statistics and crime maps - Home | Police.uk (www.police.uk)

1st Principle – A-Z of crime prevention, printable leaflets that can also be viewed online. - Crime Prevention Advice - First Principle | Suffolk Constabulary

Your area – Where you can access details of the Safer Neighbourhood Team Officers and information for your local area. - Your area | Suffolk Constabulary Constables County – Our Bi-monthly Newsletter about policing across the area. - SNT Newsletters | Suffolk Constabulary

Last but not least if you are on Twitter or Facebook you will find your local policing posts under – HalesworthPolice

Thank you for your time.

Regards

Amy

Pc 1330 Yeldham

Police Constable

Beccles and Bungay Community Engagement Officer

Beccles Police Office

Harleston Choral Society – your friendly non-auditioning community choir – has just had a very successful Summer Concert and we're now on our summer break, apart from a two-day workshop on 19th and 20th August (more information about this next month). We return for our Autumn Term on Monday 4 September, 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start, and we'd love you to join us, in the London Road Church, Harleston IP20 9BH, under the direction of our Music Director Justin Bindley. We'll be rehearsing for our Christmas Concert on Saturday 9 December, singing Vivaldi *Gloria*, carols and music by Saint Saens, Holst, Whitacre, Rutter, Berlioz and

Drake.

Further information about this and all our activities is on our website: www.harlestonchoralsoc.org.uk or from our Chair Stella Brownsea at heidihouse@btinternet.com

You might also like to take a look at Harleston & District u3a's website www.u3asites.org.uk/harleston for information about another thriving local organisation, and their next talk, on 19 July - 8 Times on a Jury.

CHURCH SERVICES REV Leon Collyer 01986781345

23/7/23 Trinity 7Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

10.00am HC - CW St James

5.00pm EP - BCP St Margaret SE

30/7/23 Trinity 81 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

10.00am HC - CW St Lawrence

5.00pm EP - BCP St Cross

06/8/23 Trinity 9Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

9.30am HC - CW Ilk St Margaret

5.00pm EP - BCP St Peter

13/8/23 Trinity 101 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

10.00am HC - CW Flixton

5.00pm EP - BCP Rumburgh

20/8/22 Trinity 11saiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:21-28

10.00am HC - CW Homersfield

5.00pm EP - CW Ilk St John

27/8/23 Trinity 12Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

10.00am HC - CW St Margaret SE

03/9/23 Trinity 13Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

10.00am HC - BCP St Peter

5.00pm EP - BCP Ilk St Margaret

10/9/23 Trinity 14Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew

18:15-20

10.00am HC - CW Rumburgh

5.00pm EP - CW Flixton

17/9/23 Trinity 15Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13, Romans 14:1-12,

Matthew 18:21-35

10.00am HC - CW Ilk St John

5.00pm EP - CW Homersfield

24/9/23 Trinity 16Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew

20:1-16

10.00am HC - CW St James

5.00pm EP - BCP St Margaret SE

01/10/23 Trinity 17 Harvest

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

10.00am HC - CW St Michael

5.00pm EP - BCP Ilk St Margaret

08/10/23 Trinity 18 Harvest Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14,

Matthew 21:33-46

10.00am HC - CW Flixton

5.00pm EP - BCP Rumburgh

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