

Brunby Newsletter



December 2020

**Community and Parish News
from Brundish and Wilby**

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From the Editor

Dear All,

This month we have new stories from two regular contributors, one is very topical for this time of year, plus our poem of the month is by a reader too! Impressive stuff, please keep them coming so I don't run out of interesting things to publish!

The cover picture this month is of a redwing in our yew tree. We heard a cacophony of sound one morning and looked out to see the tree, which was smothered in berries and now full of redwings and fieldfares. They gorged themselves silly for about three days, leaving absolutely no berries on the tree, and then they vanished. It was a real spectacle, a bit like a plague of locusts but much nicer!

As ever, if you have any pictures, comments articles or suggestions for the magazine please send them to the address below.

A reminder that the magazine now alternates monthly between this printed version (also available as a full colour PDF by e-mail) and an e-mail only eNews version. If you wish to receive the eNews magazine, and haven't done so already, please notify me at the address below.

Lastly in this, the strangest of years, I wish all of you a Happy Christmas.

Best wishes.

Neil Parsons

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Poet's Corner

Vixen

Auburn, brindle fox, with stealthy
steps and copper eyes,

Under winter sky, over crackling
frost

Paws trace her walk of pride.

Ears sharp,

Jaw clenched,

For hungry mouths in leafy earth,
her prize.

Sarah Sonnex

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Brundish Village Sign.

You may have noticed the village sign was missing recently whilst it was away being restored by Nick Ashwell of Earl Soham. The work was arranged by the Parish Council and they, and Nick, have done a great job. The work is complete now, it's back in place and looking fantastic.

For those who have not been in Brundish that long, the sign was erected, with much ceremony, during the opening of the village green on 19th July, 2008. It was unveiled by its designer, Mary Moore of Brandeston. Mary had been making village signs for some twenty-five years and Brundish was the last sign she made. Many have said that this "swansong" was her finest. I would agree with that thoroughly!

During that day of celebration, we had what was then called "Brundish Makemerry", a village fete on the green. In the evening, there was a concert in the church, followed by a barbecue in the grounds of The Chantry, courtesy of the then owners, Jane and Terry Lee, followed by a spectacular firework display to finish off what was a fantastic day of community cohesion

The sign is crafted around the shape of the east window in the church, considered one of the finest in the county, and the effect of the greenery reflecting into the window has been very cleverly depicted. In the centre is the brass effigy of Sire Esmounde de Brundisshe, a priest, who in the 14th century was mainly responsible for the rebuilding of the then, St Andrew's Church, more or less as we see it today. He is wearing Eucharistic vestments rather like priests wear at Holy Communion services in these days and it is the earliest example of its kind in East Anglia. Either side of the effigy are sheaves of wheat and barley denoting the agricultural importance of the village. At the top of one of these is a small mouse. This is to specify that the sign was made by Mary Moore, who always put at least one animal in every one of her designs. Underneath the main panel is an old-fashioned horse-plough with a background of the furrows of a ploughed field. This commemorates the labour of the women and men of this village who have worked hard on the land over many years.

The name legend with the word "Brundish" was designed in a printing font created specifically for this one word alone. You will see no font like it in the world. Under-imposed in this panel is a green field with water running through it representing the word "Brundish", which is derived from the Old English "Burna Edisc" – "a stream through pasture."

The restoration and re-erecting brought back happy memories for me; the opening ceremony, such a happy day, is a far cry from our current situation where we have to keep our distance from each other and can not celebrate like we all did then.

Brundish Village Sign is a striking piece of public art. It represents the vitality and fortitude of a "small place" which, from a communal view, has punched above its weight in the past and, I hope when the epidemic is over, will do so again.

David Mulrenan.



Bethlehem - Christmas Eve 2003

Another extraordinary memoir from Teresa who worked as an international monitor in conflict zones, helping ordinary people carry on with their lives as far as possible, sometimes helping calm things down a bit and working with the UN and humanitarian agencies to call in food, water, tents, or other assistance as needed.

It's Christmas Eve 2003 and I am walking down one of the many steep hills in Bethlehem, at dusk, with a flock of sheep and their shepherd, a small boy. His job is to keep them moving along together and mine, as an international monitor, is to watch for signs of danger. Recent sniper fire at night make the open valley sides unsafe for boy and beast. All is quiet, stars appear and we reach the sheep pens and his home.

Despite increased restrictions placed on people in and around Bethlehem that Christmas, Manger Square, when I reach it, is still quite full. The scouts are playing their bagpipes and everyone, Christian and Muslim alike are dressed in their finest, celebrating together.

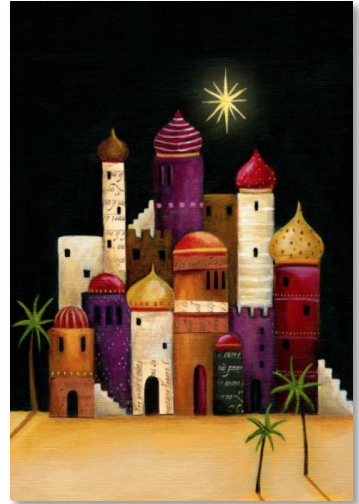
It is the same in the city of Ramallah, as I arrive by bus and meet up with colleagues. From lots of cars and vans, men dressed as Father Christmas lean out shouting, Happy Christmas! With the second intifada only just ending, foreigners are a novelty, traders leave their shops with mint tea and sweets on trays, to welcome and thank us for coming. We drop into a Chinese restaurant for a meal.

An hour later we are met and driven to the compound where President Arafat is under house arrest. He has invited us to share messages of peace and goodwill in his home. After the normal security checks we are ushered into a large room and served tea, coffee and sweet pastries. He gives a speech, starting in English but then continuing in Arabic as he is unwell and finding it tiring. I am glad of the translator. He tells us that that Fatah, his political party, have decided violence has not succeeded and want to try political negotiation instead.

As the reception ends we hear that Bethlehem has been placed under closure, due to Israeli army security fears. We cancel our plans to go to Midnight Mass. Something quite similar to lockdown happened during most religious festivals and we had seen, during Muslim festivals, hundreds of worshippers praying in rows across the main streets of Jerusalem, because the mosque had been closed.

Back at our apartment in Ramallah we turn on the TV, Al Jazeera broadcasts Midnight Mass live, in Arabic, from Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. We share some fruit tarts, being the closest thing to mince pies we could find. We light a candle and place it on the candlestick, made from shrapnel, a tear gas canister, bullet casings and barbed wire, that we had given and think of those we love at home.

Teresa Parker





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Brundish Poppy Day Appeal

Even though Covid 19 restricted the 'Poppy Appeal' collection in person this year we managed, through leaving the collection box available for donations to raise the sum of £84.74 in cash, plus we also received many notes in the boxes from people had donated 'online' in addition to that sum.



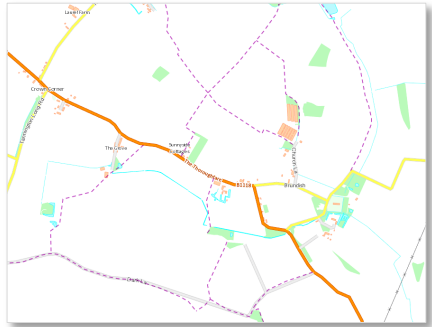
I have just received grateful thanks from Peter Chetwynd the local organiser for the monies received from our village.

Kind regards

Diane Palmer

Brundish Footpaths

There have been a number of recent concerns raised about some of the public footpaths in Brundish, for example where a path has become blocked or impassable or is in some other way difficult to use.



Chrissie Smart has kindly volunteered to act as our footpath warden and to liaise with Suffolk County Council on behalf of the village. If you have any footpath related issues you would like addressed you can contact Chrissie on **01728 627838**

Alternatively, you can report your concerns directly to Suffolk County Council via their reporting tool. As well as taking new reports it also provides the ability to check on progress of previously reported issues.

To report directly to SCC go to <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

An advertisement for a sewing business. The background is a light yellow with a decorative border at the top. The text is in a green, cursive font. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a yellow spool of thread, a blue spool of thread, and two buttons (one orange, one green).

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Village Tales...

"Go and see who has just knocked on the front door" said my mother. It was Sunday, we had just finished lunch, my father was having a nap in the front room, my sister and mother cleaning the dishes and I was playing with my Meccano on the kitchen floor. On opening the door, a very tall man dressed in a suit, looked down on me and said, "is your father in?" I gave my usual reply from a country child, "I will go and ask him if he's in or not." By this time, my mother had appeared and the man asked her if he could buy some eggs. "I'm afraid not" said my mother. "We can't sell eggs at the door, only to the Egg Marketing Board, namely Jack Brand & Sons of Claydon. So I'm afraid you can't have any." "That's a terrible shame" said the man because my 3 year old grand daughter is very ill in Ipswich hospital and all she can manage is fresh farm eggs." By this time, my father had appeared and the same 'hard luck' story was repeated. "I'm very sorry about your little girl but I'm not allowed by law to sell you eggs but there's nothing to say that I can't give you some! Mother, find a bag" said my father and she produced a brown bag (no egg cartons in those days, after all it was 1946). My father, with his very large hands, picked up 6 eggs out of the basket on the kitchen table, put them in the bag and gave them to the stranger. "There you are," said my father, "I hope she soon gets better." The stranger took the eggs and with a smirk on his face said, "I caught you red handed and turned back his lapel, showing he was in fact an egg inspector, out to check up on farmers like my father.

I was very aware that my father didn't like being tricked in this way, said nothing. With a right handed punch, (that Mike Tyson would have been proud of), hit the inspector squarely on the chin, dropping him like a stone. Father calmly closed the door and returned to finish his nap. My brother and I hid behind the sofa until tea time, hoping it would be safe by then.

A small boy, kneeling beside his bed saying his prayers. "Bless mummy and daddy and my big sister Susan etc., etc., etc." and then raising his voice to very loud said "and God, don't forget it's my birthday on Saturday and I would like a new bicycle." "Don't shout at God" said his mother. "God is not deaf!". "I know," said the small boy "but Grandad is and he is in the next room!!"



BRUNDISH BARISTAS!

Hoping to commence again in the Spring - watch this space !!!

From our Cookery Correspondent...!

'Tis the season to be jolly!



Having spoken to a number of people over the summer, I am aware that some of you are on diets. For someone who likes eating (me!), I imagine that it can be very difficult to keep up the will power to avoid all tasty treats, especially during the festive season. With this in mind, the following lemon tart, is fresh and zingy, with a creamy texture but is not highly calorific, so you can enjoy without too much guilt.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, whatever that may bring. To our friends in Bruisyard, thank you for your lovely comments. Keep up the cycling and enjoy the hot chocolate!

Lemon tart

6 small or 4 larger portions

Ingredients:

Pastry

- 70g plain flour
- 25g butter, cut into small cubes
- ½ beaten egg
- 1tsp castor sugar
- ½tbsp rapeseed oil

Filling

- 1½ eggs
- 70g castor sugar
- 2 lemons, finely grated zest and juice
- 100ml Kernald yogurt (Yeo Valley)



Rub the butter into the flour until it resembles breadcrumbs. Stir the sugar into the egg and oil then add to the flour. Use a round bladed knife to stir the mix until it comes together. If the mix is too dry, add a little cold water. Wrap the pastry and place in the fridge for 15 minutes.

1. Roll out the dough to fit a 16cm flan tin. Return to the fridge for another 15 minutes. Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5.
2. Line the flan case with greaseproof paper and fill with baking beans. Blind bake the flan for 15 mins. Remove the beans and return to the oven for a further 5 mins. Reduce the oven temperature to 150C/130C fan/gas 2.
3. Put the eggs in a bowl along with the sugar, zest, 85ml of lemon juice and beat together. Tip into a jug. Put the kernald yogurt in the bowl and whisk a little to loosen it, add to the egg mix and give it a good stir.
4. When the pastry case is cooked (this can be done up to 4 days in advance), carefully pour the lemon/egg mix in and return to the oven for 25/30 minutes. The tart should be barely set with a slight wobble in the middle. Leave to cool for 1 hour before serving. This is best eaten on the day.

And for our junior chefs....

These snow globes make great gifts as well as being really delicious to make for yourself. The coating of the white chocolate is a little tricky, you need to be quick to stop the dark chocolate from melting but you can, if you prefer, just roll the chocolate balls in grated white chocolate. This will make it much easier and the end result will be just as tasty. There will be some chocolate balls spare, these can be rolled in grated white or milk chocolate, cocoa powder or icing sugar.

Snow globe hot chocolate

Ingredients: Makes 2 snow globes + spare chocolates

- 100ml double cream
- 180g dark chocolate
- 50g white chocolate (cooking chocolate is best for this as it handles more easily)
- For hat and scarf
- 20g dark chocolate
- 10g milk chocolate (or use all dark or milk)
- Grated white chocolate
- 2 clean jam jars

1. Chop 180g dark chocolate and place in a medium sized bowl with the double cream. Put a little boiling water in a small saucepan and place the bowl on top. It is important that the bowl does not touch the water. Stir the chocolate and cream until the chocolate melts and it all combines. Remove from the heat immediately, allow to cool, then put the bowl in the fridge to chill.
2. When the chocolate mix is firm, scoop out 2x20g and 2x15g and quickly roll them into balls, these will make your snowman. It helps to have cold hands for this! Roll the remaining chocolate into 10-15g balls for the chocolates which can then be rolled in grated chocolate or cocoa powder. Use a small cereal bowl, add the grated chocolate then the ball and swirl gently. Return all to the fridge to keep cool.
3. Melt the white chocolate using the same technique as above. Allow to cool slightly. Place a snowman head and body on a wire cooling rack and quickly spoon over some of the white chocolate. (Remember to put a plate underneath to catch the spare chocolate!) Repeat with the other body parts. If you have problems with this, just roll the body pieces in grated white chocolate. Return to the fridge. When set, stick the head to the body with a small blob of white chocolate.
4. Melt the final 20g dark chocolate. Make a small piping bag (see *next page for instructions*) from greaseproof paper and spoon in the chocolate. Snip the very tip off the bag and make a small circle, big enough for a hat to fit your snowman. Leave to set, then add another blob in the middle to make a top hat. Leave to set in the fridge. Make eyes, mouth and buttons using the piping bag.
5. Melt the milk chocolate. Spoon into a 2nd piping bag and pipe around the neck and down one side to form a scarf. Stick the top hat to its head with a little dark chocolate. Leave to set in the fridge.



Continued on next page with instructions on making the piping bag...

Junior Cookery section continued...

- Carefully slide each snowmen into a jam jar, scatter in some grated white chocolate and put the lid on.
- To serve; add hot milk and stir.

Piping Bag

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Church Services

December 2020	6 th Advent 2	13 th Advent 3	20 th Advent 4	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	27 th Christmas 1	
	Isa 40:1-11 2 Pet 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Isa 61:1-4, 8-e 1 Thes 5:16-24 John 1:6-8 19-28	2 Sam 7:1-11,16 1-11,16 Rom 16:25-end Luke 1:26-38	Isa 8:2-7 (15-20)	Isa 61:10-62:3 Luke 2:1-14 Luke 2:15-21	Gal 4:47	
St Nicholas Bedfield	11am HC St Nicholas DB	3pm Christingle CS	4.30pm Drive in carols	5pm Crib Service CS		Benefice Carols and Communion in Bedfield 11:00am	
St Lawrence Brundish	9am BCP Holy Comm DB	10am SA Village Worship	3pm Evensong CS	6pm Carols in Churchyard			
St Mary Cratfield		6pm Evensong DB	4pm Carols in Churchyard		9am Holy Comm DB		
All Saints Laxfield		11am Holy Comm DB	9am Holy Comm DB		10.30am DB Family Service with Comm		
St Peter Monk Soham	11am Family Svce RA		2.30pm Carol Service RA		10.30am RA Family Service with Comm		
St Ethelbert Tannington	Tannington - Carols in the countryside, 5.30pm, Thurs 17th Dec						
St Mary Wilby		3pm Christingle at Bedfield	6.30pm Carol Service DB/CS		9.30am Family Comm DM		
St Mary Worlingworth	11am Holy Comm DM	11am Let's Celebrate Advent carols LE	11am Morn Prayer DM		9am Holy Comm RA		
Zoom Online Services	10am Holy Comm	5pm Christingle	10am Holy Comm	4pm Adv Carols 11.45pm Midn't Mass	10am Holy Comm		10am Holy Comm

Also Celtic Prayer - 7pm Weds, 9am Fridays. To join us on Zoom, email rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com and Revd Ron Orams on mcbop@btinternet.com and you will be sent details

Church News

Carols in the Churchyard, Brundish

6pm, Thursday, 24th December in Brundish Churchyard

Sadly, it will be of no surprise to anyone that we will not be able to have our normal Christmas Eve service at the church this year. However, the creative brains of Brundish have got together to think of singing Christmas carols in a floodlit churchyard. We are hoping that musical accompaniment will be in the shape of the Director of Music, Michael Spencer, playing our old classic organ keyboard with speakers from the porch. The Chantry Singers are hoping to sing a seasonal tune but the main feature will be congregational singing of all the old favourite carols with words provided. You will all be able to socially distance yourself within your family bubbles and it may be a good idea to bring a torch or two, maybe an old-fashioned lantern! We will do our best to make this look and sound as festive as possible. Please put this date in your diaries. It is sure to be fun!

Midnight Mass

Regrettably, Midnight Mass at Brundish will not take place this year. However, there will be a Zoom Service conducted by Ron Orams. For an invitation, please call Ron on 07721 682183, e-mail mcbop@btinternet.com or Chrissie Smart on 01728 627838, e-mail rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com

Carols in the Countryside, Tannington

From 5.30 pm, Thursday 17th December

With much regret, because singing in church is still not allowed, Churchwarden Chloe Cross and David Mulrenan, Focal Minister, have reluctantly agreed not to organise a Carol Service in Tannington church this year. However, do not despair! Both Chloe and David are looking for voices to add to the already assembled mini-choir to walk the lanes of Tannington, safely lit up with appropriate clothing, of course, in order to bring the joy of singing out of the church and unto the driveways of those in the parish.



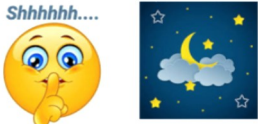









If you would like to join us, please call Chloe on 07714 734756 or David on 07881 481745. Any donations on the doorstep will be gratefully shared between the church and its continued ministry and a designated charity. No buckets of water, please!

From the Rector

Family Christmas Quiz 2020

1. In the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe it was always winter but never what?
2. In St Luke's gospel who told Zechariah he was to be the father of a son and he would call him John?
3. In those days, who issued a decree that all should be registered for tax?
4. Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and his name shall be called what?
5. Who wore a garment of camel's hair?
6. Where did Joseph take his family after being warned in a dream?
7. When Herod asked the chief priests and scribes of the people where was the baby to be born, where did they tell him?
8. Which is the only gospel that does not begin with Jesus' birth?
9. When it was safe to return to Israel where did Jesus and his family go to live?
10. After Mary was told she was to bear a son who did she go to see in the hill country?

And next, name the carol from the picture clues...

<p>11</p>  <p>© Can Stock Photo</p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Shhhhhh....</p> 
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<p>17</p> <p>O</p>  <p>ALL</p> 	<p>18</p>  	<p>19</p> 

As usual a prize of chocolate will be given to the person who gets most answers right! Please hand in your copy, or e-mail it to me at theparsnips@googlemail.com before the feast of Epiphany. If you do not know when that is - you will find the answer in this magazine!


Merry Christmas, David

Wilby Church— Appeal for Help!

We are still desperate for people in the Village to help us with cleaning the Church - just 3 of us do it at the moment. Only some of us are Church-goers; the rest of us do it because we all love the Village and the most important building in the Village is the Church, built between 900 and 700 years ago and cared for by generations of Villagers over the centuries.

If you can help with a little of your time we would really appreciate it. Please contact Priscilla - e-mail priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com or ring 01379 388034

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Wilby (& Brundish) Women's Institute

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We meet every Third Thursday of the Month, 7.30pm at

Wilby Coronation Hall

Wilby WI wish all WI Members a Merry Christmas

Sadly WI Meetings continue to be 'on hold' but when Government Guidelines allow, Wilby & Brundish WI are PPE ready to return!

More information contact Alison King at alisonemking@gmail.com



Wilby Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Given All Clear to go to a Referendum

We have been delighted to learn that the Independent Examiner who inspected the Wilby Neighbourhood Plan has found it to be satisfactory and has recommended that the Plan be put to a referendum. Although the latter will not be held until May 2021 due to the coronavirus epidemic, the Plan is now a formal document that must be taken into account when planning applications are being considered by Mid Suffolk District Council.

The signing off of the Plan by the Independent Examiner is another major milestone achieved in the development of the Plan.

Congratulations are due to Steve Lee and Stuart Banks for their stewardship of the Plan, to Andrea Long our Consultant who has guided its development and production including drafting the script, to the Volunteer Group who have helped devise the policies and detail set out in the Plan, and to the Community of Wilby whose participation in the various public consultation events has been critical to its development.

Planning applications

The Parish Council has supported planning applications for Church Farm Barn, Newton's Farm and Russell House.

Budget 2021-2022

The Parish Council has approved a draft budget for 2021-2022, details of which will be published on the Parish website in due course.

Footpath Warden

We are still looking for someone to take over the role of Footpath Warden. Alison Walls has kindly provided a separate note in this newsletter describing what is involved.

Next Meeting

The next planned meeting of the Council will be on 6 January 2021. Subject to Covid restrictions the meeting will either be held in the Village Hall or virtually using Zoom.

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VOLUNTEER FOOTPATH WARDEN FOR WILBY

When Ian Williamson, Chairman of the Wilby Parish Council asked me if I would consider taking on the role of Footpath Warden for Wilby, I thought, firstly, this would be an opportunity to support the village community, and secondly, what an excellent way to keep fit for free and enjoy our local paths and countryside at the same time, so I set to.

The first issue I felt of great importance was to improve the safety of our footbridges, some of them were very dangerous, particularly in icy conditions. The footbridges were reported and it was very satisfying to see them gradually being replaced with robust, safe, new bridges, which I know was greatly appreciated by the residents.

The second problem I encountered was that some of the paths were overgrown and lacked clear signage, there is nothing worse than following a map to find paths are hopelessly neglected, overgrown and confusing.

In my role as Footpath Warden, I walked all the paths of the Parish once a month to check they were safe and clear, and reporting any that were not to Mid Suffolk Council. I had to accept that issues cannot get sorted immediately, and farmers still have to farm the land so a degree of patience was in order. Reporting problems with footpaths is fairly straightforward, either with an app on a smartphone or on a computer by just entering 'report a footpath problem', and then after some straightforward questions, there is an opportunity to plot the location of the problem on an interactive map. If it has already been reported, it will flag up the date and problem, if not, after submission I then receive an email of acknowledgement from Suffolk Council and usually a follow up email to inform me of the plan of action. This has proved a great tool to get issues reported.

So, if you enjoy walking, keeping fit, love the countryside then being a Footpath Warden is an excellent way to achieve this, thus ensuring our paths are open to villagers and visitors alike, and all the benefits that brings.

Kind regards

Alison

For further information, or if you are interested in taking on the role, then please get in touch with the PC Chairman, Ian Williamson on 01379 388034. Alison will be pleased to advise anyone interested about what is involved and can be contacted on 01379 388015.

News from Wilby CEVC Primary School

Despite being back in lockdown, it really is business as usual at Wilby. We are getting used to our separate break times and lunchtimes and finding ways to use technology to engage the whole school community in a variety of interactive events. From parents workshops, to performances and assemblies - there isn't really anything that we can't do. We just need to be creative and step outside our comfort zones. It's already becoming the new normal and we are sure that many of the new ways of organising the school day and communicating with others will be retained well after Covid 19 has gone.

By following our risk assessments we have also been able to welcome visitors in to school to work with the children. In October the Red House in Aldeburgh provided the children with an amazing session focussing on Stone Age Music and this month Jaya dance worked with all age groups producing Bollywood and Bhangra dance sequences.

Christmas is definitely not cancelled either! The Stage Ed theatre company will be bringing the pantomime to Wilby, with each 'bubble' of children able to watch their own live performance.

Father Christmas will be visiting us via zoom and ensuring that the presents are delivered to school in advance so that they are Covid safe. Christmas parties and meals will also go ahead-we are just adapting them a little to make sure that they are safe for everyone, but it doesn't mean that they won't be fun!

Our Carol service and KS1 Christmas play will be shared by Zoom. The children are getting used to seeing themselves on screen and our parents are brilliant at logging on to give their support.

But it's not all about us! The wonderful parents and children at Wilby have been busy thinking about and collecting for others. Our Harvest festival Food Bank was incredibly well supported by parents and their generous donations for the Poppy Appeal, Children in Need and the East



Anglian Hospice have really supported these charities at a time when it is very difficult for them to organise the usual fund-raising events.

It's great being in school-the children are as full of energy and enthusiasm as ever. Our focus has been on providing exciting and engaging lessons and it's great to see them so happy in school. We are grateful that the emphasis is on keeping Primary Schools open – **long may it last!**

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- Wild Wood Holiday Club – for children aged 4-11 years during holidays
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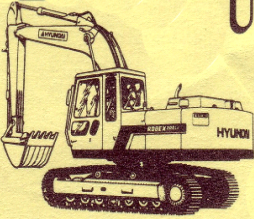
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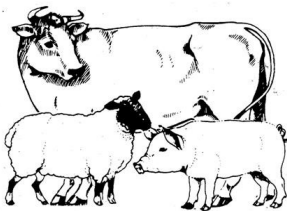
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