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Welcome to the November eNewsletter

Unfortunately with Covid once more on the rise the seasonal social events we should normally be looking forward to at this time of year to brighten things up are vanishing faster than the already vanishing memories of warm dry weather. Below you'll find details of some of the events that have been cancelled, but also of those, especially with the church, that are going ahead.

On a similar theme, I did ask you about possible pub nights in Brundish in a previous newsletter. Thank you for your responses, but understandably I think the conclusion is

that, at the moment anyway, it's not really a viable option. Perhaps it's something to revisit when, hopefully, Covid is under control and normal life can resume.

Thanks...

As ever, I'm grateful for your encouraging mails and various contributions which make editing the newsletter so much more enjoyable. One that note, we recently received a very nice letter, left in Brundish Church by a regular local visitor, specifically about the cookery section of the printed edition. Now we know that someone out there is enthusiastically following all those recipes! The chief cookery editor was very pleased..!

Keep 'em coming! Best wishes

Neil

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Local Property Break-ins

Sadly there have been a couple of recent break-ins along The Street, Brundish where equipment was stolen from outbuildings; one of these events occurred despite the owners being in at the time. Please ensure you take all sensible precautions to avoid becoming a victim, and also report any suspicious activity.

It is obviously very concerning that this sort of thing happens in such a rural area, the nature of which perhaps makes it an easy target. There are a couple of things that you may be interested in regarding this. The first is a free information service called Police Connect and the second is Neighbourhood Watch. For more information, read on!

Police Connect

This free service provides provide you with localised information in a variety of situations including emergency alerts, missing people appeals, crime reports, neighbourhood policing news and events. To register and also find out more here: suffolk.police.uk/policeconnect

Neighbourhood Watch

Secondly, it may be worth setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme - there doesn't appear to be one running in this area. If anyone is interested in this, perhaps even in helping to set something up, please let me know.

Neighbourhood Watch is about people getting together with their neighbours to help combat local crime, it helps to make our neighbourhoods more secure and our communities feel safer.

Its main objectives are to:

- prevent and reduce crime in our neighbourhoods
- provide reassurance to people in our communities
- provide practical and up-to-date crime reduction advice
- encourage members of our communities to be alert and watchful in looking after themselves and others
- act as a channel of communication by passing on information from the police to the community and from the community to the police.

For further information visit [Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association](#)

Brundish Film Night Cancellation

Given that we are now clearly facing a resurgence of the Covid epidemic, albeit that Suffolk is not exhibiting as high rates as others, we believe it wise to cancel the planned film programme this autumn. The planned showings on 12 November and 10 December 2020 are therefore cancelled.



We very much regret that we have had to take this step but believe that it is in the best interests of both our audience and the community.

Priscilla Williamson

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Poet's Corner

This month we feature a poem/song from Nina Simone. With all that is happening around us, perhaps it is time to reflect on the relative nature of freedom!

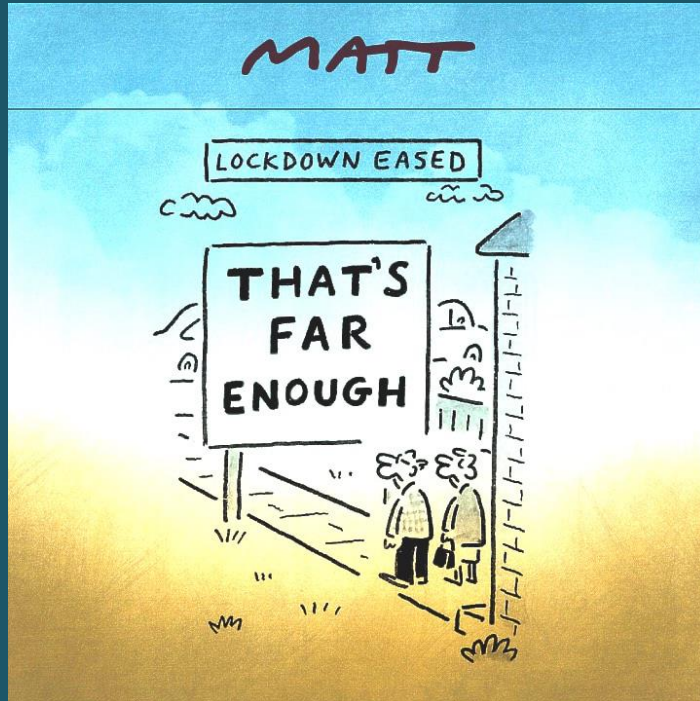
I wish I could know how
it feels to be free,
I wish I could break all
the chains holding me,
I wish I could say all the
things I should say,
Say 'em loud, say 'em
clear
For the whole world to
hear.

I wish I could share all
the love that's in
my heart,

Remove all the bars that keep us apart,
I wish you could know what it means to be me
Then you'd see and agree
Everyman should be free.

I wish I could give all I'm longing to give,
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live,
I wish I could do all the things that I can do,
Though I am way overdue, I'd be starting anew.

Well, I wish I could be like a bird in the sky,
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly
Oh, I'd soar to the sun and look down at the sea,
Then I'd sing, cause I'd know
How it feels to be free.



Wilby Parish Council – Footpath Warden Vacancy

We have been sorry to learn that, after several years in the post, our Footpath Warden, Alison Walls, will be leaving Wilby. Alison has been a familiar sight walking our footpaths in all weathers with her labrador, Archie. Alison has given the community an excellent service quickly identifying and reporting any problems with our public footpaths. In particular we owe to her the number of new footpath bridges erected in recent years. We wish Alison, her husband and of course Archie well in their new home.

We now of course are looking for a new Footpath Warden. If you enjoy walking around Wilby's footpaths and would be interested in taking up the post then please get in touch with the Chairman, Ian Williamson on **01379 388034**. Alison will be pleased to advise anyone interested on what is involved and can be contacted on **01379 388015**. The post offers the opportunity to enjoy the countryside in Wilby whilst providing a valuable service to the community.

Featured Photo



Another stunning photo from Stuart Banks, this time of a Southern Hawker Male Dragonfly - "I took this recently at Hoveton Hall Gardens on The Broads - late afternoon on what now looks to have been the last day of summer!"

From the Rector

Remembrance Sunday services will take place in each parish and will probably be outdoors where possible. As well as remembering the fallen at our special services on Remembrance Sunday we also remember this month Guy Fawkes. We often forget that he and his fellow plotters were motivated by genuine grievances, but these were ignored because of what we should now call the terrorist plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Modern plotters should most definitely 'remember, remember the Fifth of

November'. The cause of Roman Catholic emancipation was set back for two centuries because of public outrage.

Many churches hold Requiems on All Souls Day, November 2nd, during which the names of the congregation's loved ones are read out. In this benefice we carry out this act of remembrance in Laxfield Church 4pm 31st Oct and online. But it is not only we who remember those whom we love but see no longer, or all those who fought for their country. God remembers. The writer of Psalm 88 might say pessimistically 'I am... like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand'. He had no concept of life beyond death. The thief on the cross, on the other hand, begged Jesus to remember him. He was saying more than he knew. We believe that God remembers, holds in his mind and heart for good, all his human creation living and departed, until the day when our souls and bodies are reunited.

David

THE ALL SOULS SERVICE WILL BE 4pm ON 31st OCTOBER IN LAXFIELD CHURCH AND ON ZOOM ANYBODY WISHING TO JOIN THE ONLINE SERVICE CONTACT RON ORAMS.

Brundish Church News

Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday, 8th November for 9.30 a.m. on Brundish Village Green.

You are invited to assemble in socially distanced groups on the village green for this important annual Service of Remembrance for the sons of Brundish who gave their lives in World War One and World War Two.

Carols in the Churchyard

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 festive 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! ***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 or e-mail mcbop@btinternet.com

Brundish Christmas Fair

It is such a shame but we will not be able to organise and run Brundish Christmas Fair this year, for obvious reasons. Perhaps, we might be able to have a Spring Fair instead, but of course we will have to wait and see what happens in the New Year.

"Carols in the Countryside" – Tannington.

From 5.30 pm, Thursday, 17th December.

With much regret, because singing in church is still being disallowed, Churchwarden Chloe Cross and Focal Minister, David Mulrenan, have reluctantly agreed not to organise a Carol Service in the 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!

David Mulrennan

Wilby Church News

We are coming up to a time that is always a busy one and everyone this year is working out how we can still remember and then celebrate in our world as it is now.

Remembrance Sunday, November 8th.

10:45 Remembrance Day Service at Wilby Church

We will join the nation as usual with the two minutes silence and remember the fallen from our village as well as pray for peace. Legislation at the moment means that we cannot sing, but we will be able to listen to appropriate music throughout the service. This service will be led by our Elder Sheila Pipe

The safety of all who attend is our top priority and various restrictions are in place - face masks must be worn, hand sanitisers are to be used when

entering and leaving the church and can be found by the doors. Social distancing to be observed at all times, to this end you may be asked to sit in a particular seat so we can accommodate as many people as possible ensuring that social distancing is observed. Please be prepared to give your contact details with the church or sign in with the QR code if you are able. We look forward to welcoming you - if you could let us know if you will be coming and how many are in your family group that would be helpful too, as numbers are restricted.

Please contact Sheila or Mary on 01728 723443 or email mhepipe@gmail.com

Christmas

Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, it will be different this year but we will still be celebrating. We will be having a Christmas celebration on Sunday December 20th at 6.30 pm. The plan is to have the traditional readings and listen to soloists and recorded carols. We are restricted to numbers in the church to ensure that social distancing is observed. Therefore I am afraid that we need to ask if you could let us know by December 17th if you are coming and how many of your household will be with you. Please advise Mary or Sheila Pipe on 01728 723443 or email mhepipe@gmail.com. Also please be aware that face masks must be worn when attending church.

There will be a service of Family Communion on Christmas Day at 9.30am taken by Revd David Mulrenan.

Church Services
Four Rivers Benefice

November	1st	8th	15th
All Saints' Day	All Saints' Day Revel 7:9-end 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	Remembrance Wis of Sol 6: 17-20 1 Thess 4:13-end Matthew 25:1-13	2 before Advent Zeph 1:7,12-end 1 Thess 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

St Nicholas Bedfield	11am Holy Communion DB	10.45am Remembrance CS	
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St Lawrence Brundish	9am Holy Communion BCP DB	9.30am Remembrance DM	3pm Evensong CS
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St Mary Cratfield		9am Remembrance DB	9am Village Worship CM
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All Saints Laxfield		10.45am Remembrance outside DB	9am Holy Comm DM
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St Peter Monk Soham		10.45am Remembrance RA	
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St Ethelbert Tannington

St Mary Wilby		10.45am Remembrance SP	11am BCP Morning Prayer DB
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St Mary Worlingworth	11am Holy Communion DM	10.45am Remembrance DM	11am Morning Prayer DM
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Zoom Online

Services

10am Holy Comm Also Celtic Prayer - 7pm Weds, 9am Fridays	10am Morning Prayer
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To join us on Zoom services, email christinemsmart@aol.com on mcbop@btinternet.com and you will be sent details

Reverend David

Farming in Brundish

On the lighter side...

The farm scene in Brundish on a Sunday morning:

Father washing the harvest dust off his new Ford tractor in the yard near the farmhouse.

Mother and daughter, preparing Sunday lunch.

Son George roars in on his new Quad bike. "Dad, I've some great news to tell you; this girl that I have been seeing for the last month or so, we get on so well, have so much in common, we have decided to get engaged and marry next spring." "That's great," said father, "when do we get to meet this girl? Why not bring her over for Sunday lunch next week?"

"Actually, she's very local, her name is Mary Lucas and she lives at Ten Elms Farm, Dennington." Father went as white as a sheet on hearing this terrible news. "What's up dad? You look as though you have seen a ghost!"

"I don't know quite how to tell you son but I did have a fling with her mother - which makes Mary your half-sister! So you can't marry her!" The explosion that happened next could be heard for miles around. In fact, it was so bad that George would have nothing to do with his father for over a year!

It was almost two years later to the day. Sunday morning, new tractor

(John Deere this time), Sunday roast being prepared, George racing in on his new Quad bike, new girlfriend, this one extra special. “So what’s her name, where does she come from?” asked dad. “Her name is Janet Crest and her fathers farms Bellhouse Farm Bruisyard. Do you know them?” asked George. Father turned whiter than any sheet and just couldn’t believe what he had just heard. Of all the eligible girls about, why on earth did he have to choose her? Just like the other one, Janet was the result of another brief fling! “No, you can’t marry her, she’s your half-sister.” George was beside himself with anger and turned violently on his father, WW3 would be a Sunday school outing..!! It was so bad, that mother came to the rescue and parted them. She took her son back into the house where George explained in full details about Mary and Janet. His mother listened with great interest and finally said, “George, you go ahead and marry Janet, if you so wish; you are not related to your father!”

Reader's photos



The

photo above, from David Strauss, shows a rather splendid large Oak Bracket fungus found growing at the base of a mature oak in Brundish. It

exudes amber coloured droplets which make it distinctive.

To the left is another magnificent dragon fly, this time a female Broad-Bodied Chaser on a Californian poppy in Wilby, taken by Priscilla Williamson.

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Due to Covid, none of the organisers had high expectations for the Sponsored Ride and Stride on Saturday, 12 September. The resulting total raised and submitted amounted to £330 and I would like to thank the sponsors for their generosity in helping the Cyclists from Brundish. It was quite a pleasant day fortunately and I would again like to thank all our volunteers who manned the church during the day. You are always so willing to help and it is much appreciated.

Anne St Quinton

Support Brundish Church

You may not be aware that you can use a website called easyfundraising to help raise money for St Lawrence Church Brundish when shopping online at no cost to yourself.

easyfundraising turns your online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 4,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis, Argos, and Booking.com. Those retailers make a small donation each time to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising then pass us those free funds.

There's no catch, or hidden charges, and we will be really grateful for your support, especially in the current climate.

A few people are already registered and, to date, this has raised a total of £742.14 for the church. Why not join too? It really is simple and effective and totally cost free to you.

Please register using the button or link below – just click sign up

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencechurchb/?invite=1R98EU&referral-campaign=s2s>

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David Mulrenan

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