

Brunby Newsletter

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

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From the Editor

Dear All,

Just as things started to look as though some normality may return it now seems that things are instead going backwards so, very disappointingly, the social calendar is once again taking a bashing. You'll see various updates in the magazine.

I'm extremely grateful for all reader contributions, it makes publishing the magazine so much more rewarding and meaningful if there is community involvement in it! This month we start a new series of articles contributed by Teresa Parker about her work as an international monitor in the Middle East. It's fascinating reading, especially from the safety and security of mid-Suffolk. We also received some photos including a fantastic aerial shot of harvesting in Wilby from James Brown and the superb photo of a robin on the front cover sent in by Stuart Banks who told me "I was amazed that he let me get so close". Look on the back page and you'll find out why!

As ever, if you have any pictures, comments articles or suggestions for the magazine please send them to the address below, I'll fit them in if I can!

Lastly, just 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 the full colour PDF version of this edition, and haven't already done so, please notify me at the address below.

Best wishes.

Neil Parsons

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Wilby & Brundish Women's Institute



Due to the Covid-19 latest restrictions, WI Committee sadly report that Meetings are 'on-hold' until further notice.

Our WI welcome new members, therefore if you wish to be a part of our WI Group, please contact: Alison King at alisonemking@gmail.com for membership details and receiving our latest WI Newsletter.

Poet's Corner

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both,
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted
wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence;
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
I took the one less travelled by,
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B RUNDISH VILLAGE HALL – CORONAVIRUS

A number of people have been enquiring about the reinstatement of coffee mornings and more generally when the Village Hall will re-open during the current Covid-19 epidemic. Following due consideration of the existing Government guidance and having regard to the risks involved, the Hall Trustees and Management Committee have determined that the hall can re-open but can only be used for events/activities subject to designated conditions being met. These include the Covid proofing of the hall (which has been completed) and the requirement for hirers to comply with very specific hiring conditions (including such matters as numbers involved, hand sanitising, social distancing and cleaning before and after use).

The size and layout of the hall are a particular constraint on the numbers that can attend any event or activity. In practice this means that under the current conditions no more than 12 people can be in the main hall at any time and that the Committee Room cannot be made available for hire. The published “Rule of Six” applies within this overall capacity total, except where the hire is for training and educational use. All these measures will be kept under review as new guidance emerges and as the Covid-19 epidemic develops.

Anyone wishing to use the hall for private or public events should please in the first instance speak to Emma Henchoz on 07774 552820.

Brundish Film Programme

FILM PROGRAMME SUSPENDED!

Due to the increased risks from Covid-19 and the new measures introduced by the government to limit socialising we have deemed it prudent to suspend the planned Brundish film programme (relocated temporarily to Wilby). The showing of the film *Harriet* will therefore now not take place on 8 October 2020 as previously notified. We have no guarantee that we will be able to reinstate the remainder of the planned programme this autumn but would intend to do so when conditions permit.



We are sorry that this situation has arisen since restoration of the film programme would have provided an opportunity for those who have regularly attended in the past to experience a return to partial normality and the chance to meet friends, a state many would no doubt welcome in these difficult times. However, given the vulnerability of many members of our audience and recent cases of Covid-19 in Framlingham and Dennington we believe it wise to err on the side of caution. Meantime we are grateful to those who have Covid proofed Wilby Village Hall and examined in detail how it might be used for film shows etc.

Priscilla Williamson priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com

From our Cookery Correspondent...!

Blackberries and Apples

The weather has been as odd as the year. On one day it feels like autumn has kicked in with a vengeance, only to be followed by a week of sunshine and high temperatures. It is though, the season for blackberrying in the hedgerows and the branches of our trees are laden with apples. With this in mind, I have a delicious apple and blackberry loaf cake (greatly appreciated by our builders!) and a simple crumble suitable for any family or student off to university.



Blackberry and apple crumble cake

Ingredients:

- 250g self-raising flour
- 175g butter
- 150g light muscovado sugar
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 2 rounded tsps. Demerara sugar
- 1 small eating apple, washed but not peeled or cored
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- Zest of 1 orange, finely grated
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 175g blackberries

1. Heat the oven to 180C/fan 160/gas 4. Line a 1.7l (2lb) loaf tin with greaseproof paper.
2. In a large bowl, rub the flour, butter and muscovado sugar together to make fine breadcrumbs. Measure out 5 tbsps., into a small bowl, add the cinnamon and demerara sugar, stir together and set aside.
3. Grate the apple down to the core into a bowl, add the eggs and orange zest. Stir the baking powder into the crumble mix, then add the egg mixture and stir until just combined. Be careful not to overmix.
4. Use a metal spoon to stir in 2/3 of the blackberries. Tip into the tin and level the surface. Sprinkle over the remaining blackberries and the reserved crumble.
5. Cook for 1 hour- 1 hour 10 mins or until a skewer comes out clean when inserted. Leave to cool on a wire rack.



And for our junior chefs....

This is simple, cheap and great for filling you up on a student budget. The filling can be altered to whatever is in season. If you make extra crumble mix, it can be stored in an airtight container in the fridge for another day.

Apple and blackberry crumble

Ingredients: Serves 2-3

40g plain flour
40g oats (or just use extra flour!)
40g butter
15g sugar
2 large Bramley apples
Handful of blackberries
1 level tbsp sugar



1. Make the crumble. Put the flour, oats and butter into a large bowl. Using your fingertips (and thumbs!) rub the mixture together until it looks like bread crumbs. Add the sugar and stir in. Set aside.
2. Peel and quarter and core the apples, then cut into smaller chunks and put into a ½ l (1pt) pie dish or similar. Sprinkle over the 1 tbsp sugar and 2 tbsp water.
3. Top with the crumble and bake in the oven at 180C/fan 160C/gas 4 for 40-50 minutes until the topping is golden and the apple bubbling.

Serve with custard, cream or ice-cream.

Tip: Place your dish onto a baking sheet when you put it in the oven to catch any drips if it spills over.

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BRUNDISH BARISTAS!

Although Brundish Village Hall has been able to reopen for French Classes, under the 'Education' category which permits gathering of more than six people, the present restrictions do not allow us to restart the Coffee Mornings as hoped for this October.

Unfortunately we are dependent upon the rules changing to allow us to meet socially again. Regretfully, as things stand, we do not anticipate being able to reopen until the early New Year at the earliest.



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Any Old Iron...

The latest in our series of true reminiscences contributed by one of our readers.

As you will probably have guessed, I've been retired a few years now, having served as a police officer for some 35 years all of which in that picturesque county of Cumbria. I look back with fond memories, not only of challenging but also interesting events, especially the last case I was involved with. It was a weekend shift, 6am – 6pm on Saturday and 9am – 9pm Sunday.

I held the rank of Inspector, in charge of several stations, when about mid-morning on the Saturday, an elderly couple, Mr & Mrs Jones, asked to see me. The desk sergeant showed them into my office, where they explained that two quite hefty young lads dealing in scrap metal, wanted to buy the very large heap of scrap that, over the generations, they had accumulated. "It's worth good money, we will come on Sunday morning, take a load and put £100 through your front door and bring back the remainder on Monday! We know you won't be at home, we know you both go to chapel, because we have watched you". We told them to clear off, the scrap was not for sale. It was to be left where it was, ready for when their grandson took over the farm. 'You are trespassing, if you don't go, we will call the police'. They were both in their mid 80's, lived on an isolated farm, at the end of a rough single track $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long with a few passing places, were extremely worried and anxious and asking for help with some police protection etc. I sympathised with them but no crime had been committed and we didn't have manpower to help. I assured them that if I had a spare car on Sunday, I would get someone to pop up to High Hill Farm to check things out. They left, not happy or convinced that I would do anything at all!

The Sunday morning shift was my last day in the police force. About mid-morning, the desk sergeant came into my office explaining that he had just received a most unusual call – from a mobile, then it suddenly went dead and then nothing! The message was that there were several sheds of cannabis being grown at the Jones's of High Hill Farm and a fight had broken out between two dealer gangs. My instinct told me that there was something seriously wrong. That was the address of the elderly farmers who were here yesterday. Taking the sergeant with me, we went as quickly as possible to the farm; the Jones's hadn't exaggerated the road or it's access. Finally arriving at the end of the road, we came across the farm house which looked deserted, the garage door was open, no car, they had obviously gone to chapel. Around the corner stood several sheep, some cattle and a lot of straw. Further on, around the next corner, was a small lorry with a few pieces of scrap machinery on it and two men in great distress; they had been severely assaulted. They asked for an ambulance which I duly arranged. "What ever happened to you?" I asked. "I know we shouldn't be here and we'll never come again, ever." Was the reply. In all my years as a police officer, I have never seen two big men, so frightened or traumatised! "What happened? Who attacked you?" "They were like two wild animals, dressed in black, we didn't hear them arrive or even see them go. One of them took our phones and made a strange call to someone about cannabis and then smashed them on the ground just over there. We don't want you to try and find them because we won't be pressing charges – just get us to hospital and we're moving right out of the county. Only one of the men spoke and he told us that this was only a 'taster'. Next time we would get the full works. One of them swung me round really fast

and then suddenly stopped, jerking my left arm so quickly that it is now out of its socket", which it was, "my mate tried to run away but the other wild animal caught him and jumped across his legs, broke one", which he had.

We left these two very frightened men in A&E, where they again emphasised that they were not going to press any charges. Although their injuries were serious, they were not life threatening.

We decided to go back to the farm to see if we could find out what actually happened. We were met near the farm house by the Jones's who told us that a scrap lorry was in the yard but no scrap men about anywhere! I asked them who did they saw or spoke to on leaving the police station. 'No-one. We came straight home. We were scared! Oh, I almost forgot, our grandson and his friend David called to see us and had High Tea. My husband did mention it to them and our grandson said there was nothing to worry about, they would never come here or ever hurt either of us. They would sort it. They are such quiet, gentle boys, couldn't hurt a fly.' I asked if they had a photo of their grandson, a picture was produced from the top of the piano of a four year old boy, with blond curly hair, riding a pony. He was a little angel and they were leaving the farm to him. 'Do you have a more up to date photo?' I asked. 'Ah, yes, in the front room.' Grandma produced a larger photo of her grandson and his friend David.

The puzzle was immediately solved, for this photo showed two Royal Marine Commando's, dressed as Colour Sergeants, sporting a row of service medals, returning from Buckingham Palace, having received some bravery award. They were two very fit and powerful soldiers.

"Such gentle boys, very quiet, having nothing to do with guns or knives, just work behind a desk doing paper work." Said Grandma! "They are back at camp at Catterick before going on their last tour of Afghanistan – they fly out this evening".

Wilby (& Brundish) Women's Institute



WI is mainly about getting the girls together, making new friends, having a good chat and widening our knowledge on a variety topics.

We are a fun and friendly group - No Jam or Jerusalem!

We welcome new members of all ages.

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

Wilby Coronation Hall

Note: Meetings currently suspended due to Covid 19

Full programme details <http://sefwi.org.uk/institutes/wilby>

More information contact Anita Redwood 07979 120050 or email anita.redwood@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to go, but need a lift we can arrange transport.

Footpaths and Dog Poo...!

Now that the harvest is in, it is once again a pleasant pastime to walk the footpaths of Brundish! Most are well kept and easily found. Sadly, some are blocked and the footpath signs removed. So, time to chat with Suffolk County Council again to see what can be done. To date, not all of the work promised by a few landowners has happened so we can but try and try again!

If you don't know where the footpaths are, please contact either Ann Parsons (01728 627893) or Chrissie Smart (01728 677838) and they will be able to provide you with some details. The footpath map for the village is in the process of being updated and we will let you know when it is completed, plus, if you know where there are issues, please give Ann or Chrissie a call!

But what of dog poo?

Well, sadly it seems that folk are thinking that they do not need to pick up after their dog when out in the country, plus doggie doos are becoming a regular deposit on the grass banks around Crown Corner and on the village green. The law is quite clear. The Dog Control Order makes it illegal to fail to clear up after your dog if it fouls any land that is open to the air and to which the public have access.

In the UK, the dog fouling act of 1996 was created, which made it a criminal offence to fail to pick up after your dog. Irresponsible dog owners could face a fixed penalty fine of £80 or a fine of up to £1000 if there is a conviction in the Courts.

Picking up after your pet at home should be a very regular occurrence to reduce health risks and smell in your own back garden, which may also affect your neighbours. At least once per week your garden should be cleared of all faeces and disposed of correctly, either double bagged in bio degradable baggies and popped in the bin or scooped into a use appropriate dog loo.

Just one pile of dog poo can contain a million roundworm eggs! In humans this can lead to stomach upsets, throat infections, asthma and in some cases blindness. Over 100 cases of partial blindness in children are seen every year due to toxocara canis eggs in faeces.

Where there is a persistent problem, officers from your local Council will try to identify irresponsible dog owners.

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From the Rector

At the beginning of November we will be remembering the souls of the departed in our All souls service. Should we be praying for the dead? Some theologians would say the dead are gone they have had their chance we need to look out for ourselves. How can they say that when in the Eucharist, the veil that temporarily separates the Church, militant and triumphant is opened up. In the presence of the Redeemer of the World we participate in the great communion which includes all, both living and dead. To worship at the Eucharist is the most important way we can remember our faithful departed, and be united with them. God calls us by name and welcomes us home.

An elderly woman was dying, and she asked for the priest to come to her bedside that they might talk about her funeral. She said, "Father, when I am laid out in my casket, I want my rosary in one hand and a fork in the other". The priest was caught by surprise: "You want to be buried with a fork?" "Yes. I have been looking back at all the church dinners that I have attended over the years. I remember that at all those meals, when we were almost finished, someone would come to the table to collect the dirty dishes, and usually they would say, 'Keep your fork'. That meant that dessert was coming. When they said that, I knew the best was yet to come! That's exactly what I want people to talk about at my funeral". When people see me in my casket, I want them to turn to one another and say, "why the fork?" And, Father, I want you to tell them I kept it because the best is yet to come".

Our life's journey is towards the eternal banquet of the Messiah. We are to live our lives in joyful anticipation of the promised life that is to come. The fullness of life which God promised in the resurrection of his Son is glimpsed at in the Eucharist. For our deceased loved ones, and for us, the best is yet to come.

Wilby Church— Urgent Appeal for Help!

We are absolutely 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.

To be practical, the more of us on the rota, the less often any one of us has to do this task - so if 49 of you volunteered each of us would only have to set-to once each year! 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

Church News

Focal or Local Ministry...

Rather like it used to be, the diocese are trying to instigate a personal Christian presence in each community. The ministers do not have to be ordained. Sandra Apps is our minister in Brundish and Sheila Pipe is the same for Wilby. They are the first ports of call for anything churchy that people may wish to discuss. Both

of them would be happy to hear from you.

- Sandra Apps 01728 628607
- Sheila Pipe 01728 723443

Harvest Celebrations

Sadly, both the Harvest Supper at the village hall and the Harvest Festival Service at St Lawrence's Church can not go ahead this year.

Brundish Christmas Fair

With regret, it has been decided to cancel this year's fair due to the recent escalation in virus cases.

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November

Our Remembrance Sunday Service is very likely to go ahead as we customarily commemorate this event on the village green and can effectively operate social distancing. It hasn't been decided yet what time in the morning this will take place. We will advertise the time in the digital edition of the Brunby Newsletter in November and via posters around the village. If in doubt, please phone Focal Minister, Sandra Apps on 01728 628607 or David Mulrenan on 01728 628063.

Christmas Services in Brundish

It is unclear how we will be able to celebrate Christmas at the moment. If the present Coronavirus escalation increases we may have no choice and have to cancel everything. However, there are ideas in the pipeline which we can expedite at short notice. As soon as we know, we will advertise what we can do.

As before, if you want to know the up-to-date situation, please contact **Sandra**

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Church Services

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St Nicholas Bedfield	11am Holy Communion DB	10am Harvest Service CS		9am Holy Communion DM	11am Holy Communion DB
St Lawrence Brundish	9am Holy Communion BCP DB	10am Village Worship SA	3pm Evensong CS	11am Holy Communion DM	9am Holy Communion BCP DB
St Mary Cratfield		6pm Evensong DB	9am Village Worship CM	9am Holy Communion DB	
All Saints Laxfield		11am Holy Communion DB	9am HC DM 6pm Hartismere not starting yet	3pm Harvest Service LE	
31.10.20 4pm Laxfield All Souls' Service					
St Peter Monk Soham	11am Harvest Festival RA		11am Holy Communion RA		11am Family Service RA
St Mary Wilby	9am Holy Communion DM	11am Village Worship SP	11am Morning Prayer DB	11am Village Worship SP	9am Holy Communion DM
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Like buses...!

We all know the saying, waiting for one bus and two or three turn up at once. Well, dog collars in the Four Rivers Benefice is rather like that! Not only is there Reverend David Burrell, Reverend Ron Orams, Reverend Rebecca Artiss and Reverend David Mulrenan, but now Chrissie Smart who was added to that list on 5th September 2020 at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral!



Chrissie said, "It took me over fifty years to answer the call. I was at my senior school when I first heard it but my Mother said it was not appropriate for girls to want to be a priest and of course, at that time, women could not be Ordained as such".

She will be part of the team across the Four Rivers and will take Focal responsibility for St. Nicholas, Bedford. Chrissie will lead a service at St. Lawrence's on the third Sunday in the month. From October 2020, this will be at 3p.m. so that as the nights draw in and the weather becomes cooler it might be less daunting to venture forth! In 2021, she hopes to be Ordained as a priest by which time let's hope that the service will not be socially distanced!

Wilby Parish Council

If you have a problem which you think the Parish Council can help with, please contact a member of the Council with the details concerned. Members of the Parish Council and their contact numbers are:

- Ian Williamson, Chairman - 01379 388034
- Steve Lee, Vice Chairman - 01379 388653
- Karen Collins - 01379 388415

Brundish Village Green

As you may have noticed, the Brundish village sign is currently away on holiday, being refurbished; we hope to have it back in time for the remembrance service in November. At the same time the parish council is now looking to sort out the now rather sad looking play area. Unfortunately the wooden structures of the play equipment had decayed making the equipment unsafe, so it had to be removed. The plan, for the moment, is simply to remove the fencing surrounding this area, level the ground and then apply some top soil and grass it over.

Volunteers Needed...

In the near future we will be looking for volunteers to help generally tidy the green / playing field up, including cleaning up the footpaths. It's one of the few village assets we have, so it would be nice if people in the village could help to keep it looking tidy. If you can spare a little time to help please contact us via the newsletter and we will let you know when the work is planned.

If you have any views on about the playing field, perhaps how it should be used or improved please e-mail the newsletter or contact Brundish parish council.

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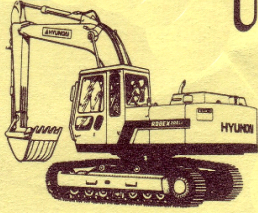
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News from Wilby CEVC Primary School

It has been wonderful to have all of our pupils back in school for full time education again this term. They have come back full of enthusiasm and energy for learning and are clearly delighted to back with their friends and teachers.



In order to manage the risks from Coronavirus we are operating an adapted school day with staggered start, break, lunch and end to the school day, which enables the different bubbles of pupils to maintain social distancing. We are continuing to ensure that increased hygiene, hand-washing and cleaning regimes are in place and the installation of six additional sinks to the outside of the school building has greatly assisted in the logistical management of this.

School trips and visitors can only happen within class bubbles and with careful risk assessments in place. Therefore, trips this term will be local and we will be organising for a variety of different visitors to come into school to provide curriculum enrichment opportunities. Kingfisher and Owl Classes have a Forest Schools visit to Charlotte's Wood planned and we will be visited by Jaya Dance who will be leading workshops with all classes as part of our Divali celebrations this term. Wren Class continue to enjoy Forest School learning on Monday afternoons-it has been great to see the children enthusiastically engaged in den building and nature explorations - whatever the weather!

Our first parents reading workshop delivered via Zoom-'How to get the most out of your child's reading book' was well attended and another session is planned for later in the term.

Also, to be delivered via Zoom this term, each Class will be sharing some Harvest Festival poems, prayers and singing. The school will also be collecting tinned foods and dried goods to be donated to a local food bank.



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Back to School in the Middle East

The first of a new and fascinating reader contributed series of stories.

I worked as an international monitor in conflict zones. We were there to help the ordinary people carry on with their lives as far as possible and sometimes, having unarmed monitors present helped things calm down a bit. We also reported to the UN and humanitarian agencies and could call in food, water, tents, or other assistance as needed. A regular job was to do the 'school run'.



Two schools made a big impression on me. The first was a girls primary school that had military checkpoints on all the nearby streets and groups of armed civilians standing on the street corners. It was one of the most tense places I went to. International monitors could pass through the checkpoints but the girl's parents couldn't, so we would ensure that the girls who were aged 6-11yrs, got through the checkpoint, walked with us down the hill and arrived safely in school. From the outset the girls were sometimes too scared to pass those carrying guns or tear gas canisters. We could encourage them to walk with us, although we didn't have enough hands for them all to hold. To get round this problem we invented a 'going to school' song, in English, which they were all learning to speak. Soon they were all holding hands with each other and singing 'walking down the hill, walking down the hill, here we all are, going to school'. Not very inspiring lyrics, but it worked. It seemed to give the girls confidence and perhaps reminded those brandishing weapons that these were small children who were going to school and not any sort of threat to them.

The other school that we visited often was built mostly of car tyres. It started off as a single classroom, for about 15 Bedouin girls aged 10-16yrs. Their families had been moved to a site in semi desert on the edge of Jerusalem. When it became impossible to get to their previous schools, parents built one by stacking up the tyres to room height, filling them with sand and gravel and later covering the walls with mud. It didn't have a roof to start with, some old tenting was slung over the top, for shade and then some bent scaffold poles were found on the nearby refuse tip. Perfect. The school opened, to the surprise of the authorities who immediately said it had to be demolished. We would visit often, sometimes taking visitors with us and the school became quite well known. An Israeli peace organization provided solar panels and the school opened a computer suite in an old shipping container, with donated laptops. The pupils flourished, over a decade later the school still stands, has a toilet block, assembly hall, five classrooms and a kitchen. It holds regular cultural events at which the 120 pupils sometimes perform or give speeches. Some of them go on to higher education both at home and abroad, if they can gain bursaries.

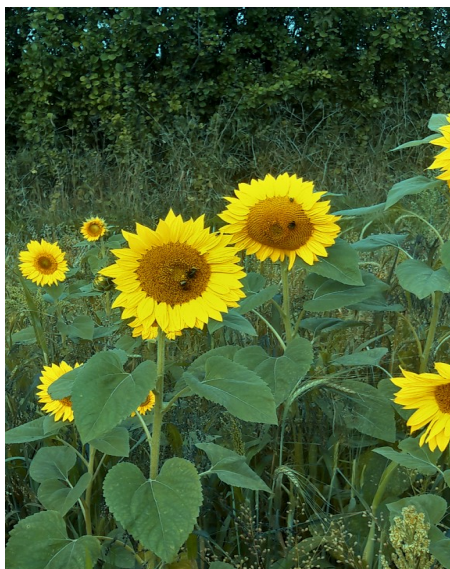
Teresa Parker



A bird's eye view of harvesting in Wilby. Contributed by James Brown



*Can you identify this bird rescued by Sue Jack?
See back page for the answer!*



Busy Bees & Sunflowers, Anne Mole



"Connecting People with Nature"

Charlotte's Wood is an oasis of calm situated on the outskirts of Wilby. It comprises cottage and gardens, two luxury holiday lodges, a wooden cabin and 2.5 acres of private woodland. Charlotte, a former primary headteacher, is a qualified Forest School Leader and FSA endorsed trainer who facilitates various woodland activities to encourage people to 'connect with nature'.

Woodland activities:

- Little Woodies – Parent and Toddler Forest School on Friday mornings during term time
- Wild Wood Holiday Club – for children aged 4-11 years during holidays
- Woodland Birthday Parties for children
- Wild parties for Hens, Baby Showers, Birthdays and Team Days
- Forest Bathing and relaxation
- Christmas wreath making

Forest School:

- Level 3 Forest School Leader training
- Forest School Taster Days
- Woodland activity days
- PD and staff well-being days



Charlotte is a qualified British Nordic Walking Instructor and uses specially designed walking poles to teach individuals and groups the Nordic Walking technique which improves posture and gait, burns more calories (than normal walking) and relieves pressure on joints. It's a fun way of getting exercise outdoors that anyone can do.

Need extra space? At Charlotte's Wood we have two, luxury lodges (awarded 5 Stars and 5 Stars Gold by 'Visit England') available to rent for breaks and longer stays all year round. One sleeps four and the other two people. We also have a log cabin situated on the edge of the woodland for those who want to get closer to nature; and options for camping too!



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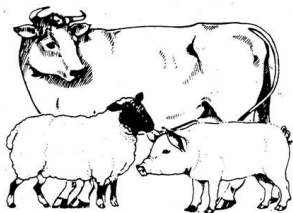
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We believe that all children should leave primary school able to read well. Good literacy at this age is the cornerstone of success in secondary education and in later life. But as many as one in four children left primary school in 2018* unable to read well, and this figure will have been made worse by the COVID-19 crisis.

Everyone benefits from the Schoolreaders scheme; the children, the schools and the volunteers themselves - a little of their time can translate into life-changing improvements to a child's reading ability.

We are looking for volunteers in this area, including Laxfield and Bedfield primary schools. No qualifications are needed, just a love of reading and some spare time each week. The process to become a reader takes a few weeks, so please apply now so that you can be ready to start as soon as possible.

To find out more about us, or to apply, please visit www.schoolreaders.org

Cover Story

Stuart Banks sent in two superb pictures of the robin on the front cover. He says "I wondered why he let me get so close, until I realised that he was intent on listening to the beep beep from the camera's autofocus!"



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The rescued bird was a cuckoo...

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