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EDITORIAL

It's both dangerous and shows poor respect for the Countryside when people leave gates open allowing livestock to escape on to the highway or other people's gardens and property. Perhaps they can't read the signs that say 'PLEASE SHUT THE GATE'. I take it they don't shut the doors at home either. Gates are there for a reason. One of these episodes resulted in a calf becoming lost on the road with cars narrowly missing it. DO NOT GET BETWEEN COWS AND THE CALVES. Please follow the Countryside Code.

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Country Code continued

space • follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available • protect the environment • take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit • do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can • always keep dogs under control and in sight • dog poo – bag it and bin it in any public waste bin or take it home • care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

GPC

The Grouped Parish council of Flixton, St Cross and St Margaret South Elmham met at Flixton Village Hall for its AGM. The officers were re-elected and The Statutory and asset register was signed. Plans for a CPR and Defibrillator refresher course was to be pursued. Alternative lorry routes were also discussed.

Next Meeting: 13th JULY, ST MARGARET S.E Village Hall 7.30pm

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MOLE

Phew, it's been hot and dry and with my black coat its worse, as the coat absorbs heat, not repels it. Digging is definitely off the agenda. The 60/40 auction at St Margaret S.E village was the first in many years, there were about 50 lots ranging from watches, silver, bicycles, pogo sticks, furniture to 2 wicker wood models referred as Sandringham Corgi's (See front Cover).

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Mole continued...

Some bargains were had, thank you to several sellers for allowing the hall to keep the 40% of the selling price. Splendid job by Dean Shreeve on setting out and cataloguing of the lots, and to Emily Montgomery-Wright for presenting the items and of course to financial wizard Graham Hammond for working out the percentages. All this with bacon rolls provided by Tracey and Gabby Pierre. There was even a couple from Kent whose car was a lot heavier going home as a result of their visit. The Country-side Evening, of which I think this was the 35 year and still going, had one of the highest attendances this year. Truly Traceable venison and game pies and Acorn Forge were new to the venue this year with Andrew Murray- Wood letting off the guns. All fuelled by the fine fare cooked by Jenny and Robert Earl, whilst the gundogs were put through their paces by Sue and Richard Smith, there was still time to enjoy Sally's Pretty perennial plants or the wonders produced by Ben Loughrill with his bespoke furniture. Even then you can still wander round the collection of Vintage tractors or just join in a yarn. The following day was the Classic vehicles event and the vehicles came from far and wide to join the mainly local tractors already there in the Beck Valley. Big 6.6 litre cars to some only hardly a litre 2 wheel, 3 and even 4 wheels. The largest collection since the event started. Bar provided by Rumbling Duck and Robert and Jenny Earl producing their much sought after cuisine. Meanwhile in the marquee there were teas, cakes and ice creams provided by the PCC team. Stalls, games (the car had 66 balloons in it) won by Gabby Pierre with Robert Earl guessing the correct mileage. Thank you to all who cooked catered, drove, entertained, set up and cleared up. Thanks also to Simon and Harry Murton for assembling and taking down the marquee.

ST MARGARET DIARY at Village Hall unless stated otherwise

Sat 18th JULY	Village BBQ 18:00 – On the GREEN
Sun 9th AUGUST	BREAKFAST in the Hall 10-12 all welcome
Sun 6th SEPT	GARDEN PARTY at RED HOUSE FARM 3-5pm £6 entrance
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Fri 13th NOV	BINGO Cash prizes 7.30pm £7 Bring your own Drink and Nibbles CASH ONLY
Sat/Sun 26th & 27th NOV	ALL THINGS FESTIVE at the CHURCH
Sun 13th DEC	Christmas lunch 12.00 for 12.30

ORGAN CONCERT

Gray Uff returned to St Margaret South Elmham Church having played here for his aunt's funeral. A self-taught organist who played for nearly 2 hours entirely from memory. He hears a tune, then it is deciphered to a note on the keyboard as he doesn't read music. If there is a note that is not familiar to us it's what his brain thinks it should be. Classical, carols, Simon and Garfunkel, hymns, a broad spectrum of music. If the moths were asleep in the organ pipes this woke them up. Thank you

FROM THE TRACTOR SEAT

These heat waves have turned green fields into brown dusty, and inflammable fields. Please don't light fires or throw cigarette on the ground. Not only do the fire brigade have enough to do at present, but fire kills, let alone burns houses and trees. The animals gather near ponds, not unlike the waterholes of Africa. The Beck has been dry for a long time, not even a pool for the heron to wet his feet. Sadly the trees are suffering, many are dropping their leaves in an attempt to conserve moisture. However, the butterflies seem to be doing well. The cuckoo has gone back to Africa, the swifts and swallows are still here using their arial skills feeding on the wing, some including house martins have experienced difficulty in finding mud to make their nests.

SOUTH ELMHAM FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

What a show despite the drought, people had pulled the stops on Jenni and Davids 50th wedding anniversary, with more entries than in the last few years. Cakes, chutneys, scotch eggs, sausage rolls just a few of the home



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baking section, although the fudge was extremely hard to keep solid in the heat. Fantastic floral displays, really showing off nature's colours. Although the vegetables were a bit sparse the display was brilliant. The cream teas, curtesy of Jane with assistant Anna, really brought Summer to the Hall. Then there were the cups, some over 100 years old and still were being contested. Thank you to all concerned.

THREE SAINTS MEETING

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Three Saints Parish Council? The PC actually covers four parishes: St Peter's, St Michael's, All Saints and St Nicholas, with some 370 residents. There are 5 Parish Councillors and a Chair; a Clerk keeps everything in order and is paid a small salary for their efforts.

All residents are welcome to attend the meetings, which are held six times a year in Rumburgh & St Michael Village Hall. The next three meetings, which start at 7.30pm, will take place on Wednesday 8th July, Wednesday 9th September and Wednesday 11th November. Agendas, minutes etc. are available on their website <https://threesaints-pc.gov.uk> and on the Parish notice boards.

I'm not a member of the Council but it can be interesting to attend and hear updates from the County and District Councillors who usually attend (and/or submit written reports), and to hear discussions on local issues (e.g. potholes, flooding, footpath signage). The PC also organises occasional group events, litter-picks etc and responds to planning applications. Last year they produced an excellent map of local walks (find a link to a pdf on the PC website).

Every household contributes towards the cost of the PC - equivalent to £37.24 per year for a Band D household, in the 2025/26 Council Tax bill, so why not pop along? Jenny Sheahan

HOMERSFIELD

The village has sweltered in the latest heatwave, along with most of the country. Dog walkers have been making the most of the shade in the wood in the evenings. The Pet Service on 19th July has had to be cancelled but new date is 23rd Aug at 3pm. Thanks to Keith, Steven and Joey for replacing the broken fence between the churchyard and the wood. It looks very smart.

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ST CROSS

ST CROSS HAS FAIRIES!

We know there are a number of 'fairies' amongst us. Those people who quietly do a job that makes our village safer, prettier or tidier. One such fairy was spied cutting back the greenery around the road signs and giving the sign a bit of a clean. Thank you fairy, you know who you are! Your work is appreciated.

OPEN GARDEN

The weather was kind for Ann and Stephen Mulligan when they opened their garden at Squires Barn as part of the National Garden Scheme at the end of June. Along with hundreds of other gardens across England the money raised provides critical support for nursing and health charities, including Hospice UK, MacMillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Parkinson's UK alongside many other medium and smaller charities. Last year nearly £4 million was distributed to beneficiaries.

The garden was open between 10.30 - 4.00 and the couple, alongside a generous and dedicated band of volunteers, welcomed a steady stream of visitors to admire the various aspects of the garden. These include ponds, an orchard, a wildflower mound and a diverse range of island beds and trees. The garden benefits from a range of seating opportunities, allowing visitors to linger and admire the garden from different perspectives. Visitors were also able to sample a wide range of excellent cakes with a drink whilst enjoying the music of local musicians - a group of recorder players and a blues duo, both from Metfield.

All agreed it was a wonderful way to while away part of the day, enjoying the peace and quiet of an English country garden in our beautiful part of Suffolk.

St PETER

As we rush headlong into the third heatwave of the summer, our resident swallows are multiplying and, mercifully, helping to keep many of the insects at bay.



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26/07/26	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	St Michael St James
02/08/26	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	Ilk St Margaret St Margaret SE
09/08/26	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	Ilk St John St Lawrence
16/08/26	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	St Cross St Peter
23/08/26	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	Homersfield Flixton
30/08/26	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	St James Rumburgh
06/09/26	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	St Margaret SE St Michael
13/09/26	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	St Lawrence Ilk St Margaret
06/09/26	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	St Peter St John

HOT HOLIDAYS

This time of year, when I have to compose a rhyme,
I'm on holiday and it's Kent this time.
"The Garden of England" as it's known as so much fruit and vegetables
are grown.

Massive greenhouses are everywhere,
I've never seen any like them anywhere!

We went to Ramsgate, goodness it was hot!
We spent the whole time looking for a shady spot.
We went to a huge wildlife conservation park
Everything from Zebra to Aardvark.
An old green army lorry was our transport, right up my street
And the handsome young driver made it even more of a treat!
This heat is very draining,
And my enthusiasm for writing is waning.

Sally REMBLANCE (HOMERSFIELDS PAM AYES)



These are just some of the lovely testimonials we received
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"First time seeing you. What a joy...a must see!"

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August from 10am – 4.30pm at St James Village Hall, St James, IP19 0HP.
Tickets are £10 plus £5 for soup and a roll. Please contact amanda.fletcher111@gmail.com to book your place.

Our Autumn term begins on Monday 7th September and rehearsals take
place on Monday nights between 7.30pm and 9.30pm at Harleston Road
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St Peter continued...

However the swarms of black flea beetle seeking sustenance following the end of the oilseed rape bloom are now devouring our broccoli, rocket and kale.

On the subject of ornithology, a Gyr Falcon was reported circling a domestic flock of chickens in St Peter recently. This is a rare sight. Apparently the chickens are unharmed and hopefully the falcon managed to find its lunch elsewhere.

Memory of the alleged deer shooting near Low Farm on the 15th May is fading, as a lack of evidence means that the mystery shooter has not been identified. Our radars are up though. Strangers illegally hunting for sport with high-powered rifles are unwelcome and will be held to account if identified.

After a stuttering start, we believe that all the new bins have finally been delivered and we look forward to a recycling collection service that's been enjoyed by other counties for more than a decade. We now look forward to the crash of breaking glass as our blue bins are emptied. Residents confused about which recycling goes into which bins can download the useful East Suffolk Council app from the relevant app store, which provides details, as well as timely collection reminders and service change alerts.

The annual uproar about the mowing down of the orchids along the straight through St Peter is now complete and a solution to the problem is sought. Watch this space.

The 49 Club was won by the church in May and by Beverley in June. Neither has yet been spotted buying a round at the Buck, but we are a patient lot in St Peter.

We look forward to the annual Boules tournament on 19th July and hope that the current weather forecast changes before then, otherwise it will be another 'boil in the bag' event. If you receive this newsletter before then, please get in touch with Pamela who is keen to receive raffle prizes, cakes for sale etc. Your correspondent can provide contact details if required.

SOUTH ELMHAM & DISTRICT HISTORY GROUP

If you missed April's talk. Rob Walpole and friends brought a remarkable collection of Stone Age flint finds from the Saints — axes, tools, the lot — and the audience got to handle them. One of those evenings that reminded me why I joined the group

The South Elmham and District History Group meets at St Margaret's Village Hall on the last Thursday of each month. Just £3 on the door for non-members — and here's what's coming up:

29 May	Dr Miriam Stead on the Suffolk Tea Trade
25 June	Dr Richard Hoggert on the Vikings in East Anglia
30 July	Tom Lucking on the Iron Age Carnyx discovered near Thetford

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23rd August Sunday ----- Veterans Day

20th September Sunday ----- Battle of Britain Day

New for 2026 Opening on Selected Fridays

31st July ~~~ 7th,14th,21st & 28th August

Some events will have flypasts depending on weather and serviceability.

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FLIXTON

LINDA, GARY AND TOM DOUGHTY (AND CATS!)

Linda and Gary moved to Flixton in 1995. This is the village where they raised their two sons, Ben and Tom and where they experienced the very extremes of parenting. They tragically lost Ben in 2021, at a time when success was truly on the horizon for someone from a working-class background. I know many of us shared their grief. But they also had the joy of watching their sons growing and having fun around the village. Linda also involved herself helping the Village Hall group as treasurer. As life moves on, so have Linda, Gary and Tom. A new home in Geldeston for mum and dad. A new life and partnership for Tom. I'm sure many in the village wish them all the best in their new adventure.

NEW RESIDENTS

Hello Tracy, Ian, Liam and the dogs. New residents in St Felix Rise. I look forward to writing a little about you and how you found yourselves a new home in Flixton.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

So, Chris Mac and Richard Smith were dog walking in Abbey Road when a pickup truck entered at high speed from Church Road, having ignored the "Road Closed" notice and the barriers in Church Road. Richard and Chris were obviously concerned and potentially in danger, but the pickup stopped... and the driver shouted to the effect, "what are you doing in the f...ing road". This is in a place with no footpath, although the driver didn't have the required number of brain cells to observe that. The vehicle was actually SORN, so should not have been on the road at all and may well have been uninsured. The situation was reported to the Police and, surprise, surprise... no action will be taken. This may support the argument that there definitely is no two-tier policing, because there's virtually none at all. Only this week, on a lovely sunny day in Aldeburgh there were 4 uniformed officers attending all day, but with crime levels as rampant as they are in that area I can understand the focus.

CHURCH ROAD LIDO!

Bridget at number 2 contacted Anglia Water regarding the rapidly developing swimming pool at the junction of Church Road and St Marys Close (not before she had put out deck chairs and brollies and sold

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Flixton continued...

several ice creams). A water leak was quickly identified, the road closed and excavated to fix the leak. A lovely new neat tarmac patch now marks the spot where said leak was fixed. Within just over a foot from the new patch is a 3 inch deep pothole.

The point is that Suffolk County Council have to authorise the road closure and also have the role or duty to inspect surface reinstatements. Poor reinstatement can result in financial penalties for the road contractor. There was clearly an opportunity missed by SCC but, oddly, by the contractor who may well have earned some more income but also some brownie points for fixing something which will now only deteriorate.

NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE

Imagine a lovely sunny day, not too difficult right now. Time to get the washing done and on the line in the fresh air. Then you look down the garden and can't see the washing because of the smoke.

VILLAGE GET TOGETHERS

We've had a couple of "get togethers" at the Village Hall since the previous Community News, giving residents the opportunity to "catch up" with neighbours they've not seen in a while. Food and drink varies according to who brings what but there's always a nice variety. Time also zooms past, as there's always plenty of lively chat.

There are two more currently planned, Friday 7th August and Friday 4th September. They start at 7pm. Well done to Jo Beard for getting this ball rolling.

Contact Pete Madder-Smith on 896828.

FLIXTON 100 CLUB

1st	Dave Rice	71	1st.	Laura Haylock	45
2nd	Robert Clint	10	2nd	Amy Howard	35
3rd	Alan Gall	59	3rd	Frankie Ely	19

ST JAMES

CHURCH NEWS

We will be hosting a return concert by Lizzie Gutteridge on Sunday, 19th July, starting at 2.30pm in St James church.

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ST James continued...

The inside of the church will once again be transformed into a garden in which to enjoy music from the past on Lizzie's historic instruments. This is one stop on Lizzie's UK Fortunes Wheels tour on her bamboo bike!

Hot and cold drinks with homemade cakes will be available from the gazebo in the churchyard. There will also be a raffle – all proceeds in aid of the church. Cash only, please.

Parking is signed at the church field. Tickets on the door. £10.

HALL AND VILLAGE NEWS

The Ceilidh in May was a great evening with seemingly tireless dancers learning new routines as well as enjoying the more familiar.

This was followed in June by another musical event - two very different bands, both enjoyed by a good number listening and dancing the night away. We hope to repeat this type of event more frequently.

Another successful Crafternoon was held in the hall and was fully booked as usual.

FUTURE EVENTS. Our annual *Village Summer Lunch on 11th July* is already well booked up and for once may well be held on a hot summer day, which over the years has almost never occurred. We are looking forward to a great get-together for families and friends.

Picnic in the Orchard on Sunday, 30th August. A relaxed afternoon free to all in the village orchard (at junction of Metfield Rd and New Rd) on Sunday afternoon of the Bank Holiday. Bring your own picnic, children and well-behaved dogs. We will provide cake, drinks and games.

It will go ahead whatever the weather, unless extreme! 2.30 – 4.30pm

Concert in the church -September 6th.

This will feature a classical trio, EBB and FLUTE, playing harpsichord and historical flutes focusing on baroque music, including Mendelsson, Mozart, Hotteterre and Marais. Come and enjoy a relaxed Sunday afternoon with hot and cold drinks and home-made cakes available. There will be a raffle. Tickets £10 on the door, cash only, please or call Lynda on 01986782582, Caroline on 782545.



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ST James continued...

Saturday, 3rd October *Soul Alliance*. The popular band returns once again to St James for a lively evening of music to listen or dance to. Details nearer the time.

November Photo competition and Art exhibition. Time to take those lovely summer photos now in preparation for the November weekend. You will have seen the categories on the flyers which came through your doors recently, so with plenty of time, there's no excuse! Timing details nearer the date.

Jane Bastow would like to send a note of thanks to all those who helped set up her *Open Garden in May*, as well as those who helped on the day. Over 200 visitors were welcomed to the garden and music from the band once again, helped to bring the event to life. The Peartree Fund, village hall and the church, were all recipients of the £2000 raised. Plans are already in hand for next year's openings – watch this space.

Hot News! Our *village website* has now gone live – just type in stjames-southelmham.uk and you will find a wealth of information on everything you need (or didn't know you needed,) to know about our village. On there, you will see everything from the history of the village to what's going on at the hall or in the church, from nature notes to AGM Minutes for hall and parish. Browse around it and you may be surprised at what's on there. – you can even have your own photos put on there, just email the admin address. It represents a huge amount of work on the part of one or two people, to whom we are very grateful.

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Thurs 30th July 7:30 pm: Two thousand years ago, the carnyx (an ancient war trumpet) rang out across Iron Age Britain. Then it vanished - until now. Join archaeologist Tom Lucking, as seen on BBC's Digging for Britain, for a fascinating talk on one of the most remarkable local discoveries in recent memory. All welcome. £3 for non-members. Contact events@sedlhs.uk

I'm relaunching the local history group website and would love your help. If you have photographs of local history or know of any good websites about the history of The Saints, I'd be very glad to hear from you. Full credit will be given for any images used. Please send photographs to web@sedlhs.uk — thank you. James (Publicity Officer)

A CELEBRATION OF LAMMAS

Thursday September 17th at 7.30pm
Ilketshall St Margaret Village Hall

Ilketshall St John's PCC invites you to a Lammas Evening Celebrating the harvest with loaves made from flour milled from farms around The Saints donated by local farmers. Sample the different breads, washed down with beer and apple juice. The evening includes speakers and displays and the chance to vote for your favourite loaf. A donation of £10 per person is suggested, all proceeds to Ilketshall St John's church.



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