



**ST MARGARET SOUTH ELMHAM PLATINUM JUBILEE TEA**

# **SOUTH ELMHAM COMMUNITY NEWS**

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## **EDITORIAL**

There does not seem to be a settled time to compose and understand where life is taking us, I don't remember, the world being so topsy turvy and that's just politics. Now we are waiting for a new leader, to be chosen from 8 and rising, meanwhile energy and the cost of living continues to rise and there is still a war in Ukraine.

## **GPC [www.flixton.onesuffolk.net](http://www.flixton.onesuffolk.net)**

The Annual General Meeting of the Grouped Council was held in Flixton Village Hall on May 17th at 7.30pm. The Chairman and Vice Chairman were re-elected and declaration of acceptance of office signed. Cllr Mann had updated the Asset register and an internal auditor appointed.

GPC continued....

Cllr Warne suggested a convex mirror at the bottom of St Felix rise to assist with traffic joining the road this was passed. Moving the path leading from Flixton village to The Buck away from the road is being investigated. Highways were asked to inspect their remedial work following the recent diversions. A drain has been filled in on Sandy Lane, St Cross when the road was resurfaced.

Next Meeting 18th July ST. Margaret S.E Village Hall, 7.30pm

## **MOLE**

Whoo its hot, especially with this black coat on. What a time in St Margaret South Elmham, Jubilee teas, Classic Tractor Day, Countryside Evening and Flower and Produce show. The weather was good, so the Jubilee Picnic tea was held beside the Village Hall with kind permission of Jack Walpole. Parravani ice cream van also attended and the ceremonial cake was cut by long-time resident of St Nicolas, Brenda Hadingham. Much fun and frivolity was had by all. Tracey Page is still trying to work out the three legged race only needing 2 people and not 3. A Jubilee mug was given to every household in the village. The Riseborough family kindly displayed their tractor collection and people came from far and near to see this fairly unique collection, some flew from Ireland leaving at 4am then having visited returned that afternoon. Bar BBQ, games, raffle and guess the number of balloons in the tractor cab. This event raised over £4000 for St Margaret S.E Church. The Countryside Evening probably had the biggest attendance in its 30+ years. Gundog displays, Robert Tilney's 'guns through the ages', vintage tractors, Sally's Flowers, Ben Loughrill milled a Douglas Fir into 2inch planks which he donated to be auctioned for the nights charity; RLNI (Lifeboats). All superbly fed by Robert Earls catering. Donations from the evening exceeded £200. Despite the hot dry weather the annual Flixton and South Elmham District Flower and Produce Show still exhibited some quality flowers and produce, many thanks and congratulations to the secretary Jenni Baker and husband David on their 46th wedding anniversary.

## **FROM THE TRACTOR CAB**

This drier weather is good for insects and for many birds and other wildlife, but for others such as swallows who nest underneath corrugated metal roofs and are sadly cooked in their nests it's not a happy ending.

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From the tractor cab continued...

If you can either put a piece of wood or something to try to keep the heat away from the nest without disturbing the nest would be helpful. The upper reaches of the Beck were in June, black with tadpoles. One photographer filming the Classic tractors, was on his knees filming the tadpoles he even had his mic on, although what tadpole chatter he picked up I never heard! The combines have started to roll, and as they do so more wildlife will be revealed, the hares, birds and other creatures will be seen again. Meanwhile the kites and buzzards will also see their prey easier. The yellow flowering plant Ragwort, also known as Stinking Willie, is widespread and under the Weeds Act 1959 there is a legal obligation to remove ragwort where it is growing near areas of grazing or forage production as there is a high risk of spread to it. Livestock, particularly horses, are very susceptible to poisoning by eating the plant, this is worse in forage such as hay, as it is hidden. The seeds are spread by the wind, one plant can have 60,000 seeds. The toxins in the plant attack the liver and cause death. If pulling the weed, gloves are advisable as the plants can cause tingling or a rash. There appears to be several hares still chasing each other, and often, squadrons of swifts swoop down like a fighter aircraft screaming as they do so catching insects, is this 'fast food'?

#### St MARGARET S.E DIARY

events at the VILLAGE HALL unless stated

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|--------------|--|
| 16th July    | BBQ on the Green , bar 6pm   |
| 21st August  | Afternoon tea, 2-4pm Red House Farm ST Margaret S.E<br>in the garden. For details tel 01986 782289 |
| 10th Sept    | Suffolk Churches Bike ride<br>For details Tel Sue Glazer 01986 783973                              |
| 25th Sept    | Harvest lunch, bring your own drink, 12-12.30pm  |
| 14th October | Quiz Refreshments. Bring your own drink, raffle  |
| 18th Nov     | Quiz Refreshments, Bring your own drink, raffle  |
| 11th Dec     | Christmas lunch  |

#### HOMERSFIELD

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

Thank you to Tony and Helen for allowing us to 'take over' the Black Swan garden to celebrate the jubilee. Around 40 people came (along with a life size cut out of the Queen herself)



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Homersfield, continued...

and enjoyed good company and some delicious food. Thank you to everyone who brought food and to those who helped put up the bunting to make our village look so celebratory. Sally outshone us with her baked goods and also organised a raffle in aid of the churchyard which raised £103. Lucy was kept busy at the tea urn with many people enjoying themselves so much they came back for a second cup.

Debbie unveiled the jubilee plaque, which is on the village signpost, and the three children who attended were each presented with a jubilee mug. The bunting and invitations (designed by Sarah Gibson) were paid for by the Homersfield Poor Lands Charity – our thanks to the trustees. All in all, a lovely afternoon, where the rain held off and we relished the chance to socialise.



#### OAK TREE

The jubilee oak tree (given to us by East Suffolk Council), planted near to the Millennium sculpture, is flourishing and now has its plaque.

Have a look, if you haven't already.

#### THE PLAYING FIELD

The administration of the playing field in the throes of being passed back from the Homersfield Playing Field charity to the Parish Council.

#### VILLAGE LITTER PICK – SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2022

Come along and help tidy up our village for the benefit of people and wildlife. We will be meeting on the Green at 10.00am and can provide grabbers, bags, hoops and high-vis for everyone to use. It is recommended that you wear gloves.

#### MEETING DATES AND COUNCILLORS

Our next meeting is Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 6.00pm in the Black Swan. Meeting dates/agendas etc can be found on the village notice board and on the website, <http://homersfield.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/>.



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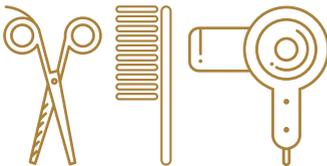
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Thanks to Michael for making the village green look so immaculate and now we need rain. What a lot of litter gets thrown from vehicles and people out and about. It makes the village look untidy and uncared for. Even litter thrown into the play area several times. When the verges get cut the rubbish gets spliced up into many pieces making it much harder to gather all the bits. A plea to all please take your litter and rubbish home. There are some all year round litter pickers though it is spoiling a good walk or cycle ride to stop and collect stuff.

Wishes for a tidier summer.

*Sarah*

### **St Mary's Church, Homersfield**

Love Your Church and Churchyard Day – Saturday 10th September 2022

To coincide with the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride we are holding a Love Your Church and Churchyard Day at St Mary's where everything will get a spruce up. Please come along – any time between 10.00am and 3.00pm to have a look at the work that has been done on the roof and tower, enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and maybe a biscuit or two and/or help us with some annual maintenance of the church or churchyard. If you would like to help outside, bring a rake, a trowel and wear some gloves if you can and if you would like to help inside be prepared to polish and clean – Jo will gladly allocate a tin of polish and a duster (unless you wish to bring your own). We would love to see you.

Bric-a-brac/books needed

In addition to the bric-a-brac/books stall in the church porch, we are also having a stall at the Black Swan Fete on Saturday 6th August (raising money for the churchyard) so would love you to have a bit of a clear out. The fete at the Black Swan is in aid of Nelson's Journey (a charity which supports children and young people in Norfolk who've experienced the death of a significant person). Please drop off your unwanted goodies to Sally at 9 Glebe Cottages, Homersfield, or to **Lucy at Mill** Cottage, Homersfield or to Jo at 46 Low Road, Wortwell. If you want to bring it directly to the fete on the 6th August – that is also an option.

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St Mary's Church, continued...

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St Mary's, Homersfield – Parochial Church Council

## FLIXTON

### DI PIPE

Sad news has just reached me from Mark Pipe, regarding the passing of Di Pipe in the early hours of Sunday, June 12th, aged 93. Di and husband Russel built their bungalow here in 1964 and were both active supporters of the British Heart Foundation. As a part of their commitment to their village, Di and Russell carried out caretaking duties at Flixton Village Hall. Di became a playground assistant first at Flixton Primary school until it closed and then at Mendham village school. Russell died in 2010 but Di remained one of the stalwarts of Flixton for so many years.

Outside the village, Di began volunteer work at Bungay's Sue Ryder shop at the age of 80 where she worked for 9 years. She also served meals fortnightly at the Emanuel Church in her 80's. Both jobs enabled her to keep regular contact with other friends in the wider community.

She was always keen to support community functions often holding these in her home and garden in Church Road. In 2021, Di moved to a nursing home in Sheffield to be closer to her son Mark, daughter-in-law Linda and grandson Jake.

The fact that Di gave up so much of her time and efforts during her life amongst us is a truly positive example to us all.

### THE BUCK

Well we didn't see the Queen but Platinum Jubilee celebration events at the Buck provided a reason for local villagers and some past residents to get together. There were plenty of games for the youngsters and the not so youngsters to play plus a superb buffet laid on by Jason the chef and his kitchen team.

Curry night events have just begun. The problem is, if you want to sample all the food on offer, you have to have a huge appetite and capacity or plenty of time to rest and digest. Look out for their forthcoming beer festival in August when live groups/bands, to suit all music tastes, will be playing... sounds like "Flixtonbury" is being revived.

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31/07/22	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	Ilk St Lawrence St Cross
07/8/22	Holy Cummonion Informal Evening Prayer	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	St Michael Flixton St Peter
14/8/22	Holy Cummonion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	Ilk St Margaret Rumburgh
21/8/22	Holy Cummonion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	Homersfield Ilk St John
28/8/22	Holy Cummonion Evening Prayer	10.00am 5.00pm	St Margaret SE St James



## HARLESTON & DISTRICT u3a

Harleston & District u3a's August talk on 17 August at 2.00 pm in St John's Church Harleston, presented by Bob Goddard, is entitled Our Colony on the Moon. Bob has spent eight years researching whether the Moon – given its plentiful water ice and solar power, and our growing realisation that planet Earth is vulnerable to asteroid and comet impacts - is the obvious first destination for an off-planet human colony to ensure that the human species is safe from extinction. Further information from Kim Poulton on 01986 788149 and on our website [u3asites.org.uk/harleston](http://u3asites.org.uk/harleston)

### SAINTLY CHURCH CRAWL

Maurice Philpot led 30 adventurous people on a saintly church crawl including lunch and raised £500 for St Johns church.

### ANNUAL CHURCHES BICYCLE RIDE

Takes place on September 10th, for sponsor forms contact your church warden

### Contact details for Parish Councillors

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Justin Skinner 01986 891002

Flixton continued...

### Chris's Race for Life & Garden Party

Once again Chris Mac has been out walking on behalf of Cancer UK. The 5Km event, which Chris did with Sarah Lane in May, raised £450. Well done ladies!

Don't forget Chris's Garden Party on September 17th, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. It will start around midday with the entrance fee at £4. Chris and her friends always put on a lovely afternoon tea and it's another opportunity to "catch up" with friends and neighbours while helping to contribute to a great cause. If anyone would like to donate any raffle prizes for the day, please contact Chris on 01986 892656.

Don't forget, if you have any news for the village let me know on 896828.  
Pete Madder-Smith

### 100 club winners for May and June

#### May

1st	Rowan Hunt	23
2nd	Roy Heaton	88
3rd	David Pairpoint	19

#### June

1st	Lin Doughty	64
2nd	Maureen Wigby	26
3rd	Dawn Howard	68

## ST CROSS

### PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

On Jubilee Sunday, Squires Barn opened its garden gates for the village to enjoy a picnic with refreshments to celebrate our Queen's 70 years on the throne.

In spite of grey skies, the day was dry and everyone was protected within a lovely spacious marquee where they shared their picnics and chatted with new friends. There was bunting galore, a splendid 6-foot picture of the Queen and many games in the garden for the children (and adults) to enjoy! The day was completed by a wonderful Union Jack cake shared by all.

It was lovely for St Cross to have an opportunity to come together, so many, many thanks to all the village members who helped to make it such a successful and special day.

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St Cross continued...

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'It was so nice to meet neighbours new and old at the garden picnic over the bank holiday. It reminded me, we used to have a summer village fete in front of Minster Cottages (remember Ross Cook and the chickens!) and we had a Christmas Bazaar (or was that bizarre?) in the Iron Room, but now we have nothing.

A couple of us thought it might be nice to have an annual get together: St. Cross Day if you like? I don't mind getting my hands dirty, anyone fancy volunteering to join me to help organise something?

jannorth090397@gmail.com or 07734888108

### FENCING AT MINSTER COTTAGES

The old fencing on the corner by the bus shelter has been removed in readiness for new fencing to be erected.

The residents working party did a great job clearing the undergrowth and taking out the old concrete fence posts....no mean feat!

Special thanks go to Cassie, Ryan and the boys.

Welcome to the Clippets at Minster Cottages.

### ST JAMES

#### CHURCH NEWS

Concert in St James

There will be a concert of music by Handel for flute, violin and harpsichord in St James Church (IP19 0HL) on Sunday 31 July at 3pm.

Free admission: a collection will be taken in aid of St James Church.

Refreshments after the concert.

We feel very honoured to have such a delightful concert in our church and we hope you'll join us there. Car parking at the village hall (IP19 0HP). We hope to see you at the concert.

Enquiries to Rachel Ritchie 01986 783889

Like so many small charities our church has suffered a drop in income over the last two years. If anyone felt they would like to set up a standing order to help support the church and provide it with a steady income that would be much appreciated. Details from Rachel Ritchie 01986 783889.

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## HALL AND VILLAGE NEWS

The usual activities continue in the Hall – for badminton and table tennis session details, please contact Caroline Rodbourne

The Platinum Jubilee Event held on the 5th June on our Green behind the Village Hall saw a wonderful turnout of around 150 people who enjoyed a hog roast provided by “MR H’s Hog Roast Co.” with all the trimmings, and a wide selection of other food and salads and an array of wonderful desserts, provided by many residents. Throughout the afternoon music was provided by the St James “house band” The Three Amigos and by the Ukulele Band of Suffolk

Later in the afternoon, a special three-tier Jubilee commemorative cake was served and everyone who came was given a St James Jubilee mug to mark the occasion.

The afternoon was a huge success, thanks in no small part to those who donated their time, energy and in some generous cases, money and gifts in kind all helping to make the event not only so enjoyable but very beneficial to the two charities we were supporting – The East Anglian Children’s Hospice and the Suffolk Horse Society. Jane Groom, representing the latter, brought along Florence, her Show Champion Suffolk Punch, who seemed content to be petted for a couple of hours while she munched contentedly on the Green. As well as the well-supported raffle, there was an auction for a carriage ride, pub lunch and afternoon tea, provided by Jane Groom – our thanks to her for that.

Games were provided for children of all ages and the Green well used most of the afternoon for a game of football which seemed to have no end!

The Jubilee Oak, donated by the local district council and which had been planted previously in the site of our intended Village Green, was unveiled followed by the children of St James leading the singing of the Platinum Jubilee Song.



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St James continued...

Our thanks must go to the huge team of volunteers made up from all around the village who came together to organize and make this event such a success and spent many days on getting everything just right. It was no mean feat and also provided a fitting launch for the project to create the St James Village Green. We must also gratefully acknowledge the support provided by the National Lottery Community Fund towards our Jubilee Celebration and the St James Village Green Project.

Look out for details of future events in flyers or the next magazine.

St PETER

Well, at the time of writing, it is finally hot enough to complain about how hot it is. Hopefully it will eventually come to a wet end, and we get some much-needed rain for the garden.

In addition to the moorhens and rabbits described in a previous edition, laying waste to our garden, we now have a resident grass snake. It is often to be found basking on the edge of the pond, until we make each other jump. Any hopes that it would deter other more troublesome wildlife seem wide of the mark, but it did leave me a dead mouse in the pond. With a bit of luck it will deal with the squirrels laying waste to our squirrel proof bird feeders.

A new addition to the wildlife landscape in St Peter are Red Kites who have been putting in an occasional guest appearance.

The bric a brac and plant sale was a great success again this year. £440 was raised which has been split between the church and fundraising for a village defibrillator. Some stock was left over so if anyone is running a stall for their village or charity Pamala may be able to help. Please make contact.

The 49 club in June was won by Mark K and in July by Tim Bonnett. Numbers are still available from Pamala if you would like to take part, proceeds to the church.

Speaking of the church, it is now sporting a brand new lightening conductor. This will come as a relief to those rostered this summer to stand on top of the church with a fishing rod.

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St Peter continued...

So as we come to what looks like the hottest time of the year we should all do all we can to keep cool. After years of research, I suggest ice cream, although it is an error to assume that ice cream can only be consumed in hot weather. Stay safe.

## SOUTH ELMHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Thursday 28th July - 7.30pm - 'Windows to the outside world' by Edward Martin

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## Summer Again!

At last summer's here, the days are so long,  
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Lawnmowers and trimmers are all out in force,  
Housework's neglected, we're outside of course,  
It's the best smell ever...freshly cut grass,  
No time to sit indoors, I must get off my .....

What an exciting few weeks we've just had,  
So many events, it's been a bit mad,  
Fêtes, flypasts, The Queens Jubilee,  
Sitting outside drinking afternoon tea,  
Watching the games...adults three legged race,  
Chaos ensued, yes, I mean you Trace!

Now that we're allowed to go out anywhere  
I've even found Beccles, I forgot it was there,  
All those big shops, I even found Lidl  
What a shop that is. Those aisles down the middle!  
Things you didn't realise you needed so badly,  
So cheap and enticing, I buy them all gladly,  
The money I saved was very soon spent,  
On those things in the middle, that's where it went.

I seem to have caused amusement by my brush with the law,  
It was really quite scary, I've never been cautioned before!  
I hope you all learn from my very expensive mistake,  
And keep a close eye on your paperwork for goodness sake.

Sally (HOMERSFIELDS PAM AYES)

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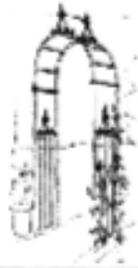
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