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EDITORIAL

It's not just the weather that's in a muddle, it's the politicians as well. I know it's coming to the Festive time of the year, but do they really need to play musical chairs. Apart from the serious of the situation, asking 'who is the present Prime Minister' as a Quiz question, is a minefield on its own. At least Santa is always the same. MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The Grouped Parish Council of Flixton, St Cross and St Margaret South Elmham met at Batemans Barn, St Cross on 12th September at 7.30p.m. St Cross councillors were still waiting for stakes to complete the fencing of the Minster Play area. The insurance quote was discussed and accepted, as it was the same figure as the previous year.

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The proposed foot crossing of the B1062 discussed in the light of the £4246 cost, put forward by Suffolk highways, other funding is being pursued. UK POWER were still working in St Margaret S.E.

Next meeting 8th November, Flixton Village Hall 7.30pm

MOLE

Congratulations to Brenda Hadingham reaching 90 years of age (see front cover), a lunch was held on this august occasion with instead of presents, donations totalling £270 were given to the Pear Tree Centre in Halesworth. Poet Sally Remblance celebrated her 70th birthday with a fancy dress party, people came from far and wide including son Daniel and family from Australia. Even Tina Turner, the Blues Brothers, Super Mario and several I haven't a clue who they were, not sure whether Sally had either. Donations for Breast Cancer from this event totalled £214. Down at Homersfield, according to reports, one Wednesday night residents saw, and this was also recorded on security cameras, some strange goings on, when a car with blacked out windows drew up. 2 people got out, put the seats flat and got back in. Presently the car was seen gyrating on its suspension. A litter pick in St Margarets and surrounding area resulted in several bags of rubbish including 2 who were filled and then dumped, why oh why can't they put them in a dustbin! The first of the Autumns Quizzes at St Margaret S.E was as usual a close contest as well as full venue. The winners were Something Original, with Antigrowth in second and a triple tie for third place. 60 trees supplied by the Woodland Trust were planted by a crew of volunteers under the guidance of Daniel Johnson in St Margaret S.E. Floral arranger extraordinaire Jenni Baker, having missed out on decorating Westminster Abbey earlier due to the bereavement in the Royal Family, is preparing to do an 8 foot pedestal in Westminster Abbey for the Christmas Carol service.

FROM THE TRACTOR CAB

The effects of Avian flu are probably yet to be seen, but as this is now endemic in the wild bird population, the outlook is a bit bleak, apparently some birds are more susceptible than others. There appear to be several deer about of all varieties. Insects are still flying despite it being mid-November, the temperature is still high.

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From the tractor cab continued...

Wasps are in great abundance although come the spring only the Queen should survive. Bees on the other hand slow down, although on a warm day they may venture out on a forage, otherwise they guard the hive and regulate the temperature.



SANTA'S TRIP

Santa and Ronnie will be coming through St Margaret South Elmham on Thursday December 22 at 6.00pm

St MARGARET S.E DIARY events at the VILLAGE HALL unless stated

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|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 18th November | Quiz Refreshments, 7.30 pm, Bring your own drink, raffle. £6 a head, BOOKING 07974126902 |
| 3-4th December | Christmas Tree festival St Margaret Church |
| 11th December | Christmas lunch 12.00 – 12.30pm
£12 BOOKING only 07974126902 |
| 22th December | SANTA VISITS, ST Margarets S.E on his sleigh
6.00pm |
| 30th December | CHRISTMAS PARTY Bring your own drink
7.00pm |
| 13th January | Race Night 6.30pm Bring your own drink,
refreshments, £6 |
| 10th February | QUIZ NIGHT 7.30pm, Refreshments,
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ST MARGARET CHRISTMAS PARTY

You don't get much for nothing nowadays, but St Margaret South Elmham is hosting a free Christmas Party on Friday December the 30th at the village hall. Better still, local band the BLUE PLATE SPECIALS will be hosting the event and local soul band FRANK & THE BEANS will be making their first public appearance. To top it off we have a special guest, MARK FLANAGAN, who you can also catch the night after on Jools Holland's Hootenanny, on BBC 2. It's a bring your own booze event, and the ever popular Robert Earl will be offering his fine food in the car park. The whole thing kicks off at 7.00pm. It will be a night to remember. Hope to see you all there.



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ST MARGARET SOUTH ELMHAM ELECTRICITY

Over the last few years the supply has improved tremendously, we are now linked into a loop where before it was just a spur line, with many power cuts. Now the final wires are being spliced and not only do we have 3 phase power, but much is underground. Much of the improvement is thanks to Valerie Smith, thank you.

South Elmham & District Local History Group

Next meeting Thursday 24th November at St Margaret South Elmham Village Hall 7.30pm.

‘Anglo-Saxon Rendlesham and the origins of the East Anglian Kingdom’ by Tom Williamson

Everyone is most welcome, you do not have to be a member to attend. £3 on the door, £1 members, including refreshments.

ST JAMES

CHURCH NEWS

The St James Carol service will be held on Sunday 18th December at 6pm. Details to follow. Come and join us for traditional carols and readings. If anyone is able to spare a half hour here or there to help clean the church that would be greatly appreciated. Contact Rachel via email rachelritchie1@gmail.com if you would like to.

HALL AND VILLAGE NEWS

The usual activities continue in the Hall – for badminton and table tennis session details, please contact Caroline Rodbourne on 01986 782545.

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



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WELCOMES

We've had a little flurry of change in our village population, so we extend 'welcomes' to:

- Robert and Kate at Sarenchel Cottage. They also bring Bing and Nige, the ponies.
 - Stephen, George and family at Church Cottage.
- Maggie has moved, (but not far!) and we wish her well in her new home.

WINTER HARDSHIP

We are all aware that for multiple and it seems multiplying reasons, the coming months will be hard for all, but for some the challenge of buying food and paying bills will pose severe problems.

East Suffolk Council has provided phone numbers and email addresses directing anyone who needs it to sources of help. The poster is displayed on the notice board by the Telephone Box.

Further information on sources of support is available in the 'Food for All' box in the Telephone Box. Please feel free to use or donate food items. Non-perishable items only.

ST CROSS CHARITABLE FUNDS

Our Parish Council has some charitable funds which were originally established to support any resident in hardship.

Anyone who needs support can talk to a Parish Councillor (details below).

All contacts are dealt with in strictest confidence.

Libby French Mullen Ph: 07597300112

John Sanderson Ph: 07958793298

Ian Noakes Ph: 01986 782292

CAN YOU HELP WITH ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST CROSS?

Is there anyone who has a love for St George's Church who might be willing to help? We are in need of a couple more people to join the Parochial Church Council, including a Churchwarden.

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It is likely that without anyone coming forward St George's will apply to become a 'Festival' Church. This means that there would not be regular services but it could still be used for special services such as a wedding, christening or a funeral and, if there were people to help, could hold a Christmas, Harvest, Easter or similar service.

The church is in a very good state of repair and thanks are due to those who have given funds and their time to make it so.

St George's, St Cross, Parochial Church Council

ST PETER

Winter is coming but no one seems to have told the weather. We have gone from hot and dry to warm and wet. I'm sure that cold (dry and wet) can only be just around the corner. For the time being though things flora and fauna are getting confused into thinking it is spring, with quite a few plants coming back into flower.

Some sad news recently that Ivy Parsons has died. Ivy came from Flixton but was a great supporter of St Peter's church, being involved in worship and fundraising here. Our condolences to her family.

The 49 club, in aid of the church was won in October by your correspondent and in November by Greta Parsons. Numbers are still available from Pamela if you would like to help the church by taking part.

One of the laws of physics was played out in the village recently. This is whenever a new pole appears beside the road, it will promptly be knocked over.

Christmas is coming and there will be a Carol service at the church on Thursday 22nd December at 6pm. All are welcome and hopefully you will be able to come along. Touch wood this is the first year for a while when we don't have the prospect of having some sort of worry about restrictions on meeting over Christmas. So, as I come to the end of another year as your correspondent, it just leaves me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Church Services

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20/11/22	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	10.00am 4.00pm	Ilk St John Homersfield
27/11/22	Holy Communion Advent carols	10.00am 6.00pm	St James All Saints
04/12/22	Holy Communion Tree Decorating	10.00am 4.00pm	St Peter Ilk St Margaret

3rd / 4th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ST MARGARET S.E

11/12/22	Holy Communion Carols	10.00am 4.00pm	Flixton St John
18/12/22	Holy Communion Carols	10.00am 6.00pm	Homersfield St James
25/12/22	Christmas Day Holy Communion	10.00am	St Margaret S.E
01/01/23	Holy Communion	10.00am	St Peter



New church gates at St James

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL St Margaret S.E

Following the success of last years, it was decided to hold another one on DECEMBER 3rd-4th. If you or your organisation would like to take part.

Tel Sue 01986782244

CAROL SERVICES

27th November	All Saints, advent carols	6.00pm
11th December	St Johns, carols	4.00pm
15th December	St Michaels, carols	6.00pm
17th December	Church Farm, St Nicholas	3.30pm
	Crib Service with live animals	
18th December	St James, carols	6.00pm
21st December	St Margaret S.E, carols	6.00pm, Refreshments
22nd December	St Peter, Carol	6.00pm
23rd December	Homersfield, carols	6.00pm
24th December	Flixton, crib service	5.00pm
24th December	St James, Midnight Mass	



FLIXTON

THE BUCK

It seems that live band nights may well see their return to the Buck. For many years the pub was very well known for these events and recent success looks to be promising.

Coming up toward Christmas, look out for their Christmas wreath and garland making sessions. While away a couple of hours making your own fun decoration as you enjoy refreshments. I'm interested to see results after a couple of bottles of "falling over water".

They're also planning a New Year's Eve event, so watch the notice boards and lookout on their Facebook page for updates.

FLIXTON'S RACE TRACK

Well I know Terry and his volunteers have been out doing their bit to try and reduce the number of "speeders" driving through our village. While they are visible, there is a clear, positive effect, although I think it'll take some considerable effort and time before sustained change happens. I've also been out checking and speeds of 50 plus are not unusual during "rat run" times. I've even clocked a complete idiot in his green Land Rover, towing a trailer at nearly 60 while he looked to his right at the pub and chatted with his passenger. It became clear that the Land Rover had control... and he didn't. Over the past 30 years much effort has been made in attempts at calming the traffic in Flixton, including the VAS flashing speed signs. The problem is, without clear, visible sanctions nothing has been achieved, nor will it be.

CHRIS'S GARDEN PARTY

Chris had her target. Getting to £1,000 again would have been a great achievement. Below are Chris's words.

Saturday morning, 17th September arrived ready for our Macmillan Coffee "mid morning" and what a turn out. The weather was lovely, friends from Essex and neighbours, Kate and James, helped with putting chairs, tables and bunting around the garden. We had a tombola table, a raffle plus an auction with luxury prizes and lots of cakes made with love... Tash always makes lovely cakes for auction and she came up trumps again.

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Flixton continued...

Tash and Sharon were on Tea and Coffee duty and Sara was making sure that there enough clean cups, saucers and plates. A huge thank you to them all and also to Kate and Sue who manned the entrance, selling tickets and taking the entrance fees. It was a lovely day and a huge thankyou to all who helped and all who attended but also to those who couldn't attend but gave donations... thank you, thank you. You all helped raise £1365, never did I expect that amount, as we are all tightening our belts.

A big thank you goes to The Buck Inn, Fenn Brewery, Three Willows Garden Centre, The Original Factory Shop, The Fleece Inn, The Co-op, Pepperell Meats, Whiskers Pet Shop, Taste of Raj and The Grooming Parlour. This year we started with the "10,000 steps a day" and raised £750. In June Sara and myself did Race For Life and raised £450. So, altogether you have helped raise £2650 for charity.

Well done everyone. Thank you.

So, the above are Chris's words and throughout she writes about; we, her friends and those who attended and gave. Maybe it's a lesson to us all that Chris rarely mentions herself. Whatever any of us did would not have happened without Chris's determination and efforts to deliver such a great result in such a pleasurable way. Well done Chris.

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

Pete Madder-Smith

DOROTHY WYBURN

October 4th saw a very large number of people gather together at St Mary's church to celebrate the life of Dorothy Wyburn, who had lived in Flixton for more than 40 years before downsizing to Bungay. However, she still remained a faithful member of St Mary's Church as PCC member and organist, before going on to become a Lay Reader in the Benefice. But this was only one aspect of her very busy life as she was also involved in the Choral Society, Flower Club and many other interests. Her greatest love and joy was her family and all the grandchildren and she was at her happiest when they could meet and share together. A stroke sadly curtailed most of these activities and she spent her final years at Squirrel Lodge at Lowestoft.

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Many of us will fondly remember meeting up for her 90th Birthday where she shed so many tears of joy at seeing us all together again and where her family put together an amazing musical tribute to her life and love. Such was Dorothy's strong & living faith that she chose all the hymns, music and readings for her funeral which reflected that love. And it was in love that she was gently laid to rest with her beloved husband Jim. Her chosen reading from Corinthians remind us that there are three great gifts; Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is love.

100 Club

Oct

1st	David Mann	74
2nd	Julie Hinsley	50
3rd	Brian Johnson	92



ST MARY'S CHURCH, HOMERSFIELD

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our Christmas Carol Service is on Friday 23rd December 2022 at 6pm. Do come along and enjoy singing whether in tune or not. Prior to that we have a Communion service on Sunday 18th December 2022, beginning at 10.00am. All are welcome.

APPLE STALL AT MILL COTTAGE

Thank you to everyone who took apples in exchange for a donation and to the kind lady who brought us extra apples. £83.74 was raised.

BRIC-A-BRAC AND BOOKS

If you are having a New Year clear out, then please donate bric-a-brac and books to St Mary's for our ongoing sale in the Church porch. Items can be left with Sally at 9 Glebe Cottages, Homersfield or Lucy at Mill Cottage, Homersfield or Jo at 46 Low Road, Wortwell. Don't forget to pop into the church and have a browse.



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St Mary's, Homersfield – Parochial Church Council

HARLESTON & DISTRICT U3A wishes all our followers a very happy Christmas, and a healthy and peaceful new year. We'll be resuming our monthly talks on Wednesday 18 January at 2.00 pm, in St John's Church, Harleston (speaker tbc) and look forward to seeing you then. If you're not already a u3a member, do think about making it a new year resolution to join us and reap the many benefits we have to offer, for a membership fee of just £14 pa! For further information please visit our website: u3asites.org.uk/harleston or by contacting Kim Poulton on 01986 788149.

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Christmas is Coming

It seems that summer has only just passed,
And now Christmas is approaching much too fast,
The Christmas lights will be twinkling before long,
The supermarkets will be competing for the best festive song,
It's a rush and a panic to get all the supplies,
The cards, food, presents and of course the mince pies.
As we say in Suffolk "winter drawers on",
Mine are firmly in place until the cold weather's gone.

I hear that strange people have been seen in St. James,
All dressed in costumes and with very famous names,
Adam Ant, Prince and Beetlejuice to name but a few,
The Blues Brothers, Super Mario and Luigi were there too,
While the boys from Top Gun flew in from somewhere
Strutting her stuff...Tina Turner was there, Ra ra skirts and shell suits
filled the hall,
What a party that was! Thank you all.

Sally (Homersfields Pam Ayes)



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What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense?

Wait, there's myrrh.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite.

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

Claus-trophobia!

What do you call Santa when he stops moving? Santa Pause.

What do snowmen eat for dessert?

Ice crispies.

How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit?

Nurse them back to elf.

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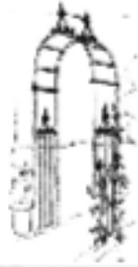
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