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SOUTH ELMHAM COMMUNITY NEWS

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**ST MARGARET S.E Resident celebrates 100 year
Birthday**

ST JAMES SPECIAL CONCERT JULY 28

HOMERSFIELD FETE BLACK SWAN AUGUST 3rd

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Well that's another election done. The number who use their vote is not very high, sadly many people have suffered imprisonment and death to enable us to have a democratic vote. It might be a bit of a pain to register, but nothing to what our predecessors had to go through. Use it

GPC

The GPC met at Flixton Village hall for its AGM on May 14th at 7.30pm. Chair, Phillip Kidner re-elected, Vice Chair, John Sanderson, and Ken Warnes re-elected at this AGM. Approval of Governance was carried out and the appropriate form filled in. The GPC proposed P. Kidner and G. Hammond to be on the St Margaret S.E Village Hall committee, this was passed. The Flixton defibrillator had been taken but not used, unfortunately a part has been lost. Cllr Johnson volunteered to paint the 3 ex phone boxes, with paint supplied from a Development fund, also repairs to Flixton bus shelter is using money from the same source. Flixton Dyke and St Felix rise were also discussed.

Next Meeting St Margaret South Elmham Village Hall July 10th at 7.30pm

MOLE

Congratulations to St Margaret resident Alfred Waldren on celebrating his 100th birthday. Up at St Cross Ann and David Hill celebrated another significant Wedding anniversary, and Up at Wide Open Wednesday Jenni and David Baker have just celebrated their 48th Wedding Anniversary. At All Saints 'Trucker' Dave Lee became chef at a 'get together for D- Day' at the bus shelter. At St Margaret S.E Chris Sadler has had another go at the undergrowth, and was disappointed not to find another caravan but plenty of room, it's just up to sister Claire to keep it that way. Meanwhile son Alex has passed his driving test, well done. Sadly former St Peter resident and advertiser in this magazine James Montagu has passed away. James used to play cricket and badminton at St Margaret, as well as sponsor the Flower and Produce Show, at which a silence was held in his memory, sympathies to the family.

FROM THE TRACTOR SEAT

The weather continues to be unseasonal, heavy rainfall and cold with it. Which if you are a bee life is hard as they don't operate in wet or cold conditions, it going to be a short season for them, Some birds have managed to have a second brood.. Soon the Swift or Devil bird so called because of their screaming will be making the return flight to Africa,

while the swallow will be about a month later. That small deer the munjac has been barking ,trying to attract a mate , if you hear barking during the day then it is likely it's a munjac. ,great opportunists will eat almost any thing especially if its in your garden they will push through hedges or fences. They are also equipped with a nasty set of sharp tusks so be careful if you come across a wounded or traffic casualty Soon the combines will be rolling and the countryside will change like turning a blanket from waving crops to stubble . .It will be another farming year over ,and all start again.

ST MARGARET SOUTH ELMHAM VILLAGE HALL

Much activity has been going on at the village hall as the hall gets a make over . A complete pressure washing thanks to David Pipe for the loan of his pressure washer. Much scaping, filling, and painting ,on the exterior walls has been done ,although anyone wants to help is very welcome. Dean has added some circulating vents , and Peter Copeland has the grass and hedge back under control.

Join in 'Ride and Stride' 2024 to support historic churches in Suffolk

On: Saturday 14th September 2024 9am - 5 pm

Aim: is to raise money for our beautiful St Margaret's Church and other Suffolk historic churches by getting sponsorship to visit as many local churches as you can during the day. You can cycle, walk, run or even drive these days between the churches which will all be open and welcoming visitors. Most offer refreshments. It's a fun and sociable day out.

To take part you need to:

- * **Contact Sue Glazer 01986 783973** for a sponsorship form or pick one up at the church on the day.
- * Ask your friends and neighbours to sponsor you. Contributions of any amount are welcomed. Invite friends, family and neighbours to join you on the ride or walk
- * Plan your route around local churches according to the time and transport you have. There's no minimum or maximum number. Maybe go to villages you haven't visited before.
- * On Sat 14th enjoy exploring the lovely churches - in the sunshine we hope! Get your sponsorship form signed at each church you visit.
- * Afterwards collect the sponsorship money or make your own donation and return to Sue Glazer Old Post Office St Margaret's South Elmham. Half the money you collect will go direct to your nominated local church

and the other half to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. All local churches can apply to the Trust for grants.

* Tell your friends how much you enjoyed it and encourage them to join you next year!

ST MARGARET S.E DIARY 2024

Sat July 20 Village BBQ on the Green 6pm

Sun August 25 Garden Party Redhouse Farm 2.30-5pm Teas, refreshments

Sun September 22 Harvest Lunch St Margaret S.E Village Hall 12.30
BRING YOUR OWN DRINK

Sat OCT HALLOWEEN Party To Be arranged

Fri Nov 15 BINGO Village hall 7.30pm

Sat Nov30 Christmas Tree festival Church

Sun Dec1 Christmas Tree festival Church

Sun Dec 8 Christmas lunch

GARDEN PARTY RED HOUSE FARM IP20 0PJ

SUNDAY AUGUST 25 . 2.30-5pm Come and enjoy an afternoon ,have a chat and enjoy the home cooked delights on offer, 60 yards from St Margaret church

COUNTRYSIDE EVENING

The weather cleared , the delicious scents of onions and bacon drifted across the Beck with the odd wiff of tractor diesel . That's means the Countryside Evening is on ,despite the forecast and what had been terrible weather causing the cancellation of the CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW . Tractors , Gundogs , Antique Roadshow and local celebrity Robert Tilney , Sallys Flowers ,Ben Loughrill's wood, and new this year Oliver's militaria and the friendly ferrets , all fuelled by the mobile quality cuisine of Robert Earl. Cake stall , raffle, and hampers were all available and over 100 people and pets came to enjoy and have a yarn. Donations and raffle amounted to £486 for St Margarets Church.

FLIXTON & DISTRICT FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

Its amazing what produce and plants people can produce even in these chilly wet conditions. The standard was high ,with I believe a record for photograph entries especially of clouds. There were no shortage of sponges ,biscuits ,scones, sausage rolls and flapjacks. This gave the judges a challenge . Thank you to all who came and entered ,this show

has been going since 1936, The competition for the Wainford cup for home produce resulted in a 3 way tie. Thank you to Jenni Baker the shows organiser ,as there is much behind the scenes as well as in front work, also to the ever smiling Sally Remblance in charge of finances.

NEWS FROM ST JAMES – July 2024

CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday, **28th July, at 2.30pm** there will be a concert of Early Music played on a range of historic instruments, using the magic of modern live-looping technology.

Lizzie will be bringing to St James the expertise she has gained as resident at the Globe Theatre in London and has played for major events at Hampton Court, as well as the Tower of London. This will be a special experience, not to missed. The church will be decorated and there will be refreshments on offer.

Tickets £10 and bookable with Jane on 01986 782413 or at the door.

HALL AND VILLAGE NEWS

We were saddened to hear of the passing on the 5th May, of Pansy Duncan, neé Thurston- Woolnough. Pansy lived in St James for most of her life, other than a spell in Thetford, and was part of a wider family which has been here for very many years. Born in 1939, Pansy was able to recount her memories of the airfield and the Americans she saw as a young child when the village held a VJ Day memorial celebration some years ago. She recorded wonderful anecdotes of her memories of a war-time childhood. Pansy passed away peacefully after a long illness and was surrounded by her close family.

You will have seen in the last Community News that work was being carried out on the Hall's storage shed and this has now been completed

by our stalwart team of volunteers. Our thanks to them for their splendid efforts, not always in the best of weather!

A reminder to join the village WhatsApp group, if you would like to be kept up to date with what's going on, need to ask for help or to offer help to others. Contact Ruth Jewson on 07765 790214 .

FUTURE EVENTS

You should now have had a flyer through your door with information about the forthcoming **SUMMER LUNCH**. This will be held on SUNDAY, 4th AUGUST on the Green, behind the Hall.

START TIME 12.30 for 1PM. £8 for adults, £4 for 11-15s and under 10s free.

TRADITIONAL FAMILY GAMES for children and adults , as well as a RAFFLE.

HELP needed. We always need volunteers to help erect tents, carry out crockery, food etc.

In fact all help gratefully received on or before the day. Please contact Caroline (782545) or Lynda (782582) to offer help.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL Please contact the above numbers to book by 30th July.

In the autumn, we will be returning to our **QUIZ NIGHT** which was popular for many years pre-Covid. We hope to hold this on the 25th or 26th October. Details to follow later.

A reminder of our first-class sporting facilities in the Hall. As well as Badminton and Table Tennis sessions, there are Pilates classes and equipment for other sports, such as Pickleball and Softball. If you would like information on any of the above sports, please contact Caroline on 782545.

Flixton News

Village Meeting

On the 16th May the second village meeting was held at the Buck . Lin

Smith thanked everyone who had decided to get more involved in improving the village . There is currently one resident trained to cover Community Support Group work with a further 3 awaiting training . Latest update is that getting suitable availability dates seem to be delaying further training .

Options for improvement work were discussed and further proposals for these works will come out to those who have offered to help .

Hedge/shrub work in Church Rd and also the junction of Church Road and The Street were identified plus the clearance of The Street's pavement . Most of this work has now been completed , although tidying up the area around and behind the old telephone kiosk may be another task to consider at the next Village Meeting .

Regarding flooding , there had been another inspection in Abbey Road , near the farmhouse and it may well be that there is a mix of problems with the moat being overgrown but also that its banks toward the roadside field may have eroded , allowing excess water to overspill along the concrete track and down into Abbey Road . We just need to make contact with the landowner , have a good look and set up a working party to try and improve things .

The Aviation Museum was discussed , including possible planned works/proposals but nothing could be confirmed without real knowledge of those plans or without a Museum representative . A watching brief is all that can happen for now . The negative affect of the 2023 East Coast Pirates car club approach was also reviewed . Recent events gave an indication of more consideration being applied by the Museum toward the Buck , so it's hoped that this is a sign of improved relations .

The Street Dyke

The dyke along The Street is well overgrown and there is some concern that the vegetation will eventually collapse into the stream , raising the height of the river bed . Latest feedback is that the Environment Agency intend clearing the dyke this coming Autumn .

The Buck

Events at the pub for the near future are Steven Treadaway , clairvoyant on the 25th July and a beer festival with live music and outside catering

on 26th and 27th July . So , it's spirits on Thursday , beer on Friday and Saturday ! Sunday carveries are still very popular .

Any feedback or news contact **Pete Madder-Smith 01986 896828**

St Cross News

Flood Management

Work has been completed to reduce the flooding on the corner by The Blacksmith's Workshop. The road was closed for a short time whilst the ditch was dug out and the drain jet washed. This should ensure that the significant flooding across the road on the corner should no longer occur. In this summer of almost constant rain, it's effectiveness is already being tested!

Wayward shrubbery!

Continuing with the very same corner.....

During our windy and rainy spring, a large shrub blew forward across the road blocking half of the carriageway. A couple of us individually inspected and tried to push it back off the road to no avail. Along came Julian with a couple of garden canes and some garden twine and a positive outlook! Two 'mature' ladies (yours truly and Kate Banbury) walked their ponies past and muttered to each other 'That will never work!'. Well, they had to eat their words as Julian did it and managed to tie the shrub back and clear the road. Well done, and thank you Julian. And 'oh ye of little faith' to those pony walkers!!!

Open Garden at Squires Barn

Despite some rain in the morning, Ann and Stephen Mulligan opened their wonderful garden for charity on Sunday 30th June. Because of the rain visitor numbers were slightly down early on, but with the arrival of drier weather and the excellent music from the Creme Anglaise brass Band at midday the numbers soon increased. Visitors were able to wander at leisure round the garden, showing interest in the varied crops both in the greenhouse and the raised vegetable beds, the range of fruit in the orchard, as well as the island beds of mixed planting, the wild flower mound and the ponds. Carefully sited seating means that there was plenty of opportunity to sit and relax and admire the garden from different positions. A new feature this year was the colourful rockery planted alongside the lily pond. Guests were treated to a wide range of excellent cakes alongside their hot drinks, with many opting to take advantage of the take away service available for additional cake at

home. Plants raised from cuttings and seed were also available for sale with local crafts and art work also on show and for sale. The garden is opened as part of the National Garden Scheme and raised some £1050.00, with all funding from across the country supporting Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support and Parkinson's UK amongst a number of national and local charities. Ann and Stephen would particularly like to thank their village neighbours who support them on this day and ensure everything runs smoothly through looking after the car park, selling plants, making cake and running the cafe as well as ensuring that land for parking is available.

ST PETER

James Montagu

We were all shocked and saddened to hear of the death of James on 1st July following a short illness aged 62. James had lived in St Peter for almost 20 years before moving out a little over a year ago. He will be fondly remembered. Our thoughts and best wishes go to Sonia and Henry at this difficult time.

The annual bric a brac and plant sale went very well despite the dismal weather on the day. A total of £829.60 was raised towards church funds. Well done to Pamela for organising and thanks to all who donated items or helped.

The 49 club was won in June by Gail Sprake and in July by Ali. Numbers are still available if you would like to take part. Proceeds to the church.

Our annual Boules tournament will be taking place at Ilketshall St Andrew Village Hall on 21st July. This is a fun competition for all ages and abilities. We have booked good weather. There is still room for a few teams so if you have been putting off entering now is the time. You will need to get your skates on though as entries close on 14th July and there are no entries on the day. For further information call Tim on 07768061228

It is interesting to see the way wildlife has been changing over the years. 30 years ago seeing a bird of prey, save for the occasional kestrel, was a rare event. A few weeks ago, on one of the rare decent days, I was watching a bio crop being harvest near my house. Also watching were 7 buzzards, a red kite, 2 sparrowhawks and a kestrel, who were waiting to see what emerged from the crop. It was very

impressive to see these birds hunting up close. With the rise of predators though there is always a trade off and I haven't seen a barn owl in St Peter for several years.

Here's hoping that we do actually get something approaching some good weather between now and the next edition in September.

Mysteries of Life

When you empty the dish water out
Why is there ALWAYS a teaspoon loitering about?
Why don't sheep shrink, standing all day in the rain?
Wash a wool jumper and it won't fit you again.
Why don't psychics do the lottery and succeed?
If I had their gift, I would indeed.
Why do Chelsea Tractors, so shiny and clean
Travel around like an entitled limousine?
Supposedly 4 x4, for rough terrains,
Sailing grandly around our little roads and lanes,
They seem to have a fear of getting near the edge,
So little cars like mine have to dive into the hedge!
and wood for weeks. It must soon be time for him to leave and head
back to Africa. It's lovely to hear the swifts screaming around the houses
and watch the swallows skimming over the cornfields. A tawny owl and
owlet have been spotted in the wood recently, also a few glow worms
(but it does mean walking around in the dark!).

Sally Remblance (HOMERSFIELD'S PAM AYES)

HOMERSFIELD

After a rather wet spell most of the birds have fledged and the Cuckoo has been heard around the village and wood for weeks. It must soon be time for him to leave and head back to Africa. It's lovely to hear the swifts screaming around the houses and watch the swallows skimming over the cornfields. A tawny owl and owlet have been spotted in the wood recently, also a few glow worms (but it does mean walking around in the dark!).

Homersfield Parish Council warmly invites community members to contribute displays for our local phone box. We welcome displays showcasing charities, organisations you are involved with, hobbies, crafts or any aspects of local interest or history. Please email your requests to homersfieldparishcouncil@gmail.com. all submissions will

require approval and all will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

The next wood tidying date is 28th September. Volunteers meeting at the bench in the wood at 10oclock. It would be lovely to see you.

There will be a meeting at The Black Swan with Mark (our tree warden) for any volunteers who are interested in helping keep our wood as lovely a place for flora and fauna to thrive and for people to enjoy too.

We look forward to seeing everyone at The Black Swan on 3rd August at The Grand Fete raising money for Nelsons Journey.

We will be holding our 'Love Your Church and Churchyard' day on Saturday 14th September 10-3. This coincides with The Suffolk Churches Trust Ride and Stride day. It would be nice to welcome any volunteers to help with cleaning and tidying the church and churchyard. Refreshments will be provided.

Well, I hope that wasn't too much information in one go, it certainly took a long time to type it!

Harleston Choral Society – Singing workshop

We will, once again, be holding our two-day singing workshop. This will be on 17th and 18th August, for members and non-members, in St James Village Hall IP19 OPH. There will be four half-day 'pick and mix' sessions, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, £5.00 per session. You can bring your own lunch, or buy soup and a roll for £5.00.

Saturday

10.00 am – 11.00 am: reading music - the basics

Tea break

11.30 am – 12.30 pm: performance studies and Latin pronunciation in singing

Lunch

13.30 – 14.30 breathing techniques and warming up, using music from Carl Orff *Carmina Burana*

Tea break

15.00 – 16.00 continue with *Carmina Burana*

Sunday

10.00 am – 11.00 am come and sing session: warm up and work on Sanctus from Haydn *Missa Sancti Nicolai*

Tea break

11.30 am – 12.30 continue with Haydn

Lunch

13.30 – 14.30 come and sing session: *Ding Dong Merrily on High*

Tea break

15.00 – 15.45 continue with *Ding Dong*

15.45 – 16.00 run the numbers from the weekend

Please book by phoning Amanda on 07951 562167, or emailing at amanda.fletcher111@gmail.com giving your name, phone number and/or email. Could you also please let us know which sessions you would like to attend and if you would like to buy lunch.

LOCAL HISTORY DAY RUMBURGH VILLAGE HALL Local

History Day focusing on Rumburgh and All Saints and St. Nicholas South Elmham and surrounding villages

The day was held on Saturday 8 June 2024 at Rumburgh and St. Michael Village Hall. Advertising for the day started in late 2023 when the Rumburgh Village Hall was booked. The call was out for historical contributions to display on the day and to share with those visiting. In the months preceding, the advertising increased with posters appearing on notice boards and Face Book Groups. People were talking about it in the villages and towns, it was going to be a big day.

What a day it was! There was so much material to look at and so many great photos. We had sixteen tables with their displays on various elements of our local history including, The Rumburgh Buck, The South Elmham and District Local History Group, The Rumburgh and St. Lawrence Women's Institute, Old Golly Molly, The Clarke Family history and Caroline Cardwell's interesting selection of historical items and maps. It was a great way for the villagers of our area to come together and for some people a chance to meet up with old school friends and neighbours that they had not seen in many years. It was a day of family history too with people who had contacted me in advance of the day with their research documents.

Thank you so much to all of you that helped and supported the day. Thanks to those of you that set up the displays, served the refreshments and contributed with all your marvellous documents, photographs and artefacts.

We met so many interesting people and we all had such fun sharing our memories of Rumburgh and The Saints Villages.

At one point the hall was packed out, only getting quieter when people left to have lunch. Thank you to Christine Wilson who supported me from the word go last year with the idea of the history day. Thank you to Tim Clarke for his brilliant talk about The Rumburgh Coach Builders and Blacksmiths.

Thank you to Geoffrey Robinson from the Suffolk Local History Council for being there to support the day, and Brian Howard from the Halesworth Museum.

There are just too many other people to also thank - those of you that came along and made the day a success!

We managed to raise £200.00 for Rumburgh Church.

I hope that we can another history day in 2026.

If you have any history items to share you can contact me via email at sonia.history.rec@gmail.com

Sonia Kay Collins. Local History Recorder for All Saints and St. Nicholas South Elmham and Rumburgh, registered with The Suffolk Local History Council.

Harleston & District u3a – copy for July 2024 parish magazines etc

Harleston & District u3a invites you to our monthly talk, this time given by Michael Bartlett. Michael started his career as a radio recording engineer, then worked for seventeen years at the BBC, first as a director in Children's Services, where he also wrote for 'Jackanory'; then as a producer in Schools Radio; then as a radio drama producer; and finally he was the editor in charge of all afternoon drama on R4. Later he became Programme Controller of a commercial radio station. He has also written plays for radio, TV and the stage.

Visitors are welcome at our monthly talks, admission is £3.00 including refreshments. Further information about Harleston & District u3a is on our website www.u3asites.org.uk/harleston, or from Kim Poulton on 01986 788149.

Harleston Choral Society copy for July parish magazines etc

After a highly successful Summer Concert on 29 June we're now on our summer break. But we'll still be singing, on 17 and 18 August, when we're holding our second 'Choral Singing for All' workshop, in St James' Village Hall IP19 0HP, led again by Justin Bindley, our Music Director, and Karen Smith, our Accompanist. It will be great experience for everyone, whether a choir member or not. Times and cost per session tbc.

After the summer break and the workshop we'll be returning for more singing on Monday 2 September, the start date of the Autumn Term. Come and join us, especially if you're a potential tenor. We'll be rehearsing Haydn's *Missa Sancti Nicolai* and other Christmas music in preparation for our Christmas Concert on 14 December in St John's Church, Harleston. We've been singing since 2000, we're a friendly community choir, there are no auditions, and music is provided free. Practices are on Monday evenings 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm, in The London Road Church, Harleston IP20 9BH, and parking is available in The Original Factory Shop (TOFS), almost opposite the church.

Further information about the choir is in the Location and Contact and About Us sections of the website, or from Stella Brownsea at heidihouse@btinternet.com

BENIFICE SERVICES REV LEON COLLYER 01986781345

21/7/24 Trinity 8

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

10.00am HC - CW **Ilk St John**

5.00pm EP - CW **Homersfield**

28/7/24 Trinity 9

2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145:10-18, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

10.00am HC - CW **St James**

5.00pm EP - BCP **St Margaret SE**

4/8/24 Trinity 10

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:23-29, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

10.00am HC - CW **Ilk St Margaret**

5.00pm EP - BCP **St Peter**

11/8/24 Trinity 11

1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

10.00am HC - CW **Flixton**

5.00pm EP - BCP **Rumburgh**

18/8/24 Trinity 12

Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalm 34:9-14, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

10.00am HC - CW **Homersfield**

5.00pm EP - BCP **Ilk St John**

25/8/24 Trinity 13

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34:15-22, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

10.00am HC - CW **St Margaret SE**

1/9/24 Trinity 14

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

10.00am HC - BCP **St Peter**

5.00pm EP - BCP **Ilk St Margaret**

8/9/24 Trinity 15

Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146, James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

10.00am HC - BCP **Rumburgh**

5.00pm EP - BCP **Flixton**

15/9/24 Trinity 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 116:1-9, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

10.00am HC - CW **Ilk St John**

5.00pm EP - CW **Homersfield**

22/9/24 Trinity 17

Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54, James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

10.00am HC - CW **St James**

5.00pm EP - CW **St Margaret SE**

29/9/24 Trinity 18 Harvest

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

10.00am HC - CW **St Lawrence**

5.00pm Harvest **St Cross**