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SOUTH ELMHAM COMMUNITY NEWS

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EDITORIAL

Elections ,Coronation how would they have worked eighteen months ago ,with Covid regulations, they wouldn't . We must appreciate the freedom we have to socialise and move about. Not just take it for granted!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL OF BROADBAND SCAMS, THEY ARE WANTING YOU TO CHANGE YOUR BROADBAND SUPPLIER. THEY ARE QUITE INVITING BUT IN EFFECT NOT MUCH GOOD. ONE IS TARGETING THIS AREA AT THIS MOMENT.

GPC

The Grouped parish Council of Flixton , St Cross & St Margaret South Elmham met at Batemans Barn on March 14 .District Cllr Judy Cloke addressed the meeting advising on Food waste and proposed expansion of the AD plant at Ellough. Long serving District Councillor David Ritchie was standing down at the next election, thank you David. The fencing at St Cross has been completed thanks to Countryside Supplies ,David Hill and Dick Brown.

A meeting was planned with the Housing officer regarding garages ,paths and Parking at St Felix Rise.Also discussed was the road clearing of the roadside path to the Buck.The new road sign crossing of the B1062 was expected to start soon. Voter ID for the forthcoming election was also raised ,with concerns about some people being unable to vote. A meeting had been arranged to try to re open the permissive path around the Flixton Lake. There being no new nominations for this council , thus no election was held the present Councillors will continue.

Next Meeting Tuesday MAY 16 AGM FLIXTON VILLAGE HALL

MOLE

Our weather is definity fickle, driest February for years followed by one of the wettest March's and now Its May and we are experiencing thunderstorms. In this time in the village of St Margaret , whilst clearing bushes in a dark garden a discovery was made , there amongst the brambles and the saplings was a Sprite caravan , that was last parked about 15years ago. Not quite worth a Team Team documentary . The Litter Pick was was on a windy day ,making holding on to the rubbish bag more challenging , thank to those who came. Up at St Cross congratulations to David and Ann Hill on celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary,does that warrant another tractor? The Coronation was celebrated at St Margaret S.E with a Bring a plate to share lunch in the Village hall ,60people attended with a vast array and quantity of food ,there were games and the Bernard Duffield Trio provided a musical interlude. Fresh from running the

London Marathon , Sue Glazer cut the brilliantly iced Coronation cake(see front cover).

Sadly St Margaret S.E lost one of its long time residents ,Cordelia Blaxland who died at home as she wanted just, 2 days short of her 90th birthday.Former Church Warden for many years ,and Parish councillor ,hosted numerous village fuctions at her home,including Daffodil days and Cricket festivals for over 30 years . Anyone needing flowers or greenery for an arrangement or display could find something in her garden .



FROM THE TRACTOR CAB

This is a vibrant time of as the trees and bushes come to life ,all of a slightly different green, Birds are nesting some have hatched and the parents are busy trying to feed them. Hares are still 'boxing' as part of their courtship,although you can already come across a tiny ball of hair that would fit in your hand, its probably a leveret (young hare) as they are able to fend for themselves soon after birth. After a thunder storm the other day a pair of Greylag geese landed on the roof of a fairly flat building , I know we had just had heavy rain ,but that is unusual. I watched a mallard duck land on a puddle which is not deep enough for this exercise, and he ended up nearly on his beak. Walking down a hedgerow I was confronted by a hen pheasant advancing towards me with her wings outstretched ,obviously not happy at my presence ,so I retreated she collected her chicks from the grass and departed the scene. This is the year for deadnettle ,rednettle and several other colours ,conditions have suited it and it can be seen on banks, fields path's and roadsides ,with its purple or other colour flowers. Although called a nettle the leaves do not sting, which is thought to have evolved as a defence against predators

St Margaret Diary .Apologies the Flower show and BBQ dates were incorrect in the last issue

June 30 COUNTRYSIDE EVENING Beck Valley 6pm-8pm

July 1 CLASSIC VEHICLE EVENT Beck Valley 10-4pm

July 8 FLOWER & Produce show Village Hall

July 15 BBQ on the Alfie Day Green 6- 10pm

JULY 15/16 Yard sale leaflets to follow

September 24 Harvest Lunch VILLAGE HALL

December 3/4 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Church

December 10 Christmas Lunch 12.00-12.30pm VILLAGE Hall

COUNTRYSIDE EVENING IP20 0PJ St Margaret South Elmham

Beck valley 6-8pm on June 30 ,Gundog display, Antique

Roadshows Robert Tilney, Woodsman Ben Loughrill and his Bespoke tables Waveney Bee keepers, Sally's Flowers and Robert Earl and his mobile Catering.

CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW NEW IP20 0PJ St

Margaret South Elmham

BECK VALLEY JULY 1 10-4pm

Vintage Cars , Motor Bikes , Tractors , BBQ , Bar , Car Boot sale Teas and Cakes To book vehicles or Car boot ring

RODNEY 01986782409

In aid of CHURCH FUNDS

ST MARGARET SOUTH ELMHAM

VILLAGE MEETING

The meeting heard reports from the Chairman of the Grouped Parish , Chairman of the Village hall and Churchwarden . The Neighbour Hood Watch Co ordinator Sue Riseborough invited a volunteer to take on the post of co ordinator , but so far there were no takers.

YARD SALE

A couple of residents of St Margaret South Elmham will be holding 'yard sales' on the weekend of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July, and are hoping other households might like to join in. Look out for leaflets to be delivered to every household in the village about this.

HOMERSFIELD

I want to thanks various local people for making Homersfield look so attractive. Michael, who despite a chest infection, was busy mowing the village green, which gives a great impression to our visitors and residents. The repair, if not total rebuilding, of the bus shelter which was damaged by someone. This work was undertaken by Ian and Lawrie over several days. Then there are the almost daily litter picking people walking and cycling around the parish and beyond. All our unseen volunteers are essential, making the place better for all of us.

The no mow month of May is hard to implement, especially for community spaces.

Sarah

News from St Mary's Church, Homersfield

Coronation Big Lunch

Fabulous weather, food and most importantly company were the order of the day for our village Coronation Big Lunch in the churchyard. Thank you to all those who helped set up, dismantle and baked such delicious goodies. Do have a look at the Coronation plaque on the village sign which the Parish Council organised.

Monthly Walks

Our monthly walks will be on Wednesday 7th June and Wednesday 5th July. We meet in the church car park at 10am and everyone is welcome (including friendly dogs). The pace is steady (not too fast) and there is coffee available in the church afterwards. This is a completely free event.

Bric-a-brac and books appeal

Please think of us if you are having a clear out of books or other items that can be sold on our stall at the Black Swan fete on August 5th. Items can be left with Sally at 9 Glebe Cottages, Homersfield, or Lucy at Mill Cottage, Homersfield or Jo at 46 Low Road, Wortwell at any time before this date. If it helps for us to collect, we can do so. Please contact Sally on 01986 788947.

Date for your diary

Saturday 9th September 2023 is the date of this year's Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride. We take the opportunity of using this day to clean and tidy up our church and churchyard and also sign in and provide refreshments for those people visiting our church on foot or by bike. So maybe you would be able to help us with our cleaning and tidying or maybe you would like to take part in the ride and stride (50% of money raised goes to your nominated church). Do contact Jo Westgate, our churchwarden in either case. Her email is jowestgate2@gmail.com.

Thank you

St Mary's, Homersfield – Parochial Church Council

Spring's Arrived!

What a lovely season, sunshine and showers,
Fresh green leaves and beautiful roadside flowers,
The daffodils have gone now but the bluebells are out,
The bees are a-buzzin', I've seen slowworms about,
The birds are frantically feeding their chicks,
Except Mrs. Cuckoo, who's up to her usual tricks.
Take time to sit outside for a while in the dark,
Hear a hedgehog snuffle, an owl hoot and a muntjac bark,
These are pleasures money cant buy,
Who'd want to live in a city? Definitely not I.

Parties have been held all around
To celebrate King Charles being crowned,
I hope he reigns for many years,
With his beautiful wife and those magnificent ears.

Sally(HOMERSFIELDS PAM AYES)

NEWS FROM FLIXTON

Litter Pick

A good weather day enabled a hardy team of workers , old and young , to carry out another clean up of our village roadside verges . As usual , a fair quantity of car body trim was recovered . Much of it seems to fall off at the bend near the Church Road junction with The Street . It might be beneficial for Nissan to open up a factory somewhere around Plantation Wood .

The positive message is that litter quantities have reduced , although there still seems to be an ongoing problem in Grange Road much of it in the form of plastic cups .

Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting is primarily held for the community to come together and discuss the principle things which have improved and might yet improve the functioning of the village for the benefit of the villagers .

Reflecting on the past year , the road/drain work in Grange Road whilst being disruptive should resolve the road flooding issues which have persisted for many years .

The poultry plant is expanding production but , in order to minimise the negative traffic effect on the village , a regular bus service now takes a majority of workers to and from the plant .

The footpath between Church Road and The Buck pub has been thoroughly cleared by staff from Breadons Gravel Pit . The attendees gave applause to Brian Beales , representing Breadons , for his effort and involvement .

There are ongoing issues regarding misuse of shared space around Saint Felix Rise . This also includes the appropriate authority , District or County , taking responsibility for the general condition and roadside trimming of the nearby copse .

The idea for a pedestrian crossing of the B1062 at the Church Road and The Street junction is still moving ahead , although still at an early stage .

The Community Speed Watch was discussed and whilst the 7

members were managing to generate letters to "speeders" , the problem with unclear and often dirty speed signs doesn't help . There was a good deal of discussion regarding the degradation of these signs over many years of neglect by Suffolk Highways .

"Getting What We Pay For"

During the Annual Parish Meeting the frustration expressed over the dirty road signs in the village , particularly those dealing with speed limits and safety , is quite natural . The view was also expressed that the Parish Councillors then go and keep the signs clean , as they obviously see the signs when they travel to and from the village .

In some degree I might support the view that the Parish Councillors should do more to ensure the signs are clean but the question which demands an answer is , "why doesn't the appropriate local government department responsible for road signs do something about maintaining them" ?

In support of our Parish Councillors , I believe they work hard trying to resolve community issues on behalf of us all . They also take no financial reward , no pay , no expenses , and there doesn't seem to be a stampede of residents wishing to take on their roles or their efforts . But , maybe over time they've become used to "memory jogging" other local government departments to get work carried out . We need to remember that we shouldn't have to go "cap in hand" in order to ensure that other's statutory duties to the community are carried out in an organised and timely manner .

The control of speeding , the dirty and damaged road signs , the recent footpath clearing , the issue over who has responsibility for trimming the copse , ongoing problems in St Felix Rise , the construction of extra parking bays in St Felix Rise , the flooding due to blocked culverts and road drains are all the neglected responsibility of authorities outside our village . Maybe we need to find a way to ensure these responsibilities are focused on .

Buck Pub

If you're a car enthusiast the Buck is worth a visit . Club events have included Mustangs , Morgans , Jaguars , Citroens and Porsches with some superb examples of each marque on show and there are more visits planned with the Mustangs returning in

June . But recently there was a surprise visit from Europe . Pre 1905 cars from Austria , Switzerland , Germany and the Netherlands made a wonderful sight and sound and they are now planning a return , so watch this space .

The April quiz night went down very well and at the same time providing donations for Prostate Cancer Research .

The car boot sale has returned , so an opportunity to maybe link spring cleaning with making a little cash .

Red Mecca is the latest group to have entertained customers and Blue Plate will be there on the 19th May .

So , cars , quizzes , making cash or listening to music , plus having a drink or a meal , the Buck is your closest spot .

Here are the winners for March 100 Club

1st Sandra Hunt 71
2nd Lara Hunt 30
3rd Isla Rice 56

South Elmham & District Local History Group

Our meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at St Margaret SE Village Hall, IP20 0PJ

We are a friendly group and visitors are most welcome to our meetings, you do not have to be a Member to attend, just turn up for the evening. Visitors £3 on the door, Members £1, refreshments included.

Thursday 25th May - 'Suffolk clothiers in the age of Henry VII' by Nicholas Amor

Thursday 29th June - AGM - speaker to be arranged

St PETER



We have some good news to start with this time. We are delighted to announce that St Peter South Elmham now has it's own defibrillator installed in the church porch. We must thank Judy Cloak for giving us a grant from the Suffolk County Council

locality fund and also to St Peters Brewery for giving us a donation. Thanks also to Scott Bennett from SJB Electrical for dealing with the installation of the cabinet. Well done also to the villagers who have been fundraising for some time to make this happen.

We have had a training session at The Hall to learn the finer points of defibrillator use and so we all have a chance of doing something to help. Its one of those things that you hope will never have to be used but it feels better that it is there.

The annual bric a brac stall has been expanded again this year to include a plant sale. It is all happening on Saturday 20th May from 10am to 3pm outside St Peters Cottage, next to the church. Some excellent items have been donated for the bric a brac stall, but more is needed, so clear out those cupboards and see what you can find for Pamala. There will also be many plants for the garden and greenhouse.

The 49 club for April was won by John Awty and in May by Catherine Westgarth. Numbers are still available, please speak with Pamela.

Entries have been flooding in for the 9th running of our popular fun boules tournament which will take place on Sunday 23rd July at Ilketshall St Andrew village hall. There is now space for just 2 team remaining. We are also looking for a couple to make up a team. It is open to all ages and all abilities are welcome. All you need is a team of four to play. The event lasts all day with games played in leagues in the morning and in the afternoon, teams play a knockout competition. The best teams play for the cup and the not so lucky teams play for the plate, so you will all get plenty of games. There will be food and drink available, and the village hall bar will be open. This really is a fun day out so why not give it a try. Entry forms are available from tim.maycock@btinternet.com or 01986 782296. No entries are allowed on the day.

I am writing this during the coronation weekend on holiday in Cornwall. I'm never going to moan about the weather in Suffolk ever again.

ED . Thats dedication to the job

ST CROSS

WELCOME to Brian, Clare, Ivy, Grace and Robyn who have moved in to Minster Cottages.

Staying with Minster Cottages, the roadway which has been full of potholes for some time has been repaired by the council. This fantastic result was achieved by the tenacity of one of the residents. Well done!

Dates for your diary:

Garden Open at Squires Barn

National Garden Scheme - Garden open for Charity
Sunday 16th July (10.30 - 4)
Includes art exhibits, plant stall, home-made teas.

Cakes and Ale in St Cross!

**Save the date: Sunday Sept 10
A Village Picnic**

We are having a village get together. Bring a picnic to share to Minster Cottages Green, catch up with old neighbours and meet some new ones.

NEWS FROM ST JAMES – May 2023

CHURCH NEWS

The church AGM was held on 25th April. Most things have stayed the same and we send warm wishes to Rachel for a return to health. We would like to send huge thanks to all of you who volunteer their time to keep the churchyard in such good order. And also to those who help inside. If anyone can spare an hour or so to clean from time to time, please contact Jane on 782413.

HALL AND VILLAGE NEWS

We were pleased to welcome another group of young people from the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Many of us enjoy seeing them in and around the village and have found them very pleasant. We take so much for granted where we live but it was a pleasure to see the joy they experienced when they rescued a four day old pheasant chick that had become separated from its mother (her nest was in a nearby garden) It gives them such a good learning opportunity in a safe environment. Their stays also help to finance the running of the hall.

The usual activities continue in the hall – things are still quiet from the booking perspective, with badminton still being the number one hall activity. For badminton and table tennis session details, please contact Caroline Rodbourne 01986 752545

THE ST JAMES CORONATION CELEBRATION

The St James Charles III Coronation Celebration was held on the 7th May on the Hall Green and our developing Village Green behind the Village Hall. Last year's Jubilee Event provided the inspiration to do even better this year, but with a much shorter time to make the arrangements. The omens were good when the biggest ever turnout of volunteers arrived on 4th May to help put up the village-within-a-village of 2 large marquees and 9 smaller ones. This, much to the surprise of those manning the Polling Station in the Village Hall.

By the Sunday morning the weather was fixed, site preparation was complete with all our stock of tables and chairs pressed into service supplemented with a large number of straw bales, the sound stage operational, many miles of coronation bunting strung and floral decorations around the marquees, and a very impressive raffle display. We were delighted to welcome back *Mr H's Hog Roast Company* to form the heart of our coronation lunch with all the essential side dishes. A wide selection of other food and salads came from around the village, with a St James dessert selection that exceeded all previous occasions – such that members of the band were seen taking a break to take photos of the spread. Speaking of the band, we were splendidly entertained by Wenhaston's *Black Deak Band* which played two sessions during the afternoon's feasting.

The football pitch marked out on the Village Green was in use throughout, by seemingly tireless youngsters during the early afternoon and slightly older players later. Our younger guests all received a party pack and a very large gold, chocolate-filled coronation medallion on a ribbon.

The afternoon was a huge success, thanks in no small part to those who donated their time, energy and, in many generous cases, raffle prizes, money and significant gifts in kind, all helping to make the event so enjoyable and very beneficial for the local charities we were supporting. On behalf of all the more than 170 residents, families and welcome guests who came and enjoyed the day we would like to thank the planning and coordinating team, the ground care crew, site workers, donors, Mr. H, our marvelous cooks, all who helped things run smoothly during the day and, just as importantly, those who helped clear up that evening and take down the tentage the following day.

We also gratefully acknowledge the continuing support provided by the National Lottery Community Fund for our project to create the St James Village Green and our associated community Jubilee and Coronation celebrations.

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



FLIXTON AND SOUTH ELMHAM ANNUAL FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

St.Margaret South Elmham Village Hall
Saturday 8th July 2023

YES, we are back, and the date is 8th July
Hopefully you have got your potatoes planted, and your onions
set!

We need you this year, to help us make this our best show ever.
You do not need to live in St.Margaret South Elmham, it is open
to everyone.

There are classes for vegetables, flowers, flower arranging,
cooking, and crafts.

Also classes for children.

Schedules of classes can be obtained from Jenni Baker, or
Phillip Kidner. (they will be delivered to all St.Margaret S.E and
St.Nicholas S.E. residents)

Entries(on the entry form) need to be in by Wednesday 5th July.

Can be on paper, by phone 01986782377 or email

flowersbyjenni@gmail.com

Come on, it is fun, and it is not the winning, it is the taking part!!

BENIFICE SERVICES
RECTOR LEON COLLYER 01986781345

21/5/23 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

10.00am HC - CW Ilk St John

5.00pm EP - BCP Homersfield

28/5/23 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-

10.00am HC - CW St James

5.00pm EP - BCP St Margaret SE

04/6/23 Trinity Sunday Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31, Psalm 8,

9.30am HC - CW St Peter

5.00pm EP - BCP Ilk St Margaret

11/6/23 Romans 4:13-25, 18-26, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-10.00am

HC - CW Flixton

5.00pm EP - BCP Rumburgh

18/6/23 Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew

10.00am HC - CW Homersfield

5.00pm EP - CW Ilk St John

25/6/23 -18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

10.00am HC - CW St Margaret SE

02/7/23 Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

9.30am HC - BCP St Michael

5.00pm EP - BCP Ilk St Margaret

09/7/23 Trinity 5 2:8-13, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19,

10.00am HC - CW Rumburgh

5.00pm EP - BCP Flixton

16/7/23 Trinity 6 I-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

10.00am HC - CW Ilk St John

5.00pm EP - CW Homersfield

23/7/23 Trinity 7 I, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

10.00am HC - CW St James

5.00pm EP - BCP St Margaret SE