

Brunby Newsletter

August 2020



**Community and Parish News
from Brundish and Wilby**

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From the Editor

Dear All,

At last it seems that things are starting to ease and that village life is showing some signs of returning to something like normal, even if there are some necessary changes involved.

As you'll find in this edition some of our clubs are starting up again, Wilby school is planning for a full return in the autumn term and the doors of our churches are open again.

Our nature watch from home continues, the cover picture this month is of a tawny owl who was resident at the end of the garden for a few days. What a fantastic and beautiful creature; it calmly watched us as we scrambled around to get a camera and patiently sat there as we took photos. On reflection, perhaps it was a bit vain..!

I'm extremely grateful for some reader contributions for this edition, including poems, memories of living on a small farm in Suffolk and 'Village Tales' which will hopefully become a new regular slot!

As ever, if you have any pictures, comments articles or suggestions for the magazine please send them to the address below.

Lastly, just a reminder that the magazine now alternates monthly between this printed version (also available as a PDF by e-mail) and an e-mail only eNews version. If you wish to receive the eNews magazine, and haven't done so already, please notify me at the address below.

Best wishes.

Neil Parsons

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Wilby & Brundish Women's Institute



Our committee will be meeting at the start of August to discuss how and when we can reinstate our regular meetings. Please check for details in the next edition of the newsletter.

Poet's Corner

To add a touch of culture we have a new poetry space! If you have any suggestions, please do send them in.

*I have desired to go
Where springs not fail,
To fields where flies no sharp sided hail,
And a few lilies blow*

*And I have asked to be
Where no storms come,
Where the green swell is the havens
dumb,
And out of the swing of the sea*
- **Gerard Manley Hopkins**

Bringing it more down to my level, a
Limerick..!

*An ambitious young fellow named
Matt,
Tried to parachute using his hat.
Folks below looked so small,
As he started to fall,
Then got bigger and bigger and,
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Village Tales...

A reader's memories of bygone days in Suffolk.

During 1950, for a reason I can't recall, I attended a funeral with my father at our parish church in Hanley. The service was for a very wealthy man, rated on the top rich list, a city banker with a large house in the village. No one ever saw him, but we all knew where he lived! The church was packed with national and international dignitary – chauffeur driven Rolls Royce's by the dozen! I saw no one I knew from the village in the church.

At the wake afterwards, my father was talking to the newly arrived Rector by the name of Rev. Jack Knapp. A smartly dressed man approached saying he was a senior reporter for the Sunday Times and was writing a report about the man we had just buried. "Village rumour has it that he was worth £100 million, can you confirm or deny that figure?" he asked the Rector, to which he replied "I don't know, I have only just arrived in the village but my friend here may be able to help you." Turning to my father, he asked "Did you know the man?" "No" said my father "but I know who he was and I do know how much he left." "Hang on," said the reporter, as he found a pen and paper, "well how much did he leave?"

My father replied, "I know for a fact, that he left everything!"

Wingfield and District Gardening Club

Autumn Programme

To facilitate social distancing we will be holding the two autumn meetings in Wilby Coronation Hall as it is an appreciably larger venue than Brundish Village Hall.

On Thursday, 24 September at 7.30 Luke Heydon, a well-known local Garden Designer, winner of a Silver Medal at a recent Chelsea Flower Show, will talk about the use of grasses as garden plants.

Should there be any significant change of government advice about group meetings by September, members will be informed by email but we all very much hope this will be a welcome return to Club activities.



Gardening Club



BRUNDISH BARISTAS!

We have all missed our friendly get togethers and seeing each other, now for a few months due to the dreaded 'Covid 19', so the organising team have been looking into how we can get restarted. Depending upon the Government guidelines we hope to commence again in the Autumn (October...?)

More information in the next magazine - watch this space !!!



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Brundish Film Programme October – December 2020?

No decision has yet been made by the Hall Committee on reinstating the film programme this autumn. There are clearly a number of important issues to consider in ensuring the safety of all concerned as the coronavirus pandemic continues. For example social distancing alone will restrict significantly the size of the audience permissible and the operation of a bar facility presents its own challenges.

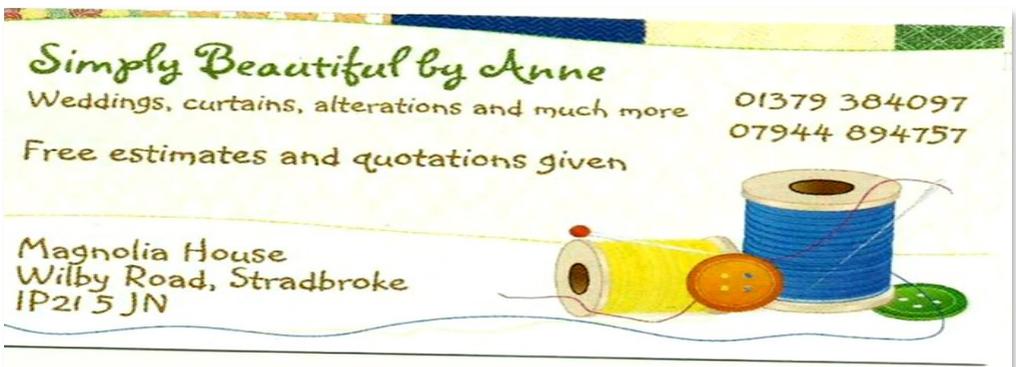


To get round some of these problems there is the option of using Wilby Village Hall, which is appreciably larger and thus social distancing would be much easier and which has full bar facilities. The hall would have to be made Covid secure with sanitiser stations, one way routes etc. The aim would be to start films on 8 October but possibly delayed to 12 November subject to the availability of Wilby's hall. This would be a temporary move from Brundish dependent upon the state of the coronavirus pandemic.

In the meantime we have received the menu of films available and this is very restricted again reflecting the impact of the pandemic. Should the film programme be reinstated then the following films are currently under consideration:

- *1917* - The much acclaimed World War I drama
- *Le Mans 66* – The story of Carroll Shelby's attempt to beat Ferrari at the famous 24 hour race starring Matt Damon and Christian Bale
- *Harriet* – The story of Harriet Hubman who escaped from slavery to become one of America's greatest heroes, whose courage, ingenuity and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves (through the underground railroad movement) and changed the course of history. Starring the British actress Cynthia Erivo.
- *Singin' in the Rain* - The classic Hollywood musical starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O' Connor. (Potentially the "Christmas" film).

It would be very helpful to have views on a temporary move to Wilby Village Hall and the film selection above. These should please be passed by email to priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com or by phone to 01379 388034



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From our Cookery Correspondent...!

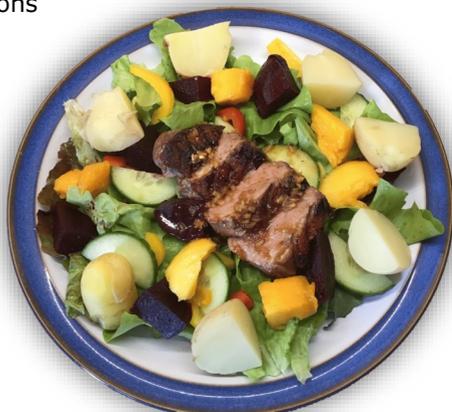
Salad, does not have to consist, as it did in my childhood, mainly of lettuce, tomato and cucumber. These obviously make a good base but you can add a wide variety of other ingredients to make them more interesting, this month, I have included two of our favourites. I have not included quantities for the salad element, as this will depend on your appetites, just go with what you will eat.

Warm duck salad



Ingredients: Serves 2

2 duck breasts
Baby new potatoes or larger ones halved or quartered
Fresh mango, cut into bite size pieces
Cucumber, sliced and cut into half moons
Juice 1 orange
25ml soy sauce
1cm ginger, grated
12g butter, cubed
12g honey
Salad leaves
Fresh cooked beetroot, cubed
¼ red & yellow peppers, sliced



Vinaigrette:

3 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar,
Squeeze lemon juice
½ tsp honey

1. Whisk the vinaigrette ingredients in a bowl, taste and adjust as necessary.
2. Heat the oven to 220C/fan 200/gas 7 with a baking tray inside.
3. Using a sharp knife, score the duck breast diagonally in one direction, turn and score to make a diamond pattern. Season and place the duck skin side down in a frying pan. Cook over a medium heat for 7 mins. The skin should be golden and crispy. Put the potatoes on to boil while the duck is cooking. When ready, drain and leave in the pan.
4. Transfer the duck to the baking tray so that it is skin side up and cook in the oven for 3-4 mins. Leave on a warm plate to rest.
5. Return the pan to the hob and add the orange juice, soy, ginger and butter. Bring to a simmer, add the honey and reduce to a thick sauce over a high heat. Leave to cool for a couple of mins
6. Meanwhile, prepare the salad. Tear the salad leaves if large and toss with the vinaigrette. Share between two plates and add the remaining veg dotted over the top.
7. When ready to serve, slice the duck breasts on the diagonal and lay across the middle of the salad, arrange the potatoes around and spoon the sauce over the duck.

And for our junior chefs....

Warm bacon and mushroom salad

If you like bacon and eggs for breakfast, try them in this fresh and tasty salad. Serve with crusty bread or add boiled baby potatoes to the dish, both are delicious!

Ingredients: Serves 2

Thick slice of bread, de crusted and cubed
1 tbsp Olive oil
1 clove garlic, crushed
2 eggs, hard boiled for 6 mins
3 rashers bacon, sliced into thin strips
6 button mushrooms, halved
Salad leaves.
Cucumber, sliced and cut into half moons
6 cherry tomatoes, halved or 3 large quartered
½ avocado, sliced
Handful of grapes, halved
Vinaigrette dressing: see duck recipe.

1. Prepare your salad. Tear any large leaves i.e. lettuce, into fork manageable pieces. Toss them in a bowl with a little of the dressing, then share between two plates. Top with the cucumber, tomatoes, avocado and grapes.
2. For the croutons, place the cubed bread in a bowl, sprinkle over the olive oil and garlic. Mix with your hand to coat then cook in a dry frying pan until golden and crispy. Remove and set aside on a warm plate.
3. In the same pan, cook the bacon until crispy, using a little oil if necessary to stop it sticking, set aside with the croutons. Add the mushrooms and cook until nicely browned.
4. Peel the eggs, half or quarter and add to the salad along with the bacon, mushrooms and croutons. Sprinkle over a little more dressing and enjoy.

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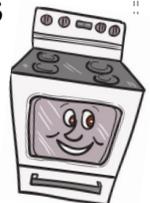
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PARISH NEWS



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From the Rector

It has been galling seeing the shops open, then the pubs, but not the churches. On our TVs we have seen relieved shop owners with broad grins getting their stock ready and unlocking their doors. They need to start selling again so that they can provide for themselves and pay their employees. So too the pubs and now, at last, so too the churches.

We need to open our doors once more to bring services to all and not just to those who can tune in online. Just like the shops and pubs we need to pay our bills and there is an urgent need to do this. The church is present for all people, not just Christians, and of course we want to keep our churches alive and active, and as many of our buildings open as we can. We want to keep the fabric in good order and make sure it is clean and tidy for when people visit.

This year, our own diocese predicts it will be two million pounds in the red, Norwich diocese three million, and this situation is repeated all through the country. Unfortunately, the national church is unable to bail everyone out – it may be asset rich but has little, if any, spare cash. These are not inconsiderable sums and the main cause is the lack of money in the collection plate.

We are unable to hold fundraising events at the moment, and as you know we haven't been able to hold services since the middle of March. Last month I explained the cost involved in running our churches. I know that many people give most generously of their time and money, and we are extremely grateful for it, but now I need to ask for even more help.

The obvious and simplest way is to pay a little a month by standing order. If, for example, every household in the benefice

paid £5 a month to their church we would be able to pay our way and be open for anyone who needs us. That was only an example, and of course I can think of many reasons why this may not be an option for some. We know that our church activities and our church buildings are important to many of our villagers, and we want to be able to continue a church presence for all.

There are other methods coming to make it easier to pay. Laxfield is getting a card reader, and some of the parishes are joining the parish giving donation scheme. This is a safe, confidential, tax efficient way for parishioners to support their parish church. Regular monthly or annual donations are made by direct debit. Each donation is restricted to a chosen church and cannot be used elsewhere. Donations can be anonymous if preferred. This alleviates the need for handling cash in church during these difficult times.

If your parish church is important to you, or maybe you have you have expressed an interest in the church by signing up to the electoral roll, you might feel able to think about helping in some way.

Please help if you can by contacting the treasurer whose details are below.

Thank you very much for any help you feel able to offer.

David

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Wilby

Andrew Pilling
ampilling@btinternet.com

Public Worship at St Lawrence, Brundish

After some four months, from **2nd August** public worship at our church will resume.

Please refer to the new rota of times and dates opposite. There have had to be some changes made to the original rota which were unavoidable due to the availability of our clergy.

It will be such a pleasure to welcome you back and please be aware that all necessary distancing and hygiene precautions will be taken to ensure your safety.

You may also like to note that St Lawrence's Church continues to be open for private prayer. Please follow the safety instruction posters which are displayed in the church.

Harvest Festival Service

We have yet to arrange a Harvest Festival Service for Brundish which customarily takes place at 6.30 p.m. on the first Sunday in October. That's what we will be likely aiming for and when that is confirmed it will be advertised in the September e-mailed version of the Newsletter. Please look out for further details.

*The Reverend David Mulrenan, Assistant Curate, The Four Rivers Benefice.
Tel: 01728 628063 or 07881 481745.*

Public Worship at St Mary's Church Wilby

August 2nd is the day when our church will once again be able to open for public worship. All the information about dates and times will be found on the service rota in the newsletter. There are changes to times from what we have been used to but these have been necessary to utilise the available clergy. Things will be slightly different when you return to church - social distancing will need to be observed, hand sanitisers will be readily available; the Church of England is advising the wearing of face masks.

During the four months of closure many of us have joined the zoom services which have taken place each Sunday. Many thanks to Chrissie Smart for setting these up. Some zoom services will continue alongside the services held in the church, so keep an eye on the church notice board for details of all of these. If you do not have access to zoom and are unable to attend church, do let us know and we can send you a copy of the service for you to use at home. If you wish to do this please get in touch with Sheila Pipe on 01728 723443 or email sheilapipe@gmail.com

St Mary's is open for private prayer on Sundays from 2pm to 5pm and Wednesdays from 2pm to 5pm. Hand sanitiser is just inside the door and if you visit could you please sign in the visitors book with your contact details. Do refer to notices that will appear on the church notice board if these days and times are changed.

Harvest Festival Service

This is usually at the end of September but things are changing all the time, so at the moment we have no details about what or when this will happen. The date will be confirmed in the September e-mailed version of the Newsletter.

Church Services

AUGUST 2020	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
	Trinity 8	Trinity 9	Trinity 10	Trinity 11	Trinity 12
	Isaiah 55:1-5	1 Kings 19:1-18	Isaiah 56:1,6-8	Isaiah 51:1-6	Jer:15:15-21
	Romans 9:1-5	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a,	Romans 12:1-8	Rom 12:9-end
	Matthew 14:13-21	Matthew 14:22-33	29-32	Matthew 16:13-20	Matt 16:21-end
			Matt 15:(10-20) 21-28		

St Nicholas Bedfield	11am Holy Communion DB	10am Family Service CS		9am Holy Communion DM	
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St Lawrence Brundish	9am Holy Communion BCP DB	11am Village Worship SA	6pm Evensong CS	11am Holy Communion DM	
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St Mary Cratfield		6pm Evensong DB	9am Village Worship CM	9am Holy Communion DB	
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All Saints Laxfield		11am Holy Communion DB	9am HC DM 6pm Hartismere Hse not starting yet	10am Family Service LE	
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St Mary Wilby	9am Holy Communion DM	11am Village Worship SP	11am Holy Communion DB	11am Village Worship SP	
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St Mary Worlingworth	11am Holy Communion DM	11am Let's Celebrate BS	11am Matins DM	11am Holy Comm DB	
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St Peter Monk Soham					
St Ethelbert					
Zoom Services online	10am 10am every Sunday. Also Celtic Prayer - 7pm Weds, 9am Fridays To join us, email christinensmart@aol.com and you will be sent details	10am	10am	10am	10am

Stradbroke Surgery News - Summer 2020

Over the past few months there have been some changes in the way our dispensary works:

Fressingfield Hours

- Monday - Friday 8:30 - 13:00 and 14:00 18:30

Stradbroke Hours

- Monday - Friday 8:30 - 12:30
- Monday and Friday only 15:45 - 18:15

We are following social distancing rules with 2 metres between patients when collecting prescriptions or attending the surgery and a 1 in at a time rule.

We now have an intercom system in place. Please use the hand sanitiser before you press the intercom and then wait for a member of staff to invite you into the building. This is the case for any appointments or conversations with the receptionist too.

Please stand behind the barrier in Stradbroke and where indicated on the floor in Fressingfield when you come in. We are trying to keep everyone safe.

Our current timescales for processing medications is 3 working days - so if you put in a request on a weekend it will be ready for you the following Thursday. Monday counts as the first working day. Information is always above the post box informing you when your prescription will be ready.

The cost of prescriptions is £9.15 and we encourage contactless payment. If you have regular medication, over 13 repeats a year, it is cheaper to buy a pre-payment certificate.

We offer various ways to help you with requesting medication. We have letterboxes outside the buildings, we have systems where you can order on-line, request forms can be collected at reception.

We also offer a forward ordering system where we are the keepers of your slip. You are still responsible for your medication, so please remember to tell us of any changes. We will agree a date with you when your prescription will be ready. It won't be ready before that date, but it will be available from that date onwards. Don't forget to make a note of the date!! If someone else is collecting for you they will need to know what you need next time. We will never let you run out of medication.

If you are vulnerable and unable to collect your medication then family, friends or neighbours can pick them up for you if you provide them with consent. If you don't have anyone who can help there are now a number of voluntary schemes running in the area. Please ensure the person collecting has your full name and address and, if you are under 60, the details of the relevant box to tick on the back of the prescription. People collecting controlled drugs will need to provide their ID. Please note that volunteer groups are not able to collect certain controlled

drugs on your behalf. The dispensary will provide a letter with your next medications if you are prescribed controlled drugs.

Ways you can help us

- Please, where possible, put your repeat requests into the dispensary you are collecting from and allow us the due time to process your request.
- Only phone us if you really need to and then after 11:00 please. We are managing a high volume of request at the moment.
- Please fill in the prescription carefully - location, day and date is helpful, and make sure that you look at all the pages with medication listed - it's easy to miss the first one!
- Pay by contactless card
- Please show us any exemption information regularly so that we can keep your records up to date. Some people take a photo of it and show it to us on their phone.
- If ordering on line make sure you nominate a collection point as any without a nomination will be completed at Fressingfield because they have longer hours.
- Finally, we are a small team who want to support you as much as we can. Thanks so much for your patience and understanding. We are working very hard to meet the demand at the moment and are grateful for your kind comments and good humour

If you are self-shielding at present please take very good care. We look forward to seeing you when it's safe to do so.

Wilby (& Brundish) Women's Institute



WI is mainly about getting the girls together, making new friends, having a good chat and widening our knowledge on a variety of topics.

We are a fun and friendly group - No Jam or Jerusalem!

We welcome new members of all ages.

We meet every Third Thursday of the Month, 7.30pm at

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Note: Meetings currently suspended due to Covid 19

Full programme details <http://sefwi.org.uk/institutes/wilby>

More information contact Anita Redwood 07979 120050 or email anita.redwood@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to go, but need a lift we can arrange transport.

Wilby Parish Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN APPROVED!

A virtual meeting of the Parish Council (using Zoom technology) was held on 30 July 2020. The Parish Council was pleased to approve the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for formal submission to Mid Suffolk District Council. The Council also approved two supporting documents namely a Consultation Statement setting out the way public consultation on the Plan had been undertaken and a Site Heritage Impact Assessment concerning the impact of the proposed new development site adjoining Church Close (on the East side of the B1118) on St Mary's Church.

This is a major milestone in the development and presentation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Wilby, upon which work started in late 2017. Congratulations are due to the Volunteer Group who have steered its development, most ably led by Steve Lee, Stuart Banks and our consultant, Andrea Long. Thanks are also due to those many residents who attended public consultation events, recording their views, and to those who made formal comments on earlier versions of the Plan.

The next steps are:

- District Council considers the draft Plan and arranges a further public consultation (over six weeks). This will be the last opportunity for public consideration of the Plan
- The Plan is subject to independent assessment by an Independent Examiner appointed by the District to verify that the Plan meets the required basic conditions and legal requirements.
- Subject to a satisfactory outcome the Plan, with modifications as necessary, will be the subject of a local referendum. Because of the coronavirus pandemic this referendum will not take place before May 2021.
- Finally, assuming that 51% of those voting in the referendum, approve the Plan it will be brought into legal force by the District Council

If you have a problem which you think the Parish Council can help with, please contact a member of the Council with the details concerned. Members of the Parish Council and their contact numbers are:

- Ian Williamson, Chairman - 01379 388034
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Woodland activities:

- Little Woodies – Parent and Toddler Forest School on Friday mornings during term time
- Wild Wood Holiday Club – for children aged 4-11 years during holidays
- Woodland Birthday Parties for children
- Wild parties for Hens, Baby Showers, Birthdays and Team Days
- Forest Bathing and relaxation
- Christmas wreath making

Forest School:

- Level 3 Forest School Leader training
- Forest School Taster Days
- Woodland activity days
- PD and staff well-being days



Charlotte is a qualified British Nordic Walking Instructor and uses specially designed walking poles to teach individuals and groups the Nordic Walking technique which improves posture and gait, burns more calories (than normal walking) and relieves pressure on joints. It's a fun way of getting exercise outdoors that anyone can do.

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For more information contact Charlotte - Tel: 07879 653488 Email: head@charlotteswood.co.uk
Website: www.charlotteswood.co.uk Facebook: Charlotte's Wood YouTube: Charlotte's Wood

News from Wilby CEVC Primary School

The Summer holidays have finally arrived and in response the government's confirmation that, all being well, we will be welcoming all pupils back into school on a full time basis in September, we have been busy making preparations for the new academic year. Government guidance suggests that the children should be taught in class bubbles. In response to this each class will have different arrival and departure times and will take all of its breaks separately to the rest of the school. This will include lunch times which will also be staggered to enable groups to eat separately. In school, where possible, pupils will remain 1-2m apart and desks will be organised so that pupils face forwards in order to minimise the possibility of virus transmission. We will also continue to adhere to our rigorous hygiene procedures, including frequent hand-washing before and after play, before and after eating and on arrival/ before leaving school and also with the frequent cleaning of desks. We hope to have installed outside sinks ready for the Autumn term to help with the need for increased hand-washing. In September we will begin using all of outdoor play equipment again. The risk of the Coronavirus surviving outdoors on hard surfaces is reduced by exposure to UV and rain. However, we do accept that this does not provide a 100% guarantee that the possibility of virus transmission will be fully removed. As a school we will implement sensible precautions to prevent virus transmission including limiting the numbers of pupils on equipment and increasing hand-washing before and after use. Smaller items of PE equipment such as tennis rackets will be cleaned after each use.

The Government has also suggested that we consider re-structuring the curriculum so that there is a more prominent focus on numeracy and literacy teaching enabling school to fill any gaps in core knowledge that may have occurred due to lock-down schooling arrangements. We feel very strongly that our pupils should still receive a broad, rich and exciting curriculum and for this reason the only areas of the curriculum that may be reduced in any way are French (Y2-Y6) and a reduction in music and ICT teaching (government guidelines advise against singing in enclosed spaces but instrumental teaching (cello/ brass) in the Autumn term in smaller groups will be starting again in September). These times will be utilised to provide opportunities for pre and over-learning of core skills. The short term need to suspend a number of our usual activities including: Daily assemblies; sharing assemblies; trips and performances of any kind will also provide teachers with additional time to provide learning activities designed to fill any gaps identified in core knowledge. All being well, the school won't be providing any home-learning in September because hopefully, all of the children will be back in school. Almost 90% of our pupils were able to return to school for a good chunk of teaching before the summer holidays but alongside this our parents have been amazing at providing their children with home-schooling – it's very stressful and difficult trying to teach your own child but given that many of our parents were also trying to balance the demands of running a home and often trying to work from home too, they have had an incredibly difficult task and we just wanted to say well done and thank you to them all for their hard work. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

We are excited, positive and determined to make the very best of the new academic year - whatever challenges it may bring! *Roisin Wiseman (Headteacher)*



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Stradbroke High School - Governor Vacancy

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to our students and parents for their hard work and support, and our community for their continued support, during the final months of the school year; you have been amazing. We hope you have had a good summer and we are now looking forward to us all working together again as we start the new year.

Secondly, we would like to invite you to apply to join the Local Governing Body of Stradbroke High School. Thinking it's not for you? Can I just ask that you read on before you decide?

The LGB works closely with both the school and the Trust, setting the vision for the school and ensuring that it works efficiently and effectively towards achieving that vision. We do this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. Our focus is on the progress and outcomes of the pupils and ensuring that the school promotes the highest of standards and aspirations. To do this well, we need members of our community who care about our young people and who want to be involved in making a difference to their years at high school. Anyone over the age of 18 can apply to be a governor and, while those who no longer work, can bring the skills and experiences of a lifetime to the LGB, the younger members of our community can bring vital skills and an insight into the challenges our young people face.

If you would like more information, please go to the governance section of www.stradbrokehigh.co.uk or contact me via the school office or by email to governors@shs.set.education Thank you.

Karen Lynch, Chair of Governors

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Only 60 Acres! - life on a Suffolk Farm

I know this is not a unique account of farming 80 years ago, it is however, my true account.

I was born in 1936, having an older sister and then a younger brother. My father was a tenant farmer of a 60-acre holding, 5 miles north of Ipswich. It was oblong in shape, with a house and buildings more than half a mile from a minor road. We had running water to the house and an outside tap near the first cowshed. There was no electricity anywhere and the loo was at the bottom of a very long garden in a wooden shed. The wireless was powered by an accumulator which had to be taken into the village weekly to be charged. The daily paper was put into a 3" drainpipe tied to a post at the bottom of the drive. My mother would walk or cycle into the village once a week for basic provisions, otherwise we were self-sufficient. She would always leave a note on the back door, left open in the summer, as to where she had gone and the time she expected to arrive home. No door was ever locked, nothing was ever stolen!

There was no mechanism on the farm until the mid '50's when a second hand Forson (E27N) arrived/ Prior to that, two /Suffolk Punches, Prince and Maggie and endless hours of hard labour, provided all the power to run the farm.

A complete mix of crops were grown, which were normally recycled withing the farm, although my father occasionally sold some winter wheat and obviously the sugar beet back to the Ipswich factory. A typical cropping year would be 10 acres of winter wheat, spring oats and spring barley. 4 acres of sugar beet (on contract), 2 acres cattle beet, 3 acres each of winter and spring beans, 8 acres of rotating leys, 8 acres of permanent grass and 1 acres of spinney and of course the odd row of potatoes in either the sugar or cattle beet! This sort of rotation didn't vary much for many years and it seemed to work quite well.

The livestock, which seemed to take up 75% of the labour and a lot of worry, was a seven day a week job – every week! My father never ever worked on the land on a Sunday. That was the Lord's Day and was observed by going to church – twice!

The livestock enterprise consisted of 5/6 cows, hand milked, various bathers of calves at 3 monthly intervals, going on to store cattle, sold each spring at Ipswich Cattle Market, at about 18 months old and a few bullocks to fatten out at 3 years old.

Then the pigs; 5/8 large white sows – the offspring sold as weaners to a farming friend at Framlingham, or on the open market at Wickham or Ipswich. We had free-range hens, in the true sense to start with and when some old army Nissen huts arrived, we called them "deep litter hens". We usually kept about 400 layers (all had been hand reared from day-olds), on a three year cycle, having a different colour each year, namely black, brown and white. Eggs were collected once a fortnight by Jack Brand & Sons of Clayton.

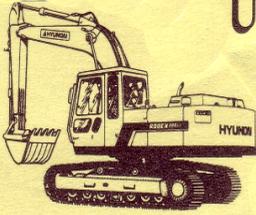
There was also the 'Christmas Trade'. A few private orders for turkeys, geese and fat cockerels which had spent most of their time on the stubble from late September. Several guinea fowl slept in the cart sheds and hedges and young ones would appear each spring. As the old ones got eaten by foxes or got shot, the balance always seemed to remain about 50 or so.

This was a very happy, well run and productive family farm, not only fully supporting the family but my father employed 2 men full time, year in year out!

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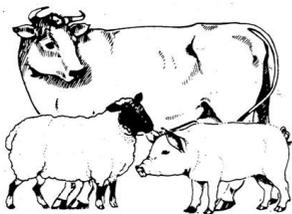
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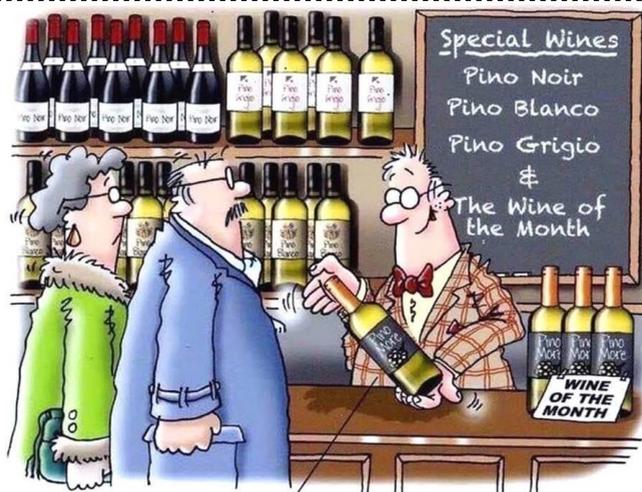
Events Diary

Wingfield and District Gardening Club Thursday, 24 September 7.30pm
Wilby Village Hall

To add your local event to this diary email brunbynewsletter@gmail.com

WILBY VILLAGE HALL

We are currently only open for private events such as club meetings, as mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter. We are hoping to re-start our pool and pub evenings in October. For more information contact Ian on 01379 388112.



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