

Brunby eNews

November 2021



Dear Reader,

Spooky! That pumpkin we were kindly given by Anne St Quentin after the Harvest Supper is beginning to worry me!

As you will see in this edition quite a few things are being organised in our villages as we run up to Christmas. It really does make it feel worthwhile to the organisers when they get offers of help as well as good support for the events they put on. We have a coffee morning, pub night, film night, Christmas Fair a New Year's Eve party and carol and other church services all being planned. What a change from last year when there was nothing! Please do make every effort to support these events in any way you can - they're such a key part of enjoying life in a small rural community.

Thanks for those of you who submitted articles for the newsletter, and also this month to Stuart Banks for another great picture, this time of gulls following the plough - see it below. More of Stuart's photos next time!



The rather splendid looking creature above is a *pimpla rufipes* - or black slip wasp which I removed from our kitchen window a few days ago. They lay their eggs in the caterpillars of Large White butterflies so are probably beneficial to gardeners, they are harmless to humans, but not to Large Whites!

Please keep sending in your news, pictures, comments notices etc - it's your newsletter!

Best Wishes

Neil

Brundish Baristas!

**Our next coffee morning is in Brundish Village Hall at
10:00 on Thursday, 4th November.**



As ever we will be serving Lane Farm's excellent bacon in baps along with home made cakes, coffees and teas all available at bargain prices!

Everyone is made very welcome, do come along - it's a great opportunity to meet others from Brundish and beyond.

As well as recently updating our coffee making facilities we can now take card payments, including contactless, so now it's even easier to buy that essential slice of cake (or two)!





WE NEED YOUR HELP

DONATIONS NEEDED

Raffle Prizes

Cakes and Bakes for Home Procs

Chocolate for the Tombo

Bottles of Wine

Prize Sponsorship

HELP ON THE DAY

Manning a Stall

Helping with Refreshments

Running a Game

We would love to hear from you if you are willing - but we do need to know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you intend to donate raffle prizes, tickets or wine; call us if you'd like to sponsor a stall or great advertising if you are a local business! If you have an idea for a game and would be prepared to run it (please bear in mind how small our Village is and the constraints on space!) Let us know NOW if you can help manning a stall or assist in any way on the day.

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"Harvest's home - but the work goes on" (Photo - Stuart Banks)

Brundish Harvest Supper report – and a plea!

On Saturday 9th October, Brundish held its Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. 22 people enjoyed Sausages Braised in Cider (sausages kindly supplied by Lane Farm, of course) with mash and vegetables, followed by fruit crumbles with cream or custard, cheese and biscuits and coffee. It was a lovely evening – the hall was beautifully decorated by Anne St Quinton with seasonal foliage; the food was delicious, cooked by a smashing team of chefs – Mig Bacon, Jill Graham and Tina Smiddy, plus the puddings were supplied by more volunteers, and my team was rounded off by Ryan Apps and Alex Cable, who served, cleared, and generally slaved. The atmosphere was lovely and it was so good to see everyone getting together again after all this time. The Harvest Supper has never been a fund raiser, but thanks to some generous donations of

ingredients and time, after all expenses we had a surplus of £45 – this is going to be donated to the Waveney Food Bank.

Events like this take a lot of time and effort on the part of those who do the organising, as do the other things that make village life what it is. I've been in Brundish for 26 years, and some years ago we had a very active team of volunteers (Brundish Events Group) who made things like Christmas Fairs, Summer Fetes (remember Makemerry?), Quiz Nights, Harvest Suppers, Flower Festivals, and assorted other events happen. Sadly, we have all aged, some have moved away, some have more responsibilities (and less time) and of course, Covid came along and put us all off our stride. I know only too well that life is very busy for everyone, but it would be nice if a bit of new blood came along. You don't have to commit to 'doing everything'; you don't have to be an active church goer (not all village events are for the church!); all that is needed is a willingness to give a little time or expertise.

The next event will be the Christmas Fair, in the Village Hall on 27th November from 2.30 pm. I'm heading up the team, but so far that team consists of me and David Mulrenan – we need more than that! We need people able to come along and help on the day – can you man the tombola (better still, co-ordinate the gathering of items and get them ticketed up ready)?

- Could you help with refreshments?
- Could you bake cakes or make preserves for the Home Produce stall?
- Could you run a game such as Treasure Hunt, the Marble Game, or even think of and create some new games?

If you can't find the time, can you donate? Raffle prizes, tombola items, home produce, wine – or if you are a local business, sponsor a game prize or raffle prize for some free publicity! We need to know NOW though – it's no good phoning me the day before and asking if you can help...

And incidentally, I am also on the hunt for new recruits to the Church Flower Rota – would involve an hour or so roughly every 6 or 7 weeks, changing the flowers on the East window and the welcome table, and having a bit of a sweep and dust around, along with the opportunity to do something for the major services when we decorate all the window sills and other spaces. Nothing fancy – flowers and greenery from the garden or a supermarket bunch. And this is not a role open only to women...

Thank you for reading all this – ten years ago, Brundish was commended for its community spirit; it would be so good to see that spirit revived.

I would love to hear from anyone willing to get involved – email me at sandraapps@aol.com

THANK YOU!

Sandra



Brundish Christmas Fair

Saturday 27th November

2.30 pm

Brundish Village Hall



Fun and Games! Grand Draw! Tomb
Yummy Home Produce! Delicious Refreshments!
Fair Trade! Crafts!
Festive Fun for the Family!
And.... SANTA!! (Landing at approximately 2.30 pm)

Admission £1

(Accompanied children under 16)
Includes tea/coffee and mince pie



'Lunatic'

Suffolk Historic Church Sponsored Ride, 11th September



Thank you to all the people who kindly manned Brundish church throughout the day. You are a stalwart team and much appreciated. This year we collected £85 for the Church through donations as unfortunately there were no cyclists from Brundish. This is the first time that has happened since I have been organising the event for Brundish. With Covid dominating our lives for so long, perhaps people decided to get away whilst they could and Autumn often has marvellous weather.

Thanks again to the team of helpers at the Church: it is always quite a wonderful experience, sitting in total peace and tranquility, listening to the birds and the rustle of the trees.

Anne St Quinton

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New Post Office Mail Collection Times

Please be aware that collection times have recently changed for the post box on The Thorofare, Brundish. They are now:

- 9.00am Monday to Friday
- 7.00am Saturday

BRUNDISH FILM NIGHTS

We had a small audience of 18 for our last film, *Love Sarah* and were able to achieve some form of social distancing in the chair layout. Subject to any change in Covid guidelines we are planning to continue the film programme with a showing of ***Limbo*** on **Thursday 11 November 2021**.



Certificate PG, ***Limbo*** is a wry and poignant observation of the refugee experience, set on a fictional remote Scottish island, where a group of new arrivals await the results of their asylum applications. Friendships are built whilst exchanging oranges and trading stories of hardship, eventually bringing those experiencing these same situations together in unity. The countless comic sequences provide respite in a sea of struggles. Not lost however is the serious undertone of the plight of the refugee.

To reserve your place, as seats will be limited, please call Priscilla Williamson on 01379 388034 or email priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com

Please note that Brundish Village Hall now offers contactless payments, which will be available for ticket and bar sales, in preference to cash.

Doors open at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start; ticket payment at the door (£5 for adults £4.50 for Under 18s)

Thursday, 11th November 2021

Our next film will be on **Thursday, 9th December 2021**

Dream Horse - A feel good film for our Christmas offering depicting an unlikely racehorse bred by a small-town Welsh bartender with funds raised from a syndicate of hopeful locals. Starring Toni Collette and Damian Lewis.

Ian and Priscilla Williamson

Brundish Village Green Update



Just a brief update. As some of you will have seen, the old play area has now been tidied up, all the old wooden posts and their concrete bases have removed and it has been topped up with top soil to level it with the surrounding area. It has now been seeded with grass in the centre and a mix of wildflower seeds around the boundary. Once this has established, sometime in the spring, we will be looking to install new seating. Thanks to Giles and Alex for their work on this project.

Neil Parsons & Carl King

on behalf of Brundish PC

Poet's Corner

A trio of Scottish poems this month to mark 30th November, St

**The Fox from Glasgow Beasts
by Ian Hamilton Finlay**

see me
wan time
ah wis a fox
an wis ah sleekit ! ah
gaed slinkin
 heh
an snappin
 yeh
the blokes
aa sayed ah wis a GREAT fox
aw nae kiddin
ah wis pretty good
had a whole damn wood
in them days
hen

Perfect by Hugh MacDiarmid

I found a pigeon's skull on the
machair
All the bones pure white and dry,
and chalky,
But perfect,
Without a crack or a flaw anywhere.

At the back, rising out of the beak
Were twin domes like bubbles of thin
bone,
Almost transparent, where the brain
had been
That fixed the tilt of the wings.

Wilby Village Hall

Presents

A Taste of Italy

Friday 5th November 2021 (6.30 – 7.30pm)

Chicken Puttanesca, Linguine and Basil

(Roasted Chicken Breast, Tomato and Chilli Sauce)

or

Penne Bolognese Bake

(Slow Roasted Tomato and Rocket Salad, Garlic Bread)

or

Roasted Butternut Squash Risotto and Sage (v)

Dessert

Chocolate and Amaretto Pots

For more information about the menu, please contact Gary by

email: Coconutmonkeycatering@gmail.com.

Main Courses £9.00 / Child Portions £5.00

Dessert £3.50

All orders to be placed by Monday 1st November 2021

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Wilby Village Coronation Hall. London City Road, Wilby IP21 5LEE

Wilby Village Hall Committee



New Year's Eve

Friday 31st December 2021 - 8.0

**** Dress to Impress...***

**** Delicious Hot & Cold Buffet***

**** Glass of Prosecco***

**** Reverse Auction***

**** Licensed CASH ONLY Bar***

at Club Prices

**** Live Music with Bob Han***



Tickets only £15 (children OVER 12 years)

Unfortunately, Children under 12 are not allowed

Available from the Ticket Office on 01273 82221

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We are coming up to a season of remembering. Remembering is as tainted by our fallen human nature as any other activity. It's so easy only to remember that Germany provoked two world wars and spawned perhaps the most evil ideology that there has ever been. It's harder to remember that no German under the age of 90 can possibly be held responsible for World War II or Nazi doctrines, and should therefore not be pilloried or caricatured for evermore. We also need to remember that heroism and suffering were not confined to the Allies.

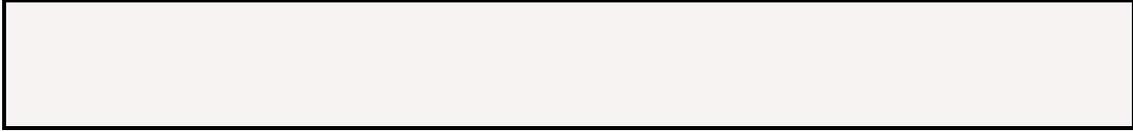
As well as remembering the fallen at our special services on Remembrance Sunday we also remember this month Guy Fawkes. We often forget that he and his fellow plotters were motivated by genuine grievances, but these were ignored because of what we should now call the terrorist plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Modern plotters should most definitely 'remember, remember the Fifth of November'. The cause of Roman Catholic emancipation was set back for two centuries because of public outrage.

Many churches hold Requiems on All Souls Day, November 2nd, during which the names of the congregation's loved ones are read out. In this benefice we carry out this act of remembrance during Advent (details in next month's Magazine). But it is not only we who remember those whom we love but see no longer, or all those who fought for their country. God remembers. The writer of Psalm 88 might say pessimistically 'I am... like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand'. He had no concept of life beyond death. The thief on the cross, on the other hand,

begged Jesus to remember him. He was saying more than he knew. We believe that God remembers, holds in his mind and heart for good, all his human creation living and departed, until the day when our souls and bodies are reunited.

David Burrell

Church Services



November 2021	7th	14th	21st
	3rd before Advent Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	Remembrance 1 Samuel 1:4-20 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25	Christ 2 Samuel Revelati John 18
St Nicholas Bedfield	10.30am Holy Communion CS	10.45am Remembrance here CS	
St Lawrence Brundish	9am BCP Holy Communion DM	9.30am Remembrance Village Green DM	
St Mary Cratfield		6pm Remembrance DB	9am Village V CM
All Saints Laxfield	10.30am Celtic Morning Service LE	10.45am Remembrance DB	9am Holy Co DB
St Peter Monk Soham	11am Family Service RA	10.45am Remembrance Bedfield	11am Holy Co RA
St Ethelbert Tannington			
St Mary Wilby	10.30am Village Worship SP	10.45am Remembrance SP	10.30am Village V SP
St Mary Worlingworth	11am BCP Holy Communion DB	10.45am Bedfield Remembrance 12.15pm W/w mem	11am Holy Co DM
Online Zoom Services	10am RO Holy Comm		3pm Family S
	Also Celtic Prayer - 7pm Weds, 9am Fridays To join us, email rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com and Revd Ro on mcbop@btinternet.com and you will be sent details		

Brundish Church News

Evensong at St Lawrence's Church, Brundish.

Since resuming public worship at the church after the recent lockdown our congregations have dwindled to just a hardy few. There may be a number of reasons for this, all of which will be studied and

learnt from, however, Evensong, held on the third Sunday of the month has been the hardest hit. Therefore, regrettably, ***this service will be removed from the rota for the foreseeable future.***

If anyone has any thoughts with regards to future services that they would wish to air, please give me a call on 01728 628063 or 07881 481745 or e-mail me at djmulrenan@gmail.com Your comments will be relayed through to the Parochial Church Council to consider.

Brundish Village Christmas Tree.

In years gone by, residents have appreciated the village Christmas tree which is lit up and situated outside Brundish Village Hall during



Advent Carol Service
6 p.m., Sunday, 5th December
St. Lawrence's Church,
Brundish.

With The Chantry Singers
Conducted by Michael Spencer

December. To date, we have been lucky to have either a tree donated or cash donated for one to be purchased. If you would like to contribute in some way in order to maintain this lovely festive touch, please call David Mulrenan on the normal numbers. It is hoped that the tree can be erected and lit up on Christmas Fair day, Saturday, 27th November.

Thank you.

David Mulrenan

Wilby Church News

Remembrance Day Service November 14th at 10:45 at Wilby Church

We will join the nation again this year with the two minutes silence and remember the fallen from our village as well as pray for peace. This service will be led by our Elder Sheila Pipe

Christmas Services

Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

- We will be having our traditional Carol Service on **Sunday December 19th at 6.00pm**. taken by Revd David Burrell.
- There will be a service of Family Communion on **Christmas Day at 9.00am** taken by Revd Chrissie Smart.

Sheila Pipe



DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and Ipswich

October 2021

We are incredibly lucky to live in a rural county like Suffolk, largely protected from overdevelopment, but one of the biggest issues that people ask me about is the planning system.

Whilst we all accept that we need to build more homes for local people and for our children and grandchildren, it is essential that any new homes are built in the right place and with the right infrastructure.

It is for these reasons that I helped to lead the successful campaign to stop the Ipswich Northern Bypass. Right from the start, it always seemed to me that the bypass was more about mass house building than about relieving any travel and congestion issues in Ipswich, and that is why so many people, like me, fought against it.

Any new housing should, in general, be on a small scale and incremental. The planning system needs to protect our precious countryside wherever possible and retain the fabric, character and heritage of our villages and towns. I have made it clear to Government ministers that any decisions around new homes and where they should be located, is a matter which must be decided locally, in full consultation with residents, parish and local councils. New homes should be delivered through a locally led planning system. Communities should retain the right to shape the areas in which they live and to be able to demand health and educational infrastructure to support any new housing.

So, I am pleased to report that working alongside a number of other MPs, I have succeeded in delivering a rethink on the recent Government Planning

White Paper. The White Paper would have set national targets for house building, made it much easier for developers to build houses and would have circumvented the local planning process. For me, this would have been wrong. It is essential that planning rules are set locally, not according to national targets, and I am pleased to have played my part in ensuring that this will continue to be the case.

Later this year, the Government will firmly set out new planning laws in its Planning Bill and I am confident that these laws will deliver a planning system that is locally led and fit for the future. With COP26 upon us, it is essential that due consideration is also given to the environment and I would also like to see a planning system that delivers high quality, low carbon design, helping to ensure cost effective, energy efficient homes, so that we continue to play our world-leading role in tackling climate change.



My energy supplier recently went under and the new tariff I've been put on is far more than I used to pay. I've heard energy prices are set to rise further and I'm just not sure I can afford it. What help can I get or small changes can I make around my house to help save some money this winter?

The cost of energy is very high at the moment and it's causing many people to worry. Normally we would suggest switching to a better deal, but the situation is very difficult at the moment and there aren't a lot of good deals out there. However, there are still other small ways you can keep your bills down.

Little everyday things can help, such as making sure televisions and other electronic devices are switched off and not left on standby; washing clothes on

a lower temperature; and only filling the kettle with the water you need. Turning down your main thermostat by 1 degree can save you around £60 on your energy bill. And by spending one minute less in the shower each day, a family of four could save £75 a year on energy and water bills. You're right in another way about bills going through the roof - and the walls. One way of cutting costs in the long-run is to invest in good insulation if you can afford to. If you're renting, ask your landlord to do this.

You may be able to get financial support to help insulate your home under the Energy Company Obligation scheme. Contact your energy supplier for more information on this. If you're in a household that's not connected to the gas grid you may also be able to receive help under the Home Upgrade Grant scheme through your local authority.

There's some financial support available for paying your energy bills, depending on your situation. For example, if you're a pensioner with a low income or receive Universal Credit or other means-tested benefits, you may be entitled to the Warm Home Discount. This gives you £140 a year to go towards your bills.

If it gets too much

If you are starting to fall behind on your energy bills, then Citizens Advice can help. Our Advisers can look at your budget to see if we can help you save money and check that you're claiming everything that you're entitled to, including Warm Home Discount.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on **01449 676060** or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. For more information and our opening hours go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

Your local Citizens Advice needs you!

A local charity offering advice is looking for new volunteers to join their team.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk offer people free advice on issues like benefits, debt, employment and housing. Volunteers are based in the Advice Centre in Stowmarket.

Simon Clifton, Chief Officer, said, “over the covid-19 pandemic we have continued to provide a service to people who need it – closing up shop was not an option. One challenge that remains is to continue to meet demand. Volunteers are at the heart of our charity and we’re looking for new people to join our team. You don’t need any specific qualifications or experience to volunteer with us, just an interest in working with people to make their lives better.”

Steve Avery, who has been volunteering with Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk for 4 years, said, “I like volunteering here because you make a real difference to people’s lives. There’s a great team of people and you get a lot of support. I would say to anyone considering volunteering to give it a try because it keeps you connected and up to date.”

There are several roles available including Advisers, Telephone Assessors and Trustees.

Anyone interested in finding out more can visit midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer or contact Tina Hovell, Volunteer Recruiter, on **01449 676060**
