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Dear Reader,

What a pleasure it is to see some village news and events starting to trickle in to my inbox (I'm easily pleased)! The fantastic vaccination scheme is starting to make a real difference to us all and it seems that, as a result, our villages, like the nature around them, are responding to the change of season! Below you'll see the first signs of events starting to resume in both our village halls.

The heading picture this month is of a skylark. Recently, plodding around the paths near where we live, it has been wonderful to hear them singing away, on one occasion five of them along the same field edge, frantically beating their wings and then plummeting quite dramatically down to earth. It must be exhausting! I always wonder how they manage to survive on those bare fields, some of which haven't been sown yet. Sadly, I'm sure an awful lot of them won't! It may seem otherwise at the moment, but compared to the



wildlife around us we humans have it pretty easy. We recently had a pair of thrushes busy building a very exposed nest on a tree outside our window for days on end. They had just starting sitting when, one morning, I spotted a little pile of thrush like feathers near by - I suspect a sparrow hawk had just had thrush for breakfast..! The nest has got a 'To Let' sign on it now!

Please keep sending in your news, pictures, comments notices etc - without them there is no magazine!

Best Wishes
Neil

Brundish Baristas!

It is with great pleasure that we will (subject to current restrictions) restart the 'Brundish Village Hall Coffee Mornings' on Thursday 3rd June 2021 between 10am and 12.30pm.

We will only offer "Table Service" and subject to weather hope to perhaps have limited inside tables and others at the front of the hall in the open air. As such we ask that people **park only in the Car Park** and not in front of the hall itself.

We hope to continue this through the Summer months instead of our usual 'Summer break'



Walking Group

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, I am still investigating the possibility of creating a Walking Group to take effect sometime later in the year when, hopefully, it will be safer for small groups to meet outside. My eventual ambition would be for this initiative to include all the parishes in the Four Rivers Benefice but for safety's sake, I suspect I shall have to restrict it to the Wilby, Brundish and Tannington area at first. My hope is that enjoying the wide open spaces in which we live, a bit of fresh air and some good cardio-vascular exercise will encourage us all to open our minds

and hearts in some great conversation and companionship. Something, I know, we have all missed so greatly this last year or so.

Although it will be a church-based initiative, I am fervently hoping that the church's involvement will not dissuade any non-church goers from including themselves. There are so many things to talk about and it does not have to be all faith-based.

If it all takes off, I may have to think about the fact of vicarious liability and the possibility of public insurance. We will have to see what happens and when and if the church has a responsibility to consider this.

In the meantime, if you are interested in helping me with the setting up of this group and/or joining us when we start, please let me know. You can call me on 01728 628063 or 07881 481745. Both lines have voicemail. My e-mail address is djmulrenan@gmail.com I shall look to hearing from you.

David Mulrenan

Brundish Village Updates

Brundish Annual Parish Meeting

The Brundish Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Brundish Village Hall on **19th May 2021**. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Current Covid related distancing and other rules will be applied.

Details of the agenda and start time will be published on the Brundish website [here](#)

Village Hall Car Park Bottle Bank

In order to keep our village looking tidy and well cared for, please do not leave bottles at the foot of the bottle bank if it is full. Please take your bottles home until the bottle bank has been emptied. If you do find it full then please inform the services company who will empty it very quickly by mailing this address recycling@indigowaste.co.uk

Litter Pick

In the past, a special day has been selected to clear up our lanes, verges

and hedges of litter. However, of late, this has evolved into any period of time anyone has available to clear up in the proximity where they live. It would be wonderful if everyone could contribute by clearing a few meters on either side of the road, that way we will soon have a litter free village.

Thank you!

Brundish Village Green (Playing Field) Working Party

The village green in Brundish is a lovely if rather under used village asset. As you may be aware it currently has two fenced off areas. One is a former children's play area, previously decommissioned because the play equipment had deteriorated beyond repair, whilst the other contains a small pond which has never been made accessible. We want to renovate both these areas and make them useable. Our vision is that the pond area should become an attractive and accessible feature of the green, perhaps making a nice picnic or barbeque spot, while a renovated former play area will become a simple fenced area with a few picnic benches where children can play safely.

In a recent survey many of you expressed interest in outside community projects, so this is your chance to participate in one! Some of us will be **meeting on Saturday, 15th May at 10:30** to start clearing those two areas. Whilst some of the heavy work, such as bringing in top soil, will need to be done professionally, much of it is just simple clearing and tidying, trimming back hedging, removing fencing, clearing seedling trees etc.

All you will need is some enthusiasm and general gardening tools, such perhaps as secateurs, a spade, a garden rake etc. In the end it's as much about having a chance to meet and chat about the possibilities as it is doing the work.

Not essential, but if you would like to join us, or would like to know more, please let us know so we have some idea of how many (if any!) of you are likely to come and we can also update you should there need to be any change in plan. Just drop a line to brunbynewsletter@gmail.com. You don't need to live in Brundish to

come along!

Neil Parsons & Carl King on behalf of Brundish PC

Wilby Parish Council Update

The Parish Council met on 12 April 2021 to consider planning applications for domestic alterations/extensions submitted in respect of The Old Forge and Bullrush Barn. Both applications were supported.

Upcoming Meetings

On 5 May 2021 three important meetings will be held:

- The Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 pm followed by
- The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by
- A regular meeting of the Parish Council

Members of the public are very welcome to attend any or all of these meetings which will be virtual meetings using Zoom. The meeting ID for each of the meetings is 897 3480 8047 and the Passcode is 319230. Agendas for each meeting are available on the Parish website and on the Parish Council Noticeboard (on the school side of the Village Hall).

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Do not forget to cast your vote on 6 May 2021 in the referendum on the Wilby Neighbourhood Plan saying Yes or No to the question: 'Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Wilby to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Plan Area?'

Wanted - Grazing Land to Rent

I am looking for grazing land to rent for my horse in the Brundish area. I would need a minimum of one acre and would be happy to fence it as required. I would like to erect a temporary field shelter which could be removed at any time.

Please contact me on 07838 273877

Poet's Corner

maggie and milly and molly and may
went down to the beach (to play one day)

and maggie discovered a shell that sang
so sweetly she couldn't remember her troubles, and

milly befriended a stranded star
whose rays five languid fingers were;

and molly was chased by a horrible thing
which raced sideways while blowing bubbles; and

may came home with a smooth round stone
as small as a world and as large as alone

For whatever we lose (like a you or a me)
it's always ourselves we find in the sea

e. e. cummings 1894 - 1962

First published in 1958, this poem displays typical features that have become synonymous with the poet: lower case words, parentheses and lack of punctuation.

Reader's Photos

I'm grateful to David and Ysanne Strauss for the two Spring pictures below. I'd wondered what those tall primrose like flowers I've seen in the hedgerows were, now I know!



The False Oxlip (a hybrid between Primrose and Cowslip) on a farm track verge in Brundish. Now quite common in the area.



A bee enjoying blackthorn blossom

Church Services

May 2021	2nd Easter 4	9th Easter 5	16th Easter 6
	Acts 8:26-end 1 John 4:7-end John 15:1-8	Acts 10:44-end 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Acts 1:15-17,21-2 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19
St Nicholas Bedfield	10.30am Holy Communion DM	10.30am Family Service CS	
St Lawrence Brundish	9am BCP Holy Communion DB	10am Village Worship SA	6pm Evensong CS
St Mary Cratfield		6pm Evensong DM	9am Village Worship CM
All Saints Laxfield		10.30am Holy Communion DB	9am Holy Communion DB
St Peter Monk Soham	11am Family Service RA		11am Holy Communion RA
St Ethelbert Tannington			
St Mary Wilby		10.30am Village Worship SP	
St Mary Worlingworth	11am Holy Communion DB	11am Let's Celebrate LE	11am Morning Prayer LE
Zoom Services online	10am Holy Comm	11am Holy Comm Also Celtic Prayer - To join us, email rev.chrissiesmart@g Orams on mcbop@btinternet.com and	3pm Family Service 7pm Weds, 9am I

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Matt 25:14-30

It was with genuine sadness I heard the news that Prince Philip had died. He was a man who spent 70 years in the public eye serving his country and queen but in all of that faithful service he has managed to remain himself. He has been a good and faithful servant not overawed by his task and willing to innovate and take risks.

"He was the first royal to give an interview on television, trying to be up to date and on trend, as they say in some quarters. However his relationship with the press, that became obsessed with his gaffs skewed the public image of him. He was seen as bellicose and unfeeling with little understanding of discretion.

In his 90s Prince Philip was still taking on 300 engagements a year and in his whole 70 years of service he has never turned up late, worn the wrong uniform or gone to the wrong place. Up until he was 90 he had only missed five engagements and this was due to illness.

Yet we love to hear that he talked about the slitty-eyed Chinese and suggesting that an old-fashioned fuse-box must have been put in by an Indian; and the question to an Australian aboriginal leader in 2002, asking whether he still threw spears.

I do not know a single person who through their life have not made mistakes and gaffs. This man has served his country for seventy years it would have been surprising had he not made some errors of judgement.

But Prince Philip has another side to him a side that takes in his faith, his sense of duty and his love for his wife. It could not have been easy for a man, an alpha male, to take on the subsidiary role as consort and yet he did and has been at the queen's side supporting her in public until only last year. He is faithful to God and believes the task he was given was given to him by God and he fulfilled that task as best he was able. When our Lord comes to a reckoning with him he will say, I am sure 'well done good and faithful servant.'

Some of the things he has done is to be a long term patron of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf.

Prince Philip had a keen and questioning mind, he wanted debate and conversation. He liked to fill silences and did not suffer fools gladly. To quote his friend Giles Brandreth, Vicars, called to preach before the royal family at Balmoral, report daunting lunchtime conversations afterwards, with the duke beadily dissecting the flaws in their sermons. His study library, contained 11,000 books, includes works of comparative theology and other more surprising texts: the poetry of TS Eliot. And he read them.

Prince Philip was never apologetic for his brusqueness he had to learn to be resilient and self-reliance very early in his life. He was abandoned by his father, who went to live in the south of France, his mother confined to an asylum following a breakdown and out of contact with him for many years, his older sisters marrying Nazis, he was shuffled between relatives, educated in spartan boarding schools in Germany and Scotland and then trained for the British navy, in which he served through the second world war.

Then, once married to his bride and with his career as a naval officer taking off, he was forced to give it up when his wife ascended the throne, becoming the new Queen's consort and pledging at the coronation to be her "liege man of life and limb and of earthly worship".

He was condemned to a lifetime of walking a few paces behind, making conversation, shaking hands, inquiring politely.

Because and despite this he followed some of his own interests such as the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, encouraging young people to volunteer for community service and engage in teamwork and outdoor activity. There have been over 4 million teenage participants over 65 years (he still attended many of the ceremonies to give out gold awards). He became president of the World Wildlife Fund and of the National Playing Field Association and many others.

On his 90th birthday the Queen said "he has been "my strength and my stay all these years". He has been a good and faithful servant and he will be missed.

David Burrell

Brundish Church News

Public worship at St Lawrence's

We resume our normal rota at St Lawrence's from Sunday, 2nd May. However, there have been changes to the start times of all of the services and you are advised to check these in the service rota which is published elsewhere in the Newsletter. If you have any queries, please call Focal Minister Sandra Apps on 01728 628607 or the Rector, David Burrell on 01986 798136.

Flower arrangements in the church. Can you help?

Brundish Church is well known for the quality of its floral arrangements for the big occasions like Easter, Harvest and Christmas. However, other than the Lent period, we always have several vases of flowers on display in the church; one at the welcome table and two on the reredos behind the altar. If you would like to join a rota to assist with this, please call Floral "Commander-in-Chief", Mig Bacon on 01379 388808. You don't have to be expert, just willing! Thank you.

Wilby Church News

We are delighted to say that we will resume regular public worship on May 9th in Wilby Church. Please remember that we will still be required to wear masks, use the hand sanitiser, observe social distancing and are not permitted to sing at present. We are taking a cautious approach and will assess how best to further develop the return to physical worship. It will be wonderful to meet in person again.

Sunday May 9th	10:30	Village Worship led by Sheila Pipe
Sunday May 23rd	10:30	Morning Prayer led by Sheila Pipe
Sunday June 13th	10:30	Holy Communion taken by Rev. Ron Orams
Sunday June 27th	10:30	Village Worship led by Sheila Pipe

The zoom services have been an incredible lifeline for many throughout the lockdown – a chance to meet, chat and worship together virtually. A huge thank you to all who have made these possible. These services will continue and if you would like to join us please email rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com who will send you invitations.

Zoom Services

Sunday May 2nd	10:00	Holy Communion
Sunday May 9th	15:00	Family Worship
Thursday May 13th	19:00	Ascension Day Service
Sunday May 16th	10:00	Morning Prayer



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