



Brunby Newsletter

March 2021

Dear Reader,

Snow may be nice for a day or two, but it's still nicer when it goes away and spring starts to appear. All around us things are starting to change as the weather begins to warm. Plants are stirring - snowdrops and crocuses are out and even a few daffodils are showing, plus everywhere about us romance is in the air; we see and hear ducks noisily squabbling over partners or plodding around the garden in pairs looking for a nesting site, and it's one of the only times I've even seen the rather incongruous site of a pair of them perched on the roof presumably scanning the area!

It all feels as though we're on the edge of better times - summer is on its way, our vaccine development and roll out effort is hugely impressive, so let's hope that lockdown eases soon and we can have an enjoyable and (more) normal summer - plus it would be rather good to have some local news and events to publish..! Do feel free to send some in!



Bedingfield Churchyard

Best Wishes

Neil

Local Updates

Mid-Suffolk brown bin collections are scheduled to re-start on 08 March

Winter Road Clearance

On behalf of all Wilby Parish Council, and everyone else in our villages I am sure, we would like to pass on our appreciations to the local farmers /contractors in keeping our roads open during the recent bout of snow. Once Suffolk Highways had given authority they made an excellent

job of clearing the roads and even, in the case of Giles Western and Ben Barker, rescuing a very grateful pair of stranded locals from snowdrifts!

Poet's Corner

Beeny Cliff

O The opal and the sapphire of that wandering western sea,
And the woman riding high above with bright hair flapping free -
The woman whom I loved so, and who loyally loved me.

The pale mews plained below us, and the waves seemed far away
In a nether sky, engrossed in saying their ceaseless babbling say,
As we laughed light-heatedly aloft on that clear-sunned March day.

A little cloud then cloaked us, and there flew an irised rain,
And the Atlantic dyed it's levels with a dull misfeatured stain,
And then the sun burst out again, and purples prinked the main.

- Still in all it's chasmal beauty bulks old Beeny to the sky.
And shall she and I not go there once again now March is nigh,
And the sweet things said in that March say anew there by and by?

What if still in chasmal beauty looms that wild weird western shore?
The woman now is - elsewhere - whom the ambling pony bore,
And nor knows nor cares for Beeny, and will laugh there never more.

Thomas Hardy (1840 - 1928)



Our bird feeders were wildly popular during the recent snow, here a thrush was tucking into an apple we kept from the autumn especially to feed the birds in winter. They are enormously popular with blackbirds, field fares, thrushes - and moorhens!

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Brundish Church News

Public worship at St Lawrence's

Brundish is continuing to host a scaled down version of Holy Communion every Sunday 10 a.m. It will be the only church in the Four Rivers Benefice

where this is being offered until further lockdown easing details are released. The services will alternate between the Prayer book versions on the first and third Sunday and Common Worship on the second and fourth Sundays. Regrettably there will be no singing or preaching for the moment in order to keep the services short. The Eucharist will be celebrated either by David Burrell or David Mulrenan.

Of course, as is the norm at the moment, these services may have to be cancelled at short notice. It would be prudent to contact either Davids before you decide to attend. David Burrell is on 01986 798136 and David Mulrenan on 07881 481745. All necessary precautions will be taken to maximise your safety.

Easter Day Communion Service

11a.m. Sunday, 4th April, at St Lawrence's Church, Brundish

We are delighted that we can start planning for resuming public worship at St Lawrence's. Easter Day is the most important time in the Christian world and to celebrate it communally is one of the most rewarding and colourful occasions. Sadly, it is still unlikely that the choir, The Chantry Singers, will be able to sing because of the lack of opportunity to rehearse, however we are hoping so much that our congregation may be able to. We'll just have to wait and see. Please do consider joining us. You will be most welcome.

Needlework expertise required!

Visitors to churches might know about the seasons which are celebrated. There are Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Ordinary Time, Easter, Pentecost and Christmas to name a few. Each season has associated colours which you may see on altars, pulpits and lecterns. Brundish Church has a full set of lectern and pulpit hangings but some of them are now beginning to show their age. However, they are not beyond repair. If you have good needlework skills and would be kind enough to offer to mend these venerable items, please let our Focal Minister, Sandra Apps, know on 01728 628607 or David Mulrenan on 07881 481745.

Thank you very much.

From the Rector

Why are eggs associated with Easter? Why are they such a powerful symbol of resurrection? The word needs some care. It is not resuscitation, as if Jesus were simply brought back to life, like Lazarus or the widow's son at Nam. Resurrection is transformation. So then, why eggs and Easter? An egg is totally changed. What is yellow and white liquid becomes alive with feathers and a chirp. A liquid goo becomes a chicken – a sea gull, crow or magpie. Another Easter symbol is the seed, or acorn. You can look at a seed and never imagine what colour it may turn out to have. Similarly with a caterpillar and butterfly. These are resurrection symbols because they become something else, totally unforeseen and beautiful. And yet there is continuity: the egg becomes a chicken; an acorn becomes an oak-tree; a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

The resurrection is an invitation to look around to see transformation, to see what is evil being changed, what is immature becoming adult; what appears inert like an egg or seed sprouting life.

Jesus "was raised on the third day." Who raised him? The Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. When we look at the resurrection appearances we notice that Jesus is not at first recognised by those who loved him and who were his close associates or disciples. The Risen Jesus is then the same but different. This can be put in another way by saying that Jesus is not resuscitated, but is resurrected.

Christ is risen, and has promised to take us with him. This life is not the end; we too will be transformed in endless life and beauty. Human life is good, but it will end. The resurrection gives hope and meaning to our existence, *what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body (1 Corinthians 15:42-44).*

Happy Easter enjoy your

eggs.

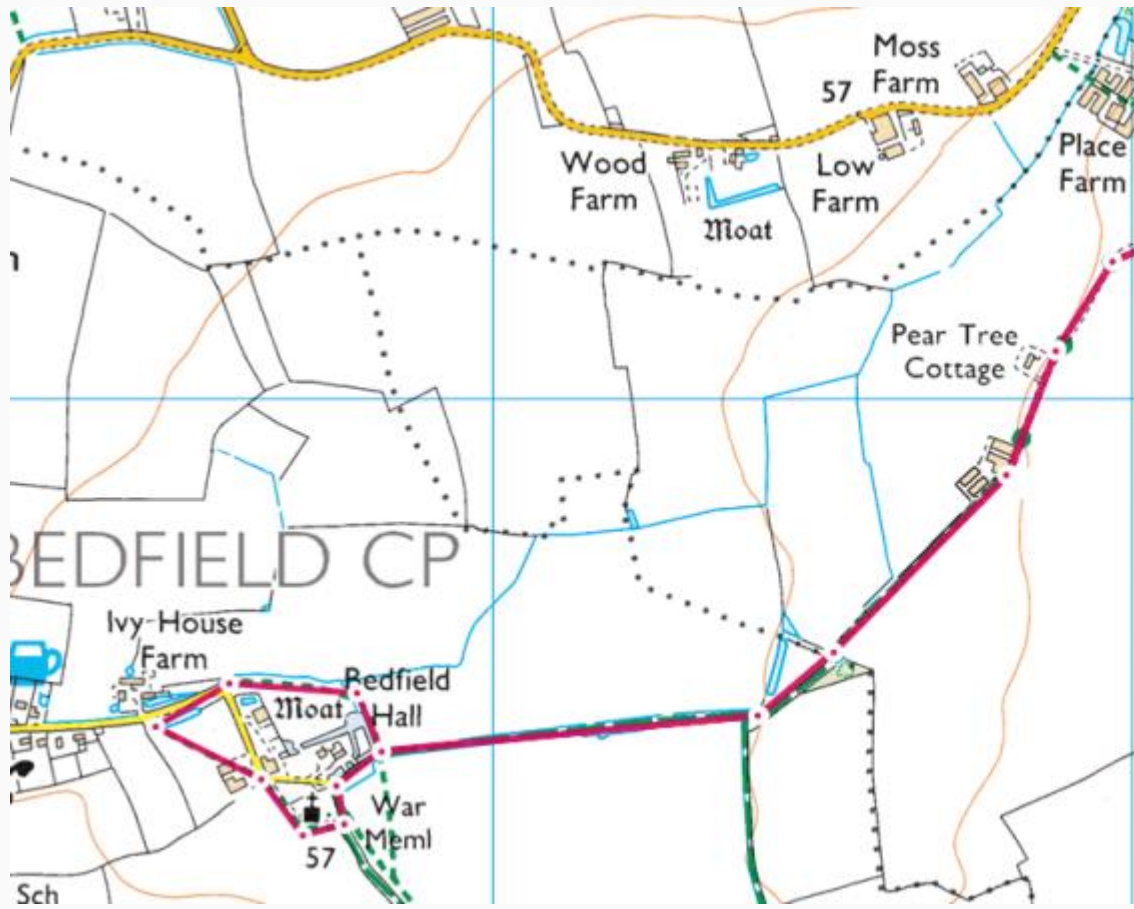
David Burrell

Local Walks

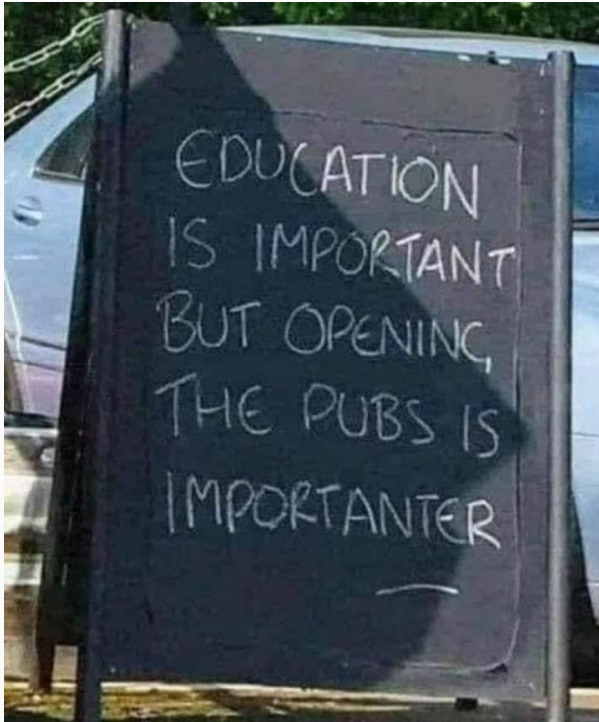
At a time when walking is one of the few things we are allowed to do outside our homes it would perhaps be nice to share a few favourite local walks. Just to get things going this is a very simple but pleasant 3 mile route running between Tannington and Bedfield. It's mix of paved and unpaved track and suitable for most people and dog owners. We've quality assured it for you on a hot summer's evening and in the recent snow - enjoyable in both extremes!

There's parking available outside Tannington Church from where you take the track/road (Peartree Lane) towards Bedfield and just follow it along looping around Bedfield Church. Bedfield Hall is a spectacular old building in a picturesque setting and a nice feature of the walk. A short extension will take you to Bedfield Crown which, hopefully, will open again soon.

If you have your own walk suggestion please let us know at brunbynewsletter@gmail.com



And lastly....



.... on the other hand..!

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