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11th November, 2019

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From the Editors

Abject apologies to the Foxearth & District Historical Society for listing the wrong date

for Ian McMillan's talk about Lyston Hall in our October edition. We are happy to say that we managed to get there on the correct night and found it fascinating. They are holding a social evening on Saturday, 16th November. More details below.

After providing an endless supply of delicious recipes for the Parish News over a number of years, Sally Ham has decided to hang up her apron in the new year.

We are inviting our readers to send in their favourite, tried and tested recipes, ideally with a seasonal theme, for sharing. We look forward hearing about your gastronomic delights! *Kelvin and Julie*

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Ruminations from the Rectory.....

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful beginning for our Festival. We were enthralled by the Belchamp Walter Singers and the Festival Choir at the special service. Bishop Stephen came and really affirmed what the Festival is all about. By the time you read this, we will probably have had the final service at Wickham St Paul (7:30pm 1st November) where the Festival Choir, once again, will be helping us worship with Faure's Requiem.

At the opening service, which happened to fall on my birthday, I was stunned to be given a huge rose called "Rambling Rector" (do I ramble???) on behalf of all the Parishes. I am so grateful, it was such a surprise and I shall treasure this rose, which will be planted in Wenhaston when we retire next summer. It means I can always think of North Hinckford when, in my dotage, I am pottering around the garden! Thank you so much.

Writing this, we are 12 days into the Festival. I have enjoyed the 13 events I have attended so far: seeing neighbours and people from other parishes meeting and getting to know each other; discovering so many hidden talents within our communities. The children from Bulmer School put on a fantastic lunch time concert called "Music around the World", while Belchamp St Paul School concentrated on 'Water' for their Harvest festival in church. It was a joy to hear and see all the work of the children.

Some fantastic historical displays will be up for a while in some churches, such as Belchamp St Paul and Belchamp Walter. Henny's amazing "Henny Through the Seasons" fabric collage will grace our church there for a long time to come.

Check out www.southstourchurchesfestival.org to see what else is happening.

I am so grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to make this festival such a success. There really has been something for everyone.

November is a month of remembering All Saints, All Souls, Guy Fawkes night and Remembrance Services. St Martin's Day is on 11th November so I do hope we get what is known as "St Martin's Little Summer" God bless

Margaret, your Team Rector

PS I attended a sublime concert in atmospheric Belchamp Otten church where the Abbot Consort gave a world premier of a composition "Lord grant us calm" a poem by Christina Rossetti. The composer was Michael Aves church member at Belchamp Otten. The piece was dynamic, soaring and beautiful, sung perfectly by the brilliant A Capella choir.



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Pastoral Ponderings

Dear Friends

Remember, remember the 5th of November, so the nursery rhyme goes and that line sums up November really. We remember loved ones who have died, we remember those who died in wars and the 5th November brings bonfires and fireworks.

After a month of thanksgiving at the end of the harvest season, it seems fitting to follow with a time to remember. If we do not take time in life to remember, then we can miss the opportunity to be thankful. Sometimes that means being thankful for the big moments in life, and sometimes that means being thankful for the smaller blessings, such as a smile from a passer-by.

I was reminiscing recently with people who have been part of our communities for many years and we talked about the way of life as it was several decades ago, including remembering the shops that used to be part of our villages. Many of our churches have been remembering times gone past, as part of the South Stour Churches Festival, with old photographs, records and stories. Reminiscing can remind us of values of times gone by, but they need not be lost in today's world, for a simple smile travels through all generations as does thankfulness.

In the Christian way of life, we offer our thanks to God, as well as to one another and one way we have done this is through Harvest Festivals as we have sung 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter', and 'Now Thank We All our God'. Having a grateful heart can be very uplifting and fill our lives with joy.

I already see so much to be thankful for in our villages, and I hope you share that with me and as the fireworks light up the sky may we light up our villages with thankful lives.

> Gill Rev Gill Morgan

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On the alternate Mondays, our village prayer group meets at

7.30am (yes, that is quite early!) and prays for the village, our clergy and those in our community who are in need.

If you are wanting to learn more about either of these groups ,or if you have something that you would like the group to pray for, please contact:

fiona.c.gault@gmail.com (375474) louisewells55@gmail.com (07798771946) linda_mercer@msn.com

REMEMBERING THOSE WE NO LONGER SEE...



This year for All Souls Day we are holding two services in our benefice where everyone is welcome to come along to remember the people they have known, who have died, either recently or anytime in the past. There will be readings, hymns, music and an opportunity to light a candle to remember each life.

The services are being held on:

Sat 2 Nov - 4pm at Henny Church led by Revd Margaret King

Sun 3 Nov - 4pm at Bulmer Church led by Revd Gill Morgan

If you are unable to come but would like a candle lit in memory of someone email either Margaret or Gill and let us know the name of the person you would like to remember. For more information contact Revd Margaret King 01787 269385 revd.margaret@northhinckfordparishes.org.uk -or-Revd Gill Morgan 01787 584993 revgillmorgan@outlook.com

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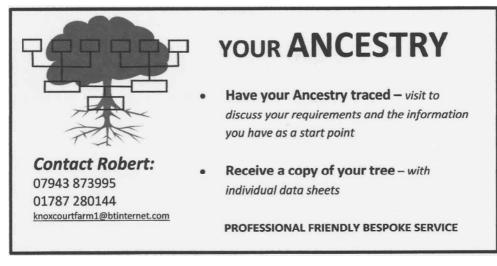
Evening Meetings

Thurs 28th November Thurs 26th December Christmas Social & Fundraiser No Evening Meeting

Café Club @ Assington Country Kitchen:

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for more information please contact Linda - <u>linda mercer@msn.com</u> or Pam - <u>pampluck@btinternet.com</u> or pam@foxearthhallbarn.co.uk

ADVENT QUIET DAY "SENSING GOD"

Thursday 5th December 9:30am – 3pm at HOME retreat house Monks Eleigh, Suffolk IP7 7AU

In the run up to Christmas, why not take time out to remind ourselves of the real meaning of Christmas, to slow down, take a step out of busyness.....

A precious day to be refreshed in a peaceful village. Our theme is Sensing God using all our senses. We will go out for lunch to either the Swan which is a minute's walk away where you can have sandwiches or a bar meal, or Corn Kist at Bridge Farm Barns.

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The practical conservation volunteering happens on most Fridays. We make a start at 10 am. Some people do a morning, some work on into the afternoon. Basically people offer what they can - every bit of help makes a difference.

This autumn we will be working with Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley volunteers on a project called "Free the Trees". The plan is to remove the old plastic guards and black plastic mulch from 350 metres of 'hedge' planted in the early 2000's along the old railway track. The 27th November is the provisional day for this, and we would love to welcome some extra volunteers to help with the project. Please contact Mark to find out more.

Andy Jowitt

Andy Jowitt is volunteer Community Engagement Officer for the reserve and can be contacted on: 01787 464010 or 07584 751093 / jowitts@btinternet.com

Mark Prina is Reserve Manager and can be contacted on: 07548 209652 / <u>mark.prina@arocha.org</u>



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PENTLOW ILLUMINATIONS

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Sunday 8th December at 6pm

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Pentlow Village Hall

Christmas Social

Friday December 13th at 7.30 pm

BAR, QUIZ, GRAND RAFFLE

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Adults £3.00 Children £1 pay at the door

LISTON BORLEY PENTLOW FOXEARTH TRUST FUND

Grants for educational development, community projects and religious purposes are available for individuals and organizations in our villages Applications are considered by the Trustees in Spring and Autumn Requests for support should be made in writing to the Secretary:-Dr Douglas New at Bunters, Borley CO10 7AE

CRIME PREVENTION

1.If you must store Christmas food and drink, presents and other goodies within garages and outbuildings, ensure that they are out of sight and that it's securely locked with good quality well fitted locks. Treat your shed to a shed alarm.

2. Avoid tempting window shopping burglars; don't leave presents and valuables on full view in front of a window.

3.Ensure that your windows and doors are closed and locked before leaving the house. Don't attract burglars to your home by leaving it in darkness; leave lights on timers, perhaps treat yourself to a TV simulator too.

4.Lock gates to keep unwanted visitors from getting to the rear of your home.

5.Whether an evening out or Christmas shopping keep your bags, handbags, wallets and mobile safe. Busy places make it easier for the sneak thief, so be alert at all times.

6.Park safely; look for a Parkmark accredited car park <u>www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder</u> Check that your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave valuables and gifts on display in your car.

7. When you go to leave the house and find that your car is all iced up, don't leave it unattended with the engine running to de-ice it. It only takes a second to steal your car and it would invalidate any insurance claim.

8.Attending a Christmas party – make sure that you have considered how you are getting home in advanced and avoid using unlicensed taxi's. Ensure you drink responsibly and are aware of your surroundings, whilst keeping your drink and belongings safe. www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/FAQs/Category/personal-safety

9.Watch what you put on social media; check your settings to ensure that you are not broadcasting when you are not at home and the lovely gifts you have received.

10.After Christmas don't advertise your nice gifts to the thieves by putting the empty boxes out for collection, disguise them, fold them up inside out or put them inside other non-descript box.

11.Record your new property free on <u>www.immobilise.com</u>, install tracking and security apps on relevant electrical and computer products.

Have a Great Christmas and New Year!! For further crime prevention advice see: www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/

Stephen Armson-Smith

VILLAGE KITCHEN BY SALLY HAM

PUMPKIN SOUP

Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil 2 onions, finely chopped 1kg pumpkin or squash (try kabocha), peeled/deseeded/chopped into chunks 700ml vegetable stock or chicken stock 150ml double cream

Method

1. Heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a large saucepan, then gently cook 2 finely chopped onions for 5 mins, until soft but not coloured.

2.Add 1kg pumpkin or squash, cut into chunks, to the pan, then carry on cooking for 8-10 mins, stirring occasionally until it starts to soften and turn golden.

3. Add 700ml vegetable or chicken stock and season with salt and pepper. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 10 mins until the squash is very soft.

4. Pour 150ml double cream into the pan, bring back to the boil, then puree with a hand blender. The soup can now be frozen for up to 2 months.

5. Serve with crusty Bread. Great for Bonfire parties.



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Fruit could be melon: No citrus! (5)
- 4 Idea about military assistant! (4)
- 7 Species name for maple (4)

8 Bedtime headwear - slumber inducing! (8)

- 9 Illicitly distilled or smuggled liquor (9)10 Cylindrical glass container forbeer perhaps (3)
- 12 Frantic, hurried (6)

14 "Tristram " Voluminous novel by Lawrence Sterne (6)

16 Indian Pale Ale - as a short! (1,1,1)

18 I trace fab construction - and invent! (9)

22 Rotten social standing! (4)

23 "That which we call a by any other name would smell as sweet"Juliet (4)

24 High-pitched, complaining cry (5)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Mild flavoured sugar found in milk (7)
- 2 Remain at roundabout to tenderise or flavour meat, fish etc.! (8)
- 3 9th (5)
- 4 ".... of the Apostles, Bible book (4)
- 5 Emotional play Sandra Mackie features! (5)
- 6 Those who act for others (6)
- 11 Type of rum popular with e.g Coke (8)
- 13 Cartel involved in Bordeaux wine! (6)

15 Cadet enters providing ending of aggression! (7)

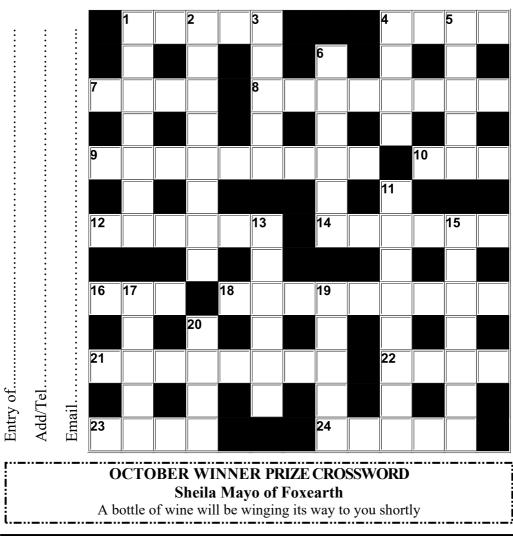
- 17 Disney dog character on most remote planet! (5)
- 19 Plant seed again (5)
- 20 On one occasion only (4)



PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 241

There is a theme to some of this month's competition which you will spot and which I am too embarrassed to mention! As ever some clues are cryptic(!) Entries to **The Editors** by 14th November please.

Ken Nice



Prize Crossword No 240 (October) Solution

Across 1 Mars, 4 Nestles, 8 Allsorts, 9 Tom, 11 Hasten, 13 Aerial, 14 Realm, 15 Cold, 17 Pear, 18 Beret, 20 Liquor, 21 Nougat, 24 Toe, 25 Notified, 26 Strayed, 27 Eats **Down** 2 Atlas, 3 Sister, 4 Nero, 5 System, 6 Lattice, 7 Similarity 10 Chocolates, 12 Never, 13 Alien, 6 Liqueur, 18 Bounty,19 Toffee, 22 Guest, 23 Stud



Little Acorns Playgroup

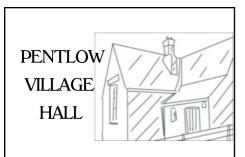
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FOXEARTH & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Since moving to Liston some 13 years ago, the contributions of Ian McMillan and Quentin Poole to the musical life of our small group of villages has been immense. Memorable concerts, with top class artistes, have been organised in Liston Church, choirs have been assembled and trained, and Ian's passion for the works of Gilbert and Sullivan was amply demonstrated in the illustrated and participative series of lectures in Pentlow in 2016. More that once the glory of Foxearth's historic Father Willis organ has been amply shown through Ian's expert hands and feet. Musical feasts indeed!

On Tuesday 8th October, the Society was treated to another facet of Ian's talents when he talked to some 50 members and guests about the history of Liston Hall. Arising from a standard of research, well above his self-confessed A level in history, Ian delivered an account of the ancient manor house from its building in c1185 to its demolition (apart from two wings) after the Second World War. Stated originally as being "seated on an eminence" (high ground), descriptions of the property have constantly stressed the beautiful park with its many fruit trees

and roses. Over the centuries numerous notable people were linked to the estate as owners, renters, visitors, including the Duke of Argyll, Sir Cordell Firebrace, very senior professional figures and generations of the local Clopton and Campbell-Lambert families. The stately homes of Long Melford Hall and Kentwell were associated with what seems to have been a closely-knit social group. In 1381 Sir Richard Lyons, an



extremely wealthy merchant, property owner in several counties including Essex and Suffolk, MP for Essex, Privy Counsellor and Sheriff of London etc, was so hated by the local land workers (for whom he apparently had no time) that he was marched off to London and beheaded. It is recorded that in this early episode of The Peasants' Revolt, Wat Tyler was responsible for the execution and there is no doubt that this part of East Anglia was a hotbed of unrest. In 1712 the German composer, George Frederick Handel settled in London and it is known that he frequently visited Belchamp Hall where one of the two organs that he left in his Will remains. It is nice to think that the other one may be in Liston Church as there is some evidence linking him to Liston Hall where, the then residents, may well have been on his list of wealthy patrons.

Foxearth & Dist Historical Society cont ...

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This was a most entertaining talk, full of information and delivered clearly and characteristically with the energy of a Bach fugue! Ian and Quentin brought along many photographs, pictures, maps and artefacts - including bits of decorative plasterwork recovered from a pond -and they were warmly thanked by Clare Mathieson for a splendid evening. It is usual for the Society to offer speakers a fee. On this occasion Ian generously asked that the Society make a donation to the Parish Church organ fund for which the Parochial Church Council is very grateful.

Next meeting: **Saturday**, -please note change of normal day -16th November at 7.30pm in Foxearth Village Hall when President Ashley Cooper and Lord Andrew Phillips will reminisce on the theme "A Sudbury Boy Wunders (sic) aloud after 80 years" There will be a donation bar and the visitor entrance fee will be £5 to include the first drink. Perennials are ones that grow like weeds, biannuals are the ones that die this year instead of next and hardy annuals are the ones that never come up at all.

Katherine Whitehorn, Observations

Winter is closing in, and leaves are falling. It is time to put the garden to bed until spring, and keep warm in the meantime.

- Plant tulips this month, and plant them deep, to escape pests.
- Collect fallen leaves from lawns to give the grass more light, and put them in bins or black plastic bags to make leaf mould mulch.
- Start indoor bulbs in pots to enjoy around Christmas, in somewhere cool in good light.
- Propagate hardy perennials by root cuttings this month, such as phlox or anenome.
- Clear the greenhouse of mouldy leaves and debris around plants; air on frost-free days to guard against fungal infections.
- Continue planting trees and shrubs, both container grown and bare-root specimens.
- Review your house plants most need less water now, and some may need more light as the days shorten.
- Start the winter pruning of apples and pears.
- A cloche over late sown parsley will keep it going for a few weeks longer.
- Cover late beetroot or carrots with cardboard or straw to keep off the frost and make them easier to harvest if the ground freezes.
- Begin pruning grape vines towards the end of the month.
- Keep on harvesting leeks, kale, sprouts, winter cabbage and parsnips.
- Check stored apples, and leave any damaged ones out for the birds

This is not the month for sitting in the garden with a glass of wine, but keep warm and don't overdo the work.

Cavendish Horticultural Society : 4th November - What do I do with this space? Talk by Daren Lerigo (Modern Mint)

News from The Federation of St. Giles' and St. Andrew's C of E Primary Schools

Executive Headteacher: Mrs J Nichols



Nationally Published Author Visit!

We were very excited at St Andrew's Primary School to host an author visit. Year 3 and 4 were joined by our friends at St Giles', and other local schools. The children had a fabulous motivational and inspirational morning with Kevin and Katie Tsang. They were all transfixed by their enthusiasm and passion for writing, and loved helping with ideas to create a new story!

Budding Artists!

Reception Year children are studying the artwork of Vincent Van Gogh. They observed sunflowers in the class garden that were grown from seed last academic year. They mixed different shades of yellow and finger painted the centres, then assembled it as Van Gogh's famous painting. We think you'll agree, they have done an amazing job!



Good

Provider

Music Concert

The children took part in the South Stour Churches Festival with a fantastic concert performance at St Andrew's Church. The children showed just how much they have learned in their music lessons!



Snippets from the Diary	
30 th Sept	Wiggery Wood - Otter Class
3 rd Oct	Harvest Festival Assembly
	followed by tea and cakes
	in support of Macmillan.
7 th Oct	Teddy 'Lympics, Year 1
	The Ramsey Academy
11 th Oct	Film Club
21 st Oct	Max Mullen BMX Assembly
	& Workshop KS2

Mrs Nichols welcomes you to visit the school so you can see for yourself just how good we are! Please contact the school office to book a tour.



St Giles' Primary School Great Maplestead Tel: (01787) 460481 email: admin@sgasa.uk



St. Andrew's Primary School Bulmer Tel: (01787) 372383 email: office@sab.sgasa.uk What a few weeks it's been since harvest was completed!!

In many ways it was a good harvest for the farm; good conditions, healthy yields and good samples of each of the crops. Even the beans, this year, had minimal damage from bruchid beetle. All the winter barley, oilseed rape and winter beans have been sold and moved on.

Wheat prices were on a downward trend, as the speculators were obviously hedging their bets on what 2019's harvest would be like, so father-in-law took the decision not to sell any tonnage forward with plenty of certainty that the uncertainty of Brexit would loom large - I don't intend to go into that, as there aren't enough pages in the Parish News for my article, lol!

We have now started selling tonnages of wheat, as we follow market trends and how the pound strengthens or weakens on a daily basis. Prices are just about covering cost of production, mainly down to the good yields we achieved.

With harvest done, it was a matter of getting land cultivated and prepared for the following crops, with the usual intention of, hopefully, having some flushes of the dreaded blackgrass and volunteer plants to spray off. This proved to be a slight issue with, up until now, one of the driest periods during autumn cultivation for some time having an adverse effect on those weeds and volunteers we want to spray out to give us a clean seedbed to drill into and establish the next crop, to give it the best start to its growing cycle.

These conditions hindered establishing our rape, which we normally look to drill late July early August to beat the flea beetle damage, so this year's rape certainly does not look as forward, or as well established, as the previous year. But, it is in the ground and growing.

Thomas has worked his way around the farm with the Terrano cultivator and has done a great job in difficult dry conditions. Frustratingly, I have been waiting and waiting for the flush of growth, to get on and spray what he has pulled over with a lack of rain and moisture to help it along.

Us farmers love the inconsistency of our weather as it keeps us on our toes and, as you have probably guessed, although later than we would have liked the rain came and came, and came again, to the point where we have had a little to much to be able to get back on the land to crack on with spraying and drilling - much to our frustration.

As frustrating as it is, patience is a virtue, as they say and, if there is one thing I have learned over the years, you can't do much about the weather and it is best to work with her, not against her and force the following crop in the ground, as much as we would like to get on and get done.

So, as it stands, there is around 25 hectares of rape in the ground and only 9 hectares of first wheats, where we would normally have the majority of the farm drilled up so, it's fingers crossed that we have a decent spell of settled dry weather to help us achieve our goals. Down on the farm continued

... continued Down on the farm

With the arable side of the farm a bit up in the air, on the sheep front the hot dry summer has had an effect on the lambs growth and finish, with a large proportion literally shutting down and going into what we describe as store mode. These are now



Ding Dong our new ram who had been coloured blue as his previous owners are Ipswich Town supporters, what with me being a Norwich City fan

receiving haylage made off our legume fallows and a feed block as well as their grazing to help push them on a bit.

On the breeding flock front, the Blue Texel ewes ran with a Blue tup from August but we think the hot conditions have affected fertility as we have seen some return to the tup in September and early October

The commercial flock have two tups in this season, a Blue Texel and a new addition and different breed we are experimenting with, who we bought from friends that sold us our first Dorset Down sheep. He is a Border Leicester named Ding Dong and he's a lovely lad.

So this is where we are at present patiently waiting for a settled spell of weather where we can get on with next years crop establishment I'll let you know in the next edition how that went !!

Simon

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FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on 28th September. Cllr Tony Clayton was in the Chair and there were 7 local residents present.

Co-opted member; Following the recent advert and, on completion of the necessary formalities, the Chairman welcomed Cllr Keith Holmes of Foxearth as a co-opted member. This leaves one vacancy which will be re-advertised.

Essex Infonet web site: The Clerk confirmed that this site would close on 31st March 2020. Information about alternative facilities would be published.

County and District: As Cllr David Finch and Cllr Iona Parker apologised for non-attendance, no activity report of these authorities was available.

Public question time: Regarding a pilot scheme being run by ECC about further devolution of highways functions, there was no information about whether the Council would be involved. As to the delay in the refurbishment of the Foxearth village sign, it was evident that the appointed contractor had so far failed to do the work. An offer to help if required was made by one resident.

Broadband: Cllr Mark Posen said that his latest information was that Foxearth may be connected to the cable system in November but there was no update on the service to Liston.

Footpaths: Cllr Keith Robson reported no significant problems. Some tyre dumping had been dealt with. Co-ordination of cutting was being arranged with County.

Planning applications: None outstanding.

Next meeting: Saturday 30th November at 9.45am in Foxearth Village Hall.

Ken Nice





RIDE & STRIDE PENTLOW

In Pentlow, we are very lucky to have a "Sporting Champion" resident in the village, and, this year, she very kindly offered to ride for us.

Mandy's achievements are endless and, to name but a few, she has represented the country in Triathlons, an Iron Man

Triathlon, 32 Marathons - 6 being Ultra Marathons, 2019 HSBC UK Elite National Time Trials Championship at Sandringham, 2nd Overall in age at The National Sigma Sports Classic series.

She currently races for a women's team, Datalynx-Parensis, and is racing with Cyclocross with a view to some National Events this winter. Next year's goal - Lands End to John o Groats.

Mandy enjoyed partaking in the 'Ride & Stride' and covered 21 Churches, being able to view the countryside, as well as our lovely Churches, instead of head down and racing. Mandy said she will be pleased to do it again next year but as you see she must have a busy schedule with a job, a partner and a dog as well.

We are very grateful to her and to all who sponsored her to the value £162.50 ...which, unfortunately, does not all go to our Church.

Susan Fenner



PENTLOW HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our lovely Church was cheerfully decorated with flowers, traditional fruit and vegetables, and was well attended for our Harvest Festival on Friday 27th September.

The service was led by Revd Gill Morgan and took on the usual form of a mixture of Bible readings, suitable poems and well sung hymns. We always like the poem by Manley Hopkins about the church mouse, which Janice reads so well. This prompted Rev Gill to relate her own comical experience during a service some years previously. She then progressed on to the deeper issues of the day regarding food and lack of it for so many people.

About 36 people made their way to the Village Hall where the "Pentlow Chefs" had been busy once again. A hot meal of jacket potatoes a choice of 4 tasty toppings, salads & delicious desserts at £6.00 per adult & £3.00 per child were available.

John Swan was kept busy at the bar where wines, beers and soft drinks were on sale. May and Carole manned the well laden raffle table, the first prize being a bottle of good whiskey which was won by June. Canon Peter had prepared a quiz to test our brains which involved matching pictures of fruit with the appropriate leaves; this was won by Isobel. The evening closed about 10pm.

We are very grateful to all who helped in any way, donated items and spent their money. We are glad to report that £346, quite a bit more than last year, has been able to be added to Church funds.

Susan Fenner



FOXEARTH CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL & COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to everyone who came to our harvest festival, gave money, chatted, drank coffee, ate cakes and helped us to raise **£290** for the

charity 'Send-a-cow' and their Harvest 2019 appeal – this is enough to provide farm training, seeds and materials to enable 20 Rwandan families to grow a sustainable supply of coffee plants. See <u>https://sendacow.org/</u> for more information.



AUTUMN SERENADE : SONGS From SHOWS!

Continuing Borley's contribution to the South Stour Churches Festival, Borley Church hosted a concert by The Mead Singers on 15th October.

The Mead Singers are a Bury St Edmunds based choir and orchestra, led and conducted by Michael Phillips, numbering around 25. Compere for the evening was Albert Baker who provided a succinct introduction to each number.

The evening was devoted to songs from shows, in particular those of Ivan Novello and Gilbert & Sullivan. Other, more modern West End and Broadway shows included Andrew Lloyd Webber's, 'Aspects of Love' and an extract from 'The School of Rock'. The programme also included songs from Okalahoma, South Pacific, King and I, Guys and Dolls, and Phantom of the Opera. Although The Mead Singer's rendition of

'All the Things You Are' gave a promise

of energetic enthusiasm, it was not until the finale that the singers seemed to relax and pump out the volume with 'Thank you for the Music' from 'Mamma Mia'. During the intermission, villagers provided eagerly awaited nibbles and drinks. Sausage rolls and savoury hors d'oeuvres were quickly consumed as the audience settled down for part two.

Thanks were given by Rev Margaret to the Mead Singers and to everyone who contributed to the evening. Donations were gratefully received for church funds.

Kelvin Hastings-Smith

FOXEARTH HARVEST SUPPER

This annual event, held in aid of the parish church, took place on Saturday 12th October in the village hall and was a delightful community occasion. Phil Cox was Master of Ceremonies. He maintained order throughout and got things underway with an appropriate grace.

It seems to have become traditional that, in exchange for delicious food and a well-stocked bar, we are required to tax our little grey cells and, this year, the challenge came in the form of a page of 20 anagrams related to harvest set by a guest from Cavendish, Annette Williamot. No team solved them all but in an atmosphere of lovely food and drink, jolly company and stimulating conversation, what can you expect: at least that's my excuse! A box of chocolates went to the winning table with an impressive 90% correct. Gambling urges were fulfilled with a large raffle organised by Val and at the end of the evening around £600 had been raised for the Parish Church

Thanks were expressed by Phil, and are reiterated, to the many who helped to organise the event by planning, cooking, serving, setting-up and clearing away and of course to the 51 who came along and enjoyed their efforts. We spared a thought for several "regulars" who were unwell and unable to come. We look forward to seeing them at future village gatherings.

Ken Nice

Harvest Supper at Borley this year was a real community affair. Packed to capacity, diners anxiously waited the tasty treats waiting patiently in the kitchen to fill the plates of hungry participants.

A TOWIE (The Only Way is Essex) theme emerged from the main raffle prize, a hamper, which consisted of food products made in Essex.



Unfortunately Mally, who was due to say Grace, was stuck on the M23 and would arrive with the morning milk delivery! While we missed him, Grace was said and the evening began.

The evening was a buzz of fun and community topped off with a Harvest Quiz with, guess what? A TOWIE theme!

DOWN ON THE FARM (a dog walker's perspective)

Following Simon Dain's polite moan (September Parish News) to certain dog walkers who allow themselves and their dogs to stray from the path, may I politely offer a different viewpoint and a message to farmers, land owners and councils.

We all do delight in the countryside and the wonderful diversity it offers but the public footpaths are very poorly maintained. They are especially bad during the growing season when it is often impossible to negotiate them, making many areas inaccessible. This forces us onto the field margins. We do not feel comfortable with this, but sometimes have no option.

I also find it interesting to read of the effort and finance put into creating these margins and areas that enhance wildlife habitat. Personally, I feel that the majority of farmland in this area severely lack these. Indeed, the photograph from the combine seat shows a vast prairie style field so popular in these parts! Miles of hedges and ditches have been removed to create modern, huge fields that offer zero habitat for the wildlife. What few hedges that do remain are being pulverised by the flail, destroying the rich bounty of fruit, hips and nuts that I would consider invaluable to our struggling species. This flailing also creates a nasty hazard for us and our four legged friends, with highly poisonous blackthorn a particular problem.

So indeed, we will always consider the hidden beauty of the countryside and always respect the land and its occupants, but perhaps we could also be considered and respected? Autumn is indeed a glorious season and my favourite too!

Jonathan Harrup

... continued TOWIE comes to Borley

Who knew that father Christmas had an Essex connection? The winner by one point was Karen Lamb (again!) who received the biggest prize Borley Village Hall Committee has ever awarded.

Much work had been carried out behind the scenes to make this a landmark occasion in the Borley Village Hall calendar. Whether it was coronation chicken, saucy sausages or phenomenal pavlova the chefs and cooks had excelled in presenting a supper fit for the elite! Jon ran an ever efficient bar keeping the wine and beer flowing. What fun. Proceeds on the night topped £400.

Thank you to everyone who made the evening so enjoyable.

Snap by Belinda Bauer is a terrific read if you are into crime fiction. This well written novel zips along at a very fast pace and would keep you awake for hours if you chose to start reading it at bedtime. It really is a 'not put down-able' book. It was also long listed for the Booker Prize 2018.

Set in 1998, the opening chapter tells the story of three young children waiting in a car on the hard shoulder of a motorway for their mother to return from phoning for help from a motorway phone. The children are bored, hot and irritable as they wait in the blazing sun of a hot summer's day. After an hour the children decide to leave the sanctuary of the car and walk along the hard shoulder to meet their mum. But she can't be found.

Spring forward three years and the story centres on a serial burglar known as 'Goldilocks' who is thought to have been behind over one hundred local burglaries. Two neighbouring police forces have been attempting to find the villain for a year but without success.

DCI Marvel has been ousted from the Met Homicide department and been sent to sleepy Devon and Cornwall. We are not told what misdemeanour he has perpetrated and effectively he has been 'sent to Coventry'. He is a bit of a hardhat and unconventional. He meets up with the local detectives and their styles could not be more different,

What follows is, at times, a humorous take on the investigation of the burglaries with bad grace as far as Marvel is concerned. Until that is a cold case of murder falls into his lap. Then the gloves really come off.

The story does not end as one might expect and some may feel it leaves too many unresolved issues. Not every book needs a neat conclusion.

Belinda Bauer is a remarkable writer who draws the reader in and gives a 'this really is life as it is lived' feel to her writing. Just remember that the book is set in 1998/2001 when mobile phones and smart motorways did not exist as we know them today.



PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR CAN BE FOUND AT: Fox Lodge, Brook Hall Lane, Borley CO10 7AE Foxearth Village Hall, School Street, Foxearth CO10 7JE

ILEENE MEREDITH CARTER



Earlier this year a new Commonwealth War Grave Commission headstone was erected in Foxearth churchyard to commemorate Nurse Ileene Meredith Carter VAD 120th Essex Regiment, following much research and persuasion by Corinne Cox.

Ileene and her twin sister Gladys were born in Romford, Essex to parents Ada and Harold Stibard Carter and subsequently moved to 'Sunnyside', Foxearth when Harold took up the position as Head Brewer at Ward's Brewery.

Following the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, Ileene volunteered her services as a

Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse, under the auspices of the Red Cross and enlisted as a Military Nurse attached to the 120th Essex Regiment.

She served in Colchester Military Hospital on Lexden Road as well as in other locations, including Ipswich Hospital where sadly she contracted what was known at the time as 'Cerebrospinal Infection',(known to us today as Meningitis) whilst on nursing duty in April 1917. She died in the hospital on 20th April 1917. She was buried in Foxearth churchyard alongside her mother Ada.

On 4th February 1920, a memorial cross commemorating those who had lost their lives during the Great War was erected, by public subscription, in the churchyard opposite the Porch and dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester. Amongst the wreaths placed at the foot of the cross was one from Mr & Mrs Harold Stibard Carter bearing the inscription: "In grateful remembrance of our brave hearts and true."

Ileene's name appears on the base of the cross but was not included on the brass memorial plaque inside the church porch, which listed only the men of the parish who had served during the conflict!! At long last her contribution and sacrifice for the nation has been visually commemorated.

Corinne Cox

BORLEY ART EXHIBITION and **BAKE SALE**

As part of the South Stour Churches Festival month of activities, Borley church surpassed expectations for its Art Show held on 5th & 6th October.



Vernon & one of his students, Bernice

Vernon Lever, and his dedicated student artists, presented their work in the glory of the church. Make no mistake, the artwork was beautifully displayed, making use of the space and in a manner which made it easy for the public to view the work and contemplate purchasing the artwork that was for sale.

In addition to the artwork there was an array of village produced cakes and savoury bakes on offer. As Saturday progressed the sale of

cakes and artwork were neck-and-neck, as more people came to the church, displaying the unusual (for Borley) "Church Open Today" sign. The sun was shining throughout the day and, even before entering the church, one could not resist taking a moment or two to take in the view across the fields to Long Melford and towards Lavenham - what a picture.

The following day the sun was not being as considerate - it rained ..a lot! But, this did not deter visitors, buyers or cake connoisseurs. Business continued at a brisk pace and by the end of the afternoon on the second day there were but

crumbs and paintbrushes left in the aisles!

Before the proceeds of the weekend went to the counting house there was the matter of the drawing of the raffle. The star prize was a mixture of art and baking (what could have been more appropriate?) in the form of a culinary depiction of Borley church - a cake!

Designed and baked by Zoe Milburn of Belle Bakes (www.bellebakes.co.uk), her creation drew much interest. Raffle sales were brisk



and interest high waiting for the draw. It was won by Sandy Maynard, who then announced the cake would be on view at Bulmer Church. Net proceeds from the weekend event, for the benefit of church funds, topped £400.

Kelvin Hastings-Smith

CRAFTY WO(MEN) All Welcome

Monday, 18th November

10am - 12noon Spencer's Farm Shop Cafe, Wickham St Paul's Bring your crafty things, enjoy a good natter, a cup of coffee & a cake! More Information: 01787 269385 revd.margaret@northhinckfordparishes.org.uk

Many thanks to Zoe Milburn for creating Borley Church in a beautiful cake which was displayed during Borley Art Exhibition and raffled to raise funds for Borley Church. She tells us more about Belle Bakes:

> Belle Bakes was established in 2017, though I have always baked for family and friends. The birthday cake requests from my children were getting ever more complicated, from

pirate ships to 3D Gruffalos. After making my friends wedding cakes, I decided that I would like to bake professionally. So I did my food safety training and gained five stars from environmental health. The rest has been a whirlwind of cake, turning people's ideas and dreams into cake reality.

Cake was a huge part of my childhood, every family gathering or visit to family friends always involved cake! My grandfather was a vicar at St Edmunds church in Kingsbridge, South Devon; my sister and I would sometimes go with him to visit parishioners and I remember the excitement of the sound of a cake trolley and the teapot being brought through to the drawing room.

I have been visiting Borley church with my boys for a few years. The headstones are a fascinating glimpse into the past and we love watching the barn owls swooping silently across the fields. My parents-in-law live in a lovely cottage in the village. It is a joy to visit; the quiet with stunning views and abundant wildlife. We had the pleasure of watching Grandad and Nanny Sue getting married at Borley church last year. It was an amazing day and lovely to see the community spirit that the village offers, even to those of us not lucky enough to live there.

You can contact Zoe on 7713 695065 zoe.bellebakes@gmail.com www.bellebakes.co.uk

FILM REVIEW BY ISOBEL CLARK

Polityka

2019; Poland, in Polish with subtitles; 2 hrs 15 mins; TBC

General Release

Zbigniew Zamachowski; Ewa Kasprzyk; Daniel Olbrychski; Maciej Stuhr

Director: Patryk Vega

This film was advertised as an account of the Polish political picture in recent times, with its consequences and the current situation. So, feeling that I don't know nearly enough about how Poland has fared and developed since the war, I decided to go and learn. I was expecting a sober account of political history, in other words. How wrong I was, and I should have known better. It was a rampant farce on the public view of a corrupt government and an even more corrupt church, exposing lies, money grubbing and bare-faced cynical negation of democracy, the murky waters of the Polish political system with characters inspired by leading Polish politicians, about people who got to power and public money. It is also very funny, and it was greatly appreciated by the largely Polish audience, one of whom told us that it was in fact very near the truth. I did wonder how the film company got away with it.

According to Wikipedia, the film was shot secretly, under the working title 'Autumn', and the crew forbidden to talk to anyone about it. But, inevitably, it leaked into the hands of the politicians who, so he claims, sat on the Director to force him to hold back the opening until after the impending general election. It is true that it should have premiered in June this year, but actually appeared in September.

All the actors are Polish, and fairly unknown to me, but they do a good job with great gusto, and the faces would do honour to any rogues' gallery. It is in Polish, but the subtitles are reasonably clear, and, in the end, the whole thing seemed somehow familiar! It is well worth a visit.

Isobel Clark