

PARISH NEWS

LISTON : PENTLOW : FOXEARTH : BORLEY

June 2019

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

THE LICENSING OF

THE REVD GILLIAN MARY MORGAN

as Team Vicar

of the Benefice of North Hinckford

by The Rt Revd Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester

AND THE INSTALLATION

by the Ven Robin King, The Archdeacon of Stansted

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Dear Friends,

This month is so exciting as we have Revd Gill's licensing and induction. A new era for our Team Ministry. A new member of the team brings new ideas and a freshness, which is good for all of us. We are all looking forward to welcoming Revd Gill, her husband, Barry, and their family, and hope they will be very happy here.

One minute we have clear blue skies and the next it is pouring down like stair rods. After such a dry spell, I am sure the farmers are feeling relieved, even if my grass is shooting up (as is the clover, thistles and nettles!). It is the season of plant sales, and the beginning of various village fetes. By the time you read this, Alphamstone will have kicked off, as usual, on the late May Bank Holiday.

It is also the beginning of the wedding season and we wish our happy couples many wonderful years together. We are always delighted to welcome couples who wish to be married in our beautiful churches. You do not have to live in the parish to marry in one of our churches, but if you have no qualifying connection (there are quite strict legal rules about what that means) we can usually work it out : it often means attending church services once a month for 6 months or at least one of the happy couple's parents doing so. (This sometimes happens if the couple live abroad). We also enjoy baptising babies and, in fact, people of all ages....you are never too old!

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Immobilise can be used by members of the public and businesses to register their valued possessions or company assets, and exclusive to Immobilise all registered items and ownership details are viewable on the secure Police national property database, the NMPR. This database also links to the publically accessible and second-hand dealer database ‘Checkmend’ www.checkmend.com/uk/ for restricted searches to establish if an item of property is stolen.



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Thursday, 4th July ~ 10am – 3pm

The day costs £5 in aid of St Barnabas Church Alphamstone

Cheques made payable to Alphamstone PCC (to Mrs Helen Grover, Team Administrator, Spring House, Cross End, Pebmarsh, Halstead CO9 2NU)

To book in & for details of the location of the garden please contact Helen Grover on 01787 269223 or email

helen.grover@northhinckfordparishes.org.uk

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2 pm on Sunday 4th August

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Meeting Dates / Times

Social Events

Sat 27th July

Garden Party 2- 4 pm

Evening Meetings

(June/July/August - No evening meeting)

Thurs 26th September Quiz Night.

Thurs 24th October TBA.

Thurs 28th November Christmas Social & Fundraiser

Thurs 26th December No Evening Meeting

4th Thursday of each month 7 – 9 pm The Common Lands Room, The Christopher Centre, 10 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury CO10 2EU

Café Club @ Assington Country Kitchen

2nd Friday of each month

12 - 2 pm

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FOXEARTH CHURCH

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 4th August 2019 10.30am

On the first Sunday in the month Foxearth Church usually has a lay-led service, with a guest speaker, But, we are departing from this format in August to have a Songs of Praise consisting of hymns chosen by the congregation, interspersed with readings and prayers. These services have been happy occasions in the past, with a very varied selection of hymns and a few surprises. If you would like to have a hymn included, please get in touch with one of us

Fiona 375474

Ken 375688

Margaret 375688

It would be lovely if you would be prepared to say a few words about your choice and why you have picked it - but this is by no means a condition of entry! We do not want you to feel embarrassed - just come along and enjoy the **service**.

There will be coffee and cake at the end!

FOXEARTH VILLAGE HALL

AFTERNOON TEA

TUESDAY, 20th AUGUST

3 - 5pm

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Moth Traps: Friday, 7th June (evening) – Saturday, 8th June (morning).

Marvellous Meadows (an event for families in conjunction with Gainsborough House, including nature crafts and camera obscura):
Saturday, 6th July

Open Air Service: Sunday, 15th September at 3.00 pm

Moth Nights (20th Anniversary) trapping session Friday, 27th September (evening) – Saturday, 28th September (morning)

WORK PARTIES

If you can spare some time to help with the ongoing projects, join Mark on Friday mornings. Any help from 10am is most welcome

7th, 14th, 21st and 28th June

Please contact Mark to check dates and times as they may be subject to change or cancellation. It is also helpful to have an idea of numbers attending.

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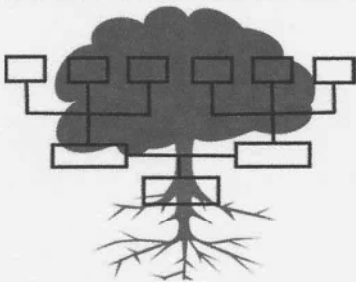
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Flying mammal has link with cricket! (3)
- 3 Residue from flash fire! (3)
- 5 Peoples' republic in E Asia with largest population in the world (5)
- 8 Red powder or cream used in make-up (5)
- 9 Day came to create place of learning! (7)
- 10 Team involved in consideration! (4)
- 11 Swinging weight driving large clock (8)
- 13 Strode around county! (6)
- 14 Relating to teeth (6)
- 17 Tree moss found in county! (8)
- 19 Not working (4)
- 22 Fence in (7)
- 23 County briefly droops! (5)
- 24 Remote-controlled aircraft - sounding continuous note! (5)
- 25 Fisherman's device divides the court! (3)
- 26 . . . Reardon, Six times World snooker champion in 1970s (3)

CLUES DOWN

- 1 1985 Wimbledon singles champion, Becker (5)
- 2 Storm rumbles (7)
- 3 Former UK colony, now known as S. Yemen (4)
- 4 Communications company in 5 across may have involvement in UK services (6)
- 5 A dealer in ships equipment and supplies (8)
- 6 Sounds like giving a hand out - perfect! (5)
- 7 My basal arrangement is extremely bad! (7)
- 12 Frightening appearance is more safe possibly! (8)
- 13 Move downwards (7)
- 15 Small fish (7)
- 16 The longest river in the UK (6)
- 18 Aggressive pride in one's masculinity (5)
- 20 Piece of writing on a particular theme (5)
- 21 One who studies intensively (4)



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Sudbury Newstalk has been offering this free service for almost 40 years, but there may be people who are missing out. If you know of anyone who might benefit, and could enjoy the recorded items, please contact Jane Chambers on 01787 468535.

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In June, we are in summer. The weather should have warmed up and gardens flourishing and full of colour. The roses are with us, and the gardens are opening in Cavendish over the weekend of the 22nd. Enjoy them, and let us hope the weather is friendly. But, there are also things to be done:

- Fill up the gaps in the borders with annuals – we should be past the frost now.
- Delay buying perennials until autumn, when they have more time to become established before growth begins.
- Spray the trunks and tops of tree ferns in dry times to stop them drying out.
- Prune out green branches on variegated trees and shrubs as they are vigorous and will take over. Also take out any white or pale yellow shoots.
- Hoe regularly to keep the weeds down.
- Remove dead flower-heads from euphorbias down to ground level or strong new growth but, wear gloves as the sap will irritate the skin.
- Sow spring-flowering bedding plants for next year.
- Sow at 2-week intervals - salad leaves and annual herbs such as dill and coriander.
- Harvest summer radishes, salad onions, salad leaves, broad beans and early potatoes.
- Pinch out the growing tips on figs, once shoots have 5 leaves.
- Finish transplanting indoor-grown fruiting vegetables.
- Water as the weather warms, especially new-planted and container fruit trees and bushes, leafy salad crops and seedlings.
- Thin fruit on young or heavily bearing fruit trees, to improve size and quality.
- Pinch out side-shoots on cordon tomatoes, but support the main stem well.
- Start the summer pruning of gooseberries: shorten this years shoots back to 5 leaves; take out and burn any shoots affected by mildew.
- Keep the birdbaths topped up – birds have no concern at all with saving water.

Above all, enjoy the garden, and the wine, and give thanks for summer in gardens.

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VILLAGE KITCHEN BY SALLY HAM

RHUBARB & GINGERNUT CHEESECAKE

INGREDIENTS

(8-10 PORTIONS)

500g forced rhubarb, chopped into 4cm lengths
150g caster sugar
1 blood orange, zested and juiced
1 vanilla pod
100g butter melted, plus extra for the tin
200g gingernut biscuits
500g mascarpone or soft cheese
100g thick natural yogurt
1 tbsp pistachios, chopped

METHOD

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line a large baking tray with baking parchment and fill with the rhubarb. Scatter over the sugar and orange zest and pour over the juice. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla pod in there too, throwing the spent pod on top. Cover with foil and bake for 20 mins. Remove from the oven. Purée a third of the rhubarb, reserving the rest for the top.

Butter a 20cm springform cake tin and line it with baking parchment. To make the base, put the biscuits in a bag and smash them with a rolling pin, or put them in a food processor and grind to crumbs. Tip into a mixing bowl, and stir in a pinch of sea salt. Pour the butter over the crumbs. Mix it together with a fork and tip it into the tin. Tap the side of the tin with your hand to even the crumbs out, and gently compress it with the back of a large spoon until it's packed in and level. You want it fairly well packed so that it holds together. Put in the fridge to chill.

To make the filling, put the cheese and yogurt into a mixing bowl and beat it together. Mix until combined and thickened, then fold through the rhubarb purée.

Pile the mixture on top of the biscuit base and smooth it down. Cover with cling film and chill overnight until set. Remove the rhubarb from its syrup with a slotted spoon, tip the syrup into a pan and bring to the boil. Reduce for about 3-5 mins until the syrup is more concentrated. Allow to cool.

Carefully remove the cheesecake from its tin. Pile the rhubarb on top and drizzle over some syrup (you can save the rest for drizzling over porridge), then scatter with the pistachios to serve.

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

At the time of writing, my *New Year Resolution* only has another 23 days to go! My training has almost come to an end and I am ready to attempt the Orwell Challenge, walking 25 miles in aid of Friends of the Ferns.

Since 1st January, when I resolved to undertake this walk, having been told that you can't just turn up at the starting blocks and expect to keep going for 25 miles, I have been attempting to train by building up the miles on a weekly basis.

In the early days, I congratulated myself for having walked 3 miles and I can remember the tired, aching feeling at the time. But, as the weeks have passed, my 3 miles became a 'piece of cake' and a distance I could walk without aches and pains, always in the certain knowledge that Julie would be waiting with one of her bakes.

Looking at my stats so far, I have walked 673 km (418m) in total. For seasoned walkers, this is probably not a lot. The morning I broke the 20 mile mark was a wonderful moment of elation and produced a warm glow within (probably sweat).

Now it is time to gather sponsorship for my efforts and, should you wish to sponsor, you can do so on line at

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/Orwellwalk2019>

where the sponsorshop page for "Friends of the Ferns" can be found. I am walking on 'Paul's Team' and you will notice that there is a comment section where you can leave a message - please remember to add my name to your donation.

Alternatively, you could drop your donation through our door.

You can find more information about Friends of the Ferns on their website friendsoftheferns.co.uk.

Whether you decide to sponsor me or not, thank you for your support of my musings about my New Year Resolution.

Kelvin Hastings-Smith

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FILM REVIEW BY ISOBEL CLARK

The White Crow

Director: Ralph Fiennes Script: David Hare

Oleg Ivanko, Ralph Fiennes, Adele Exarchop

2018; UK/France; 2 hours 7 minutes; 12A General release

This film is based on the book by Julie Kavanagh, *Rudolph Nureyev: The Life*, and covers the first overseas tour with the Kirov Ballet in Paris, and his defection to the West.

This film was acclaimed by The Independent as Ralph Fiennes' finest work as a Director to date. However, I am not quite sure that it hangs together cleanly. The title is a Russian metaphor for someone who doesn't fit, an outsider, and Nureyev was certainly that, but if that had not been explained on screen at the beginning, I am not sure that I would have got the point. Fiennes uses a number of techniques through the film: Nureyev in Paris for the first time, not obeying the minders, going off on his own; training under Alexander Pushkin, Ballet Master of the Vagoneva Academy, into whose household he moves with unpleasant results; childhood and birth on the Trans Siberian Express and in his peasant home in Ufa, in monochrome. It is all beautifully done, but it doesn't really explain his development into the White Crow. The film really comes to life in Paris and the ending, at Le Bourget Airport, when he manages to escape his Russian minders into France, is exciting with all the tension of a cold war political thriller.

Ralph Fiennes plays the ballet teacher, Alexander Pushkin, who made Nureyev great, and Nureyev himself is played by the young Ukrainian dancer, Oleg Ivanko - an acting debut and a very fine performance. He reflects Nureyev well: arrogant, cruel, entitled, irritable and deeply ashamed of his peasant origins, but he is also compelling to watch for the two hours of the film, and his dancing does not let Nureyev down. Whatever can be said of the bulk of the film (above) in its ending it successfully combines the sublime transcendence of artistic awakening with the tension of a cold war thriller, as the Russian minders fight the French police for the artist who is fighting for his own freedom.

I had not realised that Nureyev did eventually return to Russia, when his mother was dying, though not until the 1980s. Also, the film left me with a question, due perhaps to Fiennes' attempts to broaden the canvas: what happened to Soviet minders who returned to Moscow having failed in their mission? Nureyev escaped, but what happened to them? Did anyone hear of them again? It is a film well worth seeing.

FOXEARTH & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

It is quite surprising what can be discovered about an apparently ordinary subject if one puts one's mind to some careful research and this was demonstrated in David Burnett's talk to the Foxearth and District Local History Society on Tuesday 14th May. Who would have thought that the Sudbury district of Chilton could have such a wealth of history but the journey through time taken by David revealed evidence dating from Bronze Age settlements and many changes to the present day industrial estate. Excavations in 1997 produced signs of late Bronze age occupation, by post holes and ruts in the clay, and of later Iron age round houses. The discovery of a 7th century coptic bowl near Chilton Hall suggested a Saxon settlement. Nothing has been found to suggest any Roman involvement. An entry in the Domesday Book of 1086 describes a small village of about 11 men and 1 plough and in mediaeval times a number of lords held the manor of Chilton. St Mary's church in Chilton was built in the 15th century. The Church was among various beneficiaries, in 1430, from the will of Sir Andrew Butler.

A significant influence in Chilton seems to have been the Crane family, whose five generations - from 1436 to 1643 - were responsible for the building of Chilton Hall and improvements in the church. Each of the five was named Robert, and each left their individual mark on the manor. Among the bequests by various Roberts were those for renovations of the church and the building of the tower, funds for the employment of a priest for prayers and a daily mass to be said for 99 years, and the completion of Chilton Hall in 1550. The last Robert was knighted by James 1st and served as MP for Sudbury for several periods. When he died in 1643 the baronetcy became extinct as he had no sons. The parish registers show that the sons of this dynasty had a very poor survival rate; the cause is not known but was possibly due to some inherited condition.

The village gradually declined and, in about 1800, the Hall was badly damaged by a fire with the site being turned mostly to arable farming. By the late 19th century industry began to take over with brick works, lime pits, a corn mill and coconut matting factory; again fire caused rebuilding. The last rector of the church was Rev John Milner who served from 1898 until 1949 after which the building was declared redundant. Chilton was important towards the end of World War 2 when an airfield was constructed in 1944 and used by the US Army Air Force as a bomber base.

Mr Burnett - who has published his book on Chilton, the first 3,000 years - illustrated his talk with many slides and gave much more interesting information than

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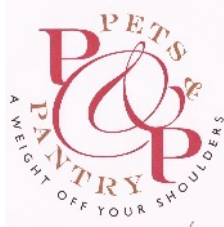
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can be included in a brief report. He was warmly thanked by Secretary Clare Mathieson supported by an appreciative audience of about 30.

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th June - Visit to Bulmer Brickyard when Peter Minter will talk about recent restoration projects. Please meet at the Brickyard at 7pm

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, 18 APRIL

Once again, we were able to enjoy the hospitality of Canon Peter and Celia's comfortable home, "Hethersett" for our annual Maundy Thursday "Hot Cross Bun" coffee morning in Pentlow.

It was a lovely morning and folk were able to sit outside in the sun at the back of the house, and appreciate the wonderful panoramic views over the picturesque country side. Many topics of conversation were lightly discussed and a very pleasant morning was passed by about 20 people, some from other villages.

The grand total of £215 was made from the sale of the buns, coffee, bring and buy and a raffle, this greatly exceeded the sum taken other years for which we are very grateful and this is to be added to Church funds..

Many thanks for all who donated items, attended the event and spent their money, and to Canon Peter and Celia for their hospitality.

Susan Fenner

FOXEARTH GAMES NIGHT

Friday, 3rd May

Yet another successful, and well attended, games night took place at Foxearth village hall on 3rd May. Some new games have been introduced and more people are beginning to attend, making for a fun and sociable atmosphere.

There was a thrilling game of floor jenga that seemed to last for ages and only ended with a daring move by Richard Barker of Peartree Cottage!! Table tennis was hotly contested and some very therapeutic chat and wine drinking topped off a lovely evening.

We would love to see you all at the next one!

The next games night will be held on Friday 7th June 7.30 – 9.30pm

PENTLOW PLANTS, POTS AND PANSIES



The annual Pentlow Plant Sale took place on 18th May and is the largest fundraiser in aid of the Pentlow Village Hall. As the organisers were setting up their stalls, marking labels and deciding prices, there was certainly a feel in the air that this was going to be a very successful day.

Stepping inside the Hall, one was assailed by a striking array of home baked goodies, including individual mini victoria sponges, scones, big cakes, little cakes and those in-between. All guarded by Ewan, between crafty looks at his smart phone.

Outside was a bric-a-brac stall, with all sorts of 'brac' and a conscientious stall holder who was determined not to miss any opportunity to persuade a punter to make a purchase. Where else



Katherine & Ewan Gowing



Kathie Hoyer

will you have the chance of buying a Santa planter in the middle of June?

The smell and sound of sizzling bacon wafted over the entrance of the courtyard as two enthusiastic BBQ'ers, Colin Hoyer and Colin Minnis, flipped rashers and filled baps to provide hungry buyers with much coveted bacon butties.

The focal point of the sale was, of course, the plants, of which there were plenty. Brassicas, beans, tomatoes, cucumber and courgettes; bedding plants, house plants, flowers and hostas and much more were soon flying off the tables.



Not quite reminiscent of a high street retail sale, but there was a queue (of two) before the rope barrier was removed. Within minutes, however, there was hardly enough elbow room to grab the plants. Not only was this a great plant sale, it was also a great community event where residents had the opportunity to meet up, share news and gardening tips ... and raise £725 for the benefit of the Village Hall.

Fiona Barton's latest novel is as good if not better than her previous offerings, 'The Widow' and 'The Child'.

The Suspect continues to follow the pursuits of Kate Waters, a senior journalist on a national newspaper. In the past novels, Kate has been concerned with getting THE story, or THE scoop, or THE 'whatever-it-is' that makes a good media story. In 'The Suspect' she is confronted with a parent's worse nightmare - the student gap year.

Two 18 year old girls travel to Thailand whilst awaiting their A level results. But the girls are not the best of friends and the original pairing with Mags Harding would not have led to such drama. The two girls embark on their journey and, even on the plane trip out, it is clear there is trouble in the relationship.

The story is told in past and current tense, and from the perspective of the families of the girls, the reporter and the detective. This tool has been used by writers for many years and it is easy to become a little jaundiced by the same-old-same-old; but Fiona Barton does not disappoint and her creative use of this tool enables the story to flow (the chapters are short), and the reader is kept on a knife edge wanting, no, willing the story to continue.

Kate, the reporter, along with a trainee, are covering the disappearance of the two gap year students in Thailand. The revelations published in the press, alert the grandmother of one of the girls, to report from her bank account to the police and so, the Detective, who is an old pal of the Reporter, becomes involved. So begins an extraordinary thriller which is gripping, tense and, as I stated, a parents worst nightmare but, for the Reporter, even more so.

You must not pass up the opportunity to read this super book.

Robert Goddard was always a favourite author but, for me, he went off the boil about 10 books ago - his beautiful 'In Pale Battalions' is still in my all time top 20. I thought I would try his latest **One False Move**.

It is not a patch on 'In Pale Battalions' but it is good beach/garden read material - one of those books that you can dip in and out of and not lose the plot. Ideal when lazing around and you feel a snooze coming on.

Goddard uses as his plot line, a familiar tale of a young genius whizz-kid computer/techno boffin that amazes the world with his skill to crack the most complicated of online tasks - in this case an electronic game of skill. His actions attract the attention of a Silicon Valley outfit keen to sign him up to the payroll. The problem is that there are rivals for his signature and, it appears, he has no idea he has such talent or that he could earn megabucks.

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man bringing the contract and the deal. He may be a genius at the game, but he is also very good at instant financial analysis and has been employed by his dead father's business partner for this purpose.

Along the way (and almost the jam between the bread) the rival group show their hand in an extraordinary way and "accidents" happen. Ultimately, a seemingly innocuous resident of a guest house, takes up centre stage. He has treated the young man as a son but has a long history, knows the rival group intimately, and begins to track them down. To say more will give the entire plot away!

I must admit to getting a bit bored of the back story of the guest house resident but, stick with it. It all makes sense in the following chapters. The ending is surprising and, for that alone, the book has its merits. If you are bored by your holiday reads, this is a (reasonably) good one.

MOBILE LIBRARY SCHEDULE:

19th June
10th & 31st July

2.10 - 2.40 pm
Pentlow Telephone Box
2.50 - 3.20 pm
Foxearth Old School

Firstly, I'll begin June's article with a sincere apology to the Editors, who have the unenviable task of chasing me for my piece most months. As a farmer with never ending paperwork, these days I tend to leave it till I get in of an evening, make a start, then fall asleep and so on so, thank you Julie and Kelvin for your patience.

I have to say the crops look well, but I am seriously concerned about the prolonged dry period we are experiencing again this Spring, as it has the potential to knock our overall yields at harvest if we miss the rain we need at the crucial time. But then, as farmers, we know this is one of the hazards of our jobs and comes with the territory. The odd reasonable showers we have had have helped, but we are, in my opinion, still woefully short and it is rather worrying.

Nitrogen fertiliser has been applied to all the crops that needed it, and we are currently in the process of spraying the barleys, the beans, the wheats and oilseed rape with fungicide programmes to keep them in good health and condition at the critical stage in their development through the spring.



The Dorset ewes shown by our daughter, Holly (left) and Thomas's girlfriend, Rebecca

All the ewes have now lambed and we have enough grazing to move them around, with a supplement feed block to help them along. Out of the 43 that lambed, we have over 75 lambs on the ground, which isn't a bad return. We have lost around half a dozen, which is more than we would like, but comes with the territory of keeping sheep I'm afraid.

We have also been showing a few of our sheep during May, firstly at the South Suffolk where we took 2 Dorset Down shearling ewes and 2 Blue Texel rams, a 3 year old and a shearling.

The Dorsets belong to Julie and the Blues are Thomas's enterprise which the whole family enjoys being involved in.

The next show we entered was the Hadleigh Show where we took the same sheep and a couple of Blue Texel cross butchers lambs. We will also be going to the Suffolk Show.

So, over the next couple of months we will be busy shearing ewes and weaning lambs,



The Blue Texel rams the shearling in the foreground

Down on the Farm continued ...

... continued Down on the Farm

while preparing and getting nearer to harvest so, fingers crossed it is a successful one.

I'll leave you with a few snaps of our outings to the shows with the sheep

Take care

Simon



A nice family photo - sheep and all!

ON THIS DAY

June 6th 1944 - the start of the D-Day Landings.

75 years ago on this day the invasion of Europe by the Allied Forces began. This was the turning point of the Second World War.

156,000 allied troops landed by sea and air on five beaches in Normandy - Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.

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JUNE

Sat 1		Order deadline Oil Buying Group
Mon 3	7.30pm	Cavendish Horticultural Society – Herbs and Their Uses
Tues 4	7.30pm	Monthly Service of Healing Prayer at Lamarsh
Fri 7	10am-12 noon	Foxeath Meadow Working Party
Fri 7	7.30-9.30pm	Foxearth Games Night
Fri 7	Evening	Bat Walk at Foxearth Meadow
Fri 7	Evening	Moth Trapping at Foxearth Meadows
Sat 8	Morning	Moth Trapping at Foxearth Meadows
Tues 11	7pm at yard	Foxearth & Dist Hist Soc: Visit to Bulmer Brickyard
Fri 14	10am-12 noon	Foxeath Meadow Working Party
Sun 16	1-4pm	Big Borley BBQ
Mon 17	10am-12 noon	Crafty Wo(men) at Spencers Farm Shop Cafe, Wickham St Paul
Wed 19		Mobile Library Pentlow 2.10-2.40pm & Foxearth 2.50-3.20pm
Fri 21	10am-12 noon	Foxeath Meadow Working Party
Sat 22	7pm	Liston Midsummer Music: Right Royal Romance of Flute & Harp
Sun 26	7.30pm	Celebration of New Ministry: Welcome new Team Vicar Revd Gillian Morgan
Fri 28	10am-12 noon	Foxeath Meadow Working Party
Sat 29	4.30pm	The 2 nd Big Pentlow Party

JULY

Mon 1	7.30pm	Cavendish Horticultural Society – Companion Planting
Tues 2	7.30pm	Monthly Service of Healing Prayer at Belchamp Otten
Thurs 4	10am-3pm	Quiet Day in an English Country Garden in Alphamstone
Fri 5	10am-12 noon	Foxeath Meadow Working Party
Fri 5	7.30-9.30pm	Foxearth Games Night
Sat 6		Marvellous Meadows (an event for families in conjunction with Gainsborough House, including nature crafts and camera obscura)
Wed 10		Mobile Library Pentlow 2.10-2.40pm & Foxearth 2.50-3.20pm
Fri 12	10am-12 noon	Foxeath Meadow Working Party
Mon 15	10am-12 noon	Crafty Wo(men) at Spencers Farm Shop Cafe, Wickham St Paul

JUNE		WEST PARISHES				NORTH PARISHES			
Sunday	B Otten	B St Paul	B Walter	Ovington	Bulmer	Foxearth	Liston	Borley	Pentlow
2nd June	NOTE	See		9.45am	10.30am	10.30am	6pm		11.15am
Sunday after Ascension	NO SERVICE	Ovington		Communion	Family Service	Start the Month!	Eucharist		Communion
White				MHK	Service	Churchwardens	MHK		MHK
Tuesday									
4th June									
Wednesday									
5th June		10am	Midweek Mass						
		MHK							
9th June	10am	10am	9.45am		11.15am	10.30am		10am	11.15am
Pentecost	Songs of Praise	Matins	Communion		Communion	Family Service		Communion	Communion
Red	RB	JM	Rev Claire Robertson		Rev Claire Robertson	MG, FG, GK		PS	PS
16th June					11.15am	10am		11.15am	6pm
Trinity					Communion	Communion		Family Service	Evensong
White					PG	(BCP) PG		Revd Keith Holloway	Martin Stutchfield
23rd June	8.45am	10am			NOTE				
1st Trinity	Communion (BCP) PG	Communion PG			NO SERVICE	Alternatives Belchamp Otten 8.45am			
Green						Belchamp St Paul 10am			
30th June					10.30am				
2nd Trinity									
Green									
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