



There are 10 Robins  hidden in this issue. Can you find all 10?



Winner of the Over 16 Nature Photography Competition – H Platts

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Photography Competition Winners



Above: Hilary Platts received her prize from Phil Richings (Chairman of the Parish Council) for coming first in the Over 16 Wildlife/Nature Photography Competition with her wonderful photograph of a robin.



Below: Daniel Mills aged 13 received his prize from Phil Richings for coming first in the Under 16 Wildlife/Nature Photography Competition with his atmospheric wintery photograph taken on his way to school.



Under 16 Winner - Daniel Mills



Prizes kindly donated by Councillor James Wright

Seasons Greetings to you from your Parish Council



Editor

The Parish Council has been extremely busy and around the time you receive this newsletter the Beacon Lighting Community Event, marking 100 years since the end of World War I on November 11th will be taking place at Ipswich School Sports Centre. For news and photos of this event please see our newly updated website: www.rushmerestandrew.onesuffolk.net Details should be there by the end of November.

We hope you enjoy reading about what is happening in the parish and our Christmas features. We are looking for a new name for our Newsletter so if you have any ideas please contact the Assistant Clerk sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk. We will be interested to hear your ideas on that or anything else in the Newsletter.

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Safer Neighbourhood Teams

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Email: IpswichEast.SNT@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Village Ward: To speak with an Officer at **Woodbridge SNT** – telephone 101
Email: Woodbridge.SNT@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 3194 Mike Sarbutts is our Partnership Funded PCSO and covers both wards
Telephone 101 Email: michael.sarbutts@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Further information about Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) including Team Members; Priorities; Campaigns and Meetings, can be found on www.suffolk.police.uk

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

All meetings are open to members of the public, and agenda published on notice boards around the parish and on our website.

Full Parish Council

Thursday 8 November, 7.30pm Tower Hall
Thursday 10 January, 7.30pm Tower Hall
Thursday 14 March, 7.30pm Tower Hall

General Purposes and Finance Committee

Thursday 13 December, 7.30pm Village Hall
Thursday 14 February, 7.30pm Village Hall
Thursday 11 April, 7.30pm Village Hall

Parish Amenities and Services Committee

Thursday 15 November, 7.30pm Tower Hall
Thursday 17 January, 7.30pm Tower Hall
Thursday 21 March, 7.30pm Tower hall

Planning and Development Committee

These meetings are arranged as and when we receive planning applications for discussion. Notice of meetings and agendas will be placed on notice boards and website.



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Electronic Cemetery Records

The Parish Council is responsible for the Rushmere Lawn Cemetery located in The Street behind the St Andrews Church. Part of this responsibility involves keeping all the burial records of the Lawn Cemetery; with the records dating back to 1975. Until recently none of these records were computerised.

We are pleased to say we now have all the records in an electronic format. This was a huge task with well over 700 records that had to be entered on a spreadsheet and all the information had to be checked.

Our sincere thanks to Mr Mel Bentley, the former clerk to the Parish Council for doing an excellent job and computerising all these records.

Welcome to Chris Griggs – A new addition to Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council



I moved to the village of Rushmere St Andrew in the summer of 2017 and have been fortunate enough to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor for the Tower Ward.

I grew up in Kesgrave and attended the local high school, so I have always been very familiar with and close to the Parish. I live with my wife and 4 children, we enjoy walking our dog in the countryside and visiting the local parks and ponds which has sparked my interest in having an integral role within the community.

Following my education, 14 years ago, I began my career in the funeral industry working for Farthing Funeral Service. This vocation has enabled me to gain deep experience in helping people through trying and traumatic circumstances, and I hope to lend my understanding of the profession to the upkeep of our well-kept local Cemetery.

I am an approachable person and very keen to listen to the residents of Tower Ward. I look forward to hearing from you, and discussing any important issues you would like to raise with the council.

A New Name – Can you help?

We want to rename the
Rushmere St Andrew
Parish Council Newsletter

If you can think of a name
then please email your idea/s
to the Assistant Clerk at:

sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk

We look forward to
receiving them

Articles about the Parish and its people please!

Is there something you
would like to share about
the Parish of Rushmere
St. Andrew by writing an
article about it? It could
be about its history,
someone doing something
amazing, wildlife ...

We are happy to list
any charity events in our
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Nature Notes

Don't forget the Hedgehogs during the cold winter months

Who would have thought that we would be asking for rain? This long hot summer (most of June, all of July and well into August) will surely go down in the record books. I can remember 1976 (the year my oldest son was born) and how, day after day the drought continued.

There was even a Minister appointed to oversee matters such as hose pipe bans, water rationing and stand pipes on street corners.

Normality was restored when the very same Minister was appointed to oversee the floods which followed a few weeks later. No such drama in 2018 (yet!!) mostly due to significant winter rainfall and healthy levels in all our reservoirs.

So what's the connection with us? Well, and I'm NOT proclaiming gloom and doom, but it seems that we really ought to look at how we cultivate plants; how we plan our gardens and question what we do in our 'little acre'.

I'm thinking of the gardens I see cleared of all vegetation, lawns being replaced with plastic grass, front gardens paved over etc etc.

Even a parched lawn provides food for wildlife – grasshoppers, ants, beetles... all the kind of stuff which is 'manna' to others! Carefully chosen flowers which can tolerate a bit of dry weather in turn provide the nectar for visiting bees, butterflies and moths.

The reward? Pollination of our food producing plants let alone the fascination of seeing the variety of wildlife in our own gardens.



Having suffered from health issues this past year I've not been able to get out and about to see so much of the flora and fauna in the area.

I am aware that our village ponds were a little worse for wear due to early summer drought but there were good signs of recovery once the rain fell again. The Parish Council has an approved contractor who helps to maintain the ponds and their surroundings. Should you have concerns please contact the Parish Office on 01473 711509.

Meanwhile the Sandlings and Millstream Nature Areas have had a good season with a fine display of wildflowers and excellent showing of a range of butterflies, bees and other insects.

By the time this publication reaches you our summer migrant birds will be gone. With the winter looming have you got your bird feeders ready?

Finally, a 'plug' for the HEDGEHOGS. They should be hibernating during the coldest part of the winter. Hedgehogs rely on a supply of worms, beetles and the like.

We can supplement that with branded hedgehog food, perhaps even cat food or similar but definitely NOT milk and bread. A supply of fresh water is invaluable.

Are you able to leave a rough patch – maybe a rough area behind a shed or greenhouse? Are you installing a new

fence? Please ensure you have hedgehog size holes (approx. 125mm/5" square) at a couple of places in the barge boards.

Our local fencing contractor is only too happy to oblige when we did exactly that. Result? Hedgehogs are regular visitors.

And, if you are lighting a Guy Fawkes bonfire this year, or burning rubbish, don't forget to check underneath for hibernating hedgehogs before lighting the fire.

**Councillor James Wright –
Tree and Pond Warden**



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The following are responses to the 'The Dead Man's Penny' article by John Gilson in the Spring 2018 issue of the Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council Newsletter

William John Whiting
1890 - 1918

My great uncle was my grandfather's older (and only) brother, William John Whiting and he became a Private in the Suffolk Regiment and then a Private in the Lincolnshire Regiment, First Battalion. He died in France on Tuesday 16 April 1918 and his name is recorded on the Tyne Cot Memorial, as well as on the Old Newton and Gipping World War I memorials inside the church and also in the churchyard, here in Suffolk.

William was born in Kelsale, Suffolk in 1890 to David James Whiting (1862 - 1938) and Rebecca Brabbin (1863 - 1923), who had married in the same village on 27 October 1883. William was born into a family of girls, in this typical Suffolk family whose sole income would have come



from the head of the household working in agriculture in Kelsale. Nine years later my grandfather, Stanley Anthony Whiting (1899 - 1989) was born in a farmhouse in the Felixstowe area and then the whole family relocated to a hamlet close to Old Newton.

When my grandfather was a young teenager his older brother (who at the time was probably working hard on the land to help support his many sisters and younger brother) went off to war, never to return to his homeland in Suffolk. In 1918, his parents were notified that their son had died and they eventually received the 'Death Penny' and three medals.

My grandfather never discussed his long lost brother, as I assume that the pain was too great, but 70 years later in 1988 he produced his brother's 'Death Penny', which he had calmly cherished but had decided that he wanted it stored away in a secure environment.

At the end of that same year, he quietly arranged for the three medals to be similarly placed into safe storage. These were the only tangible memories which he had of his beloved brother but having secured their safe custody, passed way himself a few months later.



This account is by no means unique, but it is a tribute to all those who served in World War I, my great uncle William John and to the memory of my grandfather

Stanley Anthony who was a gentlemen and a profound positive influence on so many.
**Robert Whiting –
Parish and County Councillor**

Ernest William Rush

Born in Rushmere St Andrew in 1885 he served with the 2nd Suffolks at Le Cateau and in the retreat to Mons in World War I. On 1 April 1917 he was granted a commission with the 7th Suffolks. Sadly, he was killed in action in the same month. He is buried in a commonwealth war grave outside Arras, France but is also remembered in the village on the World War I Memorial at the church. – *Information courtesy of Mr Derek Pheasant*



Percy James Berry

This Dead Man's Penny was handed down to local resident Graham Berry by his Great Grandad Percy James Berry.



STANLEY CHAMBERS 21/11/1916 – 20/05/2018

Many of you will know of or have read about one of the previous Chairmen of the Parish Council viz: Stanley Chambers. It was a real pleasure to meet Stanley. By his own admission 'unique'! It's therefore very sad to report that after a short illness Stanley passed away on 20 May at the incredible age of 101.

True to form his 'last request' was that he

should be taken to the Crematorium and dealt with accordingly! His wishes included no coffin because he was a great lover of wood (which he treasured, preserved and still collected from local skips up to a few months ago!)

Stanley's family saw that his wishes were honoured and after a private cremation a memorial lunch was held in his honour.

I was able to attend that occasion where we learned even more facts about the colourful life led by Stanley. He had a distinguished career in the RAF as well as serving as a Naval Officer. We met his lovely family some of whom continue to serve in the forces to this day.

Tales were told right up to recent times and included how, in his forays to Sainsburys on a Saturday, his family needed to help him (or should I say escort him round!)

True to form Stanley did not hesitate to comment on the lifestyle and appearance of some of the modern shopping public!

His was undoubtedly an extraordinary life.

Councillor James Wright

Stoker 1st Class Oliver Norman Potter

Born 1895 Oliver Norman Potter lived with his parents, Robert and Anna and 5 siblings in The Street, Rushmere. A farm labourer before joining the navy in May 1913, he went on to serve aboard HMS Neptune of the 1st Battle Squadron of Admiral Jellicoe's Grand Fleet in World War I.

Sadly, Stoker 1st Class Oliver Potter died in May 1917. He received a full navy funeral at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere where he is now buried just inside the main gate.

Information courtesy of Mr Derek Pheasant





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A plea for help from your local history recorder

As Local History Recorder for Rushmere St Andrew I am part of a group researching in some detail the history of the village within its current boundaries and this will extend to some of the previous boundaries, we are looking to publish a book later next year.

In the meantime we are looking for former residents/present residents of Rushmere village and Rushmere estate,

and former pupils of local schools who would be willing to give their personal recollections of the area for our book, and or an oral history recording. You will have the option to remain anonymous if preferred.

Please contact Ruth Silburn on 01473 711872 or email rsilburn@hotmail.com

Whilst preparing the research for the book we are looking in particular for a photograph

of the Old Hop Gardens beer house, which was located on the present site of Foxwood, previously Aries Garage opposite Beech Road.

We believe this beer house was there until the early 1900s and was patronised by local farmers on their way back from Ipswich market.

Having researched all those who died in World War I, I am going to start looking at the

records for those who died in World War II, although there will be less online information available for those men and women. Sadly the World War II deaths in Rushmere included seven civilians who were killed by a direct hit on a shelter in Elm Road.

Again I would be very grateful if anyone has family connections and would wish to contribute.

Ruth Silburn

Rushmere St Andrew history book

The book, 'RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW, SUFFOLK, THE VILLAGE AND ITS CHURCHES' was published on 23 June in time for the STAR50 Festival in the Parish Church, and seems to have been well received. The book has 200 pages

with about 250 black and white/colour illustrations. In this book the history of Rushmere village is woven into the history of England. It records how events like the coming of Romans and Normans, the Black Death and the Reformation, and right

up to the WWI and WWII and on to the present day, have influenced change and development in Rushmere village.

I have found the only way to show this book to people in Rushmere is to go door-to-door, so at the age of 79, I have become a door-to-door salesman as many of you have discovered! I have had the pleasure

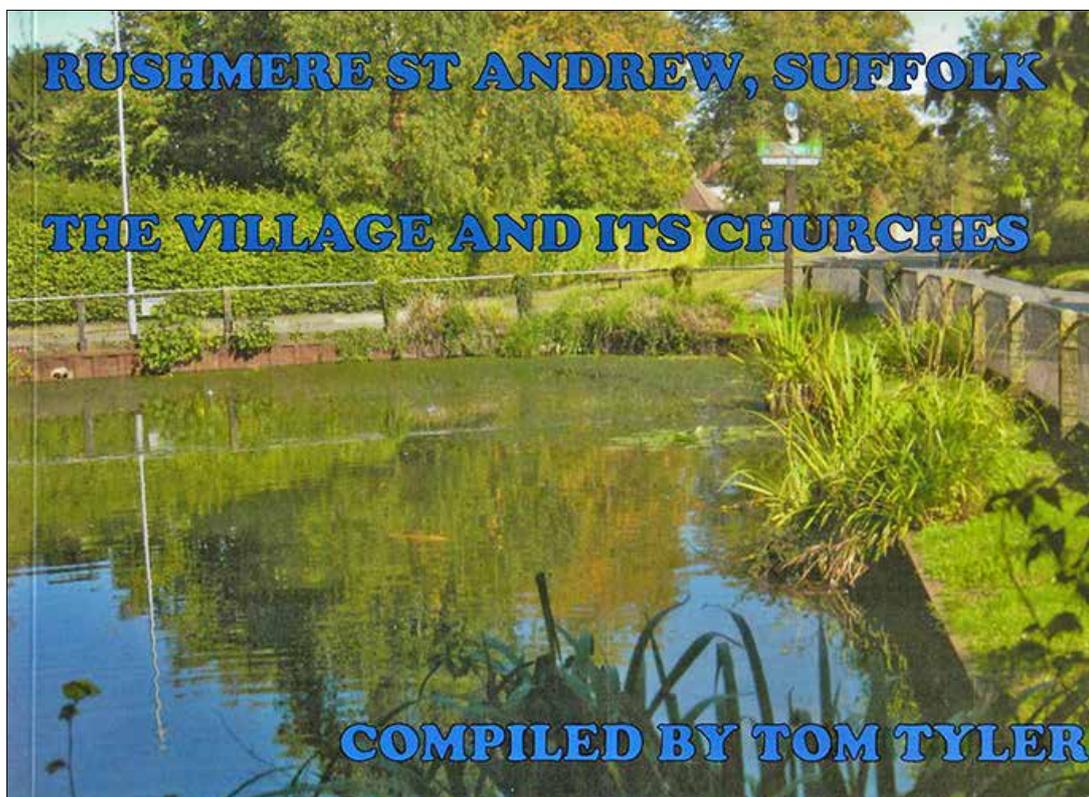
of meeting many of you as I have called on about 1000 households in the village and sold about 400 books in all. The book is also on sale at our Parish Office at Tower Hall and other outlets, or from the Publisher by telephoning 01473 723458 or by emailing: tom@tomtyler.co.uk

The discounted price of the book is usually £10.

When by the sale of 450 books all production expenses have been recouped, then all further proceeds from the remaining 550 books will be devoted to helping with projects in Rushmere Parish.

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Tom Tyler



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If you know your onions, get onto the plot

This year, after a long hot summer during which constant daily watering was necessary to keep plants alive in our very light soil, we had some very welcome rain. The downside however was that the weed family which were fairly dormant for much of the summer came racing through and constant hoeing was required to keep them under control.

Autumn and the recent 'Indian Summer'

was a good time to plant overwintering onions, garlic bulbs (surprisingly hardy and in need of a cold dormant period of one or two months when temperatures are 0-10 degrees to yield decent sized bulbs) and broad beans (varieties such as Aquadulce Claudia which are recognised as the best for autumn sowing as they will withstand the winter frosts and snow and produce an early crop next year).

PLOTS AVAILABLE

on the Rushmere St Andrew Allotments

If you would like to give it a try please contact our Parish Clerk Sylvia Stannard

Email:

sylvia.stannard@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk



Look out for Sid – he's got his electronic eye on you!

PARKING – the unfolding of a new era. Plans are well in hand for the Police to lose the direct responsibility for dealing with On-street Parking Offences. Suffolk Coastal District Council are to employ **CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**.

As part of this initiative we have already been round to inspect all yellow-line 'no parking' locations in the Parish. Both ourselves and the local PCSO suggested some amendments, however, it would appear that there will be no changes to start with.

Parking 'Offences' will be determined by the type of line (single/double/broken) and any loading restrictions which are usually signed by markings OVER the kerb and attended time/day information plates usually on the nearest lampposts.

We did have a 'promise' that all existing lines would be repainted where required. So it's a case of watch this space. I wish that there was a 'magic wand' solution. As we all know the vast amount of anti-social parking is associated with local schools.

SPEEDING – Another constant 'thorn'! We do have a Speedwatch Team. It would help a great deal if we could recruit a few more personnel.

Should you be interested in becoming a speedwatch volunteer then please contact the Parish Office.

Also based in the area are SID's! Speed Indication Devices are now being used in the Parish and are deployed by officers from one of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

The technology is simple – they flash up the speed of approaching vehicles. In some cases they are capable of recording traffic flow/speed data but not individual vehicle information. It's quite interesting to watch the bonnets dip as drivers 'spot' either the Speedwatch operatives or come across a SID.

Incidentally I have read recently that experiments are underway elsewhere to use

ANPR cameras to 'catch' speeders. Using number plate recognition technology, details of the 'speeding' vehicle are recorded and, in much the same way as speedwatch, a letter is sent to the registered keeper of the 'offending' vehicle. Should there be repeat incidents with the same vehicle then the Police normally have a follow-up procedure!

Councillor James Wright



School parking – check restrictions and be safe

Changes to the Ipswich East Safer Neighbourhood Team come into effect at the end of October 2018. There will be an increase in the number of police constables within the team, and PCSOs have applied for various current or alternative posts. I am delighted to report that I have secured my current post within this process, and I will continue to work as your partnership funded PCSO.

A core part of my role is to enforce parking regulations within the areas of our schools. When new parents and guardians drive to school, a few parking offences are sometimes committed where the drivers have not checked parking restrictions, or where they have chosen to ignore them.

I am attending Broke Hall Community Primary School very frequently and have already started to issue fixed penalty notices (£30 fine) where offences have been committed.

I would urge all drivers to please make themselves aware of the regulations in the area of the school they attend, to arrive

early in order to find a parking space, and to drive slowly paying particular attention to junctions where children will be crossing.

Whilst we have had a quiet summer period in terms of antisocial behaviour, we continue to see some daytime burglaries at residential properties and at some business premises. Entry is often gained by smashing a rear window or door panel followed by an untidy search. Please be alert to any unusual smashing noises and do call police if you suspect that a crime is taking place.

We have also seen a number of thefts from vans where power tools have been taken. Again, some of these offences have been committed within daylight hours where entry has been gained by forcing open rear or side doors. If you see anyone behaving suspiciously around any vehicles, please do call police at the time it is happening as this increases our chances of detaining offenders and gathering forensic evidence.

Thefts from cars usually involve satellite navigation equipment, mobile phones, cash and other easily sold items.



'County Lines' and the supply of drugs is effectively a gang of at least three people who have established a drug market in a rural town, with origins to an urban city location.

For example in Suffolk, it is likely to be a gang from London with them moving into local towns, predominantly Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft to transport/sell class A drugs (specifically crack cocaine and heroin). 'Velocity' is the countywide name Suffolk Constabulary has given to our operation to tackle drug dealing.

Further details and advice on how to spot the signs of youngsters being involved can be found at <https://www.suffolkscb.org.uk/assets/Safeguarding-Topics/Gangs/Velocity-Leaflet-County-Lines-Briefing-for-Partners.pdf>

Neighbourhood Watch always watching out for you

Neighbourhood Watch involves neighbours looking after each other, such as neighbours keeping 'an eye' on each other's houses while neighbours are away or on holiday.

Being part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme is relatively simple – there's little or no work for you to do, apart from being a good neighbour. When you report suspicious activities or environmental issues in your area, it helps reduce crime and keeps the neighbourhood a pleasant place to live.

The benefits of joining a neighbourhood watch include:

- being an active part of your community no matter where you live
- increasing your safety awareness and preventing bad stuff from happening
- looking out for your neighbours, including the old, the young and the vulnerable
- find out first: you'll learn of crime trends that affect your area
- reductions on home insurance

What's involved in being a member

What makes you part of Neighbourhood Watch is that you care about the welfare of the people who live near you and you notice and act if something has gone amiss.

Members receive monthly updates on local crime figures and crime prevention advice by email. It doesn't take up much of your time, you might just get to know the people around you a bit better and that can only be good for the community.



Becoming a Co-ordinator

The coordinator is a person who agrees to set up and run the watch for your street or estate. They sign a declaration and provide contact information so that they can receive information from the police and Suffolk NHW Association.

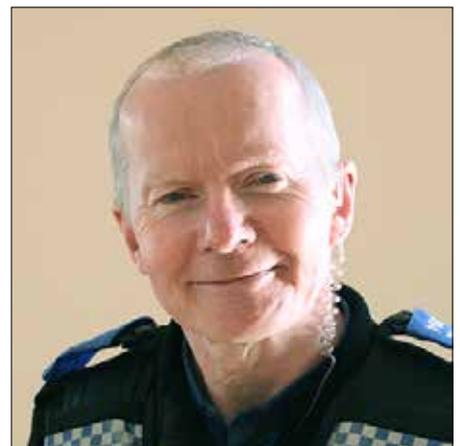
The coordinator will send out this info to the watch members and feed back any concerns they feel necessary

How to join

If you're interested in joining, setting up a watch or would like leaflets on things you can do to keep your property protected, there is a local Rushmere St Andrew Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and we would love you to join with us.

Contact our secretary Gavin Pond email: neighbourhoodwatchip4@gmail.com

Visit Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch <http://www.suffolknwa.co.uk/> and link into Police Direct (<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/services/police-connect>) for local information.



PCSO 3194 Mike Sarbutts

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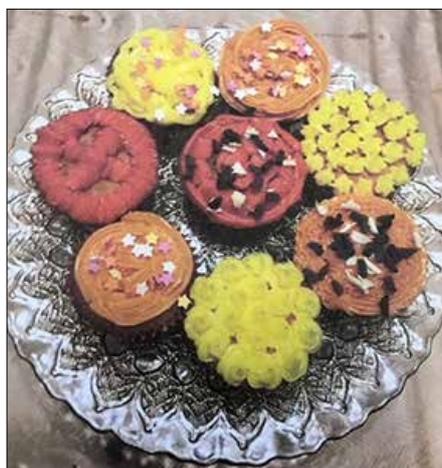
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4 and 18 December

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The Cupcake Competition Winners – Well done

Congratulations to Safa and Saim Khan on winning the Spring Newsletter cupcake competition with their scrumptious cakes pictured right. They received their prize (courtesy of Hobbycraft) from from Phil Richings (Chairman of the Parish Council).



Malva Pudding/ Lekker Pudding

The Parish Clerk, Sylvia Stannard was born in South Africa and this is a traditional Christmas recipe that she thought you may like to try!

Ingredients:

- 235ml Milk
- 1 1/2 dessertspoons Apricot Jam
- 125g Flour
- 1 teaspoon Baking Powder
- 200g Sugar
- 1 teaspoon Baking/Bicarbonat of Soda

Method

Beat the egg and sugar together. Mix all ingredients except the milk and baking/bicarbonat of soda. Mix the milk and baking/bicarbonat of soda together and add to the mixture.

Bake in a dish for 40 minutes at 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4 or Microwave on high for 6 minutes.

Syrup:

- 200g Sugar
- 60ml boiling water
- 120ml Milk
- 115g Butter
- A couple of drops of vanilla essence or a vanilla pod

Method

Bring all the ingredients to the boil and pour the syrup over the pudding when hot from oven. You can also serve it with custard or ice cream!



Tunes for Trips

Did you manage to get 'away from it all' this summer? Maybe you enjoyed a traditional fortnight's holiday with the family, or perhaps you spent days out exploring the beautiful East Anglian coast. However you spent your time, I hope you returned refreshed.

For many people holidays and days out are a mere dream, but the Mothers' Union charity AFIA (Away From It All) is able to provide breaks, days out and activities for disadvantaged and vulnerable families. The costs are met in various ways – from Mothers' Union branches, fund raising events and grants from local agencies.

On Saturday 17 November 2018 members of Trianon Music Group will be performing at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere, and the proceeds will go to AFIA. The concert will feature singers and brass players from the group, who will perform a selection of light classical and popular music. Tickets are priced at £7.50 each and are available from Music World in Ipswich or Mary Odam, telephone 01473 614456 or email tickets@odam.org.

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Kesgrave Community Library Summer Reading Challenge

Children and parents at the presentation ceremony outside Kesgrave Library

This year's Summer Reading Challenge was based around the theme of Mischief Makers.

As usual, the children were asked to read six books of their own choosing, including at least one non-fiction book. Volunteers discussed each book with the children who enjoyed sharing the story with an adult and highlighting their favourite events and pictures. In addition, they were given stickers and small rewards at every stage.

As always, the Challenge was extremely popular, especially as it ran in parallel with a different free craft activity each week.

Denis the Menace was the main character this year along with his dog Gnasher and



all the friends that most of us remember from our childhood. It was a real joy to talk to the children, who were aged between three and eleven, and to see that reading books is still a very valued and enjoyable part of their lives.

368 children completed the Challenge, a terrific achievement for such a small library. Along with their parents and siblings, they were invited to the Presentation Ceremony on 9 September where they were rewarded with a certificate and a medal to celebrate

their achievement and were also able to enjoy a performance by Mr Bean the Magician. Thanks are due to the Librarian, Maggie Lusher, and her staff, to the Kesgrave Library Group who gave financial support and to all the volunteers who gave up their time to listen to the children.

If your child has not previously participated in this event or was too young this year, do think about it for next year. I can assure you that they will really enjoy it.

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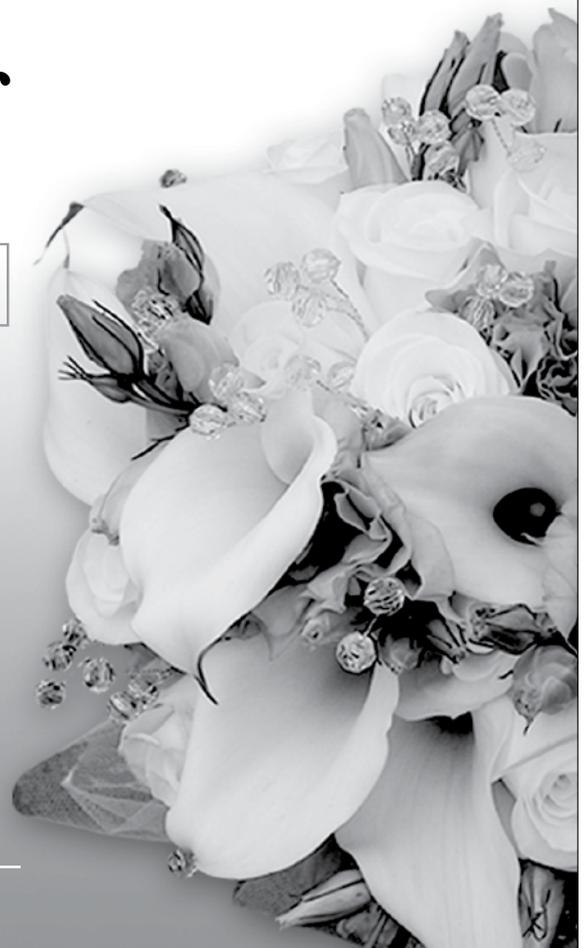
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Bixley Farm Church at Tower Hall

Bixley Farm Church has recently celebrated its first year of holding regular times of worship on Sunday afternoons at Tower Hall and other special events at Christmas and Easter.

The church has almost doubled in size from the original group that transferred from St Johns, Cauldwell Hall Road and St Andrews, Britannia Rd.

In addition to the now established Sunday@4 service, we have initiated some midweek activities. Since June, Little Lambs, a parent and toddler group has been meeting every Friday morning in term time and is proving popular with local families.

The church has invested in suitable furniture, toys and other equipment and is resourced by people drawn from across the three congregations that make up MIE (Mission Ipswich East). Most importantly we want to offer a welcoming and supporting environment to everyone.

The church has also started a mid-week Bible study group that meets locally in someone's house. Besides offering a chance to study the Bible together it also gives opportunity to make friends and receive support from each other. We also meet for a time of prayer together in Tower Hall once a month. All these events are open to anyone to join.

Looking outwards we have had visitors from far away as the Lebanon, Nepal and Tanzania. We have strong links with the Kagera Diocese in South West Tanzania, supporting a training college and its staff. A member of the church climbed Mt Kilimanjaro last November to raise funds for much needed equipment and other resources in Kagera.

We are also closely linked with Operation Christmas Child which sends Christmas parcels to children in countries who would otherwise have nothing at all in the way of



a present to open. Nearer home we have been supporting Ipswich Families In Need by donating food to them at harvest.

All events and services are publicised via local newsletters, leaflets and online. But we want our commitment and service to the community to speak for itself and hope to expand our activities next year.

We would like to thank the Parish Halls committee for the continued use of the Tower Hall and the excellent facilities which has enabled us to have a very good first year.

Bixley Farm Church (CofE) was initiated by St Johns, Cauldwell Hall Road and St Andrews, Britannia Road (collectively called Mission Ipswich East) For further information/questions go to www.mie.org/bixley or email office@mie.org.uk or call 01473 270978.

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Rushmere Readers

Our choice for Autumn is 'The Keeper of Lost Things' by Ruth Hogan

WINNER OF RICHARD AND JUDY AUTUMN BOOK CLUB 2017 - 'One of the most charming novels either of us has read. Don't lose it. Keep it' - Richard and Judy

Anthony Peardew is the Keeper of 'lost things'. Forty years ago he carelessly lost a keepsake from his beloved Therese. That very same day, she died unexpectedly. Broken-hearted, Anthony sought consolation in rescuing lost objects - the things others have dropped, misplaced, or accidentally left behind - and writing stories about them.

Now, in the twilight of his life, he worries that he has not fully discharged his duty to reconcile all the lost things with their owners. As the end nears, he bequeaths his secret life's mission to his unsuspecting housekeeper Laura, the one person he can trust to fulfil his legacy. But the final wishes of the Keeper of 'lost things' have unforeseen repercussions that trigger a most serendipitous series of encounters . . .

Order this book from your local library or you can purchase it from the usual outlets not forgetting the independent book shops! Don't forget to pass the book on for others to enjoy!

Send us your thoughts on this book . . . anything from a few words to a few lines (don't forget to include your name) and we will publish in the next newsletter.

Email: sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk

Details of the Summer read in the next issue.



Readers' Reviews



It was a great book and written so well from the point of view of a socially isolated individual. I loved it.

Another author I love is Veronica Henry and her Beach Hut series of books . . .

Helen Whinney

A beautiful story about the best of the human spirit and the worst.

Although sad and tragic in places, overall I found it a very uplifting book. I really took Eleanor Oliphant to my heart. Didn't want to put the book down and read it very quickly.

Lizzy

I absolutely loved the way that Eleanor described/thought about everything so literally. Her character I originally thought had Asperger's but as the book continued my thoughts swayed to may be it was Eleanor's upbringing and lack of social awareness. One of the best books I've ever read. It made me re-evaluate life, it made me laugh and cry!

Clare S

I loved Eleanor Oliphant; an inspirational and touching read about the best and worst in people. The book touches on some dark themes but is written with a sense of humour and sensitivity towards Eleanor's plight. I look forward to reading more books by Gail Honeyman.

Sarah B

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Broke Hall School

Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 8
December 2018

11.00am – 2.00pm



Ask Father Christmas

Over a steaming mug of hot chocolate and a mince pie we asked Father Christmas the questions we thought you might like to know the answers to . . .

If there isn't a chimney, how do you get into a house?

I use a special magical key that works in any door of houses where families are hoping I'll visit. Some families leave a magic key out for me to use too.

How do you get all around the world in one night?

Two things mean this is possible . . .

1. Time changes as you move around the world, so it means I actually have more than just one night to deliver everything. It's Christmas Day in some countries, while it's still Christmas Eve in others – children in New York in America are just going to bed, as children in Australia are waking up! You can track my progress around the world on the NORAD SANTA TRACKER.
2. Time stops for Christmas magic. When I get to each country, time freezes in that country until I've delivered all the presents to all the children and then it starts up again.

How do the reindeer fly?

The reindeer fly on Christmas Eve because of something called 'Magic Dust', which the Elves make a new batch of each year.

How do you make so many toys?

Elves can work extremely quickly and make thousands of things every hour. Time is very different in the North Pole.

How do you know where the children live?

I have a very special compass that I use on Christmas Eve. As I fly over all the houses, it shows me which one is which! All children's address are also registered in my Big Book of Christmas Magic as a back up.

What if a child moves house. Will you know where their new house is?

Of course! Every time a child moves house, the new address gets entered into the Big Book of Christmas Magic automatically.

Why do we get presents from you?

A long time ago, there were some very poor children who had only sticks and the dirt outside to play with. I heard about these children and made them a very simple wooden toy each, which I left outside their front door on Christmas Eve. Since then, I've enjoyed giving toys to children all around the world.



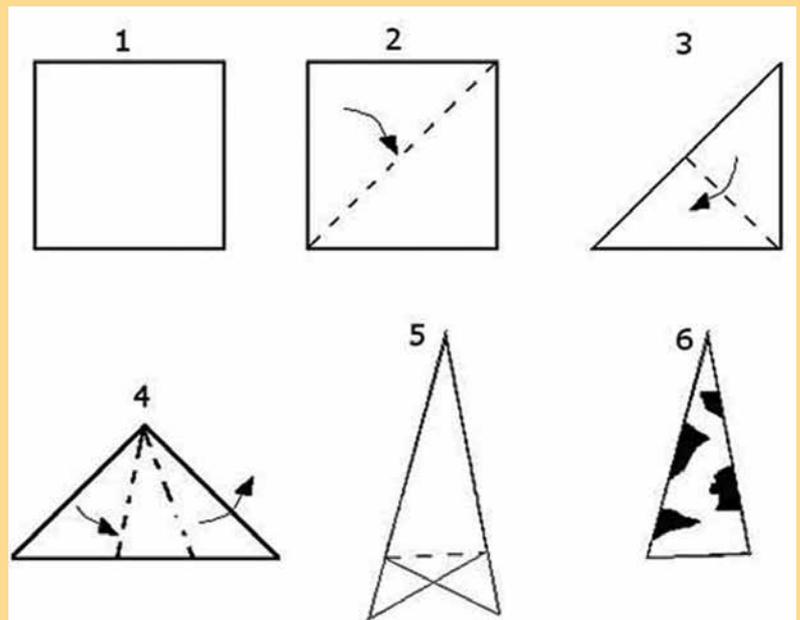
Christmas Craft Corner – Making snowflakes

What You Need:

- Paper (make sure it is square).
- Scissors (and some adult help for the littles).

What You Do:

1. Get a square piece of paper or trim a piece of paper so that it is square.
2. Fold your square in half diagonally (have a look at the picture below).
3. Fold your triangle in half – again diagonally (look at the picture below).
4. Fold paper in thirds ... one side to the front, the other to the back.
5. Trim the extra piece of paper off the end of your small triangle.
6. Around the outside of your triangle, cut some fun designs – circles, squares, triangles, squiggles ... anything goes.
7. Unfold your paper and look at your masterpiece.
8. There you go...a snowflake to hang in your window or on your tree. Try decorating it!



Christmas Quiz

1. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
2. How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?
3. How many letters are in the angelic alphabet?
4. How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?
5. How many of Rudolph's eight companions names start with 'D'?
6. Can you unscramble the following word to reveal an ice crystal with 6 points: SWNOLKAEF?
7. Which reindeer is Rudolph's dad?
8. Who invented the Christmas cracker?

Christmas Quiz answers

1. Advent 2. Deep pan, crisp and even! 3. 25; 'no e'l!!! 4. 364 5. Three - Dasher, Dancer and Donner 6. Snowflake 7. Donner 8. Tom Smith



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Christmas Word Search

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Post or pop your entry in the Parish Council post box at Tower Hall, 5 Broadlands Way, IP4 5SU. You will find the post box on the wall to the left of the doors. Please include your name and contact details on the back. Alternatively, you can take a picture of your mandala and email it to: sarah.jenkins@rushmere-st-andrew.org.uk Closing date: 10th December 2018