

POEM FOR THE MONTH

The Succession of the Four Sweet Months

First, April, she with mellow shows
Opens the way for early flowers;
Then after her comes smiling May,
In a more rich and sweet array:
Next enters June, and brings us more
Jems, then those two, that went before:
Then (lastly) July comes, and she
More wealth brings in, than all those three.



Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

ASHBOCKING

The final day of the Flower Festival at Ashbocking church is the 1st July 10:00am until 4:00pm with refreshments all day. I am hoping it will have been a warm and dry weekend and we will have welcomed lots of visitors.

The same weekend as the flower show, was a special event for William Herbert and Mark Cresswell, who have been ordained as Deacons at Bury Cathedral. We offer many congratulations to them both.

We have just received the Churches Ride and Stride pack. This is not until September 8th but hoping you will put the date in your diaries and think about perhaps forming a group of cyclists or walkers to visit as many churches on that day as you can to raise money for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust; Ashbocking will also receive half of monies raised. More



information on this in next month's edition. Your contact, should you wish for more information before then, is John Pollard, Tel 890836.

The next church service at Ashbocking is on 8th July at 11:00am, it is a Holy Communion service led by Rev Canon Clare Sanders. Everyone is welcome.

The next coffee morning is on July 6th to be held at Liz and Steve Stegman's house, Old House Cottage, The Green Ashbocking, from 10:30am until 12:00 midday. Everyone is very welcome, we hope it will be good weather so that we can enjoy Liz and Steve's lovely garden. Please contact John or I on 890836 if you need a lift.

Also, have in mind your favourite hymns as I am compiling a list of the ones everyone knows. It is a "Songs of Praise" service in August so this would be helpful, Marcus Peel is playing for us again this year.

This time of year sees many of us going on our holidays, we wish you all a safe travel, lovely weather and happy times to remember.

Church Cleaning Jan and Jon Bates.
(We still need volunteers for August please).

Linda Pollard

CLOPTON

Most of the Clopton Kneelers (twenty and counting!) have now been completed! They were all on display in the church on Tuesday 12th June. Everyone who had made them, or whose family were commemorated on one, was in the church to enjoy coffee and cake and see the finished kneelers. They all look wonderful and are all very different in design. A big "thank you" to all the people who have spent hours making them. Most people found the task enjoyable and several people want to make another one. Very few people had tackled this sort of work before so well done everyone! They will be

arranged along the altar rail, mainly because we will be able to cover them all and keep them protected from the bats!

The next Hobbies Group meeting is on Wednesday 4th July from 10am until noon in the Village Hall. Lots of the group are making poppies, either knitted or from paper for our Poppy Weekend in November. We aim to fill the church with poppies, so everyone is welcome to come and join us. We can provide paper, patterns etc. If anyone has anything connected with World War 1 (photos, letters, medals, uniform items etc) that we could use in a display please contact me.

The annual Strawberry Tea is on Saturday 7th July from 2.30pm onwards at Thamaniya, Shop Road, Clopton. Strawberries and cream with lots of delicious cakes so do come and have a relaxing afternoon in the sun! A large gazebo will stop you getting sunburnt, or wet! The proceeds go towards the upkeep of the church.

Wednesday 18th July is our next Coffee Morning. It will be hosted by Beryl Birchmore and Doris Main in the Village Hall from 10am until noon. Everyone is very welcome.

Doris Main

OTLEY

The big event in July is the Village Fete on the 7th which will be as colourful and entertaining as always. There will be a jazz band playing from 1 o'clock which will set the mood, and then it's 'all go' from 2 o'clock with the Suffolk School of Samba dancing, the dog show, a barbecue, and stalls and sideshows - a great family and village occasion.



In the past month, the Royal Wedding Tea at Warrens Farm for St Nicholas Hospice was very successful, which Alyson has written

about, and the Christian Aid collection amounted to £449.90. Thank you to everybody who contributed.

The next monthly coffee morning will take place on Thursday 12th July at Helmingham Cottage, Helmingham Road, the home of Janet Brooker-Smith, and she and Peter will give you a warm welcome. It will be another chance to look at their lovely garden.

We are sad to hear that John Jay has died and send our love and sympathy to Helen, Katherine and Andrew and their families. Russell has written a tribute to John but our first memories of him were as the fit sportsman, cycling and playing hockey, as the dedicated teacher always interested in young people and what they were doing, and as the churchman, singing with a fine voice having been a choirboy when he was young. Later on, he spoke of his children and grandchildren with such pride, but here he will be remembered for his great commitment to the village over many years.

Rose Rogerson

Village Diary:

5th July Friendship Club – cream tea at 10 Newlands
7th July Otley Fete - Community Council
19th July Friendship Club – Outing to Muckleburgh
26th July Community Lunch at The White Hart

Church Flowers: Valerie Pitchers/Joan Parish

Church Cleaning: Angela and Richard Treloar

Sidepersons:

15 th July	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pauline Crowley
22 nd July	6.30pm	Evensong	Pauline Crowley

Tribute to John Jay

Spring Park was developed in 1974 and John and Helen Jay moved into their house in 1976, these houses were bought and occupied by persons who were not Otley residents. At first there was a them and us perception from the long-term residents of Otley, but it wasn't long before the newcomers, as they were known, became involved in village activities. John was a school master and taught at a school

in Ipswich. He also umpired for Ipswich and East Suffolk hockey matches. He took an interest in the Parish Council and was elected as a Councillor and became Chairman in 1994.

John and Helen edited the Otley News which was published monthly, this was quite an undertaking as the printing was carried out with a Gestetner Machine and it then had to be stapled and delivered. Publication ceased in 1989 when John retired from teaching.

When the Otley Friendship Club was under threat of closure he was one of those who were determined to keep it going and it then had a new lease of life with himself becoming Programme Secretary, a post he held for many years.

His other interest was the Church and he became a Churchwarden and will be best remembered for his involvement in the installation of the heaters under the pews which has transformed the comfort of the congregation.

John's other main contribution to the village was the research that he made to ensure that all the names of those who died in WW1 and WW2 were inscribed on the new War Memorial that has been placed on the Post Office corner. There were War Memorials in the Church and Chapel but neither had all the names of those who died inscribed on them. It was due to Col Geoffrey Mason and John Jay that funding was obtained so that this omission could be rectified and now all names are displayed on the one Memorial.

Russell Ling

Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea

Over 60 guests attended the Royal Wedding afternoon tea, it was a glorious afternoon with lots of bunting, cake and happy chatter. Mrs Pam Cross (Ruth Farnhill's Mum) who lives on the Sandringham Estate was the Royal representative and cut the wedding cake as we toasted health and happiness to the young Royal couple. Penny from the Post Office organised a wonderful draw with hampers stuffed full

of goodies and in total a magnificent £800.00 was raised for St Nicholas Hospice! A very sincere thankyou to everyone who contributed to making this such a happy and memorable occasion.

Alyson Chilvers

OUR FASCINATING LANGUAGE



Why do we say ‘*good health*’ when we are about to drink alcohol, which is not necessarily good for us? The answer lies in the deadly cholera outbreak in London between 1848 and 1849 in particular. During August 1849 cholera reached epidemic proportions in the Broadwick Street area of Soho, resulting in 344 deaths in 4 days. Remarkably, there were almost none in surrounding areas. Local physician Dr. John Snow suggested cholera was linked to polluted drinking water and this seemed confirmed when he found that 87 out of 89 victims had been drinking from the Broadwick Street well. Snow asked the authorities to take the handle off the pump with the result that the outbreak stopped almost immediately. For some time, the local population would avoid water and only drink ales and wine. When drinking they would toast each other saying ‘*your good health*’ knowing they were safe from the cholera. There is still a pub named John Snow in Broadwick Street today.

Otley Bells and Ringing for Peace

February saw two milestones for the Otley ringers: Matt Newson and Tig Sweet rang their first peals. A peal consists of ringing over 5,000 changes on the bells and takes about three hours to complete (and considerable concentration!). These are the first peals rung by Otley ringers for over thirty years.



However, these achievements cannot hide the fact that the Otley band is getting older, with three members of the band now over the age of 80. We have been pleased to welcome a young learner into

the band, but we need some more recruits. Could it be you, or are you lapsed ringer who now has a little more time on your hands?

The initial training period during which newcomers learn the mechanics of bell handling can take a few months, but after that you will be competent to ring solo. We welcome everyone no matter what their age - there are ringers in the county aged from 9 to 90. Ringing does not require musical or mathematical skills, just a feel for rhythm that makes the very public sound pleasant to listen to.

Later in 2018 we will celebrate the ending of the Great War one hundred years ago. Preparations are in hand for commemorative ringing in November at towers up and down the land and we are keen for the Otley bells to take part in this. Called 'Ringing for Peace: Armistice 100', there is a push to recruit 1,400 new ringers countrywide, as this was the number of ringers lost in the Great War. Otley will join many Suffolk towers ringing on 11th November and we will have the bells half muffled for the occasion.

We practice every Wednesday from 7.45 to 9.00pm with a visit to the pub afterwards. There is also a programme of training sessions organised by the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, including a monthly District Practice. The bell ringing community is a welcoming one wherever you go and many of us have enjoyed meeting local bands when we have ventured into new towers whilst on holiday. Closer to home, within a short radius of Otley it is possible to ring at a different tower every night of the week and at our practice night we are typically joined by ringers from nearby villages.

The primary reason why we practice our ringing every Wednesday is to help us deliver good Sunday service ringing for Otley church. However, ringing itself is a secular activity and attendance at church services, whilst welcomed, is not compulsory. The only commitment we seek is that you make yourself available to ring for church services when you can.

If you think you would like to give it a try, please contact me on 01473 890011 or Jimmy Wightman (Tower Captain) on 01473 890258 or Tig Sweet (Deputy Tower Captain) on 01473 890920.

Chris Barker

Otley and District Gardening Club

As the '80s pop group Fiddler's Dram might have said, "Didn't we have a luvverly day the day we went to ~~Banger~~ Pensthorpe Natural Park". Our concluding event for the 2017-18 Gardening Club season saw 34 of us boarding our coach bright and early on Saturday 9th June, bound for the gardens, family fun and wildlife park near Fakenham. With their Millennium, Wildlife Habitat and Wave-Line Gardens there was an abundance of horticultural interest, and in the nature reserve with its wetland areas and lakes there were more species of ducks and geese that you could shake a stick at (but we wouldn't do anything so aggressive, of course)!

As well as the plants and wildlife, Pensthorpe also offers numerous exploration and play activities for children of all ages, but most of these looked far too strenuous for the more mature Gardenium Clubus Otleyii x Ashbockingensis cultivars among us (including me). A nice cuppa and spot of lunch provided all the excitement we needed. Wending our way homewards at the end of our day, after trying our luck for one of Betty's eye-catching and very generous raffle prizes, there was general agreement that Pensthorpe had come up trumps for this year's summer outing.

In Hollywood parlance, "That's a Wrap" for this year's OGC season, except for our not-to-be-missed planned Fete appearance complete with its challenging test of nerve and dexterity. We're all set though to start all over again on 3rd September, with Crown Nurseries' and BBC Radio Suffolk's gardening guru Graeme Proctor telling us how to go about winter pruning. Winter? That's miles off yet, so enjoy the lovely English summer weather we're having first.

The Reluctant Gardener

SWILLAND

We would like to send our condolences to Helen Jay on the death of her husband John after a long period of ill health. Helen plays the organ for us once a month, which is much appreciated.

We are most grateful to Brian and Andy for mowing the churchyard until we have a more permanent arrangement.

The next coffee morning will be at Gill Reidy's house, 1 Church Lane, from 10am on Saturday 7th July. The following one will be in the church on Saturday, 4th August, hosted by Andy and Shirley.



Congratulations to Alice and Ian on the birth of their first daughter, Emilia Lucy Anderson born 30th May.

Ann Kent

Flower rota:

1 st - 8 th July	Ann Kent
15 th - 22 nd July	Gill Reidy
29 th July - 5 th August	Jackie Williams

RUSSELL LING REPORTS

Unusually for May, both Bank Holidays were hot and dry and during the first two weeks this weather continued which was ideal for haymaking. In the latter part of the month there was a period of cool North Easterly winds. Overall it was a dry warm month with record amount of sun, the rainfall was 1.45 inches.

In my last article, I mentioned that the only power source other than horses was the Standard Fordson Tractor until the end of WW2. I will therefore give you some idea of the workings of this tractor as apart from four wheels and an engine it bears very little resemblance to the machines that we have today. The Fordson was a petrol paraffin tractor in other words it had to be started on petrol and then when the engine got hot it could be turned over to run on paraffin. The reason for this was that paraffin wouldn't vaporise until the engine reached a

high temperature. In order to get the engine to heat up quickly there was a blind which was raised in the front of the radiator to prevent cold air being drawn through it. At the end of the working day the fuel tap had to be turned off to allow the carburettor to become empty of paraffin or it would not start next time it was used.

The other main difference was that this tractor had a wet clutch which is no longer used in any modern engines. The gearbox included both the clutch and the gears and was filled with an 80 viscosity oil, this was roughly the consistency of treacle which meant that a considerable amount of the engine power was used to turn the gears. The wet clutch consisted of two circular corrugated plates which were kept together by powerful springs, the thick oil helped to bind the clutch plates together so that they didn't slip. This system also caused another problem, if you were backing into a shed it was necessary to put the clutch pedal down before you needed to stop as the oil between the clutch plates could still move the tractor. When work was finished for the day the clutch pedal had to be held down with a hook to keep the clutch plates apart otherwise the thick oil would make it very difficult to start. The tractor didn't have a battery so there was no self-starter which meant using the starting handle fixed at the front of the tractor. There was a decompression lever to make it easier to turn the engine over for starting. It did have a habit of backfiring and unless all your fingers and thumb were in line over the starting handle you could end up with a nasty sprained wrist!



There were no brakes and if there was a weight on the drawbar from implements or a trailer making the front wheels light it was necessary to start turning the steering wheel well in advance before you would normally need too. The driver would not be able to make mistakes on turning on a headland as there was no three-point linkage so it was not possible to lift implements off the ground. Despite all these problems it did provide a welcome additional source of power in the beginning of the twentieth century.

SMILE LINES

Donation

Today a man knocked at my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.

Hamlet

“Said Hamlet to Ophelia,
I'll draw a sketch of thee.
What kind of pencil shall I use?
2B or not 2B?”

Password

I changed my password to 'incorrect' so whenever I forget it the computer will say, 'your password is incorrect'.

Unexpected

Doesn't expecting the unexpected mean that the unexpected is actually expected?

Wisdom

A little girl was sitting on her Grandmother's knee, as she read her a bedtime story. From time to time the little girl took her eyes of the book and reached up to stroke her Grandmother's wrinkled cheeks. Then stroked her own cheek.

Finally, she said “Grandma, did God make you?” “Yes”, Grandma replied “God made me.” Then the little girl asked “Did God make me?” “Yes” her Grandmother replied “God did make you”

There was a pause before the little girl said “Getting better isn't he?”

Children's Corner

Sardines

A baby Sardine
Saw her first submarine
She was scared and watched
through the peephole.
"Oh come, come, come"
Said the sardines mum
"It's only a tin full of people"



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Any questions please email mark@cresswell.org. We would love to see you all but we do need the paper forms and payment to secure a place.

Sign up soon as we have a limited number of spaces!

To register please collect a form from the back of Church or Download one from <https://carlfordchurches.org/messy-church/>

Rain

There are holes in the sky
Where the rain gets in,
But they're ever so small
That's why rain is thin.

Ant and Elephant



Said a tiny Ant
To the Elephant
"Mind how you tread in this clearing!"

But alas! Cruel fate!

She was crushed by the weight
Of an Elephant, hard of hearing

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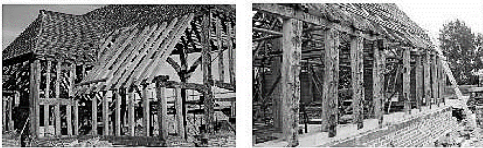
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