

## **PRAYER FOR THE MONTH**

God bless our land;  
God guide our rulers;  
God resolve our differences;  
God forgive our selfishness;  
God protect our homes;  
God strengthen our faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Maurice Wood*

## **NEWS FROM THE PARISHES**

### **ASHBOCKING**

The summer marches on and we are hoping the children breaking up from school will have some settled weather this year. With so many people now on their summer holidays it is a quieter time for reporting events. We in Ashbocking, were busy with our quiz night which was a huge success despite torrential rain on the night. Everyone had fun and everything ran well due to the hard work of the people involved in getting things set up. We were extremely grateful and give our thanks to Will Napper and Janice Williamson for taking on the trimming of the front hedge, and especially for funding and sorting delivery of our toilet for the night. This essential commodity is lacking in the church at present and is one of the main reasons for our fund raising evening, that and a kitchenette.

Our thanks go to David Bendall and the Mitchell family for allowing us to park on their property as the field we had intended to use was very wet and only certain vehicles could use it. It was quite a challenge for the church wardens to get everyone parked without having to get anyone towed out!

We would also like to thank Sharon Chenery who worked so hard to provide the raffle, along with Adine Shrankel and Sarah Wilson. Not just the sale of tickets but for sourcing the fantastic prizes. We were grateful to so many people for donating, Swiss Farm for the

sausages, Tim Dorney for his donation of wine, the Crockery Barn and Café and Nelson Garage for their contributions too. These are but a few and all were listed on a board of thanks on the night.

Thanks also go to all who turned up to put up marquees and to take them down again. The marquees were essential in the rain and were used to house the bar, run by Liz and Steve Stegman. We thank them and their helpers, Paul and Karen Dighton, for once again running a very proficient bar.

The BBQ was manned by Phil and Linda Pollard with the help of daughter Sarah, and husband Chris who was in charge of flood control. Gazebos are shower proof but were not deluge proof! However everyone seemed to enjoy their sausages or bacon in a roll despite the wet.

Thanks too, for all who provided such a varied array of puds, definitely enjoyed by all, looking at the empty plates at the end of the evening.

The church looked so inviting, many thanks go to the flower arrangers led by Linda Ellis, with Sue Surridge and Brenda Mitchell, also to Stephanie Andrews Pearce for creating the beautiful soft play area at the back of the church for the children.

Our final thanks go to our excellent Quiz masters, Charlie Ralph and Lynn, who kept us entertained and challenged our wits.

The winners were a visiting team called the Lindacre Old Crows. Well done to them. They were followed in second place by the Wilson family and there was a joint third place between Anna Lawson's team with John and Bev Last, and The Wise Old Owls from Grundisburgh.

Well done everyone, and thank you all for your support of the event.

It was a light hearted and fun evening which not only raised a lot of laughter but also raised nearly £2,000 to kick off the toilet and kitchenette project. A big thank you to all concerned.

Now on to other matters. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of July we had a family service and baptism when we welcomed Bev and John Last and guests into the church to celebrate the Baptism of their son Jacob. The service was led by Jane Hall and it was lovely to see so many in the congregation. Congratulations to Jacob on his baptism even though he seemed totally relaxed and unaware, sleeping throughout.

Our next service is on the 14<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00am and is also a family communion service and baptism. We are looking forward to welcoming Gemma and Alex Willson, and guests, to celebrate the baptism of their son, Douglas. All are welcome.

The Baby Group in Ashbocking is up and running, organised by Stephanie Andrews-Pearce on 07833967777, and the next meeting is at Gemma Willson's house on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 – 4:30pm, at 1 Millfield, Allotment Lane. This is a group for all mums and babies in the village. The group meet on the last Friday of the month the 26<sup>th</sup> August meeting is at Sarah Field's, Ash Tree Lodge Allotment Lane, at 11:00am. Please contact Stephanie for details.

House groups have ceased for August due to holidays and recommence in September. Jan and Jon Bates group, Going Deeper, starts again at 10:00am on September 7<sup>th</sup> at Manor Farm.

The Christian discussion group, led by Catherine Beaumont, recommences on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Hawthorns, The Green.

Both groups are open to all no matter how much you know or think you don't know. For more information please contact Jan and Jon Bates on 01473 892605, or Linda Pollard on 01473 890836.

The next coffee morning is on August 5<sup>th</sup> at Liz and Steve Stegman's, Old House Cottage, The Green IP6 9JZ, at 10:00am. All welcome. Let's pray for a lovely day to enjoy their garden.

This year's **Suffolk Historic Churches Bike and Stride** is taking place on September 10<sup>th</sup> so please keep that date free if you are able to visit churches by bike or on foot to help raise much needed money for nominated places of worship and the Trust itself. Please contact John Pollard on [01473 890836](tel:01473890836) for details and sponsor forms.

*Linda Pollard*

**Church Cleaning** August 14<sup>th</sup> is Nel and Rex Peries.

## **“GOING DEEPER” HOMEGROUP**

We meet at Manor Farm to study the Bible, pray, and encourage each other to “go deeper” in our faith in Jesus together.

We meet every **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10.00am till 12.00**

For more details call Jan or Jon Bates on 01473 892605

## **CLOPTON**

After a very busy May and June with lots of events taking place July has seemed very quiet!

Schools will have broken up by the time this is published, we wish all the children, their teachers (and their parents!) an enjoyable holiday time, with hopefully, some good weather.

Clopton's postman Neville retired on July 16th. He had been a postman for twenty eight years and twenty seven of those years were in Clopton. He always kept an eye out for vulnerable people

and was always cheerful and reliable. We shall all miss him very much and wish him a long and happy retirement.

The Hobbies Morning is on Wednesday 3rd August in the Village Hall from 10am until noon. Everyone is very welcome.

Our August Coffee Morning will be in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th from 10am until noon. It will be hosted by Vicki Smith.

*Doris Main*

**Church cleaning**  
**Church flowers**

Audrey and Chris Barker  
Doris Main

### **OTLEY**

At the family service in July, Faye Flint was baptised, the baby daughter of Emma and Dave Flint, sister of Chloe, and granddaughter to Sue and David Wilkins. This was a lovely occasion for all of them. Jane will be baptising Harriet Adie at our Family Service on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am.

The Fete was very well supported with lots of people, especially young families and children, enjoying the afternoon. Linda from The White Hart ran a pop-up pub for delicious lunches, and she also provided teas. The dog show was very popular and entertaining with the different classes, there was live music and some fun sideshows and stalls. We had loads of prizes on the draw and the tombola so thank you to everybody who contributed these. Our M.P. Dr Dan Poulter attended, and also Robin Vickery, our new county councillor, and there was a very good atmosphere. The Fete was followed by OtleyFest, with a variety of performers and different music which was great, and there was also a barbecue. Altogether it was a very happy day and provided a good result for the Community Council.

Despite a deluge just before everybody got in to their cars (or on their bikes) to find their way to their first course, the progressive

dinner was successful and much enjoyed by the 24 couples taking part. At the end everybody met together for coffee at The Firs with Nick and Jane Betteridge. The dinner is an opportunity to meet new people in the village with good food and good company, and the standard of cooking was fantastic!

The August coffee morning was to have been held in the church but it has been cancelled as it coincides with the outing of the Friendship Club to the Duxford Air Museum on 25th August.

Looking ahead to September, the Village Show and the Sponsored Bike Ride both take place on 10th September. Schedules for the Village Show are available from the Post Office, and sponsorship forms for the Bike Ride are available in the church, so it is not too early to start planning your entries/route. Also on 30th September we shall again be holding a coffee morning at Church House for Macmillan Cancer Support, so please make a note of these dates.

Congratulations to Geoffrey Mason who has recently celebrated his 90th birthday with two parties. Well done! It is good to see him home again after a long spell in hospital.

We wish everybody very happy holidays.

*Rose Rogerson*

**Village diary:**

**25th August** Friendship Club - outing to Duxford Air Museum

**31st Aug/**

**1st Sept/2nd Sept** Nathan's Tunes Show

**Church flowers:** Ruth Farnhill/Joan Parish

**Church Cleaning:** Pauline Crowley

**Sidepersons:**

**7<sup>th</sup> August** 11.00am Holy Baptism Pauline Crowley

**21<sup>st</sup> August** 9.30am Holy Communion Ruth Farnhill

**28<sup>th</sup> August** 6.30pm Evening Prayer Richard Trealor

## Otley and District Gardening Club



### **2016-2017 New Season Programme**

We meet at 7.30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley  
(Invited speakers on a wide range of subjects)

### **First meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

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Isabel Lincoln (01473 890826)

## Otley Parish Council

Otley Parish Council held their Annual Parish Meeting (APM) in May followed by their Annual General Meeting (AGM) later in the evening. Our Chairperson continues to be Mr Anthony Ling and Vice Chair Mrs Issy Lincoln. Councillors remain as Mr Russell Ling, Mrs Sandra Grant, Mrs Jayne Vaughan, Mrs Abigail Lord, Mr David Hook, Mr Martin Liddell and Mr Phil Whiffing. During the APM the Chairman read his report highlighting what has been happening over the last year. This included the long awaited bus shelter at Newlands which is being regularly used by locals.

Speeding continues to be a constant topic and Otley now has its own speed indicator which is up and running. This will be rotated

around the four posts installed within the village on a regular basis. The Parish Council are also looking into extending the speed restriction of 30mph at Otley Bottom and coming down past Otley College. Otley Parish Council has also been able to make monetary donations to various organisations who applied for one, to include donations towards safety hand rails, renovation projects and art and craft materials. Planning applications continue to be submitted and the largest one is the demolition of the Hubbard's site and building of 35 dwellings by Laurence Homes. A public consultation was held and positively received. The Parish Council continues to keep in contact with Suffolk Coastal District Council and Laurence Homes to ensure the new development reflects the needs of Otley.

Otley Parish Council is fortunate to have the support of Councillor Tony Fryatt, the Grundisburgh Ward Councillor and thank him for his time and advice. County Councillor Matthew Hicks also provides up to date information to Parish Councillors from the Thredling Division which is greatly appreciated.

For a full account of the APM & AGM please visit the Otley Parish Council website at: [otley.onesuffolk.net](http://otley.onesuffolk.net) Meeting dates are also available on the website with accompanying agendas and the minutes from meetings. The notice board outside the doctors and near Newlands have current minutes displayed. The website is regularly updated with information regards road closures, up and coming events, planning applications and details of how to contact Councillors and the Clerk. Otley Parish Council complies with the transparency code and details of the end of year accounts will be available by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any concerns or issues to be raised that impact on Otley Parish then please do get in touch and the Parish Council will endeavour to resolve them.

*Rachel Green – Clerk*



“A little nonsense now and then is cherished by the wisest men” (Roald Dahl). With the summer holidays well underway I’m sure a little (or a lot) of nonsense and fun is being had by all!

Otley Under Fives had a great end to the Summer Term and the school year. A pre-school trip to Framlingham Castle saw the children pretending to be knights, kings, queens, dragons and more as their imaginations were swept away. A lot of fun was had by all at Sports Day – despite the threat of rain. All the children did brilliantly in their running and obstacle course races and were very proud to receive their medals and certificates.

Fund raising activity has been as busy as ever. The annual Otley Village Fete saw children and grown-ups alike fishing for boats, throwing coconuts at the shy and having their faces painted. As ever it was very special to be part of such a vibrant community event. Thanks to all who helped to run the stalls. Upcoming events for the end of the year will include the clairvoyant night and the wreath making evening – keep an eye out for details in due course.

If you would like to find out more about Otley Under Fives, to arrange a visit and free trial session or to talk to a member of the team please call 07789 468853, visit our Facebook page or our website: [www.otleyunderfives.co.uk](http://www.otleyunderfives.co.uk)

### **SWILLAND**

On 9th July the Witnesham and Swilland Village Show was held in Witnesham Village Hall. There were all sorts of competitions. Flower arranging, flowers, knitting, photos, vegetables, fruit, salad crops, cakes, bread, jams, chutneys and children's classes. It was a lot of fun and most people won

certificates for something. Only three people entered from Swilland. I hope next year more from Swilland will participate.

The next coffee morning is in the church on 6th August. If the weather is good we will sit in the churchyard. Do come and join us.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle ride is on 10th September. If anyone would like to take part either on a bike or on foot please ask me for a Sponsor form. It is a great way to visit churches that otherwise might not be open. Half of the sponsorship money goes to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and half to the church of your choice. Nearer the time I will be asking for volunteers to sit in the church.

*Ann Kent*

**Flower rota**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August** Margo Barker

**21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> August** Ann Kent

**4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> September** Gill Reidy

**RAINFALL – JUNE**

It is known as flaming June but this one was certainly not, between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> we did have a short spell of hot weather but after that it was all downhill raining nearly every day. The total rainfall for the month was 4.95 inches, it was according to the Met Office one of the wettest June's on record and I have only ever recorded a similar amount in 1997 when we had 6 inches and 5 inches in 1999, these quantities are double the usual average for the month.

Wet weather increases growth both of grass and weeds and in the days before we had herbicide sprays farm workers had to hand hoe the corn fields to keep down these weeds. One of the sayings then was, cut a thistle in May and it will be up next day, cut a thistle in June and it will be up again soon, cut a thistle in July and it will be sure to die. It wouldn't probably seed that year but the thistle

root goes down quite deep and it would reappear again the next year. The early herbicide sprays devastated broad leaf weeds and quickly cleared the fields of them, but other weeds took their place, you can't get the better of nature.

*Russell Ling*



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### **SMILE LINES**

#### **Reward**

A father of five children came home with a toy. "This is a reward for being good," he said. "Who is the most obedient one here? Who never talks back to Mum and does everything that Mum says to do?"

There were a few seconds of silence, and then all of the children said: "*You* play with it Daddy!"

#### **Grave warning**

Road sign outside the gates of a cemetery: Drive carefully. We don't mind waiting for you.



## TELEVISION

When did television start? I bet you didn't know that it started on 22nd August 1932 when the British Broadcasting Corporation introduced its first regular TV service in the London area. By the summer of 1949 television began to be available outside London and 1954 saw the first daily news bulletins and weather forecasts. Colour pictures arrived at the end of 1969.

Lots of people moan about what is on television and what a waste of time it is, but there are good things to say for it too. Without the news reports of famine in Africa would we have had Live Aid? And what about Comic Relief and Children in Need?

TV entertains and educates. It helps us to relax, and it can also help us to pray by showing us the world. We see the natural disasters of weather like tsunamis and hurricanes. We see people hurt and made homeless by war. And we turn to God and ask Him to help those who suffer and we pray for them, remembering that we are God's hands here on earth.

## EYE SEE YOU

All the answers to this Bible quiz are to do with eyes and seeing. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. What is the name of the village where Jesus healed a blind man? (Luke, chapter 8)
2. What eye can a camel go through more easily than a rich man? (Matthew, chapter 19)
3. Joseph talks about his eyes and the eyes of which one of his brothers? (Genesis, chapter 45)
4. What did Moses see in the desert at Horeb? (Exodus, chapter 3)
5. Where did Jesus send the blind man to wash his eyes? (John, chapter 9)
6. What are the eyes like of the one who rides a white horse? (Revelation, chapter 19)

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### Why do beavers spend a fortune on the internet?

They never want to log off.



### How do you stop the batteries in your Play Station running out?

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- Answers: 1. Bethsaida  
2. the eye of a needle 3. Benjamin  
4. a burning bush 5. the pool of Siloam  
6. like a flame of fire.

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