

POEM FOR THE MONTH

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

The Peace of Wild Things - Wendell Berry (born 1934)

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

ASHBOCKING

After a successful pet service in June, our next service at Ashbocking is on July 9th at 11:00am. This is a family service with a difference as it is a Songs of Praise. I am sure everyone will know the hymns, as they were chosen by parishioners at the last coffee morning and are old favourites. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier and the more we can raise the roof in praise. There will be tea and coffee afterwards.

Our next coffee morning is on Friday 7th July 10am, at Liz and Steve Stegman's house, Old House Cottage, The Green, just past Nelson Close on the left- hand side as you leave the crossroads. All welcome; join us for a chat and a cuppa.

We are planning a fundraising event for November 25th. This will be a Christmas Bazaar. Some people are already making gifts to sell and I know it seems a long way off, but we would ask you to save any good bric-a-brac and nearly new clothing for the event. Also, any ideas are always welcome to help us raise funds. Refreshments will

be available too, so any help with this will be appreciated. More about this nearer the time but if you have any suggestions or offers, please contact me on 01473 890836.

Linda Pollard

Church Cleaning: Duncan and Yvette Bray
Flowers Volunteers to Linda Ellis

CLOPTON

Frederick Robert Quenby Brooks (Freddie) was baptised on 25th June at Clopton church. Freddie's parents were married in our church and it was lovely to see them again with seven-month-old Freddie and their family and friends.

The hobbies group meet on Wednesday 5th July from 10am until noon in the Village Hall. The group are planning to make kneelers for the church. A donation from the late Frances Priestnall will purchase some and donations from Clopton Fete and other individuals will enable us to purchase more. If anyone would like to purchase one in memory of a family member or for any other reason, or you would like to help make one, please phone [01473 737602](tel:01473737602) or come along to the hobbies group. This will be a great chance for the village, the hobbies group and the heritage group to work together to replace the very old kneelers at the altar rail. You don't need to live in Clopton or be an accomplished needlewoman (or man!) to join in.

Our Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 19th July from 10am until noon in the village Hall and will be hosted by Beryl Birchmore and Doris Main.

The benefice service will be at Clopton at 11am on Sunday 30th July. It would be lovely to see a full church!!

Doris Main

Church Cleaning: Doris Main
Church Flowers: Beryl Birchmore

OTLEY

In mid-June, Jane Woods was licensed as a Reader in a wonderful service at the cathedral. She will now be able to officiate at services here in the benefice, although she feels her primary calling is to work at Wayland Prison near Thetford, which she says is demanding but very rewarding. Congratulations to her, and to Fred who is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of his ordination.

The first weekend in July is going to be busy. On the Saturday, we have the village fete with a barbecue, the dog show, some live music and the usual stalls and sideshows, and would welcome lots of help in setting up in the morning. Then, on the Sunday, there is an 'animals' service at the playing field at 11 o'clock for everybody to bring their pets for a blessing. In the past Clare has had goldfish, stick insects and even tropical snails at this, so almost anything goes. Both of these are good community events so do support them - the more, the merrier.

The next monthly coffee morning will be held on Thursday 13th July at a new venue - Helmingham Cottage, Helmingham Road, the home of Janet Brooker-Smith, and we do thank her for hosting it. Also, advance notice, we shall be holding another progressive dinner on Saturday 23rd September. This is always popular and Vanessa Ling (tel. 01473 890787) says you can put your name down for this as soon as you like.

Congratulations to Hayley and Ella Brooks, and Jodie and Amy Liddell, who took part in the Midnight Walk for St Elizabeth Hospice and raised £675, which included the proceeds from the spaghetti jar in the shop. They chose the 12 mile route so they did really well.

Albert Taylor-Balls has given up mowing the churchyard but will still be doing some hedging. He has kept the grass neat and tidy for well over twenty years - it could be nearer thirty. We thank him very much for his many years of service and reliability, and the PCC has given

him a garden voucher. Sue Montgomery has kindly agreed to take on the mowing.

Finally, we send our very sincere condolences to Jan Hubbard-Whitehead, the head of Otley School, on the sudden loss of her husband.

Rose Rogerson

Village Diary:

- 1st July** Village Fete
2nd July Pets blessing service
13th July Friendship Club - cream tea at 10 Newlands
27th July Community lunch at The White Hart
27th July Friendship Club - outing

Church Flowers: Valerie Pitchers/Rose Rogerson

Church Cleaning: 1st week Tessa Brown. 3rd week - Treloars

Sidepersons:

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| 2nd July | 11.00am | Animal Service | Ruthie Bullock |
| 16th July | 9.30am | Holy Communion | Penny Clark |
| 23rd July | 6.30pm | Evening Prayer | Karin Upson |

The Otley Players

The Otley Players would like to put on a fundraising show in November to raise money for Children in Need - and we are looking for people to come and join in! If you'd like to be involved onstage or behind the scenes, or perhaps there is a group of you who would like to perform a song/sketch etc, then please get in touch with Sue ([01473 890247](tel:01473890247)) or Vanessa ([01473 890787](tel:01473890787)) or email info@theotleyplayers.co.uk.

Come and have fun and help raise funds for this worthwhile cause!

Christian Aid Week in Otley

During Christian Aid Week, eight volunteers called on almost every household in the village to collect envelopes. In addition, many envelopes were kindly taken to the village shop. The money collected was added to that given at the Christian Aid Service and also from

the Christian Aid lunch. This year Otley raised £708.76, which is a significant increase on last year. A special thank you is due to Otley Scouts who delivered the collection envelopes. Also, thank you to all our collectors and, of course, to all those who have been so generous in supporting Christian Aid. Thank you.

Otley Parish Council

Otley Parish Council held their Annual Parish Meeting and AGM in May. Our Chairperson continues to be Anthony Ling and Vice Chair Issy Lincoln. Councillors are Russell Ling, Sandra Grant, Jayne Vaughan, Abey Lord, David Hook, Martin Liddell and we welcomed our newest Councillor Vanessa Osborne. Otley Parish Council is fortunate to have the support of Councillor Tony Fryatt, the Grundisburgh Ward Councillor and County Councillor Robin Vickery.

We are pleased to say that the money that was agreed as part of the new building development on the Hubbard's site will provide the Under 5's with a new building as part of a joint project with Otley Primary School. This has been a complex process but it does seem as though a new building could be built ready for autumn 2018.

Speeding in the village is a constant topic and the community speed watch camera organised by Tony Barrett continues to be used regularly and we would like to thank him and his team for all their efforts. The main problem area continues to be along the Helmingham Road. The Parish Council are supporting the Community Speed watch team in the request to have the Police carry out speed checks. The Parish Council have also been concerned with the speeding along the B1078 past Otley College through to Ashbocking and in particular the crossroads by the water tower. The 40mph speed limit along this section of road unfortunately stops short of the crossroads making it even more dangerous. We will be campaigning to have the speed limit extended past the junction. The PC's own speed indicator sign has now been in operation for a while around the village, but we have experienced some problems with the batteries, which is why it has not been working all the time. Thank

you to David Hook who has been responsible for the moving and the upkeep of the sign.

We have approached Laurence Homes about additional land for the churchyard for burials when the existing graveyard is full.

We have been looking into buying a defibrillator to put on the outside wall of the village hall. We have decided on the most suitable machine after a visit by the British Heart Foundation and thanks to the generosity of our County Councillor Robin Vickery we hope to buy one very soon.

Over the last year Isobel Lincoln and Jane Vaughan have been maintaining the area around the war memorial as well as some additional planting and we now have quite a display through the year, so our thanks to them.

Last year various village organisations were given grants by the PC for some much-needed projects. These include new lighting for the scout hut, safety railings around the bowls green, sound equipment for the drama group and storage equipment for the Under Fives.

Laurence Homes have finished demolition of the Hubbard's site and hope to start building very soon. The Parish Council has given careful consideration to their most recent planning application which includes removal of more trees. We have lodged our objection to this proposal and await the outcome.

Suffolk Norse's 'White Wall of Otley', which some believed could be seen from space, has fortunately been removed and will not be appearing again for the foreseeable future. Unbeknown to the Parish Council, Suffolk Norse decided to erect what can only be described as the most unsightly fence money can buy. We arranged a couple of site meetings with them to try and resolve the issue. Then all of a sudden, the barriers were removed, either because of uncertainty about staying at the site or reorganisation of the management team. Whatever their reasons, at least the barrier has gone. Hooray!

Thank you to Penny Sunaway and the FFY team for organising and carrying out the litter pick on 7th June. Thank you also to residents that turned up to support and Linda at the pub for rewarding everyone with refreshments. The village is looking much better for all your work.

Concerns have been raised that some dog owners are not cleaning up after their dogs and the Parish Council kindly request they do so. Residents should not have to clean up dog mess from their own front garden when they don't even own a dog! For those using the footpaths it is very frustrating and not pleasant. Let's keep our village looking beautiful!

Please visit the Otley Parish Council website at:

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 police advice, 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 1st. 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) & Anthony Ling (Chairman)

Otley Ringers on Tour

Bell ringing is a team activity and from that comes great sociability. It was therefore no surprise that when the Debenham tower captain, Jenny Scase, suggested a May ringing trip to the Peak District, ringers and partners jumped at the chance. Three Otley bell ringers joined the Debenham group for a week of fine bells, good company and beautiful scenery in the Peak District. The main focus of the week was ringing bells at 17 churches in the National Park and beyond. A total complement of sixteen were accommodated in a lovely old Victorian house overlooking the beautiful Monsal Dale. The sun shone most of the week and a good time was had by all.

The ringing was varied and enjoyable ranging from the six tiny bells of Stanton in Peak, just 4 cwt to Otley's 9 cwt, the very noisy bells of Castleton in the Hope Valley, to the heavy ten of Sheffield Roman Catholic cathedral at 25 cwt. The cathedral was part of a full day's ringing in the Steel City arranged by one of our number who had been to university there and consequently had the low down on the best bells to ring.

We were made to feel most welcome at the churches. Every church has a point of interest - an architectural feature, or particularly interesting history, or a notable connection - and of course wonderful bells. One of the best ways to advance our ringing and improve our bell handling is to go elsewhere and experience different bells. Whether it has improved our ringing we shall leave to those listening to decide!

There was still plenty of time for other activities including some lovely country rambles along the beautiful Wye valley, pub lunches (ringing is good exercise and works up an appetite!), cycling along the Monsal trail, and evening visits to "the local", a very excellent Camra recommended pub which was luckily within walking distance, albeit uphill on the way back! Some of us also fitted in a visit to Haddon Hall, a fascinating old country house set in the most beautiful terraced gardens overlooking the River Wye just outside Bakewell, which was well worth it.

If you would like to find out more about bell ringing as a hobby or fancy a go at pulling a rope please feel free to come along to the Otley practice night which takes place each Wednesday, 7.45pm until 9.00pm. Contact Phil or Tig Sweet on 890920 for further details.

NB the churches we rang at were as follows:-

Great Longstone, Ashford in Water, Stanton in Peak, Elton, Bonsall, Matlock, Darley Dale, Bamford, Hope, Castleton, (and the following in Sheffield) Norton, St Marie, Ranmoor, Walkley, and Dore.

SWILLAND

We had lovely weather for our coffee morning at the beginning of June and were able to sit in the garden. There were about a dozen of us and we spent a very relaxing morning. The next one is on 5th August at the church hosted by Andy and Shirley.

Congratulations to Becci and Andy on the birth of their son, a first grandchild for Gill and Anthony. He arrived early so is quite small but they are all doing well. We look forward to knowing his name.

Adrian Ward, who looks after our churchyard, has been in hospital recovering from a heart attack. We send him our best wishes for a full recovery. In the meantime, Brian and Andy have cut the grass. If anyone is able to help with this, please contact Brian.

Ann Kent

Flower rota:

2nd – 9th July

Jackie Williams

16th – 23rd July

Margo Barker

30th July - 6th August

Ann Kent

RUSSELL LING REPORTS

The drought eventually came to an end in the middle of May with two inches of rain, followed by a week of very hot weather and later, another inch of rain, bringing the total for the month to 3.25 inches, and 7.05 inches for the year so far.

The rain came just in time to save the cereal crops from a potentially low yield and gardens also benefited, the downside is that the weeds were also just waiting for this wet bonanza and have taken full advantage of it.

Today weeds in cereal crops are dealt with by chemical sprayers. In the horse age these were not available and the main weed problems then were thistles, docks, wild oats and couch grass. These had to be cut off, hoed, pulled up or the field left fallow for a year before deep ploughing to kill the couch grass from lack of moisture in the

clods. Hoeing was done by a farm boy leading the horse along the centre of the row pulling the hoes, which were bolted onto upright stalks attached by clamps to a metal bar hung by chains under a frame on wheels. The hoe bar was directed by a man holding two steering handles at the back to cut the weeds in the gap between the rows of corn. Any remaining weeds were then hoed by hand.

There is an old saying, “Cut a thistle in May and it will come 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” (but only for that year). Happy hoeing.

Russell Ling

Debenham Group Practice

As recently reported in the press, Debenham Group Practice, together with 10 other GP practices, have formed Suffolk Primary Care, where we will be working in close cooperation with colleagues, sharing resources and ensuring best practice is adopted to protect what we already have as well as build for the future. This will undoubtedly require some changes to be made, but please be assured that our patients will always be our priority.

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SUMMER SERENADE

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SMILE LINES

School play

A little boy was given a part in the school play and went home to tell his father. His father was really proud of him, and asked what the part was. The boy replied: "I got the part of a man who has been married for 25 years." His father congratulated him. "That's good son, and maybe next time round, you'll get a talking role!"

Flight path

Windsor Castle, outside of London, is directly in the flight path of Heathrow International Airport. While a group of tourists was standing outside the castle admiring the elegant structure, a plane flew overhead at a relatively low altitude, making a tremendous noise. One irritated tourist demanded: "Why did they build the castle so close to the airport?"

Taxes

"There will always be death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year."

Growing up

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.



St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31st July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad maiorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. ashjou
2. imythot
3. hurt
4. kuel
5. brosprev
6. tonslaminate
7. chaimal
8. theres
9. chainstroin
10. himereaj



**What kind of man was Boaz
before he married?**
Ruthless.

**Which Bible character had no
parents?**
Joshua, son of Nun.

Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations
7.Malachi 8.Esther 9.Corinthians
10.Jeremiah

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