

POEM FOR THE MONTH

A Smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives much.
It enriches those who receive, without making
poorer those who give. It takes a moment
but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.
None is so rich and mighty that he can get
along without it, and none is so poor but
that he can be made rich by it. A smile
creates happiness in the home, fosters good will
in business, and is the countersign of
friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer
to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad,
and is nature's best antidote for trouble.
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed,
or stolen, for it is something that is of no
value to anyone until it is given away.
Some people are too tired to give you a smile.
Give them one of yours, as none needs a
smile so much as he who has no more to give.



Source unknown

TO DAVID & TESS PAPWORTH!

***“CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY “***

from the magazine team



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

ASHBOCKING

By the time you read this article the children will have broken up from school and the holidays will be uppermost in people's minds. With such a long hot and dry spell, we hope it continues to give some decent weather for their holiday pursuits. However, we really do need rain urgently and at the time of writing there is nothing significant forecast. Rain would indeed be most welcome but preferably at night!

The beginning of July and end of June was very busy for Ashbocking Church, with our long-awaited Flower Festival. It all started on the Friday night with a cheese and wine evening and although ticket sales had been poor we did end up with approx. thirty-five people. We had a lovely evening celebrating our achievements and relaxing before the weekend visitors arrived. We enjoyed an evening blessed with community spirit, chatting and enjoying being together and sharing food and wine. We had a loyal team of helpers who worked hard to decorate the church with flowers, our theme being Celebrations. So, anything from birthdays, anniversaries, and St Valentine to Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Church. We also had a valiant band of helpers putting up the marquee and loo tent which we must thank Mike Surridge for his ingenious inventiveness to create such an upmarket loo. We had a very successful book stall and the marquee was used for serving refreshments throughout the weekend. A huge thank you to all who participated, serving and providing cakes and goodies for the tea tent. We wish to thank the Parish Council who supported our event with a generous donation toward the cost of the flowers. It would not have been so successful without it.

Please remember the Parish Council's own event, on September 1st, when they host the Village Produce Show. Details of how and what to enter via the website.

The Church looked splendid and we were pleased to see a steady stream of visitors throughout the weekend. There was a lovely buzz as people chatted and it was good to welcome visitors from outside the area too. Sunday afternoon was particularly well attended, and we were most fortunate to be entertained by Adriane, a lovely lady who was staying with Peter and Doris Haas in the village. She came and played the Ukulele and a small harp, which added to the atmosphere. We are pleased to report that we made £636 after expenses, but the sense of community and friendship was priceless. The money will go to our Loo and Kitchenette fund, and more importantly a water supply. It was quite a challenge to put on an event such as this with no running water at the church. All the water had to be brought in containers.

Now on to a very sad note. We were so very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Sue Wilkins; she had played the organ at Ashbocking on many occasions. We extend our heart-felt sympathies to her husband David and the family at this very difficult time.



Please do not forget the Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride on the 8th September as introduced in last month's issue. You will need a sponsor form to be signed at each church visited. These are available from Church Warden John Pollard, 01473 890836. You can visit by bicycle or on foot and churches to suit you. Refreshments are available at most churches for participants.

The next Ashbocking coffee morning is at the home of Sharon and David Chenery on Friday 3rd August at 10.30am at No 1 Nelson Close. It is the first house on the left as you enter the village from the crossroads, parking in Nelson Close.

As yet there are no volunteers to clean the church for the August service! On this occasion John and I are away and are unable to step in as usual. Please let me know if you are willing to take this on.

Our next service at Ashbocking is on August 12th at 11.00am. This is a Songs of Praise and we are pleased to welcome Marcus Peel to play for us. Please let me know if you have a particular favourite as we want to sing the hymns you like. Tea and coffee will be available after the service.

I have been asked to make you aware that we can no longer accept old and out of date pound coins and five-pound notes in the collection. We are extremely grateful and thank you for all money given but this has become a problem of late.

There are no house groups for Bible study during August due to Holidays, but these will resume in September.

For all those going away on holiday we wish you a wonderful time and safe travel.

Linda Pollard

CLOPTON

The concert with the East of England Co-op Brass Band held in June was a great success.

The programme had been carefully planned to include music from the World Wars and our links with the 493rd Bomb Group during the first half. After delicious refreshments we were treated to a collection both from musicals to classical pieces. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful evening. A big 'Thank you' to Jenny and Andrew Schurr for arranging such a lovely event. The money raised will go towards the repair of the Vestry.

We managed to get twenty-six cars parked in the churchyard for the concert so parking is not a problem at Clopton!

The Annual Strawberry Tea held on 7th July was well attended considering all the other events happening on the same day. Over

forty people came and enjoyed strawberries and cream and lots of great cakes. Thanks to those who made cakes and to Gill Reidy for her help on the day. The money raised will also go towards the vestry repairs.

Hobbies Morning will be on Wednesday 1st August from 10am until noon in the Village Hall. Our production of poppies is going well, come and join us as we are a friendly welcoming group. If you do not have a craft that you like to do come and see what we do and have a chat and a cup of coffee.



The August Coffee morning is on Wednesday 15th in the Village Hall from 10am until noon. It will be hosted by Sue Emmerson. Everyone is very welcome.

Doris Main

OTLEY

The Fete took place on a swelteringly hot day which probably did deter some people from attending, and there was also the small matter of the World Cup match, England v. Sweden, but the Fete committee had provided a big screen which was very popular - and we won on that occasion! There was a great atmosphere with an excellent jazz band playing, the Suffolk School of Samba dancing who were colourful and energetic (wow! it was hot for them), and the dog show which was as entertaining as ever. The barbecue, the bar and the ice cream stall were doing a roaring trade, and there were lots of young families enjoying themselves. Well done and thank you to everybody involved because it is a lot of work and the heat was pretty overpowering.



Twenty couples took part in the Progressive Dinner including three couples for the first time, which was good, as it is an opportunity to meet people. Because of the beautiful weather, quite a few courses were eaten outside, and lots of people took to their bikes to cycle between the

venues which was fun. At the end of the evening everybody came together for coffee at Nigel and Terri Dye's home, also outside, which was quite a gathering. It was a great success, one of the best, and we are hoping it will now be an annual event in June. £400 was raised for church funds.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride', previously called the Sponsored Bike Ride, will be taking place again on Saturday 8th September, when the amount of money you raise is split equally between SHCT and the church that you nominate. It would be good to have some volunteers for this and sponsorship forms are available in the church.

There will be no monthly coffee morning in August, but the next will be on 13th September at the Farnhills at 9 Spring Park, and the one in October on the 11th at the Papworths at Lavender House, when the Christmas cards for the Otley Church Preservation Trust will be on sale. This year there are two designs, one a view of the church and the other of the Nativity Play last December at Warrens Farm, where those who were there might be able to spot themselves in the photo. The cards will cost £3 for a pack of five.

Finally, we are all sad and shocked to hear the news that Sue Wilkins died so suddenly and unexpectedly. She was a very talented musician, teaching piano at Ipswich School and pupils at home, singing with The Suffolk Singers, and - for us - playing the organ in church and providing the choir for the carol service which she had done for years, which included some of her own lovely compositions. She was central to the life of her family and often spoke of them. We send them our love and sympathy - David, Emma and Dave, Richard and Edward and their wives, and all the grandchildren. She is going to be greatly missed by us all. Her funeral is at Otley church on 3rd August at 2pm.

And we also send our condolences to Ruthie Bullock on the loss of her mother June Household, who had lived in Otley for a short time,

but who nearly always attended the coffee mornings and community lunches.

We wish everybody a very happy holidays.

Rose Rogerson

Village Diary:

9th August Friendship Club - outing to Wimpole Hall

23rd August Community lunch at The White Hart

23rd August Friendship Club - Wendy Marshall

Church Flowers: Ruth Farnhill/Rose Rogerson

Church Cleaning: Pauline Crowley

OUR FASCINATING LANGUAGE

Minding your P's and Q's is to attempt to behave in a polite and correct way. It has 2 possible origins. In the civilised surroundings of the French court during the 17th century the aristocracy were expected to dance delicately and correctly when they took their partners onto the dance floor. Their tutors would encourage them to mind their 'pieds' (feet) and 'queues' (the tails of their wigs). More popular though is the second explanation of the phrase. In the old London taverns, the barmen would keep an account of how much their customers had been consuming. They did this by marking pints under the letter P and their quarts (2 pints) under the letter Q. Customers were advised to watch their P's and Q's to make sure they didn't drink too much, but more importantly to ensure that they weren't charged too much at the end of a session.



News from Otley Primary School

It will be all change at the School come September. Mrs Hubbard-Whitehead will be starting her well-deserved retirement after 11 years of dedicated service as Headteacher. Mrs Tomany will also be retiring as Deputy Head, as well as from her class teaching role, after

25 years of outstanding service. However, she be will continuing in a part time non-teaching role for two days a week across the Federation with Witnesham Primary.

Mr Benstock will take up his role as the new Executive Headteacher from 1st September and Mrs Baker-Daniels (nee Baker) has been appointed the new Head of School. Miss Hayton, the current Class 2 teacher, will be moving to Class 1 to replace Mrs Tomany and lastly, we will also be welcoming Mr Williams in September to Class 2 as a job share arrangement with Mrs Eaton who moves from Class 1 to Class 2. We wish them all well in their new roles.

A lot of thought and careful consideration has gone into these changes by Governors and the School and we believe that there is now an excellent team in place to take the school forward to the next stage in its development.

It has been the usual busy end of the summer term. The highlight of which was the staging of the Dance Show Speculator III at Trinity Park in June at which all children put on a wonderful show in front of an audience of 450. They did the school proud. Owing to the building



work Sports Day was held at Witnesham this year. It was another very successful day, held in glorious weather, and parents joined their children for a picnic lunch. Teams were sent to both the U11s and U9s

Quadkids athletics events in Ipswich as well as entering a rounders competition at Ipswich High School. For such a small school the children did themselves credit at all three events. The Year 6's came second in the annual maths quiz held at Farlingaye High School. Again, they were up against some much larger schools. Lastly a whole school visit was organised to Aldeburgh where fun was had on the beach and Years 3 & 4 went to the Schools' Day at the Latitude Festival.

The new school hall is on schedule to be completed in early September. This will greatly enhance the facilities available and its

completion is being eagerly awaited. This facility is something the school has been wanting for many years now.

It has been a very busy year at School and we thank everyone involved in making it so successful. We wish all the Year 6's well as they move onto their High Schools and we look forward to welcoming everyone, new and old, in September.

Ian Liddell, Chair of Governors



News from Otley Under Fives

Most of you will have seen the diggers and lorries going to and from the school whilst the building of the new school hall is in progress, but were you aware that along with a brand-new school hall will be a fantastic new venue for the Otley Under Fives? From September, the Under Fives will move from their temporary home in the village hall to their magnificent new building with all the essential mod-cons including mud kitchen and every sort of doll and car accessory you can think of!

Of course, this doesn't mean that things haven't been carrying on as usual for our busy pre-schoolers. The last term has seen our little ones doing a sponsored walk around the village, washing cars (along with themselves) and even going on a visit to a resident Otley pony! If you are interested in sending a child (from the age of 18 months) to out fantastic village pre-school or are considering the convenience of the before and after school clubs for your older children, don't hesitate to contact us on: 07859 401121 or 07789468853 or e-mail us at: contact@otleyunderfives.co.uk or joregent@sky.com.

SWILLAND

One benefit of this prolonged drought is that the grass doesn't need cutting. However, all the plants need watering and it is hard to keep them going. This year we seem to have had the rain at the wrong time. When we were sowing spring crops it was very wet. When the

crops were growing it was very dry. I just hope we don't have a deluge for harvest.

The next coffee morning is on Saturday 4th August at the church hosted by Andy and Shirley.

Ann Kent

Flower rota:

29th July -5th August

Jackie Williams

12th - 19th August

Margo Barker

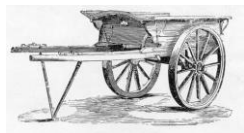
26th August

Ann Kent

RUSSELL LING REPORTS

There is very little that one can say about June other than it has lived up to its name "Flaming June", rainfall was almost none existent with just a shower on the first day. The first three weeks were warm but often cloudy during part of the day, however the remainder of the month reached continuance temperatures in the high seventies. It is reputed to be one of the warmest Junes on record.

Farm transport during the horse age consisted of tumbrils and waggons and these were fitted with wooden wheels with an iron band round the outside of the rim. One of the unusual features of these wheels was that the spokes were set at an angle to the hub. The sides of the tumbril were also set at an angle in order that any load that was carried would tip out more easily. It was therefore essential that the rim of the wheel would be clear of the sides as the axle was only the width of the bottom of the tumbril. The hub of the wheel fitted over a tapered iron shaft bolted to the axle; this shaft had a slot at the



end into which a flat piece of iron went to prevent the wheel falling off. On the end of the spokes were mortised the felloes, these were 3-inch-wide pieces of wood and rounded to the shape of the wheel. Each felloe fitted over two spokes and met the next felloes in the centre between the two. Once the wheel had been made it was handed over to the blacksmith to fit the iron tyre this was three inches wide and three - quarter - inch thick. The wheel was laid flat with the rim on the ground then the tyre had to be heated to a high

temperature. When the correct temperature was reached the tyre was placed over the rim and immediately cooled - this was to tighten the felloes onto the spokes which had been mortised into the hub. These wheels lasted a long time as horse drawn vehicles didn't travel at a great speed and the wheels were approximately four feet in diameter. The only problem of keeping the spokes tight was in hot weather which shrunk the wood and if that happened the best way of tightening them again was to put the wheel in the pond and this solved the problem.

Children's Corner

Why don't fish play tennis?
Because they are afraid of the net.

What comes before tennis?
Nine-is.



What did the panda say to the tennis ball?

Nothing – Panda's can't talk!

Knock Knock.
Who's there?
Tennis.
Tennis who?
Tennis my favourite number!



Messy Church plans for the rest of 2018

September 16 th	Messy Welcome	Otley VH
October 21 st	Messy All Saints	Clopton VH
November 18 th	Messy Light	Hasketon VH
December 15 th	Messy Christmas Holiday Club	Grundisburgh VH

Normally events are Sundays 3pm to 4:30pm in the Village Hall and designed for adults and children together.

The exception is Christmas Holiday Club which is 10am to 3pm for School age children without their parents. For under fives (with parents) there will be a 1pm to 3pm option. We will have a story, do some singing, have a variety of activities, enjoy some food and of course have lots of fun.

For details of any of these events, or to grab a space (we do need to know in advance to arrange the food), please contact us: mark@cresswellon1



SMILE LINES

Why don't they play World Cup soccer in a jungle?
Too many cheetahs, not enough referee.

How do World Cup players stay cool during a game?
They stand near the fans!



Why was the World Cup soccer field wet on a sunny day?
The players dribbled all over it.

John Jay. 10.01.1930 - 26.05.2018

I would like to thank Russell for his thoughtful tribute to John in the July church magazine and Rose for her kind words in her notes. We moved into Spring Park in November 1977 and had 37 happy years in Otley, quickly becoming involved in village life. Katherine attending the Village School and Grundisburgh Brownies, Andrew attending the wonderful Kingston Middle School and Otley Scouts and all of us, plus my mother Alice Wright, attending Otley Church! John, always a bit of a political animal, soon got involved with the Parish Council, the PCC, SORR (Save Our Rural Roads), Otley News and in later years the Friendship Club. I think everyone in the village knew him and he loved living in Otley. Our move to Woodbridge four years ago coincided with his deteriorating health but hopefully he will be remembered as his more vigorous self. He would have been proud and delighted to see so many Otley friends among the 118 people in church for his funeral on June 19th and would have loved to have been there with everyone! Thank you to Nigel and Pauline, Tess and David and the bell ringers. Thank you to Rev Clare for allowing Bruce Wakeling to officiate. He had married Katherine and Joe, Andrew and Tina and conducted my mother's funeral. John was Churchwarden for the greater part of his incumbency, so he knew us all extremely well. Thank you to everyone who came to his funeral service and to everyone who sent us cards and letters of condolence which were very much appreciated.

Helen, Andrew, Katherine, Joe, Thomas, Jake, Alexander and Derry.

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