

Church and Village News

***Bedfield, Monk Soham, Southolt, Tannington and
Worlingworth***

August 2020

checking in and
waving HELLO!!



Welcome Back Thanks to the volunteers who deliver it you are reading this magazine in paper format for the first time in 4 months.



For all those on email and whose email address I was aware of this

has been sent out as a pdf computer copy. (hopefully this will not be needed again) Only 20% of the readership is able to receive this. I send this as well as the paper copy and plan to continue. It costs nothing (only my time).

If you wish to receive this as a PDF please give me your email. It is sent bcc so email your address not seen by all . Please send your email address to the editor:

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Don't forget the monthly PDF copy is **as well** and not **instead of** and is always sent earlier than the paper copy

Details of all churches opening during August on pages 2 ,3 and the grid on middle pages (10,11)

Free. I have two baby safety stair gates with extensions to give away.

They don't fit our stairs. Free to local family size approx width 75-80 +ext 9 cm 01728 628094 Maureen Flannery 07748801133

ST.MARY,WORLINGWORTH,

At last we can welcome people back to our beautiful church on Sundays.

Numbers still have to be limited due to social distancing and other safety measures will have to be in place. No singing for instance and only bread will be given at a Holy Communion service.

Names and contact numbers will be taken from everyone who attends.

It will seem strange but at least we will be open, which is one blessing.

During the week the church will remain closed except for Wednesday when it will be open for prayer.

For details on numbers allowed and times for Wednesdays please contact Bert Stanford on 01728 628474.



Good News from St Nicholas Church, **Bedfield,**

We will be able to hold services in the month of August 2020 and, even better, we will be able to be more flexible. There will be two Holy Communion Services the first one at 11am on the 2nd August the second at 9am on the 23rd August ,with a Family Service on the 9th at 10am. Private Prayer or time for quiet reflection will be on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm. Alas, we will not be able to sing and only the bread will be able to be shared in Holy Communion.

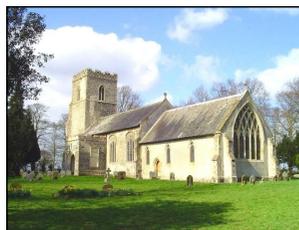
At all times we will comply with Covid 19 Regulations such as social distancing. Hand sanitisers will be available. With social distancing in mind I must inform you that there will only be six pews in use. This means one family can use a pew, one social bubble or one person. You will also be asked to sign the register of visitors and to give your telephone number in case we need to contact you for any reason. We will also have to abide by the 72 hour gap between times the church can be open. Please do not let any of this put you off. It is all for you and your family's safety. Our only aim is keep you safe and help us all to return to some sort of normality, step by step. Guide lines will change again.

All will be welcomed with open arms, even at a distance!



Temporary Closure of Monk Soham

As you will be aware, in recent months churches have remained closed due to the government guidelines regarding Covid-19 (Corona Virus).



Although many churches are now opening up, as you would expect there are a large number of instructions to follow to make each church ready for this return of congregations. This has led to the advice that churches should not rush to open before they are ready for the public and can be opened safely.

St Peter's Church, Monk Soham, has a dedicated team of cleaners who have kindly donated their time and efforts for many years to help to keep the church in a welcoming state. However, what many of you may be unaware of is the fact that this group consists of people who are within the vulnerable and extremely vulnerable groups identified by the government and medical professionals with respect to Corona Virus (Covid-19). For this reason and to ensure that the church can be opened as safely as possible to all concerned, St Peter's Church Monk Soham PCC has taken the decision to re-open only once we have been able to have the church initially cleaned by professional cleaners in order to take into account the needs of all at the present time. Once re-opened, and when the guidance agrees, our cleaning team will continue with their excellent work.

For now we ask you to be understanding of the decision taken, and to be assured that you all remain within our prayers and individual worship.

Regards Revd. Rebecca Artiss

TANNINGTON CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.

Please note that St Ethelbert's Church is open daily for private prayer and reflection. If there is anyone who would like prayers said for someone they know, please contact Rev David Mulrenan on 07881 481745, 01728 628063 or djmulrenan@gmail.com who will be pleased to do that for you.



Please make use of the hygiene preparations available to you and observe the information on the posters displayed in and around the church.

Church Treasurers (details re David Burrell letter on Page 9)

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**The next meeting of the Parish Council is on
Wednesday 19th August 2020 at 7.30pm
to be held remotely via Zoom.**

**All are welcome, if you would like to attend please contact the Parish
Clerk: worlingworthparishclerk@gmail.com
for a meeting link**

Minutes of previous parish council meetings can be viewed on the village website at www.worlingworth.onesuffolk.net

Thank you – Chairman, Brian Smallcombe and the whole Parish Councils offer their heartfelt thanks to Rosemary Ingate and Annie Harvey for all their commitment to the Community Centre, and the wellbeing of the village generally, as they both step down from the Worlingworth Community Centre Committee. They leave behind a legacy of hard work and dedication that will be a hard act to follow.

Concerns over odours from the Chicken Farm at Newtown

There are ongoing concerns about the odours emanating from the newly extended chicken farm at Newtown Residents nearby have been regularly reporting issues to the Environment Agency (EA), but we are now asking anyone in the village who is experiencing issues to report on the smells as and when they occur on the EA 24 hour incident hotline 0800 80 70 60. This will help to build up a picture of how widespread the problem is.

When you call you will be asked to describe the odour and what direction the wind is currently blowing, this is important when considering other potential sources. Although calling the hotline immediately can be an inconvenience, reporting in real-time can help to resolve the situation sooner.

The EA have had representatives onsite, although there are still some areas that are off-limits due to lockdown restrictions, but they were viewable via CCTV. Independent monitoring of ammonia levels has indicated that there is no threat to public health, but the EA and the farm operator are both keen to resolve the problems that are being encountered as soon as possible.

Yellow zig-zag lines - reminder

The Parish Council has received reports that as lockdown eased and more children were attending school the problem arose again of people stopping/parking on the yellow safety zig-zag lines outside the Primary School. Although we are now moving into the summer holidays, please remember for the Autumn term that these lines are there for a very good reason - **the safety of pupils**, therefore please do not park or stop *even for a short moment* on these markings. Any cars stopped or parked in the restricted area can hide small children who are about to cross the road. The children may not see approaching cars, and approaching motorists may not see the children.

We want to keep YOUR children safe. You can help – keep the zig-zags clear.

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Do you love trees and nature? - We have a vacancy for a Tree Warden in Worlingworth. The role of the village Tree Warden is to speak up for trees in our village, to save the old ones from the developers and to arrange for the planting of new native trees to offset the losses of trees in our beautiful countryside. The Tree Warden works closely with the Parish Council, which provides funding to support planting and can also provide relevant training for a new Warden. Please contact Brian Smallcombe on 01728 628567

Website Update Emails

If you would like to subscribe to a mailing list to receive notifications of when updates have been posted to the village website please email worlingworth-parishclerk@gmail.com with "PC Alerts" in the subject line. Your email address will not be used for any other purpose.

Worlingworth Community Centre

The Community Centre Committee held their AGM on 16 July. Due to the current CV19 situation this was held at a social distance out doors and fortunately the weather was kind.

Rosemary Ingate and Annie Harvey stepped down as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively after many years service. The committee thank them both so much for their attention to the Community Centre. Rosemary has put a great deal of time and effort into ensuring that our legal framework as a charity is in order and Annie has ensured that procedures have been correctly followed plus giving us the benefit of her banking experience. Both of their commitment has put us in excellent order to go forward.

The remaining trustees have agreed to stay on the committee for the coming year and for this year we will be operating a rotating chairperson role at each meeting in order to give the chance to those that wish it to chair a meeting. The committee are currently looking at the Covid guidance for the safe opening of the Community Centre but no decisions have been made as of going to press.

Worlingworth Community Centre Tote

The tote during lock down is still continuing

If you wish to join please contact Val on 628068

**The cost for new members for the remainder of the year 2020/21
will be £7.00**

The winners for August :

1st £40 Colin Wilkinson, 2nd £15 Diana Totten, 3rd £5 Janet Rodwell

Congratulations

NEWS FROM WORLINGWORTH CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the end of an unusual year draws to a close and we say goodbye to our Year 6s, celebrating their success and sharing their memories, I have been reflecting on our ethos of 'Cherish All, Achieve Together' and so I would like to say thank you:

Thank you to all of our children who returned to school since the start of June and who have coped brilliantly with the 'new normal' of school life. You have worked hard, cared for each other, been sensible and followed all our new rules with diligence and patience. It has been lovely to welcome you back into your Pods.

Thank you to all of our children who were not yet able to return to school, for continuing to work hard at home with your home learning activities and for sharing with us so many wonderful photos of you and your writing, art and topic projects. It was great to see you having so much fun! We have all missed you and are really looking forward to seeing you back in school in September when our school will be different but will still be the friendly, safe and happy place where we learn together.

Thank you to our parents and carers for all your continued support during the last few months. You have done a brilliant job of continuing your child's education at home and helping them to learn so many new things. We know that this time has also been extremely challenging for everyone and presented many worries and uncertainties for individuals and families so well done, you are all amazing and thank you!

Finally, thank you to all of our staff who have worked really hard throughout Clopen, supporting Keyworker children, children and families at home and during the last couple of months, preparing the school and working in Pods as our school reopened. It has been such an unusual period of time but you have all worked tirelessly and professionally to ensure that we continue to achieve the very best together for all of the children who belong to our school community.

As we close for the summer, I am proud to be part of such a special, caring school and know that we will continue to thrive and create new memories and achievements
Looking Ahead - School Improvements

Our wonderful school is growing and we are very excited to be opening in September with four classes : Nursery / Reception, Years 1/2, Years 3/4 and Years 5 /6 classes. During August we will be preparing the school ready to welcome the children back – three classrooms will be redecorated and old flooring is being replaced in the corridors and a classroom. We will be utilising the hall as our fourth classroom for our EYFS class until a more long-term solution has been implemented. Outside - the play houses and the greenhouse will be repainted too. Pictures of the finished results and more information to follow in September!

What Lockdown Meant For Me

Here are some thoughts from a few of our pupils :

Since the 30th March, I have been attending school as a Keyworker's child. At first, we just had one pod and we were switching back and forth between Worlingworth and Thorndon schools every two weeks. Now after nearly three months of lockdown school, I have joined the other Year 6s in our own pod. There are many more pods in school now and the work is getting harder as we get ready for high school. I really enjoyed being in the Keyworker pod but I am much happier in the Year 6 pod because I am around people my own age and the work is more challenging.

By Amelie Putt

When school closed down, I felt really upset because I wanted to continue a good education. At home I finished my work quickly before lunch and had the rest of the day off, but I really wanted to go back to school. At home I couldn't talk to my friends which made my parents suffer as I constantly talked to occupy myself. Since the start of June, I have been in the Year 6 pod and I like it because I get challenged and see my friends four days a week. We created a life cycle of a star book which I liked illustrating. I am looking forward to our Leaver's Party but I don't want to leave school.

By Thomas Mckee

At the beginning of lockdown, I couldn't see my friends and I didn't have a phone to chat to them so the only way of communicating that I had was through letters. Every couple of days, we were running up and down the road delivering letters to each other! Now I am back at school and we are doing different lessons every day with my friends. I don't know if I prefer home-schooling or being at school as a pod but both were new experiences!

By Emma Lewis

I did all my homework during lockdown. My sister is at home rather than at university. I had to speak to Faraj on the phone instead of seeing him which made me feel sad. Now we can see each other again it makes me feel happy!

By Jamal Tukur

During lockdown I missed all my teachers, friends and family. I couldn't give friends a hug. I missed the school and learning. When school ended I cried because I did not know what might happen next and we all couldn't see each other. When I came back to school, I was the happiest I've ever been and I saw some of my friends. Then school got busier and busier and my heart was raised again.

By Zac Barrow

Website

Please do check the school website: www.worlingworthschool.co.uk as there are lots of photographs and information showing our curriculum and the latest Ofsted report is available to read. You can also follow us on Twitter: @WorlingworthSch and facebook: Worlingworth.School

High Suffolk Community Bus

The Bus committee recently met and it has provisionally agreed to commence the Community Bus on 1st December.

This will be after all the covid 19 guidelines have been put in place

*Please check the website **combust.org.uk** or
Please contact John Ridgwell on 01728 627181 or
Gerry Garwood 01728 685415
More information in the next months newsletter*



WORLINGWORTH GARDENING CLUB Hopefully now August is here we will all be experiencing a more back to normal life! Many of us have found our gardens, however large or small, a great stress buster. Maybe this is because of the energy needed or just the joy of being in a chosen spot. One of the wonderful things about gardening is that it can mean many different things to many different people. Maybe it's the flowers, maybe the vegetables or just being able to create a place that is of ones own making. Whatever it is that, interests you perhaps you would like to share your thoughts with other gardeners or just find out more. Did you know we have a gardening club in Worlingworth? Sadly pretty much shut down this year for obvious reasons but we hope to be up and running again soon! Anyone can join. You don't have to have any special talents. You can have no knowledge of gardening at all or have much experience and knowledge. We all are happy to spend time together knowing that we always will have more to learn and find out! Should you think that you, or someone you know. would be interested in joining us and would like to find out more please contact us. Judith [01728 628 567](tel:01728628567) judesmallco@icloud.com Marion [01728 628 195](tel:01728628195) mariongladwell@yohoo.co.uk

Letter from Rev David Burrell

August 2020

It has been galling seeing the shops open, then the pubs, but not the churches. On our TVs we have seen relieved shop owners with broad grins getting their stock ready and unlocking their doors. They need to start selling again so that they can provide for themselves and pay their employees. So too the pubs and now, at last, so too the churches. We need to open our doors once more to bring services to all and not just to those who can tune in online. Just like the shops and pubs we need to pay our bills and there is an urgent need to do this. The church is present for all people, not just Christians, and of course we want to keep our churches alive and active, and as many of our buildings open as we can. We want to keep the fabric in good order and make sure it is clean and tidy for when people visit.

This year, our own diocese predicts it will be two million pounds in the red, Norwich diocese three million, and this situation is repeated all through the country. Unfortunately, the national church is unable to bail everyone out – it may be asset rich but has little, if any, spare cash. These are not inconsiderable sums and the main cause is the lack of money in the collection plate.

We are unable to hold fundraising events at the moment, and as you know we haven't been able to hold services since the middle of March. Last month I explained the cost involved in running our churches. I know that many people give most generously of their time and money, and we are extremely grateful for it, but now I need to ask for even more help.

The obvious and simplest way is to pay a little a month by standing order. If, for example, every household in the benefice paid £5 a month to their church we would be able to pay our way and be open for anyone who needs us. That was only an example, and of course I can think of many reasons why this may not be an option for some. We know that our church activities and our church buildings are important to many of our villagers, and we want to be able to continue a church presence for all.

There are other methods coming to make it easier to pay. Laxfield is getting a card reader, and some of the parishes are joining the parish giving donation scheme. This is a safe, confidential, tax efficient way for parishioners to support their parish church. Regular monthly or annual donations are made by direct debit. Each donation is restricted to a chosen church and cannot be used elsewhere. Donations can be anonymous if preferred. This alleviates the need for handling cash in church during these difficult times.

If your parish church is important to you, or maybe you have expressed an interest in the church by signing up to the electoral roll, you might feel able to think about helping in some way.

Please help if you can by contacting the treasurer whose details are on **page 3**

Thank you very much for any help you feel able to offer.

David

Four Rivers**August****Church Services.**

Benefice 9 Churches 2020	Sunday 2nd. Trinity 8	Sunday 9th. Trinity 9	Sunday 16th. Trinity 10	Sunday 23rd. Trinity 11
St. Nicholas Bedfield.	11.00 Holy Communion DB	10.00 Family Service in Church CS		9.00 Holy Communion DM
St. Peter. Monk Soham.				
St. Ethelbert. Tannington.				
St. Margaret. Southolt.				
St. Mary. Worlingworth.	11.00 Holy Communion CW DM	11.00 Let's Celebrate LE BS	11.00 Morning Prayer BCP DM	11.00 Holy Communion BCP DB
St. Lawrence Brundish.	9.00 Holy Communion BCP DB	11.00 Village Worship LE SA	6.00p.m. Evensong CS	11.00 Holy Communion DM
St. Mary. Cratfield.		6.00p.m. Evensong DB	9.00 Village Worship LE	9.00 Holy Communion DB
All Saints Laxfield.		11.00 Holy Communion RO	9.00 Holy Communion DM	10.00 Family Service LE
St. Mary. Wilby.	9.00 Holy Communion DM	11.00 Village Worship LE SP	11.00 Morning Prayer DB	11.00 Village Worship LE SP
Zoom Services Online	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am

Also Celtic Prayer online

Wednesdays. 7p.m.**Fridays 9a.m.**To join us, email: Christinemsmart@aol.com and you will be sent details.**The Lectionary
Year A**Ps. 145:8,9 & 14-21
Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21Ps. 85:8-13
1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 10:5-15
Matt. 14:22-33Ps. 67
Isaiah 56:1,6-8
Rom 11:1-2a,29-32
Matt. 15:10-28Ps. 138
Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 12:1-8
Matt. 16:13-20

Services may not be as listed above. If you wish to confirm the time and format, please telephone

August**September**

Sunday 30th.

Trinity 12

Sunday 6th.

Trinity 13

For Pastoral Care, Baptisms, Wedding or**Funeral arrangements please contact:**

Rev. David Burrell. 01986 798136

email: theparsnips@googlemail.com**Churchwardens. Elders. Contacts. Tel:****St. Nicholas. Bedfield. DB** 01986 798136

Local Minister Chrissie Smart 01728 627838

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Lay Elder. Val. Swallow 01728 628068

LR MS Lay Reader. Mark Sheard

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Brundish. Michelle Aitken 01728 627838

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St. Mary.

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Lay Elder. Margaret Thompson

All Saints Liz Hammond 01986 798726

Laxfield. Richard Simmonds 01986 798716

St. Mary. Mary Pipe 01728 723443

Wilby. Rob Barber 01379 388040

Lay Elder. Sheila Pipe 01728 723443

10.00am**Clergy.**

DB Rev. David Burrell. 01986 798136

email: theparsnips@googlemail.com**Please respect Monday as Rev. DB's day-off.**

RO Rev. Ron Orams 07721682183

DM Rev. David Mulrenan 01728 628063

RA Rev. Rebecca Artiss 01728 685663

CS Chrissie Smart 01728 627838

LM = Local Minister assigned to Parish

Ps. 26:1-8

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Romans 12:9-21

Matt. 16:21-28

Ps. 119:33-40

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Romans 13:8-14

Matt. 18:15-20

Debenham Library is open with a limited number of services. Mobile libraries are operating but the home library service remains suspended. Reservations have now resumed.

You can email debenham.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk or phone the library 01728 861940 during opening hours for a selection of titles for collection. Alternatively you can fill in the form at www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/select-and-collect. There is browsing of books or use of computers, nor printing, faxing or photocopying.

All DVD and CD loans are free You can use the Advanced Search at <https://suffolk.spydus.co.uk> to check which titles are available at Debenham. Under “location”, choose or tick Debenham.

When you have finished with your books, please put them in our black bin outside the library. Books borrowed before lockdown have been renewed automatically until 1st September.

Meanwhile you can still use all our online services for free audiobooks, ebooks, films and other services. Use your library card at www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

This year the Summer Reading Challenge, children aged 4 to 11, will be organised online. You will need to register at www.sillysquad.org.uk. Books can be borrowed from the library (see above), or you can use eBooks or audiobooks, or books from your school.

School corner, Debenham IP14 6PL (next to the Primary School). Opening hours:

Tuesday:	0930 am – 1300 pm	Wednesday :	1500 – 1930 pm
Saturday:	0900 am – 1300 pm	Sunday:	1200 – 1600 pm

Tel: **01728 861940** www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/libraries/debenham-library
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WORLINGWORTH CRICKET CLUB

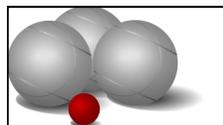
Cricket is being played again and our clubhouse and ground have been made ready in accordance with the ECB COVID guidance so that we can train and play safely.



Adults matches are resuming with a series of friendly matches against local clubs - fixtures are on the website and if you would like to play contact Bruce Sears (07928048836) or Rob Bensly (07795140775) or for ladies please contact Jenny Holmes (07850769465) .

Juniors training will start on Sat morning the 1st August for under 9's 11's 13's and 15's with hopefully some friendly matches as well . Details of timings for each group will be circulated by email very shortly and will also be on the website (www.worlingworthcc.co.uk) - or for more information contact Andy Ramsden (07954 482799) or ramsdendandy@gmail.com .

PETANQUE had also started again and we have entered the "Comeback Cup" Play home and away during August and September



BEDFIELD AND MONK SOHAM SPORTS CLUB

As you have probably realised, we have had to cancel the annual Bedfield Village Fete which was due to be held on Saturday 11th July 2020 due to the CONVID-19 crisis. The fete is extremely popular and provides the main source of income to the Sports Club each year.

However, we wish to thank everyone who supports the Sports Club and hopefully the Fete will return better than ever next year with a combination of all your favourite attractions and much more as well.

Accordingly, we have provisionally set the date of the 2021 Fete as the 10th July and look forward to seeing you all then!

"The members of the Rotary Club of High Suffolk have taken the difficult decision that the club be dissolved with effect from 30th June 2020.

This decision was not taken lightly, but has been made necessary due to declining membership and advancing years.

Residual funds have been distributed to charities previously supported by the Club, and physical assets have been given to other Clubs in the district.

The Club extends its grateful thanks to all 'Friends of Rotary' for support over the years and for the good times we have shared whilst fundraising and socialising. John Cooper, President, 2019-2020.

Items for **September Newsletter** by
19th August please . To Val Swallow :

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Content from Dr Dan Poulter

Lockdown has perhaps given us all the opportunity to rethink how we live our lives and what we value most about living and working in Suffolk. For me, I am incredibly proud of our rural heritage, the fantastic Suffolk countryside and the great community spirit that is evident in all our towns and villages.

As the COVID restrictions start to lift and our local shops and pubs have cautiously begun to reopen, we must now turn our attention to protecting jobs and supporting our economy to slowly start to recover. With smaller, independent retailers needing our support, it is perhaps more important than ever that we all take the opportunity to support our great Suffolk farmers, food producers and retailers, who have been working throughout the COVID pandemic ensuring that high quality, local produce is available in our local shops and communities.

Recently, there has been much interest in the matter of food safety and animal welfare standards and a number of you may have already been in touch with me directly. Contrary to media reports that UK food standards will be lowered as part of future trade deals, I want to reassure you that the Government will not compromise on our impeccably high standards of food production and animal welfare. The amendments which have been widely reported would consequently have created new trade barriers, potentially preventing the Government from being able to agree fair and mutually beneficial trade deals.

The UK's food standards, for both domestic production and import, are overseen by the Food Standards Agency and Food Standards Scotland. These are independent agencies and provide advice to the UK and Scottish Governments. They will continue to do so in order to ensure that all food imports comply with the UK's high safety standards. Decisions on these standards are a matter for the UK and will be made separately from any trade agreement.

Here in Suffolk, and around the UK, we should be proud of our world-leading food, health and animal welfare standards and we simply must not lower our standards as we negotiate new trade deals. Any trade deal the UK strikes must be fair and reciprocal to our farmers and must not compromise on our high environmental protection, animal welfare and food safety standards. I am therefore pleased that the Government has, in principle, agreed to the establishment of a Trade & Agriculture Commission. The Commission will ensure the importance of close engagement with the agricultural sector, which will help to inform, shape and guide our agricultural trade policy. This news has been welcomed by the NFU, with whom I regularly meet, and I will continue to fight for the best interests of our farmers here in Suffolk.

WI NEWS

The WI has been keeping its members in the loop about what is going on although, in common with other groups, we haven't been able to meet up as a large group.

Some members have set up a walking group around the Community Centre field in order to keep on the move as well as keep up with chat. We have also set up a group where members have been phoning members not on email to keep them informed of any goings on at a Federation level. Needless to say much is on hold at the moment but we try to look forward where possible.

In these challenging times we continue to support the Waveney Food bank and in lieu of our monthly food collection have sent a donation.

The committee braced themselves (speaking for myself here) for our first Zoom Committee meeting. It went very well with 7 of us and was a new and positive experience. We thank our secretary Jenny Wilkinson for setting us all up and sorting out some practise runs in preparation.

The current climate continues with uncertainty and we are not anticipating meeting up as a large group in the near future so we will do our best to keep in touch using other methods.

In the meantime here's another recipe to have a go at using only a saucepan.
Fruit Balls

50g butter, 125g sultanas, 2 cups flour, 2 tbsp golden syrup, half cup sugar, 2 tsp baking powder, 1 egg.

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg and syrup. Add flour and baking powder and lastly sultanas. Roll into fruit balls.

Put into a pot 3 cups of water and three quarters cup of sugar. Boil. Add fruit balls and simmer for 20 mins with the lid on.

Lovely served with ice cream.

Diana 628077

And....

A woman is like a tea bag. You can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water

My personal thanks to the postmen, Steven Tuckwell, the milkman , the dustbin collectors. Many of us wish to thank Pam, Bernie and family at the Veg Shop in Mill Road. We also loved the lovely plants .

Also thanks to all the helpers doing shopping and collection of prescriptions for the elderly .



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Bedfield School

So we've finally reached the end of a very strange school year and are all looking forward to our summer holidays. Homeschooling has been a challenge for everyone and we thank our parents immensely for all the time they have invested in their children's learning over the last few months whilst juggling their own work and family activities. The teachers are looking forward to being back in classrooms with all the children from September; although I personally will miss my daily video recordings to the class and our online interactive lessons, however the technological skills that we have honed will be put to good use during our assemblies as these will be held online to avoid classes mixing. In the last few weeks we have held 'circle time' sessions for all our classes which allowed each class to meet up outside whilst being mindful of social distancing. **Class 1** enjoyed listening to a story, singing and dancing with the gymnastics ribbons. Each parent received a certificate for their hard work. **Class 2** and **3** spent time discussing the events that led to school being closed and how they were feeling about it. Most children enjoyed being at home with family but were looking forward to things returning back to normal so they could see their friends, play sports and be back in class. The **Year 6 2020** leavers would



normally have been taking part in lots of fun activities at the end of term but to make sure they didn't miss out entirely a mini festival was set up on our school field and the children and teachers enjoyed a fun-filled evening to help them celebrate the next stage of their learning journeys.

We hope you have a great summer. See you all soon.

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