

# Church and Village News February 2022

Bedfield, Monk Soham, Southolt, Tannington and Worlingworth

Friends of Worlingworth School

Auction of Promises

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022

7pm for 7.30pm at Worlingworth Community Centre

Lots of Auction lots available from local companies.

Bar open and Suffolk Wild flour Pizza Bar will be available.

Any further information or interest in offering services, please contact [Friendsworlingworthschool@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsworlingworthschool@gmail.com)



## WORLINGWORTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our first talk of 2022 will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm when our secretary Geoffrey Robinson will speak about the “Worlingworth Feast Painting” which hangs in the nave of St. Mary’s church. The painting depicts a great feast held in the parkland of Worlingworth Hall to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of King George III. The talk will last for about 45 minutes and then there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Any non-members and newcomers into the community who may be interested in local history can become members of Worlingworth Local History Group by contacting Janette Robinson on 628768. For the princely sum of £6, you will receive our quarterly newsletter, enjoy our programme of history talks and have the opportunity to learn more about the history of our parish.

**Worlingworth Gardening Club** will be holding their AGM at Worlingworth Community Centre on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022. 7 for 7.30pm

Light refreshments will be available and there will also be a local gardeners question time. Maybe make a note of your questions so you don’t forget them on the night!

Don’t forget that this is when you will need to pay your yearly subscription. The yearly programme will be available. Anyone can join. New members welcome. No vast gardening knowledge needed!

For more information contact Judith 07747 023 994 or email [judesmallco@icloud.com](mailto:judesmallco@icloud.com)

## Community Bus Survey

Survey is with this magazine, Please complete and return as requested

# BEDFIELD NEWS

**Our Festive Frolic Fundraising just went on and on...** Just before Christmas Susan Leverick led a session on how to make a festive door wreath in the very cool crisp climate of the church. Those who attended each produced a stunning door wreath and our grateful thanks to Susan for guiding us all through this. As a result a number of door wreaths and table decorations were made for sale enabling us to add a bit more to the 2021 Festive Frolic total. Now, if you are looking for a really important date to add to your brand new 2022 diary here is one for you. The 2022 Festive Frolic will be on Saturday 3rd December 2022 and the emphasis will be on Festive Food. So we will be looking for makers of cakes, puddings, preserves, pickles, cookies, canapés, truffles, anything delicious that can be safely transported in a bag, box, jar or bottle.

As you may remember we had a major bulb planting session in the churchyard in the autumn and now the fruits of Val's and Sue's labour are starting to appear.

We are planning to plant even more bulbs in the next couple of month, this time early snow drops and bluebells. Although the snowdrop is not a native plant to the UK, the early form *Galanthus Nivalis* has been documented growing in churchyards since the mid 1700s. The bluebell variety *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* is a native species and both are perfect to naturalise in the newly cleared areas of the churchyard. You may also like to support us with a bit of fund-raising and sponsor some bulbs. For a £10 donation we will plant a clump of bulbs in the name of a loved one. This can be close to a particular grave. The bulbs will be blessed by The Reverend Chrissie before planting. If you would like to support this bulb planting scheme please message Debbie on 07827299490 or email [da.pritchard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:da.pritchard@hotmail.co.uk)

**Carols by Candlelight** The church was as full as it could be and looked magnificent for our Festive Carols by Candlelight. The service was lead by Rev'd Chrissie with contributions from many other members of the congregation. We were joined by Archdeacon Jeanette Gosney who was keen to experience for herself the warmth and spirit of the community here in Bedfield. We all sang our favourite carols and listened to the bible readings and poems in the glow of over one hundred candles and lanterns. After the service we shared mince pies and mulled wine and Archdeacon Jeanette used the opportunity to speak to many members of the congregation about life in Bedfield and the contribution of our church to the community. Many people worked and contributed to make this very special service happen. Thank you to you all, including Magic!

Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Dorrit Cobb of Bedfield. Dorrit joined the esteemed nonagenarian club recently. You may have passed by her bungalow and seen the masses of birthday cards on her window sill along with a big helium balloon! We hope you had a great day Dorrit.

### Message from Chrissie

Here we are at the start of a New Year and still in the season of Epiphany. What have been your 'epiphany' moments and what are you hoping to achieve in the coming year? The end the Pandemic and a return to being together more often I feel sure is upper most in many minds. Some of you will have seen the Prayer Tree in St. Nicholas' Church adorned with green leaves. My thanks to Barbara Lee for its creation. Folk have written on the leaves about the folk they would like prayers to be said for and recently, we added the words of things we would like to achieve in 2022 or see happen. I pray the leaves (sounds like fortune telling!) when I go into church and look forward to seeing many more leaves on the tree as the year progresses. I know that elsewhere in this newsletter that mention has been made of the late Dougie Chittock. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Prayers and blessings, Chrissie

### Remembering Dougie Chittock

Members of our community were very sad to learn of the passing of Dougie Chittock who slipped peacefully away on the 16th January.

Dougie was introduced to the community in 1957 by David Tye. David ran the shop and post office in the village for many many years. The pair of them used to be known as the Double Ds and played at dances in Wilby Village Hall on Saturday nights. Dougie also played the organ at St Nicholas and many other local churches for Sunday services and also for weddings and funerals.

Dougie will be missed greatly, a gentle and kind man who made a great contribution to his community. Our thoughts are with Betty and the family.

Funeral for the family at Sevenhills Crematorium at 10am on 9th February then service in Stradbroke church at 2.30pm.

### Dates of Services and Events

6th February Holy Communion St Nicholas Bedfield 10.30am Rev'd Chrissie Smart

13th February Family Service 10.30am with Rev'd Chrissie

17th February Random Acts of Kindness Day

20th February No service at St Nicholas. Communion services available at Laxfield 10.30am, Monk Soham 11.00am, Worlingworth 11.00am.

27th February Morning Prayer at St Nicholas 10.30am Rev'd David Mulrenan

Congratulations to John and Kayleigh Dickson on the birth of Oscar Archie. A brother for William

Having had a bit of a moan about dog fouling in our churchyard we are pleased to say the situation seems to have improved and we are very grateful for this.

The dog poo bin at the entrance to the parking area is being used and we have not seen many dogs off the lead. As the weather improves and the bulbs, primroses and other flowers start to appear our beautiful churchyard provides a haven for wildlife and a tranquil place to sit and be at one with nature. Please make good use of the benches provided.

Bedfield Church PCC



*The next meeting of the Parish Council is on  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm  
in the Community Centre*

**All are welcome [worlingworthparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:worlingworthparishclerk@gmail.com)**

Minutes of previous parish council meetings can be viewed on the village website at [www.worlingworth.onesuffolk.net](http://www.worlingworth.onesuffolk.net)

**Parish Council Meetings for 2022**

Meetings are held every month, usually on the **third Wednesday** of the month, at the Community Centre. All members of the public are welcome at these meetings. If you wish to have an item added to the agenda, please contact a Parish Councillor.

Dates for 2022 are: 16th February, 16th March, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th August, 21st September, 19th October, 16th November & 21st December.

**Other Events for 2022:**

Spring Clean – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April,                      Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Walking Day – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October,              Autumn Tidy – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
(Further details on these events will be circulated closer to the time.)

**Speed Indicator Sign – Thanks to our band of Volunteers**

Many of you will be familiar with our speed indicator sign that was installed as part of the ongoing work of the Parish Council to address traffic concerns in the village. The sign is managed by a small band of volunteers who together move the sign around the village and collate the data into an understandable format. This work is essential to monitoring and evidencing the issues that Worlingworth faces and the Parish Council would like to publicly thank the team for all their hard work and effort. Since the sign has been installed, we are pleased to report the data has shown a general improvement year on year, although there is still the occasional spike of a vehicle travelling at excessive speed. The data from the sign can be viewed on the Parish Council website at: <http://www.worlingworth.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/items-of-parish-council-news/road-safety-data>

**Roadside Planters**

At the January meeting the Parish Council made the decision to purchase some roadside planters to be positioned at the entrances to the village and at various points throughout. Evidence has shown that planters of this type help reinforce to drivers that they are entering a residential area and it is hoped that the planters will not only help to 'beautify' the area, but assist in calming traffic. The planter purchases are possible due to Worlingworth receiving money via the Community Infrastructure Levy, which is a fee that all developers have to pay towards the community in which they are building new properties. Further traffic calming measures and road markings are also being considered following survey work by Suffolk Highways.

Defibrillator machine available at the Community Centre, there will also be some new notices put up in the village detailing how to use.

## Letter from David Burrell

Dear Friends

I hope you all had a very good Christmas which sadly has come to an end and the world seems empty and back to its old grey aspect again.

It is strange how Christmas has become so important especially in a world where it is easier to hate your neighbour than love them. This is what causes wars, and suspicion between peoples who hold differing views and beliefs. There are religions and peoples in this world it seems that are looking for things to get upset about, and once upset it seems blood-shed is the only way to appease them.

Christmas has grown to include something greater, it has become a festival for all, a time when those who would not darken the door of a church during the year will come and sing carols or at least enjoy hearing them on Classic fm. Christmas is the only time of year when the good memories outweigh the bad and where everyone makes an effort to be nice.

Christmas above all things is an expression of love; love so great that even if you cannot believe in the story behind it; like a cup running over it spills out and includes everyone. What makes Christmas for me is the celebration of midnight mass on Christmas Eve. But I can remember as a little boy sitting up looking out of my bedroom window hoping beyond hope to see Father Christmas fly by. I never did see him but when I got up in the morning the evidence that he had been was plain to see, the empty whisky glass, the mince pies half eaten and the carrots taken, not to mention the presents under the tree. Christmas is a magical time of year and made more so by the decorations and tree lights. At Christmas we believe that the love that was given was God's love and as such is unfathomable, far be it from me to say only Christians are included in that love. We are now at the beginning of a new year wouldn't it be wonderful if we could simply keep a little, or a lot, of that Christmas love in our hearts throughout the year. Because I believe God so loved the world that he sent his only son into the world that through him all might be saved. A love so great is worth celebrating even when it's not Christmas.

*David*

## Answers to Carol Quiz in December

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Good king Wenceslas             | <b>2</b> While shepherds            |
| <b>3</b> We three Kings                  | <b>4</b> O little town of Bethlehem |
| <b>5</b> See amid the winter's snow      | <b>6</b> Away in a manger           |
| <b>7</b> Angels from the realms of glory | <b>8</b> The holly and the ivy      |
| <b>9</b> Ding dong merrily               | <b>10</b> Twelve days Christmas     |
| <b>11</b> White Christmas                | <b>12</b> I saw mum kissing Santa   |

Winner of Carol Quiz is Jill Stevens

## Bedfield School



It's been a chilly start to the year but the children have returned to school ready and excited to learn. **Class I** have begun their new topic 'From A to B' and will be learning about different types of transport and their history alongside investigating materials in science. **KS2** have started their topic about 'Energy and the Environment' alongside investigating electricity in their science lessons. KS2 have also taken part in a number of sporting activities including playing in a football tournament at the home of Ipswich FC, Portman Road. We are looking forward to being involved in more of these sporting activities and to take part in additional school trips as the Covid restrictions are reduced.

A belated congratulations to our Christmas raffle prize winners: Vince Prank, Jane Bishop and Victoria Dabin. Thank you all for taking part and helping us raise £250 for **FABS**. This money will help fund equipment for school which will benefit every child and help teachers to offer the best support to everyone. Please do visit our website to see more photos and information about the school and the activities our children take part in.

[www.bedfieldschool.co.uk](http://www.bedfieldschool.co.uk)

### THE PLADIS BISCUITS AND SNACKS RECYCLING PROGRAMME

#### ACCEPTED WASTE



**1** All brands of Non-Savoury Biscuit Wrappers

**2** All brands of Cracker Wrappers

**3** All brands of Cake Wrappers

**Games for Guys and Gals** Worlingworth Community Centre every Tuesday . 2pm to 4pm  
£1.30 including Tea and Biscuits. More details from Cathy on 627952

**Social Club** Worlingworth Community Centre 6.30pm

**Friday evenings Carpet Bowls 4th February 7.30pm**



**WORLINGWORTH AND TANNINGTON WI**

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 7.00 FOR 7.15 PM**

**“MEDIEVAL POETRY (But not as you know it)”**

**Speaker Richard Langridge**

**Visitors welcome For more information please telephone**

**Val: 01728 628068 or Jenny: 01728 628798**

**BEDFIELD AND MONK SOHAM GARDENING CLUB**

Firstly, a sincere Happy (and healthy) New Year to all!

We are so pleased to announce that the first daffodils, from our village verge planting, were spotted poking through on New Year's Day! An auspicious start, we hope they continue to do well and that you all enjoy the daffodils next Spring as you pass through the villages. To spring and to 2022.....

Barbara Lee [gardenclubgarden@gmail.com](mailto:gardenclubgarden@gmail.com)

**Spring Floral Event** Saturday 12th March 2022, 11am - 2 p.m.

**At Bedfield & Monk Soham Community Hub.** £5 entry which also includes Raffle.

Come along for a cheery start to Springtime with Mother's Day ideas and arrangements for sale.

Demo and Q&A session if required!

To book or for more information, phone Elizabeth on 07890 956911 or email [elizabethannferenczy@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethannferenczy@gmail.com)

## Four Rivers January February Church Services.

Benefice 9 Churches 2022	Sunday 30th. Candlemas 5th Sunday	Sunday 6th. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> . 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> . 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent
St. Nicholas Bedfield.	B E N	<b>10.30</b> Holy Communion CS	<b>10.30</b> Family Service CS	
St. Peter. Monk Soham.	E F	<b>11.00</b> RA Family Service	<b>11.00</b> RA Morning Prayer	<b>11.00</b> RA Holy Communion
St. Ethelbert. Tannington.	I C	<b>11.00</b> Holy Communion DM		
St. Margaret. Southolt.	E  <b>SERVICE</b>			
St. Mary. Worlingworth.	A T  <b>BRUNDISH</b>	Please Support Tannington's 11.00 service	<b>11.00</b> Let's Celebrate  LE BS	<b>11.00</b> Holy Communion CW DM
St. Lawrence Brundish.	<b>10.30am</b> <b>Benefice</b> <b>Candlemas</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>9.00</b> Holy Communion BCP DB	<b>10.00</b> Village Worship  LE SA	
St. Mary. Cratfield.			<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong DM	<b>9.00</b> Village Worship CM
All Saints Laxfield.		<b>10.30</b> Celtic Morning Service LE	<b>10.30</b> Holy Communion  DB	<b>10.30</b> Holy Communion  RO
St. Mary. Wilby.		<b>10.30</b> Village Worship LE SP	<b>10.30</b> Holy Communion DM	<b>10.30</b> Village Worship LE SP
<b>Zoom Services</b> <b>Online</b>		<b>10.00am</b> RO Holy Communion	<b>3.00p.m</b> Family Service	

Also Celtic Prayer online Wednesdays 7pm.

Fridays 9a.m.

To join us, email: [rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com](mailto:rev.chrissiesmart@gmail.com) or Rev'd Ron Orams on: [mcbop@btinternet.com](mailto:mcbop@btinternet.com)

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Ps.24:1-10 G or W  
Malachi 3:1-5  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

Ps.138 Green  
Isaiah 6:1-13  
1 Corinth. 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

Ps. 1 Green  
Jeremiah 17:5-10  
1 Cor 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

Ps. 65 Green  
Gen. 2:4b-9,15-end  
Revelation 4  
Luke 8:22-25

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

## February

## March

### For Pastoral Care, Baptisms, Wedding or

#### Funeral arrangements please contact:

Rev. David Burrell. 01986 798136

email: [theparsnips@googlemail.com](mailto:theparsnips@googlemail.com)

#### Churchwardens. Elders. Contacts. Tel:

**St. Nicholas. Bedfield. DB** 01986 798136  
Local Minister Rev. Chr Smart 01728 627838

**St. Peter. LM** Rev. R Artiss 01728 685663  
**Monk Soham.** Geoff Artiss 01728 685663

**St. Ethelbert. LM** Rev. D Mulrenan 01728 628063  
**Tannington.** Chloe Cross 07714 734756

**St. Margaret. Southolt.** Secretary,  
Sarah Drnec 01728 627949

**St. Mary. Ww** Ann Davidson 01728 627862  
**C Warden & LE.** Bert Stanford 01728 628474  
Lay Elder. Val. Swallow 01728 628068  
LR MS Lay Reader. Mark Sheard

**St. Lawrence. Brundish.** Amanda Thompson  
Robert Thompson 01728 627844  
Lay E. & LM Sandra Apps

**St. Mary. Cratfield.** Andy Edmunds 01986 798523  
Clive Mobbs  
Lay Elder. Margaret Thompson

**All Saints Laxfield.** Liz Hammond 01986 798726  
Richard Simmonds 01986 798716

**St. Mary. Wilby.** Mary Pipe 01728 723443  
Rob Barber 01379 388040  
Lay E. & LM Sheila Pipe 01728 723443

#### Clergy.

**DB** Rev. David Burrell. 01986 798136  
email: [theparsnips@googlemail.com](mailto:theparsnips@googlemail.com)

**Please respect Monday as Rev. DB's day-off.**

Ron Orams 07721682183

**DM** Rev. David Mulrenan 01728 628063

**RA** Rev. Rebecca Artiss 01728 685663

**CS** Rev. Chrissie Smart 01728 627838

LM = Local Minister assigned to Parish

LE = Lay Elder licensed to Benefice

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Transfiguration

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>.  
1st Sunday of  
Lent

**10.30**  
Morning Prayer  
DM

**10.30**  
Holy Communion  
CS

**11.00 DB**  
Morning Prayer

**11.00 RA**  
Family Service

**11.00**  
Morning Prayer  
BCP  
LE

**11.00**  
Holy Communion  
BCP  
DM

**10.30**  
Holy Communion  
CS

**9.00**  
Holy Communion  
BCP  
DB

**9.00**  
Holy Communion  
DB

**10.30**  
Fourth Sunday  
Worship  
FS Team

**10.30**  
Celtic Morning  
Service  
LE

**10.30**  
Morning Prayer  
DB

**10.30**  
Village Worship  
LE SP

**10.00am RO**  
Holy Communion

Ps. 99  
Exodus 34:29-35  
2 Cor 3:12- ch4:2  
Luke 9:28-43a

Ps.91:1-2,9-16 P  
Deuteron.. 26:1-11  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

Churchwarden or LM in the Parish.

[www.parsnips.com](http://www.parsnips.com) and you will be sent details.

and March - Ash Wednesday 7pm at Bedfield

## WORLINGWORTH CEVC PRIMARY : OUR MONTHLY NEWS Winter

**Book Challenge** Becoming a confident reader is at the core of our curriculum and reading opportunities are threaded through lessons each week. Recent feedback from some of our youngest and oldest pupil indicated that they all enjoy reading and love choosing books. To build on this positive attitude, we are running a special Book Challenge this term. The children are invited to read as much as they can each week in order to complete a stage on their space race chart. All pupils who complete the race will receive a book-themed goodie bag at the start of our special 'Science Fiction Book Week' in early March. So far, we have been amazed by the amount of home reading children are participating in. The teachers are doing pretty well too! Look out for pictures of our Book Challenge winners next month.

**Playtime Success** Our Sports Ambassadors have taken the lead in helping to improve playtimes at this time of year. With wet, slippery and cold weather resulting in the field and trim trail out of use, we have had to get creative in thinking how we can use our small playground better to keep everyone safe, active and happy at playtimes! We now have different play zones and themed days with the Sports Ambassadors also leading dance, keep fit and multi-sports games three times a week at lunchtimes. Children are enjoying using different equipment each day and having more choice of how to get active, to co-operate and have fun together. Lots of smiley and red faces coming into class prove this! Well done to our Year 6 Sports Ambassadors for doing such a good job.

**Keeping Safe On the Internet** This month is the national 'Safer Internet Day' and as a school we will be collaborating together to think about the dangers posed by being online to children and to learn the important actions children must take to protect themselves and be able to use the internet safely. We know that many parents worry about the constant changing online world, the impact it has on their child and the risks it can pose. They report struggling to keep up-to-date with the newest and most popular games for young people and knowing what they can do to help. There is lots of advice available and we would recommend both these websites as excellent starting points for advice and tips to ensure your child is safe when online:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carer>

Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC

**Fancy A Night Out ? Auction of Promises** The Friends of Worlingworth Primary School are holding a special Auction of Promises on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the Community Centre in Worlingworth to raise funds for new playground equipment. Anyone is welcome to come along to the event and join in the bidding for some wonderful prizes! It starts at 7.30pm with Suffolk Wild Flour Pizza van available too for a tasty dinner to eat as you bid. Contact : [Friendsworthschool@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsworthschool@gmail.com) for a list of the auction lots in advance. ( see also Page 1)

**Collective Worship Ambassadors** The role of our Collective Worship Ambassadors is very special. They select and read prayers, light candles and award our Rainbow Value Certificates each week in our Celebration Worship. This term however, our group of Collective Worship Ambassadors will be further developing their role by taking a more active lead in our collective worship. They will be planning and presenting a collective worship as a group to the whole school. They will be reflecting on our current value of co-operation and researching appropriate bible stories , songs and prayers to use. We wish them luck in their new role and look forward to joining them in their collective worship this month.

## Bedfield and Monk Soham Community Club

The Post Office is open every Tuesday morning from 9.15 am to 11.15 am in the Community Hub (pavilion) which remains fully Covid-19 secure.

The following services are available: stamps, facility to post parcels, stationery, cash and cheque deposits and withdrawals (even if you bank with another provider).

There is also a pop-up shop selling essential items.

The pop-up Café also opens every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon and table service will continue. Warm scones are always available to eat in or takeaway. Come and join us for a cuppa and a catch up with friends and neighbours.



There will be no Saturday Coffee morning in February and March. The next Saturday coffee morning will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Our facilities are available for hire including the pavilion and the marquee. Details are available on the websites [bedfield.onesuffolk.net](http://bedfield.onesuffolk.net) and [monksoham.onesuffolk.net](http://monksoham.onesuffolk.net), or you can contact us via the email address below.

### Bedfield And Monk Soham residents – Have you signed up yet?

An email address has been created to keep all residents of Bedfield and Monk Soham informed of village activities. To subscribe to the news letters, please email: [bedfield-monksoham@btinternet.com](mailto:bedfield-monksoham@btinternet.com)

The email can be used by residents to inform everyone who subscribes about forthcoming events and other important information.

### Newsletters can be viewed on the websites:

All the latest information is on the village websites listed above.

You can also follow the Facebook page [Bedfield and Monk Soham Community Club | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Bedfield-and-Monk-Soham-Community-Club/)

Denise and Greg of Camira, Bedfield, would like to thank everyone who made a donation to their Christmas lights display. We are delighted to announce that £255.65 has been sent to EACH.

Thankyou from Val and Andrew at 1 Greenlands, Bedfield

Your generosity has me speechless.. and if you know me well you'll know that's a rare event!! Your donations since 1st December have reached a fantastic £478 which with gift aid of £42.36 means between us we've raised a MASSIVE £520.36 for the air ambulance this year. Thankyou to all the donors, those who've helped put up and take the lights down and all the small visitors who woke Santa up to switch them on!!! You are amazing!!!!

Thanks Val x

Stop Press increased to £550.00

## HIGH SUFFOLK COMMUNITY BUS

Our thanks go to our regular passengers who have been using the bus. The Community Bus is a valuable service to enable villagers to travel to some of the bigger towns in our area. If you haven't tried it before then do have a look at our timetable on [www.combus.org.uk](http://www.combus.org.uk) and have a ride out!



IT IS ONCE MORE MANDATORY TO WEAR A FACE MASK ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT. Please leave some space between yourself and other passengers where possible and use the antibacterial hand sanitiser. The bus itself will be regularly cleaned and sanitised. We are unable to take reservations or bookings for seats.

Except at Bank Holidays, EVERY WEEK the bus runs to:

Framlingham on Tuesdays, Stowmarket on Thursdays, Diss on Fridays.

IN ADDITION there are services to IPSWICH - 1st Saturday and 3rd

Wednesday of the month. BURY ST. EDMUNDS - 1st Wednesday and 3rd

Saturday of the month NORWICH - 2nd Saturday and 4th Wednesday of the month.

**During February 2022 the dates of our services to Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Norwich are:**

Wednesday 2nd February	Bury St Edmunds
Saturday 5th February	Ipswich
Saturday 12th February	Norwich
Wednesday 16th February	Ipswich
Saturday 19th February	Bury St Edmunds
Wednesday 23rd February	Norwich

### **MARCH 2022**

Wednesday 2nd March. Bury St Edmunds

Saturday 5th March. Ipswich)

Timetables available on the bus or from Alan Nette-Thomas 685694, John Ridgwell 627181 and on our website: [www.combus.org.uk](http://www.combus.org.uk)

***COMMUNITY BUS SURVEY - Included with this newsletter is a residents/users survey. We would be most grateful if you would take the time to complete it and return it to either the box on the bus or to Val Swallow, Ivy Cottage, Shop Street, IP13 7HX or to the Chairman Alan Nette-Thomas, Ivydene, School Road, Monk Soham IP13 7EN. Or Val Rozier in Bedfield Thank you .***

Items for March 2022 newsletter by 19th February please to Val Swallow :  
v.swallow44@btinternet.com or by post to: Ivy Cottage, Shop St Worlingworth IP13 7HX  
If you require a PDF as well as the printed newsletter please email the editor

## Monk Soham

**Thank You Joy.** After 9 ½ years Joy Cook has decided that she is now going to retire from grass cutting at St. Peter's Church, but would like to continue to help and work on other things at the church. May we thank Joy for all the hard work she has done in the past, and we are grateful that she is still going to continue helping with the other aspects of work.

**Grass Cutting** We would like to have a rota of volunteers who would be willing to take a turn in grass cutting in the churchyard, A tractor mower is available for use in the churchyard. Anyone willing to help, could they please contact Geoff. Artiss on 01728 685 663

### BEDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

#### **There is a vacancy on Bedfield Parish Council**

If you are interested in being a Bedfield Parish Councillor, please contact Geoff Robinson, the Parish Clerk as soon as possible on 01728 685425, 07765 538888, or [grobinson897@btinternet.com](mailto:grobinson897@btinternet.com)

who will be very pleased to discuss what is involved and help in any way. It's not too much work and you could help to keep the village the wonderful place it currently is to live. Meetings are normally held four times a year, plus any extraordinary planning meetings and are both interesting and convivial.

Cooption will take place at the next Bedfield Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022, commencing at 19:30 in

#### **MONK SOHAM MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS.**

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.30 am in various homes around the village. If you would like to join us please phone me on 01728628128 or email, [entwisle703@btinternet.com](mailto:entwisle703@btinternet.com), for more information as to venue or if you would like to be included on our email list. Sue Entwisle

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## Bedfield School



It was a hectic end to the first term at school and we missed the deadline to get any news to you in last month's parish news but I'm pleased to share with you the stars of our school nativity who gave amazing performances and sang beautifully to their virtual live audience. In light of Covid restrictions we felt it was appropriate to perform in class with parents and grandparents watching from the comfort of their own homes. For the new reception children it was the first time taking part in a nativity at 'big school' and they all did brilliantly. We had a few children singing solos and thanks to David Booth and the lend of his microphones the children felt like they were on X-Factor! Thank you to all staff involved and parents for helping your children learn their lines so well.

