Church and Village News for January 2024 Bedfield, Monk Soham, Southolt, Tannington and Worlingworth



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Thanks



News from Worlingworth Community Centre.

The next Film night: *Elvis*, 6th January at 7 pm (doors open at 6:30pm) (see below)

<u>Christmas Fair</u>: *9th December 11am - 3pm.* A big thank you to those of you who donated cakes, raffle prizes, time and effort to make the Christmas Fair a HUGE success. There was a fantastic range of local stall holders offering amazing art, craft, sweets, Christmas presents and stocking fillers. The children enjoyed the magic of visiting Mr & Mrs Claus in their grotto and spending their pocket money on the lucky dip and gorgeous glitter tattoos. The raffle prizes were amazing as were the baked goods, warm sausage rolls and mulled wine.

The Christmas Fair raised over £900 which will go towards covering the running costs of the Community Centre and will help to pay for the upcoming refurbishments.

Bingo: The Christmas Bingo Next Bingo night 10th January, eyes down at 7:30pm.

<u>What are we fundraising for?</u> We are raising funds to modernise the curtains in the hall, this project should be completed by February 2024. The small tables at the community centre have now been replaced and we have plans to update the larger folding tables early next year. And finally, we are moving forward with plans to replace the tin shelter near the car-park with 2 x 6 seater wooden 'pods', these shelters will be enclosed at the rear and the sides and are much anticipated for use by the whole community in the Spring/Summer of 2024!

Next Committee meeting: Monday 8th Jauary at 7:30pm



January newsletter 2024 from Rev Enid Pow

All the excitement of Christmas is over, visiting families have gone home and decorations have been packed away for another year. Now we start again in a brand new shiny year. Perhaps now we are trying to lose the extra pounds we gained during the festivities, or restart other health initiatives. It is a time of new beginnings for all kinds of things, and perhaps a time of hope.

January can be a bit dreary of course, which can throw us off from our attempts at self-improvement (a piece of cake sounds nicer than salad on a cold wet day!) Perhaps that is why so many New Year's resolutions get abandoned so early on.

What can help us to follow through though? I really think it's all a question of hope and enough belief, that enables us to hang on even though the situation seems a bit disheartening. That may be something that comes from inside us, perhaps realising that if we don't lose weight or change a behaviour pattern, we might be putting our health or welfare at risk. Willpower can get us a long way. But what is that willpower isn't enough?

Seeking outside help to boost our own resolution, is often good to change harmful ways of behaving, and there are many excellent organisations out there that can help us.

Christians believe that we can call on yet another power to help us in this process. We can call on God to help us in our seeking to become a better version of ourselves. It's not that we will never fail of course, because human beings do have free will, and we can refuse or ignore God's help. However, with God's help (he does forgive our failed attempts!) all things are possible, not just for bad habits; but for becoming the best person we can possibly be.

I pray you will have a truly blessed New Year. God bless Revd Enid

Wishing you all A Happy and Healthy New Year from St. Mary's Guild and trust you had a Happy and Blessed Christmas. The church looked wonderful for the carol service. Over 90 people enjoyed a beautiful service with the church tower in floodlight, with the bells ringing, and the interior bathed in light and decorated. Festive refreshments and mulled wine were served after the service.

Thank you for your support of the events that have taken place during 2023. We are so grateful for all the help given, the cleaners, flower arrangers, brass cleaners, cake bakers, planners, organists, choir, the Churchwardens and the PCC members. With the involvement of many it is possible to help keep the Parish Church of St. Mary's open for the future, thank you. *Veronica Plowman*, Guild Leader. Dear Worlingworth Parishioners,

The Trustees of the Worlingworth Charities would like to wish all parishioners a very Healthy and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Once again we are pleased to have donated £30.00 as our Christmas Distribution which has been made as usual to some of the many Over 65 year old pensioner households in the village. The criteria for this payment is that one or more pensioner in the household must have been a resident of the village for at least 5 years. If you qualify you can apply to the Trustees to receive a payment next Christmas , or you can notify the Trustees that you do not wish to take the payment. The Trustees are very grateful to those pensioners who do not take the payment as this enables more money to be given to the various village organisations that the Charities support , but equally we are very happy to help with our contributions to pensioner households who would like to receive it.

As many of you will be aware the Worlingworth Charities consist of The John Godbold Charity which has the original objective of helping the church and the poor, and the Educational Charity which was set up to help with education in the village.

This last year we have been able to provide funding for among others the School , the Church, and the Village Newsletter . If you know of any individuals or organisations who may need assistance please let us know .We will do our best to help where this is possible .

We are pleased to let you know that Emily Mills has agreed to join us as a Trustee.

Happy New Year to everyone -- Chris Watson Chairman of the Worlingworth Charities

Trustees – Shirley Rutterford, Nora Ingate, Julia Rodwell, Paul Maybury Graham Catling, Emily Mills



The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre All are welcome worlingworthparishclerk@gmail.com

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

Congratulations to the 2023 Jubilee Cup winners James & Cathy Connelly Nominated for the work that James puts in to organising the Worlingworth Oil Purchasing Syndicate and helping people to save money through the cost-ofliving crisis and for the work that both James & Cathy do to help keep the village clean and tidy by regularly carrying out litter picking. Both are also stalwart supporters of many village events.

If you are not already part of the Worlingworth Oil Purchasing Syndicate and would like to be involved then please contact James on 07342 201653 or worlyoilsyndicate@gmail.com



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News from Worlingworth Primary School

Safeguarding Success

Last term, a local authority Safeguarding Audit was carried out in the school. We are pleased to announce that the school's safeguarding processes were recorded as very robust. The assessment reported that the safeguarding culture of the school is strong and commended the way we work proactively with families.

Healthy Attendance Last term our overall pupil attendance was recorded at 97.7% which is above the national average for primary schools of 93%. This excellent outcome is the result of working closely with families and creating a school that is caring and so stimulating, that no one wants to miss a day of learning! Thank you to all our families who support us in achieving this brilliant outcome by ensuring their child understands the importance of being in school and attends school regularly.

World Explorers We start the new year with our curriculum being designed around our new wholeschool topic : '*Our World Above & Below*'. This is an exciting geography and science-based topic. Whale Class will begin by exploring light & dark, Turtle Class delve into learning about space, Dolphin and Sealion Classes will look above and below to understand how volcanoes and earthquakes are created, where they are in our world and the impact they have on populations. Throughout their learning children will have many opportunities to read about this topic increasing their knowledge. Our Book Buzz areas are looking inviting, full of enticing books as our children return to their classrooms.

Pupil Voice Last term, we surveyed the children to find out their views on after-school clubs and what they would like us to offer. We listened carefully to their opinions and are pleased to announce that this half term we now have a choir, cookery and computing skills clubs which were all suggested by many children.
Rainbow Value This term our collective worship will focus on our Rainbow Value of Co-operation. The children will reflect on how Christian beliefs demonstrate co-operation and they will read bible stories to understand the importance of learning how to support one another as God wanted. Our Collective Worship Ambassadors will reward children for their co-operation each week and they will lead a collective worship to

the rest of the school.

Nativity The school nativity performances were a great success last term with many families coming to watch their children perform that special Christmas story. We were very proud of all the children's perseverance when learning their lines and actions and of their courage to perform in front of a lot of grown-ups! **Messy Church** Thank you to Rev. Enid Pow for running a special Messy Church session for the Epiphany. Lots of children attended after school and really enjoyed the different activities on offer and reflecting together on the significance of the events.

Road Safety Reminder Winter is definitely upon us and with it comes darker cold mornings and afternoons, so please can we remind all members of the community to drive carefully through the village. We have children coming to school on foot and bikes at pick up and drop off times and so it is important to be vigilant and use safe driving at all times. Many thanks for your support.

Willows Nursery Our full-time nursery is a happy, caring place full of curious, independent learners. We always welcome new parents to come and look around so please do contact the office if you would like to arrange a visit.

For updates and further information about the school :

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Bingo at Worlingworth Community Centre, Wednesday 10th January open 6.45pm, eyes down 7.30pm. £12 all in, cash please. Bar open.

Storm Babet – County Council Flood Grants & Investigations

Since Storm Babet and the resulting flooding, Suffolk County Council has committed significant resource to helping residents and business to recover. There is important new information issued about post-flooding investigations, grants that are available and other activity to reduce the risk of flooding in the future. We would appreciate it if you could help us to communicate this information to members of your community.

The storm brought approximately 80mm of rain fall over large areas of the county from Thursday 19 into Friday 20 October. An event this severe has roughly a 1% chance of happening each year. The storm resulted in more than a month's worth of average October rainfall in just 24 hours. This is the most widespread flooding event to impact the county for a significant number of years and over 850 properties in the County have been internally flooded from rivers and surface water. For many households, this will obviously be a long and difficult process.

The following page on our website: <u>www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk</u>, provides useful information about flood recovery for impacted residents.

Grants

grants will be released by end of January 2024

The initial recovery grants are currently being processed – all affected properties need to have reported their circumstances by 31st December, these emergency grants will be released by end of January 2024

Flooded property owners will also be able to apply for up to £5,000 to support specific work to make their homes and businesses more resilient to future flooding. Suffolk County Council is working to set this scheme up at the earliest opportunity and we will publicise the launch of this grant which will remain open until April 2025. All properties that have reported internal flooding will be contacted with details about how to access this grant.

Investigations

Suffolk County Council is designated as the Lead Local Flood Authority and has a duty to collect information about the impact of flooding including undertaking investigations into "significant" flood events. These are known as Section 19 investigations. Significant flooding is defined as damage to internal living space of a single dwelling flooding multiple times for or when five or more properties are affected in a specific location. We are not currently able to undertake investigations for areas that don't meet these criteria or where the damage is restricted to gardens, outbuildings or a garage. (c/fwd page 7) It is estimated between 60-80 of these investigations are required due to Storm Babet, which compares to 3-4 in a normal year. In order to meet this challenge, the council is recruiting additional staff and collaborating with the Environment Agency who will take the lead for some locations. The council will publish a list of parishes on its website where the investigations are planned, which will show the lead organisation and contact details. These investigations will begin in the coming weeks for some areas. For others, the start will be in several months. It is estimated it will take 18 months to two years to complete all the investigations.

The investigations will be undertaken in partnership with the local community and the resulting reports will:

highlight the probable causes of flooding;

- identify options to reduce future flood risk and increase property resilience; and
- make recommendations for actions by relevant responsible organisations, landowners or homeowners

It must be understood that the council has no powers to require any of the responsible bodies to take action, but the reports are published on the council's website and the actions will be monitored.

It is too early to say what new projects may be possible to reduce the risk of this type of flooding happening again. The results of the investigations may reveal opportunities for the council and other responsible organisations (such as the Environment Agency), landowners and homeowners to increase resilience to flooding. The Government currently has a 6-year, £5.2 billion programme to fund flood risk projects and there is the potential to access this in Suffolk.

What can YOU do before the investigations begin?

Suffolk County Council has produced a template to allow you to capture key information to summarise the impacts of Storm Babet in a community. This would be the first stage in our investigation, so if the community can capture information as to where the water came from, what happened during the event and where and how locations were impacted, this will save the investigation team a significant amount of time. Once complete this document can be saved locally and handed over to the investigation team when you are contacted.

If you would like a copy of the reporting template please contact your Parish Council in the first instance, who can provide the form and will be collating the responses into an anonymised format ready for the County Council I nvestigations.

For any other questions about the floods please email floods@suffolk.gov.uk but please **DO NOT** submit reports of flooding to this inbox, this needs to be done via the online portal at <u>www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk</u>

Monk Soham

Monk Soham Carol Service

The Monk Soham Carol Service was held at St. Peter's church on Sunday 17th December, led by the Rev'd Rebecca Artiss.

The Pastoral Quire was in good voice and led the joyful singing

The service took the form of six lessons and traditional Christmas carols,

which was enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks was given for the well decorated church, many thanks to all who helped with this in anyway.

Thanks also to the Rev'd Artiss for leading the service, the Pastoral Quire, those who read the lessons, Tim for playing the organ, and Malcolm ringing the bells.

Funeral of Jean Oldfield

We were sad to hear of the death of Jean Oldfield of Monk Soham. Jean was a well loved and respected person, a Christian who lived her life in that way, she loved the natural world and would never harm any living creature, not just the cute ones, but all creatures. Jean always looked for the best in people. Jean was knowledgeable about wildlife; she was also skilled at flower arranging and often arranged flowers for the church. She was also a talented cross-stitcher, an example of this is an impressive tapestry of the last supper which is hanging on the south wall inside the church. Jean was a member of the Monk Soham P.C.C. for over 50 years until ill health prevented her from doing this. She leaves behind her husband Tony, their son Mark, his wife Carla, granddaughter Violet and Jeans brother Geoffrey. We send our sympathy to them. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Monk Soham P.C.C. Secretary

Monk Soham Church are seeking a new Secretary, anyone interested, or has any questions should contact Geoff Artiss on 01728 685 663 Or a P.C.C. member. In the same way if anyone would like to generally help in anyway, please contact us. **The Friends of Bedfield Heritage** had a busy 2023. We held a two day Open Garden event; we celebrated the Coronation with three days of activities; and the run up to Christmas has been particularly festive with craft sessions, stalls in Framlingham, at St Nicholas Church and in the Hub along with a jolly carol singing session. A village Christmas tree was organised - perhaps for the first time ever - in Bedfield.

These activities would not happen without those who give their time, skills, resources and enthusiasm! They would not be so much fun without the merry band of volunteers and, of course, those who come along and join in!

Thank you, thank you to all!

Watch this space for more exciting activities in 2024.

Jane Sullivan

Chair, Friends of Bedfield Heritage

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Four Rivers January		Church Services.				
Benefice	Sunday 7th.	Sunday 14 th .	Sunday 21 st .	Sunday 28 th .		
9 Churches	Epiphany	Epiphany	Epiphany	Epiphany		
2024	Plough Sunday	2	3	4		
St. Nicholas Bedfield.	10.30am Holy Communion EP		10.30am Family Service CS			
St. Peter. Monk Soham.		11.00 Morning Prayer RA	11.00 Holy Communion RA	-		
St. Ethelbert. Tannington.						
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St. Mary.	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00		
Worlingworth	Morning Prayer CW	Let's Celebrate	Holy Communion CW	BCP		
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St. Lawrence Brundish.	6.00pm Evening Prayer EP			9.00am Holy Communion EP		
St. Mary.		6.00pm	1	9.00am		
Cratfield.		Evening Prayer CM		Holy Communion CM		
All Saints	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30		
Laxfield.	Celtic Morning Service LE/CS	Morning Praise	Holy Communion	Fourth Sunday Worship FS Team		
St. Mary.	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30		
Wilby.	Village Worship LE SP	Holy Communion EP		Morning Prayer CM		
Zoom Services	Online					
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Services may not be as listed above. If you wish to confirm the time and format, please telephone

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In with the new. Do treat yourselves to that packet of seed, bulbs, or divisible plant, because any surplus can be grown on for the return of our charity plant stall in Spring!

Meanwhile, the Garden Club wishes all of you a very Happy New Year!

Here's to 2024! Barbara Lee

gardenclubgarden@gmail.com



Bedfield XI Football Club fixtures in January



Sunday 7th January 2024 - Bedfield F.C. vs Moreton Hall F.C.kick off at 10.30am (Home)

Sunday 14th January 2024 - Bedfield F.C. vs Bury Bowl F.C. kick off at 10.30am (Home)



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For more details call

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Festive Frolics in Bedfield.

The annual Bedfield Festive Frolic took place at the beginning of December. This is an online sale of homemade goodies, mostly food related, plus an auction of hampers, holidays and other festive gifts.

We have many loyal followers who battle it out to secure the most prized items. This year the white crocheted owl hiding a Terrys Chocolate Orange was a great hit closely followed by the brussel sprout!

It was all good fun and has so far raised over £1300 for St Nicholas Church.

As ever, our grateful thanks to the makers/creators of our sale items and the donators of the auction lots. Also those that staff Frolic HQ on the night and make sure things run smoothly. But most of all a big thank you to the Frolickers who have once again entered into the spirit of a Bedfield Christmas and given so generously. I hope you enjoy the delicious jams, marmalades, chutneys, pickled pears, soups, cheesecakes I could go on.

Happy Christmas to you all 💧

(If you are a fund raiser in your village or church and would like to know how to run an online sale do get in touch. Debbie Pritchard 07827299490) The Post Office in Bedfield is open every Tuesday morning from 9.15 am to 11.15 am in the Community Hub. You'll be aware that Banks are closing or have closed in nearby towns. Did you know? Not only can you buy stamps and send parcels, but you can also bank cash into your bank account and withdraw cash (even if you bank with another provider). With so many high street banks closing this is a useful service.

The pop-up Coffee Shop also opens every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. 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.

Bedfield and Monk Soham Thermal Imaging Camera project will hopefully run in both villages from 19th December 2023 to 29th January 2024 and can help identify areas in your home that would benefit from better insulation We're looking for volunteers to assist in operating the camera, if you can help, please contact Geoff Robinson on 07765 538888.Our acilities are available for hire and details are available on the websites bedfield.onesuffolk.net and monksoham.onesuffolk.net, or you can contact us via this email address:









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