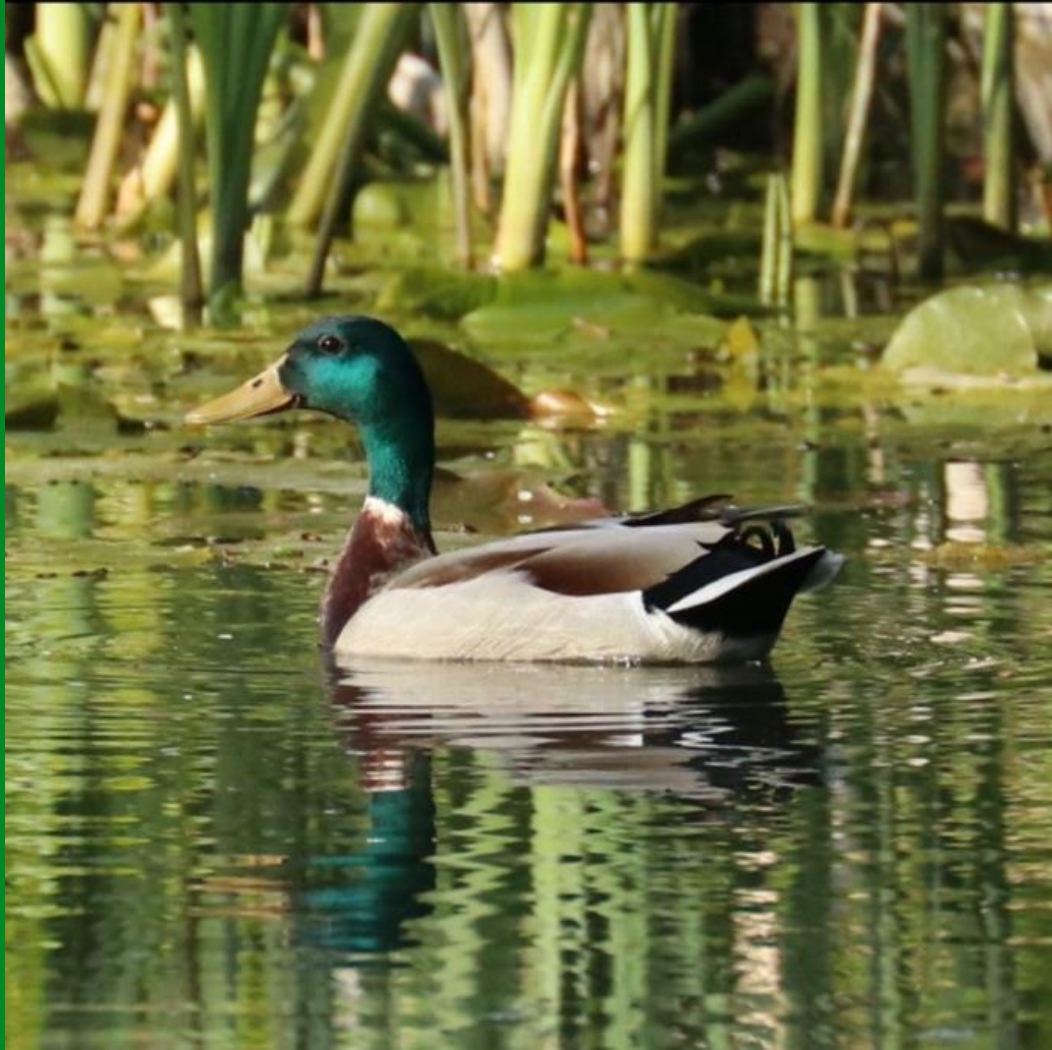


Brunby News - September



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September 2020

Welcome to the September eNewsletter

The months fly by, especially the summer ones, and even more so, it seems, when you need to produce a magazine at the end of them! Unfortunately the impact of the

pandemic on village life is still apparent and news and events sadly remain a little thin on the ground but, as you'll see below, there are some signs of things starting to ease.

Driving through our Villages

We like to potter about on our bikes. A few days ago, as we cycled in single file along towards Crown Corner, a car overtook us at speed, skimming just inches from us, on a completely blind bend. It was crazy driving. As we got further up the road there was the car, whole family emerging and taking their shopping indoors. Quite what urgency there was to save probably 20 seconds getting home that it warranted risking life and limb of all involved I'm not entirely sure. Perhaps they didn't want the frozen food to thaw? Later, on the way back another driver, again local, came towards us at full tilt down a single track road without making any concession whatever. We've cycled thousands of miles over the years, but these two events were as unpleasant as any. Surely it isn't that hard to show a few seconds worth of patience? On reflection, perhaps they just don't like the editing of the magazine...!

Brundish Pub Nights??

On the topic of village events, or rather the current lack of them in Brundish at least, I have been wondering about the suggestion floated around some time ago of holding a regular pub night at the village hall. It may seem rather bad timing at this precise moment, but such things take a while to get going, so maybe now is actually the time to think about it. I was thinking it could be a simple affair with a draught beer (there are ample ways of getting that in small quantities nowadays) wine and soft drinks. A pop up affair, as some other local villages have, with no physical changes necessary to the hall.

It would only work if people supported the idea, so I'd be really interested to hear some of your views, even better to hear from anyone who would be interested in trying to set something up as a trial at least. It would also be good to hear of any other ideas for events that could be held in the village. Any views could perhaps be aired in a letters page in this magazine (with the contributors consent). Please do let me have your views at the e-mail address below.

Best wishes

Neil

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Brundish Village Fete

Sadly our fete won't take place this year because of the uncertainty caused by coronavirus. However, we are now looking to start planning for a fete for 2021, with a view to probably holding it on the last weekend in June. If you have any comments on the timing, or any other aspect, please contact me.

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BRUNDISH FILMS RETURN!

We are very pleased to announce that films will be returning this autumn provided that the Covid-19 pandemic does not intervene. Most importantly **the intention is to show the films in Wilby Village Hall** as this will give us the opportunity to accommodate a larger audience than would be possible in Brundish. We are very grateful to Wilby Village Hall who have made their facilities available to enable the film programme to start again.



Timings will be the same with doors opening at 7pm with the actual film starting at 7.30pm and an interval at half time. Full bar facilities will be available, provided by Wilby Village Hall. Cash payments for tickets (£5 for adults, £4.50 for Under 18s) will be taken as usual at the door - to limit cash handling and it would be really helpful if the correct sum could be tendered.

The planned programme, reflecting preferences expressed by our regular audience, is:

- Thursday 8 October - *Harriet*
- Thursday 12 November - *1917*
- Thursday 10 December - *Singin' in the Rain*

Please note the following special measures:

Because of the coronavirus pandemic certain restrictions will be in place. The venue will be Covid proofed and users are asked to comply with the arrangements in place. This will involve the now customary use of hand sanitisers, social distancing of seating, floor markings, solitary use of toilets etc. Face coverings should be worn on

entering the hall and remain on other than for eating/drinking or for health/disability reasons. It is likely that audience numbers will have to be restricted to satisfy the social distancing rules. Therefore we must ask that **everyone wishing to attend reserve a place beforehand** by telephoning Priscilla Williamson on 01379 388034 or emailing priscillaawilliamson@gmail.com.

Poet's Corner

In my mask, the air is stale,
It billows out when I exhale,
Conversely though, when I
breathe in,
It cleaves itself around the chin.
Strive on, strive on, boffins
please,
In your sealed laboratories,
Find a vaccine, find it quick,
And in my arm, A needle stick.

Pam Ayres

<https://twitter.com/PamAyres>

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*'With all the new
restrictions I couldn't be
bothered to buy lunch.
I ate my face mask instead'*

From the Rector

Confirmation

Mei was a little Chinese girl, three-years-old, dark eyed with straight black hair. Her mother was put in prison for refusing to surrender her Christian faith (this was in the 1950s), Mei had to go with her as there was no-one to look after her. They were not allowed visitors and communion was not allowed by the guards. However there were still priests outside the prison and they used to send loaves of bread to the prisoners, hidden inside were consecrated wafers, and in this way the prisoners received communion.

One of the women was put into solitary confinement. Nobody was allowed to visit her, but the guards did not count Mei. So the little girl took the Blessed Sacrament to her, hidden in her closed fist held demurely in her sleeves. Later Mei's mother was released and returned with Mei to her village. There was still a foreign missionary priest there and Mei kept asking him to give her communion. She was still only four years old but she knew all about it, so the priest allowed her to make her first communion and a month later she was confirmed.



When the priest was finally expelled from China, he said goodbye sadly to Mei and her mother, and hoped they would be left alone. He never heard how they got on but he remembers how Mei said, "I'm not afraid - I've been confirmed."

Next year we are going to have a confirmation service in the benefice and will be starting confirmation classes in January. There will be ten sessions over the following five months with the hope of having the service on 16th May 2021. If you are over eleven (adult and child) next year and would like to be confirmed please let me know 01986 798136 or by email the parsnips@googlemail.com I will let you know when the first meeting is.

David



Saturday 12th September is the [Suffolk Churches Trust, Ride and Stride](#), sponsored bike ride or walk. All churches are participating and need your help. Please do speak to your local organiser. 50% of the proceeds goes to your church, 50% goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Be part of it and join in the fun!

Local organisers:

Brundish, Anne St Quinton, 01728 628309
 Wilby Mary Pipe, 01728 723443

Hello, yes it IS on again this year!!!

Lots of you have taken on cycling during lockdown, so perhaps you and your family would like to cycle or walk to our local churches?? It is an enjoyable way of helping our Brundish Church fund repairs.

Please ring me for the Sponsorship forms and I can drop them off to you. Should you wish to take part without the form, this year you are able to complete the register yourself, or simply take a photo of the church visited. I have a written 'guide' to explain the differences this year, due to the Covid virus effect, plus the late organisation. It is not difficult!!!!

**Anne St Quinton, Mill Cottage, Brundish IP13 8BB
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Church Services *Four Rivers Benefice*

SEPT 2020	6th	13th	20th	27th
	Trinity 13	Trinity 14	Trinity 15	Trinity 16
	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Genesis 50:15-21	Jonah 3:10-end 4	Ezekiel 33:7-11
	Romans 13:8-end	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-end	Philippians 1:21-end
	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16	Matthew 20:1-16
St Nicholas Bedfield	11am	10am		9am
	Holy Communion DB	Pet Service CS		Holy Communion DM
St Lawrence Brundish	9am	11am	6pm	11am
	Holy Communion BCP DB	Village Worship SA	Evensong CS	Holy Communion DM
St Mary Cratfield		6pm	9am	9am

		Evensong DB	Village Worship CM	Holy Com by ext
All Saints Laxfield		11am	9am HC DM	10am
		Holy Communion DB	6pm Hartismere Hse not starting yet	Family Se LE
St Peter Monk Soham		Not opening at the moment		
St Ethelbert Tannington		Services take place every 5th Sunday		
St Mary Wilby	9am Holy Communion DM	11am Village Worship SP	11am Morning Prayer SP	11am Village W SP
St Mary Worlingworth	11am Holy Communion DM	11am Let's Celebrate BS	11am Morning Prayer DM	11am Holy Com by ext M
Zoom Online Services				
	10am Holy Comm	3pm Family Service	10am Celtic Prayer	10am Holy Cor
Also Celtic Prayer - 7pm Weds, 9am Fridays				
To join us on Zoom services, email christinemsmart@aol.com AND on mcbop@btinternet.com and you will be sent details				
<i>Reverend David</i>				

Finding faith...

Whilst waiting for coffee to arrive, having enjoyed an excellent meal in Brundish Crown with my wife, I struck up a conversation with a couple sitting on a nearby table. After a few formalities the couple said that they had moved up to Suffolk from Cornwall for their retirement. "What was your job in Cornwall?" I asked.

By his weather beaten face, broad shoulders and massive arms and hands I was not that surprised when he told me he had lived by the sea! "I joined the Falmouth lifeboat crew at sixteen and stayed until I was sixty five, I was the coxswain for twenty five years". You must have many interesting tales and stories to tell I said. "Yes", he replied, "I have, of very dangerous rescues and a few tragic ones where lives were lost, I might write a book. But, you know, even now with greater technology and faster communications there's one thing that never changed!" I asked what he meant. He smiled, "I never pulled a non-believer out of the water - the longer they've been there, the greater their faith!"

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Wilby WI

Christmas 2020



Craft Fair

Sat 21st NOV - 2.00pm

Venue: tbc-Wilby

To book your Craft Stall

contact: Alison King

07711-281584 /

alisonemking@gmail.com

Local wildlife snaps

It's always nice to get some of your own pictures for the magazine...



Green Woodpecker with youngster - Photo courtesy of Lyn Edwards



Spotted in our garden earlier in the year - can anyone help identify what species it is..?

Support Brundish Church

You may not be aware that you can use a website called easyfundraising to help raise money for St Lawrence Church Brundish when shopping online at no cost to yourself.

easyfundraising turns your online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 4,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis, Argos, and Booking.com. Those retailers make a small donation each time to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising then pass us those free funds.

There's no catch, or hidden charges, and we will be really grateful for your support, especially in the current climate.

A few people are already registered and, to date, this has raised a total of £742.14 for the church. Why not join too? It really is simple and effective and totally cost free to you.

Please register using the button or link below – just click sign up

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencechurchb/?invite=1R98EU&referral-campaign=s2s>

Plus, once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 donation.

David Mulrenan

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