

St Mary's Wilby
St Lawrence's
Brundish



Parish
Newsletter

December 2012

1st Sunday	December Services in the Parishes		
December 2nd	First Sunday of Advent		
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13	8.00 Holy Communion	FN	Laxfield
Luke 21.25-36	9.45 Village Worship	Elder/FN	Cratfield
Psalm 25.1-9	9.45 Holy Communion*	RO	Tannington (with Bedfield)
	10.00 Family Communion	GN	Wingfield
	11.15 Morning Prayer	Elder	Syleham
	11.00 Morning Prayer*	Elder	Worlingworth
	11.00 Family Service	Elder	Monk Soham
	11.15 Holy Communion*	FN	Wilby
	15.30 Christingle Service	GN	Wingfield
	16.00 Songs of Praise for Advent	FN	Laxfield
	18.30 Evensong for Advent	FN	Brundish
2nd Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent		
December 9th	8.00 Holy Communion	FN	Wilby
Philippians 1.3-11	9.45 Village Worship	Elder	Brundish
Luke 3.1-6	9.45 Village Worship	FN	Wilby
Psalm: The Benedictus	11.00 Holy Communion	FN	Wingfield
	11.15 Holy Communion	GN	Laxfield
	15.30 Tree Festival & Carol Service	GN	Worlingworth
	16.00 Christingle	FN	Laxfield
	18.3 Carol Service	FN	Cratfield
3rd Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent		
December 16th	8.00 Holy Communion	FN	Laxfield
Philippians 4.4-7	10.00 Village Service	FN or Elder	Syleham
Luke 3. 7-18	11.15 Morning Prayer	Elder	Wilby
Psalm 146.4-end	11.15 Holy Communion	RO	Cratfield
	15.00 <i>Carol Service</i>	RO	<i>Monk Soham</i>
	16.00 Carol Service	FN	Wingfield
	18.30 Evensong* in Hartismere House	RO	Laxfield
4th Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent		
December 23rd	8.00 Holy Communion	FN	Cratfield
Micah 5.2-5a	9.45 Village Worship	FN	Laxfield
Luke 1. 39-55	10 Family Service	Elder	Wingfield
Psalm 80.1-8	10.30 Carol Service	GN	Bedfield (with Tannington)
	11.00 Carol Service	FN	Syleham
	18.30 Carol Service	FN	Wilby
December 24th	Christmas Eve		
Isaiah 52.7-10	15.00 Crib Service	GN	Worlingworth
John 1.1-14	16.00 Carol Service	FN	Laxfield
	18.30 Carols by Candlelight	FN	Brundish
	23.30 Holy Communion	FN	Brundish
	23.30 Holy Communion	AV	Wingfield
	23.30 <i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>RO</i>	<i>Worlingworth</i>
December 25th	Christmas Day		
Isaiah 9.2-7	9.00 Holy Communion*	FN	Syleham
Luke 2.1-14	9.15 Family Service & Holy Communion LD	RO	Laxfield
	10.30 Family Service	RO	Cratfield
	10.30 Christmas Communion	GN	Monk Soham
	10.30 Family Service & Holy Communion LD	FN	Wilby
	10.30 Family Service	Elder	Wingfield
5th Sunday	First Sunday of Christmas		
December 30th	8.00 Holy Communion	RO	Laxfield
Colossians 3.12-17	10.30 Benefice Service	GN	Worlingworth
Luke 2.41-end	10.30 Benefice Village Service	RO	Wilby
Psalm 148	(Benefice Service in Wingfield)		

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Dear Friends

A Child is born. But that's not where I want to start.

We were recently in the far north west of Scotland, in the hamlet of Arnisdale. We had just had a good walk through the woods along the side of the loch. The single track road finishes here. There is nothing else. *"Ring for tea"* said the sign in the Tea Hut. And Sheena came. Three generations have lived in her tiny stone cottage. Her tea and home-made scones were delicious. The rain lashed outside (and in through the two open doors), but we were secure in her company. Ten miles towards civilisation at Glenelg, the shop owner drives each morning for 20 miles for the papers. To our astonished looks, he responded simply, *"people cannot do wi'out their paper"*.

A Child is born. He was born at the hub of the then world, where news would travel fastest. God's grace was extraordinary. He gave us not passing tea and scones, but the exemplary life to follow. A life force that is always present, whether we notice or not. A life that encountered as much tragedy as ours, but mostly more. A life that, again and again, showed us how to deal with all the lashings of wind and rain our lives throw at us. As our world darkens into winter, let us look into our own darkness too, 'press the bell for tea' and prepare to

Newsletter Thanks from Fiona

HUGE thanks to the folk who produce the parish newsletters, and to those who come to the vicarage and photocopy and then deliver them. They are a vital part of the threads of communication that hold our communities together. Thanks, too, to Adam Ward who is quick to give help with the photocopier when needed, with a large dose of humour.

Regular events . . .

Drop in for free tea and cakes, and a chat with friends and neighbours at
Wilby Church, 1st Wednesday of the month, 2.30pm All very welcome

GROUP FOR THE BEREAVED
Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the death of a loved one?

We find it helps to share deep things in private with those who understand.

Wednesday, Dec 19th
4-5.15pm at the Vicarage

Holy Communion at Hartismere House, 10am Thurs, Dec, 27th
Do join us

Christian Meditation
Spiritual Peace
Thurs, December 13th,
7.45-8.45pm
At the Vicarage

Tiddlers and Toddlers
Bring your parents or carers to
Drop In at the vicarage between 10-12, first Thursday each month

Books!
At the back of Laxfield Church are loads of good books of all types. They can easily be borrowed and returned, or bought, and a contribution placed in the box near the door.

I danced in the Morning...
This course has been designed to deepen our knowledge of the Christian faith, and is held on Wednesdays at Brundish Village Hall between 7.30-9pm. It has been devised by our own priests, and is led by them, and also by the Revd Canon Dr John Parr and Canon Andrew Vessey

DROP IN FOR COFFEE
Wingfield Church,
Last Thursday, 10-12noon
All welcome!

MEN'S GROUP
Tuesdays 7-9, The Low House
Friendly, informal and lively chat, sometimes from a Christian angle. Contact Ron Orams for more details on 01986 798901

BOOKBAG
Tues, 22nd January at the Vicarage

Remarkable Creatures
By Tracey Chevalier

Thursday Group
Discussion Group at the home of the Revd Ron Orams
3rd Thursday of every month
7.30-9.30pm. All welcome!

The Piano Workshop
Wed, 5th Dec, 11am



Welcome to the first
Brundish Coffee Shop

**13th December 2012
10am to 12 noon
at Brundish Village Hall**

**Ward off winter chill with
lovely latte, or a cuppa
cappuccino
(Coffee supplied by
The Suffolk Coffee Company)**

**Take the weight off your feet. Come and
chat with friends and buy local produce**

A morning not to be missed!



NEWS FROM WILBY

Lesson Readers in December

December 2nd Ian Williamson 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13 Luke 21. 25-36

December 16th Jackie Bakewell Philippians 4. 4-7 Luke 3. 7-18

From the Register

October 14th Baptism of Nicholas James Barber and Francesca Ann Barber

Wilby Village Diary

Thurs, 6th Dec, 7 for 7.30pm	“The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel”, Brundish Film Night
Thurs, 13th Dec, 10-12noon	Brundish Coffee Shop, Village Hall
Sun, 23rd Dec, 6.30pm	Carol Service at St Mary’s Church
25th Dec, 10.30am	Family Service and Holy Communion
Thurs, 27th Dec, 2.30pm	Christmas Family Cinema, ‘The Pirates! An Adventure with Scientists’. Brundish Hall
Sun, 30th Dec, 10.30am	Village Benefice Service

News from the Parish Council

The Parish Council held its regular monthly meeting on 7th November 2012, the main business being concerned with planning issues.

New Planning Applications

The Council supported, by a majority, a revised planning application for a change of use of the barn at Old Church Cottage including shared access from the main road. Council also supported a minor change to an agreed planning consent at Moat Farm.

Church Close Development

The Planning Officer with representatives from the Housing Department, Orwell Housing Association, their Architects and the District Councillor held an informal meeting with the Parish Council on 31st October 2012 to discuss the proposed Church Close development. The developer is willing to make a number of changes to the proposed scheme to take account of many of the comments made previously by the Parish Council. In particular these include improved access to the existing Church Close properties

and more car parking, retaining the option of pedestrian access to the churchyard and re-siting the proposed dwellings to increase the distance from existing boundaries resulting in a smaller area of common public space in the centre of the development. The detailed design of the houses remains work in progress. The proposal still includes ten houses as this was considered necessary by the developer given the very large District Council waiting list for affordable homes and the importance of making best use of the available sites. The proximity of Stradbroke was deemed to compensate for the lack of amenities and facilities in Wilby. Tenants for the houses would first be drawn from Wilby and surrounding villages consistent with the District Council's waiting list and housing allocation system.

The above was reported publicly at the Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council will now work with the other parties concerned aiming to achieve a revised proposal that will be appropriate for the site and the village. The points and concerns raised so far by parishioners will be made clear to the developer and it is hoped that many of these can be resolved. The Parish Council and residents will have the opportunity to comment on the new planning application in the normal way when it is submitted.

Police Report

The Police had recorded two cases of burglary in Wilby in the past month: a lawnmower stolen in Russell's Green and a ladder stolen in Worlingworth Road. The Police strongly recommended a number of common sense precautions to prevent theft and unauthorised access, such as keeping sheds and garages locked when not in use, keeping houses locked and keys out of sight, locking cars etc. etc.

Meetings Schedule

The Council agreed to move on to a schedule of meetings in alternative months (excluding August and December) in 2013 ie January, March, May, July, September and November. Special meetings would be called as necessary to deal with planning applications or other essential business which could not be dealt with at a routine meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th December 2012 at which the budget for 2013-14 will be considered. All are welcome to attend.

THE PIRATES ARE COMING TO BRUNDISH



A Special Christmas Film Show for Children

Brundish Village Hall

2 pm for 2.30 pm

Thursday 27 December

Tickets: Children £2 Parents £3

From Priscilla Williamson - 01379 388034

Refreshments!

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Christmas Services at Wilby

Our Carol Service this year takes place on Sunday December 23rd at 6.30pm. As usual this will be a candlelit service, and mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards. On Christmas Day our service will be at 10.30am and it will be a Family Service and Holy Communion. On December 30th there will be a Village Benefice service at 10.30am.

Wilby Coronation Hall Annual General Meeting

At the 57th AGM of the Coronation Hall on 25th October, members of the Committee were thanked for conscientiously doing the various tasks they had undertaken to make sure the hall was well looked after throughout the year. All the work was done voluntarily.

It was reported that many popular new drinks are now sold in the bar. Dancing is no longer held every Saturday, so it is necessary to ring Gwen to see when the hall is available for use.

Different people have collected estimates for improving the hall, grounds and solar panels for the roof to hand to Tom Barker (Mid Suffolk) and Ian Williamson who are going to guide us.

The committee looked back to the planning of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations which began in the school, made available by head teacher, Philippa Nunn. A committee was formed, and people were asked to volunteer to be on it.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations started with a church service led by Canon Fiona Newton. Marian Ward, Ian Williamson and Barbara Barker read the lessons. In the churchyard, Fred Dupuy organised the planting of an oak tree by the oldest inhabitant of the village, 98 years old Louisa Baker. Partying continued in our Jubilee Hall, and no fee was charged for its use. It was a wonderful occasion, free to all in the village who wanted to come to eat hog roast and tasty food, play games, enter a fancy dress competition, watch the Royal Pageant on TV, dance to a jazz band and chat. One thing could have improved it---the sun---it did not shine!

Brian Jaquest's exhibition of local people and their homes was a real success and was left in place on the outside walls of the hall until the beginning of Autumn. Passers-by stopped and people, who heard by word of mouth, came to look. It was a real magnet.

Penny Dupuy and Amanda Day organised a fascinating exhibition inside the hall. It was brilliant and depicted Wilby village in the past. There were only a few days when people could visit it because the hall was needed for other things.

A time capsule has been stored away for years to come. How will things have changed when it is opened! Thank you to everyone involved with that grand and happy event.

The new village lunches have proved to be a popular idea. The hall can now also accommodate an emergency rest centre if required.

Mrs B. Barker (Treasurer) retired from the committee due to family commitments. Everyone thanked her for seven years of outstanding service.

The new hall committee comprises of :-

Ex officio member--- Canon Fiona Newton

Chairman--- Marian Ward

Vice Chairman---Debbie Griffiths

Treasurer.--- Carol Cropley

Minutes Secretary—Justine Barber and Gina Ward

Dance Booking Officer—Gwen Warne

School – Philippa Nunn and Todd Strehlow

Parish Council – Matthew Stanford

W.I. – Carol Cropley

Village Representatives Elected Members--- Tim Askew, Kenny

Mutimer , Nick and Stephanie Hopkins, Victor Warne and Leslie Cropley

Caretaker—Gwen Warne.

Non Committee Posts- Designated Premises Supervisor--- Victor Warne
(Licensee)

Cleaner --- Lydia Bukachi

PLEASE DO TALK TO A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE IF YOU
WISH TO HELP OR HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS

Since my writing the above report Peter Moss has died. We, the village, owe him so much. He helped run the hall and will be greatly missed. The Hall Committee wishes to tell his family how highly he was regarded, and to thank them for all he did.

Marian Ward 01379 384 358

Peter Moss

The news of the sudden death of Wilby resident Peter Moss on the night of November 17th at the untimely age of 69 was greeted with shock and deep sadness by everyone who knew him. Peter was a very well respected and liked member of the village, and was involved in many activities holding key posts in Wilby. A prayer service held at St Mary's Church by the Rev Canon Fiona Newton was well attended, as was his funeral at the Church on Wednesday, 28th November. A full obituary will appear in the January edition of the newsletter.

RBL Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the house-to-house collections this year. The sum of £534.82 was raised.

Volunteers Wanted

Jackie, Sheila, Mary and Alex have been hosting the monthly Drop In at St Mary's Church for over six years now. It has proved to be a popular gathering for Wilby residents and visitors alike – a chance to catch up, an opportunity to meet new people, to enjoy tea or coffee with a variety of delicious cakes. Now for various reasons they are unable to continue to host it every month. If you would like it to carry on and feel that you could spare some time once a month to help out and/or bake cakes please contact Alex on 01379 384010.

St Mary's Church Fund Raising Committee is also looking for volunteers to help organise and run the various events held during the year. If you would like to join this band of enthusiasts please ring Alex 01379 384010.

Jumble Sale

The Jumble Sale on November 17th was a great success. It was an opportunity to find a real bargain, and enjoy coffee and cake or a bacon butty. Our thanks go to Tracey Russell who organised the event and all her helpers who worked so hard to make it such a success, as well as those who donated items for sale. A total of £530 has been raised so far.

Wingfield and District Gardening Club

The Gardening Club's Christmas Party will be held at the De la Pole Arms, Wingfield on 13th December at 7.30. Tickets are £5 for members, and £8 for non-members, including the first drink. If we are really lucky Graham will produce one of his never-to-be-forgotten quizzes.

What's on at Wilby Coronation Hall

Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am Pilates

Mondays, 7pm - 8pm Zumba

Mondays, 8.15pm - 10.15pm Informal Sequence Dance Practice

Non dancers and newcomers welcome*

Wednesday, 5th December, 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

3rd Thursday, 7.30pm Wilby WI. New members welcome.

Fridays, 7th & 14th:- 6.30pm Dance Practice with Niall

Sat 8th, 8pm Social Dance, Alan Jones*

Sat 15th, 8pm Social Dance, Pat & Dave*

Sat 22nd, 8pm Social Dance, Pete's Melodies*

Sat 29th, 8pm Social Dance, Pete's Melodies*

* In aid of the Coronation Hall. A Social Dance is a mix of Ballroom, Latin and Sequence dance dependent on what dancers want!

Bookings Clerk : Gwen Warne - Tel. 01728 638357 or 07766 627734

Wilby WI

Sixteen members and one guest attended the November meeting which was also the AGM. The evening started with Brian Coulson explaining how he grows dahlias to show standard, for which he wins many prizes, growing 60 varieties in all. He also gave us tips on how to grow them in pots for our patios. We can only try!

Nominations for a president and committee for the next year were asked for. Members felt that as president Mary Ellis and her committee had done such a good job last year they were voted back in again.

Our darts team, who had played Stoke Ash, have done very well with the 'A' team winning both their games and the 'B' team winning one of theirs. Two more teams to go!

Most of our members will be going to Brundish Crown for our Christmas meal on 6th December, always a good evening.

We are looking for new members, so why not come along to Wilby Coronation Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm as a guest and see what we do? We are a friendly bunch, and there's always lots of laughter and chatter. We have members not just from Wilby but also Saxtead, Framlingham, Brundish, Fressingfield, Horham and Stradbroke, a very good blend. Nancy Morton

Christmas Party/House Warming

Steve and Sally Lee and David and Margaret Streeter invite you to a House (not quite finished!) Warming at Doggetts Farm, New Street, Stradbroke on Saturday, 29th December, from 12 to 4pm. Those interested in this lovely old house, which will soon be the new home of Stradbroke's former vicar, are very welcome to come and have a look around, and consume some seasonal refreshments. Donations, please, to Wilby and Stradbroke Churches. Please note young children will need to be accompanied as there will probably be building materials etc on site.

Re-Organisation of parishes

At the time of writing, the Hearing of the Church Commissioners found that the Scheme put forward by the Bishop was upheld, and subject to any decision to appeal, means that the Scheme may go forward. This means that the re-organisation of parishes may take place. Fiona

Archbishop of Canterbury

The new Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Reverend Justin Welby knows Suffolk! When we were away, he and his family used our vicarage for a brief stay. We had told them about the Thursday fish and chips – but they arrived as the van was driving away. However, the village shop came to the rescue! When Justin was rector of Southam, I was fortunate enough to be his curate – so he trained me! He works tremendously hard – we used to pray each morning at 7am with others who came, and he had clearly been up way before that. He deeply respects all 'shades' of Christians. His work before ordination was as financial director of an oil company. And he has a wonderful sense of the ridiculous. We shall be led and served by an outstanding and inspiring Archbishop of Canterbury.

Separate Tables?

Has anyone got a light table that could be given to Brundish church to hold lots of food when we have various celebrations? It needs to collapse easily to store in the tower. Please ring John Graham on 01379 384444.

NEWS FROM BRUNDISH

Lesson Readers in December

9th Dec Gill and Robin Self 1 Phillippians 3 - 11 Luke 3, 2.- 6

Brundish Village Diary

Sat, 1st Dec, 2.30pm	Brundish Christmas Fair 2012. Village Hall
Sun, 2th Dec, 6.30pm	Candlelit Advent Carol Service
Thurs, 6th Dec, 7 for 7.30pm	"The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel", Brundish Film
Sun, 9th Dec, 9.45am	Village Worship
Thurs, 13th Dec, 10-12noon	Brundish Coffee Shop, Village Hall
Thurs, 20th Dec, 8pm	Carols at the Brundish Crown
Mon, 24th Dec, 6.30pm	Christmas Carols & The Nativity by Candlelight
Mon, 24th Dec, 11.30pm	Christmas Midnight Communion
Thurs, 27th Dec, 2.30pm	Christmas Family Cinema, The Pirates! An Adventure with Scientists. Brundish Hall

Candlelit Advent Carol Service

The Benefice Choir will feature in this poignant service of anticipation in our beautiful candlelit church, on Sunday, 2nd December at 6.30pm. Along with the seasonal Advent carols for us all to sing, there will be, amongst other things, a performance of the Magnificat by Giovanni Pergolesi, a celebrated Italian composer who only lived until his late twenties, but wrote, in his short life, some fine pieces. Last year's service was very popular as will be this one. We hope you can fill the church to capacity. Please come. As always you will be most welcome.

Brundish Christmas Cards

Celia Drakard has a lovely range of Christmas cards featuring Brundish Church available as of now. All money raised will be generously donated to St. Lawrence's by Celia so please give her a call to order as many as you need. Her number is 01728 628398. Alternatively, they will be available at Brundish Christmas Fair.



Brundish Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st December

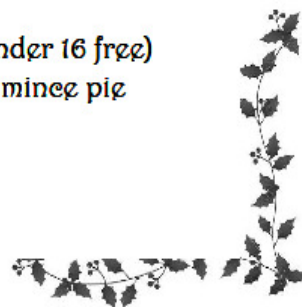
2.30 pm

Brundish Village Hall



Fun and Games! Grand Draw! Tombolas!
Yummy Home Produce! Delicious Refreshments!
Fair Trade! Crafts!
Festive Fun for all the Family!

Admission £1
(Accompanied children under 16 free)
Includes tea/coffee and mince pie



Christmas Carols and The Nativity by Candlelight

Last year's service brought in the biggest congregation for over sixty years. 176 people plus two dogs! For those who attend this sacred space throughout the year the sight was overwhelming and quite unforgettable. It just goes to prove that in the hurly-burly of today's world, far from being forgotten, the Christmas message is as important today as it ever was. We hope to repeat the telling of the Nativity again, but maybe slightly differently this year. There is simply no place to match Brundish Church on Christmas Eve so come early to get a comfortable seat (!) and join us as the greatest story ever told unfolds on this holiest of evenings, at 6.30pm. Please don't miss it. The welcome will be as warm as ever.

Brundish Christmas Fair 2012

This is just a last reminder not to forget this warm-hearted annual event on Saturday, 1st December at 2.30pm—a must in the social whirl of our community! All the regular games and stalls will be there, and it always kicks off the festive season in Brundish so well. There will be mulled wine and mince pies, teas/coffee/juice, a grand raffle with some excellent prizes this year, a cake raffle, two tombolas, home produce, a Fairtrade stall, Christmas craft stalls, Brundish Christmas Cards, a roast chestnut stall, Lane Farm produce stall, framed and unframed local photographs and greetings cards, plus games, prizes and a visit from “Father Christmas!”. Yes he's back! Not in his spectacular grotto this year because he complains he can't see everyone in there. Grumpy old Santa! Admission is £1 per adult to include a cup of tea/coffee/juice and a mince pie. Anyone under the age of 16 will be admitted free. Can you help this year with some of the work needed to organize this event? Would you bake some cakes or donate some home produce? Can you donate a prize for the Grand Raffle, Tombola, or Children's Tombola. Will you come along and support the fund-raising for our much-loved church? If you think you can do any of these things, please contact David on 01728 628063 or Amanda on 01379 388884. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there on the day.

Folk at The Crown

No Shipshape this month. They will be back at The Crown on Sunday, 27th January at 2pm.

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Welcome to Brundish

A warm welcome to John Cleary, who has recently relocated his Vintage Ranges cooker company to Manor Barns. We wish John great happiness here and the best of success with his business. Last month we welcomed a family to the former home of Geoffrey and Dennis Scales in Crown Corner. We now know that they are Lindsey Phillipson and her three children Charlotte, Lily and Oliver, formerly of Rectory Cottages, Wilby. Welcome to you all!



Christmas Carols
and the Nativity
by Candlelight
at Brundish Church

6.30pm, Christmas Eve

Your favourite carols and readings plus
the greatest story ever told

Come and join us and celebrate the start
of Christmas
in the best way possible

Everyone warmly welcome

Brundish Coffee Morning

With a desire to use our lovely village hall much more, we are going to organise a monthly coffee shop, starting on Thursday, 13th December from 10-12am. We intend to offer a range of lovely things to eat, to drink and to purchase, all of which are made and/or supplied by local people/companies. Choose from a tempting cake to a range of freshly brewed coffees supplied by The Suffolk Coffee Company which will help the chatter with friends to flow as you take the opportunity to catch up with one another. Bring a book to read while you enjoy your coffee or alternatively exchange it at the 'book exchange' table. For those of you wishing to catch up 'on line', courtesy of BTC, we are also able to offer wireless broadband, so bring your smart phone, ipad or laptop – what more could you ask! We hope to sell bread, eggs, cakes, coffee and Lane Farm Foods, in fact anything you feel will be useful and locally sourced. So come and join us, bring your friends, and enjoy our lovely village hall.

Carols at The Crown

Our much-loved old pub will be full of the joys of Christmas on Thursday, 20th December at 8pm as hosts, Lesley and Mario Balshaw, invite you to come down to your local to sing all your favourite carols with the words provided by the church. There will be plenty of lubrication available (and needed!), you can be sure! Last year's occasion was lovely. Don't miss it!

Well protected Bishop!

It was wonderful to be able to welcome The Right Reverend Clive Young, Bishop of Dunwich, to Brundish in late October for a Benefice Service. For such a simple, rural church St Lawrence's lends itself magnificently to the big occasion. When the Bishop visits it is customary for the churchwardens to guard and protect him "armed" with their ceremonial staffs. Brundish's staffs, carried by Mig Bacon and John Graham, were gifted to the church by the Social Club Carol Singers (what happened to them?) in 1962 in memory of Cyril Cracknell. It was good to see them used as they were intended and we hope that Cyril's family would have been proud. One staff from another parish, orb-shaped at the top, was noted to have a dent in it! It was thought that someone must have offended one of Bishop Clive's predecessors!!



Benefice Christmas
Communion

Brundish Church
11.30pm
Christmas Eve

Everyone is welcome

RBL Poppy Appeal

Brundish's RBL Poppy Appeal collection last month was £216 in total comprising of £193 from the "door to door" amount and £23 from the box at The Crown. Many thanks to our village co-ordinator Diane Palmer, to Lesley and Mario and to everyone who made a donation.

Etheridge Nurseries

We are most indebted to Penny and Roger Wint who generously donate Christmas trees to the village hall. Do remember them when buying your Christmas trees and holly wreaths this year. They will have plenty in stock. You will find them at Laxfield Road (B1116), Stradbroke IP21 5NJ or on the following numbers: 01379 384204 or 07881144140.

Another Lottery Grant for Brundish!

The Village Hall are delighted to announce that they have been successful in obtaining a further grant from the Big Lottery Fund amounting to £4,989. The grant will be used to replace the existing chairs in the hall and to refurbish the kitchen, providing a new cooker, storage etc. These improvements will greatly enhance the appeal of the hall as a venue for events, ensuring that users are seated much more comfortably (!) and with a kitchen to provide a range of refreshments and meals to support events. No more carrying in of hot dishes for harvest suppers etc cooked at home! The Village Hall Management Committee is most grateful to the Big Lottery Fund for their support which, including the new audio-visual equipment, now totals £9,899 from the Community Fund.

Help Please – Let Me Borrow Your Garden!!!

Last year people in Brundish and Wilby opened their gardens to raise money for charity as well as for the pleasure of others. I really enjoyed it and would like to arrange something similar for next summer. If you have a garden, any shape or size and at any stage of development, please would you let me include it. It would be interesting if people could also take photos of their gardens over the coming months as well. I have several ideas of how to make the open day interesting, sociable and fun for everyone, but first I need your garden!! **Alison Hosford 01379384329**



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Cats and Kittens

I

I was both moved and shocked at the account of the abandoned kittens and strangled cat in last month's newsletter. It is so sad that such cases of animal cruelty exist. Only last year I witnessed animal cruelty of a different kind, the neglect of the owner to feed and care for their pet. It was only when I buried the poor soul did I realise that he'd been starved. I felt terrible for minding my own business and being polite when I could have done something to save him. There are so many animal charities who are not judgemental, who just want what is best for the animal, so there is no excuse to dump or neglect your pet. On the other hand, animal rights do not seem to apply to foxes. I keep chickens so I fear the visit by a fox more than most and have spent a fortune on fencing to keep them out. However, last spring I found a bitch who had been shot one rainy night. She had run off to find shelter where she died in the tumbledown building at the rear of our cottage. I suppose I was naive to think that when a fox is shot it is killed instantly. Her teats were swollen suggesting milk, so she had cubs too. I saw the pain in her face, frozen in death. As I buried her I thought no fellow creature deserves such an end. This was not a one off as only a few weeks later I saw another fox which had been shot and had curled up to die in a ditch. And their persecution is in the name of Tradition, to protect the landowners' game so that they can receive the same fate. Or is this just an excuse to be acceptably murderous to another creature which has just as much right to be here as us. **Sherie Brinkley**

II

I was very disappointed to read the almost vitriolic comment on the sad event of the cat and kittens left in Wilby. Does the author really believe that the person who found themselves in that situation really didn't care about the cat and kittens. They could have done many cruel and unkind things instead of hoping you would find them and help. They could have been left in knotted black bin bags by a flyover; suffocated in a wheelie bin in a car park; left in a sealed cardboard box with the rubbish at the side of the road; drowned; burned alive; put in a room with a starved bull terrier; had lighted fireworks tied to them; or much worse....Life doesn't always do what you want it to do and isn't always easy, so most people do the best they can, which I am sure the person who left the cat family was trying to do. It's a shame that 'name and address withheld' from Wilby finds that hard to grasp! **Mrs A Hosford, Brundish**

Controlling the Cat Population Humanely

Animal rescue charities are reporting record high numbers of abandoned and unwanted cats as harsh economic conditions continue. Responsible pet ownership involves the prevention of unwanted litters by neutering all animals from an early age. A number of national charities offer help with the cost of neutering for pet owners on low incomes (proof of this may be required). For more information on these contact:

Cats Protection: 03000 12 12 12, press 3 for neutering; or www.cats.org.uk; or email neutering@cats.org.uk

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Sue Dickinson

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Village Hall - www.onesuffolk.co.uk/brundishvillagehall
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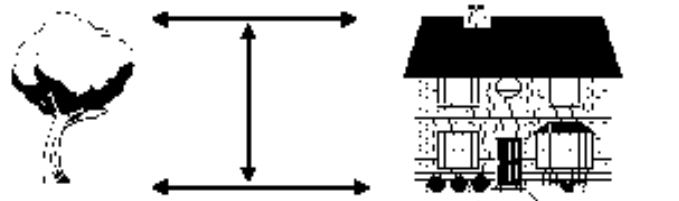
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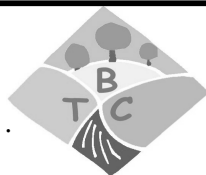
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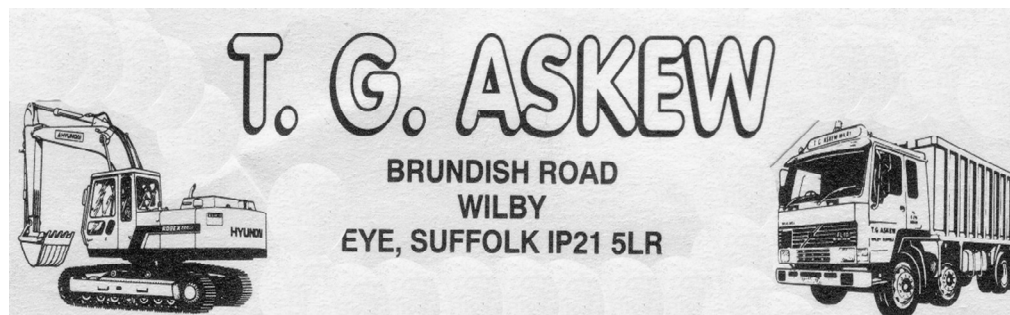


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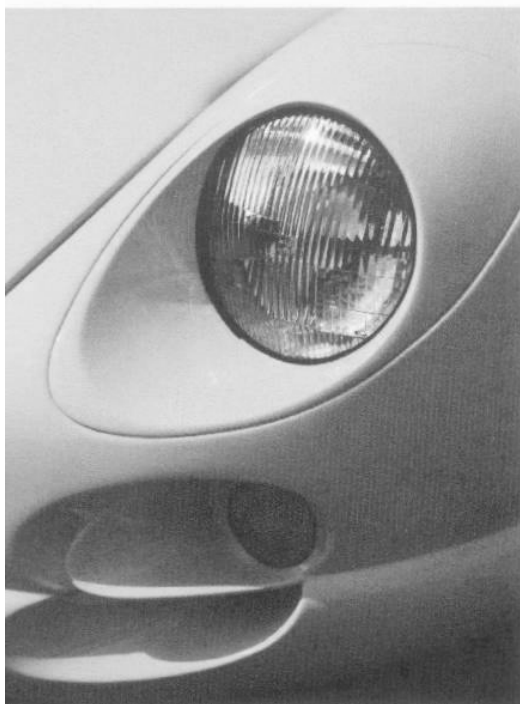
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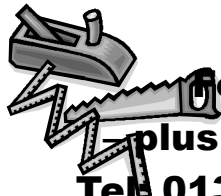
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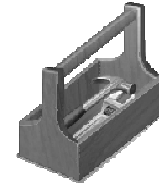
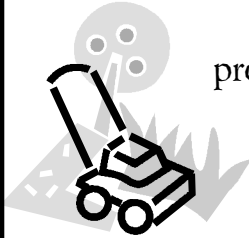
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