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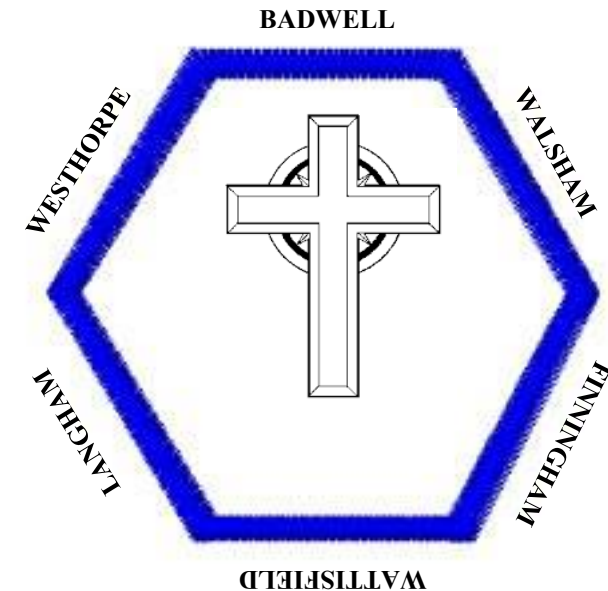
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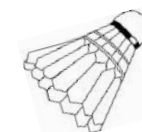
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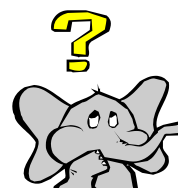
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Then you may count that day well spent.*

*But if, through all the live-long day,
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BADWELL ASH

Friday 14th April, **Easter Egg Hunt**, from Badwell Ash to Langham Church. 10am. Free Easter Egg for all children. Dog walkers also welcome. ***

Saturday 22nd April, **St George's Day Race Night**, Village Hall, 7.30pm. ***

Saturday 29th April, **History Day and Clock Exhibition**, St Mary's Church. 10am-4.30pm. With Walsham Bell Ringers.

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May, **Art Exhibition**, St Mary's Church. 10.30am—4.30pm.

Saturday 13th May, **Jumble Sale**, 2pm. Village Hall, 30p entry. Refreshments, raffle and tombola. Proceeds to Silver Ash Club.

Saturday 24th June, **Village Fun Day**, Village Playing Field. 2pm. ***
ALSO Keep your eyes out for a poster advertising a **Coffee Morning** on a Saturday in May, date TBC.

FINNINGHAM

Saturday 29th April—Monday 1st May, “**Glory of the Garden**” **Annual Flower Festival**. ***

LANGHAM

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WATTISFIELD

Saturday 15th April, **Jumble Sale**, Community Centre, 10am—12 noon, donations welcome—please leave jumble in porch.

Saturday 22nd April, **Car boot/ table top sale**, 10am—12 noon, Village Hall.

Sunday 30th April, **Village Litter Pick**, 10am—12 noon, from Village Hall.

Sunday 6th May, **Quiz Night**, 7.30pm, Community Centre. ***

Saturday 20th May, **Car boot/ table top sale**, 10am—12 noon, Village Hall.

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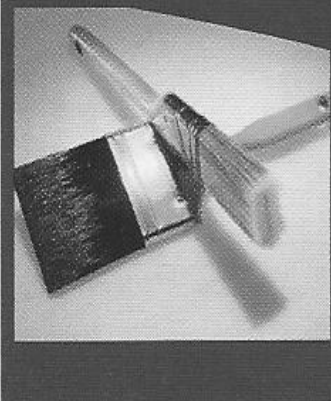
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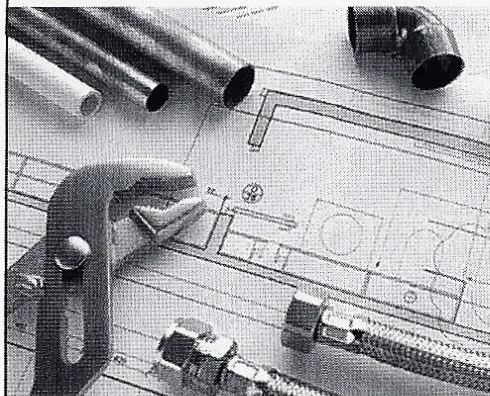
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The early church goes on with the story, so that we have Mary's response to the archangel's announcement (Luke 1.46). In Latin it begins with the word 'Magnificat', which was in its turn a translation from Luke's original Greek: 'megalunei'. This meant something like 'shout it out loud!' It calls to mind a modern Rock Group rather than the chaste tones of choral evensong in an Anglican cathedral. We often gloss over the starkness of what this Nazareth girl meant. Coming from the north of Israel, believed to be an area of social deprivation, Mary says that God is turning things upside down. The rich can no longer be sure of their privileged position. Mary's original words were translated as: 'he hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent, empty, away.' This is not the outpouring of a modern political rabble-rouser; these are words from a 2,000 year-old gospel.

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Q. How does the Easter bunny keep his fur neat?

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Q. What do rabbits do after their weddings?

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Q. What do you call a stupid bunny?

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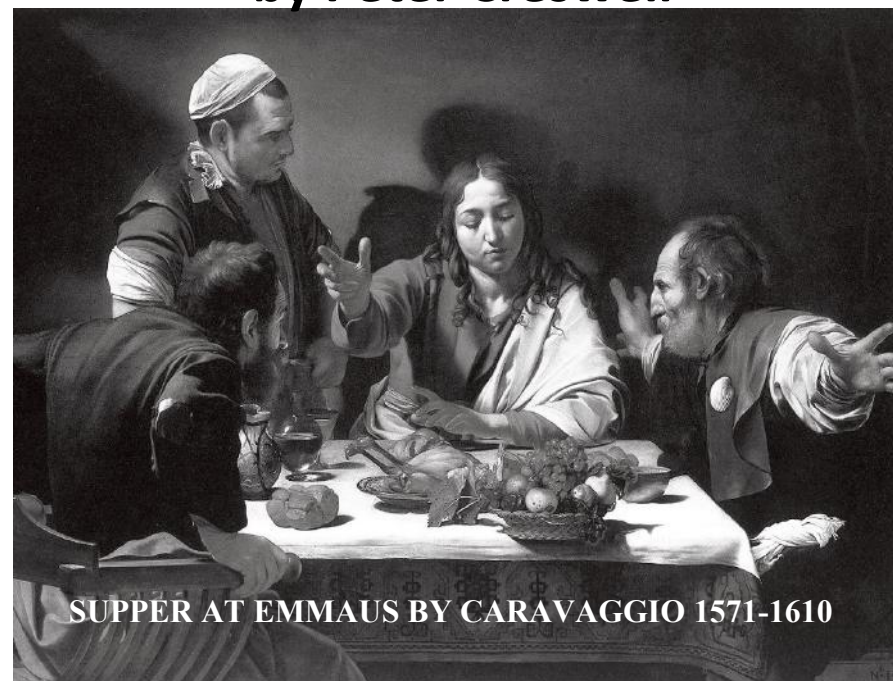
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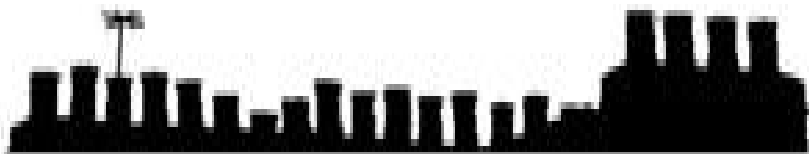
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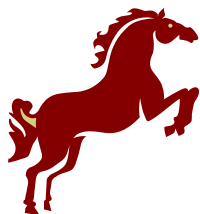
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St Mary's Church Badwell Ash Clock Restoration Update



The restoration of the clock funded by The Heritage Lottery Fund is continuing apace. The fully restored and re-gilded clock face was put back on the church just before Christmas and the Turret Clock itself should be back in the church within the next few weeks. Haward Horological, the clock restorers who are undertaking the work, will also be installing a self-winding mechanism and a night silencing gizmo that will prevent the clock from chiming during the night. As far as we're aware, once the clock has been restored this will be the first time in over 40 years that the village will be able to hear the hourly chimes which will be struck on the C16 tenor bell in the belfry.



To celebrate the restoration of the clock, the Badwell Ash History Society in association with the Parochial Church Council, are going to be holding a grand opening and **History Exhibition** on **Saturday April 29th**. The Exhibition will include displays about the clock and its history along with the on-going research that the History Society are currently undertaking about your village and, back by popular demand, the Recorder Books of the village history in the 60s, 70s, 80s and later. Please make a note in your diary!

St Mary's Church – The Churchyard

The churchyard, the area surrounding the church, was closed for burials in 1990, as there was no more space. Only cremation memorials are now allowed to be placed there. For the last 25 years, the maintenance of the churchyard and the cutting of the grass has been the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council with ad hoc financial assistance from the Parish Council. Late last year the Parochial Church Council decided that this arrangement should be put on a more formal footing and put in place a legal arrangement whereby the maintenance was formerly transferred to The Parish Council. At their meeting in January, The Parish Council resolved to transfer this responsibility to Mid-Suffolk Council.

AN ORGANISED CYCLE RIDE

Those of you who were lucky enough to attend the Epiphany Singers concert in January, and those who are assiduous readers of The Walsham Observer, will have been made aware that Ian 'Red Sox' Toulson is about to undertake another of his long distance cycle rides for charity. This time he is hoping to raise money for St Mary's Church Walsham. Seventy-five percent of the money raised will be going to The Organ Fund and the remainder to the Fabric Fund.

If you would like to sponsor this act of pedalling lunacy, taking in a number of Cathedrals in England Wales and Scotland whilst covering a distance of some 2,500 miles, then please complete the sponsor form below and drop it in the Cycle Ride box in Rolfes of Walsham. If you do not wish to despoil your copy of the magazine then you can pick up a sponsor form at Rolfes, or even scan your completed form and email it to Ian at landmj@tiscali.co.uk Ian will contact all sponsors on his return.

All expenses, for the ride and its promotion, are being met from Ian's own pocket - although a number of kind friends are providing him with overnight accommodation where his route miraculously passes their homes.

If you would like to follow his progress you may well be able to do so by visiting the Walsham Village website www.walsham-le-willows.org

For sheer lyrical entertainment try **An Organised Cycle Ride** on You Tube

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For St Mary's Church in Walsham-le-Willows

I should like to sponsor Ian's ride to raise money for The Organ Fund and The Fabric Fund for St Mary's Church in Walsham-le-Willows, and should like to sponsor him for:-

A fixed amount of £ _____

£ _____ per cathedral that he visits.

£ _____ per hundred miles that he rides.

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

I want the charity to treat the total of £ _____
as a Gift Aid donation.

Signed _____

Date _____

JUST RETURN THIS FORM AT THIS POINT.

IAN WILL COLLECT THE MONEY ON HIS RETURN

I wish Gift Aid to apply to the enclosed donation. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Gift Aid is currently 25p for each £1 you give.

Benefice Services Feb-March 2017

2nd April 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

08:00	Holy Communion BCP	Walsham
10:00	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11:00	Mattins	Walsham
11:00	Holy Communion	Wattisfield URC

9th April PALM SUNDAY

08:00	Holy Communion BCP	Walsham
10:00	Benefice Communion	Finningham
10:00	Palm Sunday Service	Badwell Ash
11:00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

14th April GOOD FRIDAY

12:00	Passion Hymns & Readings	Walsham
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16th April EASTER DAY

09:30	Easter Communion	Langham
10:00	Easter Service	Badwell Ash
10:00	Easter Communion	Finningham
11:00	Easter Communion	Walsham
11:00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

23rd April 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:00	Holy Communion BCP	Walsham
11:00	Mattins	Walsham
11:00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
18:00	Evensong	Westhorpe

30th April 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:00	Holy Communion BCP	Walsham
10:00	Benefice Communion	Langham
11:00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
18:00	Songs of Praise	Finningham

Benefice Services Feb – March 2017

7th May 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:00	Holy Communion BCP	Walsham
09:30	Morning Service	Finningham
10:30	Parish Communion	Walsham
11:00	Holy Communion	Wattisfield URC

14th May 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:00	Holy Communion BCP	Walsham
10:30	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11:00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
18:00	Evensong	Westhorpe

21st May 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

08:00	Holy Communion BCP	Walsham
10:00	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
10:00	Holy Communion	Finningham
11:00	Mattins	Walsham
11:00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

28th May SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

08:00	Holy Communion BCP	Walsham
10:00	Benefice Communion	Westhorpe
11:00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

4th June PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

08:00	Holy Communion BCP	Walsham
09:30	Morning Service	Finningham
10:30	Parish Communion	Walsham
11:00	Holy Communion	Wattisfield URC

**Wednesday Morning Eucharist In the Priory Room at 09:30
followed by Refreshments and Fellowship**

April	6th, 13th, 21st, 27th
May	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th