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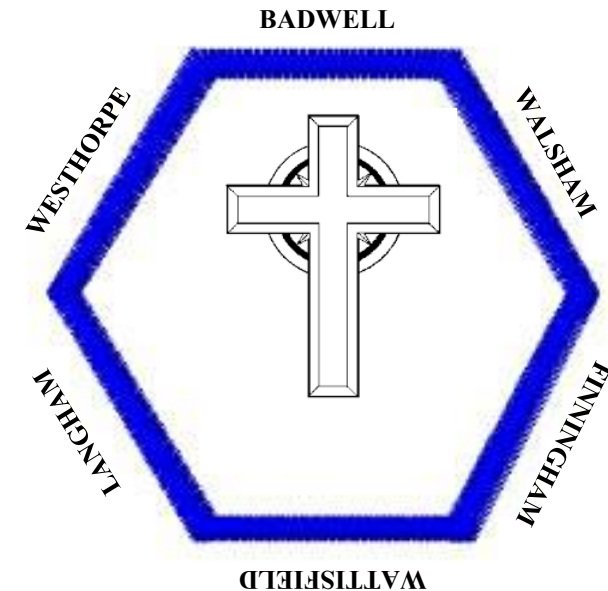
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From The Rectory:

At the beginning of July Denise and I spent three days in North Yorkshire based in the spa town of Harrogate. On one occasion we spent a morning in Ripon Cathedral, a building with a history spanning some fourteen centuries. To be found in that part of the Cathedral known as The Quire are thirty five Misericords, otherwise known as mercy seats. These are small wooden structures formed on the underside of a folding seat in a church which when the seat is folded up act as a shelf to support a person in a partially standing position during long periods of prayer; especially popular with monks when they spent long periods of the night in prayer.

The ones in Ripon Cathedral are all from the 15th century, with various carvings and images. One of these has a carving of both a griffin chasing a rabbit, and a rabbit disappearing down a hole; and it is believed that these particular carvings were the inspiration behind the famous book, 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland,' written by Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known as Lewis Carroll; whose father had been a Canon of Ripon Cathedral in the 19th century.

In the book, Alice is asked to talk about her adventures, but she insists that it would be of no use to 'go back to yesterday, because she was a different person then.' On the surface, this is just her saying that so much has happened that she would rather focus on the here and now, rather than spend time dwelling in the past. Yet because Lewis Carroll is not just telling a story about a girl who has adventures, it may well be safe to assume that he was trying to say something here about the ways in which we all grow older; the significant events in our lives which change us so much that we can barely relate to the people we used to be before we lived them.

Life experiences, often painful ones, but not necessarily, have a big impact on our lives and change us profoundly, leaving us different people. It can be hard letting go of the past and we find ourselves wanting to go back to when we thought things were better, more comfortable and familiar. But life changes, and life changes us, living in the past and looking backwards will not move us forward in life. Change throughout life is inevitable, and we cannot always anticipate it, but we can choose how we respond to it, we are the ones who decide how we change with change, for better or worse, and how we spend our time. (cont'd →)

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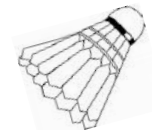
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The last two services for this year at Langham Church are a 6.00pm Evensong on 6th August and an 11.00am Benefice Harvest Festival on 24th September, all are warmly welcome.

St Mary's Badwell Ash will be hosting a Flower Festival on Saturday/Sunday 19th/20th August with a themed Songs of Praise at 6.00pm on the Sunday; all very welcome.

It has been mentioned that the Walsham Songs of Praise on the Sunday of the Garden Weekend; (this year 26th-28th August), is too early for many to attend; so this year I am trying a later time of 6.30pm on Sunday 27th; a 'Songs of Praise to Celebrate the Weekend,' all are welcome.

During the month of August there will be no Holy Communion Services on Wednesday in the Priory Rooms, however I will be **saying** the Daily Office (Morning Prayer) at 8.30am each Wednesday in Walsham church, anyone wishing to say it with me is most welcome.

There is now a table at the back of Walsham Church with blank cards upon which to write any 'Prayer Requests,' a box is in place to receive them, and during the week I will regularly check and take any request cards to the High Altar for prayer during the Daily Office. Please do use them and encourage others to do the same. If other churches have ideas for prayer cards please feel free to discuss them with me.

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From the rectory (con't)

As summer comes and goes we see how both time and friendship seem to go hand in hand, both are ever more precious resources. As we become older we appreciate the speed of time and the gift of true friendship. Time is a resource which cannot be saved, stored, or reclaimed, time can only ever be used, once gone it has passed for ever, time is irreplaceable, while friendship can be an everlasting commodity, shared not just with those close in our lives, but those on the periphery or furthest margins.

In both the seasonal and Spiritual summer of our lives, it is indeed precious time we spend with God and in friendship with His people. In a busy world, one of the best things we can achieve this summer is to give time to God, and use it in the cultivation of friendship with those around us. Whether we travel far or not at all this summertime, may God's blessing be upon us all. Amen.

Philip

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Annabelle Emmaline Papworth
20th May 2017 St Bartholomew's Church, Finningham

Weddings

Michael Donald Haynes and Bethany Eve Small
24th June 2017 St Mary the Virgin Church, Walsham-le-Willows

Funerals

Kathleen Ellen Tuffs
22nd May 2017 Cremation - Finningham

Basil Alfred Frost
9th June 2017 Cremation/Thanksgiving - Walsham-le-Willows

Mary Jackson
14th June 2017 Cremation/Thanksgiving - Westhorpe

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Saturday 19th—Sunday 20th August **Flower Festival**. ***

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WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS

Saturday 12th August, **Horticultural Show**. Memorial Hall, 2-4pm.

Saturday 16th September, **Buckingham Palace Garden: Talk by Mark Lane, Head Gardener**. Doors at 2pm for 2.30 start. Adults £6, Children under 12 £3. Refreshments, raffle and auction for one hour advice on your garden from Mark. Tickets from Rolfes, Village Hall and Coffee Shop or contact Ella 259528 or Maggie 259689. Proceeds in aid of St Mar's Church Fabric Fund.

WATTISFIELD

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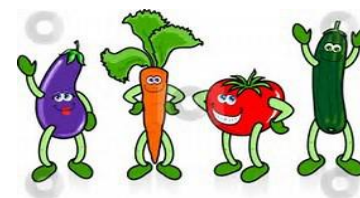
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Freddie [01359 240 271]



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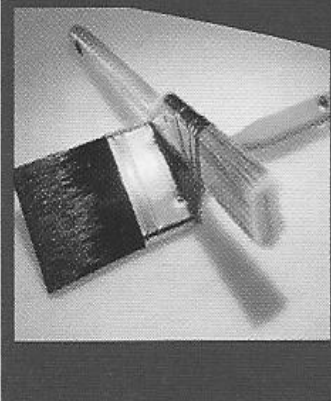
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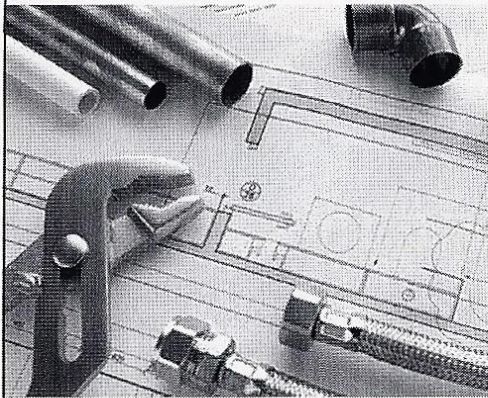
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Lives Remembered

Daphne Howat

18th October 1933 - 28th March 2017

A well known figure in Finningham the past 20 years, Daphne was born in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, the only child of Evelyn and George Burton, by her own admission a bit of a tomboy, getting into scrapes, later an enthusiastic Girl Guide. She was fond of taking the family's long-suffering cat on outings, wheeling him up and down the road in a doll's pram, securely trussed up in dolls' clothes!

Her father's civil service job led to the family spending the war in the London suburb of S Kenton and a rather chequered education for Daphne, lessons in cold and damp air-raid shelters, but she passed the 11+ and attended Westcliff High School after the war, excelling at sport, music (piano, singing) and maths. Against encouragement from her teachers and parents, Daphne decided to become a PE instructor, which took her to Chelsea College in Eastbourne in 1952, where she flourished and became Head Student.

On graduation, her first teaching post was in Weston-super-Mare involving a difficult journey (2 bikes and a train!) from her digs in Bristol. About this time, Daphne was introduced to Graham Howat, whom she married in 1956. Their first child, Andrew arrived in 1961, followed by Simon in 1968. She had a successful teaching career when child-rearing and house moves allowed, in Orpington, then Beaconsfield in the 80s, where she felt the most fulfilled, at a secondary girls' special needs school where her organising skills were further honed. (continued →)

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Daphne also found time to join a Ladies' choir, and after retirement, worked in a bookshop and served on the Committee of the local Friends of Imperial Cancer Research, organising fund-raising events. She also played racket sports to a high standard, and with Graham, took up golf quite seriously. When he retired in 1992, they moved to Suffolk to be nearer family and first grandchild Hazel.

During her Finningham life, Daphne helped to organise the noted annual St Barts Flower Festival, leading in 2010 to 2012. As in her teaching, she skilfully persuaded people to take part. She held office with Graham as Treasurer and often took services once made a Lay Elder. She was a chorister at St Margaret Walsham, and the main organiser of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored Cycle Ride, one year persuading the PC Chairman to achieve 50 church visits in one day. Other fund raising activity included hosting Strawberry Teas, and Barn Dances at the Field Centre in Thornham Magna. She made an impression on many lives.

Graham died in May 2010, Daphne being very occupied in caring for him. In November 2012, after much thought, she was persuaded by the family to move closer, and spent her last years in Loddon, where she remained quite active.

Above all, Daphne is remembered as a tremendously generous, appreciative, forthright, warm-hearted lady; decisive, not afraid to speak her mind at times - certainly no push-over - but with a love for life, a great sense of fun, and a frequently irreverent twinkle in the eye. Her sudden death has left her many friends and family shocked and bereft, but with gratitude for her life and for having known her.

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Walsham le Willows and District WI

There was a more formal air to the Walsham WI this month as befits the conducting of the Annual Meeting. The Committee's and Treasurer's reports were duly proposed and adopted and the President Mary Bradley urged members to make the most of the opportunities their membership offers. Saying there is something to make everyone happy! A discussion followed on the two resolutions chosen for debate at the coming National Conference in Liverpool. In the first of these the very real cost of loneliness to the NHS was explained and suggestions were offered to alleviate this within our communities. In the second the problem was widespread deposits of microfibres in waters worldwide. Ways of removing these ranged from filters and 'nano balls' to a Dutch scheme for pot hole filling and a strange wax-worm that may prove to be the only thing capable of digesting the tide of plastic floating round the world. Members voted in favour of both resolutions whilst giving their delegate discretion to consider other information as it may appear.

On a lighter note by way of entertainment the committee performed their recent production of a highly dramatic Greek tragedy which proved to be the subject of much mirth! In all, an evening with food for thought and as ever a bit of fun.

Members of Walsham le Willows and District ventured out into the billowing green lanes of Norfolk on their June Educational Outing. Deep in the Waveney valley lay the award winning Blacksmith's Cottage Nursery and Shoreland Wildlife Gardens. There they enjoyed a simply lovely warm evening stroll in the company of Ben, who knowledgeably introduced all the plants along the borders and explained the plans for the future development. The problems associated with running several enterprises were related in cheerful fashion and the re-opening of the Otter Trust at Earsham under Ben's guidance was greeted as good news. Introducing us to two magnificent Suffolk Punches we learnt that three more were now already installed at the Otter Trust. Marvellous horns on the Hebridean sheep were admired before we were shown the amazingly graceful cranes, storks and ibis strutting about in their enclosure, not to mention a few very free range turkeys rounded up for us by Ben's No. 1 son. The resident monkeys did not put in an appearance and since precautions following a local outbreak of Avian Flu meant we could not explore further, a welcome cuppa rounded off the very pleasant and informative evening.

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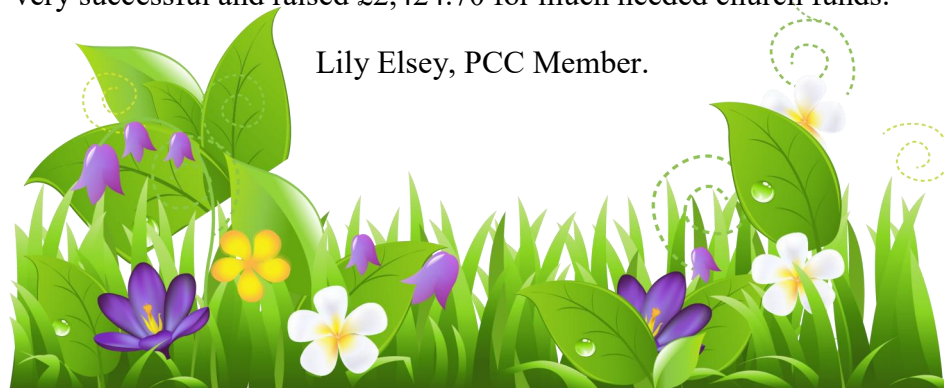
Finningham PCC are very grateful to Aileen Kilbee and Dilys Sewell for organising the annual Flower Festival once again which was held at the May Bank Holiday week-end. "The Glory of the Garden" was the theme for this year and the exhibitors had interpreted this in many wonderful displays.

Special thanks to Marion and David Bell for having the teas in their home this year and many thanks to Val and her team and all the ladies who baked cakes and scones.

Thanks also to Dilys and John for manning the Produce Tent and to all their helpers. Lastly, thanks to the "A" Team for erecting and dismantling the marquees and also the stewards in the church.

It was pleasing to see again our many visitors from the Benefice and from various parts of our lovely county of Suffolk. The three days were very successful and raised £2,424.70 for much needed church funds.

Lily Elsey, PCC Member.



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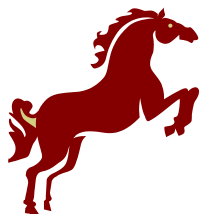
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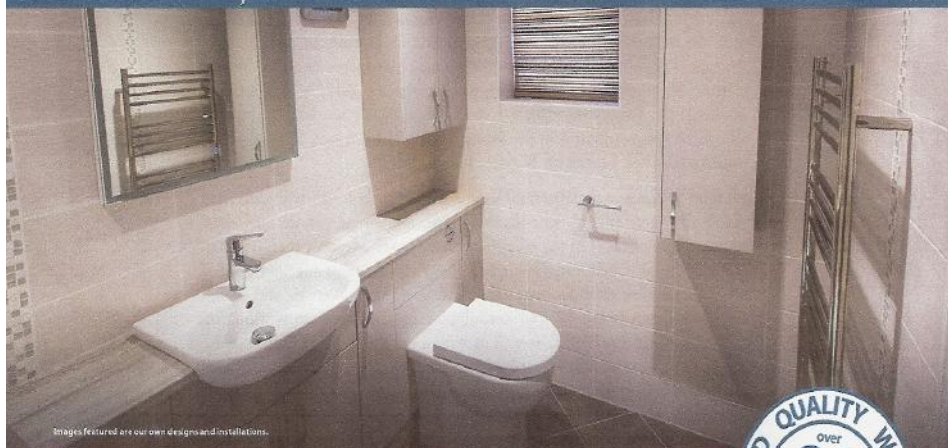


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6th AUGUST TRANSFIGURATION of OUR LORD

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10.00am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
10.30am	Parish Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield URC
6.00pm	Evensong	Langham

13th AUGUST 9th SUNDAY after TRINITY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Finningham
10.30am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

20th AUGUST 10th SUNDAY after TRINITY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Matins	Walsham
11.00am	Outdoor Service + picnic lunch	Wattisfield URC
6.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Badwell Ash

27th AUGUST 11th SUNDAY after TRINITY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Benefice Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
6.30pm	Gardens Songs of Praise	Walsham

3rd SEPTEMBER 12th SUNDAY after TRINITY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield URC
11.15am	Matins	Walsham

Benefice Services August-September 2017

10th SEPTEMBER 13th SUNDAY after TRINITY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Harvest Festival	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

17th SEPTEMBER 14th SUNDAY after TRINITY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Family Harvest Festival	Finningham
10.30am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
6.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe

24th SEPTEMBER 15th SUNDAY after TRINITY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Benefice Harvest Festival	Langham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

1st OCTOBER 16th SUNDAY after TRINITY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Family Harvest Festival	Walsham
11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Wattisfield URC
3.00pm	Harvest Festival	Westhorpe
6.30pm	Harvest Thanksgiving	Wattisfield URC

2nd OCTOBER

7.15pm	Harvest Thanksgiving + fun charity auction	Wattisfield URC
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**Wednesday Morning Eucharist In the Priory Room at 09.30
followed by Refreshments and Fellowship**

August: NO SERVICES
September: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th