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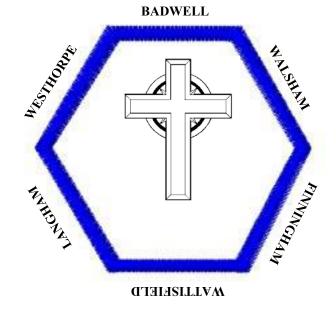
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From The Rectory:

It is with great pleasure and an immense privilege to be writing my first column for the Hexagon. In the time we have been in the Benefice Denise and I have received nothing but a warm welcome from all quarters; thank you.

The first Sunday of May was 'Vocations Sunday,' and as I have travelled around the Benefice since my Licensing it is apparent how much true vocation in the widest sense is being expressed within all the various communities by a wide variety of people; whether those of faith, or those who might deny any at all. From flower festivals to history groups, coffee mornings to community lunches, your communities are obviously thriving.

When Bishop Mike licensed me to the Benefice in April, it was not solely for the benefit of those who may claim to be 'churchgoers.' As the Priest in Charge of this Benefice my calling is to serve all the community whether churchgoer or not, Christian, those of other faith, or indeed those with none at all. I hope that it is not solely those from the 'worshipping' community who call for my attention, but anyone across the Benefice. As the Priest in this Benefice I shall never be all things to all people, neither will I please everyone all the time. There will be differences of opinion, but, I hope, in a measured and Christian fashion. Even Jesus had differences with His followers! I will always welcome ideas which may encourage others both to a faith and in their faith, with my priority being always to further the Kingdom of God. Criticism whether adverse or in the form of praise is always useful; but needs to be measured, positive and thoughtful.

There will always be a warm welcome to everyone to any of the services held across the Benefice for those who wish to attend. It may become apparent in the coming months where there is a need for 'doing church' in different ways, and any views on present services, or ideas you may have for worshipping differently would be most welcome; but there are no guarantees!! The world is constantly evolving, and the Church has to do the same. The vision across this Diocese is one of Growing in God; in depth, number, influence and younger. It is a vision which I am fully signed up to, and pray that in the coming months and years it will be one reflected in our communities as a whole, not just church. (continued \rightarrow)



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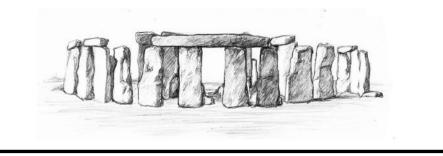
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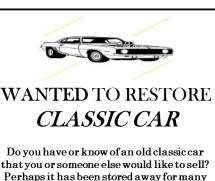


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Denise and I look forward to sharing our lives with you all in whichever community you belong to.

With every blessing +

Philip

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LENTEN LUNCHES

A big sincere thank you to the kind Ladies who hosted out Lenten Lunches this year.

Celia from Langham raised £85.00 for Age UK.. Judith from Walsham-Le-Willows raised £165.00 for the Trussell Trust. The remaining lunches contributed their proceeds to Water Aid. Ann from Badwell Ash raised £117.00. Margaret from Finningham raised £160.00. The Ladies from Westhorpe raised £184.00. A grand total in all for the chosen charities was £711.00. It would be great if we could do it again next year! Best wishes, Margaret.

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Although some services are labelled 'Benefice,' every service is obviously open to ALL within the Benefice and beyond. I am mindful of attending as many services as is practicably possible in these early days, and as such, times may have been altered from the usual tradition.

I apologise now that I am not always able to stay behind after a service for Fellowship with the congregation, because of the need to get to the next service. For a Priest, such a time of Fellowship is extremely important in getting to know Parishioners, and learn of concerns, those who may be ill at home or in hospital, or other important issues. It is of course an issue which I will look closely at.

May I bring your attention to the 11th June; Matins is at 11.15am, and in the afternoon a Pet Service will be held at Finningham Church.

On the 18th June there will be a 6.00pm Evensong at Westhorpe open to everyone, and again the following week (25th) at Langham Church, 6.00pm.

In July there will be a Communion Service at Langham, 9.30am on the 16th, with the Communion service that morning at Badwell Ash 10.30am. There will again be an Evensong 6.00pm at Westhorpe 23rd July, with Badwell Ash hosting the Benefice Communion in July on the 30th, 10.00am.

All will be extremely welcome to all services. Philip

SEA SUNDAY

To celebrate Sea Sunday on the 9th July, Janet and Denise will be leading a Family Service (ALL AGES WELCOME), at Walsham Church 10.30am. This is not a Messy Church Service, but will entail informal worship, activities and refreshments with a SEA theme.

All will be extremely welcome. Philip

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FINNINGHAM

Sunday 11th June, **Pet Service**, at 3pm St Bartholomew's Church Yard. Followed by refreshments, stalls and activities. All welcome ESPECIALLY your pets!

Saturday 24th June, Friends of Finningham invite you to a **Disco and Fish** and Chip Supper, 7.30-11pm @ Westhorpe Village Hall. Tickets £10, under 16s £7.50: includes fish and chip supper. Bring your own drinks. Proceeds in aid of village defibrillator project. Contact Mary 781628 or Catherine 781372

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS

Sunday 4th June, **Traditional Church Fayre**, 12-5, Stalls, refreshments, music and dance performance, races and prizes AND tedddy bear parachuting from the church tower! ***

Sunday 25th June, **Sale Trail**, 10am-4pm. Starting from Memorial Hall. Parking, Maps of sellers £1 each, refreshments available.

Saturday 15th July, **Music for a Summer Evening**, Churchgate Wind Octet and vocal group Octave, will perform at St Mary's Church @ 7.30pm. Entry £5, includes glass of wine.

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

WATTISFIELD

Friday 2nd June, **Film Afternoon**, 2pm @ Wattsfield URC. Free and open to all. Tea and cake to follow.

Friday 2nd June, 4pm-6pm and Saturday 3rd June 11am-1pm **50/50 Auction**, Wattisfield Community Centre.

Wednesday 14th June, **Discussion Evening**, 7pm @ Wattisfield URC Saturday 17th June, **Car Boot/ Table Top Sale**, 10am-2pm. Wattisfield Village Hall

Wednesday 5th July, **Discussion Evening**, 7pm @Wattisfield URC Sunday 16th July, **Fete and Dog Show**, 10am-3pm, Wattisfield Village Hall. Tombola, craft stalls, 5-a-side, refreshments, Dog show entry £1 per class.

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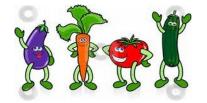


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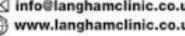
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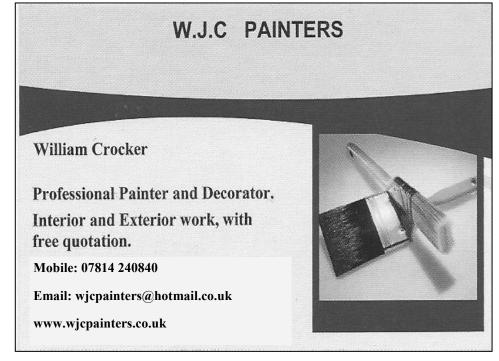
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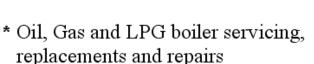
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The day's event was also an opportunity for the Badwell Ash Historical Society (BAHS) to display the recorder Books, one as early as 1918, as well as displays about clock history and restoration, the trades in the village during the 19th century and many old photographs and newspaper clippings. Dave Steward, of of the BAHS members, gave a talk about the Hollonds of Great Ashfield House who seemed to be connected to virtually everyone of importance in Victorian Society!

Other Fundraising:



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Readers' Licensing Service Sunday 18th June, 3.30pm, St Edmundsbury Cathedral, with Eucharist

> Priests' Ordination Saturday 24th June, 5pm, St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Deacons' Ordination Sunday 25th June, 10am, St Edmundsbury Cathedral, with sung Eucharist



It is barbeque season again.....

- Q. What do you call a group of men waiting for a haircut?
- A. A barbercue.
- Q. Why can't Mexicans have a barbeque?
- À. The beans keep falling through the grill.
- Q. Why did the skeleton go to a BBQ?
- A. For the spare ribs.

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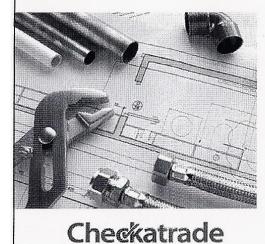
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St Michael the Archangel, according to Revelation 12:7, fought against the dragon. Later traditions say that the archangel also judged souls, and the window shows his shield with a pair of scales. St George was a martyred soldier, killed for his Christian beliefs, and so his emblem is a blood-red cross. He was later adopted as patron saint of England, another reason for his place on this memorial window.

The tracery shows the regimental badges of the fourteen Badwell men who were killed. One was a member of the newly formed Royal Flying Corps, fore-runners of the later RAF. This man, flying one of those rudimentary aircraft, was shot down on reconnaissance shortly after gaining his wings. The glazing firm responsible for the window was Heaton, Butler and Bayne of London, well-known for their dramatic skies, forming a suitable backdrop for these village heroes.

At the foot of the cross is a haloed grief-stricken figure, youthful, with long hair. This was the usual way of portraying St John the Evangelist, and his gospel is quoted (13:13) in the text: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

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Patient Services at Woolpit Health Centre (continued)

And it has become clear that where anomalies exist within the system, however good they may be, they will come to an end. The two services mentioned here are such anomalies, but they are also what is best for the affected patients, having evolved for us in our locality over many years. Thus the quality of your healthcare will fall, and it is reasonable to assume further services will come under similar threats.

NHS policies appear to be working towards large Health Centres with perhaps a minimum size of twice the number of patients on the list at Woolpit.

That is fine in large conurbations, but to achieve this in a rural area such as this, the catchment area could become geographically untenable, yet the threat is there, and growing.

It is the thin end of a worrying wedge. I should emphasise that this article is specific to Woolpit Health Centre, here in West Suffolk.

We need your support as patients affected by these changes. Members of the PPG are writing to the relevant Directors of this areas Clinical Commissioning Group, but if you feel that you yourself want to try to have these decisions reviewed for the good of yourselves and other patients at Woolpit, we would ask you to write to your MP.

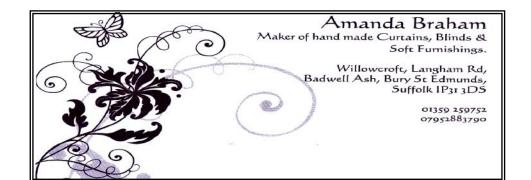
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It was clear from our meetings at Woolpit that the team there are very concerned for the patients under their care, and that they have explored every avenue possible to avoid these issues, but it will it seems now only be the political will of our Parliamentary representatives who can push for changes of opinion.

The PPG would ask you to take the time to write in your own words to our MP, if you feel concerned as to how these changes will cause you difficulties in obtaining the healthcare you rely upon in the best way for you. Receiving numerous letters and emails from her constituents will make our MP take the subject forward.

Thank you Alex Jarrett On behalf of the Woolpit Health Centre Patient Participation Group



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<u>Trends of a Decade – Walsham le Willows WI meeting 12th</u>

<u>April</u>

Members were looking forward to hearing our visiting speaker, Amanda Sutherland from Haverhill. Last year we had been treated to a talk by the same lady where she had introduced us to her work with Angels Costumes in London and shown how she was using her interests and enthusiasms of that time to inspire her work now. This new talk was based around the changing trends of 20^{th} century costume, showcasing original garments and accessories from the 1920s onwards. We were shown corsets and boned bodices and a motley collection of 'pads' aimed at altering the outline of ladies and their dresses to fit the differing fashions of the eras. There were ones to wear over the hips, so altering the shape of the wearer that they had to walk sideways through a door! Others were to wear at the back waist to alter the 'fall' of the skirt. We even saw bust flatteners for the fashions of the 1920s. Although we did hear that if Angels were costuming a large cast for film or television, it was highly likely that the extras would be wearing the ubiquitous 'boob tube' under their costumes, even though the main characters would be wearing the 'proper' outfits. It's worth commenting that Angels owns the largest privately owned collection of costumes for film, theatre and television hire anywhere in the world having over eight miles of hanging costumes. It's hardly surprising that Amanda enjoyed her time there and is still enjoying making and creating costumes and accessories.

Back to the actual costumes we saw .. so many and so varied with different types of material that could be really tricky to avoid creases or easy to care for; different types of decoration; various accessories to 'make' the outfit; and all of them of their era. Amanda talked about the more 'relaxed designs' of the 20th century. I found it amusing that the next thing to be removed from her hanging rail was a hand knitted woolly swimming costume! I remember how 'relaxed' they could get! My Nan knitted me one when I was about 4 or 5. I was SO excited to wear it when we had a day out at 'Skeggy' and SO upset when it 'relaxed' alright once I got in the water!! Later on, we were shown one of those ruched numbers that were fashionable later! There were those among us who would have loved to be able to borrow a beautiful dress and bolero to wear for a night out. Some dresses and skirts relied on a multitude of net petticoats to froth them up and give the right outlines for the 50s and 60s. Amanda showed us how the cloche hats and trilbies are still fashionable and how she is adapting those standard designs in her work nowadays as she blocks the felt and adds her own special touches using recycled materials.

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Trends of a Decade (continued)

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Needless to say, we also enjoyed the opportunity to rummage through her for sale items – fascinators, hats with recycled ties for bands and recycled coke can flowers, scarves and fur or fabric cravats for ladies, and brooches, necklaces and bracelets using recycled items. See some of her creations here http://www.amandasutherland.co.uk

Our competition for the evening, 'My favourite decade piece' was judged by Amanda and won by Margaret Simpson with a powder compact, second was Rachel Craigie with a bracelet and third was Pearl Cobbold with a dress that had recently had a favourable outing to a dance at the Red Feather Club at the 95th Bomb Group Museum at Horham.

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PATIENT SERVICES AT WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE (Woolpit)

Recently, members of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) at Woolpit attended a meeting with doctors, to discuss changes to two services:

Blood Tests (phlebotomy) and Leg Ulcer Care.

I am one of the members of the PPG, and am writing this to inform you of what is happening.

PHLEBOTOMY

WHC requires c14500 blood tests annually. Up till now, the practice itself undertook 3500 of these, 7000 were done at West Suffolk Hospital and the remainder, 4000 were done by the visiting phlebotomists, at their appointed time at Woolpit. The service of the visiting phlebotomist has ended, with the withdrawal of the service as at April 1st 2017, and those 4000 blood tests will have to be performed at West Suffolk Hospital. The surgery itself can slightly increase the number of tests it carries out but inevitably, a lot of people will no longer be able to avoid going the hospital.

Every possible option as to how one might avoid the inconvenience this will cause to patients, has been considered, and under current funding, contractual and administrative constraints, the health centre cannot find a way around this.

LEG ULCER CLINIC

Patients suffering from leg ulcers are currently treated at the Health Centre's excellent leg ulcer clinic, however, Woolpit has been advised that this service is also to stop at Woolpit, with the treatment being undertaken by Suffolk Community Healthcare, at a location yet to be decided. The service is scheduled to stop on October 1st 2017.

Patients will be treated at first for 6 weeks at Woolpit, and then be referred to the new treatment under Suffolk Community Healthcare. Woolpit is concerned that there can potentially be a long waiting time between the end of its management of the patients problems and obtaining ongoing treatment under SCH.

In both the case of phlebotomy and leg ulcer care, it is inevitable that patients will have to travel further some perhaps with debilitating problems to receive care, which was previously provided in Woolpit.

This is directly contradictory to the Government mantra of "local services for local people" (continued \rightarrow)



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Senefice Services Sune-Sulp 2017

4th June PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

08.00	Holy Communion	Walsham
09.30	Morning Worship	Finningham
10.30	Parish Communion	Walsham
11.00	Holy Communion	Wattisfield URC

11th June TRINITY SUNDAY

08.00	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
11.15	Matins	Walsham
15.00	Family Pet Service	Finningham

18th June 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

08.00	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00	Holy Communion	Finningham
10.00	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
10.30	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11.00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
18.00	Evensong	Westhorpe

25th June 2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

08.00	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
18.00	Evensong	Langham

3rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 2nd July

08.00	Holy Communion	Walsham
09.30	Morning Worship	Finningham
10.30	Parish Communion	Walsham
11.00	Holy Communion	Wattisfield URC

Senefice Services June-July 2017

9th July 4th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

08.00	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
10.30	Family Sea Sunday	Walsham
11.00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

16th July 5th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

08.00	Holy Communion	Walsham
09.30	Holy Communion	Langham
10.30	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00	Matins	Walsham

23rd July 6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

08.00	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00	Holy Communion	Finningham
10.30	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11.00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
18.00	Evensong	Westhorpe

30th July 7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

08.00	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

6th **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** Aug

08.00	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
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

June:	$1^{\text{st}}, 8^{\text{th}}, 15^{\text{th}}, 22^{\text{nd}}, 29^{\text{th}}$ $6^{\text{th}}, 13^{\text{th}}, 20^{\text{th}}, 27^{\text{th}}$
July:	$6^{\text{th}}, 13^{\text{th}}, 20^{\text{th}}, 27^{\text{th}}$