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Sunday - Tea Dance*

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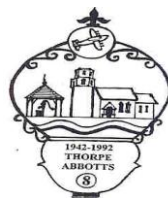
Spring is now here as can be seen from the cover photograph of a rather confident hare lurking in a Brockdish lane and with the lighter evenings now upon us.

We have been requested to remind residents there is a mobile library service provided by Norfolk County Council in both villages (see page 25) and the number of visitors frequenting this is diminishing. Remember like with most things use it or lose it!

Robert Buck
Editor



REMEMBER
Closing date for entries in the
June/July 2019 issue is
Friday 3rd May 2019
Articles received after this date may
not be included in the next issue.



WHAT'S ON

April 2019

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Brockdish (p36)
Sat 6th Heritage Festival Event (p7)
Sun 7th Heritage Festival Event (p7)
Sun 7th Daffodil Walk (p 36)
Wed 10th Heritage Festival Talk (p8)
Sat 13th Messy Church (p33)
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Fundraising (p34)
Thur 18th Dementia Café (p30)
Sat 20th Easter Eggstravaganza
Thorpe Abbots (p6)
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May 2019

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Where does the time go? Another successful Social Club event is behind us and our membership is standing at 57 so far this year. Members have much appreciated the time given by those people in the village who came along to repaint the Hall and toilets. It looks so much better.

I am pleased to say that “two boys” from the village came along to man the bar for me at the beginning of March. This was very helpful as we had over 70 guests that evening. A big thank you to them.

We will be holding an AGM meeting soon which will be advertised on the Village Hall notice board. All are welcome, especially those who may be interested to join our small committee to help preserve the continuation of the Social Club. It is not a big commitment, as we only meet up 3-4 times a year.

The first Saturday in April we have Tony Bryant a very popular entertainer who covers a wide variety of music. In May we have a new group called ‘Merv & Maria’ who are very popular and in June Cowboy Dave returns.

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Bar Nights

26th April

31st May

28th June

70s / 80s Night - Saturday 18th May

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The Needham & Brockdish Community Heritage Project present the results of their research into the history of our villages with these free events supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

2.30pm NEEDHAM PARISH CHURCH

Illustrated Needham history talk by Stephen Poulter followed by refreshments

4pm – 7pm NEEDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Exhibition of documents, photos and maps relating to the history of Needham

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

11am – 5pm NEEDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Exhibition of documents, photos and maps relating to the history of Needham



PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR BROCKDISH EVENTS





Waveney Heritage Centre, Grove Road, Brockdish
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Needham and Brockdish Heritage Festival

The Needham and Brockdish Community Heritage Project present the results of their research into the history of our villages with these **free events** supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Sunday 28th. April 11.00am - 5.00 pm

Exhibition of documents, photos and maps relating to the history of Brockdish

2.30 pm

Launch of the Needham and Brockdish History website
by Elaine Murphy

Illustrated **Brockdish History Talk** by Dr David Seddon

Monday 29th April 11.00am - 5.00pm

Exhibition of documents, photos and maps relating to the history of Brockdish

Studio

Over the next few weeks we shall be refitting the back room to make it suitable for 'making' activities. Interested in booking this space or simply curious, come to our

GRAND OPENING

with a **Marbling Workshop** run by Penny Chipperfield on
Wednesday May 8th.

Talks

Wed. 10th April 7.30pm Talk: The Tithe Wars in East Anglia
Robert Halliday

Sun. 12th May 2.30pm Talk: The Brockdish Diary
Tim Brook

Sun. 26th. May 2.30pm Talk: Bonfires and Bells
Kate Jewell

News from Harleston Library

Things are on the up at Harleston Library – there's more going on each month. In February we held a coding event for children, using a small programmable robot. The children were tasked with moving the robot around a 'city' of their own creation without destroying any buildings – and although two or three buildings were deemed unsafe and demolished, everyone worked really well as a team, so I'd like to extend a big 'well done' to those children.

Also on its way to the branch is Lego Club, an after-school activity on Wednesdays for 5-11 year olds, with a different theme each week to test children's imaginations. At the time of publication, the exact timings are still to be confirmed, but please visit the branch or call us on (01379) 852549 to find out more and to book your child's place.

The other big message at the moment is Open Libraries – visit the branch during staffed hours to get your card set up for access during unstaffed periods, including extended hours from 8am to 7pm on weeknights, 8am to 4pm on Saturdays and 10am to 4pm on Sundays. Get your books, print your documents and let your children play at a time convenient to you.

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We would like to welcome Enrico Castagnetti to the Parish Council (co-opted January 2019).

Parish Council Elections

Parish Councillors are elected to serve on a Parish Council for a period of four years. Councillors will be elected on 2nd May 2019. If you would like to stand as a Councillor you must complete a nomination pack (available from www.south-norfolk.gov.uk) and deliver to South Norfolk Council, between 9am on the 19th March 2019 and 4pm on the 3rd April 2019, during working hours.

THE BIG SOUTH NORFOLK LITTER PICK

Join us for our litter pick - help keep your local community clean and tidy.

Date: Saturday 18th May 2019 at 10am

Meeting point: The Village Green, Brockdish

The Village Pump, Thorpe Abbots

If you are interested please contact Cllr. Christine MacKenzie Tel: 01379 668818 or email chris.mackenzie2@btinternet.com

PLANNING (www.south-norfolk.gov.uk /online-applications)

Applications

- 2019/0165 Annexe at Haggle House, Scole Road, Thorpe Abbots. Erection of conservatory.

- 2019/0434 Plantation House, Scole Road, Thorpe Abbots.

Retention of use of land for extended residential curtilage and shed and summer house

Decisions (applications approved by SNC & PC)

- 2018/2528 Land for car storage, Scole Road, Thorpe Abbots.

Retention of appointment only car sales.

- 2018/2293 Foxburrow, Mill Road, Thorpe Abbots. Extensions.

Dates of next scheduled meetings: - (members of the public are welcome to attend). Agenda posted on both village notice boards prior to meeting.

No Meeting is held in April.

Tuesday 28th May 2019 7.00pm.

Waveney Heritage Centre, Brockdish (also Annual Parish Meeting).



Plant Fair, Stalls, Café

**All Saints' Church Mendham, IP20 0NH
in the Churchyard**

Saturday 18th May 10.30am - 2.30pm

Come and purchase your perennials, summer plants,
vegetable plants, herbs and other garden treats.

Coffee, tea, homemade scones, sausage rolls and
cakes, and from midday, light lunches.

11.00am-1.00pm gardeners' question time with
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Are you feeling stuck in your life?

You may feel stuck for many reasons; due to your health, work, relationships, past or current issues, habits, addictions, fears, phobias or many other reasons.

Issues, trauma or emotions can get stuck in our subconscious mind and the subconscious makes up 95 to 98% of our mind, so it makes complete sense to work with the subconscious to shift whatever it is holding you back; which Hypnotherapy does.

We also hold the above in our bodies. We are energetic beings and we can unconsciously hold onto things and they can accumulate. Then our bodies will warn us with symptoms to alert us to deal with them but what often happens is that we are prescribed a drug to switch of the symptom. To me that is like taking the battery out of a smoke alarm, the issue is still there but you are ignoring it and it continues to cause more and more problems!

I use powerful techniques working with the mind - body connection- I am called 'The Mind - Body Connector'!

The great news is that you can make positive changes!

How to move forward:

* Be AWARE of what you want to change and start to act now; even if it is small changes!

* IDENTIFY what negative beliefs, trauma, emotions are holding you back or just ask yourself and then you may start to notice them. Connect with that pain or symptom. You may need to connect with the subconscious mind to find out what the issue is.

* Seek SUPPORT to transform your life from someone who resonates with you

* Start to write in a journal to release negative feelings and focus on the POSITIVES and what you are grateful for at the end of each day

* READ positive books, watch webinars; there is a lot of very helpful free information and guidance online

* Stay calm in the moment; whatever life's challenges you are experiencing can be viewed as opportunities to grow- it's your choice how you RESPOND

* KEEP CALM and BELIEVE in yourself!

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Jokes

Man to Doctor - "I've just been playing rugby and find that when I touch my legs, my arms, my head and everywhere else, it really hurts!"

Doctor - "Yes, that's because you've broken your finger."

* * *

Two men waiting to be served in a butcher's shop -

Bob - "I bet you £100 you can't reach that piece of meat on the ceiling."

Fred - "I'm not betting."

Bob - "Why not?"

Fred - "Because the steaks are too high!"

* * *

At Brockdish Kings Head a newcomer asked a local man "Have you lived here all your life?" After a long pause the man replied "Don't know yet!"

Fictional Crime-Fighting Sidekicks

Who were the companions of the following crime-fighters and who were their creators?

1. Batman
2. Sherlock Holmes
3. Inspector Morse
4. Det. Supt. Andy Dalziel
5. Hercule Poirot
6. Chief Inspector Reg Wexford
7. Tommy Beresford

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A Nation Divided: Brockdish and Thorpe Abbots in the English Civil War

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I write this while the nation wrestles with Brexit. No one knows yet what the short or long-term outcome will be. Here in South Norfolk, we were more evenly divided in our opinions and our votes in the referendum of 2016 than anywhere else in East Anglia and as on other occasions of deep division of opinion, no sign yet that people are changing their minds over time. It made me think back to another time when the nation was equally divided and the terrible consequences that sprung from that division.

The bloody English Civil War, or three wars to be exact, between 1642 and 1651, has often been portrayed as a conflict between Cavaliers and Roundheads, or “Toffs versus Hoi-polloi” but in fact the gentry and ordinary people were equally divided. On the one hand stood the Royalist supporters of King Charles I, or ‘cavaliers’. On the other stood the ‘roundheads’, supporters of the rights and privileges of Parliament: the Parliamentarians. These initially insulting nicknames, would ring down through the succeeding centuries, just as the names ‘brexiteers’ and ‘remoaners’ will.

A local man, Captain Robert Pattison of Brockdish, (sometimes Patterson) was killed fighting with Cromwell’s parliamentary army in 1644, possibly at the Battle of Marston Moor, Cromwell’s first big victory. We know little about Robert other than that he fought with Oliver Cromwell’s regiment of horse in the Eastern Association army and was succeed in 1644 by Captain Edward Horsman.

Local History

Robert was just one of about 85,000 people who died in the fighting in England, with a further 127,000 dying from disease, including some 40,000 civilians.



Plainly dressed Roundheads face Cavaliers with long curly hair, sashes and spurred boots, both sides urging their dogs Puddle and Pepper to fight.

Robert's widow Mary and her children were left without any income when Robert died and at the end of the war in April 1652 she was obliged to ask the new Cromwellian parliament for financial help to support her family. She was granted £200 from a parliamentary fund, a sum worth today about £20,000, but by then government coffers were almost empty and while she was granted her request, she didn't receive her final grant until November, and while the money would certainly have helped, it may not have been enough to lift Mary out of poverty for long.



General Oliver Cromwell in armour, painted by Samuel Cooper

Robert probably sincerely believed in the cause he was fighting for. The divisions of opinion that had begun in the mid-1620s were simmering for fifteen years before war broke out.

Local History

Charles I wanted to raise taxes to fight foreign wars and dissolved a reluctant parliament in order to rule without the interference of parliament, but the ideological division that lay at the heart of the Civil War was religion. Puritans everywhere, and they were the dominating influence in East Anglia, supported Parliament, whereas more conservative traditional Protestants, together with the few Catholics, supported the King.

And here in South Norfolk we were ardent Puritans, or so it seemed. Or were we? Close examination of the lives of local gentry suggests that while there were some who held strong beliefs, like the Royalist Catelyn family at Wingfield Castle and Kirby Cane and the fervent parliamentarian Barry family at Syleham Hall, there were many families who did not feel particularly strongly either way or tried very hard to steer a quiet course like the Gawdy family of lawyers at West Harling and Harleston; they were more concerned to live in peace and avoid conflict.

While the parliamentary army and its Eastern Association administrative committee was successful in controlling Norfolk and Suffolk and Cambridgeshire with an iron fist throughout the war, with the positive consequence that no major civil war battle was fought on our soil, local families were affected by the 1000 fold rise in taxes and the toll of young men injured or killed in battles elsewhere just as every village was affected by the First World War three hundred years later. Ordinary labouring families sometimes felt obliged to fight for their employers' cause, whatever their private views. Round here everyone behaved as if they were parliamentarians; it wasn't sensible to do otherwise. But the impact of the war on trade was catastrophic, the economy and food production especially suffered dramatically as families scraped together what they could.

Local History

Beneath the all-important religious divisions lurked anxieties about nationhood and ethnicity. Parliament set out, from the very first, to portray itself as the party of 'Englishness', and although this image played well throughout most of the kingdom, and certainly rang true for Norfolk and Suffolk folk, it provoked a counter-reaction in 'Celtic' Cornwall and Wales. There, the overwhelming majority of the population came out for the King.

The English Civil War ended badly for both victors and vanquished. After Charles I's execution and Cromwell's victory and years in power as Lord Protector, his parliamentary and religious ideals died with him in 1658 and after a short two years of military dictatorship, the country sickened of Puritan austerity and surprisingly suddenly opted to have the monarchy back again. There were good outcomes of course, the monarchy would never exert untrammelled power over parliament again; the war strengthened the organisation of the English army and eventually promoted the growth of a religiously more tolerant society.

Note. The information about Robert Pattison of Brockdish is from *Calendar, Committee For the Advance of Money: Part 1, 1642-45*, ed. Mary Anne Everett Green (London, 1888), pp. 107-108 and the list of parliamentarian soldiers serving with Cromwell. There is a lot of good information on the web about the Civil War, such as on Spartacus Educational

<https://spartacus-educational.com/STUcivilwar.htm>.

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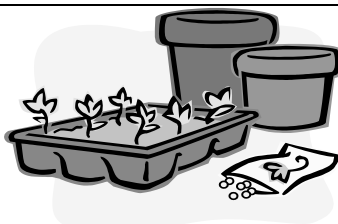


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4. Det. Sgt. Peter Pascoe / Reginald Hill
5. Capt. Arthur Hastings / Agatha Christie
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And in the reddened maple tops
Her blackbird gossips sit and talk.”

Hannah R. Hudson

April's here and spring has sprung! As the weather warms early flowers start to bloom. All of a sudden there's plenty to do in the garden.

Give your greenhouse a thorough scrub with hot soapy water.

This will get rid of pests and diseases and let in more light.

Feed trees, shrubs and hedges with a balanced, slow-release fertiliser, lightly forking it into the soil surface.

Deadhead daffodils and tulips but leave foliage intact, allowing it to die back naturally.

Start planting out summer bedding towards the end of May.

Trim back spreading plants such as aubrietia, alyssum and candytuft after they have flowered, to encourage new growth.

Harden off outdoor tomatoes, courgettes and pumpkins for planting early next month.

Keep on top of weeding.

Information

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on a Thursday calling at:

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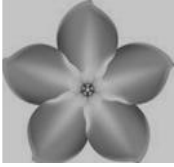
Summer openings will commence with the traditional Easter Monday Easter Egg Hunt for children and a Treasure Hunt for adults. Children's egg hunt is free, adult hunt £3 each. Prizes include whisky, spirits, chocolates and other prizes.

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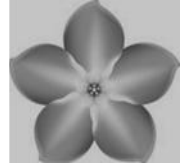
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Robin Twigge 07818400632



Harleston & District Dementia
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Harleston & District Forget – Me - Not Café

The Forget-me-Not Café is open on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Swift Piano Bar at the Swan Hotel, Harleston, 2pm – 4pm with our next session on Thursday 18th April 2019. This month our Café is kindly sponsored by:

London Road Methodist Church, Harleston

Our Sponsors are always welcome to come along to the Café and join us for tea. We provide support and companionship to those in the Community who are experiencing issues with their memory. Please be assured of a very warm, friendly welcome to everyone, free tea and cakes for all those who attend.

SINGING GROUP

We are starting a singing group Café once a month. Singing is not only an enjoyable activity, it can help the brain, improve well-being and your mood.

It will be held at The Swan Hotel and refreshments will be served. We are hoping to start this event from May, so more details of the date and time to follow in the next edition.

CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Carer's Support Group at the Swan is on the same day as the Café. We started this informal group to support and allow you to spend time together, and with others in a similar situation, knowing that your loved ones are being supported too.

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RECIPE

Orange Sandwich Cake Recipe



Preparation

Preheat oven to 180*

Grease and line base and sides of 2 sandwich tins (20cm)

Ingredients

6oz margarine or butter

6oz caster sugar

3 large eggs (beaten)

6oz self-raising flour

1 tsp. of baking powder

1 large orange

Orange marmalade

Whipped cream

Method

Whisk together fat and sugar until pale and creamy and fluffy.

Add beaten eggs, a little at a time, whisking into the mixture.

Add grated zest of large orange.

Add 1 tbsp. of orange juice

Fold in sieved self-raising flour

Divide the mixture into 2 sandwich tins.

Place in the oven for 15 - 20 minutes, cool on a wire rack.

When cake is cold spread marmalade on top of one layer.

Whipped cream can be added at this stage.

Place 2nd layer on top and sieve icing sugar on top to decorate.

Alternatively the cream can be omitted and the top layer iced.
Use more juice of the orange to mix with icing sugar.

Thorpe Abbotts Church

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Well what a topsy turvy month! Glad we have now settled to normal spring weather which means we get different kinds of weather most weeks. Thanks to all of you who came to a very fun Quiz at the end of February. I am delighted that both the winner's prize and wooden spoon stayed in the Village, the first time this has happened for a while!

We had thought there would just be a couple for our February Service so decided on a said service. Well, what should happen but a good turnout. Nevertheless, it was a nice change to have something a little different taken by Nigel.

MESSY CHURCH Saturday 13th APRIL

Coming up we are putting on a Messy Church in the Village Hall on Saturday April 13th 10.30pm-12.00pm. Children under the age of 13 are invited to come and join us for a bit of fun. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. It will be nice for all age groups to gather and have a catch up. Entry is of course free, if you would like anymore details please contact Mary Alderton on 01379 668537.

EASTER

Easter is just around the corner following on from our Messy Church. We will have short half hour Devotional Service on Good Friday at 3.00pm. On Easter Day we plan to have a Family Service at 11.00am, which may well include something Easter Eggy around the Churchyard for all to have a go. Post service refreshments available.

Thorpe Abbotts Church

CHURCHYARD

As I write the Churchyard is ablaze with aconites and snowdrops particularly around the north side. Daffodils are making an appearance before our meadow saxifrage making their annual appearance in May/June. June is a very good time to have a wander around the Churchyard which you will know is managed for its wildflower population. Every year I am surprised by the appearance or even non appearance of various flower species there. Please do feel free to pop up there. Many of our wildflower species are in decline and churchyards often havens, of which All Saints, is a very good example. Additionally, the Church will be open at weekends and Bank Holidays after Easter.

Simon

Brockdish Church

John and Jackie Spooner have kindly "donated" their garden on Sunday April 14th 12.00pm - 4.00pm to the Church, to raise funds for the fabric fund. Do please come and give your support and have a stroll down to the river through the spring flowers. Entrance £3, children free, dogs welcome on leads. Teas, stalls etc.

Jan Croxson
Church Warden

Thank you

Tom and Audrey Oakley would like to thank friends and neighbours together with the Church of St Peter and St Paul for their condolences and kindness following the death of their son David.

Church Service Times

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7 th Apr	Brockdish	9.30am	Holy Communion
14 th Apr	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning prayer
Palm Sunday			
Mon 15 th Apr	Brockdish	6.30pm	Reading Luke's Gospel
19 th April	Brockdish	11.00am	Devotional Half Hour
Good Friday	Thorpe Abbots	3.00pm	Devotional Half Hour
21 st Apr	Brockdish	9.30am	Holy Communion
Easter Day	Thorpe Abbots	11.00am	Family Service
28 th Apr	Brockdish	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion
5 th May	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
12 th May	Brockdish	9.30pm	Morning Prayer
	Thorpe Abbots	9.30am	Morning Prayer
19 th May	Brockdish	9.30am	Holy Communion
26 th May	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer

Quiz & Light Supper - Saturday 25th May (Bring your own drink), 7.30pm for 8pm start at Brockdish Village Hall – £4pp, Book with Jan 01379 668630.

THE PARISH OF ST.PETER & ST.PAUL, BROCKDISH
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