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Wednesday - Ballroom & Latin Dance
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Thursday - Tea Dance 2pm
- Carpet Bowls 7:30pm
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Sunday - Tea Dance*

* See notice board for more information.

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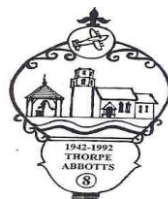
The cover photograph in this edition is of the Ladies Tractor Road Run. This has been an annual fund raising event for the past 15 years and yet again we are pleased to see this commencing from Thorpe Abbots Airfield on Sunday 7th July. The route will then continue through both our villages before crossing into Suffolk.

As you will see there are several events happening in and around our villages over the next couple of months. Your support is always appreciated with these as the majority are organised by volunteers for good causes.

Robert Buck
Editor



REMEMBER
Closing date for entries in the
August/September 2019 issue is
Friday 5th July 2019
Articles received after this date may
not be included in the next issue.



WHAT'S ON

June 2019

Sat 1st Thorpe Abbots Social (p5)
Sat 8th Startston Concert (p13))
Sun 9th Open Farm (p40)
Sun 9th Windmill Tours (p31)
Wed 12th Heritage Talk (p7)
Sat 15th Studio Opening (p7)
Sun 16th Festival of Bells (p35)
Thur 20th Mobile Library (p27)
Thur 20th Dementia Café (p32)
Thur 27th Rushall Craft Fayre (p17)
Thur 27th Parish Council Mtg (p9)
Sat 29th Armed Forces Day (p13)
Sat 29th Brockdish Quiz Night (p31)
Sun 30th Heritage Talk (p7)

July 2019

Sat 6th Thorpe Abbots Social (p5)
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Sun 7th Pet Service (p37)
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Sun 21st Billingford Windmill
Tours (p31)
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Orchestra Concert (p26)
Wed 24th English Chamber
Orchestra Concert (p26)
Thur 25th Rushall Craft Fayre (p17)
(p10)
Tue 30th Brockdish Parish Council
Meeting (p9)

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For the May Dance we had new entertainment, father and daughter Merv and Maria. They had travelled from Kings Lynn but they were well known to many of our members as they perform regularly at some coastal holiday camps. They proved to be very popular and were well received by our members, will try and book them again for next year.

We continue to run the social club with the help of members and some folk from the village who help out with the bar. If anyone would like to join our happy team they would be most welcome. Kelvin has started to book acts for next year so if anybody has any suggestions for entertainment please let him know.

Future dates,

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July 6 th	Bobby Graham
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Well done to all the team. Presentation night was on Friday 24th May at Shelfanger which we all enjoyed. We always welcome new members.

Glyn Catchpole 668698.





Waveney Heritage Centre



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It's been quite a couple of months here:

Geoff Doggett (WH Founding Chair) has now stepped down from our Board completely, due to his wife's ill-health.

We've been involved in two exhibitions—one here and one in Needham—and we've launched a new local history website. This, in addition to our regular programme of talks and our first official weekly opening to the public. We are entirely run by volunteers and have no regular external funding.

It was fantastic to see so many villagers at the exhibitions and our thanks go to all the people who loaned material for display. We were very pleased to have the opportunity to prepare a public showing of some of Jan Croxson's large collection of material, acquired over her many years as our unofficial archivist. We hope to be adding some smaller displays of local interest to our walls, over the coming months.

If you visited the exhibition here, you may have noticed our studio/workshop now has fitted workbenches and stools (just in time for the exhibition) so I'm pleased to finally announce our:

Grand Studio Opening on Saturday 15th. June ***Featuring Eastern and Western Marbling demonstrations and displays with Penny Chipperfield.***

The studio will be open from 11.00 – 5.00 . Entry is free but keep your eyes open around the villages, or our website, for more details of Penny's demonstration times. If it's sunny you'll be most welcome to bring a picnic and sit in the garden!

TALKS

Wed. 12th. June **'A Job for Life'** Apprenticeships and Guilds,
with Sarah Doig. 7.30 pm

Sun. 30th. June **'Barnardos in East Anglia'** with Peter Davidson
2.30pm All tickets £5.00 / £4.00 members

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Parish Council Elections

Parish & Town Councillors are elected to serve on a Parish or Town Council for a period of four years. No election was required (uncontested election) as 4 nominations received for 7 Councillor vacancies.

Councillors are: Christine MacKenzie, Derek Clark, Christopher Wolfe and Enrico Castagnetti.

We still have 3 vacancies to fill, if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then please contact the Clerk (01379 308617) or Chairman (01379 668818) for further details.

Garden Bonfires

Please be considerate of your neighbours when lighting bonfires! Thank you.

PLANNING

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

Decisions (applications approved by SNC & PC)

- 2019/0165 Annexe at Haggie House, Scole Road, Thorpe Abbots. Erection of conservatory.
- 2019/0434 Plantation House, Scole Road, Thorpe Abbots. Retention of use of land for extended residential cartilage, shed and summer house.

Dates of next scheduled meetings:- (members of the public are welcome to attend)

Agenda posted on both village notice boards prior to meeting.

Thursday 27th June 2019 7pm Thorpe Abbots Village Hall.

Tuesday 30th July 2019 7pm Waveney Heritage Centre, Brockdish.

Brockdish Common

It's a while since we reported any news of activity on the Common extending to the River Waveney, but that's not to say we've been idle. Many of you will know how pleasant it is to wander on the mown path down to the River, use the donated picnic table, or even rest half way on the seat built by Oscar in memory of his grandfather.

Work has been going on behind the scenes. Under the Commons Acts, South Norfolk District Council has now agreed to delegate responsibility for management of the Common to the Parish Council. This is important because there is no registered owner of the Common and this delegation gives the Parish Council the necessary authority to carry out management.

The Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) is also interested in working with the Parish Council to foster wildlife on the Common which is a recognised County Wildlife Site. To this end the NWT is advising on appropriate management which will see the creation of two wild flower meadows and retention of scrub areas at the edges. Blackberry pickers and jam makers fear not! Some of you will have attended a talk at the Waveney Heritage Centre given by Gemma Walker of the NWT, the outcome of which was to set up a group of residents to keep an eye on the Common and report on plant and animal life as the seasons progress. Thanks to all those now getting involved.

A further prospect is in sight which dovetails with the interest of the NWT. The Conservation Volunteers organisation (TCV) has submitted a bid for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant. If successful this will provide the resources to carry out improvements to the

Parish Council

biological and ecological diversity of the Common. This would be a 2 year project and an essential part of it being to engage local residents to continue the good work in the longer term.

The essential message from all this is that we hope as many of you as possible will look out for the opportunities to join in with this work to improve what is steadily becoming a valued facility for Brockdish. But one final appeal: could we ask all dog owners to be responsible and use the bin provided at the lower entrance to the Common.

If you have any comments or questions please contact me.

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Thank you also to all the amazing helpers, we couldn't do it without you. The weather was so kind this year, making it the best ever.

Total raised for St Elizabeth Hospice, East Anglian Air Ambulance, CLIC Sargent, Prostate Cancer and local charities was £6,100.00.

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The concert takes place in Starston Jubilee Hall (IP20 9NL) and starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets can be reserved by calling Michael Bartlett on 01379 852318.

Armed Forces Day – Saturday 29th June

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Coffee Break

Jokes

Chicken to woodpecker – “We are better than you! We don’t knock our heads against trees”

Woodpecker – “Oh yeah, well who’s ever heard of Kentucky Fried Woodpecker?”

I’m following my dad into the clown business.
He has big shoes to fill.

What do you get if you cross a cow with a duck?
Cream Quackers

What happened to the cat who swallowed a ball of wool?
She had mittens.

Who did the orange stop at the top of the hill?
It ran out of juice.

I told my friend ten jokes to get him to laugh.
Sadly no pun in ten did!

Quiz

1. Pipenex and Telegraph are both varieties of which salad veg. or fruit?
2. What is the general term for the siphonaptera order of insects?
3. Used in perfumery and formerly in medicine, from which flowers is orris root obtained?
4. Butterflies and moths belong to which order of insects?



Coffee Break

5. What is the common name of Ficus Elastica, a common houseplant?
6. In 1984 the Eastern White Pine became the official tree of which Canadian Province?
7. Which is the only species in the Bromeliad family grown commercially for its fruit?
8. What name is given to the sweet sticky substance excreted by aphids?
9. The leaves of which tree are the preferred diet of the silkworm?
10. Sauerkraut is a diet of the finely cut leaves of which vegetable?

Answers on page 27

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Local History

A Prime Character from Brockdish: Henry Prime, (1808-1881) transport entrepreneur, pub landlord and farmer.

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Before the coming of the railway and regular bus services, how did folk get from Harleston to Norwich to shop? No cars or motor buses and only the wealthy had their own horse and carriage or could afford to hire one. But one man, Henry Prime, who farmed at New Ditch Farm Brockdish for many years in addition to his several other ventures, began the highly successful **Prime's Bus**, a Horse Omnibus Service which ran from Harleston to Norwich from the early 1840s to the early 1860s.



Horse bus 1850s.

Local History

Henry Prime was born on 30 January 1808 in Wortwell and baptised at Harleston parish church. He was one of at least six children, son of a husbandman, that is a small tenant farmer. Henry married first Elizabeth Chandler in 1831 but only two years later, although I cannot find a record of Elizabeth's death, married a second time, to Rachel Buckingham. Henry and Rachel had 10 children in 20 yrs and she outlived him to die in great old age.

Right from the outset, Henry was a character who was looking for innovative ways to make money. He appeared in an advertisement for the miraculous healing properties of 'Smith's Botanical Medicines' in *The Norwich Mercury* in 1835.

" The remarkable cure of Henry Prime, of Wortwell in Norfolk age 14 years....

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I daresay Henry was paid for this endorsement, which suited him well of course as it advertised his strength and readiness to heave and carry, the necessary attributes of a goods carrier before fork lift trucks.

Local History

By the 1841 census he was already described as a carrier, living in Bullock Fair Yard, Harleston, now the Co-op car park. He became a long term tenant of Charles Coleman of the 35 acre New Ditch Farm in Brockdish, where he kept about forty horses. New Ditch Farm is first mentioned in 16th century documents as the home of the Crickmore family but over the years their substantial Tudor house had gone and what was left in the 19th century was a labourer's clay lump cottage. Henry himself lived there only intermittently because in 1850 he became the landlord of the The Crown Inn in Harleston. He raised horses at New Ditch Farm for use in his thriving carrier's business, which moved a large part of the goods traffic in the Harleston district.

One of Prime's busier routes was to and from Bungay Staithe. In those days Bungay was the head of navigation on the Waveney, and many types of goods came up river from Yarmouth by wherry. Prime's wagons collected these and distributed them to Harleston and the villages around. The heyday of smuggling was past but contraband was still run ashore on nearby coasts. There is no doubt that some found its way up the Waveney, hidden beneath the wherries' cargoes. Did any gin or brandy perhaps find it's way to the bars of the Harleston Crown?

Henry Prime also sent wagons to London and, twice a week, ran a horse bus, known as 'Prime's Bus' to Norwich, running between Norwich, Pulham Market, Tivetshall and Norwich every Wednesday and Saturday mornings "at ¼ past 8 morn" and back at 7 o'clock in the evenings. There is a note in the Post Office Directory for the 1860s saying that the bus arrived at The Bell, Orford Hill, Norwich.



The Bell Hotel, Norwich
now a J D Wetherspoon Pub and Santander Bank.

Henry Prime was landlord of the Crown from 1850 to 1864. The 1861 census finds Henry, thirteen members of his family, one servant and four others in residence at the Crown.

But the days of the Horse Bus were numbered. The railway was coming. Waveney Valley branch line ran from Beccles to Tivetshall, connecting to the line between Norwich and London and also the railway from Beccles East to Yarmouth and Lowestoft. The line was opened in stages, firstly from Tivetshall to Harleston on 1st December 1855, then to Bungay on 2nd November 1860, and finally to Beccles.

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Quite generously perhaps, but also because the railway needed to make a profit quickly to satisfy their anxious investors, the company proposed to take over Prime's Bus, with Henry driving it for a year, until the passengers got used to rail travel. One report says that "With many expletives Henry refused", saying he would "run the railway off the road". He carried on for a while, but "many were the times he returned from Norwich with himself half full of gin and his coach empty of passengers." The end of Prime's Bus was in sight. Henry abandoned his horse bus and wagon services in the early 1860s and concentrated on his pub.



Harleston Station, early 1950s.

Henry was still living at New Ditch in the 1871 census. Briefly for one year he became licensee of the Kings Head in Brockdish.

Eventually he retired to a house on Needham High Road where he died age 74 in 1881.

Local History

But Henry's ambitious personality was inherited by at least two of his sons. Charles Prime became Regional Engineer of Ceylon Public Works Department, responsible for many major civil engineering projects and Henry's son James, apprenticed originally as a plumber became Superintendent of the Pretoria Waterworks in South Africa.

Henry Prime's story come from the Norfolk Heritage website, contemporary newspaper reports and census data available online.

Elaine's new book Monks Hall, The History of a Waveney Valley Manor is available from www.poppyland.co.uk, from local bookshops and on Amazon.

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Coffee Break Answers from Questions on page 15

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| 1. Cucumber | 6. Ontario |
| 2. Flea | 7. Pineapple |
| 3. Iris | 8. Honeydew |
| 4. Lepidoptera | 9. Mulberry |
| 5. Rubber Plant | 10. Cabbage |

Information

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Vegetable crops will also need weekly feeding to ensure the best growth. Kill weeds with regular hoeing between the rows of vegetables or in borders. Larger weeds should be dug out or pulled up by hand.

Even the greenest lawn will benefit from a summer tonic to help it through the rest of the season. Deadhead bedding plants and border perennials to keep your displays looking fresh and tidy. When you remove any fading flowers, make sure you take the seed pod away, the plant will then use its energy for the new buds forming, rather than developing the seeds.

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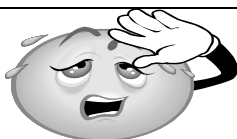
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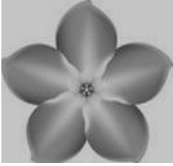
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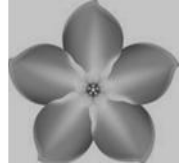


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Harleston & District Forget – Me - Not Café

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 20th June 2019

This month our Café is kindly sponsored by :

Harleston Rotary Club

Come and meet our new Dementia Co-ordinator - Denise Clark
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 to all those that attend.

DEMENTIA TRAINING

A couple of years ago we held some very popular and successful Training Workshops aimed at businesses and organisations in the town and its surrounding villages. We are planning to hold more this year for any companies and their staff.

At these sessions you will see how to become aware of how you can make your business/organisation more user friendly and meet the needs of those living with Dementia. It will give you an understanding of what faces those living with Dementia and their carers in daily life.

We plan to hold these Free Business Workshop later this year (possibly September) at The Swan. If you, or anyone in your

organisation think you would like to come along – please let us know. It will be in the evening and refreshments will be provided. (Date/Times to be notified later)

NEW CAFÉ COMING SOON – SINGING GROUP

Denise will be taking the new Singing Group, it will be held at The Swan, probably the first Thursday in the month ((date to be confirmed) starting in July. Refreshments will be provided.

For further information on any of the above please contact Pat on patricia.simmonds@mail.com or 01379 676557



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Cooking time: 15 minutes

(Pre -heat oven to 190°C (mark 5))

Ingredients:

3oz (85g) plain flour

Pinch of salt

3 large eggs

3oz (85g) caster sugar

Strawberry jam

¼ pint whipping cream

Caster or icing sugar for dusting

Alternative fillings:

Small punnet of strawberries instead of jam

Low fat creme fraiche instead of cream or low fat yoghurt

Method:

Butter and dust with flour and sugar two 7in (18cm) sandwich tins.
Sift flour with the salt twice into a bowl or onto greaseproof paper.

Place a deep mixing bowl over a pan of hot water.

Break eggs into the bowl and gradually whisk in the sugar.

Continue whisking until the mixture is pale and thick enough to leave a trail.

Fold in sifted flour and salt using a figure of eight movement.

Divide the mixture equally between the two tins.

Bake just above the centre of the oven until pale brown and springy to touch.

Carefully ease away the edges of the cakes and cool on a wire rack.

When cold, add chosen filling and dust with caster or icing sugar.

STARSTON ST MARGARET'S CHURCH FESTIVAL OF BELLS

Sunday 16th June 1pm to celebrate fifty years ringing by one of our lady ringers.

St Margaret's Church

1pm Tower bells. Visiting ringers welcome to join us. 2.30 pm, Starston ringers pre service ring

3 pm Service Rev Norman Steer, preacher Rt Rev Bishop Alan, Bishop of Thetford.

Glebe

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The Swifts Are Here!!

Well here we are early May and eagerly awaiting the arrival of our Swifts which have come up from Central Africa. These will return to their old nest sites, which they do for up to 15 years. Swifts produce one brood of two or three eggs each spring, which they lay two or three days apart. This ensures successful fledging of at least one chick as it spreads out the demand for food and allows for insect fluctuations.

The best time of day to look out for them is early morning or dusk. They hunt for insects high above the ground. You are more likely to see them around their preferred nest sites of rooftops, ventilation shafts or church towers. Both Brockdish and Thorpe Abbots have quite large Swift populations largely the result of the number of older buildings which have plenty of nooks and crannies in their roofs which make for ideal nest sites.

Swifts used to be common. Sadly they are in decline due to lack of insects, lack of nesting sites. They are on the Amber list of the Birds of Conservation Concern due to their global decline and the decrease in the breeding (25-50% loss over a 25year period) in the UK. One of the big issues is the renovation of older properties which will often involve reroofing and consequently the removal of the nest sites. All bird nests are protected in UK and it is an offence to disturb a nest site. Please, if you have swifts nesting on your house only undertake roof work outside the months of May to August and also consider putting up new nest sites if you have “tidied up” the old, there is a huge amount of information on this on the net just pop “swift nest” into Mr Google. The summer is here hoorah!! enjoy our lovely population of Swifts.

Thorpe Abbotts Church

The All Saints Church yard is looking an absolute picture at the moment with Meadow Saxifrage in abundance together with Star of Bethlehem which interestingly has traditionally been used as remedy for the after-effects of shock, such as is caused by unexpected bad news or any unexpected and unwelcome event. Not an unwelcome event will be our short (1/2hr) evening Service of Compline at All Saints at 6.30pm on Thursday 13th June not forgetting of course our monthly service at 9.30 on Sunday 9th June.

Simon

Brockdish Church

Where has this year gone! A huge thank you to all the people who helped in anyway towards the Church's open garden event at Jackie and John Spooners (they get the biggest thanks!) Despite awful weather we were able to raise just over £800 for the church fabric fund.

The church looked lovely at Easter thanks to the ladies (and one gent) from the village. The church is a building to be treasured and always comes alive on special days thanks to the hard work, care and imagination of those helping to decorate it.

The Brass band concert was greatly enjoyed by all that attended. Their next performance will be the evening concert near Christmas on December 3rd. Please reserve tickets as soon as you can as they sell very quickly and it saves disappointment.

July 7th is the annual pet service at Brockdish church. All pets any shape or size are most welcome to bring their owners along at 3pm. Plenty of parking for owners vehicles.

Jan Croxson - Church Warden

Church Service Times

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2 nd June	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
9 th June	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	Thorpe	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Abbots		
Thursday	Thorpe	6.30pm	Benefice Compline
13 th June	Abbots		
16 th June	Brockdish	9.30am	Holy Communion
23 rd June	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
30 th June	Brockdish	9.30am	Patronal Holy Communion
7 th July	Brockdish	3.00pm	Pet Service
14 th July	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	Thorpe	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	Abbots		
21 st July	Brockdish	9.30am	Holy Communion
28 th July	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer

Quiz & Light Supper - Saturday 29th June (Bring your own drink), 7.30pm for 8pm start at Brockdish Village Hall – £4pp, Book with Jan 01379 668630.



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