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The cover illustration on this edition was drawn by our resident artist, Derek Clark. We are grateful for his input and pleased with the finished result depicting scenes from both the villages.

Despite winter being here, there are plenty of events happening in and around our villages so there should be no excuses for people not having anything to do. Should you wish to stay in, then why not have a go at our festive recipe on page 35, it may not be healthy but it certainly is tasty!

**Robert Buck - Editor**



### REMEMBER

Closing date for entries in the  
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**BROCKDISH 2019**

This year's Poppy Appeal in the Village raised £391.73.

Many thanks to all the collectors for their time given and everybody who kindly donated to this worthy cause.

***Linda Johnson Poppy Collector***



### **THORPE ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL**

**Friday 6th December, 6.30pm**

Thorpe Abbots Christmas Tree Lights switch on at the Village Green, followed by bar night in the Village Hall.

No bar in January and February. See you again in March!

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## **QUIZ NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> January 7:30 for 8:00pm**

**Admission £5 BROCKDISH VILLAGE HALL**

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### THORPE ABBOTTS SOCIAL CLUB

It is with great sadness that I write this report following the passing of Lennie Havers. Lennie was one of the characters of Thorpe Abbotts who until recently was the back bone of the Social Club, to the members he was known as “that little old boy behind the bar” he will be sadly missed but always in our thoughts.

The Social Club continues to grow in popularity as some venues in South Norfolk and North Suffolk have fallen by the wayside in recent years but the future for Thorpe Abbotts is looking bright. So why not come along on the first Saturday in the month you will be made most welcome.

A new committee of eight members has now been formed to manage the Social Club and to ensure that members can continue to enjoy dance nights well into the future. A strong programme is in place for 2020 with several new acts.

December is now a busy month:

7th December	Annie, A very popular lady who is a resident performer at Pontins.
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Just Kevin, Country Music with free Christmas Buffet for all.
26 <sup>th</sup> December	Brian Mann, Country & 60/70s.
31 <sup>st</sup> December	Bob Whiting, Country & 60/70s. Tickets £12 to include buffet.

So why not come along and enjoy good company it has to be better than the seasonal TV repeats.

Please contact Kelvin 01379 668705 for further details.

As it's that time of the year again I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year

**Linda Halifax**  
**01379 668705**



## Lennie Havers



One of Thorpe Abbots' oldest residents, Lennie Havers passed away earlier last month in his ninetieth year. Lennie worked until he was 78, the latter part of his life driving a livestock lorry for F W Hume & Sons of Diss, where he visited many local farms in the area.

Lennie was well known by local farmers; he enjoyed his trip to Diss on a Friday morning to have his portion of chips from the chip van on the Market Place where he jumped to the front of the queue! He would then meet up with his mates, into a Cafe for a pot of tea and a mardle.

He was the stalwart of Thorpe Abbots Social Club for a number of decades, where he enjoyed being barman and having a dance. A happy care free man well known at the local pub, he lived life to the full and survived lung cancer for 10 years. He will be sadly missed.



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### **Waveney Heritage at the Old School Brockdish** **TALKS**

Wednesday 11th December. 7.30pm.

“Watermills of the Waveney Valley”: - Trevor Scott: -

An illustrated presentation of their long history

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. 7.00pm

with “ROUGH AT THE EDGES”

A Christmas evening of “a-Capello”, carols, readings and more.

Celebrate with us and enjoy mince pies and mulled wine!

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January. 2.30pm

“Memories and Adventures of a Hotelier”: - Robin Twigg,

Owner of The Swan Hotel, Harleston.

From the Lake District to the Waveney Valley, Robin recounts his adventures.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm

“The Waveney: - It's life and Times”: - David Gladwell

A Presentation of Wandering Water, Walks and Workhouse!

Most events: - £4.00 members, £5.00 visitors.

Rough at the Edges: - £5.00 members, £7.00 visitors.

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The Club has been successful in winning the summer league and also the runners up knock out cup. Two of our players played in a team of four at Wortwell won the Norfolk Carpet Bowls 4's – well done to all players.

We do have club nights on a lot of Thursdays so do come along and have a go.

***Glyn Catchpole  
668698***

## **Parish Council**

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### **BROCKDISH PARISH COUNCIL (Including Thorpe Abbots)**

Chairman – Christine Mackenzie

Clerk – Teresa Hines Tel: 01379 308617

e-mail: **brockdishthorpeabbottspc@gmail.com**

We welcome Teresa Bailey to the parish council (co-opted 29/10/19).

We still have 2 vacancies to fill, if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then please contact the Clerk (01379 308617) or Chairman (01379 668818) email [brockdishthorpeabbottspc@gmail.com](mailto:brockdishthorpeabbottspc@gmail.com) for further details.

### ***Planning Application:***

2019/2006 Erection of garage 1 Waveney Heights, Brockdish (PC recommended approval).

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

Agenda posted on both village notice boards prior to meeting.

Tuesday 7th January 2020 7pm WHC Brockdish

We would like to wish you all a 'Happy Christmas' and take this opportunity to invite you to:

**BROCKDISH VILLAGE GREEN  
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS 'SWITCH ON'**

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 6.00 PM  
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### **The History of Brockdish Common** **© Elaine Murphy 2019.**

Brockdish Common has belonged to us, the parishioners, for the past 200 years but we didn't know! How did that happen? In 1974 the national Commons Registration Authority decided there was no known owner of Brockdish Common and took the Common under its own protection. This had the effect of allowing successive Councils to administer the common but without any powers to intervene to use it for the benefit of parishioners. Turns out they were wrong. This was because the Parish Council in the post Second World War years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century had simply ignored Brockdish Common's documented history and did not intervene in 1974 to claim ownership.

Following up on Derek Clark's update on the development of the Common in the last Mardler (p 12, Oct/November 2019) it seemed like a good time to think about its history. Actually, it was Derek's throw-away line, "it would be nice to know ..." that got me started. Most of the information here is from parish documents and maps in the Norfolk Record Office and the National Archive.

**Brockdish Common** is a registered common (number CL125), made up of two parcels of land. The southern-most part, off Common Lane is a County Wildlife Site (CWS 68). The northern common is a strip of sloping ground that runs north up the east side of Grove Road behind the school up to its northerly border at Hall Road. In the old tithe map of 1838, it is referred to as 'Foredale' but this may be a misprint for Foreland. The whole common is small, just under 4 acres.

#### **Earliest days. Why is the Common called the Common?**

Before easy land drainage was possible, there were always areas of farmland that were less productive and difficult to improve. This 'wasteland' provided some essentials of life though, for example foraged fruit and berries and hunted food like rabbits and birds, and wood as fuel. Although it is often thought that land was common to all, or that some has no owner, that is incorrect. Originally it would have been tenants or peasants living on the local manor who had

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common rights, but in later periods it was identified individuals with named rights, such as grazing sheep or cattle, which could be passed from one generation to the next.

### **The Manorial Landholders of Brockdish Common 1585-1974.**

Before 1585 there were two main manors in Brockdish, Brockdish Earl manor based around Brockdish Place (now Thorpe Abbots Place) estate and Brockdish Hall manor based around Brockdish Hall of course. In 1585 however William Grice of Brockdish Place bought the Hall manor from William Howard and the two manors were united under one owner. So the joint manor proprietor or Lord owned the commons and the families who owned the joint manor retained ownership until the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, when the manor and Hall were sold to John Birkbeck, a wealthy man who lived in Settle in Yorkshire and acted as absentee landowner to a succession of farming tenants on the hall and manor lands. Birkbeck was a wealthy banker in Yorkshire, quite an interesting character, whose sons became early mountaineers. Over the years however the common land had dwindled down to just a few acres because of the Enclosures.

### **The Enclosures Begin in Tudor times.**

Brockdish Common land would originally have been many more acres than today, distributed in various strips around the parish. As farming practices improved, some holders of arable strips would agree to stop enforcing their common rights against each other, and physically ENCLOSE (often the word INCLOSE was used) individual or multiple strips of land with hedges or fences. This allowed them to improve their own holdings as they wished. The process of enclosure gathered momentum in Tudor times, in response to the growth of the wool market, and gained a bad reputation for depriving landless labourers of a living, by turning what was mixed farmland to pasture for sheep, with much lower requirements for labour. In south Norfolk vast tracts of land that had been held in common were divided up between landowners, who swapped strips around between them so their pieces were adjacent and leaving only fairly small patches of common land to be used in the old way.

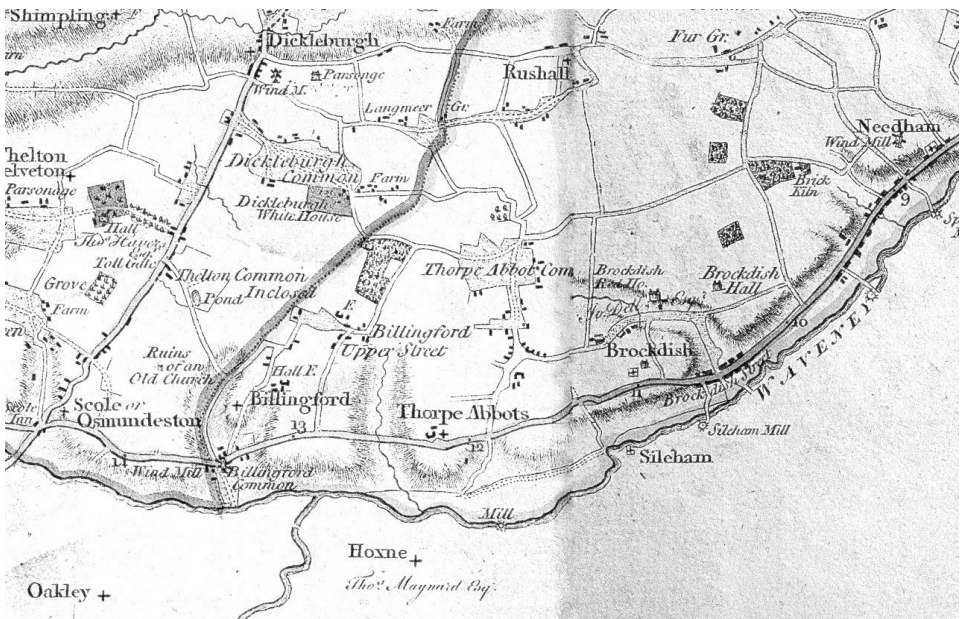


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Since Brockdish remained a good arable area with some marsh grazing land for cattle, the parish did not get overrun by sheep. Nevertheless, enclosures proceeded apace. Sadly, there are no records of these early enclosures in Brockdish although it is clear that the majority of enclosures occurred early here.

### **The 19<sup>th</sup> century. Brockdish landowners decide to enclose the majority of good arable Brockdish land.**

By the 18<sup>th</sup> century, legal agreements between landlords were superseded by Acts of Parliament, particularly where the lord of the manor wished to drive improvement in the productivity of the manor's agriculture, or there was pressure from the tenants. The increased investment improved yields and allowed an expansion in population, which in turn prompted more innovation to produce enough food. The Europe-wide Napoleonic Wars of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century also highlighted the vulnerability of the country's food supplies, and a great deal of Parliamentary enclosure took place in the following years.



Faden's Map of Norfolk 1797. Online at <http://www.fadensmapofnorfolk.co.uk>

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Brockdish parish had almost all been enclosed before the Enclosure Enabling Act of 1801 and does not show therefore on the early map of Norfolk drawn up by Faden, 1797.

### **Early 19<sup>th</sup> century enclosures. Brockdish Commons Deed of Covenant 1821 and Enclosure Awards 1825.**

In 1821, John Birkbeck, Lord of the Manor, with the help of an official commissioner Richard Brettingham, drew up a Deed of Covenant for the existing Brockdish Common, a tidying up exercise designed to write down exactly who had rights to do what and where. This was done with the support and agreement of the various parish landowners who had rights on the various bits of common.

The problem was that the deed of covenant didn't stop squabbling between the various landowners over who could use the land; "disputes had arisen between parties". Four years later in 1825 Birkbeck seems to have decided to sell most of the common land to the various common rights holders. Brettingham the Commissioner came back to do a formal enclosure award. All the local landowners who had common rights then acquired the freehold of their bits of land, all that is except the remaining common that we still have today, probably because no one wanted it.

John Birkbeck, who was a philanthropist as well as huge landowner, seems to have decided to donate the remaining small Brockdish Common to the parish so that in future, the common rights would be supervised by an appointed group of trustees who would be called the Brockdish Common Rights Trustees. Presumably Birkbeck was tired of the squabbling and thought it best to hand over the small amount of land and delegate the responsibility to a group of parishioners, appointed by the Churchwardens and Trustees of the parish.

The Chairman of the Trustees for Brockdish Common Rights was the Brockdish Churchwarden, and just as it happens, the Churchwarden Thomas Clarke Brettingham was the owner of Brockdish Place estate, the son of the enclosure commissioner. The arrangement must have

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been negotiated between father and son with Birkbeck's approval. So, on the tithe map drawn up in 1839 the plots owned by the Trustees are named to Thomas Clarke Brettingham as 'Landowner Party' for the Brockdish Common Rights Trustees. IT WAS OURS!



Tithe Map of Brockdish 1839 (Norfolk Record Office).

### The Commons Registration Act of 1965

Any common land not registered within the time limit of the 1965 act ceased to be common or carry any common rights. So, in 1968 Brockdish Common and Foreland was registered under the Commons Registration Act of 1965 but without any known owner. Clearly the Brockdish Commons Rights Trustees were no longer active; they had become history and had been totally forgotten.

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**Norfolk County Council decided in 1974 that there was no owner of Brockdish Common and the map submitted in 1968 was wrong.**

The County Council held a Commission of Enquiry in 1974 and 'No person came forward to claim ownership upon public notice'. "There was no appearance at the hearing". Why was that? Where was Brockdish Parish Council? The County Council also declared that an area of land on the south-west side of Common Lane going down to the river had been wrongly omitted from the register in 1968.

### **Getting the Map Right 2015.**

In spite of the map being clearly wrong, there was no provision to correct mistakes in the registers until part 1 of the Commons Act 2006 came into effect in England in 2015. We know now that actually if the Brockdish Commons Rights Trustees had still been active the parish council would have been able to demonstrate they were owners. The judgment also confirmed that the only rights of commonage on Brockdish Common were for cattle and sheep, no other farming activities or rights were registered. Through Derek Clark's patient persistence, the map was corrected in 2017.

### **The position today, 2019.**

The Common and Foreland in Brockdish have played a tiny agricultural role since the last enclosure of 1825. The Common has been used for grazing no more than a couple of head of cattle, most recently by former owners of Crowe Hall during the Second World war. It now clearly comes within the responsibility of Brockdish and Thorpe Abbots Parish Council. There are a wealth of native species of wild flower, evidence of ancient woodland and a haven for butterflies, hoverflies and birds. A mown path is taking shape and donations of seating for a picnic and a comfortable, smart bench made by Oscar Housego, dedicated to his father's memory, have made it a place to pause and enjoy the wildlife. There are now plans to improve the ambience further to constrain brambles and nettles and to let the Common flourish again as a place of recreation.

*Note: Elaine has recently written a new introduction and updated chapters for a new edition of Suffolk Scene by Julian Tennyson, published by Poppyland Publishing, available online and at local bookshops.*

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Arthur any mince pies left?

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Ans. The Turkey, he's always stuffed!

Guess the names of the sweet or biscuit for each of the following clues -

- |                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Melodies         | 6. Wobbly infants                   |
| 2. Sly Giggles      | 7. High class thoroughfare          |
| 3. Toothless drink  | 8. Elite idiots                     |
| 4. Child's toy      | 9. We are not amused                |
| 5. This drink bites | 10. Lucky people get out of the way |

Solve the riddle: -

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Answer to quiz on page 42





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## **Local Information**

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### **Battle of Britain Wings Appeal**

Royal Air Forces Association Community Fund Raisers, Harleston, Battle of Britain Wings Appeal collections at East of England Co-op, Lawrences Budgens, Battle of Britain dinner, stall at Flixton Air Museum and a donation of £60 from America, via Starston Pigeon Post, raised a total of £1943.05. Our thanks on behalf of RAFA to the stores and all who gave this year. £3061.37 has been sent to RAFA from Harleston Community Fund Raisers to help serving and ex R.A.F. personnel and their dependants.

### **St Margaret's Church Starston NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Bells 12.00 midday

Meet in Church 12.30

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Many thanks

***Julie and Herbert Websdell***

## Information

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Visits Brockdish and Thorpe Abbots every four weeks  
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Brockdish -	12.05 pm Waveney Heights
Brockdish -	12.20 pm on Grove Road
Thorpe Abbots -	12.35 pm Telephone Box/Post Box

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Another important job is to sweep patios and driveways so that any slippery algae and leaves are cleared away. Keep clearing up any leaves so that slugs and snails can't shelter beneath them.

Now is a good time for repairing fences, trellises, pergolas, replacing any loose posts or any that might be rotting at the base before they collapse.

The remains of any old crops should be cleared away, and added to your compost heap or to your garden composter tidying the area and preparing the ground for next year.

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## Harleston Library Information

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Regular free events at Harleston Library:

Wednesdays, 10.15 - 11.00 am: Bounce & Rhyme Time, with Stay & Chat to follow – bring your baby along for a singalong, and stick around for a hot drink

Wednesdays (term time), 3.45 - 4.45pm: Lego Club

Wednesdays, 2.00 - 4.00 pm: Just a Cuppa – pop in for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit, and have a chat with us and other people from your local community.

Wednesdays, fortnightly, 2.00 – 4.00 pm: Knit & Knatter – pop in with your knitting project – or start one – and catch up with our regulars.

For further information pop in during staffed hours or call us on (01379) 852549.

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# **HARLESTON PLAYERS SPRING PRODUCTION 2020**

## **Les Liaisons Dangereuses AUDITION CALL**

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Set in Pre-Revolutionary France this is a play of sexual manners. However, such extreme pleasure seeking amongst the aristocracy leads to tragedy for the main protagonists.

Christopher Hampton's 'witty and mercilessly intelligent adaptation...' provides a brilliant script that entertains along with sword-fighting drama and poignancy.

Six strong female roles are aged from 15 years to 84 years and four male roles of differing types including the gloriously self-confident Valmont.

With period costume set in high-born France, this is a fantastic spectacle.

Auditions will be at Jays Green on,

Tuesday 3th December                      7.30 - 10.00 pm.

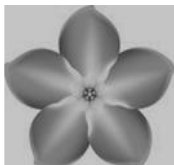
Sunday 8th December                      2.00 - 4.00 pm.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December                      7.30 - 10.00 pm.

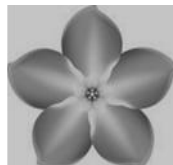
Performances will be Fri/Sat April 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, Thurs April 30<sup>th</sup>,  
Fri/Sat May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

If you would like to be involved but can't make the auditions or would like more information contact: -

Roy Goodwin on 01379 586279 or 07768847175



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

Our Christmas Party this month is kindly sponsored by:  
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Come to our Christmas Party at the Swan Hotel, Harleston on  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

Come along and enjoy all the Christmas songs with the very popular  
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Father Christmas will be calling in to see us as well.  
Enjoy our Christmas fare with Mince Pies and Mulled Wine (non alcoholic)

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.

All our sponsors are always welcome to come along to the Café and join us for Tea

**THANK YOU**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of those who sponsored our Cafes during 2019. Without you we couldn't have provided the friendship and support to those living with Dementia in our area.

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## CHRISTMAS TARTE AMANDINE



This tart is very special, and will feed many guests over Christmas. It freezes well too. Use a 500g (1lb 2oz) pack of shortcrust pastry if time is short.

### **Ingredients**

#### **For the pastry**

225g (8oz) plain flour, 100g (4oz) butter cubed, 50g (2oz) caster sugar, 1 egg, 1tbsp water.

#### **For the almond filling**

175g (6oz) butter, 175g (6oz) caster sugar, 4 eggs, 175g (6oz) ground almonds, 1tsp almond extract, a generous ½ jar of mincemeat.

#### **For the topping**

About 75g (3oz) icing sugar, juice of 1 lemon, about 50g (2oz) flaked almonds.



## **Recipe**

- 1 Preheat the oven to 190°C/fan 170°C/gas 5, and put a heavy, flat baking tray in it to heat.
- 2 Make the pastry, either by rubbing the flour and butter together by hand or by whizzing them in a processor. Add the sugar and mix for a moment, then add the egg and water. Mix until it just holds together.
- 3 Roll the pastry out on a floured surface and use to line a 28cm (11in) flan tin. There should be ample to fit the tin. Prick the base of the pastry using a fork.
- 4 Next, make the filling. Mix the butter and sugar until creamy, add the eggs and blend, then mix in the ground almonds and extract.
- 5 Spread a thin layer of mincemeat over the base of the pastry and spoon the almond mixture on top.
- 6 Sit the tart tin on the hot baking sheet, and bake in the preheated oven for 45-50 minutes until the pastry is crisp and golden brown.
- 7 To finish, make a glacé icing from the icing sugar and lemon juice, adding water to make it a pouring consistency. Spread over the tart and sprinkle with flaked almonds. Return to the oven for about 5 minutes.

## **PREPARING AHEAD**

The pastry lined flan tin can be kept, covered with clingfilm, in the fridge for up to 12 hours. Filled with the mincemeat and almond mixture, it can be kept for about 1 hour, covered and refrigerated. You can also freeze the tart after the end of step 7. Cool, wrap and freeze for up to 1 month. Defrost overnight.

### Harleston Cinema presents:

#### ***THE ITALIAN JOB*** (PG)

With the generous sponsorship of a member of the Masonic Lodge, Harleston Cinema is offering something completely different this month – the original version of the iconic British film, ***The Italian Job***, first released in 1969.

It is regarded as the greatest Brit-flick crime caper comedy of all time, and Michael Caine's glorious line "You were only supposed to blow the bloody doors off!" has gone down in movie history.

A misfit team of crooks assembled by ex-con Charlie Croker (Michael Caine) and financed by crime lord, Mr Bridger (Noel Coward) have a devious plan to steal gold bullion in the traffic-choked streets of Turin, using the occasion of an England/Italy football match as cover for the heist. Michael Caine and Noel Coward's performances are supported with small but priceless cameos from Irene Handl and John Le Mesurier. But *The Italian Job's* real stars are the three Mini Coopers – patriotically decorated red, white and blue – that run rings round every other vehicle in the immortal car-chase sequence which preserves forever the British love affair with the little car.

It's an unashamedly jingoistic film which sums up the joie de vivre of the 1960s so perfectly that future historians need only look here to see why the decade was swinging. A "must see" - or joyful revisit.

**Date** Thursday 12th December: matinee 2pm: evening 7.30pm

**Venue** Harleston Masonic Rooms, Redenhall Road

**Tickets** Reserve them (at £4.00/head) at Harleston Information

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In honour of the film's Italian setting, Chianti will be available at the bar, and you can enjoy an interval slice of pizza and some Italian ice cream for £2.50 per head.

Further information from Lesley (01379 854897) or Carolyn (01379 854752)

# The Crafty Bombers

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- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December



To cover the costs of materials, we ask for a donation of £1 per child. Any crafty donations also gratefully received!

*For any enquiries please contact Jo Slater  
tel. 668585 / [jogslater@hotmail.com](mailto:jogslater@hotmail.com)*

## **Harleston Players present**

### **Peter Pan**

Ever since Peter Pan first flew in through Wendy Darling's nursery window and took her off to Neverland, Barrie's classic adventure story has thrilled and delighted theatre-goers.

Join Harleston Players this January on a magical adventure to Neverland in J M Barrie's classic tale, Peter Pan.

This version of the play was lovingly and painstakingly researched and restored by John Caird and Trevor Nunn, to Barrie's original intentions, for the National Theatre. With a combined cast drawing on talent from both the adult and youth companies this production, directed by Joe Edwards-Gill (Oliver, Moonlight and Magnolias), will delight audiences of all ages.

Performances at Archbishop Sancroft High School:

Friday 24th January 7.30pm.

Saturday 25th January matinee 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Friday 31st January 7.30pm.

Saturday 1st February matinee 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets available from 17th December.

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## **Goings on at All Saints Church Thorpe Abbotts**

Well wasn't it nice to be called the Village with Poppies. The youngsters did a great job with the pump after a lot of hard work in the Village Hall painting them all. The Church looked wonderful with the Poppy on its Tower, big thanks need to go to the Parish Council and Village Hall who helped us with the finances.

Talking of lights, we have had a number of enquiries about having the lights on for special occasions and you will have seen the Church aglow on a number of occasions. I will have to say that seeing it alight as I drive past always brings a smile to my face wondering what event or person we are celebrating and of course, appreciating what a good idea it was when we installed the lights way back in 2003. In fact, the idea was born during the celebration of the Millennium in 2000 when Rosemary Barham who lived in School Lane, and a leading light on our Church Council organised some mobile lighting and showed us all how lovely a floodlight All Saints could be. If you would like the lights on to celebrate or remember a loved one please contact **Sue Williams** on **07855 414941** or myself on [allsaintsta@btinternet.com](mailto:allsaintsta@btinternet.com).

Now it's almost got to the stage when we can mention the "C" word. In fact, although as I write it's a touch early when you read this it will definitely

## **ALMOST BE CHRISTMAS!**

As we have in the past, we will be having a Christingle Carol Christmas Celebration with something for all together with festive fare at All Saints, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm which I am pretty sure will be preceded by a celebration round the pump with Carols in the days before. This though is very much still in the planning stage so I will not be stealing the Village Hall Committee's thunder by saying more. Suffice to say there will be a chance to celebrate the lighting of the tree decorated as always with decorations from around the Village.

## **Goings on at All Saints Church Thorpe Abbots**

Let me close this final edition of All Saint News by wishing you all a very happy Christmas, may yours be a joyous one and in the hope that 2020 is all you could wish for.



### **Brockdish Church**

Brockdish Village Church has stood on the hill for over 1,000 years welcoming all through its doors. This welcome is still paramount to the Church. The Church is open every day so please feel free to visit your Church for a personal time or to come and see the beauty inside. There is a Church guide available inside the Church

Church services are open to all and take place every Sunday at 9.30am the fourth Sunday of the month is Holy Communion.

The PCC is grateful for all the support given to the Church from the community; financially, flower arrangers, cleaners, event supporters and the churchyard gardening crew who work hard to keep the churchyard neat and tidy, a huge thank you to you all.

The Carols by Candlelight Service takes place this year on December 22nd starting 6.00pm. Why not come and join in and see the Church at its most joyous and beautiful.

***Jan Croxson***  
***Church Warden***

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - **Make your own Christmas Wreath**, Doors open 1.45pm entry £15. This event must be booked as we have limited space available. Call Sarah or Chas on 01986 788079

All events at the **Wortwell Community Centre IP20 0HS**, with proceeds to Wortwell Community Centre Charity, No 1025885

**Quiz Answers from page 20:**

1. Tunes
2. Snickers
3. Wine gums
4. Yo Yo biscuits
5. Brandy snaps
6. Jelly babies
7. Quality street
8. Cream crackers
9. Victoria biscuits
10. Jammy dodgers

Riddle - They were grandmother (also a mother), a mother (also a daughter) and a daughter.

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1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Brockdish	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Thorpe Abbots	4.00pm	Christingle/Crib Service
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Brockdish	6.00pm	Carol service by candlelight
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thorpe Abbots	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Brockdish	9.30am	Informal Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	Thorpe Abbots	9.30am	Holy Communion
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Brockdish	9.30am	Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Brockdish	9.30am	Morning Prayer

**Quiz & Light Supper** - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan (Bring your own drink),  
 7.30pm for 8pm start at Brockdish Village Hall – £5pp. Book with Jan  
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