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Tuesday	Line Dancing (6.00pm)
Wednesday	Art group (9.00am)
	Badminton (3.00pm & 5.00pm)
Thursday	Tea Dance (1.30pm)
	Carpet Bowls (7.00pm)

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Welcome to our autumnal edition of the Mardler. It is so wonderful to see events taking place in our communities once more. Last month saw the Strawberry Tea and Quiz night in Brockdish, and the Thorpe Abbots Bar reopening. All were enthusiastically attended by villagers old and new. There is much to look forward to over the next 2 months, including a plethora of talks at the Waveney Heritage Centre and the return of the Thorpe Abbots Halloween Ball. Looking further ahead, we would like a festive front cover for our Christmas edition, and welcome artwork from budding artists of any age. There will be a prize for the winning picture, so if your child would like to enter, then get them drawing and painting! Please send or pass entries on to a member of the editorial team.

Rob Buck, Editor



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Harleston Players present

‘Waiting for God’

22nd to 30th October , Archbishop Sancroft High School

The popular TV series ‘Waiting for God’ ran for five series in the early 1990s. A play version was suggested at the time, but author Michael Aitkens was too busy to consider it.

Thirty years later, he considered again and here is the outcome. Some things don’t change so very much, and this play has the same characters in the same situation and with all the same attitudes to life.

Set in Bayview Retirement Home, run by slimy, out-for-profit Harvey Baines, ex-war correspondent/photographer Diana Trent is furious at where life has now landed her, and is determined to make her presence felt at every opportunity.

In the neighbouring apartment is ex-accountant Tom Ballard, deposited here as his daughter-in-law can’t stand him in the house any longer. Far from being upset and resentful, he optimistically regards this as the next adventure.

Performances at 7.30pm on 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th and 30th October. Tickets, priced £10, available from 1st October in person at Robinson’s Traditional Stationers and online from www.harlestonplayers.co.uk.

**Thorpe Abbots Village Hall
Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 14th October, 8pm onwards
Thorpe Abbots Village Hall**

Open Garden, The Old Coach House - Thank you!

Can we just say a very big thank you to everyone who helped, donated, and came along on the day to the Open Garden this year. We hope everyone enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed seeing everyone.

We also want to thank everyone who has come along and been supporting our charity stall throughout the year.

We have been able to send another £2,700.00 to local charities, including E.A.A.A., St Elizabeth Hospice, P.A.C.T Animal Sanctuary and Harleston Information Plus.

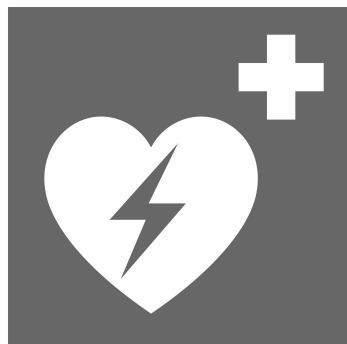
Thank you all so much.

Jackie, John and Jean

Village Defibrillators

Brockdish Defibrillator is located on the outside wall of Brockdish Village Hall. At the Village Hall there is a clothes bank. All proceeds from this go towards the running costs of the Defibrillator.

Thorpe Abbots Defibrillator is located outside the Village Hall.



Harleston & District Dementia Friendly Community & Café



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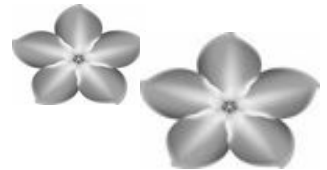
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We originally thought that we may be able to resume the Dementia Café in September when things got back to normal. Unfortunately, with the various Covid strains and the cases still rising we do not feel it is safe at the present time. Nobody knows what the future holds, so it looks as though we will not be able to hold any Cafés until the New Year, when hopefully this will finally be over. We will keep in touch about a start date.

The Dementia Cafe in Harleston was created as a safe and enjoyable place for both people who are experiencing some memory loss, or have a diagnosis of Dementia and their family, carers and friends who may be feeling a little more isolated than others. Along with tea, coffee, cake, and conversation, there are activities to engage, inform, stimulate and entertain everyone. Plus it is an opportunity to make new friends, keep active and feel more confident.

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Monday 18th October	Stowmarket	Fare £10.00
Monday 25th October	Lunch at The White Horse, Stoke Ash	Fare £7.00

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Waveney Heritage at The Old School
Grove Road Brockdish

What's on this Autumn

Wednesday 6th October, 7.15pm for 7.30-9.30pm

'Brockdish Window to 5th Generation Farming'

By Roy Goodwin

A century of farming and living in the parishes of Brockdish, Wingfield, Syleham and Weybread.

Sunday 24th October, 2.15pm for 2.30-4.30pm

'An Historic Tour of the Waveney Valley'

Stephen Poulter

Local historian, Stephen Poulter, leads you on an unusual tour of the River Waveney using reports from travellers who visited the towns and villages along our local waterway over the past 400 years.

Wednesday 10th November, 7.15pm for 7.30-9.30pm

'The History of a Waveney Valley Farm'

By Trevor Scott

The story of its builders, owners and occupiers: Freston House and Farm, Mendham Low Road, Redenhall with Harleston, Norfolk.

Sunday 21st November, 2.15pm for 2.30-4.30pm

'Flora Sandes - You'll Make a Lovely Sergeant'

By Janette Robinson

Flora was the only western woman to enrol in a WW1 army as a female, and fight on the front line. Her story is remarkable - and she was brought up in Suffolk.

To book tickets for talks please contact Mary Thompson (tel 668279) or Jill Edwards (tel. 669057). All tickets £5/£4* per person (* member ticket price).

To book Open Day Wireless Museum and further information contact Tony (tel. 651608).

Waveney Heritage at The Old School
Grove Road Brockdish

Cups and Trophies

If any of you have children who attended Brockdish Primary and who won Cups or Shields which are now taking up space that you could use, please give me a ring and I will be pleased to collect them. We would love to have them on show in the Old School section of the Archive Dept. at Waveney Heritage.

Jill Edwards (tel. 668057)

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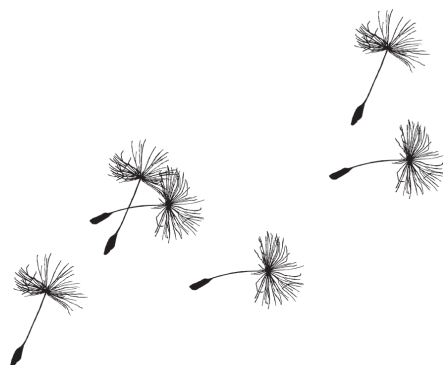
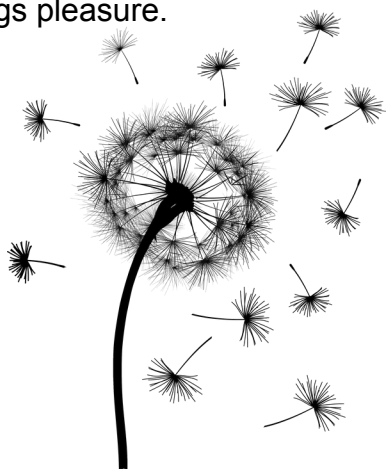
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The Mardler Poet: Eileen Marie Riley (1914-1993)

Eileen was the Mardler poet for many years. We thought it might be nice to reprint some of her work. If anyone has one of her poems we would love to be able to use them. The one in this edition was given by Mrs Frost.

Old age does not come suddenly.
We do not wake one day
And find that we are now grown old,
Wrinkled, bent and grey.
Gradually our steps slow down,
Each day we can do less.
We know that from the day we're born
This time will come to pass.
Why envy virile?
You now have time to do so much
You know the answers and the proof.
Acquire some skills whilst you are young
Watch and study birds
Learn to paint with colours
Or picture thoughts with words
And even though for many years
You've neither time nor leisure
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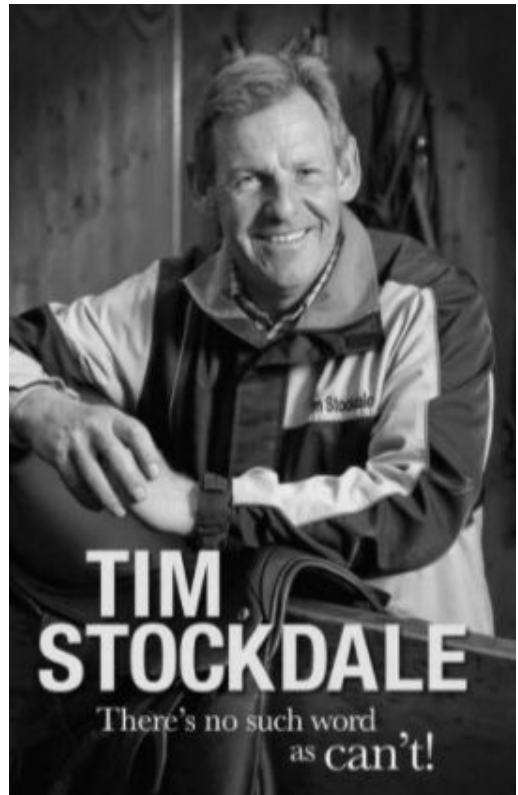
A special thank you to Tricia for her contribution to this edition. It is much appreciated.

If you would like to share your thoughts on the books recommended so far or, indeed, write your own review for a much loved book, do let us know. You can send your review to judecham@gmail.com.

There is No Such Word as Can't by Tim Stockdale (reviewed by Tricia Fincham)

Tim Stockdale was a very successful British equestrian. He rode his own horses as well as riding horses owned by others. He competed up to Olympic level and was still competing up until his diagnosis of stomach cancer in 2018. As well as competing, Tim also shared his wealth of knowledge by offering training courses and appearing in various TV programmes.

This book starts at the beginning of his life, with the introduction of his first pony which he kept in the garden shed. He was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth and worked hard to achieve his success. A typical northerner, he writes with wit and humour as he tells of various antics he got up to. This book is funny in places and sad in others. Well worth a read, even if you are not a horsey person, as it is written by a man who was a great entertainer.



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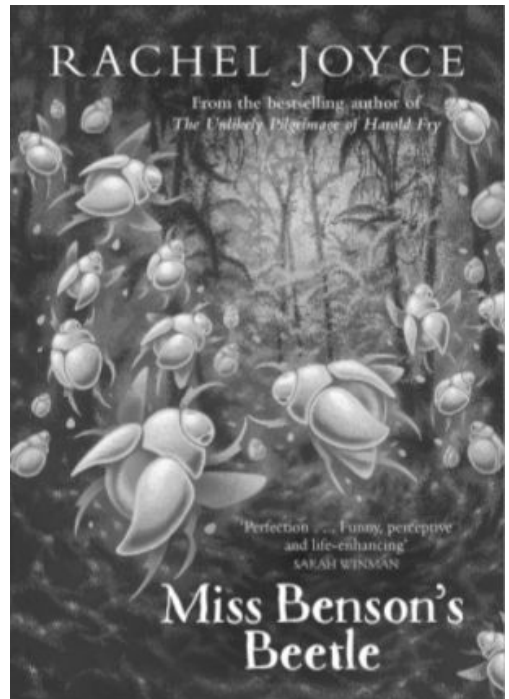
Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce

(reviewed by Judith Chambers)

'There is No Such Word As Can't' could equally apply to the book I am reviewing for you this issue.

Miss Benson's Beetle is written by Rachel Joyce, the author of 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry', 'Perfect', 'The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy' and 'The Music Shop'.

Miss Benson's Beetle is a enjoyable book. It is set in the 1950's in a drab post-war London. Margery Benson, frustrated by her job as a home economics teacher, decides to go on an adventure in search of the Golden Beetle of New Caledonia, which may or may not even exist! Her unlikely companion is Edith Pretty.



Their quest takes them across the world to Australia and on to New Caledonia, which is a French Colony. Setting out with very little money and surviving on their wits, a lasting friendship develops from the scrapes they get into on their way.

Behind the tale of their madcap adventures, there is a profound message of the importance of friendship, the fight for recognition that women in those times faced, and also of the way in which we are sometimes too hasty to judge others. It is humorous, tragic and memorable.



Jokes

Diner - 'May I finish with a coffee without cream please?'

Waiter - 'Sorry we're out of cream. Will you have it without milk?'

Q. What can a whole apple do that half an apple can't do?

Ans. Look round.

Diner - 'This coffee tastes like mud.'

Waiter - 'It was ground only a few minutes ago.'

Farmer - 'The hens have been drinking the whisky.'

Farmer's wife - 'How do you know?'

Farmer - 'They're laying Scotch eggs.'

Quiz

1. Curly, broadleaf and Hamburg are all types of which herb?
2. What fruit is used to make the alcoholic French drink Calvados?
3. Which edible plant is said to ward off vampires?
4. Lancashire Lad is a variety of which fruit?
5. An Ugli fruit is a cross between which two fruits?
6. What is the name of the vegetable often called Lady's Fingers?
7. Both flower and fruit of our native plant Sambucus can be made into wine. What is the common name of this plant?
8. Worcester Pearmain and Blenheim Orange are types of what?
9. Musselburgh is a town in Scotland and also a variety of which vegetable?
10. What were the floral names of the three sisters in the TV sitcom 'Keeping up appearances'?

Answers on page 26



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The People of Thorpe Abbotts, February 1918

I will now try and tell you what I remember about some of the people who lived in Thorpe Abbotts when I first came to live here in February 1918 a few months before the Armistice. I was nine years old. My father came to work on the farm owned by the Misses Kay and we lived in the house now owned by Mr and Mrs Balding; next door lived Mrs Lanham and her family, her husband at that time being away in the forces.

The Misses Eva and Marion Kay lived at Thorpe Abbotts place and owned most of the village, except those farms I have mentioned before as being independent. Mr Walter Brundle was their tenant farmer and lived at Highfields. He was very large man and a very kind one as well.

My maternal grandfather, Mr Robert Mills, was a farm steward to Miss Kay. He was then over 70 and lived at the Grange with his daughter Nell. He rode around the farm in a high gig with his old sheepdog Bob running free. He could neither read or write, but could count with the best.

Thorpe Abbotts place looked very different in those days; a mansion built to house a team of servants, as well as a large family. There were white doves flying everywhere and a cuckoo clock in every room. Miss Kay's butler, Mr Adams, was a lovely, old, roly-poly, short man who lived in Home Farm with his German wife. He was a kind man, full of fun. He always saw to it that Miss Kay knew if there was anyone in the village ill or in trouble. His daughter Nellie was Miss Kay's lady's maid.

Inside the house was Mrs Valiant, cook-housekeeper, who was a truly majestic figure; kitchen maid, between maid, two housemaids, one footman and one pageboy. Outside was Mr Charles Chilver, head gardener, and three or four beneath him.

Local History

As it was war time, the car was locked in the garage. When the ladies went out, they were driven in the carriage by Mr Ishmael Redgrave, coachman, and attended by the footman and page.

Once or twice a week, Miss Kay would trot down to the village on her high heels accompanied by her collie dog Flossie, who was nearly as tall as she was. She always looks as if she was floating along, for she seemed to have ribbons and scarves fluttering all around her. If she noticed on her walk anyone's gate with a latch broken, a little note would come down to William Chenery, Harry's father, next morning, asking him to see to it.

I was amazed one day when I first came here. A group of us children were walking home from school to dinner one day, when we met Miss Kay on the corner by the Red Lion. At once, all the girls went down almost on their knees and all the boys' right hands went up to their caps. "You didn't curtsy to Miss Kay!" I was accused. It was the first time I had ever heard of such a thing!

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A message from Councillor Martin Wilby

Congratulations to everyone who were recently recognised as Community Champions in South Norfolk for their work over the past year. The 14 awards were handed out to individuals who had gone “above and beyond to improve the lives of local residents over the past year”. I would like to mention Lizzy Pegg who picked up the award on behalf of her group, the Harleston Kindness Hub, which has spent the last year and a half picking up shopping and prescriptions for elderly and vulnerable residents in the town. Another winner of this award was Matthew Scade, the project manager for the Waveney Foodbank, which gave out more than 1,000 meals a day to people in need over the past year. Also recognised was Park Radio whose team of volunteers continued to provide listeners with regular information throughout the pandemic.

Proposals for the Long Stratton bypass took a significant step closer when Government confirmed funding for the project. Approval of Norfolk County Council's outline business case submitted in January, was granted by the Department for Transport, along with a funding commitment of £26.2 million towards the cost of building the new road, which promises to cut congestion and support the local economy for years to come. Subject to receiving all of the necessary statutory approvals, including planning permission, the target date for construction work to start is mid-2023, with the road open to traffic before the end of 2024.

Rural homes and businesses across Norfolk and Suffolk will get next-generation gigabit broadband brought to them under a plan to level up internet access across the UK. The Project Gigabit programme targets properties that would otherwise have been left behind as broadband companies roll out plans, prioritising those that currently have the slowest connections. Their available speeds will rocket to more than 1,000 megabits or one gigabit per second – enough to download a High Definition movie in less 30 seconds and to lay the foundations for tomorrow's technology, such as 8K-quality streaming.

A message from Councillor Martin Wilby

Businesses in Norfolk and Suffolk are being encouraged to take advantage of a new capital grant opportunity of up to £30,000. DRIVE, the Delivering Rural Investment for Vital Employment Programme, wants to hear from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to grow the region's rural economy. Launched in February 2021, the new £3m scheme is funded by the European Regional Development Fund. The programme supports local businesses to invest in new projects that benefit their growth and new employment. Applications can be made for up to 40% of total project costs, with a minimum grant of £5,000 and a maximum of £30,000. For further details please visit www.driveforbusiness.co.uk or call 01603 222643.

NCC has been recognised for its outstanding support of the armed forces community in Norfolk, following an announcement from the Ministry of Defence. The local authority has been given the Gold Award, the highest honour handed out through the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. The award is given to organisations that employ and support those who serve in the armed forces, service leavers, veterans and their families. The Gold Award also acknowledges the Council's partnership working through the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant Board.

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Decisions: (approved by SNC & PC)

2021/1071 8 Church Road, Brockdish: *Erection of single storey rear extension.*

2021/1290 Rectory Cottage, Church Road, Brockdish: *To clad the rest of the building with pressure treated 7x1 feather edge board, the same as used on the side extension (2018/0730).*

2021/1189 10 Church Road, Brockdish: *Demolition of existing porch and lean to extension and replace with new porch and rear extension.*

2021/1259 Grove Thorpe, Grove Road, Brockdish: *Retrospective application of a new section of facing brick wall to each side of the existing retained, painted timber gates & construction of an open storage building.*

LORRY ACCESS TO CHICKEN SITE ON MILL ROAD THORPE ABBOTTS

At the June meeting the route taken to the chicken site was discussed, and, following this, it was agreed to consult residents on Mill Road to seek their preferred route. After consultation the preferred option (majority) is to continue with the route of Back Lane and Ingrams Road.

DATES OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS (members of the public are most welcome to attend).

Agenda posted on both Village notice boards prior to the meeting.

- Tuesday 26th October 2021, 7pm at Waveney Heritage Centre, Brockdish.
- Thursday 25th November 2021, 7pm at Thorpe Abbots Village Hall.
- No meeting is held during December.

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Shrubs

Shrubs are woody, long-lived plants that form the backbone of most gardens. There is such a variety to choose from: flowering, some with attractive stems and others with interesting foliage. Some are back-of-the-border stalwarts, while others are ground coverers or can be grown in containers.



Container-grown shrubs can be planted all year round, as long as the ground is not frozen or water-logged. If planting in summer, it is important to keep the shrubs well watered. Spring and Autumn are really the best time for planting.

If the planting area is new or has not been cultivated for a long while, dig in some farmyard manure compost. This is also a good idea if the soil is very sandy or like heavy clay. Dig a hole twice the width and depth of the root ball, and half back-fill with tree and shrub compost, or Ericaceous compost if the shrub is acid-loving, mixed half and half with dug out soil. Make sure that the root ball will be buried no deeper than 2-3 cm from the surface. Fill around the root with the soil/compost mix, firming as you go. Aim to leave a slight indentation in the soil around the shrub so that water will pool around it, helping to keep the soil moist. Keep an eye on the planting for the first three months to make sure the new shrubs do not dry out.

Colour in the winter months can be achieved by planting Spirea and Cotinus, which produce colourful leaves. Cornus Alba Sibirica is well known for its bright scarlet stems that shine in the winter sun. There are other varieties, and for the best effect plant in blocks of the same colour. An effect of twisted stems can be achieved by planting a variety of hazelnut with curly leaves that fall in the autumn to reveal a contorted framework. Earlier in winter, Witch Hazel, Winter Honeysuckle and Viburnum flower on bare wood and are very nicely scented.

Answers to Coffee Break Quiz

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|------------|----------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Parsley | 2. Apple | 3. Garlic | 4. Gooseberry | 5. Tangerine and grapefruit |
| 6. Okra | 7. Elder | 8. Apples | 9. Leek | 10. Hyacinth, Daisy and Violet |



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Sunday 24th October

Halloween Special

(including poppy preparations for Remembrance Sunday)



Sunday 21st November

Autumn

We will follow similar guidelines to schools to ensure our crafts and activities are Covid-19 safe. Weather permitting, sessions will be held outdoors. Please do not attend if you or your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus.

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

Meaty Morsels

MEATBALL STROGANOFF (serves 4)

200g beef mince
Drizzle of oil
1 red onion, sliced
2 garlic cloves, crushed
200g pack small button mushrooms, sliced
2 tbsps tomato puree
1 tbsp sweet paprika
1 tbsp plain flour
1 beef stock cube, made up to 300ml stock
150ml pot sour cream
Chopped parsley



1. Season the beef and shape into walnut size pieces. Brown in oil. Remove from the pan and set aside.
2. Soften the onion in the pan and then add the garlic and mushrooms. Cook until mushrooms soften and brown a little.
3. Stir in the tomato puree, paprika and flour, and cook for a minute. Then, add stock slowly to make a smooth sauce.
4. Return the meatballs to the pan, cover and cook for 15 mins or until cooked. Stir in the sour cream, scatter on chopped parsley and serve with rice, mashed potatoes or tagliatelle.

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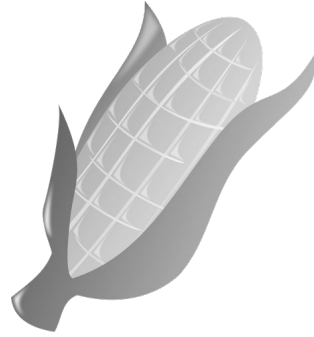
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Meaty Morsels

STICKY SAUSAGES WITH SWEETCORN SALAD (serves 4)

Oven 200°C/180°C fan, gas mark 6

2 red onions cut into wedges
8 good quality pork sausages
1 tbsp olive oil
2 tsps mayonnaise
2 tsps natural yoghurt
3 spring onions, finely sliced
198g can sweetcorn, drained
3 tsps tomato chutney
750g bag baby new potatoes



1. Toss the red onions and sausages with the oil in a shallow baking dish. Roast for 25 minutes, turning for even browning.
2. Boil the potatoes for 12-15 minutes until tender, run under cold water and drain.
3. Mix the mayonnaise, yoghurt, spring onions and sweetcorn in a large bowl. Thickly slice the potatoes and stir through.
4. Turn oven up to 220°C/200°C fan, gas mark 7. Add the chutney to the sausages and onions. Cook for 5 minutes more until sausages and onions are cooked and sticky. Serve with the potato salad.

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Thorpe Abbots All Saints Church

The Scythe and Churchyard.

As you will all know, for the past 15 years we have been managing the Churchyard at All Saints for wildlife. Recently, we have increased the area under management so that approximately 80% is now left for wildlife. In reality, what this means is that the areas under management are left to grow, with the sward taken down and removed mid to late September once all the wildflowers have set seed.



This year in June we undertook a survey of the area, and found well over 150 different plant species. This would have just been a snap shot since many of the species, such as Meadow Saxifrage, Yellow Aconite and of course the three species of Snowdrop, had already been and gone, but what was included was the stunning display of Pyramidal and Bee Orchids, of which there were over 100 plants! Quite why they were so good this year I am not sure, but it may have something to do with our damp spring.

Whilst most of the sward is removed by a local contractor, I have always done one area with my trusty scythe. Up till the 1830's when the first lawn mowers came into existence, scything was the only way to get in cereal crops and make hay.



Even the lawns of the great estate houses were done this way or grazed by sheep. The most common scythe in use today is the Austrian version which is lighter and a slightly different shape to the traditional English, and it is the one I have used. Amazingly, it is faster cutting than a strimmer; not only does it leave the cut grass in a winrow down one side of the cut making it easier to collect, but also it is simply faster.

I have included a URL of a clip of a competition between strimmer and scythe at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsfIHBB6xE>.

I will have to say the scythes man in the video was the UK champion, but nevertheless you can see which wins by some way. Now I cannot say that my technique is as good as his, but, as they say, practice makes perfect! Whilst the main area to be cut by scythe has now been done, I will be up there again to do those areas where we cannot get a mower.

A big thank you for all those who have had the lights on celebrating or remembering over the recent months. It is so lovely to see the Church alight. It costs just £5 a night, and the money goes straight into our Maintenance Fund from which we draw frequently in the upkeep of this Grade 1 listed, 900 year old Church. If you would like the lights switched on, please contact Sue Williams on 07855414941 or email at williams876@btinternet.com. Payment will be needed before the night please.

On the Church front, we have had a couple of very nice Compline services, one at Billingford, and then this month at All Saints. We also welcomed John Taylor, who took our monthly Sunday Service this month. October will see us celebrating our Harvest on the 10th October, and we are also delighted to have a wedding planned. Looking forward to November, we have our Remembrance Service on Sunday the 14th.

Simon Beet

In Loving Memory Linda Roberts, Thorpe Abbotts

It is with great sadness that the death of Linda Roberts is announced. Mike Roberts bought the fisheries in Thorpe Abbotts several years ago; he and his wife Linda have worked hard to turn them into a popular and successful business and a haven for wildlife. Linda was a lovely lady who was always ready to help or to just have a chat; her death was sudden and unexpected, and our sincere sympathy is extended to Mike and his son and family.

Brockdish Church

Thank you to all those residents that took up the invitation to the afternoon tea in Brockdish Village Hall July 31st. It was so good to see so many people meeting new friends and catching up with the old. A great afternoon was had by all.



Dates for your diary

- Quiz nights: October 9th, November 27th
Please book tables, 4-6 on a team.
- Coffee Morning: December 4th
- Brass Band: December 7th

To reserve seats or any queries, please telephone Jan.

The windows are now back in situ and are resplendent. It has taken a long time but has been so worthwhile. Again, heartfelt thanks to all those that helped make this mammoth project possible.

Jan Croxson - Churchwarden (tel.668630)

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Church Service Times - October and November

3rd October	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
10th October	Thorpe Abbots 9.30am	Harvest celebration
	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
17th October	Brockdish 9.30am	Holy Communion
24th October	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
31st October	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
1st November	Thorpe Abbots 6.30pm	Evening Prayer
7th November	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
14th November	Thorpe Abbots 9.30am	Remembrance Service
	Brockdish 3.00pm	Remembrance Service
21st November	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
28th November	Brockdish 9.30am	Holy Communion



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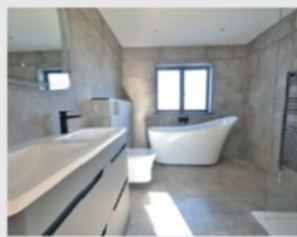
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