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BROCKDISH VILLAGE HALL TIMETABLE

Wednesday	Art group (9.00am) Badminton (3.00pm & 5.00pm)
Thursday	Tea Dance (1.30pm) Carpet Bowls (7.30pm)

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Welcome to our Spring edition of The Mardler. After what seems like the longest, greyest winter ever, the sun has finally appeared. As I write this, the daffodils in the lanes and gardens are looking resplendent. Hopefully, many of you managed to visit the Daffodil Day at the Old Coach House in March. If so, please send in your photos, as we are always in need of new front covers! There is lots going on in our communities over the next 2 months. There are Easter celebrations taking place at the Churches and in the Villages, and lots of sporting, creative and educational events going on. Looking ahead to June, it looks as though the Queen's Jubilee preparations are in full swing - let us all hope for good weather.

Rob Buck, Editor



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- Baby self-weigh
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Thursday: CLOSED

Friday: 11.30am-7pm

Saturday: 11.30am-4pm

Sunday: CLOSED



Norfolk County Council



Ryan Watts, Library Manager - Diss, Harleston & Long Stratton Libraries

Brockdish Badminton club.

The club meets at 3.00pm on Wednesdays at Brockdish Village Hall. New members are always welcome. We are also thinking about starting Pickle Ball sessions, so if interested give us a call.

For further details contact Roger and Liz on 01379 669016, or Christine on 01379 668818.

Walter Burridge

At the grand old age of 91, Walter passed away in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital after a short illness. Three weeks ago he was driving his car.

Life with Nancy started in Valley Farm, Brockdish, they then moved up to School Lane, Thorpe Abbots. A few years later, they moved back to Brockdish in their bungalow, where Walter loved his garden, he had a happy life, just the two of them.

We will miss him walking down the road. He will be laid to rest in Brockdish Churchyard.

Walter

If a helping hand was needed, he would lend it.

He knew a smile cost nothing so he spent it.

If a friendship craved attention he would tend it.

If optimism wavered he would mend it.

With a heart of gold he shared it.

Walter was The Mardler's longest serving distributor, having carried out this voluntary role since the first edition back in the 1980's.

Open Studios

Local artists Rosemary Elliott and Chris Mound will be opening their studios to visitors over two weekends in May as part of the **Harleston & Waveney Art Trail: 10-5.00 pm Sat 21st to Sun 22nd and Sat 28th to Sun 29th May**. Rosemary will be exhibiting recent landscape and wildlife paintings in her studio, set in a landscaped garden overlooking farmland in Wingfield. Chris Mound is a printmaker whose studio is set on the banks of the River Waveney by Brockdish where his original wildlife prints can be seen.

Full details with directions including 18 other artists' open studios in the region can be found on the artists' profile pages on the Trail website in **April**. www.hwat.org.uk



Art Group

We meet in Brockdish Village Hall every Wednesday morning at 10.00 am. We are a very friendly group of amateurs, but are led by a very able artist. Our subject matter is wide ranging and suits differing standards and interests. In particular, we are holding an open day on 6th April when you can see what we have been producing recently. If you are a beginner or experienced, and are interested in joining us, then please come along, we would be very pleased to see you.

Sue Hughes 01379 855414



The Borderhoppa 2022 outings leaflet is now available. We have many trips arranged throughout the year, including pub lunches, garden centres, the coast, mystery tours, boat trips and many more. You can pick up a leaflet at your local library, information centre, GP surgery, from one of our drivers or by calling the office and we'll post one to you.

Borderhoppa outings for April 2022:

- Monday 4th April: Dobbies Garden Centre, Bury St Edmunds, £15.00
- Thursday 7th April: Afternoon Tea, Gissing Community Centre - £15.00 (includes fare & afternoon tea)
- Monday 11th April: North Norfolk Railway and Sheringham, £15.00
- Thursday 14th April: Lathams, Potter Heigham and lunch at Poppylands – £15.00
- Thursday 28th April: Alder Carr Farm Shops and Café – £10.00

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| • Brockdish | 12.20 pm | Grove Road |
| • Thorpe Abbots | 12.35 pm | Telephone box/ Village Pump |

Next scheduled visits are:

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Thursday 19th May 2022

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Food will be available in the Village Hall. We also hope to have outside caterers, and lots of community games and events. This is for all residents of all ages, so please come down and join in. Further information to come at a later date.

John Chipperfield has designed a plaque to commemorate the Queen's 70 year reign. This will be a limited edition, at a cost of £20 each, which would include a donation to the Brockdish Heritage Centre. If you wish to take up this offer please contact John directly on 668420.

Solar Together

With rising electricity bills and a need to change to a carbon neutral footprint, as a Brockdish resident, I have been looking into alternative energy sources. Solar PV appears to be a possible route forward and South Norfolk County council has a solar together scheme. If you would like to know more please register your interest online- it is free without obligation. It is not currently available in our area, but with more interest it could be.



<https://solartogether.co.uk/south-norfolk/home>

Vicky Townley
The Old Kings Head
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Carpet Bowls

Carpet bowls has restarted in Brockdish Village Hall on **Thursday evenings at 7.30pm**. We are a mixed club and of all ages. Come along and join in make new friends and have an enjoyable, fun evening. The cost is £2 per person per evening.

For further information please contact Peter 01379 668630

WORTWELL BOWLS CLUB

Our club is situated alongside the Wortwell Community Centre. We play from April to September, on Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

We are a friendly, welcoming club. If you would like to come and give bowls a try why not get in touch, no previous experience required, all equipment provided.

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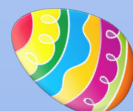
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Saturday 16th April
12pm onwards



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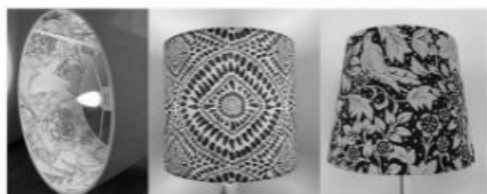
Readers' Letters

Although a non-resident, I write to say how much I enjoy reading The Mardler and how impressed I am with the eclectic mix of information and stories therein. Congratulations to everyone involved. May I take a few more lines to indulge in memories of years gone by, with reference to the August edition "Memories of Brockdish". Approximately 60 years ago, my family made our first visit to Corton and the route then was through the village of Brockdish. I remember that shops existed as did the Greyhound Pub. Who would have thought way back then, that for 40 plus years I have lived in Lowestoft and even more remarkable, that my sister and her husband are residents of Brockdish!

GMA

As a fairly new resident to Brockdish I would like to say what a nice village it is to live in. Very friendly people. I wish the inconsiderate neighbour would not allow their dogs to bark constantly and cause a nuisance. I have also noticed that some owners do not pick up after their dogs. Thank you to the kind lady who walks around the village collecting litter and keeping our village nice and clean and litter free.

Phillip Richardson



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Waveney Heritage at The Old School Grove Road Brockdish

I realised the other day, that, in company with a great many other organisations, we have been shut down off-and-on for two years. But here we are at last beginning to relax a bit and look forward to the Spring and Summer. I do hope that that you have also managed to get through both as individuals and as organisations.

We have almost completed our timetable of events for the next few months and are keeping our fingers firmly crossed! We did have to cancel our first February talk because the speaker tested positive just thirty six hours before he was due to talk, but the one on 27th February went ahead amidst sighs of relief and high hopes for the two we have booked in March. I've included a list of the April and following talks below.

Do please also keep an eye open for posters and social media for events other than our talks. There will be open days, a craft fair, and a special opening of our radio technology museum, accompanied by music from our wonderful vintage radios and record players. Did you know we even have a jukebox? We're even hoping that the weather will be good enough to sit outside!

Needless to say, all will be accompanied by teas and home-made cakes supplied by our band of helpers. We are so pleased that we are managing to keep alive the spirit of Brockdish school, and are delighted when ex-pupils tell us of times past when they attended. We have copies of the punishment books dating from very early in the school's history and greatly enjoy sharing the contents with older residents who are now of course all upstanding citizens!

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Waveney Heritage at The Old School Grove Road Brockdish

Here is the list of our upcoming talks. Do come along, you will be most welcome.

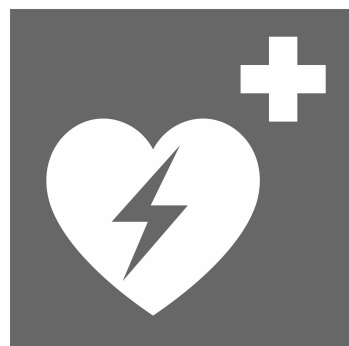
- Weds 6th April, 7.15pm
Richard Giffin: 'Harriet Pentney "The Angel of Hoxne"'
- Sunday 24th April, 2.15pm
Stephen Poulter: "Memories of an Auctioneer"
- Weds 4th May, 7.15pm
Steve Bell: "A Little History of Flixton Aviation Museum"
- Sunday 22nd May, 2.15pm
Nick Black: "The Battle of Barking Creek" postponed from February, he will discuss an incident in 1939 when two RAF fighters collided, underlining the need to push forward the development of radar.
- Weds 8th June, 7.15pm
Richard Giffin: "Witch Marks" Are they really to keep away the witches?'
- Sunday 26th June, 2.15pm
Graham Borrell: "A History and Demonstration of Thatching."
- Weds 6th July, 7.15pm
Abigail Mill: "A New View Point for the Waveney Valley?" A way to combine Art, embroidery, photography and the love of "Place";- Her work is stunning!
- Sunday 24th July, 2.15pm: TBA

The Trustees, Waveney Heritage

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.

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The No Bell Prize.

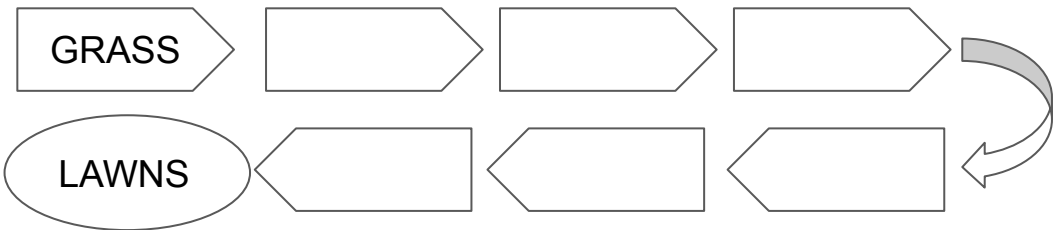
What's always flying and never goes anywhere? *A Flag.*

Garden Tool Anagrams

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. SUET RACES | 2. MR/MRS TIE |
| 3. BARE FELLOW | 4. NEW AT RACING |
| 5. PROPELS | 6. A FIR CRIES |
| 7. GENDER LAW | 8. NEW ARM OWL |

Word Chain

Change the word from GRASS to LAWNS. Change one letter each time so that each step forms a new word.



Why English Is A Pain To Learn

To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

Answers on page 28

The Book of The Ladies' Tractor Road Run

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The book, like the run, cannot happen without you, so I am asking you to contribute your story. Why have you taken part? How big was the challenge? What has it meant to you, your family and your friends?

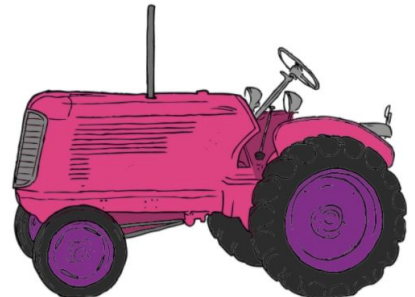
We would also welcome contributions from anyone who has helped, sponsored or supported this run in any way whatsoever! Relevant photographs would also be appreciated.

So please send me your story, a paragraph, a page or a chapter! We have extended your thinking and writing time until the Reunion Meeting on the 9th September. This is to allow the new Pink Ladies from 2022 to add their contribution and gives you more time to think and write! Every story is different and will make interesting reading for others.

Thank you very much to those of you who have already submitted your story, I'm so looking forward to hearing from many more!

Annie Chapman

pinktractorannie@gmail.com



The Book Club recommends...

This edition brings two more excellent reviews for you to enjoy. I hope you will be inspired to read one or both of the recommended books, *The Red Hill* reviewed by Ben Poole, and *The Locked Room* reviewed by Margaret Griffins. Thank you to both of them for their contributions. Don't forget that you too can write a review to be included in *The Mardler*. Send your review to judecham@gmail.com

The Red Hill by David Penny

The Red Hill is the first in a series of books taking place between 1482 and 1501. With the exception of the latest instalment, all of the tales are set in Moorish Spain, which gives them an interesting twist. David Penny's hero is a physician and soldier, an Englishman called Thomas Berrington, living in what is now known as Granada. Berrington possesses a keen sense of justice, is extremely sharp, and enjoys an uneasy relationship with the presiding sultan. It comes as no surprise that Thomas is the individual chosen to investigate a series of mysterious murders in and around Alhambra. His inquiries are conducted with the able assistance of close friend Jorge, a eunuch at the palace. Jorge is a charming character, in sharp contrast to Thomas's curmudgeonly edge, and his manner often comes in handy given the pair's tendency to end up in sticky situations.



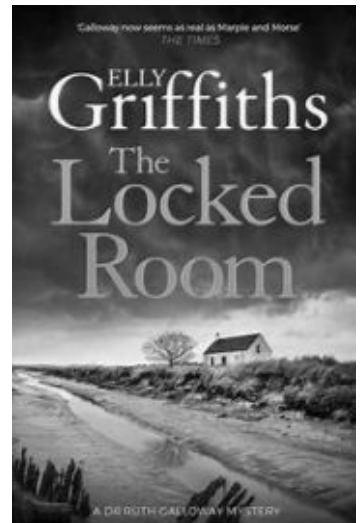
Penny's writing is often mentioned in the same breath as that of C. J. Sansom: the Berrington books are set in a similar time period, and the early Tudor era is fascinating. The series is made all the more colourful in Penny's choice of setting: prior to reading these books, I knew next-to-nothing about Moorish Spain, and how things developed with the rise of the Castiles to the north. Thomas, together with his likeable friends and family, is always right in the thick of the action, and I'm always sad when I reach the end of one of David Penny's books – the sign of a story well-told! Thoroughly recommended.

The Book Club recommends...

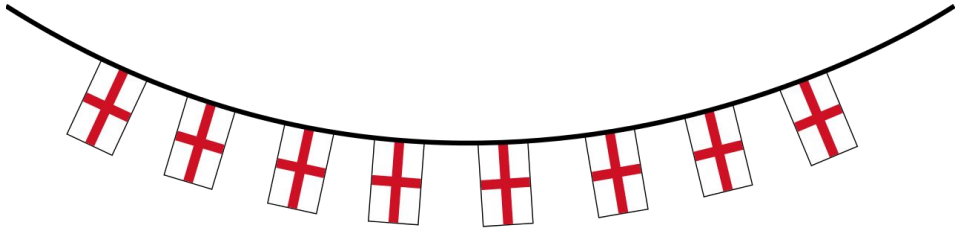
***The Locked Room by Elly Griffiths* (Book 14 of the Dr Ruth Galloway crime series)**

Having been a fan of this author for many years I was delighted to attend the recent book launch in Southwold of “The Locked Room” - the latest in the “Dr Ruth Galloway” crime series. The books can be read as standalones, but, in my opinion, are best read in order. Dr Ruth Galloway, Forensic Archaeologist and Head of Archaeology at the fictitious University of North Norfolk, and DCI Harry Nelson of Norfolk Constabulary, are central to every book, whilst other characters make regular appearances. There is always a strong relationship between Ruth’s work and that of the local constabulary as they solve both old and new crimes. The series features actual places in Norfolk, (sometimes renamed), and historical events which are skilfully entwined with fiction to give a fascinating insight into some of the rich history of Norfolk.

“The Locked Room”, which was written during the first lockdown, features excavations for a new roundabout in Tombland, and the discovery of a skeleton which could date back to the fourteenth century (possibly buried in a plague pit). The story then moves on to contemporary suicides which don’t quite add up, a kidnap, and COVID. Readers will recognise lecturers teaching their students via zoom, and home schooling whilst trying to work from home, but perhaps not Griffiths’ insight into socially distanced police murder investigations.



Crime fiction is not everyone’s cup of tea, but Elly Griffiths writes sensitively, and although covering the macabre subject of murder and historic archaeological excavations, the reader is spared the blood and gore loved by so many crime writers, so, hopefully, will not cause you sleepless nights! If you like a good unputdownable yarn then this book (and this series) is for you (book 15 is due out in early 2023!).



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Update from Brockdish and Thorpe Abbots Allotment Association
(BATAAA)

Plots available

BATAAA is run by a small committee of volunteers for members of the local community. The allotments are situated at the end of Church Road in Brockdish, just before the bypass. We have a small number of full (250m²) and half (125m²) plots available and there is water on site. Having an allotment is an excellent way of getting your daily exercise whilst growing healthy food for the table, so why not give it a go? To find out more about the allotments or to check plot availability please email Rebecca Abrahall, BATAAA Secretary, at bataaa@hotmail.co.uk, contact David Young, Treasurer, on 01379 668556 or find us on Facebook.





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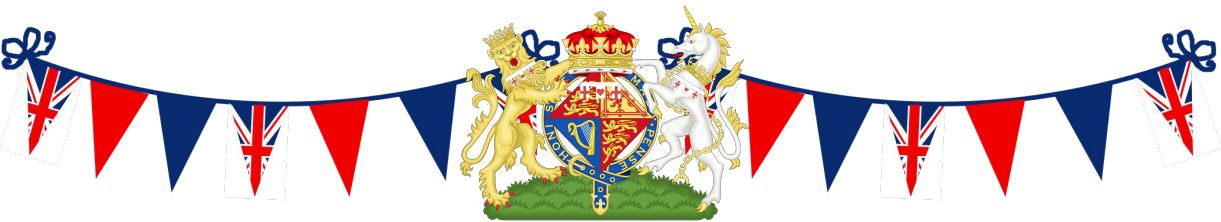


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Dog Fouling in Thorpe Abbots

In recent months, there has been a noticeable increase in dog fouling on verges in and around the Village. Please could we remind all dog owners and dog walkers to be responsible and clear up after your dogs! There are dog waste bins situated in the Village, one in The Street near the electricity substation, and another in Mill Road opposite the chicken farm. We are hoping there will be another situated by the Fisheries soon. It is an OFFENCE not to clean up after your dog, with Fixed Penalty Fines of £100 in operation, and if taken to court a maximum penalty of £1000.

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.

- No meeting is held during April
- Tuesday 10th May 2022 WHC, Brockdish 7pm
- Thursday 30th June 2022 Thorpe Abbots Village Hall 7pm

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A message from Councillor Martin Wilby

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) have identified twenty Norfolk areas at regular risk of flooding. These places, which include 'The catchment of the Becks in Pulham St Mary and Common Lane and Grove Road in Brockdish' are places where work is most needed to mitigate flooding risk. Once investigations at these sites are complete, the NSFA's members will begin sourcing funding to carry out the work needed to prevent flooding in these areas. This comes after the NSFA previously announced 16 initial areas susceptible to flooding which have since seen work begin to improve their situation, Redenhall being one of those.

The Government has published the White Paper on the theme of 'Levelling Up'. Norfolk is one of 9 areas in the country that have been invited to participate in further negotiations with central government for a 'Deal for Norfolk'. As a result, there is now a potentially significant opportunity to take this forward to benefit the whole of Norfolk. The focus for Norfolk has always been, and will continue to be, on ensuring that we are best positioned as a county to take advantage of these opportunities, allowing us to have more local control and power to bring investment into our communities and thereby improve the services our residents use. We are committed to working with all our partners across local government, the public, private, voluntary and community sectors in informing the shape and delivery of any potential deal.

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The 1 Million Trees for Norfolk project have received a boost this spring, as the planting of five mini forests in February has taken place. Innovative, tennis court size, Miyawaki forests are being trialled for the first time in Norfolk. These will follow a tree planting approach developed by Japanese botanist Dr Akira Miyawaki.

A message from Councillor Martin Wilby

Five councils are joining forces to make the planting of the forests possible, with the project led by Norfolk County Council. Trees were planted during February, and it is hoped it will be possible to involve schools, conservation groups and the local community at each of the planting sites. The project is part of the Trees Outside Woodlands project, funded by HM Treasury, and is running in partnership with Defra, Natural England and The Tree Council.

Platinum Jubilee Plans

There are many events being planned to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee throughout the year, including a series of Jubilee Trails which will improve access to the countryside, encouraging well-being, physical activity and environmental awareness. People of all ages will be able to take part in Norfolk's Jubilee Challenge awards by completing a series of physical, environmental, learning and creative challenges. People can sign up for the Jubilee events and activities via the website www.platinumjubileenorfolk.org. Organisers can also submit details of events, which will appear on a calendar and interactive map when the website goes fully live in early April.

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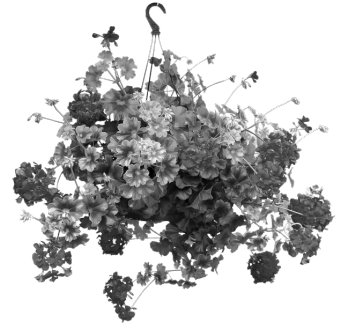
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Planting Hanging Baskets

Plastic hanging baskets are cheaper, and usually come lined. Pipe pots are useful and are simply attached to drainpipes. Wire or wrought iron baskets need to be lined with moss or a fine liner. The advantage of these is that planting can be done through the sides of the basket, giving a more impressive display.



Tub and basket compost is the best to use, as it contains a slow-release plant food for the first few months, and water-retaining gel that swells up when the basket is watered.

For an attractive mixed basket you will need at least three different types of plants; at least one large, upright plant, trailing plants and upright bedding plants. Put in your trailing plants spaced around the rim of the basket, tilted outwards. Place your large, upright plant in the middle of the basket, then fill in the gaps with the bedding plants. Plants will grow well provided there is a little compost around them and they are given sufficient food and water. Add more compost if needed, to ensure roots are fully covered. Water well.

If the basket is created before the end of May, keep indoors to protect from frost. Feed with tomato feed when flowering starts. Remember to dead-head to ensure better blooming through the Autumn.

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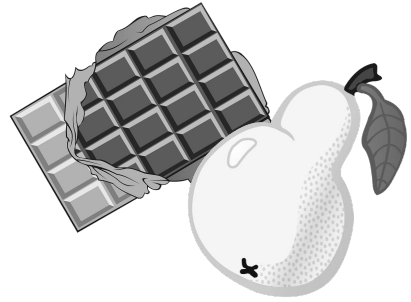
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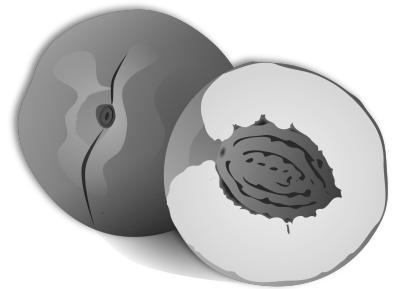


Heat oven to 190°C/ 375°F/ 170°C fan/ Gas 5.

1. Line a baking tray with baking parchment. Peel, core and chop pears into small chunks then chop chocolate into small pieces. Mix together.
2. With the narrow end of the pastry facing you, spoon the mixture into a vertical line, leaving a third of the pastry each side.
3. Make horizontal cuts into the exposed pastry, then fold over the top of the mixture. Tuck the ends underneath and bake for 35 to 40 mins until golden brown.
4. Cool and dust with icing sugar. This will keep 2-3 days in an airtight tin.

Apricot Turnovers

- 225g puff pastry
- 4 tablespoons apricot conserve
- 2 tablespoons icing sugar



Heat oven to 190°C/ 375°F/ 170°C fan/ Gas 5.

1. Roll out the pastry to a 10 inch square, and cut into four 5 inch squares.
2. Place a tablespoon of conserve in the middle of each square and fold over to form a triangle, brushing the edges with water to seal.
3. Press the edges together gently. Bake 15 to 20 mins, cool and dust generously with icing sugar.

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Thorpe Abbots All Saints Church

Why is Easter never on the same Sunday?

It is all to do with the next full moon after the Spring Equinox on March 20th, known in the Christian Calendar as the Paschal Full Moon, which may occur all the way through to April 18th. Easter happens on the following Sunday, so it can fall on any date between March 22nd and April 25th (within a week of the 18th). Easter this year is just one day after April's full Moon (Saturday, 16th April). Easter is probably the most important Christian Festival of the year, with Easter Sunday preceded by Holy Week, sometimes referred to as Passiontide. It commences on Palm Sunday, running through the week, including, of course, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

You will without doubt have heard of Maundy Money, but just what is it? Traditionally, it revolves around the monarch giving alms to the poor. In 1931, Princess Marie Louise was at Royal Maundy (a service held on the Thursday of Holy Week), and afterwards suggested that her cousin, King George V, make the distributions the following year. He did so, beginning a new royal custom. Traditionally, the service was held in or near London. Most years in the early 20th century, it was held at Westminster Abbey. This tradition continues today. Recipients were once chosen for their poverty, and were entitled to remain as Maundy recipients for life; today, new recipients are chosen every year for service to their churches or communities.



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Thorpe Abbots All Saints Church

Events at All Saints for Holy Week:

- Palm Sunday, 10th April: Service of Morning Prayer at 9.30am with Lynda Mansfield
- Holy Tuesday, 12th April: Half hour Evening Devotional at 6.30pm with Sue Auckland
- Good Friday, 15th April: Devotional Half Hour at 3.00pm with Lynda Mansfield
- Easter Sunday, 17th April: Easter Communion Service at 11.00 with Lynda Mansfield

Those who have visited All Saints will know what a warm welcome will await, so please free to join us.

Talking of warm and welcoming, just now a lady arrived at our door with a small parcel....not unusual you might think. However, she explained that the parcel had been delivered to her home in Mill Lane, Pulham Market and because she thought it looked like a gift she popped down and dropped it off to us in Mill Road, Thorpe Abbots. What a really nice thing to do, restoring one's faith in human nature and I thought a nice story to finish this piece.

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Brockdish Church

I am pleased to say that at long last, things are more or less back to normal. The Churchyard has been a picture of snowdrops and aconites. We were also donated three trees: a crabapple, an apple and a medlar, These are planted at the east end of the Churchyard, which we hope will encourage wildlife into this area.

Church events are back in full swing with quiz nights, brass band concerts, and coffee mornings planned. Why not come along and join us, make new friends and renew friendships? You don't have to be a brainbox to come to the quiz – believe me, I set the questions! The next quiz is 30th April..

Please come and join us for an Easter Egg hunt at Brockdish Church (with or without a child!) on Saturday 16th April from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Tea and cakes will be served.

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Church Service Times - April and May

3rd April	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
10th April (Palm Sunday)	Thorpe Abbots 9.30 am Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer
11th April (Holy Monday)	Brockdish 6.30pm	Congregation Reading Matthew's Gospel
12th April (Holy Tuesday)	Thorpe Abbots 6.30pm	Evening Devotions
15th April (Good Friday)	Brockdish 11.00am Thorpe Abbots 3.00pm	Devotional Half Hour Devotional Half Hour
17th April	Brockdish 9.30am	Holy Communion
24th April	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
1st May	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer
8th May	Brockdish 9.30am Thorpe Abbots 9.30am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
15th May	Brockdish 9.30am	Holy Communion
22nd May	Brockdish 9.30am	Morning Prayer



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