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Welcome to our late summer edition of The Mardler. Can you believe that we are heading into autumn once again? Hard to believe that I am writing this on the eve of a heatwave - I hope by the time you are reading this that some much-needed rain has fallen, to water our gardens and fields - but not too much, of course! We all thoroughly enjoyed our Jubilee celebrations as well as the Pink Ladies Tractor Run (see inside for highlights); two of the many special events that have happened in our communities recently. There are still lots of things going on over the summer holiday period, so please look out for these advertised in this edition and support where you can.

Rob Buck, Editor



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To find out more about the allotments or to check plot availability please e-mail Rebecca Abrahall, BATAAA Secretary, at bataaa@hotmail.co.uk, contact David Young, Treasurer, on 01379 668556 or find us on Facebook.

Advanced Notice - MacMillan Coffee Morning

There will be a MacMillan Coffee Morning at Brockdish Village Hall on **Friday 7th October 10.00 am - 11.30 am**. Any donations of cakes or prizes for the raffle would be much appreciated - thank you! Further information from Ann Cork (telephone 01379 668635). Hope to see you there for a coffee and a chat!

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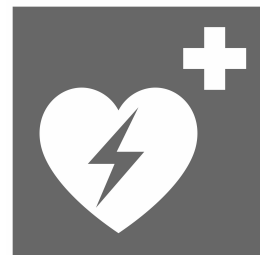
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Thorpe Abbots defibrillator is located outside the Village Hall.



Brockdish Common

It was great to see the Common featuring so well in our Jubilee celebrations. The childrens' races and the dog show, not to mention the tree planting, created a lovely atmosphere and there were many positive comments about the work done by the volunteers who have done the good work in improving the Common.

That brings me to an important point. The lottery funded work of the Trust for Conservation Volunteers and their leadership of the working parties comes to an end in September. The aim was always to leave a permanent group in place to carry on the work. To this end a small group has so far formed a committee. The name chosen is the WAVENEY VOLUNTEERS FOR NATURE and the remit covers the 4 commons involved to date but the constitution also allows that to be extended to cover other commons and, for example, roadside nature reserves such as the one around the junction of Grove Road and Hall Road. There is a joint chairmanship from Rushall and Brockdish and we have a secretary, treasurer and a 'task master' to organise the work. There will be continuing advice and practical support from the TCV as required. So far so good - but we are still looking to grow our volunteer base to ensure the long term continuation of the work.

That is where you come in. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the happy band of volunteers and we would particularly like to encourage some of the younger generation to come along. It involves as little as one day a month, or more if you want. If you are interested or want to know more then please contact us.

Lisa Poole (Joint Chairman) liseylou21@hotmail.com

Derek Clark (Treasurer) 01379 669201

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).



Between 26th July and Sunday 14th August we will be once again holding our Beat Manager Summer Tour. We are going to be having pop up events in every parish, village and area on our patch including yours. You can find all the locations and times at the following link: <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/SummerTour>

We will be in Thorpe Abbotts at the Pump from 1pm - 2.30pm on 14th August.

We are really keen to speak to as many people on our area to understand concerns and issues in the community and give people a chance to meet their local policing team. As well as the surgery we will be conducting, foot and cycle patrols, speed enforcement amongst other activities.

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Brockdish Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Brockdish celebrated the Platinum Jubilee with great gusto. Over half the village attended and a lot of fun was had by all. Thanks to the local supermarkets for their donations, Jonathan for supplying the beer, Helen Withey for judging the dog show and Harleston Pet Shop for supplying the doggie goodies. There are so many people to thank, the organisers, the cake makers, those who made donations and those that manned stalls. You all know who you are and without your help and support the event would not have happened.

There will be a commemorative book made of the day that will be held at the Heritage Centre for anyone to view.

An excess of £750 was raised towards a new village sign and these funds will be held by the Parish Council.

Thanks again to everyone for making it a great day.

Jan Croxson



Shotford Bowling Club OPEN DAY

Saturday September 3rd
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From the A143, exit at the sign to the Industrial estate and turn immediately left into Spirketts Lane. The club is on the left.

Thorpe Abbots Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee Weekend was quite amazing with all the events going on around the country. The Thorpe Abbots Jubilee gathering on the Saturday was blessed with lovely weather, albeit a little breezy. I think we just about emptied the Village Hall of its furniture, which is just as well as it was lovely to see so many celebrating at the Pump. Thank you to all villagers who helped set up, and the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council for funding many aspects of the event. It was very much a bring and share with a Village Hall bar, so there was plenty to both eat and drink! The youngsters had a tug of war competition as well as a craft table to keep them occupied courtesy of Crafty Bombers. We were delighted that Jane Mould, our senior village resident, was on hand to unveil the plaque to commemorate the occasion which matches the one we put up in 2012.



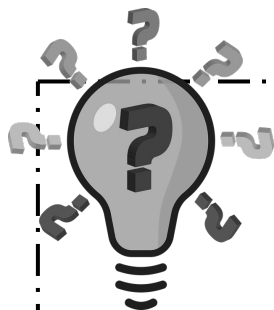
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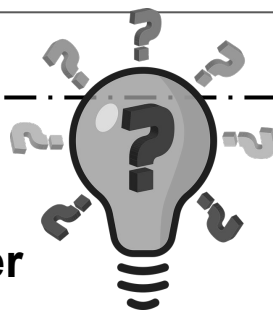
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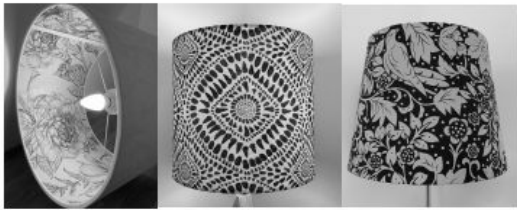
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Waveney Heritage at The Old School, Brockdish

Well, here we are, half way through the summer. I'm writing this in July and so far the weather has been great, except we could do with a bit more rain, preferably at night! Our activities are dividing nicely into three sections: talks, archive and radios. That doesn't sound very interesting but come and see what we are up to and you'll be surprised!

We've had ten talks this year, on a great range of subjects, ranging from embroidery, thatching, witch marks, Flixton aviation museum, the River Waveney, life as a toastmaster, the 19th century workhouse and lots more. We try to invite local speakers, covering as much of the valley as we can. It goes to show what hidden talent we have in this so-called backwater! We are in the process of booking speakers for our autumn programme, so look out for details in a few weeks. We're now using Wednesday afternoons or evenings for our talks, one a month. During the summer we have been making it an evening, but when the weather gets too dark and cold we'll move over to the afternoon.

Our radio technology archive upstairs is creating a great deal of interest amongst a different group of enthusiasts. The exhibition is beautifully laid out and covers the whole story of radio from its very beginnings. We have been donated a lot of 78 records which we have great fun playing on our record players, whilst enjoying the nostalgia generated by the sounds and the memories of our youth! Actually we have been amazed at the quality of the sound on these discs. Sometimes far superior to current CDs; it's just a shame we have to keep getting up to change the disc! Tony and Graham are always delighted to show you around and even more delighted if you volunteer to help. Just give Tony a ring (651608) or Graham (07967189715) to meet them for a tour. They try to open regularly for an hour or so before our talks.

Meanwhile, work continues on our downstairs archive. We have been donated lots of material, ranging from family histories, house histories, past events, artefacts as diverse as a spinning wheel and a cricket cap and even a great collection of underclothes dating from the early twentieth century. Of course, it all needs cataloguing and sorting, and we are progressing well with this. Once it's all sorted and filed we then need to digitalise it, so it's a long job. Feel free to volunteer for this too!

Waveney Heritage at The Old School, Brockdish

We are also amassing a selection of books by local authors which you will be welcome to look at. When we have a chance we'll publish a list. In the meantime just ask to have a look.

Of course, we also provide a meeting venue for other groups, ranging from table tennis to crafts, and hold open days and craft fairs.

Do give me a ring if you require more details of our talks, have something you would like to donate, or to look at our collections. Remember, we have two lovely large rooms you can rent for a very reasonable £10 an hour, complete with kitchen, toilets, car parking, broadband and telephone.

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Royal Jubilees of the Past

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I am writing this just after our two village celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee. It was a memorable weekend wasn't it? Not sure how things went at the Thorpe Abbots end as I was at the Brockdish party but the sun came out, a lot of cake was consumed and lots of people saw the Lancaster bomber flying low in a moving tribute. The recently rejuvenated Brockdish Common was looking great.



George III and Queen Charlotte

Royal Jubilees really started with George III's Golden Jubilee in October 1809. Although history has dismissed King George III primarily as the "mad" king responsible for the loss of America, a closer look at the 1780s and 90s at the heart of his reign, shows George III to be a particularly effective monarch, certainly no bungling idiot some scholars have dubbed him. He had early episodes of serious mental ill health from which he recovered but was not permanently mentally disabled until 1810. His general health however was not good and then of course he had to cope with the doctors, many of whom probably made him worse.

Royal Jubilees of the Past

The king's effectiveness stemmed from his immense popularity with ordinary people, which lay in direct contrast to his lack of popularity with Parliament. The people admire him largely due to his personal integrity and moral character, his happy marriage to Charlotte and his affection for his children and animals. His lack of popularity with Parliament was a result of his desire to choose his own Prime Minister, which parliament naturally felt was totally unacceptable and a retrograde step back to when earlier kings had exercised more autocratic powers. Parliament never gave in, I am pleased to say. Affectionately called Farmer George, because of his agricultural interests, it was natural to want to celebrate George's 50 years on the throne. They argued about the date, choosing oddly the onset of his 50th year rather than the completion but this may have been because of his health.

We don't know how our local villages celebrated but in London prices for candles began to rise in March 1809 as indoor celebrations were anticipated. Shops were closed on the day, 25 October, to allow for people's participation in festivities and the Lord Mayor of London and the City of London Corporation took part in a procession to St Paul's Cathedral, which culminated in a service of thanksgiving and later a dinner at the Mansion House. The king though, not feeling up to it all, stayed at Windsor after attending a private service and inspecting some troops.

At Norwich, in Yarmouth, in Bury and Ipswich there were grand dinners given by the mayors and impressive military parades. Prisoners were discharged from local jails (except the French prisoners of war) and money was distributed to the poor. And the tradition of putting up a memorial to the jubilee event began. Memorials naturally reflect the preoccupations of the day.

Jubilee Memorials

For George III's day in 1809, towers were all the rage. The Jubilee Tower at Moel Famau on the top of the Clwydian Range, now sadly only half its intended size, was one of the largest. It has been restored recently but the obelisk shape on top has gone.

Royal Jubilees of the Past



Jubilee Tower, Moel Famau, Wales

Statues were popular too. The Dunston Pillar, originally known as Dashwood's Lighthouse, stands six miles to the south of the City of Lincoln. With a spiral staircase inside and originally with a lantern on top reached by a surrounding balustraded gallery, it was erected in 1751 by Sir Francis Dashwood (of Hellfire Club fame) to guide travellers across the dark and desolate heathland and to attempt to deter highwaymen and, so it is said, to please his wife but the lighthouse fell into disuse and collapsed in a storm.

The Earl of Buckingham decided to replace the light with a statue of George III to celebrate the jubilee. A Lambeth stonemason named John Wilson, no doubt employed by the Coade works to fix the Coadestone statue of George III to the Pillar, fell from the top of the pillar to his death. He is buried in a local village. The pillar is still there but the statue was removed to Lincoln Castle in 1940 because of the danger to low flying aircraft.



The Dunston Pillar, Lincolnshire

Royal Jubilees of the Past

One of the more eccentric memorials was a carving of a royal coat of arms on a great rock at Blisland, on Bodmin moor.



*Golden Jubilee Rock, Blisland,
Bodmin Moor, 1810*

For Queen Victoria's jubilees in the 19th century, at the height of the industrial dominance of the UK, engineering and mechanical items seemed like a good way to celebrate, so jubilee memorials very often took the form of town clocks.

The grandest of clocks and clocktowers were constructed all over the Empire, many in India and what is now Malaysia but here in East Anglia we have some splendid examples. The Newmarket Jubilee clock was built to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887. Officially opened in 1890 the tower was paid for by local public subscription but the clock itself was donated by local racehorse trainer Charles Blandon and it is still wound by hand every week.

Queen Victoria was the first monarch to together her family to wave to the crowds on the Buckingham Palace Balcony, in her case in 1851 for the launch of the Great Exhibition. And every monarch since has followed her example.

But for her Platinum Jubilee, reflecting our 21st century concerns about the planet, our Queen specifically asked us to plant trees, and so that is what we did. Derek Clark and I planted crab apple trees for the Queen and for the planet on Brockdish Common, with a golden spade.



*Newmarket Jubilee Clock
for Queen Victoria's
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2. Why was the AGRACILE SHOOT ETSUP?

Answer: His ARCERE was in SINUR

3. How do you INKT a TUIS of ORARUM?

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4. Why did the BOLALOFT GRAMANE give his AMET a HERLTIG?

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A huge thank you to Carol for her contribution to our reviews. If you find a book during the holidays that you really enjoy, you can share it with us. Please send to judecham@gmail.com.

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus (Reviewed by Judith Chambers)

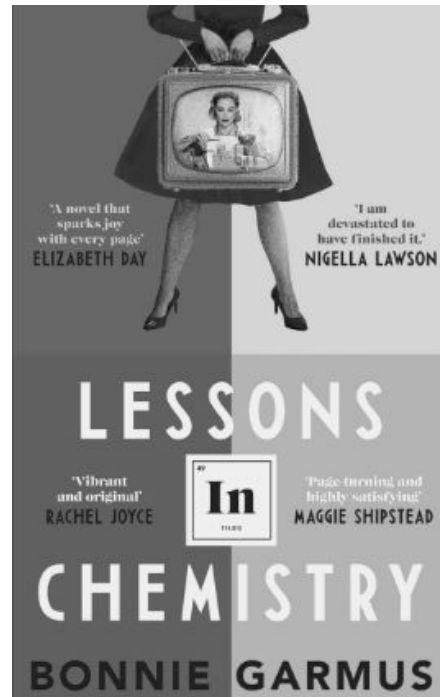
For a good holiday read, I would have no hesitation in recommending *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. This is her debut novel and it is already a huge success. It is 'laugh out loud' humorous, tragic, heartfelt and thought provoking!

Set in the 1960's in California, it is the story of Elizabeth Zott, a research chemist and single mother to Madeline (very much frowned upon in the 60's) and owner of a dog with an extensive vocabulary. Elizabeth is determined to make her own way in life without being compromised. This determination causes all sorts of problems for her as a chemist at Hastings Research Institute and later, as the host of a very popular TV cooking show 'Supper At Six'.

Elizabeth wants more than anything to continue her research work. However her treatment at the hands of her male colleagues is simply appalling, from stealing her work to much worse..

Her TV career flounders when her superiors realise there is another agenda being pursued in the show. Elizabeth wants women to make a stand for themselves!

Enjoy!



The Book Club recommends...***The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy***
(reviewed by Carol Hitchman)

Everyone should own a copy of The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse. This book is honest and true, full of hope, love and friendship and if your personal philosophy is to eat cake then read on. I think this book's strength lies in its ability to subtly surprise and delight the reader at the turn of each page.

Through simple words and drawings Charlie takes us on a journey with his four characters representing different parts of the same person. As Charlie says in his introduction: *'The Boy is lonely when the Mole first surfaced. They spend time together gazing into the wild. A bit like life – frightening sometimes but beautiful. In their wanderings they meet the Fox. It's never going to be easy meeting a Fox if you are a Mole!'*

The Boy is full of questions and the Mole is greedy for cake. The Fox is mainly silent and wary because he has been hurt by life. The Horse is the biggest thing they have encountered and also the gentlest. The four characters are all like us and each has their own strengths and weaknesses. Their adventures happen in Springtime where one moment snow is falling and the next the sun is shining. Which is a little bit like life. It can turn on a sixpence.

I hope this book encourages you, perhaps to live more courageously with more kindness for yourself and others and to ask for help when you need it. Which is always a brave thing to do.....

Within our family this book is very special. Our little people enjoy the pictures and bigger ones the words (and pictures!). We always reluctantly turned the last page.....





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At our scheduled meeting held on 10th May, Cllr Christine MacKenzie was re-elected as Chairperson with Cllr Sarah McCluskey elected as Vice-Chairperson. Other councillors are: Chris Wolfe, Derek Clark, Enrico Castagnetti, Adam Cobbold and Jayne Coe. Our County Cllr is Martin Wilby and District Cllr is Clayton Hudson.

Planning (www.s-norfolk.gov.uk)

Applications pending decision:

2022/0361 (amended) Lion House, The Street, Thorpe Abbots.
Conversion of outbuilding to annexe.

2022/0953 Grove Thorpe, Grove Road, Thorpe Abbots
Reposition previously approved menage and associated fencing and replace the existing roof covering to the stable and tractor store buildings

Decisions: permission granted by SNC & PC

2022/0818 Lion House, The Street, Thorpe Abbots
Replacement roof to existing shed and alterations

2022/0842 - 0649 4 Sheriff Court, Common Lane, Brockdish
Loft conversion with velux windows to front.

Homeowners are you aware of your responsibilities?

If you do not receive a bill for treating waste from Anglian Water, then you are unlikely to be connected to the mains sewage system. This means you will have a septic tank or a package treatment plant instead, which need to be emptied at least once a year and a treatment plant serviced as per the manufacturer's instructions and guidance.

Date 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 2nd August 7pm at WHC, Brockdish
- Thursday 29th September 7pm at Thorpe Abbots Village Hall



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A message from Councillor Martin Wilby

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations across the country will be remembered by everyone for ever. There were many celebrations enjoyed in all of our villages and towns, the weather was kind and this unique occasion will go down in history as one of our greatest ever. Thanks to all of the organisers and many volunteers that helped throughout the whole weekend.

Congratulations to the 100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum who have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK, and is equivalent to an MBE. This award was announced to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June 2022, and aims to recognise outstanding work by local volunteer groups to benefit their communities.

Electric vehicle charging points have been installed at Dickleburgh village centre as part of Norfolk County Council's electric vehicle strategy, which looks to cut carbon emissions by encouraging people to swap petrol and diesel cars for electric ones. NCC has pledged to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030, and unveiled its EV strategy last September to help reach that goal. By 2030, when sales of new diesel and petrol cars will be banned, it is expected there will be 168,279 electric vehicles (26.8% of the total), rising from 1,931 in 2019 (0.3%), so it essential that we have the appropriate infrastructure in place to support the increase in electric vehicles.

A 15-year vision for transport in Norfolk, including investment in cycling, walking and better bus services, has been set out by the County Council in its Local Transport Plan (LTP4). The LTP sets out the council's vision for improving transport between now and 2036, and is intended to encourage walking, cycling, bus and rail use, as well as delivering major projects such as the Norwich Western Link and the Long Stratton Bypass. Analysis of local and national data, and feedback from local people as part of the recent transport plan consultation, shows the need for both technological and social change to tackle the climate crisis.

A message from Councillor Martin Wilby

The plan helps to focus our goal and the actions we need to take while supporting all communities across the county in these challenging times. The LTP will be considered by all councillors in the July full council meeting.

An innovative training programme that helps teachers support the mental health of their pupils is being rolled out across all secondary schools in Norfolk. The “Rise Up” programme is a training course for teachers, which was founded in Norfolk and is now being trialled across 30 countries worldwide, including as far away as South Korea. Mental health and wellbeing is consistently highlighted as the issue that young people are most concerned about. By consistently providing early intervention strategies and learning, and identifying those young people who need help earlier, we can improve support, and we're confident this programme will help to deliver these aims.

I was pleased to attend the special “Pilgrim 400” apple tree planting at Harleston's new jubilee woodland, next to St Mary's Churchyard in Redenhall. It was good to see all of the trees that have already been planted there by the many volunteers involved with this project. I was also pleased to attend the official celebration of the restoration of Billingford Windmill, which is a major landmark here in the Waveney Valley. It has taken many years of hard work and securing the funding for this project, so again I thank all of the volunteers involved, and the organisations and local residents for their generous support.

Best Wishes

Martin

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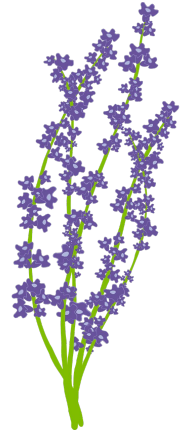
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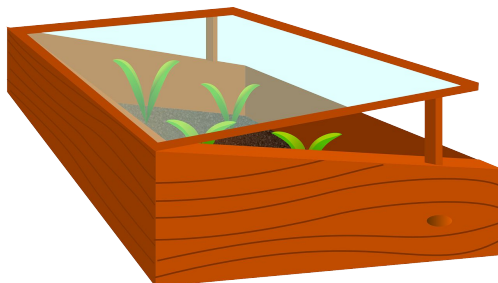
Jobs for August

- Watch out for pests and diseases. Minimise slug damage and remove earwigs.
- Continue weeding borders.
- Keep ponds in check and cover with nets.
- Continue mowing and feed lawns.
- Feed container plants.
- Deadhead roses and prune rambling roses.
- Trim lavender and hedges



Jobs for September

- Divide herbaceous perennials.
- Collect and sow seeds from perennials and hardy annuals.
- Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them.
- Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so they are ready for use in the Autumn.
- Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proofing netting.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Start to clear garden debris and start a compost bin.



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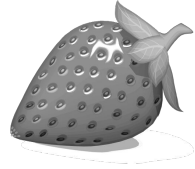
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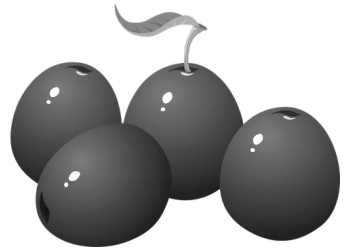
Soft Fruit and Meringue Gateau

- 400g (14oz) mixed small strawberries, raspberries or redcurrants
 - 30ml (2 tbsps) icing sugar
 - 750ml (1¼ pints) good vanilla ice cream
 - 6 meringue nests (approximately 4oz)
1. Dampen a 2lb loaf tin, and line with cling film.
 2. If using strawberries, cut into small pieces. Put into a bowl and add raspberries or redcurrants and icing sugar. Toss until fruit is beginning to break up but not mushy.
 3. Break up the ice cream in a bowl, crumble in meringues and add the soft fruit mixture. Mix well. Put into the prepared tin and press down well. Cover and freeze overnight.
 4. To serve, invert onto a plate, peel off cling film, slice and serve.



Plum and Almond Tart

- 375g (13oz) ready rolled puff pastry
- 115g (4oz) marzipan
- 6-8 plums, stoned and sliced.



1. Heat oven to 190°C /375°F /170°C fan /gas mark 5.
2. Unroll pastry onto a large baking sheet, score 5cm (2in) from the edge, without cutting through.
3. Roll out the marzipan to fit within the pastry border. Press down lightly.
4. Scatter the sliced plums on top of the marzipan, and bake for 20 – 25 minutes, until the pastry is risen and brown.
5. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Cut into wedges and serve with crème fraîche.

Answers to Jumble Jokes

1. Which VEGETABLE goes best with JACKET POTATOES? *BUTTON MUSHROOMS*
2. Why was the ARCHAEOLOGIST UPSET? *His CAREER was in RUINS*
3. How do you KNIT a SUIT of ARMOUR? *Use STEEL WOOL*
4. Why did the FOOTBALL MANAGER give his TEAM a LIGHTER? *They KEPT LOSING all their MATCHES*

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No meeting in August

Sunday 24th September: Vegetable art



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Thorpe Abbots All Saints Church

The main characteristic of this summer so far has been the lack of rain which has really impacted on the churchyard. The ground up there is very sandy/gravel so dries out very quickly. We did the Count of Nature at the beginning of June, which, apart from no Bee Orchids, the wildflower population has not really changed, although their size and numbers have. The Pyramidal Orchids, a feature of the eastern end of the churchyard, are still there in numbers although a good deal fewer than last year. A few facts about the Pyramidal Orchid: it was chosen as the county flower of the Isle of Wight, where it abounds on the island's chalk landscape. Like many orchids, it requires a specific fungus to be present in the soil in order to bloom.

Originally a flower of old, semi-natural chalk and limestone grasslands, including graveyards, the Pyramidal Orchid has shown a liking for more artificial environments in recent times. Colonies have appeared along motorways and ring-roads, canals, marinas. There is a nice population for instance, on the A140 roundabout under the A14, near Needham Market.



Our regular service is always held on the second Sunday of the Month and a short evening service of Compline on the 4th Thursday, alternating with Billingsford. Our next one will be in September.

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Simon Beet

Brockdish Church

The churchyard at the moment is looking a little sorry for itself with the heat and lack of rain. At least the mowing has stopped at the moment! We do have our first apples on the trees planted earlier this year. We have had our first service outside enjoying the bird song joining in with our hymn singing. No guesses to which sounded the best! Hopefully this will be the first of many. Do come and join us - chairs provided!.

Jan Croxson - Church Warden (tel.668630)

Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride - Saturday 10th September

Do you enjoy cycling, walking or visiting fascinating churches? This year, the Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride will be taking place on Saturday 10th September. If you would like to participate or 'man' the church on that day, please contact Ann Cork, Churchwarden of Brockdish Church (telephone 01379 668635) for more information.

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Church Service Times - April and May

7th August	Brockdish 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
14th August	Thorpe Abbots 9.30 am Brockdish 9.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
21st August	Brockdish 9.30 am	Holy Communion
28th August	Brockdish 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
4th September	Brockdish 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
11th September	Brockdish 9.30 am Thorpe Abbots 9.30 am	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer
18th September	Brockdish 9.30 am	Holy Communion
25th September	Brockdish 9.30 am	Harvest Festival



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