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A warm welcome to our busy and festive edition of The Mardler. Lots of events are planned in our communities over the coming weeks, from coffee mornings to carol services, and not forgetting the Village Christmas Tree lighting evenings. All details are to be found within the pages of this issue, so please make a note on your calendars and support where you can. You may remember that last issue we published an old photograph of what we thought was Brockdish Home Guard. Thanks to our readers, we now know that this is actually Thorpe Abbotts Home Guard, and all the men now have names (see page 17). We have not forgotten our Brockdish residents, a photo of Brockdish Home Guard will be published soon! Please do keep writing to us. The editorial team love reading your letters and it is great to share memories and stories with you all. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Rob Buck, Editor

REMEMBER

Closing date for entries in the February / March 2023 issue is Wednesday 4th January 2023. Articles received after this date may not be included in the next issue.

The Mardler Editorial Team would like to wish all our readers, distributors, contributors and advertisers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank each one of you for making this such an interesting and successful publication.



Activities & Services at Harleston Library

Following on from the success of our new CRAFTernoon Club for children, we are pleased to announce a new fun art group for adults of all abilities called: 'ART for Fun'. These sessions will run on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2.00pm. Sessions are free, but booking is essential. Please contact Harleston Library directly to secure your space.

This activity will run alongside our current activities and services:

- Just a Cuppa on Mondays at 2.00pm come in for a free cuppa and a chat with others in your local community
- Lego Club which runs every Monday at 3.45pm. There is no need to book but children must be accompanied by an adult
- Bounce and Rhyme every Wednesday at 10.30am, with Stay & Play session immediately following
- CRAFTernoon Club which runs on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 3.45pm. Sessions are free but booking is essential.
 Please contact Harleston Library directly to secure your space.
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- Knit and Knatter on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month,
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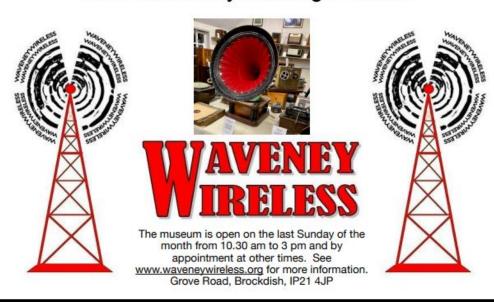
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Natter Morning Thorpe Abbotts Village Hall Thursday 1st December 10.30 am - 12.00 pm



All welcome. Pop along for a chat and a piece of cake at our new regular coffee mornings on the first Thursday of each month.

About 20 people, covering an age group of the past ten decades, attended the first monthly coffee morning in Thorpe Abbotts Village Hall on the morning of Thursday 3rd November. It was great to see a good turnout for the first one and the instigator, Anne Shepherd, has kindly agreed to continue organising this event along with her band of loyal volunteers. It is intended these will take place on the morning of the first Thursday of each month with the next one being on Thursday 1st December from 10.30 am, where you will be assured of a warm welcome with festive goodies for consumption!

Future natter mornings:

- Thursday 5th January
- Thursday 2nd February

Waveney Heritage Centre, Brockdish - Events Calendar

Our list has changed a little and is now as follows:

Christmas Bash Sunday, 11th December, 2-5 pm



Join us for a festive mulled wine, mince pies, and singalong to 40s and 50s music. We will then close for January and February, spending those months completing our new permanent archive exhibition.

Best wishes and hope to see you there,

Jill Edwards - Trustee Administrator

Thorpe Abbotts Christmas Extravaganza Weekend

Saturday December 10th, 3.30pm, Village Hall

Christmas lantern making with Crafty Bombers, followed by lantern procession to the Pump

Saturday December 10th, 5.00pm, The Pump

Christmas Tree lights switch on - music, food, drinks and a special visit from the man in red!

Sunday December 11th, 4.00pm, All Saints Church

Christingle service and carols at All Saints Church followed by festive refreshments



For further details please contact
Paul Slater (tel. 668585)
Simon Beet (email allsaintsta1@btinternet.com)

Waveney Volunteers for Nature

Waveney Volunteers for Nature now permanently replaces the Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV) in Brockdish. We are an associate of TCV, and they have kindly given us a start up grant and donated an interpretation board and way markers. The value of work completed on and around the commons by the volunteers over the last 3 years has been estimated at around £7000, and in recognition of this the Parish Council has also generously agreed to give WVfN a grant, for which we are very thankful. Also supporting WVfN is The Waveney Heritage Centre, where we will keep our tool shed, and in return maintain their grounds.

To support WVfN further, we have started a membership scheme. Membership is £10 a year, for which members can be kept informed of volunteering sessions, talks and projects completed. Many thanks to those who have already joined. For anyone wishing to join, please contact our Treasurer, Derek Clark (01379 669201)

If you would like to find out more about volunteering and being part of our friendly group, please contact either myself (01379 668416) or Derek. Future projects include the making of Spring nest boxes for the Common as well as the ongoing maintenance of several local areas to improve their wildlife value and access to the public. Remember, you can do as little or as much as you like, and all tools are provided. It's lovely to be in the fresh air with friendly, like-minded people. Come and join us if you can, we would love to see you.

Lisa Poole, Vice Chair, Waveney Volunteers for Nature







Everyone at Borderhoppa would like to wish all of our passengers and supporters a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We have lots of great outings booked for 2023, pub lunches, trips to garden centres, the seaside and much more. Our 2023 outings leaflet will be available from early December. If you would like a copy, please contact us on 01379 854800 or email adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com. We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Brockdish Platinum Jubilee Celebration

A memory book is being made of the day's celebrations in Brockdish. If anyone has photos of the day that they are willing to share, please forward to jpcrocky@btinternet.com or drop them off to Jan.

Jan Croxson (01379 668630)

Thorpe Abbotts Jumble Sale

Thank you to all who helped with the jumble sale which was held on Saturday 19th November. Whether you helped set up, run the stalls, baked cakes or donated items, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. £551.07 was raised for the upkeep of the Village Hall.

MacMillan Coffee Morning - Thank you!

Thank you so much to all those who came and supported the coffee morning in October. It was a great get together and we raised the amazing amount of £497.10! A HUGE thank you to everyone!

Ann Cork

Brockdish Village Garage Sale 2023

Start sorting your cupboards out - I am planning a sale for Spring 2023, based at WHC, Old School, so watch this space - date to be announced In New Year.

Jill Edwards (01379 669057)

<u>Brockdish and Thorpe Abbotts Allotment Association (BATAAA) – plots</u> available now

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? If you take on a plot (or half plot) now, no plot fee will be charged until March 2023 – time to prepare the soil for a new growing season.

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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Readers' Letters

Home Guard Photograph (published in issue number 241, October/November 2022)

This is actually Thorpe Abbotts Home Guard - not Brockdish as published. I have a list of the people on the photo in this month's edition 241 gleaned from various sources (I think I got the photo from Shirley Pretty). I do not know how accurate the list is, have never checked. I can probably find out more about them quite easily.

Elaine Murphy



Back Row L-R: Clement Lond, (son of Reggie, White House Farm); Dick Gardner, worked at Foundry, Diss; R Saunders, (wife Olive, both buried churchyard); Cyril Pearce, in charge of electricity (One plug and three lights, nickname?); D Overton, policeman's son; Alan Lancaster, married Will Reeve's sister and lived next door to Reeve the Blacksmith; Dick Cooper, caretaker living at School House; Tom Broom, farmworker; Cecil Goodwin, Crowe Hall, father James Goodwin, moved to Mablethorpe; Albert (Bert) Reeder; Tommy Byrne, lodger with Tom Broom E Crisp; William (Will) Reeve, blacksmith.

Front Row L-R: David Flatman, coalman, father ran the chapel; 'Yorky' Hines, married Mary Garner in later life?; Victor Boggis, builder; W Chilvers, "Click", a roadman; James Flatman, (Jimmy) in TA?; G Noy; C Hammond; Stanley Finch; E Shemming; Cecil Flatt, (married Lily Chilver); Charles Debenham.

In Home Guard but Not on Photo: George Frederick (Tubby) Dunnett; Mr Cook, baker.

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Royal Jubilees of the Past (published in issue number 240, August/September 2022)

I was surprised to see a photo of Moel Fammau (pronounced Moyl Vammou) and the Jubilee Tower in your last copy. I lived for twenty years in its virtual shadow, in an 'ancient house', and raised my children there. We were told that the builders had intended to elevate Moel Fammau to the status of a mountain by adding to its height, but they lost heart. On a clear day you might see Snowdon, and I always hoped I might see Blackpool Tower, but I never did



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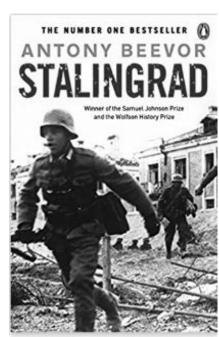
The Book Club recommends...

I hope you all manage to get some reading done over the festive period. If you find a particularly interesting book, we would love to hear from you. You can email your review to judecham@gmail.com. A massive thank you to Stuart for his review of Stalingrad.

Stalingrad by Anthony Beevor (reviewed by Stuart Purton)

One of my main reasons for my review of Antony Beevor's epic novel "Stalingrad", is the current conflict within the Ukraine. I enjoy historical books and reading about prominent characters, as well as significant battles and wars. The key criteria for me though, is how the author conveys the history they are writing about. I cannot take in endless statistical figures and facts, and to that end, Antony Beevor writes perfectly and in such a way as if he is telling you a story. Stalingrad was a significant and crucial battle between Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin. Stalingrad is located in the south west of Russia, on the western bank of the Volga River (hence its name now Volgograd). It started in spring 1941 as Operation Barbarossa and the 'invincible' Wehrmacht swept through Russia with lightning speed. However, unlike Napoleon in 1812, who marched and took Moscow, Hitler never reached Moscow, and in June 1942, he ordered another strategic offensive south and split his forces to take Stalingrad.

The citizens of Stalingrad endured unimaginable hardship and the battle, with fierce hand to hand fighting, was brutally destructive to both armies. It is a novel that convevs an extraordinary story endurance, hardship, brutality and survival. It is written in such a way that it is very balanced to both sides. Why does this remind me of the current Ukraine conflict? An 'invading' army with superior forces who believe they will always prevail, and are 'right' in what they are doing. They meet opposition and things do not turn out how things were supposed to be



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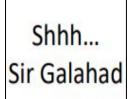
What do you call an elf that can sing and dance? Elfis

How does a sheep say Happy Christmas? Fleece Navidad

Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose

What sort of photos do elves take? Elfies







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Christmas Brainteasers

- 1. As a Christmas gift, parents buy 16 computer games for their 3 children. The youngest gets 1/8 of the games, the middle child gets 1/4 of the games and the oldest gets 1/2 of the games. How many games does each child receive and how many do the parents keep?
- 2. What is interesting about this phrase: "A Santa spit taboo bat tips at NASA?"
 - 3. If it takes 5 elves 5 minutes to make 5 dolls, how long would it take 100 elves to make 100 dolls?

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Parking

It has been raised at a recent PC meeting that vehicles are parking inconsiderately, particularly in The Street, Common Lane and Syleham Road, Brockdish. We would like to ask for the cooperation of all residents in this matter.

Dog Fouling

Please clear up after your dog! It is an offence for a person in control of a dog not to clear up the dog mess immediately, on any land that is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted or have access (with or without payment). Offenders in South Norfolk would be subject to a fixed penalty notice of £100, reduced to £80 if paid within 10 days, or, if taken to court, a fine up to £1000. If you see someone allowing their dog to foul and not clear it up, and if you know the owner's details, you can report this directly at www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/dog-issues.

Dates of next scheduled meeting

Members of the public are most welcome to attend. Agenda posted on both village notice boards prior to the meeting.

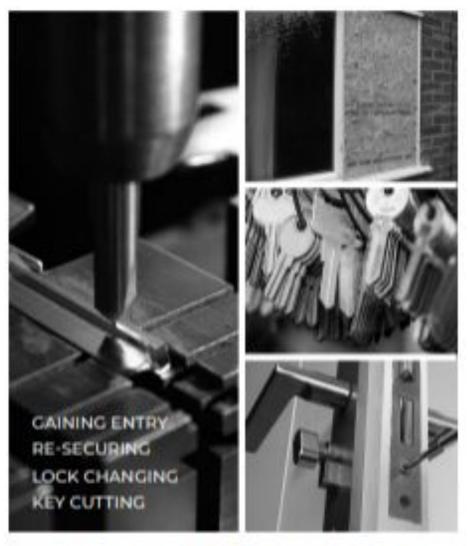
Tuesday 17th January 2023, 7pm WHC, Brockdish Thursday 23rd February 2023 7pm Thorpe Abbotts Village Hall Tuesday 28th March 2023 7pm WHC, Brockdish No scheduled meeting is held during April.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a 'Happy Christmas'.





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A message from Councillor Martin Wilby

Norfolk County Council has released details of the multi-million-pound support package that is available to communities through a wide range of initiatives. This is being boosted by the latest round of the Household Support Fund from the government, which is worth £6.7m, and is being bolstered by the County Council with a further £1.2m, adding to the already significant investments planned for Norfolk communities. The funding will enable the continuation of the excellent partnership work that has happened across the county to date, including creation of 15 food hubs through a pioneering collaboration with the Community Foundation. This has supported 12,000 people already, with other parts of the country seeking to learn from this best practice. To date the cost-of-living support through the multi-million-pound package has helped over 128,000 households with £14.3m of funding. People can see which support they are eligible for online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/nas

Norfolk adults with learning disabilities or autism are to receive dedicated employment support as part of a new government-backed scheme. NCC 's successful bid to the Department for Work and Pensions means that it is one of 24 local authorities in England and Wales to take part in the Local Supported Employment (LSE) initiative. Norfolk will receive £210,000 to implement the scheme, recruiting three job coaches to support those seeking work. It is aimed at people supported by Adult Social Services, as well as young people who are Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET) and those with Special Educational Needs Disabilities.

NCC will open the Postwick Park and Ride from Monday 21st November until Christmas, giving residents another travel option for getting to Norwich for the festive season. This means all of our Park and Ride sites will be open for use. Since the pandemic, the passenger numbers have struggled to get back to the usage pre-pandemic, but is hoped by having them all open in the run-up to Christmas will encourage more people to use them. By using the park and ride, residents don't have to worry about traffic or lengthy car park queues and quick, easy and stress-free travel direct into the city centre. We hope to encourage more people to travel into the city this Christmas by bus.

A message from Councillor Martin Wilby

Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service has pledged to support children and young people in Norfolk Flourish. To do this, the service (NFRS) are adopting the Flourish framework. Flourish is a shared ambition to achieve sustainable change for Norfolk's children and young people. The pledge commits NFRS to work to improve the lives of children and young people. This work will include:

- Embedding Flourish into the Fires Service's Youth Strategy
- Attending the Norfolk Children and Young People Strategic Alliance Partnership
- Review our Fire Cadet programme to widen our offer
- Reviewing the service's early intervention initiatives
- Improving referral pathways into the NFRS Prince's Trust programme
- Exploring ways to expand NFRS crucial crew delivery to reach more children in Norfolk

You can get more ideas and information about the Flourish Pledge and the Flourishing in Norfolk Strategy at www.norfolk.gov.uk/flourish

Norfolk County Council are consulting Norfolk residents and stakeholders on council tax and budget proposals as part of the council's budget setting process. NCC will set a new budget on 21st February 2023. Ahead of this, we are asking for views on our proposed council tax level for 2023-24, including a proposal for the Adult Social Care precept. The consultation runs from 21st October to the 16th December 2022. People can read the proposals online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget, and feedback their views using the online consultation. Residents can also request the budget consultation in other formats, including paper form, by calling 0844 800 8020, or by emailing haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk, in line with standard practice. This will include Braille, audio etc.

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- Feed birds in cold weather and do not allow ponds and bird baths to freeze over
- Continue winter digging, incorporating organic matter
- Repair lawns, if conditions allow
- Tidy paths, sheds and fences
- Prune woody, ornamental plants, fruit trees and bushes, and shred waste
- Water over-wintered plants undercover to avoid rotting
- Earth up tall Brussel sprout stems to support them

January

- Chit early potatoes
- Continue planting and winter pruning of fruit; force rhubarb
- Sow sweet peas undercover
- Plant deciduous hedging
- Prune wisteria and other vigorous climbers
- Continue winter digging, and cover ground to keep out the wet
- Aerate lawns to improve drainage
- Order seeds and summer flowering bulbs



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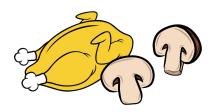


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Slow Cooking

Creamy Chicken and Mushroom (Serves 4)

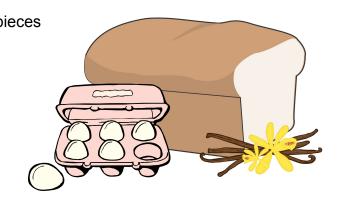
4 skinless chopped chicken breasts
335ml cream of chicken and mushroom soup
300g sliced mushrooms
Salt and black pepper to season
Chopped parsley to garnish



- Spray the inside of the slow cooker with low fat cooking spray, and cook at a low temperature.
- Put all ingredients into the cooker, ensuring the chicken is covered.
- Cover and cook for 6-8 hours, stirring halfway through cooking.
- Garnish and serve with potatoes, veg or hot rice.

Traditional Bread Pudding (Serves 4 – 6)

100g bread cut into triangular pieces
100g brown sugar
75g raisins
2 eggs, lightly beaten
500ml milk
1 tsp cinnamon
1tsp vanilla extract
1/4 tsp salt
110ml water



- Place the eggs and milk in a large bowl and whisk. Add bread, vanilla extract, sugar, raisins, cinnamon and salt, and combine well.
- Pour mixture into a baking or souffle dish that will fit into the slow cooker. Keep the dish off of the bottom of the cooker either using a metal rack or make a padded ring out of foil.
- Add ½ cup of water to the cooker. Cover and cook on high for 1 ½ –
 2 ½ hrs until the pudding is set.

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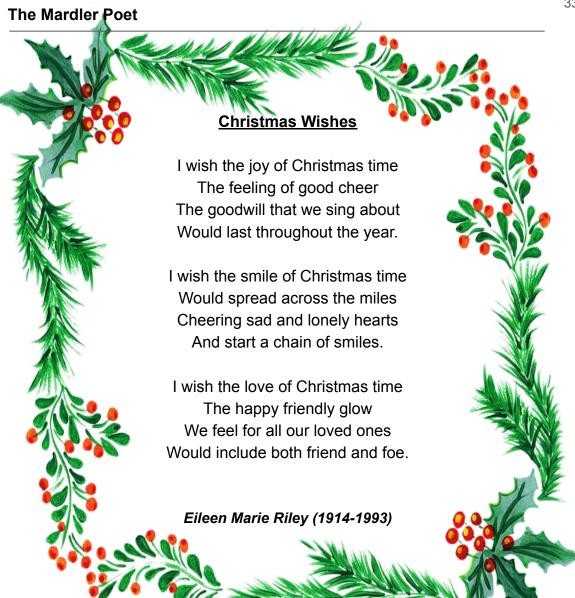


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Ramblings from The Rectory By Rev. Nigel Tuffnell

If November was month for remembering, December is a month for celebrating, despite the darkness and all that the world may throw at us.

In my mind I hear the song of the angels to the shepherds, "Peace on earth, and goodwill to all," thoughts of Christmas. The Christmas story is a celebration of hope in the midst of the hardship of this world. A baby is born in poverty, yet with so much potential. So we celebrate at the darkest time of the year, not forgetting the poverty of so many, nor the worries about fuel and food costs. We celebrate Christmas to declare to all that we demand better, and better will come.

As I celebrate Christmas, I celebrate the hope of peace. A sure hope of peace in my heart, peace in the hearts of all people, and true peace in this world. I think of Jesus and remember the cost of that hope and look forward to a better future: A better future that together we must help build.

Looking forward must be the theme for January. A new year has begun, full of potential and promise. With the hope and potential of Christmas, let us promise to be agents for change and make our resolutions: Not empty resolutions, nor mere wishful thinking. Please take a little time over choosing a resolution for 2023. Ask yourself, "What can I do that could really make a difference?" Then ask, "What will I need to fulfil my resolution, is it time, money, or perhaps courage?" Then commit yourself to making a difference.

Have a Happy Christmas and a Hopeful New Year.

God bless,

Nigel

Answers to Christmas Brainteasers: 1. Youngest Child: 2 games, Middle Child: 4 games, Oldest Child: 8 games, Parents: 2 games; 2. It's a palindrome (same forwards and backwards) 3. It takes one elf 5 minutes to make one doll. Therefore 100 elves making 100 dolls would still take 5 minutes!

Christmas Dingbats: Silent Night; North Pole; Mixed Nuts; Peace on Earth

The Crafty Bombers

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The Crafty Bombers is a club for busy kids who like to do busy things!

Each month there is a themed session with a variety of activities. Refreshments included. Toys and games are also provided to keep younger children occupied.

Saturday 10th December, 3.30pm: Christmas Lantern Making

Sunday 15th January, 10.30am: Winter Art



For those who are unable to attend, craft bags will be left in Thorpe Abbotts telephone box. Please help yourselves - instructions will be included!

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

Thorpe Abbotts All Saints Church

Since the last copy date for this esteemed publication, we have experienced the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Church was open for the week of mourning, and the Book of Condolence at the Church was well visited. A lovely service was held to remember her huge contribution to this country.

A HUGE thank you to all of you who supported our Harvest collection for Emmaus, not only the contributions left at No 23, but also all the lovely produce that came up to the Church for the Harvest Service. Thank you so very much, it really was appreciated by the Charity.

Christmas is going to be at tough time for many in the local community, and to build on the success of our Harvest collection, we thought it would be an idea to support the Waveney Foodbank for Christmas. We are looking at the moment to collect your contributions during the week of 12th December, when it can be dropped off at No 23 Mill Rd, or, if you email me at allsaintsta1@btinternet.com, we will arrange to come and collect. Further information and list of urgent items can be found online at: https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

The regular short, monthly Compline (Night Prayer) services have also been held on the third Thursday of each month, alternating with Billingford.

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 lit up. 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 Church. If you would like the lights please contact Sue Williams at williams876@btinternet.com or 07855414941.

It's not just up at the Church that we have been busy. We were delighted, after an absence of 2 years, to run one of our famous quizzes in the Village Hall.

Thorpe Abbotts All Saints Church

Whilst a number of our local regulars were away, which reduced numbers, all had a very good time, generously supporting the raffle and bar, the proceeds of which will go towards the payment of the Church's annual insurance bill. I am delighted to announce that the wooden spoon, keenly contested as always, remains in the village whilst the winners crown currently resides in Brockdish. We have plans for other events next year which we'll advertise in due course.

As you will see elsewhere, Christmas is a-looming. We are looking forward to the weekend of 10/11th December, with the celebration at the Pump on Saturday evening followed by our Carol Service at All Saints on the Sunday afternoon. Definitely a couple of dates for the diary! I understand that a special person has had an invitation to the Pump, and although very busy, he has said he will try his very best to be there. May I conclude with my and the PCCs very best wishes to you all for Christmas.

Simon



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Brockdish Church

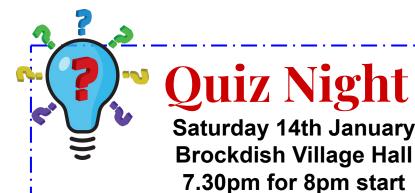
We have been so lucky with the autumnal weather that we experienced in October. The hedge has been cut, the first mowing of the church yard since July has been done and hopefully will last until the New Year.

The annual Christmas coffee morning will take place on 3rd December, 10.00am – 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Do come along for a cuppa and cake. Jams and books will be on sale, and there will also be a raffle.

The Carol by Candlelight Service will be held on 18th December at 6.00pm. Please come along and share this special festive evening. As advised by a sign seen outside a small rural church: 'Come early and get a back seat!' Sound familiar?

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Church over the year, it is much appreciated. A peaceful and happy Christmas to you all.

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Church Service Times - December and January

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4th December	Brockdish 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
11th December	Brockdish 9.30 am Thorpe Abbotts 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Christingle/Crib Service
18th December	Brockdish 6.00 pm	Carols by candlelight
25th December	Brockdish 9.30 am Thorpe Abbotts 9.30 am	Informal Holy Communion
1st January	Brockdish 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
8th January	Brockdish 9.30 am Thorpe Abbotts 9.30 am	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer
15th January	Brockdish 9.30 am	Morning Prayer
22nd January	Brockdish 9.30 am	Holy Communion
29th January	Brockdish 9.30 am	Morning Prayer









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