

# PARISH PAPERS

BI-MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE PARISH OF HOLBROOK



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HOLBROOK FILM NIGHTS

VILLAGE MEAL

SWAN BEER FESTIVAL

**April and May 2024 Edition**

# Holbrook Film Nights presents



Based on the extraordinary character at the centre of Roald Dahl's beloved children's book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', Wonka tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the Willy Wonka we know today. Young Willy Wonka is full of ideas, and determined to change the world one delectable bite at a time – proving that the best things in life begin with a dream, and if you're lucky enough to meet Willy Wonka anything is possible.



**Friday 12 April**  
**Holbrook Village Hall**  
**Doors open at 7.00pm - film starts at 7.30pm**

**Tickets on the door:**  
**Adults £5 - Under 12's £2.50**

*Holbrook Film Nights Disclaimer: Adults are responsible for making sure the film is suitable for their children and that the age rating is respected.*

## Holbrook Parish Papers

It's your Parish Papers, so come on, help us make it work!

Support your village...



We are going to need contributions from anyone who's got something to say about what's happening in our village, schools, clubs, village organisations, sports clubs.

**But we do need ads and articles by a minimum of 10 days before the end of May for the June/July issue.**

Parish Papers are bi monthly, so issues for 2024 are as follows:

**June/July, August/September, October/November 2024.**

All articles, emails and photos should be sent to:

[Clerk@holbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@holbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## **Notes from John Ambrose**

### **Chairman, Holbrook Parish Council**



Welcome to the spring edition of the parish papers and we hope you enjoy reading them. I have stood in as a guest editor to ensure that they are out on time, but I do hope that someone will come forward to take the task on. No special IT skills are required, just an ability to use Word to create them. I am happy to sit down and talk to you if you are interested.

Sadly, despite the parish council recommending refusal the planning authority approved the application to convert the Compasses into 3 dwellings and build 2 new houses on the garden and park. We had hoped that our neighbourhood plan would have influenced the planners and we are looking into challenging the decision.

We have now changed our website address and emails for councillors, this is following advice given to us. Our new website is: <https://holbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk> and my email address is [johnambrose@holbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:johnambrose@holbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk). The reason for the change is to give us an extra layer of security.

AT our last meeting, residents raised concerns about car parking around school drop off and pick up times, whilst the council share their concerns we are restricted in what we can do. The council did look into this in 2022 and it is felt that nothing has changed and our decision not to take further action remains unchanged.

Residents are encouraged to report inconsiderate parking to the enforcement team at:

<https://ipswich.gov.uk/content/report-parking-problem>

## Village Meal

The April meal will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> from 6pm at the Holbrook Village Hall, sausages and mash with onion gravy followed by a dessert (vegetarian option).

The May meal will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets are £10 and must be bought in advance from Woodys.

## Film Night

The next film is Wonka on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, see advert inside the front cover of this edition. More films planned for the next few months.

## Tide Times for the Strand

These are dates when the Strand may be flooded due to high tides over the next couple of months, times are approximate and can change due to weather conditions.

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Time of High Water</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time of High Water</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 7/4         | 11.53                     | 7/5         | 12.17                     |
| 8/4         | 12.41                     | 8/5         | 13.03                     |
| 9/4         | 13.26                     | 9/5         | 13.47                     |
| 10/4        | 14.10                     | 10/5        | 14.29                     |
| 11/4        | 14.52                     | 11/5        | 15.10                     |
| 12/4        | 15.34                     |             |                           |

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7.30pm**  
**Holbrook Village Hall**

The Annual Parish Meeting provides an opportunity for parishioners of the Village to receive updates from the Parish Council and other local organisations.

The annual payment of the peppercorn rent will be given to the heads of school from the RHS and entertainment from the Academy.

After the meeting there will be an opportunity to chat to everyone there and there will be refreshments served.

**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**  
**Holbrook Village Hall**

This is the next Parish Council and members of the public are welcomed to attend, concerns can be raised during the Public Forum.

## Little Free Library

### 1 Abbott Way, Holbrook

Thanks to Tracy Stephens for putting this up outside their house. Anyone is free to take a book from its stock of adult's and children's books which are changed weekly. Donations always welcomed.



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## Village Hall

The village hall annual general meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm ahead of the annual parish meeting in the village hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A big thank you for the 5 individuals and 1 club that have sponsored the new tables. We hope to get 10 tables to replace the old trestle tables, there is still time to sponsor a new table or even a share in one (they cost £135 each). Please contact the village hall secretary Christine Ambrose on 328815 if you interested.



# OPEN GARDENS

8TH – 9TH JUNE 2024



Please complete the form below and drop it off to

The Holbrook Society. c/o Little Orchard House, Little Orchard, Holbrook IP9 2NR

I would like to take part in the **Open Gardens** event.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Donations will be towards St Elizabeth Hospice.

## HOLBROOK TRAIL 2024 CHILDREN'S FILMS 8TH – 9TH JUNE

Please complete the form below and drop it off to

The Holbrook Society. c/o Iona, Ipswich Road IP9 2QT

(Iona is opposite the junction with The Street)

I would like to take part in the **Holbrook Trail : Children's Films**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child:  Adult:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a £5 donation towards EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice)

Entries will be judged. Prizes for Child and Adult entries





# VIVO

## Village Voices on the Peninsula

**We meet every Friday Evening  
at the Methodist Chapel, Holbrook  
7pm - 8pm**

Contact: Sue Wightman (*Musical Director*)

Tel. 01473 780346

Mobile: 078911 167485

Email: [susiepugwash@btinternet.com](mailto:susiepugwash@btinternet.com)

## **Holbrook Walking Football Group**

Walking football is the perfect fit for everyone who wants to be active, make friends and get out of the house.



Although walking football was created for over 50's our group is unique in that we have players in their 20's up to players in their 60s - men and women.

Some players have played football regularly, some are new to the sport.

We are a friendly and welcoming group and play 9.30am -10.30am every Sunday, indoors at Holbrook Sports Centre. Sessions cost £2 but come along and try for free!

**If you'd like further info please contact Simon Page 07912 609549**



# NEWS FROM THE GALLERY

*A regular column from Lisa Thomas of Come Hither Gallery on Ipswich Road*

We're looking forward to our April and May open weekends with lots of art to reinforce your mood along with the change of season and longer days.

As we haven't been around for many of the weekends this year (ITFC's magnificent season is to blame!) we have decided to open one weekend each month, along with opening for longer seasonal exhibitions later in the year. On the right of this page there is a list of our open weekends for the first half of the year. You are more than welcome to visit on almost any other day — please contact us to see if we're around — just give us a call to check that we are in when you'd like to visit.

We will also be participating in Suffolk Open Studios during June this year, with a special exhibition — watch this space!

Finally, if you visited us last year, please could leave us a review on Facebook, Google or TripAdvisor? It obviously helps us immeasurably (provided it's a positive one!). Thank you!

## COME HITHER GALLERY

### OPEN DAYS 2024

April 20th – 21st

May 11th – 12th

May 31st – Summer Exhibition  
private view

June (Suffolk Open Studios)

1st – 2nd

8th – 9th

22nd – 23rd

29th – 30th

We look forward to seeing  
you and enjoying 2024  
filled with beautiful art.

01473 327184 [www.gallery.comehitherdesign.com](http://www.gallery.comehitherdesign.com)

1 Hither House, Ipswich Road, Holbrook, Suffolk IP9 2QT 01473 327184



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SCULPTURES  
CERAMICS  
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HAND PRINTED CARDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND OPENING DATES: [www.gallery.comehitherdesign.com/diary](http://www.gallery.comehitherdesign.com/diary)  
01473 327184 Come Hither Gallery, 1 Hither House, Ipswich Road, Holbrook, Suffolk IP9 2QT

# Village Meal

Tuesday 16th April 2024  
at the Village Hall  
6pm to 8pm

Ticket: £10

Tickets MUST be bought in advance  
from Woody's by Friday 12th April

*Menu:*

## **Bangers & Mash**

Vegetarian option available

Followed by a dessert

Bring your own drinks and glasses



# Suffolk Library Mobile Service

## Calling every 4 weeks on Fridays

| Stop | Village   | Location                          | Time      |
|------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 17A  | Shotley   | Village Hall                      | 0930–1030 |
| 17B  | Shotley   | Lay-by opposite<br>Great Harlings | 1035–1050 |
| 17C  | Shotley   | Baker Road                        | 1055–1115 |
| 17D  | Shotley   | Bristol Hill                      | 1120–1200 |
| 17E  | Shotley   | Kingsland                         | 1300–1315 |
| 17E1 | Erwarton  | Lay-by                            | 1320–1345 |
| 17F  | Harkstead | Church                            | 1355–1415 |
| 17G  | Harkstead | The Baker's Arms                  | 1420–1450 |
| 17I  | Holbrook  | The Compasses                     | 1500–1530 |
| 17K  | Freston   | Freston Street                    | 1540–1600 |

**2024: 26 January, 23 February, 22 March, 19 April, 17 May,  
14 June, 12 July, 9 August, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November,  
29 November, 27 December**

| Stop | Village       | Location       | Time      |
|------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| 8A   | Chelmondiston | School         | 0925–1045 |
| 8B   | Chelmondiston | The Red Lion   | 1050–1120 |
| 8C   | Woolverstone  | Marina         | 1130–1155 |
| 8D   | Stutton       | Larksfield     | 1210–1240 |
| 8E   | Stutton       | Community shop | 1245–1315 |
| 8G   | Holbrook      | The Street     | 1430–1600 |

**2024: 12 January, 9 February, 8 March, 5 April, 3 May, 31 May, 28 June,  
26 July, 23 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November,  
13 December**

## **HOLBROOK COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

# **Have you tried your Holbrook Community Café?**

**The café operates in the Methodist Chapel  
(opposite the Co-op) on Wednesdays  
10.30am-3.30pm.**

**It is open to anyone who would like to come.**

Come and enjoy a friendly atmosphere, tea, coffee, cakes and a soup lunch. There is no charge for the refreshments or the warm space but donations are welcome towards the running costs if you wish.

### **Would you like to help at the café?**

Help is welcome for all or part of the time the café is open.

This can include setting up, making hot drinks, serving, clearing, and loading dishwasher, or you might be interested in becoming a co-ordinator.

If you are not able to help on the day, could you make cakes or soups for the café?

**If you are interested in offering help, come on a Wednesday, have a cuppa and speak to one of the co-ordinators or email [suzie.fiske@googlemail.com](mailto:suzie.fiske@googlemail.com)**



## *My Occasional Holbrook Diary*

*Nearly as exciting as previous offerings*



**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February.** Chris Sawyer brought round a large box of Parish Papers for delivery. Even in a world as devoid of incident as mine this would not normally merit a diary entry but Chris confirmed that he was stepping down as editor of said august magazine. I sure you will agree that, under his guidance, it has become the premier local publication on the peninsular and regularly contains a wealth of essential reading for the well-informed villager. He even persuaded me to take up my pen again after a long absence from annoying the reading public (OK forget that bit, this is meant to be a eulogy ). Anyway Chris, thank you for the skill and energy that you have put in, your efforts will be much missed.

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February.** It rained, in fact it rained more less continuously during February. Sadly today was the day I had chosen to deliver the magazines. My route is around the bosky outskirts of Holbrook from Hyams Lane to Woodlands Road and it is usually my pleasure to proceed in stately fashion on my e-bike. No pleasure today, roads were diabolical! Pot holes are always bad but even more treacherous when under water. As everyone who knows me will affirm I am usually indistinguishable from a ray of sunshine and reluctant to complain about anything, but these are third world conditions and those responsible should start fixing it. I notice, incidentally, that my Council Tax has just been raised exponentially (not just mine, I realise) so I have every confidence that repairs are in hand and they are handing out the (waterproof) yellow paint to mark the offending areas as you read this.

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March.** Funeral of Milly Cloke, erstwhile organist at the Parish Church, music teacher and friend to many. Splendid dignified service and a fitting farewell to a much-loved villager. My sympathies to Peter and the rest of her family.

Note to self. Try and be more cheerful next time.

Robin Steggles

## Parish Recorder

Many thanks to the Village Hall Committee who have allowed me to have a cupboard in the back of the hall for locked storage of Holbrook archives. Some of the history of the village is stored in The Hold in Ipswich. These are older and more fragile documents that need good conditions for their survival. They may also be a useful resource for researchers and should be kept in the public domain. However, much of the village history is more recent and more personal to Holbrook and should be available to the residents without going to The Hold. These include scrap books from the 1980s, photographs from 1910 to the present day, posters, videos, recordings and stories. Some examples of these are now safely stored in the new locked cupboard, rather than in my spare room. If you have anything that you think is relevant, please do contact me. Similarly, let me know via email (below) if you wish to see anything that you think might be there. It will be necessary to make an appointment with me so that a time can be found to visit.

Fran Williams

[holbrookrecorder@yahoo.com](mailto:holbrookrecorder@yahoo.com)

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## Holbrook Art Club

The summer term will commence on Monday April 15th at 2 p.m. in the Bowls Pavilion, for the following 12 weeks (excluding bank holidays). Emma Graham will be with us to offer advice, encouragement & occasional demonstrations. The 2hour sessions will cost £6 plus a small charge for the Hall hire, all fees payable in advance. New members & past members are always welcome to join us. Call Emma on 787721 or Rita on 328257 for more details.



# Holbrook Primary School Careers Day

At Holbrook, our Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) subject review showed that many of our pupils have similar career goals: these were mainly to be a footballer, dancer, YouTuber or gamer. This led to the teacher in charge of PSHE arranging for a group of volunteer family members to come into school on Wednesday 11th March and run a careers fair.

The afternoon, which involved adults speaking to small groups for around 5 minutes about their jobs, was a resounding success. Each adult set up engaging displays and brought in props to go alongside their presentations giving the pupils a real insight into a range of professions. Our pupils, who asked lots of great questions, were inspired to broaden their ideas and open their minds to other career possibilities.





A huge thank you to the following people who helped make this brand new event in our busy school calendar such a positive experience for our pupils:

*Mrs Smith & Mrs Wrinch – Veterinary Nurse and Surgeon*

*Ms Evans- Digital Designer*

*Mr Coburn – Firefighter*

*Mr Knighton – Police Force*

*Mrs Gladwell – Maternity Care/Midwife*

*Mrs Sims – Horse Care*

*Mrs Hesketh – Landscape Architect*

*Mrs Healy – Construction and employability skills*

*Mr Simpson – Finance – Trading*

*Mrs Vickers - Nursing*

*Mr Woodger – Journalism with BBC*

*Mrs Bradshaw – NHS Children’s mental health and social care*

We very much enjoyed our careers day and are proud to have been able to give our pupils an opportunity that would normally only take place when they reach High School. Careers Day is now a firm fixture on our school calendar.

# Message from Holbrook Primary School Junior Road Safety Team

## Parking in our community:

As a school, we share your concerns regarding inconsiderate parking in the area and want to work together to solve the issue. At Holbrook Primary we have a Junior Road Safety team who work with the community to promote road safety in our local area and are keen to understand the issues many local residents are facing. Our Junior Road Safety Officers met with representatives from the Parish Council alongside our Community Police Officer to discuss issues and offer solutions to the problem. Our team would like to share the following message:



We are working hard to promote road safety in our area and have taken part in a local speed watch as well as a parking watch during pick-up time. The main issue we have noticed is parking at drop off and pick-up times, which results in unsafe parking. We are asking all adults who park in the area to consider whether they are parking safely and showing consideration to others. When parking outside our school, please could all members of our school community consider the following:

- Parking on the pavement – can a double buggy or a wheelchair fit through the gap?
- Parking on the grass is affecting our local wildlife and could cause habitats to be destroyed.
- Please turn your engine off when parked to reduce the emissions admitted to the air.
- Could you walk to school or park in the Village Hall car park and walk down?

We hope that by working together as a community will help promote safe parking in our area and reduce the risk of any accidents occurring.

*Holbrook Primary Junior Road Safety Officers*

# HOLBROOK SOCIETY NEWS

Contact: [holbrooksociety@gmail.com](mailto:holbrooksociety@gmail.com)



**April 10th– BAWDSEY RADAR MUSEUM –  
10.30am £10**

**A private visit with guides to answer all our questions.  
Possible optional lunch at Ramsholt Arms? (*Details of meeting  
point to follow. We shall hope to carshare as much as possible.*)**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> 1.30-3.30 – visit to Bishop and Millers Auctioneers,  
Stowmarket – *details to come but you can reserve a place by  
emailing: [jmsquirrel@gmail.com](mailto:jmsquirrel@gmail.com)***

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Village Fete: Ipswich Hospital Band  
(*Sponsored by Holbrook Society*)**

**Sat-Sun 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**OPEN GARDENS AND HOLBROOK TRAIL**

*Do let us know if you might be willing to open your garden or make a  
display.*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June Village Hall £5**

**THE BUILDING OF THE ORWELL BRIDGE**

**Charlie Sharp and Howard Morris**

**July/August – visit to Munnings Museum - *Details to come.***

**September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Martlesham (*Details of meeting point to  
follow. We shall hope to carshare as much as possible.*)**

**VISIT TO SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY MUSEUM**

**November 8<sup>th</sup> - *Details to be confirmed.***

**Rith Gitsham**

**DIARY OF A BEEKEEPER**

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Visit to Norwich**

# All Saints Church

What can I see of interest in the Church building?

Part 3

## 14/15<sup>th</sup> Century alteration: the Porch

We have done a tour of the outside of the building in recent articles. Now I'm inviting you to step into the porch. Near the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, a new Lord of the Manor wanted to exhibit his piety (or perhaps his wealth and importance?) and ordered the construction of a tower to make an imposing entrance to the parish church, which until then had been a simple rectangular building. While not rare, it is not that common for the belltower and porch of a church to be combined in a single structure, but both Holbrook and neighbouring Stutton churches have this feature. The current entrance door for the main building represents the original exterior doorway, now encased by the porch.

If you look up at the ceiling of the porch, you will see a wooden hatch, through which a single bell-rope used to hang, for tolling the bell to warn of the approaching start of a service. The bell would also be tolled to announce a death in the village - a single stroke would be repeated to signify a man and a double stroke repeated for a woman. Chaucer (who was born some 40 years after our church opened) mentions this custom of the "funeral bell" in his poetry and I was really surprised to read in Warry Page's book about his childhood memories, that the custom still survived in our village into the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Warry remembered people coming out to their garden gates to ask who had died. The village was so much smaller then and everyone knew all the inhabitants. (If you have never read his book, do try to see a copy - perhaps they have one at The Hold - because it is a fascinating picture of Holbrook life before the age of tarmac roads and motorcars.)

The outside corners of the porch are strengthened with some of the few solid blocks of stone in the entire building - imported from outside Suffolk, of course - and I'm told by those who know these things, that the decoration in the porch ceiling is finer craftsmanship than anything in the main body of the church.

Church porches came to have great significance in earlier centuries. In the Middle Ages, wedding ceremonies began in the porch, with the couple exchanging their vows and placing the wedding ring on the bride's finger before the couple entered the church itself, as husband and wife, for their Wedding Mass. And I remember when doing some research many years back in the old Ipswich Records Office, seeing a couple of old wills from Holbrook. Beneath the signatures and dates were the words, "Signed this day in the porch at Holbrook Church." A church porch was seen as the place of integrity where oaths could be sworn before God, so you would meet the notary there to swear and witness to legal documents.

The two windows are identical in size and shape, but you will observe that the one on the East side has an edging of yellow glass, while the West window has plain glass. To the best of my knowledge, the yellow glass is the original medieval glass as the East window was only exposed to the elements for less than 100 years. It became an interior window when the church was enlarged by the addition of the South Aisle, while its partner has been exposed to bitter frosts and the attacks of storm-blown twigs and branches down the centuries and not infrequently has had to have broken glass replaced. The addition of the South Aisle will be the subject of my next article. Meanwhile just note the lovely slate window box holding the flower display, purchased in memory of Mary Martin, long-time resident of Holbrook and daughter of the Rectory, when it was still sited in Freston Street, as it was when I moved here in 1975.

Cynthia Anderson.

## **HOLBROOK BOWLS CLUB**

These notes have to be sadly largely devoted to the passing of our longest serving member by some distance. Bob Hughes joined the Club in 1977 so has been a member for the best part of 50 years. His lengthy membership was always handy at Committee meetings when he could be relied upon to provide chapter and verse on matters and events that had arisen many years ago.

Magnanimous in defeat or victory, he won several Club competitions over the years and was a member of some trophy winning teams. Bob was a hugely respected figure, not only at Holbrook, but at many greens across the County and his gentle and calm personality will be missed far and wide. He kindly requested that all collection money at his funeral should be directed to Club funds and this resulted in over £160 for our Treasurer. He also wanted his ashes to be scattered on our Green which indicated the affection which he had for the Club over many years.

The Club extends its condolences to Janet and the family.

We recently had our annual Spring meeting when the arrangements for the forthcoming season were discussed. The Club have entered 4 Leagues and this should make it possible for members, who wish to play competitively to play 2 matches per week.

Our pre-season meal is a fish and chip supper in the Pavilion on 11 April with our opening Drive on Saturday 13 April.

On an entirely personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of the Club for their kind messages of support, condolences and cards upon the recent passing of my wife, Millie.

Peter Cloke



**Friday 1st March WDP** at 2 pm at Methodist Church Holbrook was very moving and well supported. Sue led our praise and 15 different voices read prayers and stories from the Christian women of Palestine who continue their witness to the love of Jesus Christ. £177.55 was sent to WDP to support their continuing work. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way, to the Chapel for their warm welcome and to Clare, All Saints and Suzanne who gave precious Olive leaves.

**Wednesday 3rd April meeting** at 2 pm in St Andrew's Church Room Chelmondiston. **Tools With A Mission** has been a part of Christian outreach locally and we are glad to have Paul Seymour to share the latest news on **TWAM'S** activities. Guests are welcomed to this interesting meeting. Tea and cake to follow. Donations to **TWAM**, including smaller tools, are most welcome.

**Wednesday 1st May meeting** at 2 pm in St Andrew's Church Room Chelmondiston. We welcome our Ruth Gitsham, local Bee Keeper to tell us about a **Bee Keeper's Year**. Guests are always welcome to come along, There's Tea and Home-baking to conclude a happy time together.

**Wednesday 5th June** please keep the date in your diary. We hope the rose bush to remember Pam Ross will be planted soon. Pam's gift to us of a Branch Tea Party will be held on Wednesday 3rd of July.

*Wishing everyone Joy and sunshine at Easter -  
Christine and Margie*



Lord of the Easter Garden, we celebrate the abundance of life which is your gift. May our appreciation of all we enjoy, here and now, bring praise to our bountiful God. Amen

**Contacts:**

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**Margie Rogers:** 01473 780822 margie.56@btinternet.com

Please visit: [musuffolk.org.uk](http://musuffolk.org.uk)





# **WANTED**

## **ON CALL FIREFIGHTERS**

**Come and join us!**



**#BePartOfOurFuture**



# **REWARD!!**

**Annual Retain Fee • Payment for calls attended**  
**Payment for weekly drills and additional training courses**

### **IF YOU ARE.....**

- Over 18, reasonably fit and comfortable with heights
- Able to attend the station within 6 minutes of a call coming through
- Able to respond or be released from your place of work during the daytime
- A team player with an appetite for adventure
- Looking to serve your local community

**THEN WE NEED TO TALK!!**

Call in to Holbrook Fire Station, Ipswich Road



## ***Tips for a greener***

### ***Lifestyle***

### ***Spring 2024***

Now the weather is warmer shopping locally can be an enjoyable activity, good exercise and reduce your 'carbon footprint'. Wheeling, walking, cycling (using active transport) to visit local shops, farm shops, farmer's markets or refill stations can reduce air pollution and CO<sub>2</sub> from fossil fuel use, and may reduce the number of times you need to travel further to shop. Buying local seasonal produce when possible further reduces your 'carbon footprint' as less energy is used to transport produce or heat greenhouses. Buying unpackaged fruit and vegetables, and using refill stations for some of your shopping helps to reduce plastic waste (which is still a problem causing plastic pollution in the environment, even though we may try to recycle some plastic). Here are some examples (you can find dates/opening times using an internet search or social media):

Holbrook Co-op, IP9 2PZ

Holbrook repair Café Refill station, Holbrook village hall, IP9 2PZ

The Woodlands Farm Shop (Potato Hut), IP9 2PT

Hollingsworths, Main Road, Chelmondiston, IP9 1HS

Harkstead Farmers Market, Harkstead village hall, IP9 1DG

Tattingstone Farmers Market, Tattingstone village hall, IP9 2ND

Stutton Community Shop, IP9 2TA

Bentley Community shop, IP9 2DW

Suffolk Food Hall, IP9 2AB

Choose Refills, pop-up @ the lay-by opposite the community centre, Capel St Mary, IP9 2ER



*So, what is my carbon footprint?*

If you would like to find out what your household or business carbon footprint is (and how to reduce and/or offset it) take a look at the *Carbon Stewards* website where you can do just that! The simple questions even allow you to calculate the footprint of individual travel events, changes in eating habits etc.

***What is the true cost of that flight?***

***Will it really make any difference if I eat less meat?***

Here's an easy way to find out: [www.climatestewards.org](http://www.climatestewards.org)

*How can I reduce my carbon footprint and save money?*

- Turning your heating down by just 1 degree can reduce your carbon use by up to 10% (and you're unlikely to notice the difference!).
- Turn radiators down or off in rooms you're not using.
- When driving, turn off your air-conditioning to reduce your fuel consumption.
- Driving at 60mph is a whopping 15% more fuel efficient than 70mph (and far safer too!)

*What about biodiversity?  
I want to protect plants  
& animals too!*

Avoid non-sustainable **palm oil** (our orangutan cousins will thank you!). This isn't easy as it is used in so many products, from food to cosmetics, but look for the **RSPO** (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) mark when shopping or for palm-oil free products.

*What can I do  
closer to home?*

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## **Report from Community Police Officer**

### **Katie Jarrett**

It feels like it's been a long time coming but finally there are signs of Spring. The vibrant yellow of daffodils throughout the county are beautiful. I personally much prefer the warmer weather and the lighter evenings.



Being a Community Officer allows me to mix with a wide variety of people with all sorts of different backgrounds and interesting life stories. My job is to help keep people safe. This can mean different things to different people. People who are isolated and lack support networks often find it incredibly frightening leaving their homes. During the pandemic, I was a Neighbourhood Specialist Officer in Surrey, which is very similar to the role I have now. I still had to work and during one of my shifts when people were only allowed out once a day to go shopping, I recall helping an elderly lady carry her shopping bags back to her home address. She was frightened of being out, of being vulnerable so she got more than she could carry. Some people might have the opinion that isn't a Police Officers job. I would disagree, I also recall meeting many people out and about in the parks getting their exercise and some of these people had not spoken to anyone physically for a long while. I was more than happy to chat and listen and I met some incredible people during that time. Again, some people might not that that's the role of a Police Officer, again I would disagree. There are many different facets to Policing.

I have been to visit the community café on a Monday afternoon a couple of times now. I've even been taught to play Rummy Cub (sort of). This is a fantastic place to go to meet new people and either assist in a jigsaw puzzle, play a written quiz (which was far too hard for my brain) and have a friendly chat.

Crimes of note: There have been a couple of vehicle break- ins and tools have been stolen. I appreciate it's not always convenient to empty your vans of tools but please do so when you can.



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*Here is an update from  
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**Holbrook Helpers – your local  
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*Activity...*

HOLBROOK HELPERS CONTINUES TO OFFER HELP TO RESIDENTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE. THIS MIGHT BE FOR SHOPPING, COLLECTING PRESCRIPTIONS OR FOR LIFTS TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH ANY OF THESE THINGS, PLEASE CONTACT;  
HOLBROOKHELPERS@YAHOO.COM

*Little Free Pantries...*

“Give what you can and take what you need” was the concept for the setting up the Little Free Pantries (outside the Village Hall and St Mary’s).

The cost of living crisis has not abated and we really do need the community to contribute what they can to the pantries, in the hope that this reaches local families. If you are sorting through your cupboards and find food (non perishable) or hygiene products that are surplus to your needs, please do consider gifting these to the pantries.

Holbrook Helpers Committee  
holbrookhelpers@yahoo.com

# **Report for March 2024 from Simon Harley**

## **Council Budget for 2024-25**

At Council on 15 February, Suffolk councillors met to discuss and vote on the administration's budget proposals. The council is borrowing heavily from its reserves to meet the growing demand for social care for adults and children, and council tax is due to rise by £74 annually for Band D properties from April this year. There will also be cuts to Family Hubs (children's centres) and Housing Related Support, which supports vulnerable people like care leavers to find accommodation. Funding for arts and museums will be maintained for 2024-25 but not from SCC core funding, and subject to a bidding process for grants from April 2025. The Bury St Edmunds local archives will be moved to The Hold in Ipswich, which like the arts funding cuts has been controversial locally. My group were concerned about the lack of core funding from Suffolk County Council to arts and museums, as this is how they secure funding from other sources, and we proposed an amendment to this effect. We also suggested that some of the council's remaining Covid funding from the government be used to support young people not in education, employment or training, as this cohort had suffered a lot of upheaval in their final years of schooling and exams. Support for young people not in education, employment and training is one of the services that is due to be cut in the administration's budget plans. Our amendment was declined by the Conservatives, as was the Labour amendment which also proposed to reverse some of the planned cuts.

## **Ofsted/CQC SEND Inspection Report**

As you may have read in the local press, Ofsted and CQC published their joint report into SEND services in Suffolk at the beginning of the month. The report was scathing about the county's SEND provision and detailed the failures of the council to communicate and work with parents and carers, improve the EHCP and annual review processes and waiting times, improve outcomes and reduce exclusions. My group was disappointed and concerned that the services are yet to get to grips with improving a service that has now received a third poor inspection result in a row and we offered our assistance to the Local Area Partnership (Suffolk County Council and NHS teams) in preparing the Priority Action Plan they now need to submit to Ofsted and CQC by 7 March.

The poor report led to the resignation of the Cabinet members for SEND, Education and Children's Services and prompted a reshuffle of the political leadership at the council. This report will be devastating for parents of children with special needs in Suffolk, and the council will need to work hard to make improvements quickly and build back trust.

## **Suffolk Devolution in Sight**

Devolution is something there has been a lot of talk about in Suffolk in recent years, and it looks like it may be happening from 2025. The deal the government is offering Suffolk is the same as the one for Norfolk and would give the county more freedom on decisions and funding for transport, skills and adult education, regenerating brownfield sites and retrofitting homes to make them more energy-efficient. If the deal is approved, the leader of Suffolk County Council would be directly elected by the people of Suffolk - every four years, residents will be given two votes, to elect their local county councillor AND the leader of the county council. The first election would take place in May 2025. The council will be consulting on the deal soon and residents will be able to give their opinions on the changes proposed. For more information, see <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/devolution>

**Devolution Deal is out for Public Consultation from 18<sup>th</sup> March for 10 weeks - take part!**

## **Changes to Local Archives**

Following the recent controversial proposal in the county council's budget to move local records from Bury St Edmunds to The Hold in Ipswich, the council have announced that they will be inviting community representatives from both Lowestoft and Bury St Edmund's to form two new Working Parties to consider local access to historical material. This could allow relevant collections to remain in the local area, but any proposals would need to be funded locally rather than by Suffolk County Council. This is not a reversal of the council's decision, and the majority of the records are still planned to move to The Hold, with the North-East and West Suffolk branches of the archive service to close.

## **Money available for local Highways Signs!**

A small pot of money has been made available to County Councillors to help the repair and replacement of damaged/lost signs on the Highway. This applies to all official Highways signs, I believe. The funds have to be committed by December 2024 so if you are away of any signs you want repaired please report this on the Highways reporting tool then email me the reference and I will try to get them done more speedily.

Cost of Living help and advice:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6>

Benefits advice and support:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/adult.page?adultchannel=0>

Flood preparation advice: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/preparing-for-flooding>  
Flood recovery advice and support: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>

**Simon Harley** Suffolk County Councillor for Peninsula Division  
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We would be grateful if you could continue to pray daily for the conflict in Ukraine and in Gaza, for peace and an end to the conflict. We continue to pray for all the Ukrainian families settling on the peninsula.

**All Saints is open for private prayer and reflection every day if you need space from the confusion of these troubling times.**

Live streamed services from the Cathedral are available via our website: [tworiversbenefice.org](http://tworiversbenefice.org)

## Planned Services for April 2024

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** 9.00am Weekday Holy Communion – Woolverstone

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** 9.30am Holy Communion – Woolverstone

11.00am Worship 4 All – Stutton Village Hall

11.00am Morning Prayer – Freston

4.00pm Winter Warmers Tea with a short reflective service – Holbrook.

Eco Group meets at 2.15pm in the churchyard.

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April** 9.00am Weekday Holy Communion – Woolverstone
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** 9.30am Holy Communion with Baptism – Stutton  
11.00am Morning Prayer – Holbrook  
11.00am Holy Communion – Wherstead  
11.00am Baptism – Woolverstone
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** 9.00am Weekday Holy Communion – Woolverstone
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** 11.00am Holy Communion - Freston  
11.00am Morning Prayer – Woolverstone  
4.00pm Worship 4 Families – Holbrook
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** 9.00am Weekday Holy Communion – Woolverstone
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** 9.30am Holy Communion – Holbrook  
9.30am Morning Prayer – Stutton  
11.00am Morning Prayer – Wherstead

**Planned Services for May 2024**

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** 9.00am Weekday Holy Communion – Woolverstone
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May** 9.30am Holy Communion – Woolverstone
- Rogation Sunday** 11.00am Worship 4 All – Stutton Village Hall  
11.00am Morning Prayer – Freston  
2.00pm Beating the Bounds - Holbrook  
4.00pm Afternoon Tea with a short reflective service – Holbrook  
Eco Group meets at 2.15pm in the churchyard

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May** 7.30pm **Ascension Day Communion – Holbrook**
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** 9.30am Holy Communion – Stutton  
11.00am Matins – Holbrook  
**3.00pm Rogation Service - Wherstead**
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** 9.00am Weekday Holy Communion – Woolverstone
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost** 11.00am Holy Communion – Freston  
11.00am Morning Prayer – Woolverstone  
4.00pm Worship 4 Families – Holbrook 1
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** 9.00am Weekday Holy Communion – Woolverstone
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** 9.30am Holy Communion – Holbrook  
9.30am Morning Prayer – Stutton  
11.00am Holy Communion – Wherstead

***As circumstances can change at any time, please check on our website [www.tworiversbenefice.org](http://www.tworiversbenefice.org) or the church notice boards for the most up-to-date information.***

### ***In Our Prayers...***

Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with the families of Patrick Goodchild, Peter Gant and Millie Cloke - greatly loved and deeply missed.

We pray for streets in Holbrook each Sunday, along with our Methodist friends. We join with all the prayers, joys and concerns posted on the prayer board at the back of the church.

## ***What's on...***

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Church and Churchyard Spring Clean** from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Come and help us give our beautiful church and churchyard some loving care. If you would like more information, please call churchwardens: Ruth Gitsham 787259 & Norma Rooke 327379 or email: [allsaintsevents@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintsevents@outlook.com)

**The Parish Pantry** at the back of All Saints church. You will find a cupboard of staple food items available for whoever needs them. Please come and take what you need and put in what you can – no obligation.

**Shotley Peninsula Mothers' Union** – For more information and the latest meetings, contact Christine Ward 327697.

### **Your Holbrook Community Café**

The café operates in the Methodist Chapel (opposite the Co-Op) on Wednesdays 10.30am-3.30pm. It is open to anyone who would like to come. Come and enjoy a friendly atmosphere, tea, coffee, cakes puzzles, books. There is no charge but donations are welcome towards the running costs. Help is always welcome too. This can include helping set up, making hot drinks, serving, clearing, and loading dishwasher. Maybe you could make cakes or soups for the café? Come on a Wednesday and meet your neighbours and chat, and if you are inclined to help, have a cuppa and speak to one of the co-ordinators or email [suzie.fiske@googlemail.com](mailto:suzie.fiske@googlemail.com)



## From the Rectory ...

Dear Friends

As I write this, I note from my newsfeed, that the Sunday Times has voted the Shotley Peninsula one of the best places to live in the UK. I agree, we are very fortunate, we have a cluster of lovely supportive communities, in a picturesque setting and the appearance of comfort. I am very aware that this is not the case for everybody, and we have worked hard with our brothers and sisters at the Methodist church to set up our community cafes, and the Parish Pantry in the church to help alleviate need and loneliness. Our Parish Pantry is designed to support the small pantries which are around the village, it is well used and regularly stocked by donations. If you wish to donate we do have a 'bin' in the church porch.

We are looking forward to a busy summer, with lots going on at church. We now have a service every week, having just launched a new family service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 4.00 – it compliments Messy Church and is designed for all family members to socialise, worship and explore together. It is informal and relaxed, with refreshment and fun available throughout the afternoon. Our other informal service is our Afternoon Tea with prayer on the first Sunday at the same time – this is a lovely social gathering finishing off with a short informal time of prayer at the end. We invite you to come and try out both of these services – details of which are on the website

[www.tworiversbenefice.org](http://www.tworiversbenefice.org).

We look forward to seeing you.

Blessings

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## Parish Pantry

We have opened a 'Parish Pantry' in All Saints Church, run on the same basis as the Little Free Pantries in the village.

Please take what you need and give what you can. Donations of canned food or packets with a long shelf life, or toiletries, can be left at the church. The Pantry is open whenever the church is, so everyday from 10am to 4pm, but often longer.

If our 'Church is Open' sign is outside,  
the Pantry is open too.



## Church & Churchyard Spring Clean at All Saints

**Saturday 13th April from 10am - 4pm**

Come and help us to give our beautiful church a good spring clean inside, the churchyard a trim and clear up and scrape a bit of moss off the building.

There will be coffee and tea, soup and bacon butties to keep your energy levels up. Please bring your tools.

If you could help with either the inside of the church or the churchyard outside or if you would like more information, please call churchwardens: Ruth Gitsham 787259 & Norma Rooke 327379 or email: [allsaintsevents@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintsevents@outlook.com)



## **News from Mary McLaren**

### **Babergh District Councillor**

*“We cannot solve problems with the same thinking we used to create them.” Albert Einstein*



**Difficult challenges, ahead for Babergh District Council but it is clear in its determination to create a more resilient and sustainable future for its residents despite severe financial pressures.**

In February, Babergh District Council agreed to the 2024/2025 budget which includes an increase to the district's share of council tax bills of 2.99%. In practical terms a Band D home will rise from £182.64 to £188.10 per year - an increase of 10p per week. Babergh keeps only 9% of the bill with the rest going to Suffolk County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and town and parish councils. The latest figures show the cost of providing district council services to residents will rise by £1.6m to £14.1m in the next year. An increase of 12.8%.

This is mainly due to inflationary pressures, particularly interest rates, energy and salary costs while there has also been a reduction in planning fees as potential development continues to slow due to the economic downturn. Government funding has increased by only 3.4%.

Babergh closed its budget gap this year with the use of earmarked reserves but we must save £6.7m over the next four years. We have only £2.4m reserves available so we have to be responsible and make tough choices.

The council has increased fees and charges to reflect the actual cost of providing licences and services, and a savings programme is also expected to achieve savings of £540k.

Council Tenants will see a 7.7% increase in rents. This will ensure the necessary investment in repairs and maintenance across councils social housing stock. The average weekly social rent will increase by £7.92 from £102.88 to £110.81. For affordable housing, weekly rents will increase from £144.51 to £155.63.

**Babergh District Council provides advice and support to those struggling to pay their bills with a council tax reduction of up to 100% for residents on lower incomes.**

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**Tax premiums agreed for owners of second homes and empty properties.**

There is a desperate shortage of houses available for single people and families whether social renting or private renting. There are almost 600 empty properties across Babergh which could be used to meet our critical housing need. Under new legislation councils will target empty properties after just one year from April 2024 and impose a levy on second homes from April 2025. Owners who have left properties empty after one year - the premium will go up to 100%. Owners who have left properties empty for five years or more the premium will go up to 200%. Similarly for properties left empty for 10 years the premium will go up to 300%. Owners of second homes will see their Council Tax doubled from April 2025.

Mary McLaren

[Mary.McLaren@babergh.gov.uk](mailto:Mary.McLaren@babergh.gov.uk)

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| Stutton, Kings Head PH                   | 0830  | —    | 0853     | 1053 | 1253 | 1453 | 1703 | 1808 |    |  |
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| Manningtree, Long Road B1352             | —     | 0911 | 0911     | 1111 | 1311 | 1511 | 1721 | 1826 |    |  |
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| Cattawade, Slip Road                      | 0715  | 0741 | 0931     | 1131 | 1331 | 1531 | 1549 | 1741 | 1836 |  |
| Brantham, Brooklands School               | 0718  | 0744 | 0934     | 1134 | 1334 | 1534 | 1552 | 1744 | 1839 |  |
| Brantham, Bull PH                         | 0723  | 0749 | 0939     | 1139 | 1339 | 1539 | 1557 | 1749 | 1844 |  |
| Stutton, Kings Head PH                    | 0728  | 0754 | 0944     | 1144 | 1344 | 1544 | 1602 | 1754 | 1849 |  |
| Holbrook, Royal Hospital School           | 0731  | 0757 | 0947     | 1147 | 1347 | 1547 | 1605 | 1757 | 1852 |  |
| Holbrook, Compasses PH                    | 0734  | 0800 | 0950     | 1150 | 1350 | 1550 | 1608 | 1800 | 1855 |  |
| Freston, The Boat PH                      | 0740  | 0806 | 0956     | 1156 | 1356 | 1556 | 1614 | 1806 | 1901 |  |
| Ipswich, Bourne Bridge                    | 0744  | 0810 | 1000     | 1200 | 1400 | 1600 | 1618 | 1810 | 1905 |  |
| Ipswich, Rail station, Forecourt [R1]     | 0754  | 0816 | 1006     | 1206 | 1406 | 1606 | 1624 | 1816 | 1911 |  |
| <b>Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Stand J</b> | 0800  | 0822 | 1012     | 1212 | 1412 | 1612 | 1630 | 1822 | 1915 |  |

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*If you are passing the church and would like to help Mama Mouse? Please drop in and look for the basket under the font and a note on what to do.*

# HOLBROOK METHODIST CHURCH

Greetings from everyone at The Chapel.

Opposite the Co-op, in The Street, Holbrook, Ipswich IP92PZ.

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## STAY IN TOUCH

See the new information on our chapel notice board and in our weekly 'chapel notices' (available on line or in printed form).

The Community Café is operating through Spring, and the days that the Chapel is open are advertised around the village and below in the church calendar.

### APRIL 2024

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Community Café between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm. On the first Wednesday of each month the Computer Skills team from Babergh Council will be at the Chapel in the afternoon. Look for the posters around the village. The team are on hand to help you improve your computer skills, work with mobile phones and any other devices you might have. Come along and see how they can help you.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Coffee Morning between 10 and 11.30 am – run by the Parish Church at the Chapel.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Steve Mann

Communion Service at 10 am with Rev.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
and 4 pm

Tea and Chat Community Café between 2

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Community Café between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship at 10 am with Stephen Bolton

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Tea and Chat Community Café between 2 and 4 pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> KNIT IN Community Café between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Messy Church between 3.30 and 5 pm

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** Morning Worship at 10 am with Colin Westren

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Tea and Chat Community Café between 2 and 4 pm

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Community Café between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship at 10 am with the Worship Team

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Tea and Chat Community Café between 2 and 4 pm

## **MAY 2024**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Community Café between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm with the Computer Club in the afternoon

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning between 10 and 11.30 am – for Christian Aid.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** Communion Service at 10 am with Rev. Paulson Devasahayam

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> No Tea and Chat – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Community Café between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Messy Church between 3.30 and 5 pm

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship at 10 am with Chris Finbow

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Tea and Chat Community Café between 2 and 4 pm



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| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | KNIT IN Community Café between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm     |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b> | Pentecost Sunday Service at 10 am with the Worship Team |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>       | Tea and Chat Community Café between 2 and 4 pm          |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | Community Café between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm             |
| <b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b> | Morning Worship at 10 am with Paul Walker               |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>       | Tea and Chat Community Café between 2 and 4 pm          |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>    | Community Café between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm             |

As the weather improves we invite you to come along to any of the Community Café events throughout April and May. These are 'welcome spaces' for you.....

The Chapel is a living building that serves many folk throughout the week in all sorts of ways. Some of those ways are listed below:

Whether you are wanting to **Worship** on a Sunday; have lots of fun with the whole family at '**Messy Church**'; enjoy a cuppa, cake, chat and a quiz or two at '**Tea and Chat Drop In**'; bring your knitting, crochet, needlecraft (or just yourself) and be with friends for the morning, lunch and afternoon at the '**Knit In**' and the other **Community Cafes** throughout the month; or coffee/tea and cake at the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday '**Coffee Morning**'.

*the door is open to you. Don't be lonely in Holbrook.*

# From Holbrook Methodist Church.



## On the other side of Easter

Due to editorial deadlines I am writing this a few weeks before Easter and, most likely, you are reading it in April on the other side of Easter. If that is the case, may I begin by saying Happy Easter to you!

Chances are that the before and after of Easter aren't much difference for us. It's not like Christmas where the average person comes out the other side with more debt on their credit card and a few more inches on their waistline. Worst case scenario for Easter is a greater concentration of chocolate in your blood stream. There is, however, one group of people for whom the before and after of Easter was hugely significant.

The celebration of Easter as the resurrection of Jesus begins 2000 or so years ago with the historical account that we read in the Bible. First, there is the crucifixion – Jesus being nailed to a cross and left to die in horrific fashion. But then, when people go to visit the tomb in which he was put to rest, they find it empty. A tomb, by the way, that was guarded by Roman soldiers just in case anyone tried any funny business. Not only was his dead body gone from the tomb but, shortly afterwards, the living Jesus began to appear to the disciples. This was no hallucination. He could be touched by people and even, on one occasion, cooked them breakfast. All this went on, according to the Biblical account, for 40 days and to more than 500 people in total.

For his disciples, therefore, the contrast between the before and the after could not have been greater. Immediately before the crucifixion, and in its aftermath, they are broken men and women. When Jesus is arrested there is pandemonium. Peter forgets everything that Jesus taught them about non-violence and takes a sword to one of the arresting party. He also goes on, when confronted later, to deny he ever knew Jesus. The other disciples scatter. The next time we meet them collectively it is huddled together behind securely locked doors for

fear that the authorities would come for them as they had for Jesus. Fear, anxiety, despair and disillusionment are words that capture perfectly how they are feeling.

And then, everything changes. Psychologically they are completely flipped around. They had believed that Jesus and all that he stood for had ended in abject failure. They had believed that all their hopes and dreams were gone. Now, suddenly, they are transformed into people emboldened to tell anyone and everyone that Jesus is alive. They are no longer afraid of the authorities. They aren't afraid to go on arduous and life-threatening journeys out into the wider world which will, ultimately, take the news to the ends of the earth. They aren't afraid to die for their cause.

When people ask for 'proof' of the resurrection of Jesus, this before and after, for me, is one of the strongest pieces of evidence. There is no logical reason for them to change so dramatically unless .... unless the story they are spreading is actually true. In my life too, and in the lives of countless other Christians, we can also point to a before and after that is all about meeting with the risen Jesus. It's food for thought and if it's not something you have thought about before then why not now? It could be the before and after that you need to completely turn your world around.

Steve

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## CONGRATULATIONS

£2046.75 was raised on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for The Cro Kids charity supporting Leukaemia UK.



### **Reade Field Monthly Lottery Winners**

#### *February Winners*

1<sup>st</sup> J Stebbings £20.50 2<sup>nd</sup> S McLean £12.30

3<sup>rd</sup> B Woodmason £8.20

#### *March Winners*

1<sup>st</sup> A Wright £20.50 2<sup>nd</sup> E Soar £12.30

3<sup>rd</sup> P Kent £8.20




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Monday to Wednesday 08:00 - 17:00 (dispensary closed 1-2pm)

Thursday 08:00 - 12:30

Friday 08:00 - 18:30 (dispensary closed 1-2pm)

**Shotley: 01473 787435**

Monday to Thursday 08:00 - 18:30 (dispensary closed 1-2pm)

Friday 08:00 - 12:30

Any queries please can patients phone to speak to reception in first instance.

Good neighbours schemes are supporting patients to get prescription if they can't attend the surgery.

**Call 111 for emergency medical matters.**

Babergh's Home, But Not Alone helpline: Freephone **0800 876 6926**

## **Local Shop Opening Times**

### **HOLBROOK CO-OP**

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| Wednesday | 07:00 - 22:00 | Thursday | 07:00 - 22:00 |
| Friday    | 07:00 - 22:00 | Saturday | 07:00 - 22:00 |
| Sunday    | 10:00 - 16:00 |          |               |

### **WOODYS BUTCHERS**

Tuesday - Friday: 09:00 - 17:30 *Closed for lunch 13.00-13.45*

Saturday: 09:00 - 16:00

*Closed Sunday and Monday.*

### **HOLBROOK POST OFFICE, AT THE CO-OP**

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|                       | Monday, 09:00 - 12:30, 13:30 - 18:00 |
| <i>Tuesday Closed</i> | Wednesday, 10:00 - 14:00             |
| <i>Sunday Closed</i>  | Thursday, Closed                     |
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### **All Saints Parish Church**

Services vary, please see village bulletin board for details or the church pages in this issue.

Rector: Rev Jenny Seggar Curate: Rev Duncan Myatt

Administrator: Amanda Bloomfield

The church is open every day for quiet reflection.

Church Activities: Bell ringing, Fellowship groups, Books for sale or swap, Comfort Corner, Children's play area, Parish Pantry, Drop off point for FIND (Families in Need Charity)

### **Holbrook Methodist Church**

Sundays at 10am Minister: Rev Steve Mann

Church Activities: 'Something Different' Evening worship, regular coffee mornings,

fellowship meetings, Tea & Chat

### **Churches Together Joint Activities**

Holy communion for the elderly at the Care Homes, Messy Church, Community Spaces

### **Holy Family Roman Catholic Church**

Fr. Christopher Smith – Tel: 01473 684963

### **The Orthodox Church of St. Cosmas and St. Damian**

Fr. John Garnett Tel.01473 327708

### **Social Interest Groups**

**British Legion:** Stanley Last – 01473 328865

**The Holbrook Society:** Suzanne Steer – 01473 327166

[www.holbrooksociety.strikingly.com](http://www.holbrooksociety.strikingly.com)

### **Rural Coffee Caravan:**

[www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk](http://www.ruralcoffeecaravan.org.uk)

**Alton Belles WI:** Jane Connell-Smith, 07798 752147

[mjanecs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mjanecs@yahoo.co.uk) covering Holbrook, and all villages around Alton Water.

### **Children & Youth Groups**

**Cabin Club/Pre-school:** 01473 328414

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**Holbrook Brownies:** Alison Swallow [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

**Police non-emergency:** NON-emergency 101. Police HQ enquiries 01473 613500

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**Parish Papers:** [clerk@holbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@holbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Sporting & Fitness Groups**

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**Steel Quoits:** Richard Abbott – 01473 328017

**Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign:** [www.spcc.info](http://www.spcc.info)

**Swimming Club:** [www.SPSC@btinternet.com](http://www.SPSC@btinternet.com)

**Community Speed Watch Group:** Ian Bowell, coordinator,  
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**Holbrook Tennis Club:** Andrew Woodger 07977192906

**Yoga:** Cathie Shuster – 01728 47001 [cathieshuster@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cathieshuster@hotmail.co.uk)

**Leisure & Interest Groups**

**Art Group:** Rita Suckling – 01473 328257

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**Bowls Club:** Derek Harper - 01473 327505 [derek.58.dh@gmail.com](mailto:derek.58.dh@gmail.com)

**Dog Training:** Lynn Riddell 07786 415948

**Friends of All Saints Church:** Linda Holmes – 01206 397006

**Holbrook & District Flower Club:** Mrs Sheila Cooper: 01473 780516

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328590

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