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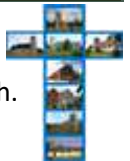
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Editorial

Whew! Fitting everything into Contact has been a tight squeeze this month! There has been a drop in advertising and we have had to lose a page to compensate, so things have had to be squashed up a bit!

I would just like to draw your attention to the information on page 25 about the mobile library, and also, on the same page, to a message about the Loddon Town Charity. In a similar vein, the article about the Chedgrave Church Gift Day, which begins on page 11, tells us about the Chedgrave Church hardship fund.

Our gardens have taken a beating this winter, but there are signs of new growth promising good things to come, and so we hope that lots of you will take part in the 'Loddon Open Gardens' weekend (*see inside the front cover*).

Below are the answers to the London Underground quiz. I particularly like the answer to no. 26. (Do leg joints live here? The answer being Neasden!! Groan!)

Let's hope the weather gets more settled, and that we can enjoy a beautiful Spring and all the events in the pipeline, as we look forward to the summer.

Answers to the quiz in last month's 'Contact'.

1	Moor Park
2	Knightsbridge
3	Oval
4	Parsons Green
5	Swiss Cottage
6	Bayswater
7	Green Park?
8	London Bridge
9	Queensway
10	Wapping
11	Turnham Green
12	Crossharbour

13	Stockwell
14	Arsenal
15	Barking
16	Tooting Broadway
17	Earls Court
18	Brent Cross
19	St Pauls
20	Royal Oak
21	Queen's Park
22	Greenford/Redbridge
23	Waterloo
24	Ealing Common

25	Burnt Oak
26	Neasden
27	Caledonian Road
28	Whitechapel
29	Manor House
30	Hanger Lane
31	Colliers Wood
32	East Ham
33	Kilburn
34	Wimbledon
35	Old Street

Joan

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Ministerial Musings

As we all know Jesus taught by using parables. I am going to follow his example by telling you a story about two boys, Peter and Mark. I first heard this story a few years ago but I thought that it had a message that is still relevant for today.

It was the depression. Peter's father was able to keep bread on the table, but that was it. When his little boy burst into the house excitedly talking about the circus coming to town, the father knew that he could not afford the \$1 admission. The boy had never seen the circus and it wasn't right that a boy not see a circus, especially when he was eight. So the father made a deal. He told his 8-year-old son, "You find enough odd jobs to earn 50 cents and I'll give you the other 50 cents." Well, the little boy did it. The day before the circus came to town, his little piggy bank held 50 cents. True to his word, the father gave him the rest of the money and the boy bought his circus ticket in advance.

When the circus parade went by, he was right at the curb not missing a thing. When the clown danced past him, the boy handed the clown his ticket. When the parade was over, he rushed home to tell his dad all about it. The father, surprised at his son's early return, asked him to describe what he saw at the circus. Crestfallen, the father took the boy into his arms and said, "Son, you didn't see the circus; all you saw was the parade." When it comes to this time of year, I'm afraid that's what many people do. They don't really see the Christ; they just see the parade. They don't really enjoy being with Jesus. They just get caught up in the festivities.

Please, let's not let it happen to us this Easter, but the question is how? How can we be sure not to miss the main event? How can we truly see Jesus and not just the parade? How can we truly enjoy being with Him even in the midst of all the festivities?

The mother of a nine-year-old boy named Mark received a phone call in the middle of the afternoon. It was the teacher from her son's school.

"Mrs. Smith, something unusual happened today in your son's third grade class. Your son did something that surprised me so much that I thought you should know about it immediately." The mother began to grow worried. The teacher continued, "Nothing like this has happened in all my years of teaching. This morning I was teaching a lesson on creative writing. And as I always do, I tell the story of the ant and the grasshopper: "The ant works hard all summer and stores up plenty of food. But the grasshopper plays all summer and does no work. "Then winter comes. The grasshopper begins to starve because he has no food. So he begins to beg, 'Please Mr. Ant, you have much food. Please let me eat, too.' Then I said, 'Boys and girls, your job is to write the ending to the story.' "Your son, Mark, raised his hand. 'Teacher, may I draw a picture?' "Well, yes, Mark, if you like, you may draw a picture. But first you must write the ending to the story.'

"As in all the years past, most of the students said the ant shared his food through the winter, and both the ant and the grasshopper lived. A few children wrote, 'No, Mr. Grasshopper. You should have worked in the summer. Now, I have just enough food for myself.' So the ant lived and the grasshopper died. "But your son ended the story in a way different from any other child, ever. He wrote, 'So the ant gave all of his food to the grasshopper. The grasshopper lived through the winter, but the ant died.' "And the picture? At the bottom of the page, Mark had drawn three crosses."

Unlike so many others, nine-year-old Mark got it! He understood why Jesus came – not to head up a victory parade, but to die on a cross for our sins. Jesus traded his righteousness for our sin, and he died so we could live forever with Him in glory. All we need to do is trust Him. All we need to do is ask Him to save us from our sins.

Ernie Bossé

ADVERTS

Across the Chet Valley Churches

Worship in the Chet Valley

You will be warmly welcomed to any of our services.
We hope to provide worship to suit everybody.



- **Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday at one or other of the churches in the Benefice, either Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship, with an informal Holy Communion service once a month in Chedgrave.
- Once a month there is an **Evening Prayer** service at Sisland.
- Services of **Morning Worship** are held in Loddon and Hardley.
- **Last Sunday Praise** is held on the Last Sunday of the month at St John's in Loddon: a chance to sing old and new Christian songs plus time to worship together.

Families and children are welcome at **all** our services.

Special provision is made at Chedgrave where there is a toilet and baby changing facilities.

- **Xpressions Café** Normally held at All Saints, Chedgrave, on the first Sunday every month between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. This is a relaxed and contemporary way of 'doing church'. You can come and go as you please for coffee, cake, crafts, games, songs and much more.
- **Xtra!** An exciting, informal service every Thursday after school in St John's Church.
- **All Together Worship** on the third Sunday.
This is designed to be as inclusive as possible, a mixture of formality and informality; traditional and modern; activity and stillness. In short, we will attempt to provide a service which will have points of connection for children and adults - indeed people of all ages and all backgrounds.

In Loddon and Chedgrave there is an opportunity to meet after the service and enjoy a chat over tea or coffee.

Home Communion: If you would like home communion, because you are unable for any reason to get to a Sunday service, please contact the clergy or the Church Office and we will arrange for someone to bring communion to you.

Times and details of the services can be found in the centre pages of the magazine.

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Thanksgivings & Baptisms



You are welcome to request thanksgiving and baptism for your children. Thanksgiving Services may be held at any time in the churches by arrangement with the clergy. They are an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of a new child and to celebrate this with family and friends in the presence of God.

Baptisms are usually held within the Sunday worship in our churches. They are an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the new life we have in Jesus and to welcome a child into God's family, the Church.

Please contact Rev Alison Ball on 01508 528126

ball880am@btinternet.com or the Church Office on 01508 521179.

Noah's Ark

A drop-in group for babies, toddlers and their parent and carer.



Wednesdays

9.15a.m. to 12 noon. All welcome.

For further details please call Alison on 01508 528126 or e-mail : **ball880am@btinternet.com**

Friends and Neighbours

If you've been widowed or have lost your life partner come and join us at St John's Lecture Hall on the first Thursday of the month. Make new friends, enjoy tea or lunch together.



May 3rd: 12.30 p.m. Salad lunch followed by 'Buckingham Palace Gardens' - a talk by Tricia Bell.

If you are interested in joining the group ring Jill on 520 248.

Small Groups

Some of us like to meet during the week in small groups where we can enjoy each others' company, study the Bible together and pray for one another and for others.



Those who attend find their small group a real help and support.

If you would like to join one, or just to know more, please contact David Owen or the Church Office.

Monday Mardles

If you like a relaxed and informal chat with others or are looking to meet some new friends, join us at a Monday Mardles for refreshments and to swap books at Chedgrave Church Rooms. Mardles are held every **Monday between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.** Come and go as you choose.



On average there are about 17 people who come to Mardles, and there's room for more! You will be made very welcome.

('Mardle' - in Norfolk it means a good old natter!)

Xtra!

Join us in St John's Church for an exciting, informal service **every Thursday after school.**

Refreshments, activities from 3.15. Service starts 3.45.

More from Reverend David 522993 or Reverend Alison 528126

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Chet Valley Churches
**All Saints Chedgrave
Gift Day**



*A chance to contribute towards
the work of the church in the community*

&



Chet News **50th Celebration**



Saturday 5th May 11:00-16:00

**Ploughman's lunches served between 12:00 and 13:30.
Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available all day.**

**'Through the Ages' exhibition
about the past 50 years of Chet News**

Chedgrave Church Gift Day

All Saints Church, Chedgrave has been serving the community for well over 900 years. It is a place of quiet and sanctuary; a place of worship. We have regular Sunday services as well as holding baptisms, weddings and funerals. The church is open every day and we have produced a leaflet to help people understand a little more about what Christians do, and why; what some of the features are in the church and how they relate to our faith. Why not come and use it on our Gift Day?

The church is an interesting building; the stained glass is of especial interest. Many people ask us about it so after some research a new guide to the stained glass has been produced. And, of course, there are the fantastic Norman doorways. Did you know that there are three mass dials on the South doorway?

The church is here for joyful celebration but also for sad occasions and the graveyard is open for burial for all members of the parish. In 2003, the Local History Group mapped the graveyard for us. We have now updated the survey and produced new copies to aid people in their genealogical research. Do come and see!

Visitors always comment on how well looked-after the churchyard is. Partly this is a result of the clear-ups that the church, aided by members of the community, undertake several times a year. We are conscious of the environment and at the last clear-up, a hedgehog house and log pile was constructed on one of the boundaries. We already have a number of nest boxes on the trees.

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As part of serving the community the Mardlers meet in the church centre every Monday for just that – a mardle, where folk can meet each other for conversation and refreshments. And the centre is used also by artists, patchworkers, furniture up-cyclers, the WI, Parish Council and many more.

The church hardship fund is something that probably not many people know about. However, **it is there to assist local people in times** of difficulty and in the last year we have helped several people with a grant from the fund. Do have a word with Rev David or Rev Alison if this is something that you would like to ask about.

And, of course, the church has been producing Chet News for just over 50 years now and we are celebrating that and Jack Barwick's association with it at the Gift Day with an exhibition and free champagne raffle - all who come will be given a ticket for the draw.

All of this costs money to maintain and if you value the presence of the church in the community, both in the past and the present, and would like to support its continuation in the future, please come and donate at our **Church Gift Day on 5th May, from 11:00-16:00.**

Dying Matters – Awareness Week 14th - 20th May

There is nothing so sure in life as death and taxes – and some people manage to avoid taxes! Whilst we are all happy to grumble about taxes, people find it hard to talk about death, dying or funerals. In fact, we no longer really have the vocabulary to do so.

As part of *Dying Matters – Awareness Week*, we would like to give you the opportunity to have these conversations. So we will be hosting *GraveTalk*, a café space to talk about death, dying and funerals. That may not sound much like fun, but those who have been part of the conversations that *GraveTalk* provokes have really enjoyed them. There have been some tears but also a lot of laughter and people have found it really helpful. In small groups, in a relaxed atmosphere with refreshments various questions have been approached such as:

What is your favourite place?

Would you prefer to be buried or cremated? Why?

Are there any words, written or spoken about death that you have found helpful?

How easy is it to talk to your family about your funeral wishes?

What was your first experience of grief?

At the end of the café, people have wanted to carry on talking to each other which is great!

The ***GraveTalk* café** will be on **Thursday 17th May**
from **10.30-12noon** in **St John's Chapel**, George Lane, Loddon
All are welcome

Holy Trinity Church Needs You!



In Loddon, Holy Trinity is a big, obvious building that for hundreds of years has been both a place of Christian worship in Loddon and a community meeting place. Sadly, it is occasionally also an attraction for people (sadly often youngsters) to come in and mess about. Recently there has been a spate of low level nuisance in the church, and one way to stifle this is to make sure the building is visited as much as possible.

So what's needed? First of all, please can you help by making a detour to drop in to the church whenever you can? Maybe if you walk your dog through the churchyard you could pop in? (dogs welcome!)

The other way you can help is by being part of the Watch and Welcome team during the summer months. These are people who are prepared to spend some time (on a rota basis) in the church, keeping an eye on the building and, if you wish, saying hello to visitors. It is a really interesting role – people visit Holy Trinity from all over the world!

We want to make sure that the church can continue to be open for both local people and tourists to come in. Please can you help? If you think you might join the Watch and Welcome team, contact Rev'd David Owen on 522993, email david.chetvalley@gmail.com or Paul Mizen in the church office on Monday mornings on 521179, email themizens@btinternet.com

THE SISLAND CHRONICLE

We had hoped to announce a huge postbag responding to our query about St John's Lane – no such luck – but according to Paul Osborne, it appears that the name comes from a plant which grows there. St John's Wort, or Hypericum.

The deluge on Easter Monday resulted in the 'Bridge' on White House Lane becoming a ford when the Sisland Beck – which is also the parish boundary with Loddon, morphed into a river. Apparently when the old bridge was washed away some years ago it was hastily replaced with a culvert which cannot cope with cloudbursts. There's a lesson there somewhere!

Hi – its Freddie again, T's jack Russell. I didn't go up to the Church tea party on Easter Sunday as promised because it rained. I really like parties and had a lovely time at the Rev: Jill's 'Strawberry Tea' last summer, which raised a lot of money to repair the Church. T. and I walked there along the lane which was alive with lovely smells, and a field mouse did a runner as I sniffed near his hole. Some of Christopher's cows looked at us as we walked past; they are very big. Some cows make milk, which I'm very partial to – especially with my favourite Rice Crispies. The party was heaving with friendly people and T. had tea with some he knew, one said she was a 'Cat' person, which seemed strange, as she was wearing a Dog collar, very confusing! I had a scrummy piece of cake, which a small person gave me, very thoughtful. I'm looking forward to the next Strawberry Tea, and some more cake please.

SISLANDA

22 May 2018, 7 p.m.
All Saints Church, Chedgrave

A Tree of Song

Performed by Libricini
with Terry Cunane (piano)



A programme of gorgeous classical and contemporary music performed by this accomplished and versatile women's choir. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Tickets £10 (concessions £7.50, under 16s free) from Alison Ball
01508 528126 or ball880am@btinternet.com

St Michael's Church, Langley

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR SPRING/EARLY SUMMER

It has been necessary to rearrange the proposed programme, and this has meant that events which should have been held in May/June have now had to be put back to April/May. It is hoped that your 'Contact' magazine will have been delivered in time for at least some of the April dates.

Saturday April 21st 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Concert: Organ recital - Mike Webb.

500 years of English Organ Music—a concert displaying the variety in English organ music over last 500 years and showing the versatility of this classic musical instrument.

Admission: £8.50 Friends £7.50 (inclusive of wine and nibbles)

Saturday April 28th & Sunday 29th April 11.00 - 4.30

THE BIG BOOK SALE weekend. Our largest sale yet of hardback/paperback fiction and non-fiction books spread over two days.

Thousands of books for at £1 for adults and books for children and young people at 50p. New books added daily. Free admission.

Sunday May 6th & Sunday May 13th 2.00 - 4.30pm Bluebell Sundays

Walk in the churchyard and enjoy the mass of bluebells in the woods surrounding the church. Homemade cakes, tea/coffee will be available in the church. Free admission.

Friday May 25th 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

Concert: Cello/Piano recital (Ballroom, Langley Hall) : Music from the Romantic Period - a recital which includes Beethoven (Cello sonata no. 3) and Brahms (Cello sonata in D) given by Ursula Pank (cello) and Mary Beard (piano).

Admission: £8.50 Friends £7.50 (inclusive of wine and nibbles)



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Freedom of Loddon: Do you know someone who lives in Loddon who has made a notable contribution to the community? Do they deserve to have their efforts recognized with an award? The Parish Council would welcome nominations by the beginning of June for the Freedom of Loddon Award, which will be presented later in the year, so if you know someone who you think should receive this accolade, please contact the Parish Council at 01508 522020 or clerk@loddonpc.org.uk

Tourist Information: The TI service is now open for the 2018 season and, as in 2017, will be based in the Parish Council offices, in the Library Annexe and will be open Monday to Saturday, from 10.00 am to 1.00pm. We are currently looking to improve and enhance the signage within the village so visitors are aware of where to go for information.

The service is looking for people to assist in **staffing the Tourist Information Centre** for the summer season. In return you'll meet some lovely visitors to the area, learn more about Loddon and the surrounding area, promote Loddon and its businesses and be part of a great team of people. To learn more, please email loddontouristinformation@gmail.com or call (01508) 522020

Annual South Norfolk Council Show: the FREE annual show is taking place on Sunday 1 July 2018 showcasing all that South Norfolk has to offer. There will be plenty of fun activities, performers, stalls and stands, plus you can find out all about the services South Norfolk Council has to offer.

The show will be held at:

**South Norfolk Council Offices, Long Stratton, NR15 2XE
Sunday 1 July 2018 11am – 4pm**

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Thursday 10th May 2018, to include the Annual Parish Council Meeting, commencing at 7.00pm in the Library Annexe. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and will be given the opportunity to speak. The agenda will be displayed on the notice board on Church Plain and on the council's website (see below) at least three days before the meeting. A list of the meeting dates in 2018 are on the LPC website.

Contact Us: Please telephone the Parish Council on 01508 522020, or email on clerk@loddonpc.org.uk. The office in the Library Annexe, Church Plain, Loddon is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 9.00am and midday if you would like to visit in person. More information is available on the parish council's website: www.loddonpc.org.uk or find us on Facebook under Loddon Parish Council

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News from Hales and Heckingham Parish Council



Thanks are due to the **Masala Garden Indian Restaurant** for allowing the Council to install the Village Defibrillator on its premises.

More thanks are due to **local electrician Martin Epps** for completing the installation for the Council.

The roundabout construction is continuing and by the time you receive this edition of Contact the new road plan should be on its way to completion and the associated road closures almost over. No doubt the new roundabout will be of benefit to the Village in controlling traffic at the junction of the B1136 and A146.

The Council is about to have final discussions with the supplier of the new playing field equipment and expects installation in June this year.

We have one vacancy for a new parish councillor and any interest should be expressed via our website www.halesandheckingham-pc.gov.uk or by email at admin@halesandheckingham-pc.gov.uk

Patient Participation Group (PPG)



Chet Valley Medical Practice

We welcomed Cathy Mingay the Clinical Manager of Physiotherapy to the Practice on the 27th March where she gave a very interesting talk on how to access the services offered.

If anyone missed this but is interested in meeting health care professionals to see how they can meet your needs there is a Patient Workshop called 'Move More and Stay Healthy' being held on the **19th July from 9-12.30 pm** at **Dereham Football Club**. There is no need to register or book just turn up on the day.

Next **Open Meeting and AGM** will be held on **Tuesday 29th May at 7.30 pm**. Our speaker will be: Dr Khurana who is the Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at the James Paget Hospital. His talk will be on 'Knee and Hip Replacements' with a question and answer session afterwards.

As usual refreshments will be available.

We congratulate Dr Judy McConnell on becoming a partner at the Practice.

Hales and Heckingham Community Events Group

Wednesday 2nd May at 10.30 am.

Community Litter Pick in Hales

We are looking for volunteers to join us.

If you can, please contact Sue Mason on 01508 548983 or by email - suemason24@yahoo.co.uk.

Equipment will be supplied.



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What's happening at Loddon Library?

Just a cuppa	Every Monday from 10.00 a.m. Feeling at a loose end? Pop in for a friendly chat and a cuppa
Book Ends	Friday: 3.30 – 4pm 20 th & 27 th April, 11 th & 25 th May Story craft and fun
Saturday Junior Book club	21 st April, 5 th & 19 th May Do you love to read and chat about books with others? Then come along to our new, fun book club 10:30am to 12:30pm. Run by youngsters for youngsters! The books will be based on a different theme each meeting.
Citizens Advice Bureau	First Monday of the Month 10am – 12 noon
Computer Buddy Drop-In	Every Monday, 10am – 12noon. He's happy to help you with most IT difficulties.

LODDON CHILDREN CENTRE SESSIONS

Loddon Little Ducklings	1 st and 3 rd Thursday each month 10 to 11:00 am	Baby stay & play sessions for families with babies 0-18 months
Loddon Baby 'O.N.E.' stop	4 th Thursday of each month 10 to 11:00 am	Optimum Nurturing Environment : A session to support you and your baby. Health visitor/ Assistant Health Practitioner and a CC staff run session. Babies 0 to 1 year.
Baby weighing scales	We now have a set of baby weighing scales located in the library. These can be used anytime during our normal opening hours.	

CODING CLUB UK is a nationwide network of volunteers who run free coding clubs for children aged 9-13 With an aim to inspire the next generation to get excited about computer science and digital making. Find out more at codeclub.org.uk

We are looking for a volunteer to help run a coding club at Loddon library. If you are interest please contact Loddon Library staff.

Are you unable to get to the library?

Would you like to have books chosen for you and collected?

Contact the library for details of our housebound library service.

31 Church Plain, Loddon, NR14 6EX 01508 520678

Opening Hours

Mon.: 10am - 1pm & 2 - 5pm; Wed. 10am - 1pm;

Thurs. 2 - 7.30pm; Fri. 2 - 7.30pm; Sat. 10am - 1

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Holy Trinity Bellringers



We attended a Quarterly Eastern Branch ringers meeting held at the Minster in Gt. Yarmouth on Saturday 10th March. Ringing on the twelve bells took place before a service, tea and the meeting itself chaired by our own Katie Wright.

The bells were rung in celebration of a wedding at Loddon on March 24th. We entertained some trainee Bellringers from St. Mary's, Oulton on Wednesday 28th March. They are a keen new band who are learning to ring at Oulton, a church without any bellringers for several years.

As we don't practice at Loddon during Holy Week, we take the opportunity to have a social evening for our band of ringers and this year Val Counter organised an evening meal for us at the White Horse in Chedgrave. Nearly twenty members and friends came to a very enjoyable evening which also included some of Val's infamous Quizzes!

The bells were rung at Loddon on Easter Sunday morning and for a celebratory Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Triples the following Tuesday evening. The ringers were :

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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Judy Farrimond | 5. Martin Farrimond |
| 2. Katie Wright | 6. Stephen Rabong |
| 3. Rona Sporle | 7. David Webb (conductor) |
| 4. Jeannine Roe | 8. Patrick Snell (cover). |

We also rang a Quarter Peal of Beverley Surprise Minor for Easter at nearby Norton Subcourse and to welcome Evie Alice Leach born on March 22nd, a daughter for Andrew and Lily Leach from Thurlton.

The ringers were:

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Jeannine Roe | 4. Stephen Rabong |
| 2. Rona Sporle | 5. Katie Wright |
| 3. Michelle Clutten | 6. David Webb (conductor). |

We rang a Quarter Peal of three Doubles methods at Ravensingham St. Andrew's on Monday 2nd April again to celebrate Easter and as a wedding compliment for Clare Salisbury and Peter Spinner who were married at Ravensingham barn on 31st March.

The ringers were :

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Michelle Clutten | 4. Richard Salisbury |
| 2. Stephen Rabong | 5. Katie Wright (conductor). |
| 3. David Webb | |

Nation's bells to ring out together to mark Armistice Centenary

Please remember our request on page 27 of the April Contact. It is hoped that 1400 + new ringers will be recruited across the country and you could be one of those new recruits at Loddon. If you would firstly like to join us at one of our practices before making a firm commitment please contact the tower captain, **David Webb on Loddon 528468.** *Steve Rabong.*

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Can we help you?

LODDON TOWN ESTATE has been helping the residents of Loddon with welfare or educational grants. Did you know that this charity may be able to help you through a difficult time? It can be there for you when financial help is needed most. Perhaps you have a child at school who misses out because the cost is prohibitive? Unfortunately we can only help people who live in Loddon: sorry, but that is the way the charity is set up.

If you could benefit and meet the criteria for a welfare or educational grant please call me (Ann) on **01508 528141** for an informal chat.



*Loddon Town Estate
Charity
Charity reg no 209135*

THE MOBILE LIBRARY - A STOP NEAR YOU

Are you looking to try something new? Pop along to the mobile library and enjoy the convenience of having your books brought to you.

With longer loan periods and no charges for overdue books, take full advantage of the mobile library by reserving your books, for a 60p charge, online or on the library. Snuggle up with a romance, or keep a light on with a thriller; there are plenty for you to choose from, such as: large print, audio tapes, children's books, fiction and non-fiction.

Are you part of a book club? Join up at the mobile library and order your books to be brought to a stop near you.

For the month of April the mobiles are taking part in Norfolk's Great Big Read. Visit the mobile, and bring a friend, to be entered into a free prize draw!

Bring along your library card or sign up on the mobile to be able to start your mobile reading journey.

For specific route times please visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/mobilelibraries

For more information please contact the mobile libraries on 01603 22267 or email central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk



Coldham Hall Sailing Club Surlingham (NR14 6AN)

Learn to sail this summer:

Sessions will take place on Thursday evenings starting on

7th June 2018 (6.30 – 8.30pm).

We are holding a "Push the Boat Out" open day on

Sunday 20th May from 1.30pm

Come along to the clubhouse and enjoy a short sail & chat with members.

Contact: - Gary Corbett on 07770323433

or by email corbett01@btconnect.com

Full Details on the club website. www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk

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Chernobyl Children's Life line.

*Alison Stannard, Chairperson of **CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFE LINE** Chet and Waveney Link went to Belarus on 4th April to meet this year's group of 10 children who will be staying with Host families in the local area during June this year. Alison sent in a very interesting article about the visit and the children who will be coming to visit us this year, but there isn't room to include it. However, we can ask for your help:*

The children are brought to the UK because the opportunity to breathe clean air and eat nutritious food helps to cleanse their internal organs from the harmful effects of the radiation. It also gives them the opportunity to experience normal family life here in the UK and to have the 'holiday of a lifetime' that they will never forget. The children generally come from the poorest of families and will probably never have another opportunity to have a holiday abroad or paddle in the sea. The Chet and Waveney Link is collecting new and good quality nearly new clothes and shoes to give them when they arrive and to take back to Belarus when they return home.

The Link also supplies vitamins for the children and their siblings and home remedies such as vapour rub, paracetamol, throat lozenges, lip balm etc. for use when they return home. If you have any items to donate, please email Alison at astannard@uwclub.net or contact her through the Link's facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CCLLChetandWaveney/>

LODDON PLAYERS

would like to thank everybody who supported their January Pantomime "Aladdin". From the profits, they have been able to donate £1,000 to local/national charities/organisations, as follows:

£300 each to Seafarers UK, Fresh Start New Beginnings and Dementia UK and £100 to the Fritton Owl Sanctuary.

Also, the retiring collection of £101.50, from the Pantomime Songs of Praise, was donated to St. Matthews Housing Trust for Homeless in Norwich.

It is thanks to the continued support from their audiences that the Players are able to continue supporting these worthwhile causes.

SHANE BAXTER, one of the young members of the Players, is one of only 5 male gymnasts to be chosen to represent Gt. Britain at the Special Olympics in Abu Dhabi in March 2019. This will be the world's largest humanitarian and sporting event of 2019. Shane will compete in Level 1 gymnastics - vault, bar, p-bars, rings, floor and pommel horse.

In order to take part in this adventure, Shane needs to raise £2,500 towards his living expenses. He can be sponsored at Just Giving on Help Shane Go.

COMING SOON: a Murder in Loddon..... Find out more in next month's 'Contact' but if you cannot wait that long, visit loddonplayers.com

Church Services May

May 5th	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St. John's Loddon
May 6th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Mary Sisland
	9.00am	Informal Holy Communion	All Saints Chedgrave
	10.00am - 12 noon	Xpressions Café	All Saints Chedgrave
	10.45am	Holy Communion	St. John's Loddon
Thursday May 10th <i>Ascension Day</i>	4.00pm	Combined Service (Holy Communion) for Ascension Day at <i>Xtra!</i>	St John's Loddon
Sat 12th	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St. John's Loddon
Sun 13th <i>Move to Holy Trinity</i>	9.00am	Holy Communion	St. Margaret Hardley
	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	All Saints Chedgrave
	10.45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity Loddon
Sat 19th	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St. John's Loddon
Sun 20th	9.30am	All Together Worship	All Saints Chedgrave
	10.45am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Loddon
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary Sisland
Sat 26th	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St. John's Loddon
Sun 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints Chedgrave
	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St. Margaret Hardley
	10.45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity Loddon
	6.30 for 7.00pm	Last Sunday Praise	St. John's Loddon

Xtra!

Join us in St John's Church for an exciting,
informal service **every Thursday after school.**
Refreshments, activities from 3.15. Service starts 3.45.
More from Reverend David 522993 or Reverend Alison 528126

LAST SUNDAY PRAISE

This is usually held on the last Sunday of the month at 7.00 p.m. at St. Johns, Loddon. Refreshments at 6.30 before the service, or just come at 7.00 for the singing

MID-WEEK COMMUNION WITH BLESSING

7.30 p.m. at St John's on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
All are welcome
(This monthly service is no longer specifically focussing
on healing and laying on of hands.)

<p>MORNING PRAYER</p> <p><i>Everyone is welcome to these times of Prayer</i></p>	Monday	9.00 a.m.	7th St John's Loddon 14th 21st 28th Holy Trinity
	Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	St. Margaret, Hardley
	Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	All Saints, Chedgrave
	Thursday	9.00 a.m.	10th St John's Loddon 17th 24th 31st Holy Trinity
	Friday	9.00 a.m.	St Mary Sisland
	Saturday	9.00 a.m.	All Saints, Chedgrave

COME AND PRAY

Would you like to spend some time in prayer with a small group of people?

All are welcome to come along to ‘

TIME FOR PRAYER AND SPACE FOR REFLECTION'

at St John's on Tuesday evenings. 7.30 - 8.30pm.

Contact Rev. Jill Haylock on 520248, email jillhaylock@aol.com

or just turn up.

Please note: On the third Tuesday the Mid-week service of Communion with Blessing will be held .



Save the Date ... July 30th-August 3rd ... Holiday Club

This year's holiday club is called Signs and Sayings. With the usual mix of crafts, games, songs and stories, come for friends, food and fun. The club is for children in primary school.

Watch out for further details and application forms.

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COMMUNITY GROUPS NEWS & EVENTS

Loddon Flower Club

May 1st Wendy Munnion: 'Cause for Celebration'

Loddon Flower Club is 60 years old this year, so we will celebrate with bubbly and cake (non-alcoholic will be available). The evening will begin at **7.00p.m.** so we can have cake, etc., and photos before the demonstration.

June 5th Workshop with Anne Baker: 'Contemporary Design'

Please note demonstrations now begin at 7.15 p.m. not 7.30p.m.

Hobart High School. All most welcome to join us.

Coffee Morning: June 2nd:

7, Hardley Road, Chedgrave. 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Raffle, Plant stall and bric-a-brac.

If anyone would like to make a cake, biscuits or small cakes they would be gratefully received.

All monies raised to Parkinsons UK

Loddon Women's Institute

The March meeting was an Open meeting when we and several welcome guests heard 'Stories from the Antiques Roadshow', said stories told in a most entertaining and humorous way by Mr Robert Tilney, the Beccles gunsmith. Mr Tilney joined the show nine years ago, first as an armourer, whose job was to check the long queues for suitable items, then later as one of the experts. Mr Tilney had a wealth of experiences to share with us, and his talk was very much enjoyed. It was followed by further enjoyment of delicious cake and tea or coffee.

May 16th: A Brief History of Loddon Doctor's Surgery by John Bennett
Why not join us? 7.15 for 7.30 at the Jubilee Hall, Loddon.

Chedgrave & District Women's Institute

At our meeting in March Fay Jones gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on stinging nettles. We did not realise that there was such a variety of species.

Our Birthday Lunch at the White Horse was attended by several members who enjoyed a varied menu of dishes to choose from.

May 22nd. 2.00 p.m. All Saints Church Centre.

Guest speaker: Kathleen Denton, who will be giving an insight into 'Lachasse' - A London Fashion House.

Langley with Hardley Women's Institute

May 15th 7.30 pm Langley with Hardley Village Hall
"Resolutions"

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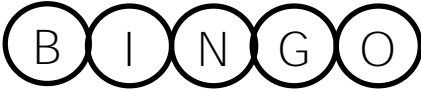
Loddon & District Day Centre

Wednesdays & Fridays 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall . Join us for outings and games and a wide variety of entertainment.

We also enjoy a hot, home-cooked 2 course meal.

New members always welcome.

Interested? Please call Bev on 07826299290.



At the Jub Club Friday nights. Eyes down at 7-30pm. All welcome. Two jackpots that regularly top £100 with 10 games per session plus a flyer game. Evening usually ends around 9pm.

Chet Staithe Probus Club

Have you recently retired or just moved to the area? Are you missing mae company, on your own, or just want to get out from under your wife's feet? Then why not visit the Chet Staithe Probus Club which is held on the first and Third Tuesday of the month at the White Horse, Chedgrave. The meetings start at 10.00a.m. and usually finish around midday with the option of staying for lunch if required. Several of our members do. We are a friendly informal club, jackets and ties not required, with members ranging in age from 60 to almost 100. At each meeting we have a guest speaker and the topics can range from clocks, Whitehall, cartoons, space and even stagecoach journeys to Norwich.

Our next meetings are:

May 1st Charles Lewis: Stagecoach Journeys to Norwich

May 15th Clive Hall: The Perils of a Struggling Author

Extra Meeting:

May 29th Peter Lawrence: When the Establishment Moved West

We really look forward to seeing you then.

Please contact Fred McEvetts Telephone 520622 or mcevetts@hotmail.com for more information

Chet Valley Probus Club

The Chet Valley Probus Club (*for retired Professional & Businessmen or any who have held some measure of responsibility in any field of endeavours*) meets at the White Horse Chedgrave on the second and fourth Tuesday morning, monthly. Good company, speakers, and food.

May 8th David Morton: The Tower of London

May 22nd Louise Chapman: Lady Mole Catcher

For further details and an application form please contact the secretary John McCormack, 5a Norton Road, Loddon NR14 6JN. 01508 521899.

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Hobart Badminton Club

We meet on Fridays 7.30 - 9.30 pm at the Sports Hall, Hobart High School. We play socially and are not in a league.

New members, aged 18 and over, welcome – some previous playing experience required.

Membership:

Trial Members: £4 per session for 4 weeks

Full members:- £10 annual subscription and £4 for each week you play

Visitors:- £5 per session

Further information from Barbara Boardman –

email tomenelli@btinternet.com



Loddon Community Gym

Mondays: 1.30pm to 6. pm. **Tuesdays:** 4-30 to 8-30 p.m.

Fridays: 10am to 1pm. at the Jubilee Hall

Our well equipped, not for profit gym offers a relaxed sociable atmosphere to help you improve your fitness, health and wellbeing.

G.P. Referrals welcome.

For further details contact Louise on 07534 946143

or visit www.loddoncommunitygym.com



Footballers wanted!

We are a friendly, relaxed group of guys of all ages and abilities who meet at Hobart Astroturf every Monday evening from 8:30-9:30 for a non-competitive kick-about to keep fit and socialise. We are looking for like minded people to join us.

Cost £2.50 per session, first session free.

For more details, please contact Terry on:

Email: tezzahayden99@gmail.com

Facebook: Loddon Men's Football Club



Seething Control Tower

Sunday, May 6th

Seething Control Tower Memorial & Museum stages the first open day of the 2018 season. Situated at the former Station 146, USAAF WW2 airfield the tower features a large collection of memorabilia and photographs depicting everyday life for the 3,000 young Americans who were posted to Norfolk from 1943 until 1945. We hope it serves as a fitting memorial to the many who did not return to their "home" in Norfolk or to their loved ones in America.

Admission is free and we have refreshments and ample parking. The tower is in Toad Lane, Seething and is signposted. **Open from 10am until 5pm.**

All welcome and we look forward to meeting you.



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Loddon Community Cinema

Thursday May 3rd
Doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30.

Our next presentation is **PADDINGTON 2** Rated **PG**. Happily ensconced with the Brown family and a much loved member of the local community, our marmalade loving bear is searching for a special present for his Aunt's 100th birthday.

Needless to say, things go wrong and this leads to a series of very amusing scenes involving a cast of well known faces who seem to be enjoying themselves immensely. Critics and audiences alike loved this film and it seamlessly caters for all ages.

Starring amongst others, Hugh Bonneville, Hugh Grant, Julie Walters and Brendan Gleeson.

We are sure you will enjoy it.

The Lecture Hall, George Lane, Loddon.

Tickets: Adults £4 child £2.

On the door or in advance from Loddon Garden and Seed.



Loddon and District Horticultural Society

Wednesday May 9th

Ben Potterton will talk to us about woodland flowers. Our meetings are held in the Jubilee Hall Clubroom in Loddon from 7-30pm.

We are always pleased to welcome new members – at £10 per person per annum it really is a bargain! If you would like any more information on our friendly society, please contact Mim on 01508 493332.

South Yare Wildlife Group

We will be holding our annual **DAWN CHORUS WALK** on **Sunday May 13th** from 05.30 to 08.00.

Local guides will lead a stroll round Surlingham Church Marsh. This will be followed by breakfast at The Surlingham Ferry Inn.

Prices to be confirmed. Booking essential. Please ring 01508 538069

For further information about our group please

see www.southyarewildlifegroup.org



Chet Valley Photography Club

Our meeting on May 14th is "A Photographic Journey" by Ruth Grindrod. Ruth is a Loddon resident who has had a variety of work published and has gained various national awards.

Ruth's passion is Scotland, particularly the Highlands – www.ruthgrindrodlandscapephotography.co.uk

If you would like to come along and listen to Ruth's talk then please do so. The club is open to everyone regardless of their photography knowledge or experience. For more details please see our website www.chetvalleyphotography.org.uk

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Loddon and Chedgrave District Society

MAY 2nd – Wednesday, 7.30 pm – Jubilee Hall, Loddon
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING . Speaker to be confirmed.
Wine and Cheese to be served after conclusion of business.

MAY 9th – Wednesday, 10.30 am. Dunwich *

NT Car Park. Circular Walk from Dunwich Heath, past the Eels Foot, to the beach. Approx. 5 miles. Lunch at The Ship, Contact June 528853. 2 weeks prior.

MAY 23rd – Wednesday – 10.30 am. Gressenhall Museum*

Unique opportunity to have a trip in the Panhard Vintage Car. Courtesy of Philip Waltham. Admission fee may apply for the museum, to be advised. £3.00 each approx for the ride. Contact June 528853. 2 weeks prior. (Members only)

JUNE 19th -Tuesday – 2.30pm Glemham Hall Suffolk *

INVITATION TO VIEW. Have a full house tour and visit the beautiful gardens, including a rose garden. Take tea, coffee and cakes in the conservatory. Contact June 528853. by 4th June.

Very important: All bookings for lunches, walks, events etc. must be made in good time through the person named. Events marked with an * must be booked or paid in advance by the date noted to guarantee a place. All walks will cost £1. Please read information carefully.

For further information please contact Hillary Meredith Membership Sec: at 24 Snows Hill Chedgrave 01508 520457

Royal British Legion–Loddon & District Branch



Firstly, our thanks go to Anne's Craft in Loddon and to Chedgrave Parkinson's Shop for donations of plain red clothing and bedding/curtains for local groups to make poppies ready for this year's Poppy Appeal Remembrance display.

Our best Get Well wishes are aimed at our Standard Bearer, Jimmy Sturman, who is recovering from a recent hip operation, and our thanks to Colin Hartley who has stepped in to fill the gap so that the branch can continue to be represented throughout the County. We were proud to be able to take the standard recently to All Saints Church at Shipdam to a centenary service laid on by the village to remember Cpl Arthur Cross VC MM. You may have seen it on TV local news.

We send commiserations to the family of Lila Naylor of Beauchamp House Chedgrave who has recently died. She was the widow of Lou Naylor who was, up to his death many years ago, an active and prominent member of the branch. Lila will be remembered by us for being his great support.

Advice on any Legion concerns, plus how to join us, can be obtained from our branch secretary, Colin Hartley on 01508 521136. The next branch meetings, both 8.00pm start at the Kings Head Loddon, are on Mondays 21st May and 18th June.

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Loddon & District Local History Group

Our March Meeting was on the subject of: “Blood, Pus and Urine: How to Diagnose Illness in the Middle Ages”. Dr Joy Hawkins returned to tell us more about medicine in the past.

One of the greatest medical advances of the modern age is the development of various ways to see inside the living body. X-ray, scanners and MRI machines detect even the slightest abnormality on which a diagnosis can be based. But in the past this was not the case. Medical men in the Middle Ages, Joy explained, relied on methods of observation, taking into account the patient’s complexion and what was taking place in the astrological universe. Doctors still observed ancient practices founded millennia before, incorporating the belief that every living thing in the world was made of four elements, earth, air, fire and water. Therefore, the body contained corresponding humours, black bile, blood, yellow bile and phlegm that were cold, dry, hot and wet. An imbalance of these humours caused illness and affected behaviour. Doctors could assess a patient’s state of health by their colour and demeanour. A patient, perhaps looking rather flushed, may be assumed to have too much heat, yellow bile, or too much blood which could be corrected with a diet of something cold and wet, a herbal remedy or a spot of blood letting.

Diagnosis could be confirmed by examining what had been passed from inside the body, most commonly, urine. After checking when the patient had been taken ill in order to construct a sort of ‘horoscope’, before he prescribed anything, the medical man could examine the patient’s urine, comparing its colour to a specially made chart, noting the smell and taste. In order to give us a sense of this, Joy passed bottles of ‘urine’ of various colour and smell along with a small glass around the group to see if we would be able make a reliable diagnosis. At which, needless to say, we are all now fully qualified.

Long after natural philosophers, in the late Medieval period, began questioning the ancient teachings of Galen and Hippocrates, the theories that disease was caused by sin, miasma in the form of bad air and the practice of humoral theory continued for centuries. As usual, Joy presented a fascinating and enjoyable talk: a pleasure to listen to.

Join us on **May 16th** to hear Phyllida Scrivens tells us about her research and recent book, “The Lady Lord Mayors of Norwich 1923-2017”

On **June 20th** we will be having an outing, A Private Historical Tour of Earsham Hall, details at meetings

OUR MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL. EVERYONE WELCOME

St John’s Lecture Hall 1.30pm £3 entrance includes refreshments

Further details 01508 520120/ 521136

LATE NEWS OF AN APRIL EVENT: **SILENT AUCTION** April 28th 2—5p.m in the Library Annexe. Proceeds for Loddon & Chedgrave Scarecrow Festival

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PARKINSON'S CHARITY SHOP GRAND OPENING

May 2nd at their new, larger premises at 2 Langley Road

FASHION SHOW in aid of MENINGITIS RESEARCH

The Hollies, High Street, Loddon **Friday 4th May** from 7PM £3 entry fee
Local models will be showcasing new & nearly new clothes and accessories that can be purchased on the night. Men, Women's and children's. Other rails of clothes, accessories, jewellery. Tombola & refreshments available.

Ann's Craft in Loddon has been open since March 2014 with the new addition of the shop in Chedgrave being added in 2017. These are the only shops in England raising money for Meningitis research. The shop was opened by Sheila & John (& sister Vi) who lost their daughter, Ann at just 13 years old to Meningitis. By 2016 they had donated £14,000.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS FAIR

Jubilee Hall, Loddon Sunday May 6th 10.00a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Adults: £1.00 Children: Free Enquiries: Jenny 01508 548231



LODDON'S FAMILY DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 6th MAY 11.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Jubilee Hall Playing Field, George Lane

All enquiries call 01603 766585 or shaneb4@icloud.com



LODDON DAY CENTRE - COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 9th May, 10.00 to 11.30

Come and join us at the Jubilee Hall
for coffee, bric a brac, tombola, jumble and a raffle.



LODDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday 19th May at The Hollies,
High Street, Loddon. 10am – 12pm

Cake stall and refreshments.

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1st Loddon Scouts Group

'POP UP' GARAGE SALE

in LODDON and CHEDGRAVE

Sunday 13th May 10am to 2pm

This is a fantastic opportunity to turn your once loved items into cash from the comfort of your garage, front garden or driveway. For those who love to browse you can shop 'til you drop.

COST TO ENTER - £8.00

GARAGE SALE TRAIL MAPS FOR SHOPPERS - £1.00

These will be available from local outlets prior to the event and then from Church Plain on the day.

TO ENTER YOUR GARAGE PLEASE CONTACT: -

Claire Richards on 01508-520990

or email crichards_p1@yahoo.co.uk

Closing date Friday 4th May 2018



Chedgrave MS Therapy
Centre



May Coffee Morning

Saturday 19th May 2018 10.00am to 12 noon

at their Centre (opposite The White Horse PH on the Langley Road)

There will be a cake stall, clothes for sale, bric-a-brac, tombola and a raffle.

Come along and support a very worthwhile cause.



Saturday 9th June

Jubilee Hall George Lane Loddon

£7.50 (Tickets £7.50 available from Loddon Infant & Junior School or The White Horse, Chedgrave)

Food & drink available to purchase from 6.30pm

First dance 7.30pm

All welcome

All proceeds to Loddon Primary Federation

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HALES & LODDON CRICKET CLUB

Is running 'Cricket for all ages and abilities' this Summer
 Whether you want to play serious League cricket, or simply want to come and try you will be made very welcome. All our youth sessions are open to Boys and girls and our senior teams have places available to both Men and Women. You can play regularly or once in a while!

We are Club mark accredited and have the first Level 2 Lady Umpire in Norfolk. All our Coaches are DBS checked and the Club has adopted the ECB Safe Hands policy for safeguarding children.

Upcoming sessions include:

ECB ALL STARS (5-8 yrs)	14th May to 2nd July	6pm - 7pm
U9 Softball	30th April to 20th August	6pm - 7pm
Girls Cricket	30th April to 20th August	6pm - 7pm
U11/U13 Hardball Cricket	30th April to 20th August	7pm - 8pm
Ladies & Men's Cricket	26th April to 23rd August	6.30pm - 8pm

For more details please email our ECB Level 2 Coach Pete Dye at Pete.dye@canaries.co.uk or visit www.facebook.com/halesandloddon

We are situated in Hales, just off the A146 on Green Road (just past Hales Garage on the right) so please get in touch. We provide affordable cricket for all, and we would love to have you involved at our family friendly Club.

Advance notice: Hales & Loddon Cricket Club Fete Sunday July 1st Green Road Hales.

COUNTRY AND 60s DANCE

at the Jubilee Hall, LODDON

SUNDAY JUNE 3rd. 3.00 - 8.00 p.m.

Re-scheduled from March 3rd due to adverse weather conditions

Live music with PAT JAMES and SUSAN JAYNE Compere Terry Mitchell
 Bar Raffle and Tombola.

Tickets £6. from Jubilee Hall Rosie Lees & Bevs Discount Store

Enquiries: 01508 528588 (Mandy) or 01508 520654 (Eileen)

The event is being held in memory of Dick Bloy

Proceeds to Hall Maintenance Funds Reg Charity No 285015

The Chet Carnival & Community Group SCARECROW FESTIVAL 14-16th June 2018 Festival Day – 16th June 2018

Dress up & join the Parade 12 noon from White Horse Public House,
 Chedgrave to main event on Jubilee Hall Playing Field for 1.00 p.m.

This Year's Theme ; The Swinging Sixties

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Read Any Good Books Lately?

“The Absolutist,” by John Boyne

This story is about soldiers in World War 2 - in particular, Will Bancroft and Tristan Sadler. It's told in the first person by Tristan, who survives the war and visits Will's sister and parents in Norwich in 1919 in order to return the letters Will received from his sister during his training at Aldershot and his time in France. The six sections of the book alternate between Norwich in 1919 and the training and fighting of the two young men in 1916. Central to the theme is the relationship between the two young men, although the fighting and the appalling conditions in the trenches are also graphically described. At the core is the decision young men had to make, i.e. to fight or not to fight, according to the principles they held. The almost total lack of compassion and understanding meted out to those who made the latter choice is deeply upsetting.

“The Rosie Project,” by Graeme Simsion

If you have ever known anyone who has Asperger's you will instantly recognise it in the character of Professor Don Tillman - the hero of this cleverly written novel. It is astonishing that the author - as a non-Asperger's person - could get inside Don's head and produce actions and words as he does with such understanding. (It is reminiscent of the awareness shown by Mark Haddon in his book, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*).

Don Tillman devises a questionnaire to be distributed to women in the hopes that this might help him find his perfect life partner, because no woman has ever yet wanted a second date with him - or he with her! He just doesn't realise, however, that one can't find love by doing this, or actually that sometimes love finds you, even where and when you would least expect it. This book is humorous, poignant and delightful.

“Cousins,” by Salley Vickers

An unputdownable book about a distressed family, told by three females in the family one by one at a time, and each one of a different generation. It's fascinating to read three different memories of the same happenings and situations. There is intense emotion in the family relationships involving sibling rivalries, secrets kept, different beliefs and principles by which to live, etc., all with a particular tragedy at the heart of everything. This novel is really thought-provoking and very cleverly written. Salley Vickers is one of those authors whose books are each so different from the others; there is definitely nothing formulaic about her writing.

“Cold Earth,” by Ann Cleeves

One of this author's *Shetland* series of thrillers, with Detective Jimmy Perez. *Cold Earth* is as good as most of her books are, it's full of interesting and varied characters, atmospheric and cleverly plotted. Two bodies are found (not at the same time) one a man, one a woman, both within a small distance of the home of one of the long-standing families well known to the rest of the local residents. A landslide, a beautiful woman with an assumed

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name, really rough weather, a local businessman perhaps not as upstanding as he should be - these are just a few of the ingredients of this excellent thriller.

Nature Notes

The Swallows have arrived!! At least they should have by now. At one time, not that long ago, they came from Africa in large numbers to nest and raise their young, before returning in the Autumn. In recent years however, their numbers have fallen drastically. Let's hope that we have a good summer and any that do breed, in barns and outhouses, are able to keep all of their broods to help swell numbers once more.

Along with Swallows come the Martins. Both House Martins, that build those strange cup like nests under eaves of barns and houses out of tiny balls of mud and Sand Martins, that nest in holes in sandy banks, belong to the same family as Swallows. Swifts come too, and although not from the same family all of these insect eating birds can often be confused with each other. Swifts are the larger birds that look like little black boomerangs. They can often be seen swirling around, high up in the sky on warm summer evenings catching insects and emitting high pitched screams. Swifts spend all their lives on the wing, except for when they nest. They can then be seen darting headlong under the eaves of buildings. Pairs stay together for life and may use the same nest sites for as long as 15 years. Eating, sleeping and mating too are all done in the air. They have what are known as 'clinging feet' which are unsuitable for perching and therefore they are unable to sit on wires and branches like other birds. Swallows, on the other hand, can often be seen sitting along telephone wires 'chattering' to each other, especially in the autumn when getting ready to leave us.

One of the last migrants to arrive in May is the Spotted Flycatcher. This really delicate little bird can often be overlooked as it's colouring is not very striking. However, if you are lucky enough to see one you will, I am sure, be captivated by it. There are many Flycatchers worldwide but 'ours', the Spotted, is the one that you may find nesting against a wall in one of your climbing plants. Flycatchers, as the name suggests, eat flies. The bird will often find a favourite perch and flit backwards and forwards from it, catching its food mid flight. These tiny birds are all so vulnerable that it is a wonder any survive from year to year. As with many species Flycatchers are becoming a rarity now. If you should see one please let me know.

May is the month for blossom. Flowering Cherry, Wisteria and Laburnum are all favourites of mine and the heady scent of the Hawthorn or May bush can be detected from quite a distance in the warm spring sunshine. Unfortunately, as with the earlier flowering Blackthorn, many of these plants have been cut back over the winter. This removes most of the flower buds but I believe there is a movement now towards cutting hedges only once in

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three years. This could be carried out in rotation so that we may see somewhat of a comeback soon. If you find a free flowering plant, just spend a few minutes standing underneath and listen to the buzzing of insects enjoying the nectar available for them. These insects will then provide high protein food for many of our birds just when needed, to feed their offspring.

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Gardening Notes

With all the rain, and milder weather, the gardens are looking green and fresh, and over wintering plants are flowering well despite the cold winter, although many plants and trees will come into leaf 1-2 weeks later than normal due to the late snow and wind frosts we had in early March. If we carry on having wet weather sowing seeds in the veg garden can be a problem especially in low lying areas. One way around this is to create raised beds. These will drain and warm up quicker than a low lying wet seed beds. As I have said before, only sow seeds into good conditions, i.e. warm and damp, not cold and wet: when the conditions are right the seeds will soon germinate and catch up.

Main crop parsnips and leeks should be sown as well as further sowings of summer vegetables and salads; sprouting broccoli and over wintering brassicas should be sown direct into the garden in drills, and transplanted into their final positions in early July. Towards the end of the month runner beans, marrows, pumpkins, and squashes etc., can be sown direct into the garden, but if you find it easier we sell vegetable plants so you can plant these directly into the veg patch. Tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers etc., can be planted into your greenhouse, either directly into the soil or into grow bags, but please remember to feed your plants so that they can thrive and yield to their full potential.

At this time of year pests will become a problem, so try and encourage wildlife into your garden to control them: hedgehogs will eat slugs and snails without doing any damage to your plants, also ants and larger insects will control aphids. Diseases will need to be controlled with an appropriate chemical. Make sure to read the label, and use safely.

Lawns are growing rapidly at the moment, and so are the weeds and moss. The best way to control them is to use a weed feed and moss killer. I am selling Evergreen weed, feed and moss killer at £15.99 which will cover 500m! I haven't found anyone selling it cheaper, so take advantage of this great offer.

Bedding plants are available now so fill up all your borders and containers to give much needed summer and autumn colour. Our bedding plants are only £2.20 per tray and our perennial plants are only £2.50 each, so please support your local shops and communities by shopping locally. This means we can all invest more into stock and offer you a bigger and better range of goods at even more competitive prices. Thank you for your continued support.

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